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Youth Evangelism Meet Focuses On Second Coming, Lordship

By Bobbie Durham

Tennessee Baptists expanded their ministry beyond the state lines this past weekend as young people from at least five other states joined over 20,000 youth from this state for the annual Youth Evangelism Conference.

Sessions were held Friday and Saturday at the Vanderbilt Memorial Gymnasium in Nashville. In welcoming the young people and their sponsors, F. M. Dowell, director, state Evangelism Department, said that the youth conference is the largest Baptist meeting held in the state. His comment drew a round of applause from the crowd. Also welcoming the Baptists was Ralph Norton, executive secretary-treasurer of the convention.

Three high school students giving their testimonies Friday evening, emphasized that Christ is all that the young person needs in his life. Each attested to experiencing an emptiness in their life before committing himself to His will.

Amanda Nokes, a member of Southeast Church, Murfreesboro, and a student at Oakland high school, said that her God isn't a pushy God. "He wants to come into your life," she said, "but He won't force His way in." She said Christ had come to live in her life and she hoped that each person present would let Him dwell in him.

Knew Complete Peace

South Fulton high school student Ted Hayden related that when he moved to Tennessee near the beginning of his teen years, he was not a Christian although he had attended church most of his life. "I wasn't looking for a spiritual church when we came to South Fulton," he recalled, "because I didn't know there was such a thing." He related that God led him to the South Fulton Baptist Church because of its youth program. In 1971 after attending his first Youth Evangelism Conference, he became a Christian but did not make a public profession. "It was not until I later gave 100 percent to Jesus that I knew complete peace," he said.

Sandy Gladish, member of Fayetteville Church and a student at Central high school, related that talking to a large crowd such as the Youth Evangelism Conference, would make it much easier for her to witness to individuals. Growing up in a Christian home, she said that one of the most important things in her life had been mis-

sions and the mission tours in which she had had an opportunity to participate.

The message of the evening focused on the second coming of Christ. Evangelist David Stockwell, Fort Worth, called the young people to individual commitment. He said that the course of events taking place in the world today are not taking place by accident, but are pieces in a puzzle and all are a part of a definite plan and purpose. He then shared his belief on the pieces of the puzzle which included the nation of Israel, the Jewish people, the nation of Russia, Red China, and the moral decay in America. He cited the recent falling away of Christians from the organized church and of people claiming to be Christians, who in reality, are not.

Believe Bible Word For Word

Reporting on a recent survey taken among theological students (planning to enter the ministry) at seminaries throughout the United States, Stockwell said that 57 percent of the students denied the virgin birth, 77 percent denied the existence of Satan, and 90 percent said there would be no second coming of Christ. He emphasized that as Christians we have to believe the Bible word for word, cover to cover.

He warned against the presently popular philosophy that expresses 'it doesn't matter what you believe as long as you believe in something.' "If you are ever in a church that doesn't preach the word of God just

like it is in the Bible, get out of that church and get into a church that does," he said.

In closing he challenged them to live holy and blameless lives, make Jesus the Lord of every area of their lives, and witness to the glory of Christ.

"Selfish With Time"

Two college students, Bobby Finchum and Buster Woody, gave testimonies Saturday afternoon to the packed gymnasium. Finchum, a student at East Tennessee State University and member of East Rogersville Church, said that we are selfish with our time as Christians because we won't even give a few moments a day to try to win someone to Christ. He then warned them against letting the excitement of the conference die down after they returned home.

Woody, University of Tennessee student, said that a Christian can't be happy in his walk with Jesus unless he is telling others about salvation. Woody is a member of the Mount Zion Church in Hartford.

In the closing afternoon message, Stockwell told the young people that the Christian life is not lived on emotion, feeling, highs, or lows, but is lived on making Jesus Christ the Lord of life. He reminded them that Jesus is referred to as being Lord in the Bible more than any other description.

"Most of Nashville doesn't even know you are here for this meeting," he said. "But they would know if you would do what you should do and witness to His saving power." He told them that they would never be able to experience the love, joy, and peace of

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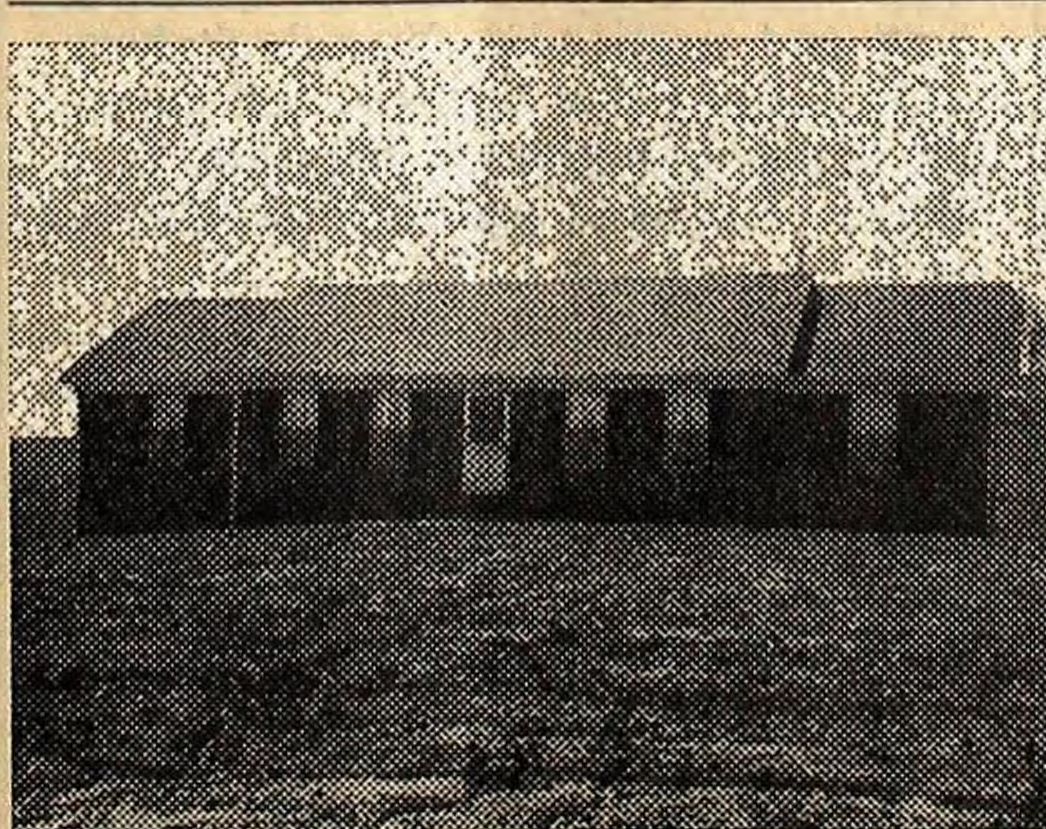
Orientation For New Pastors Rescheduled For May 19-20

The second annual meeting for all new pastors who have come to Tennessee since March 1974 was cancelled. However, it has been rescheduled for May 19-20 at the Executive Board Building, Tennessee Baptist Convention, Brentwood.

Ralph Norton, executive secretary-treasurer, Tennessee Baptist Convention said, "This meeting is an orientation for the new pastor who has come to our state. We want to know him better and let him know more about how the Tennessee Baptist Convention functions."

Sessions begin Monday at 2 p.m. and will close following a luncheon Tuesday. Employees of the TBC are bringing a covered dish for the luncheon. There will be an evening session on Monday.

If you are one of the new pastors who has come to Tennessee since March 1974 and would like to attend, please contact Ralph Norton.



Members of Byrdstown First Church have announced the completion of construction on the new pastorium, located in the Rolling Acres subdivision of Byrdstown. The home was built by contractor Ray E. Rains, a deacon in the church. Pete Mullins is pastor.

Saved By Water Or Through Water

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us."—
1 Peter 3:21

Verses 20-21 are cited by some to support baptismal regeneration. But is this what Peter is saying? The reference is to Noah and his family being saved from the flood by being in the ark. And he says that baptism is an antitype of this experience.

What does Peter mean by "saved by water?" Actually the Greek preposition is **dia**, through. Some relate baptism to "through water" as the instrument which does the saving. This makes **dia** mean the intermediate agent in the saving of Noah's family. The fact of the matter is that they were saved **through** the water or flood by being in the ark which may be seen as a type of Christ. The water was the intermediate agent only to the extent that it held up the ark so that it was not submerged. It still remains, however, that they were not in the water but in the ark.

The sense of this passage hangs on "baptism." The Greek word for the act of baptism is **baptismos**. It is never used in the New Testament for Christian baptism. The word here is **baptisma**, which connotes the meaning or symbolism in baptism. It is

never used outside the New Testament except in later ecclesiastical writings. It was evidently coined to denote the difference between the act and its meaning. So baptism is the antitype of the entire figure of the saving of Noah's family.

Christian baptism symbolizes the fact that one is in Christ (ark). It depicts what Christ did for our salvation: death, burial and resurrection. Also what Christ does in the believer: his death to sin, burial, and rising to a new life in Christ.

Peter clearly shows in verse 21b that baptism itself does not cleanse one. It is in response to the inquiry (answer) of a good conscience toward God. The remainder of verse 21 clearly relates the meaning of baptism to the death and resurrection of Christ.

So, like Noah's family, we are not saved by being in the water. We are saved through the water by being in Christ. This is symbolized in Christian baptism.

Devotional

Intercessory Prayer Really Works!

By Mrs. Clyde Tilley

"First of all, then, I urge that petitions and prayers, requests and thanksgivings be offered to God for all men." I Tim. 2:1 (N.E.V.)

Few Christians would deny that prayer changes the life of the one who prays, but have you ever secretly wondered if it really works in the life of the one prayed for? Maybe he would have been saved anyway, or maybe she would have gotten well. Probably my prayer made no difference.



Tilley

When one finds himself on the receiving end of intercessory prayer, he becomes convinced of its power. Last February my family received the tragic news that my

mother had been killed instantly in an automobile accident. How can one bear such news! For several hours it was almost unbearable. But then an inward change began to take place. There was a felt Presence who brought an indescribable calm and peace. At the cemetery after the burial I mentioned the strangeness of my feelings to two sisters who looked at me with startled amazement and said, "You mean you felt it too!"

What made the difference? I believe it was intercessory prayer. We received telegrams, calls, and letters from more than fifteen churches, besides the hundreds of contacts from individual Christians, saying, "We have been praying earnestly for you." The most startling response came a week after mother's death when I was returning by airplane to my home. A strange lady, who boarded the plane almost 200 miles from where I had boarded, chose from among many empty seats the seat beside me. During the course of the conversation I shared with her our recent tragedy. Immediately, with tears in her eyes, she grabbed my hand and exclaimed, "Oh, I've been praying for you all week!" It seems she lived only nine miles from mother and was the member of a prayer group of another denomination.

Without a doubt God answers prayers for others!

Note: Mrs. Tilley attends Nashway Baptist Church in Jackson, where her husband is pastor. She is a Sunday School teacher with young adults.

Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

A man and his wife from Florida visited a church in Alaska where the congregation met in an ice-walled igloo. As they came out, the man remarked to his wife, "I think that is the coldest church I've ever attended."

Perhaps, in this instance, it was said with good reason, but many churches are falsely accused of being cold and unfriendly. You don't hear criticism of ticket takers at ball games or theaters, but how often do they shake your hand and tell you they're glad to see you?

What's more, they get your money as you go in.

Actually, in order to shake hands with some people who rush out after the benediction, a minister would have to be wearing track shoes.

I can see certain church visitors now, saying: "On the mark, get set"—then dashing to the car where they sigh and say, "You know, not a single person in that church spoke to me!"



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Doctrines Shape Our Destiny

Baptist doctrines are more important than most of us realize. They not only express our experiences and beliefs. They also determine our directions.



Sullivan

They even shape our programs whether local or national. They are to the church essentially what the backbone is to the human body. They give unity and stability, they provide sturdiness enabling us to endure the bumps of opposition, even persecution.

Here we would stress the usually unnoticed results of Christian doctrines on our lives. The unseen effects can be often numerous and more profound than the obvious ones. We discuss and talk about the visible doctrines of the Christian faith in a direct, understandable way. But what most of us miss is that the indirect results of our beliefs are far more numerous. They may be even as important.

Let me illustrate.

When the first wood-burning railway locomotive puffed forth its dense smoke and got a few passenger and freight cars moving, the crowds cheered. They looked on the birth of a new era, the era of the American railroad. All they saw, however, was a little train moving forth pulling cargo and people. To them that was about all that happened that day, even though it was significant that what

they saw was only a fragment of what actually happened that day.

What they did not see were the resultant influences of the railway movement on American life. For railways to span this continent, high finances had to be provided. Wall Street emerged as a method of doing it. Thus, high finances were born with the American railroad. Huge land developments came into being because rights of way had to be purchased. Cities had to be chartered. Counties had to be organized. That railway locomotive had to be serviced with water and wood periodically en route. Communications had to be developed so that engineers would know where other trains were before and after them. This brought the telegraph system into operation and, therefore, provided the means by which messages by wire could be sent from ocean to ocean. Workers had to be protected, so labor unions came into being. Publishing houses were made imperative because of the number of tickets and freight forms demanded. Steel industries flourished because of the number of rails that had to be shaped. A number of locomotives had to be constructed. Steel freight cars and passenger cars had to be manufactured. Heavy equipment to carry freight had to be manufactured. Farmers received

By James L. Sullivan

contracts for crossties by the thousands. Dozens of other important movements emerged which have had a profound effect on American life. All of these things were born when that first little engine chugged forth with its black smoke moving America's first railway cars. Not many people saw all of these ramifications in that first little act, even though each was an integral of the new era just born.

Christian doctrines work somewhat the same way. The residual effects may be more detailed in results and ramifications than the direct ones. We declare our faith. This is important. The things that follow our declarations can be just as important and almost without number as the results are multiplied. Each action brings results on a broader base.

Think in terms of our Baptist doctrine concerning the priesthood of the believer. This not only leads us to contend for freedom of worship for every citizen of America but leads us to crusade for the same freedom through our world organization for fellow believers in other lands who are denied the right to worship, that which we take for granted. This doctrine affects our attitude toward each individual as we recognize that he is made in the image of God for a divine mission and a holy purpose. We are not to discredit any life, downgrade any person or

take unfair advantage of anyone made by God in his image for a divine mission. This affects the seriousness with which we carry on our evangelistic and missionary programs. It makes it mandatory that we care for sick persons in hospitals and orphaned children through special ministries for the aged with special provisions. They are all important believers in the God who has made them just as he has made us. This doctrine leads us to our concept of the importance of education and the necessity for educational materials to be put in the hands of all people everywhere in an effort to get them to understand the Word of God and its meaning to each individual. It even affects the size of classes in which we carry on our educational programs. We advocate small classes where the individual is not lost and where his personal needs can be known by each individual member of that particular study group. On and on the ramifications of this doctrine of the priesthood of the believer continues to be seen and felt. This belief affects us at dozens of other points.

This same principle holds with our attitude toward the Bible. It leads us not only in our attitudes toward a book and its message but the importance of its instructions. It makes us hesitant to accept a creed to take the place of the Bible and the necessity for daily study in depth of its meaning that we might apply its truths constantly.

We could take each doctrine of the faith and discuss the result and ramifications of that doctrine upon our acts, deeds, programs, and activities. We would be amazed at how they are intermeshed. Out of all of it comes unity and a pattern for living which makes victorious accomplishments possible in lives that are dedicated to the God of worship.

Doctrines are of the utmost importance whether they are oral or written. They systematize our expressions of faith. They express our experiences in written understandable form. They proclaim to others our Christian testimony. They constitute a framework in which we carry on our daily activities.

The church which neglects to teach doctrine weakens its membership, works against its unity, invites instability in its fellowship, lessens conviction among its members and stalemates its future progress. It is impossible for us to exaggerate the importance of doctrine. This truth needs to be stressed constantly before every believer.

While America is celebrating its 200th anniversary and the nation is thinking in terms of history, we have an excellent opportunity as Baptists to stress our own heritage and the contribution our Baptist people have made in the shaping of this land. It is an excellent time to proclaim our doctrines, clarify the meanings of our Christian faith, give firm guidance to our children in the paths of righteousness and try to build stability in these unstable times.

Note: Sullivan is the immediate past president of the Baptist Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and author of a recently published book, "Ropes of Sand with Strength of Steel." He prepared these at the request of the Southern Baptist Press Association. There are five other articles in this series of six articles scheduled for publication in the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR.

State Library Convention Draws 240 Attendants



Ed Tarpley, reelected president of the Tennessee Baptist Library Convention, maps plans for the coming year with other Convention workers who are, left to right: Miss Mary Anderson; Mrs. Joe H. Gresham; Miss Vaughtie Rowland; and Miss Frances A. Lee. Not available for picture was Mrs. Kay Hylander.

Ed Tarpley of Smyrna has been reelected president of the Tennessee Baptist Library Convention during the group's 13th annual session, held at First Church, Knoxville, April 3-4. Approximately 240 persons, representing 19 associations, attended the two-day meeting, according to Miss Mary Anderson, director of Library Services and Special Projects, Church Training department, Tennessee Baptist Convention.

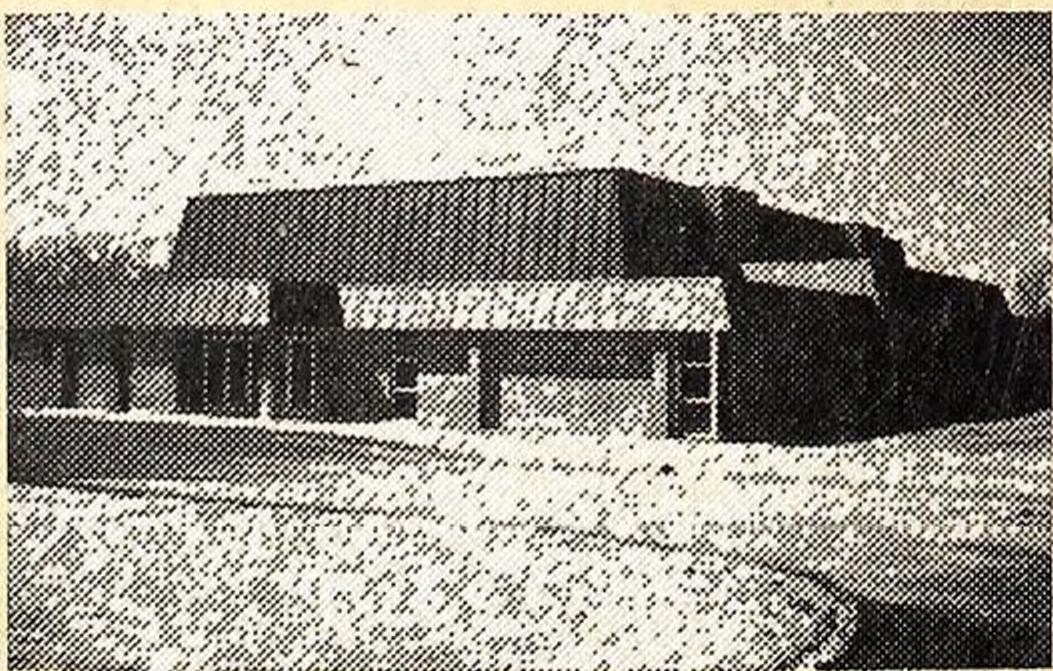
Tarpley, a representative for Denoyer-Geppert Times Morrow, will be assisted by other officers elected in Knoxville: Mrs. Joe H. Gresham, Temple Church, Memphis, vice president; Miss Frances A. Lee, First

Church, Nashville, program chairman; Miss Vaughtie B. Rowland, Concord Church, Chattanooga, historian; and Mrs. Kay Hylander, Park Avenue Church, Memphis, secretary.

According to Miss Anderson, the purpose of the organization's annual meeting is to provide for a better understanding of the use of media in religious education.

This year's convention was highlighted by addresses, conferences, special interest sessions, and a banquet on Friday evening with Richard Allison, pastor, South Knoxville Church, Knoxville, as guest speaker.

The group voted to meet on April 1-2, 1976, at West Jackson Church, Jackson.



Services have begun at Hickory Ridge Baptist Church, mission ministry of Lamar Heights Baptist Church in Memphis. The building, built at a cost of \$400,000, contains 14,000 sq. ft. of floor space. A large multipurpose room, designed for worship, dining, and recreation, is surrounded by 18 classrooms. The building is designed to accommodate 400 in Bible Study and 700 for worship.

Lamar Heights, the mother church, sent approximately thirty members to teach in Sunday School and fill various places of responsibility. Bob Carpenter is pastor at Lamar Heights.

Vanderbilt Junior John Finley Elected State BSU President

John M. Finley, Vanderbilt University junior, was elected to serve as state Baptist Student Union president during the spring Leadership Training Conference held April 4-6 at the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Finley is active in the Vanderbilt BSU program and has worked in the Spencer Tutoring program, is an active member of the executive council, and is appointed as student missionary to Zambia during the summer.

He is a member of Belmont Heights Church, Nashville, where he has been ac-



Finley

A. H. Reid, Former Alabama Baptist Leader, Dies At 82

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—A. Hamilton Reid, 82, executive secretary of the Alabama Baptist State Convention for 18 years, died here Friday, April 4.

Reid, who retired from the top Alabama Baptist post in 1963, had previously served as pastor of churches in Sylacauga, Ala., and Birmingham, and as vice president of Howard College (now Samford University), Birmingham.

Under his leadership, the work of the Alabama Baptist Convention was expanded in missions, evangelism, teaching, training, stewardship and construction of Baptist facilities and educational institutions.

During that time, Cooperative Program missions gifts from churches in Alabama increased from \$349,000 a year to more than \$3 million.

George E. Bagley, who succeeded Reid as executive secretary, said that under Reid's leadership, "Alabama Baptists made their greatest advance and foundations were laid which they will continue to build upon in the future."

A native of Jackson County, Ala., Reid was ordained to preach at the age of 19. He was a graduate of Howard College and of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, where he earned a doctorate in theology.

Among many denominational posts, he was a former president of the Alabama Baptist State Convention.

Survivors include his wife, the former Ruby Vardaman of Andalusia, Ala.; a son, Hamilton V. Reid, administrator of Baptist Hospital, Kansas City, Mo., and a daughter, Mrs. Lawrence G. Avery of Chapel Hill, N.C. (BP)

tive in the church as collegiate pastor, pulpit supply pastor, and substitute Sunday school teacher. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Miller B. Finley, Overland, Missouri.

Susan Beth Stanford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack B. Stanford, Memphis, was elected vice-president. She is a sophomore at Memphis State University.

Three representatives and three members-at-large complete the slate of state officers. They are East Tennessee, Emily Ann Tidwell, junior, and Joy Brazier, sophomore, both of Carson-Newman College; Middle Tennessee—Phil Lovelace, Tennessee Tech junior and Franklin Hall, sophomore, Austin Peay State University; West Tennessee—Judy Stevens, senior at Memphis State University, and Mark Rader, junior, University of Tennessee at Martin.

Little Boy And His Bird Teach Parents A Lesson

SALVADOR, Brazil—The missionaries were new on the field and by their own admission were discovering that talking about a great faith in God and having such faith were two different matters.

Fresh out of language school but still learning the language, Southern Baptist missionaries Mr. and Mrs. Clifford H. Dane moved here where he began the task of remodeling the state Baptist building.

Dane was getting discouraged. Working day and night at many responsibilities is pressure enough for any missionary, but Dane had a health problem and lost 35 pounds during a short period of time. The family of five was finding apartment living less than desirable.

When their son lost his pet parakeet, the Danes didn't know where to turn. Eleven-year-old Troy prayed for his bird's return and waited. His parents talked far into the night about what would happen to his childlike faith when the bird didn't return. They were sure the bird couldn't fly.

The next morning the bird came back.

"God taught us an important lesson through our son and his bird," Dane said. "If God cares that much about a small boy's feelings and a little blue bird, then

surely that same God will help us do His important work."

Now Dane prays more and expects answers.

John Cooke Appointed BSU Director

John D. Cooke is the new director of the Baptist Student Unions serving Belmont College in Nashville, Cumberland College in Lebanon, and Volunteer State Community College in Gallatin, according to an announcement from Ralph Norton, executive secretary-treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. He succeeds Ira H. Peak, who resigned to enter graduate school.

Cooke has served as staff program and personnel coordinator at Ridgecrest Conference Center since May 1974. Before that time, he was youth pastor at the Harvey Street Church in Gainesville, Tex. A graduate of East Texas Baptist College in Marshall, he has done graduate study at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The BSU's in the three schools in Middle Tennessee are cooperative projects of Belmont College, Wilson County Baptist Association, Hendersonville First Church, and Gallatin First Church.

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Jesus until they made a commitment to give time in their lives to Bible reading and prayer.

Place, Price, Peace Of Surrender

"Have you ever really denied yourself anything?" he charged. "Have you ever turned down a date to stay home and read your Bible? Have you ever turned off the television to go and pray for the salvation of a lost friend?" Finally, he questioned them about taking up their cross, bringing glory and honor to Jesus, and following Jesus day by day. "Our place of surrender is in our hearts; the price of surrender is total death to self; and the peace of surrender to God's will is His love and ministry to us," he concluded.

Special music throughout the conference was brought by Frances Gill, minister of music, Monterey First Church. Don Madaris, associate, Church Music Department, TBC, led the singing.

On Saturday morning, the young people met in 13 locations throughout Nashville for personal witnessing conferences. The conferences focused on testimonies and methods for witnessing.

The 1976 Youth Evangelism Conference is scheduled to be held March 26-27 in Nashville, Dowell reported.

POWERLINE A Straight Line to Youth

GIVE ME ONE GOOD REASON

This all too common problem is an important factor in the "generation gap."

Whenever I ask adults anything, they always say they don't need a reason. When I ask my mom if I can go somewhere she says "no." When I ask why, she says, "Because I said so." It's the same with the teachers at school. If I could get a reason, I wouldn't mind. I could accept some things. Just saying "I'm older than you" doesn't seem like an explanation. Do you think it's fair? I sure don't!

This approach rests on a sound Christian principle.

Everyone deserves a reason for doing everything! A significant mistake some parents make is telling a child to do something "just because." That's not enough. It is demeaning to an individual no matter how young. Wise parents begin explaining things to their children very early. Thus, the child can never remember a time when parents gave arbitrary mandates.

God operates this way with his children. He is patient. He explains. He tells us again and again the reasons behind his actions. This is exactly what he did in declaring, "For God so loved the world."

If parents are smart, they will follow this example. Why don't you explain it this way to your parents? It just might work.

A weekly radio program for youth broadcast nationwide by So. Baptist Radio-TV Commission. For information write POWERLINE, Fort Worth, Texas 76116. Dr. J. P. Allen, Director, Audience Response.

The Gospels of John which were made available for use in celebrating Tennessee Baptist Convention's Centennial last year are no longer available. The supply is exhausted. We are delighted with the response from the churches.—Ralph Norton, executive secretary-treasurer, Tennessee Baptist Convention.

BIBLE PUZZLE PAGE ANSWERS

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"Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles" (Prov. 21:23).

Ex-Con Tells Youth Drugs, Crime 'No Good'

By Teena Andrews

The infamous George "Machine Gun" Kelly was once asked by a fellow prison inmate, "Are you religious?"

"No, I'm a Baptist," Kelly answered.

Jack Brown, the former inmate who asked the question of Kelly, resided for 20 of his 70 years at such places as Leavenworth and San Quentin prisons. Brown was a Baptist, too, of sorts, at least having been reared by Baptist parents. But, like his friend, Kelly, religion really had little place in his life.

The former prison mate of Al Capone, the Birdman of Alcatraz, and the notorious Clyde Barrow (of Bonnie and Clyde), and a former drug addict for 30 years, Brown is now rehabilitated and estimates he has told his story to more than five million young people.

Brown's life was one of crime and drugs until his Christian conversion experience 12 years ago. He got into drugs as a teenager while working for a carnival. Most of his crimes, he says, were drug-related and non-violent. Often "con-games," they yielded large amounts of money needed to support his habit.

In his book, "Monkey Off My Back," Brown vividly describes his life in prison, which included a stretch on death row because of a fight.

Fight Over Poker Game

"It was a fight over a poker game," said Brown. It took more than 200 stitches to close his own wounds, he noted, and prison officials thought the other man would die. All men in the prison to be tried on capital charges were put on death row, Brown continued.

"I was there for three months before I found out that the man wasn't even dead," Brown added.

The Southern Baptist layman now believes, "The Lord let me live to take my message to kids in schools to warn them against dope and crime." He estimates that he speaks 20 times a week and notes, "There's not a preacher in America who speaks as often as I do."

Now in his 70s, Brown says he underwent a "genuine conversion experience" 12 years ago at First Baptist Church, Van Nuys, Calif. The former "con man" admits he was "conned" into attending the church by his daughter who wanted him to hear the youth choir.

Harold Fickett, the pastor of the Van Nuys church, started Brown on his speaking career by asking the former convict to give a testimony to the young people 10 days after he became a Christian.

"When they gave the invitation, two boys were saved," Brown recalled. He spoke to the entire congregation the following Sunday and 40 more conversions resulted, he said.

Gives Testimony

"Pastor Fickett began getting doors opened for me to speak in schools after that, Brown said. The governor of California, at that time Edmund G. "Pat" Brown (no relation), encouraged schools to let the former prisoner come and speak against crime and drugs.

Brown—the ex-convict—was on parole at the time and Gov. Brown pardoned him because of his work.

The former convict said he doesn't preach but just gives his testimony and tells about his prison experiences. "I always give a witness," he says. "In any kind of business, you can give some kind of Christian witness without being offensive."

Brown called the glamorizing of former big-time gangsters through movies and television "disgraceful" and gave Baptist Press his views on prison reform.

"People are always for an underdog, and movie companies can make a lot of money by making a criminal look like an underdog whom society has taken advantage of," he noted.

Brown believes that prisons should generally be smaller for rehabilitation, with more vocational and trade schools. He also believes in shorter prison sentences. "There is a right time and a wrong time to release a prisoner. And if a man has to serve too long, the proper time may be lost," he said.

Family Important To Prisoner

Brown also feels it's important for a prisoner's spouse and family to stand behind him or her. He largely credits his own rehabilitation to his wife, Pearl, and her faith in him.

"If a man's wife stays with him (while he is in prison), he has a 10 times greater chance for rehabilitation. It's when they lose everybody that some people go off the deep end," he explained.

The man who used to shave Al Capone believes prisons are going in the right direction but too slowly. He also believes, "young people need to get into prison reform. And prison running needs to be in the hands of people who know something about human behavior. Sure this costs money, but it also costs the taxpayers a great deal of money to keep men and women in prison," he noted.

Now a member of First Baptist Church

Southern Seminary Names Bill Leonard To Faculty

LOUISVILLE—Bill J. Leonard has been appointed assistant professor of church history at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here, effective July 1.

He holds the bachelor of arts degree magna cum laude from Texas Wesleyan College, Ft. Worth, Tex.; the master of divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, also in Ft. Worth; and will receive the doctor of philosophy degree in American church history from Boston University, Boston, Mass., this summer.

Leonard, a native of Decatur, Tex., was minister of music and youth at Northridge Baptist Church in Mesquite, Tex., 1965-71; and since 1971 has been pastor of First Community Church in Southboro, Mass. He has also been a teaching fellow at Boston University and is a member of the American Society of Church History. (BP)

Cooperative Program Works For Spanish Baptists, Too

MADRID, Spain—When the Spanish Baptist Cooperative Program (unified budget plan) began 18 years ago, only three or four churches of the Spanish Baptist Union were self-supporting. Now 40 of the 57 affiliated churches are indigenous.

Jose Borrás, President of the Spanish Baptist Union and dean of the Spanish Baptist Seminary, reported that the 1974 Spanish Cooperative Program goal had been exceeded by 198,000 pesetas (about \$3,000). A total of 1,448,000 pesetas was collected.

About 10 years ago, the Spanish Baptist Union began a 10 per cent yearly reduction in aid to dependent churches. Through this gradual decrease in outside funds received by the local church, many churches have been able to become self-supporting.

Borrás pointed out that 25 years ago the Spanish work was supported almost totally by funds supplied by the Southern Baptist Convention. He credited missionaries with continuance of Baptist work in Spain.

"Our missionary brethren came to Spain to help us and to stand by us as we learned to begin to walk alone financially," he said.

The goal for the 1975 Spanish Cooperative Program has been set at 1,500,000 pesetas, or about \$25,850. (BP)

in Arlington, Tex., Brown participates in some prison revivals. He noted, "There are some opportunities in prisons for real evangelism. And the doctrine of grace would appeal especially to convicts."

But young people—in all denominations and in schools everywhere—are those he really wants to warn not to spend their lives as he previously did—with the "monkey of drug addiction on their backs." (BP)

God And Man In Covenant

By John H. Tullock, Chairman,
Department of Religion and Philosophy, Belmont College, Nashville, Tenn.

Bible Material:

Lesson Text: Ex. 19:3-6; 20:2-4, 7-8, 12-17

One of the most important ideas in the Old Testament is the concept of the covenant. Covenants were common among nations as well as between individuals. The reason the dying David felt obligated to have Solomon execute Joab (I Kings 2:5, 6) for Abner's death many years before, was because Abner and David had made a covenant, sealed by sharing a meal together, which made them allies and incurring the obligation to protect each other (2 Sam. 3:20-21). Other covenants, such as God made with Israel, were imposed upon the weaker partner by the stronger partner. God's covenant with Israel differed from human covenants, however, in that, while Israel was obligated to follow the conditions set out in the covenant, it was to receive manifold blessings from God for the faithful observance of that covenant.

God The Covenant-Maker 19:3-6

From its earliest days Israel spoke of God as being associated with the mountains. Here He is pictured as coming down on the top of Sinai to meet with Moses to lay out the conditions of the covenant. He first asserts His right to make such a covenant since it was He who destroyed the Egyptians and rescued Israel, bearing them "on eagles wings" (v. 3) and bringing them before Him. He sets forth the twin propositions of obedience and blessing, of privilege coupled with responsibility.

The Covenant: Preamble 20:2

The Ten Commandments, called the Ten Words in Jewish tradition because of their short form in Hebrew, follows the form of ancient covenants between superior and inferior kings. Verse two, which is the preamble, somewhat like the preamble of our constitution, identifies the covenant-maker "The Lord Your God" and gives the reason He can make the covenant since He "brought you out . . . of Egypt, out . . . of bondage." The preamble is then followed by the stipulations of the covenant which in this particular covenant are the Ten Commandments.

The Covenant: Responsibilities Toward God 20:3-4, 7-8

"No other gods before me", the demand for absolute loyalty to one true God is the most revolutionary religious idea ever revealed to man. It became the basic tenet for

three great world religions. It is the reason for the missionary impulse in religion since a belief in plural gods removes the reason for the missionary enterprise. No wonder the great Christian thinker Elton Trueblood has observed that there is a greater difference between the idea of one God and two gods than there is between two gods and a million.

"No graven image" is a natural consequence of the concept of one God. One God for all men could not possibly be limited to a human image. This commandment forms the background for the more highly developed later views of God as a spiritual being.

To "take the name of the Lord your God in vain" involves more than profanity. To the ancients, the name was a summary statement of what a man really was. To hear the name of God but to live contrary to what it means is to bring dishonor to Him. This is similar to what is meant when we say of a son, "He disgraced his parents' good name."

"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy" speaks to at least two important principles: 1) life is not complete unless work is balanced with worship, or activity is coupled with contemplation of the divine; 2) life cannot be enjoyed to the fullest measure unless rest follows work. (See Deut. 5:14, 15)

The Covenant: Responsibilities Toward Man 20:12-17

The last six commandments were centered on the principle that each Israelite was the brother of every other Israelite, for the covenant relationship brought with it family obligations. Naturally, these commandments are headed by the command to honor and respect parents. This implies that parents are to be worthy of that respect.

The next two commandments involve attacks against persons—first: murder, an attack against a person's life; and second, adultery, an attack against the family as an institution since adultery basically strikes at marriage, the foundation of family life.

Much more than today, stealing and lying were also looked upon as attacks against persons since one's property was thought to be intimately bound up with his life (see, for instance, the destruction of Achan's property in Josh. 7). The spoken word, as in blessing or curse was thought to

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Living And Leaving

By Jonas L. Stewart
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

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Union Receives \$5,000 Grant From Hearst Foundation

Union University has been named the recipient of a \$5,000 grant from William Randolph Hearst Foundation of New York, according to Wm. Walter Warmath, vice president for development of the Baptist college.

"We are extremely pleased to receive this unrestricted gift from the Hearst Foundation," said Warmath. "We are deeply indebted to Willie Mae Rogers, director of the Good Housekeeping Institute, for her instrumental contributions in securing this grant."

Rogers, a 1930 graduate of Union, was a recipient in February of a Distinguished Service Award from her alma mater for contributions to her profession and humanity.

have the power to bless or destroy (see Baalam, Num. 22, 23 esp. 22:6). The lie has not yet lost its power to destroy!

The final commandment, "You shall not covet" leaves the realm of action and touches a basic human attitude—the desire to have what is not ours. Jesus greatly expanded this theme when he pointed out in the Sermon on the Mount that our outward action reflects what has already been set in motion by inward attitudes.

The principles set forth in God's covenant with Israel are timeless. They are not only Biblical—they are universal!

Our People and Our Churches . . .

LEADERSHIP CHANGES . . .

Two staff additions have been announced at the National Avenue Church in Memphis. **Josephine Parrish** has accepted the call as full-time youth and children's director. She has been active in work with young adults, junior high and senior high and in various capacities in Sunday School and other church organizations. **Randy Jones** was called as church music director. He comes to the position from the Ridgecrest Church of Memphis. **Gene Gafford** is pastor.

Richard Crowley is the new pastor at Buffat Heights Church in Knox County. He comes from Indiana.

Louis R. Wilson has accepted a call to become pastor of Fellowship Church, Overton County. He has resigned the Falling Springs Church, where he has been serving as pastor. Both churches are in Riverside Association.

Don Laird has resigned as pastor of the Providence Church, Hamilton County Association. At a later date, he plans to do supply work.

Members of South Pittsburg First Church honored their new pastor and his family, **Houston Inman**, at a reception given at the church recently. **Inman**



Inman

resigned as minister of growth, First Church, Princeton, Ky., to accept the call to the South Pittsburg Church. He succeeded **Norman O. Baker**, who is now pastor of Waynesboro First Church. A native of Mississippi, **Inman** is a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He also attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and Murray State University.

Belle Aire Church, Murfreesboro, called **Bud Dyer** as minister of music. **Joe Elliott** is pastor.

Christiana Church, Concord Association, called **George Hughes** as pastor.

Edward Blackburn began his work at New Hope Church, William Carey Association, recently.

Members of the Molino Church, Fayetteville, called **Dalton Warden** as pastor.

PEOPLE . . .

Gene Thomas was ordained as a deacon recently by the Forest Hill Church, Shelby Association. He serves the church as minister of music and youth. Assisting in the ordination service were **Will Moore**, deacon, Germantown Church, and **Joe Littlefield**, pastor of the Whitestation Church. **James E. Humphreys Jr.** is pastor at Forest Hill.

Randy Swinehart, sophomore at Tennessee Tech University, has been named to receive the A. B. McKay Memorial Scholarship, awarded by the Board of Directors of the Baptist Student Union Alumni Association of that school. **Swinehart** will serve as a 1975 summer missionary through the state BSU missions program, as a member of the deaf ministry team. The scholarship was named to honor the late **A. B. McKay**, an attorney in Cookeville and member of First Church, who played an important role in organizing the BSU there. **Swinehart** is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Swinehart, Erwin.



Swinehart

When the Fidelis Class of the Orlinda Church, Robertson County Association, was organized in 1921, Mrs. **Lillie Jones** was a charter member. During the past 54 years, she has missed class only twice: once for surgery and once to see her son, **Walter Jones**, depart as a Southern Baptist missionary to Brazil. The teacher of the Fidelis Class is **Joe C. Corban**.

William Suddarth began his work as pastor of the Cash Point Church, Ardmore, recently.

Jack Carroll was called to the Macedonia Church, Ardmore, as interim pastor.

The new pastor at Locust Grove Church, Washburn, is **Charles Huskey Jr.** This is Huskey's home church and his first church to serve as pastor. He is the son of deacon **Charles Huskey**.

In Rutledge, the Buffalo Church called **Grant Bishop** as pastor. He is already on the field and succeeds **James Franklin**, who served as interim pastor. **Bishop** is a student at Carson-Newman College.

Charles Hobbs, Carson-Newman College student, was called as interim pastor at the Oakland Church, Grainger County Association.

REVIVALS . . .

Roy Miller, pastor of the Mount Carmel Church in Knoxville, led his own church in revival recently. **Kyle Wilson**, minister of music, presented the special music and directed the singing. Two persons made professions of faith, two accepted the call to full-time Christian service, and one joined by letter. There were numerous decisions and attendance records which were broken.

Following services at the Reelfoot Church, Beulah Association, there were eight baptisms and numerous rededications. **Jerry Powell** was the evangelist. **Jim Yarbrough** is pastor.

John Brashear was the evangelist during revival services at Oak Hill Church, Fayetteville. There were three professions of faith and several rededications. **John Watkins** is pastor.

There were five additions by baptism during the revival at Pleasant Hill Church in Flintville. **Charles Jones** led the services. **B. H. Berry** is pastor.

Four teachers and an administrator at Union University have been named to appear in the 1975 edition of Outstanding Educators of America. They include: **W. Clyde Tilley**, associate professor of religion; **Patricia Pinson**, associate professor of music and art; **Betty Foellinger**, assistant professor of English and journalism; and **Gay Semrau**, instructor of history. Also named was **R. G. Elliott**, business. The honorees were nominated earlier in the year and selected on the basis of their civic and professional achievements.

Carey R. Herring and **Denver R. Childress**, both members of the Carson-Newman College Mathematics Department, have been selected to appear in the 1975 edition of Outstanding Educators of America. The national awards volume is published under the auspices of Fuller and Dees Inc.

Bill Plemons, pastor of the Hickory Valley Church, Hamilton County Association, was honored with a dinner and a monetary gift on the occasion of his 20th anniversary as pastor recently.

Carson-Newman College senior **Terry Wilson** has been awarded the Miles Scholarship in voice, according to a recent announcement. **Wilson** received the award during the school's annual performers contest program. He is majoring in church music and plans to attend Southwestern Seminary upon graduation. He serves currently as music director at Rockford First Church.

LEADERSHIP CHANGES . . .

Ernie Couch has accepted the call of Antioch First Church, Nashville Association, to serve as minister of music and youth. He comes to the position from the Unity Missionary Baptist Church in Wichita, Kansas.

Donald Bain, pastor of Beacon Church, Beech River Association, has resigned.

Macedonia Church, Beulah Association, called **Jerry Boswell** as pastor. He is already on the new field of service, coming from the Eldad Church in Gibson Association.

Kenton First Church called **Barry Adams** as minister of music recently. He is already on the new field of service, coming from Fulton, Ky. **Hoyt Wilson** is pastor at Kenton.

Arts And Religion Festival To Be Held At Mars Hill

The department of music of Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, N.C., will sponsor a festival of the arts and religion April 24-26. Keynote speaker will be Austin C. Lovelace, nationally recognized authority on music and worship.

Registration will begin at noon April 24. The program is designed for church musicians, ministers of music and choirs. The festival will close at noon on April 26. A registration fee of \$25 includes lunch and dinner each day.

REVIVALS . . .

Jerry McGehee, pastor of the Pleasant Ridge Church, Huntland, reported three additions by letter and an increase in attendance following the church's revival. **Edward Lee** was the evangelist.

There were seven additions by baptism and many rededications during the revival at Park City Church, Fayetteville. **John Bishop** was the evangelist. **Kelly Carter** is pastor.

There were 23 professions of faith, two additions by letter, and numerous rededications at the revival at Edgemont Church in Shelbyville. **John Humphrey** was the evangelist, and **Paul Griz** led the singing.

Wallace Rowland, pastor of Wartrace Church, New Duck River Association, did the preaching for the revival at Rover Church in the same association.

First Church, McKenzie, engaged in revival services March 16-23, in which Pastor **O. M. Dangeau** did the preaching, until he was called out of town because of the sudden death of his mother. **George Hill**, pastor of First Church, Huntingdon, preached during his absence. Music was led by **Ken Alexander**, minister of music for the Huntingdon church. A church spokesman said that it was a good spiritual revival.

Pickpocket Sends Regrets To Seminary Professor

LONDON—"It is more blessed to give than to receive" could have been on the mind of the pickpocket who recently lifted the wallet of a Southern Baptist seminary professor during a visit here.

Curtis Vaughan, professor of New Testament at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., was boarding an underground train in London, when a man blocked his way and two men behind him began to push and yell at the man in the entrance.

Then the man in front stepped down from the train and left with the other two men. Vaughan thought their behavior strange and then discovered at the next train stop that his wallet, which contained travelers' checks, credit cards and over \$300 in American, German and English currency, was missing. Although his travelers' checks were refunded, he reasoned that he would never see the rest of the money.

Vaughan returned from his English vacation to Munich, West Germany, where he is on a one-year academic leave from the Fort

Worth seminary. He is serving as pastor of the English-speaking Munich Baptist Church and has all of his Fort Worth mail forwarded there.

Not long after he returned, Vaughan received a bulky envelope in the mail which bore his Fort Worth address. Inside was a thick wad of money and a note which read: "From an apologetic pickpocket."

Dear Rev.

I am returning my share of the wallet. I apologise for robbing a man of the church."

Vaughan assumed that the man got his Fort Worth address from the credit cards and learned of his church connection from the professor's seminary identification card. (BP)

New Phone Number For Tennessee Baptists

The Tennessee Baptist Convention will have a new phone number effective April 20. The new number will be 373-2255. Area code is 615. This number serves all the offices at the Executive Board Building, Tennessee Baptist Convention, Brentwood.

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Mississippi Baptists Name Vaughn To Program Post

JACKSON, Miss.—Chester Vaughn of Nashville has been elected to the newly created post of program director for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, effective June 1.

Under an enlarged organizational structure, adopted by the board in 1974, the program director will supervise departments relating to Mississippi Baptists' programs of evangelism, missions and church program organizations. Areas include Brotherhood, cooperative ministries with National (black) Baptists, cooperative missions, evangelism, student work, church music, church training, Sunday School, church architecture and church administration.

The state's Woman's Missionary Union, an auxiliary to the Mississippi Baptist Convention, will cooperate along with the other departments.

Another new position under the enlarged structure, as yet unfilled, will involve church minister relations, according to Earl Kelly, Mississippi Baptist executive secretary-treasurer.

Kelly said continuous inquiries from churches, ministers and other staff members, as well as many other factors, indicate an acute need for the church minister relations service. The service, he said, will provide essentially an information center regarding churches which need pastors and other

workers and for ministers and other workers who need help in getting located.

Vaughn, a native of Trussville, Ala., and a former Mississippian, has been a consultant in Sunday School administration with the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, since 1964.

A graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, he has served as minister of education in two Mississippi Baptist churches and was employed by the Western Union Telegraph Co., 1942-53, serving as manager of the Pascagoula, Brookhaven and Meridian offices in Mississippi. (BP)

Wilkinson Becomes Youth Consultant

NASHVILLE—Keith Wilkinson is a new consultant in youth work in the Sunday School department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Wilkinson, a native Oklahoman, was the director of youth work for the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma for three years prior to coming to the Sunday School Board. Also, he served as director of associational missions in the Chickasaw Baptist Association, Chickasaw, Okla., and pastor of Crown Heights Baptist Church, Woodward, Okla.

He holds the B.A. degree from Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, and the B.D. degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

SBC Giving In 1974-75 Tops 1973-74 At Halfway Point

NASHVILLE—With six months gone in the 1974-75 fiscal year, the Southern Baptist Convention's national Cooperative Program unified budget is running 8.41 percent ahead of the same point last year.

Churches across 50 states, contributing through 33 regional or state conventions, have given more than \$20.54 million in undesignated funds through the Cooperative Program, as opposed to better than \$18.95 million at the same point in the 1973-74 fiscal year.

That amount does not include an additional \$23.16 million in designated contributions for a total of \$43.7 million in total

contributions through the first six months of 1974-75. The combined figure represents a 7.69 percent increase over last year.

The \$20.54 million Cooperative Program figure represents about one third of the amount received by state conventions, which receive about one tenth of contributions from some 34,734 Southern Baptist churches across the nation.

Figures for the month of March, show even greater increases, according to John H. Williams, director of financial planning and assistant to the treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee.

National Cooperative Program receipts this March topped \$3.17 million, a 19.63 percent rise over more than \$2.65 million last March. Combined Cooperative Program and designated receipts in March totaled more than \$7.93 million, or a 20.64 percent rise over more than \$6.57 million collected in March, 1974.

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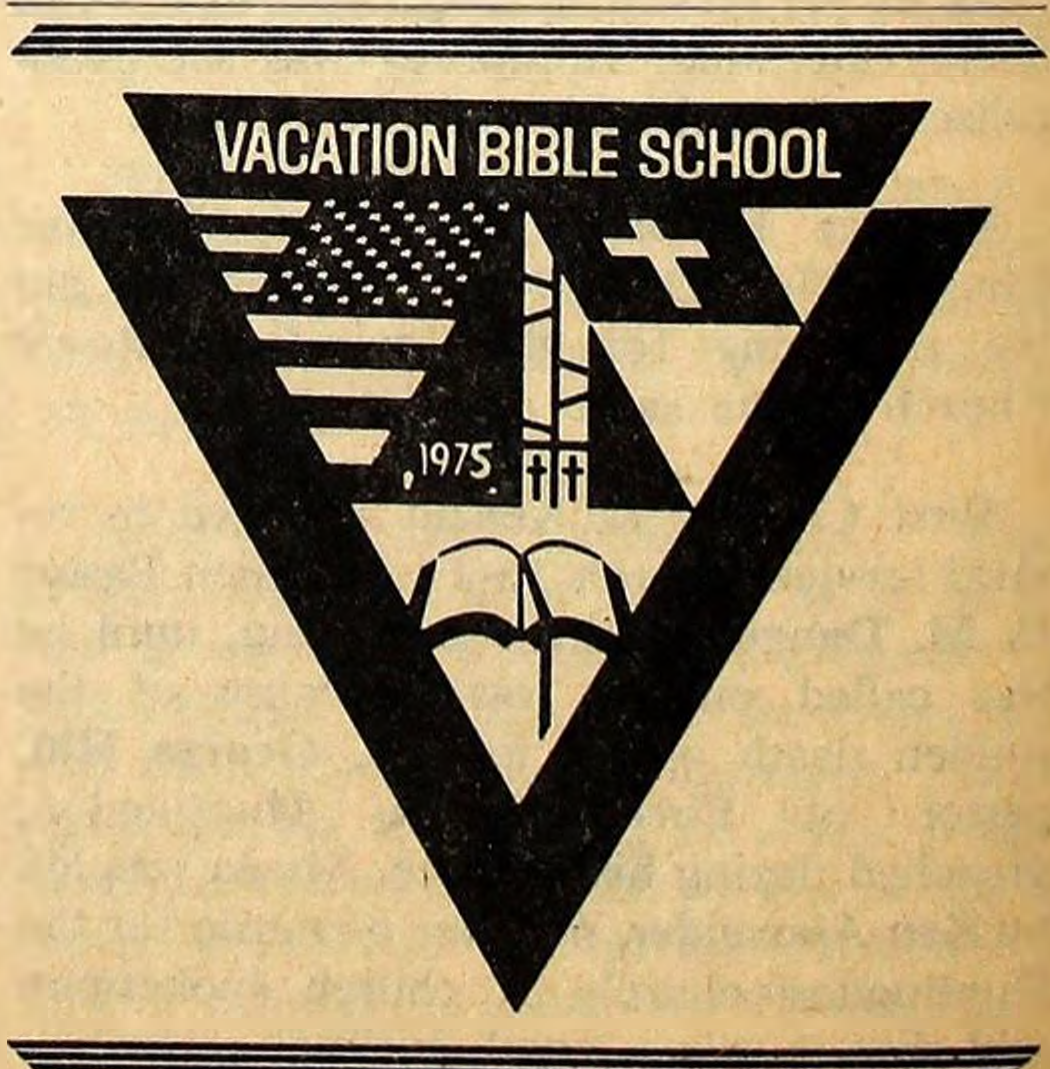
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“Improving Preaching” Seminar Set For Mid-July In Nashville

NASHVILLE—An “Improving Your Preaching” seminar, designed to help pastors prepare for preaching effectively week after week, will be conducted in the Church Program Training Center at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board here, July 14-18, 1975.

During the week-long seminar, participants will be given an opportunity to evaluate their preaching and take concrete steps toward providing a more effective preaching ministry.

Topics for the seminar will include “Called to Preach,” “Planning Your Preaching,” “Preaching on Controversial Subjects,” “Variety in Preaching,” “Structuring the Biblical Sermon,” “The Pastor Looks at Himself” and “The Preparation of the Preacher.”

Personalities for the mid-July meeting are James C. Barry, pastoral ministries consultant in the board’s church administration department and seminar director; John M. Lewis, pastor of First Baptist Church, Raleigh, N.C.; Stuart Arnold, noted Bible

teacher and consultant in the board’s Sunday School department; Ernest Mosley, supervisor of the board’s church ministries section; and Jack Gullledge, editor of “Proclaim” magazine.

During the week, a separate conference for ministers’ wives will be directed by Bob Dale, pastoral ministries consultant at the board. Topics will include “Me, You and Us,” “The Wonders and Worries of Being a Minister’s Wife,” “A Bill of Rights—and Responsibilities—for Ministers’ Wives” and “Life in the Parsonage.”
For registration, contact the Church Program Training Center, 127 Ninth Ave., North, Nashville, Tenn. 37234.

British/Irish Union May Discontinue Deaconesses

The Council of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland (BUGBI) has accepted a proposal that may mean discontinuing the order of deaconess, according to a report from European Baptist Press Service (EBPS).

The move is subject to approval by “various groups involved,” including the national Baptist assembly, but it “seems to be generally accepted that this will be done,” EBPS said.

The action, if approved, would transfer the more than 20 active Baptist deaconesses in the Union to the list of accredited ministers.

The Baptist deaconess movement began in Britain in 1890, with the women early involved in social work and visitation. In recent times, however, their work has become more in line with that of ministers.

No women have been accepted for training as deaconesses in the Union in the past five years, but a few have entered theological schools, EBPS noted. (BP)

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- 1 Campsite (Num. 21:10)
- 2 “between the temple and the —” (Matt. 23)
- 3 A Kafir people: poss.
- 4 Irish sea god
- 5 —bethel (Gen. 35:7)
- 6 Scourge
- 7 Employers
- 8 Social Security Administration: abbr.
- 9 “but we — — to come” (Heb. 13)
- 10 They are to be obeyed (Eph. 6:1)
- 11 Time periods: abbr.
- 13 Honey
- 17 Government department: abbr.
- 19 English rural festivals
- 22 Assigns
- 23 Land Moses forsook (Heb. 11:27)
- 25 Time zone: abbr.
- 26 Scion
- 28 Before
- 29 Gardener’s need
- 30 Abraham listened to him (Gen. 23:16; poss.)
- 31 “a great prophet is — —” (Luke 7)
- 32 — Lisa
- 34 “after the way which they call —” (Acts 24)
- 37 Basketball player
- 38 Before destruction (Prov. 16:18)
- 39 — mirabilis
- 40 “I am not worthy to —” (Acts 13)
- 42 Honorary degree: abbr.
- 44 Summer drink
- 45 Barnyard sound
- 46 Exclamation
- 47 Aviation: abbr.
- 50 Drinkers organization: abbr.

ACROSS

- 1 Jacob hid idols under it (Gen. 35:4)
- 4 “Saying, — — alone” (Mark 1)
- 9 Joshua or Caleb
- 12 How we should be at the Lord’s coming (1 Thess. 5:23)
- 14 Sense organ
- 15 Aquatic mammal
- 16 Angels (Matt. 13:39)
- 18 Word used before gate or light
- 19 Reach one’s destination: abbr.
- 20 Turkish weight unit
- 21 Time periods: abbr.
- 22 “And they kept it —” (Luke 9)
- 24 Number
- 26 Samuel (1 Chron. 26:28)
- 27 Fellows

- 29 He arrested John (Matt. 14:3; poss.)
- 32 “They shall not enter into — —” (Heb. 3)
- 33 To state as an opinion
- 34 Kind of chest
- 35 Exclamations
- 36 It shall be as the wine of Lebanon (Hos. 14:7)
- 38 The Holy Land: abbr.
- 41 Sea
- 43 Brother of Pispah (1 Chron. 7:38)
- 44 Florence’s river
- 45 Serfdom
- 47 He slew 800 at one time (2 Sam. 23:8)
- 48 Babylonian god
- 49 “according to his mercy — —” (Tit. 3)
- 51 Horned viper
- 52 Indo-European
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Baptist Hour Messages In May On Death

"Death, the ultimate enemy of man, is destroyed by Christ's resurrection, from the dead," Herschel H. Hobbs declares in his series of May Baptist Hour sermons.

Continuing the theme, "The Other Side of Death," Hobbs reminds that "in his own death, Christ entered the realm of death and forever broke its power."

The May sermon series are titled, "Just Moved Away," "The Inevitable Rendezvous," "Death, the Ultimate Enemy" and "No More Death."

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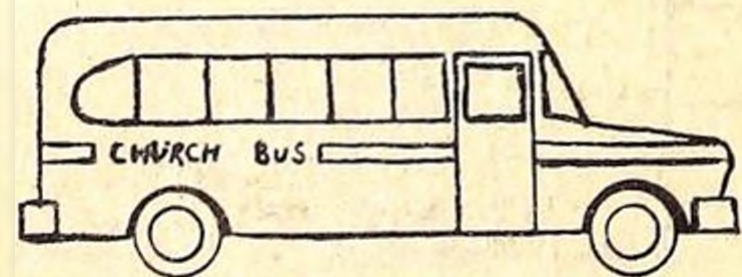
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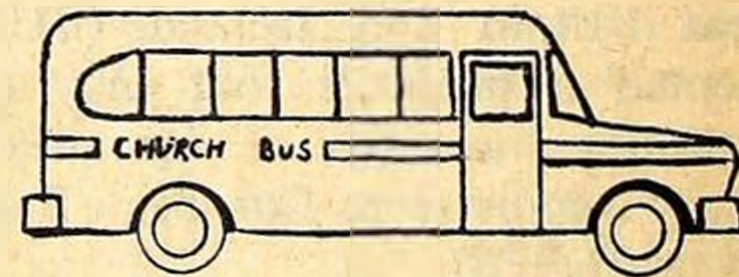
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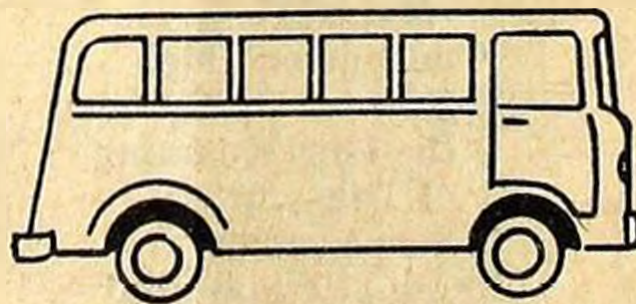
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Cauthen Commends Japanese Baptists

TOKYO, Japan—Japanese Baptist churches have worked hard to keep pace with the material growth and social changes which have taken place in modern Japan, Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, told officers and members of the Japan Baptist Convention here following a traditional sukiyaki dinner given in his honor.

The recent trip to Japan was a homecoming for Cauthen and his wife, who lived in Tokyo from 1951 to 1952 while he was serving as secretary of the Orient for the Foreign Mission Board.

During reconstruction following World War II, he worked closely with the late Edwin B. Dozier and Maxfield Garrott to establish strong mission-convention relationships and project an evangelistic program to reach the entire country.

Recalling the work of the Japan Baptist Convention when he first came to Japan, Cauthen said, "They were like David, taking five small stones in his hand and stepping out to face Goliath. It looked like an impossible task.

"But God blessed their efforts and that small group of Christians with 16 churches and five church buildings grew until today the Japan Baptist Convention is a strong, influential member of the world fellowship of Christians."

In closing, Cauthen noted, "I pledge to you that we shall work together to find ways to push ahead in the work of evangelism in this land and this world."

New Baptist Hospital Opens In Kentucky

LOUISVILLE—A new hospital to cost more than \$16.5 million, being built by Kentucky Baptists, accepted its first patients (on March 31), the "Western Recorder" reports.

The six-story Baptist Hospital East, to eventually house 253 patients, is starting with 121 beds and will add units until September, when the hospital is expected to be operating at full capacity, the Recorder noted.

The new hospital is part of The Louisville Baptist Hospitals (LBH) and is one of four owned and operated by Kentucky Baptists through Baptist Hospitals, Inc. (BHI).

The other LBH facility, Kentucky Baptist Hospital, is being renovated over the next five years. It is the original institution in the state's Baptist hospital system.

BHI last year ranked 10th in terms of patient admissions among not-for-profit hospital systems in the United States, the "Recorder" said. (BP)

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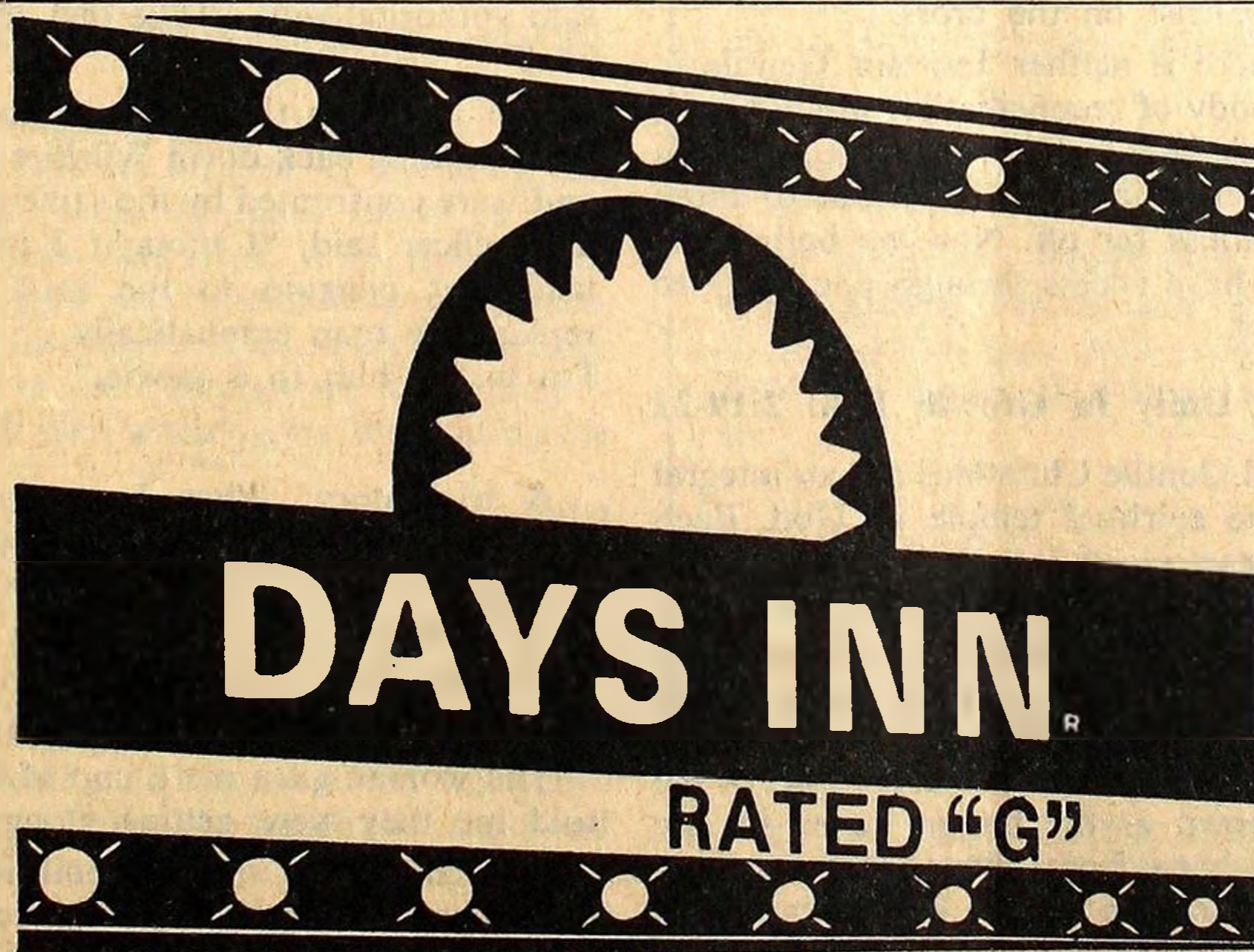


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Called To New Relationships

By Dr. W. R. White
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Basic Passage: Ephesians 2:1-22
Focal Passages: Ephesians 2:4-5, 11-12

The ancient Jews divided the human race into two groups, Jews and Gentiles, on circumcision and uncircumcision. It was a sharp and very significant division.

The Jews worshipped the true and living God while the Gentiles worshipped many strange false gods. Their beliefs, worship and practices were very different. When the Jew was true to God, he was much superior in moral character to the Gentile who was loyal to his gods. They were separated from each other in so many ways.

There was much friction and conflict between them. This was intensified because the Jews were so often under the rule of the Gentiles.

Common Ground Of Hope For Both
Eph. 2:4-5

The mercy and love of God are extended to Gentile and Jew alike in Christ. His new creature in Christ is a possible experience available to each. He wants to make each alive by His quickening power. In fact, He wants to quicken them together in this new life in Christ.

The natural state of Jew and Gentile is death in trespasses and sin. God would raise both up into a new dimension of life in Christ.

The Status Of Gentiles Out Of And In Christ Eph. 2:11-13

The plight of uncircumcision was terrible in the sight of the Jews. To God the more serious status is being without Christ, alien to the blessings available to Israel, strangers to the covenant of promise without God and without hope in the world.

Now there is a new status available in Christ. Those who are afar off can be brought nigh through the blood of Christ. A brand new day has dawned.

The Twain Made One In Christ
Eph. 2:14-18

Christ is our peace, having removed that which separated us. All the barriers and partitions which alienated us as found in ordinances of the law, have been swept away by Christ on the cross.

Now there is neither Jew nor Gentile in this new body of reconciliation which Christ has created. Due to His work and grace He can come forth and preach peace to those near and those far off. Now we both being in Christ, have access through one Spirit to our Father.

A Living Unity In Growth Eph. 2:19-22

Jew and Gentile Christians are an integral part of the spiritual temple of God. Each fits with exact nicety into the living structure built for a habitation of God in the Spirit. The ancient temple was filled with the glory of the presence of God. This is not a temple of wood and stone. It is made of redeemed, living stone, gathered from every part of the quarry known as the human race. All are Christians born from above, made a symmetrical whole in Christ Jesus our Lord.

It is to be a functioning, living, growing temple of God.

Laughs

A stranger walked into a restaurant, gave his hat to the hat-check girl and went in to eat. A hour later he came out and the girl gave him his hat, before he could even dig up his check.

"How did you know it was my hat?" he asked.

"I didn't, sir," she replied.

"Why did you give it to me, then?"

"Because you gave it to me."

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Waiter: "Yes, sir, we're very up-to-date. Everything here is cooked by electricity."

Diner: "I wonder if you would mind giving this steak another shock?"

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A father was watching his daughter try on wedding gowns. Her attention kept returning to one of the most expensive gowns in the store.

Finally, the father reacted. "I don't mind giving you away, but must I gift wrap you?"

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A man was walking down the street one day and by his side was a very dignified, full-grown penguin. A policeman stopped the man and inquired about the penguin and said authoritatively, "Take that thing to the zoo!"

The next day the man and the penguin were walking back down Wilshire Boulevard and were confronted by the same patrolman. The officer said, "I thought I told you to take that penguin to the zoo!" "I did," replied the man emphatically . . . "Today, I'm taking him to a movie."

* * *

A true story: When I was a pastor I visited a family that had just moved to our city. Their furniture had not arrived and their house was bare.

On the floor of the living room were several pillows. I was invited to sit down.

The woman gave me a cup of coffee and told me they were getting along all right.

She said, "The stove is built-in and the electricity is on. We have sleeping bags. This morning my husband bought a TV and it will be delivered today. So you see, we have the essentials—a stove, places to sleep, and TV."

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From the Executive Secretary

By Ralph Norton

The program of the CENTRAL SOUTH BIBLE CONFERENCE, scheduled for May 5-8 at Belmont Heights Baptist Church and Belmont College, offers what might be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for thorough and practical Bible study. Twenty-four outstanding Bible teachers have been secured to teach on the selected theme of BY MY SPIRIT, and we believe God will use their efforts in a marvelous way as they come to share the Biblical truths concern-



Norton

ing the Holy Spirit.

The significance of the theme dealing with the Holy Spirit is that it is in line with the interests of Tennessee and Southern Baptists, based on polls taken since 1972, which revealed this subject to be the first choice in every instance except one. We believe, therefore, that it is destined to meet some deep needs of pastors and laymen alike as they seek to discover truths concerning the Holy Spirit and respond to the Holy Spirit in a more surrendered attitude in every-day living.

May I make a suggestion at this point? Realizing that the expense of attending this conference could in some cases be prohibitive, some churches may be able to provide motel accommodations and transportation in order that members can attend. I hope all of our churches are responding to the church plan whereby the registration fee is paid.

May I emphasize again the very special nature of this opportunity for good Bible study and urge all who read this to seriously consider making plans to attend. It is for everyone, and a tremendous amount of work and planning has been done to assure us of genuine Bible enlightenment that will prove helpful now and in the future for adults and young people.

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50 YEARS AGO

Word was received from Dr. J. H. Sharp that he had resigned the church at Harriman to accept the position of field secretaryship at Carson and Newman College. He had served in the position once before to the credit and financial success of the school.

Forty subscriptions were received to the **Baptist And Reflector** in one day, the editor reported. There were 20 renewals and 20 new subscriptions.

20 YEARS AGO

Deaderick Avenue Church, Knoxville, helped Pastor and Mrs. John A. Outland celebrate their 18th wedding anniversary with a fellowship.

It was reported that the average Sunday School attendance at Lincoln Park Church in Knoxville was equivalent to 70 per cent of the church membership. Charles Ausmus was pastor.

10 YEARS AGO

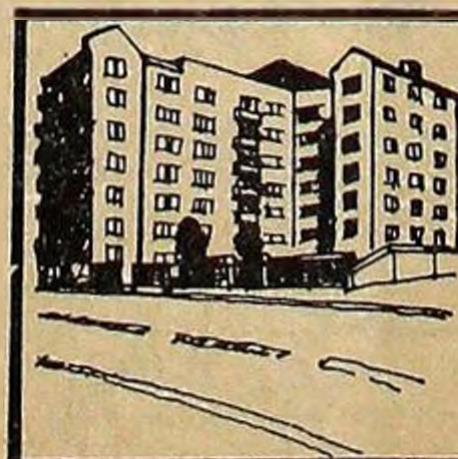
In Memphis, Whitehaven Church broke ground for its new sanctuary to seat 1500. Cost was estimated at \$500,000. Lewis D. Farrell was pastor.

William George resigned as pastor of Maple Street Church, Cleveland, to accept the pastorate of Troy First Church. He was already on the new field of service.

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On Matters of

Family Living

By Dr. B. David Edens,
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What Effect Does Family's Move Have On Child?

How well will your youngster adjust to your forthcoming move to a new location? A lot depends on whether he or she feels part of the moving . . . or feels like an object that's **being moved**, a panel of psychologists and guidance specialists concurred at a symposium held at Loyola University.

"Moving does no harm by itself; it's how it's done that can do harm," says Cornell University family life authority, Dr. Urie Bronfenbrenner.

Several comparative studies have shown that moving need not have adverse effects on children's emotional development, academic progress or social satisfactions, if parents don't permit the child and his feelings to get lost in the shuffle and if their own attitudes toward the move are positive ones, panelists pointed out.

It's up to parents to help the child understand that home is where the family is—not where the house is, observed Dr. Dale Harris of Penn State University. He urged parents to replace the older forms of place-related security with family customs based on seasonal celebrations, and rituals marking bedtime, birthdays and other milestones in the lives of family members.

Objects associated with family tradition, such as Christmas tree ornaments or special decorations or table linens, are especially important to the mobile family because they serve as symbols of permanency while remaining packable and portable.

All panelists stressed that the young child's security is "all in the family."

"Young children, in the presence of loved adults, can remain impervious to turmoil around them," reminded Dr. Joachim F. Wohlwill of Clark University. This applies not only to the confusions of moving but to the ups and down of adjustment to the new and different situations.

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'Fire From Above' Gives Groundbreaking Real Charge

FORT WORTH—More than 500 people—wearing yellow hard hats—bowed their heads and, as the dedicatory prayer ended, a bright fiery ball whooshed down a steel cable to set off a buried charge.

The explosive broke ground for the \$3 million building that will house a television production studio and broadcast training center for the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission here.

The groundbreaking was held in late March at the Radio-TV Commission headquarters. The plastic hard hats were souvenirs of the event.

The "fire from above" concluded a program that featured Fort Worth industrialist Charles D. Tandy, national Second Step Campaign chairman, outlining the origin of the campaign to raise money for the building.

The program also included brief telephone conversations from Africa, Switzerland, Mexico, and the Philippines.

As representatives from cities where Second Step fund-raising campaigns have been held were introduced, each threw an electric switch to outline in lights the site and floor size of the new building.

The addition, to be completed in late 1976, will extend the present Radio-TV building by 43,000 sq. ft. and will increase the commission's property value to more than \$5 million, said Paul M. Stevens, commission president.

The commission's "first Step" was in radio, Stevens noted. (BP)

Swope Replaces Simmons As Union Basketball Coach

Union University officials have announced the appointment of Jim Swope as head basketball coach at the school to succeed Jim Simmons, who resigned last month to accept a coaching position at Marshall University.

Swope, former assistant basketball coach at the University of Tennessee at Martin, holds the bachelor and master's degrees and will be teaching health and physical education at Union in addition to his coaching responsibilities. He is a former All-State basketball player in Illinois and also starred in college basketball.

The new coach served as assistant basketball coach at U.T. Martin from 1964-68 and again from 1970-74. His eight years there were interrupted by a two-year stint at Jackson State, where he led the basketball program in successful seasons.