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1974 Lottie Moon Offering Exceeds \$23 Million Goal

RICHMOND—The final total for the 1974 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions has exceeded its \$23 million goal and topped last year's total by more than \$1 million, according to Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board officials here.

The \$23,234,094 received is the highest total ever since the first Lottie Moon Offering (\$3,315) was given in 1888. In 1973, Baptists gave \$22,232,757 to the offering.

The 1975 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal has been set at \$24 million by the Woman's Missionary Union (WMU), which sponsors the offering annually in connection with the Week of Prayer for foreign missions in 34,734 Southern Baptist churches across the nation. Monies received after April 30 are included in the following year's offering.

Southern Baptist Foreign Mission efforts in 83 countries are supported financially by two major channels of giving, the Lottie Moon Offering and the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program unified budget plan. Each of the channels accounts for about half of the board's total operating budget.

The Cooperative Program is celebrating its 50th year.

"Southern Baptists have demonstrated again their deep commitment to the great commission," said Baker J. Cauthen, the board's executive secretary. "Gifts in money and life continue to make possible a worldwide witness in our Lord's name. We believe the greatest days in missions labor lie ahead. We are profoundly grateful to the Woman's Missionary Union and all others who have given."

"Regardless of international and economic troubles, Southern Baptists will not let missions be dislodged from top priority," said Carolyn Weatherford, executive secretary of WMU. "Topping the \$23 million mark proves this. WMU believes \$24 million for next year is both a challenging goal and a realistic expectation of the support Baptists want to give foreign missions." (BP)

Carson-Newman College Graduates 312 Seniors

Carson-Newman College held its 124th commencement on May 9 and graduated 312 seniors. Luther Joe Thompson, pastor of First Church, Richmond, Va., delivered the baccalaureate address in the sanctuary of Jefferson City First Church.

Commencement exercises were held at the Burke-Tarr Stadium. Harry M. Philpott, president of Auburn University, gave the commencement address.

Thompson is a summa cum laude graduate of Carson-Newman where he received his B.A. degree. He is also a graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and the University of Edinburgh in Scotland. He has served as pastor of churches in Tennessee, Oklahoma, and Mississippi.

Philpott, a native of Virginia, graduated cum laude from Washington and Lee University with a B.A. degree. He also attended Yale University where he earned his Ph.D. degree. Other graduate studies included work at Stetson University where he obtained his doctor of divinity as well as receiving his doctor of laws degree from Washington and Lee, University of Florida and the University of Alabama.

Elementary Reading Workshop Set For Carson-Newman

John B. Gibson, director of reading at Carson-Newman College, will direct the fifth annual workshop in elementary reading at the school, July 14-29. Special consultants will be R. R. Turner, professor of English, and Janet J. Larsen, associate professor of English and education counselor, University of Florida.

Three hours of credit may be earned in the workshop and the credit may be applied toward recertification. Activities will consist of a thorough study in reading methodology and current research in reading.

The development of word attack skills, techniques for developing comprehension, and methods of vocabulary development will receive major emphasis. Reading tests and evaluation techniques for the elementary teacher of reading will be studied.

Information may be obtained by contacting the registrar's office at Carson-Newman.



TALKING TENNESSEE: Vern B. Powers, director of Tennessee Protection Plans (left), discusses possible church-related work with Southern Seminary student Jesse Palmer. Tennessee Baptist Convention hosted a dinner for the Tennessee students and their spouses with more than 100 in attendance. During his visit to the Louisville, Ky., campus Powers spoke with several graduating seminary students about the work of Tennessee Baptists. All Tennessee seminary students receive the "Baptist And Reflector."



NASHVILLE—TENNESSEE STORES RECEIVE OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARDS—Scott Tapp (left), manager of the Knoxville Baptist Book Store, is shown receiving the "Best Increase in Inventory Turnover" award for the book store division of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. James Yarborough (not shown), manager of the Nashville book store, and Charles McGlocklin (not shown), manager of the Memphis store, won awards for "Best Dollar Increase in Sales" and "Best Percentage Increase in Sales," respectively. William O. Thomason (right), executive vice president of the board and former book store division director, presented the awards to the stores for outstanding service during the past year.

Pastoral Duties

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"The elders which are among you I exhort . . ."—1 Peter 5:1

The word rendered "elder" basically means just that. By reason of age such were capable of giving wise counsel and leadership. It came to be one title for pastors of churches. Along with this they were called **bishops** or overseers (Phil. 1:1; 1 Tim. 3:1ff.) who directed others in their work, and **pastors** or shepherds of God's flock. Acts 20:28, spoken to the Ephesian elders, uses "overseers" or bishops and the verb "to feed" as a shepherd. Thus in one verse Paul shows that these titles refer to different phases of one office in the churches.

Peter calls himself "a fellow-elder" (Greek text, where this word appears only here in the New Testament). He certainly did not regard himself as a pope or super-elder but a fellow-elder. He adds that he witnessed the death of Christ. Also, he mentions that he is a sharer in Christ's glory to be revealed in His people at His return (see Rom. 8:17-18.) We may see here also a suggestion that along with James and John he witnessed Jesus' transfiguration (Matt. 17:1ff; 2 Pet. 2:17-18) which is a foretaste of our heavenly glory.

Now Peter exhorts his fellow-elders to feed or tend as a shepherd the flock of God.

The best texts do not have "taking the oversight." But it is implied in verse 3.

Note how by contrast Peter shows how pastors should assume and fill this office: (1) not by constraint or being forced into it, but with a willingness of heart; (2) not for money but eagerly; (3) not domineering but as an example to the flock. A person should not have to be forced into the ministry, but should enter it in response to God's will. He should not become a pastor for financial gain, but out of eagerness to serve. If his interest is money, he can make much more in some other work. The pastor should lead by example, not drive with force.

Faithful pastors will be crowned with glory by the chief Shepherd (Christ) at His return. His victor's crown will not be of vines or other perishable material. It will be one which does not wilt away.

Glorious is the office of pastor. Great is its responsibility.

Commitment

Trust . . . Put God first . . .
And He will . . .

By Mrs. Allen B. Comish

Identifying himself to the station manager the seminary student said, "I've come to lead a revival at the Baptist church. I wonder if there's someone here to meet me." "Well, sort of" the man replied. "Deacon Jones came by earlier and left his mule to take you to the church. All you have to do is get on ole Maude and she'll take you there. She knows the way."



Mrs. Comish

Bouncing along in the rain on the back of a strange mule, in the dark woods going he knew not

where, Henry Tucker Comish made a commitment to God which listed a lifetime.

"I made my total commitment to the Lord that night on the back of that ole mule," he said, "and it has never wavered in these more than sixty years."

More than fifteen new churches were organized in Louisiana as a result of that commitment. Four thousand people were baptized. And generations were married through this man's ministry.

His influence reached governors and law makers. His love touched French and Italian Catholics. During the depression of the 30's he pastored churches without a salary. Saints and sinners called him friend. He was sought out by churches and individuals for his wise counseling. He was a peace maker. He even had a town named Baptist for him. But the touching impression he made on my life was because he was "Papa": my husband's father, a patriarch of the faith who allowed God to work in every circumstance of his life.

Some of us are in situations today as dark as Papa's night of long ago. The chilling rain of unbelief challenges our faith. And the solutions to our problems appear as unreasonable as the mule did to him. But we don't have to stay in the dark woods alone. We, too, can make and live by an unwavering commitment. The reality of God's presence can be ours.

"Trust the Lord completely . . . In everything you do put God first, and He will direct you and crown your efforts with success." Prov. 3:5, 6 TLB

Pulpit To New

Jim Griffith

Everyone is interested in himself—and what has happened in his life.

There was the fellow who had survived the famous Johnstown flood and, wherever he went, his first question was: "Did I ever tell you that I was in the Johnstown flood?"

He made his speech, describing his harrowing experience, to every local civic club, garden club, and veteran's group until he had thoroughly exhausted his audiences with his tale of the great flood.

Later, he died and went to heaven where, to his great joy, he found new ears to hear his experience.

At the man's request, Simon Peter called together the heavenly host and the speaker was in his glory as he waited to mount the platform and tell of the Johnstown flood.

But just before he got up to speak, Peter nudged him gently and said, "I thought I ought to mention to you before you begin that Noah is in the audience."



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Checks And Balances In Baptist Life

Democracy has a hard time enduring unless checks and balances are built into the process. Otherwise, democracies tend to destroy themselves by overaction in specific areas and neglect in others.



Sullivan

In our national government we not only have one executive—the president, but our system has two legislative branches. One system is the Senate which has territorial representation with two senators from each state. The House of Representatives is elected on the basis of population. Thus it becomes “people” representation. Then there is the judiciary, selected for a life term so that laws can be interpreted and enforced objectively and fairly. Government is in a healthy state when all three of these branches are functioning each in its own way simultaneously. Government is weakened when any branch of our democracy fails or relinquishes to the others. The welfare of the people is best preserved when

Note: Sullivan is the immediate past president of the Baptist Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. He prepared these at the request of the Southern Baptist Press Association. There is one other article in this series of six articles being published in the “Baptist And Reflector.”

all branches function adequately and in balance.

The same general principle applies to our Baptist life which functions democratically, but which is actually a theodemocracy rather than a democracy. Local churches, of course, are autonomous and each cooperates in Southern Baptist life voluntarily or not at all. Local churches can never be coerced. They are not the controlled but the controlling units in Southern Baptist life. The boards and agencies are the controlled segments of Baptist life, but through the trustee system.

Unique Interrelation

Denominationally we have the Southern Baptist Convention, state conventions, and Baptist associations. But how do they interrelate? If the state conventions combined to make up the Southern Baptist Convention, and if the associations added together made up the state conventions, and if the local churches in totality made up the associations, we would then have a pyramidal system of church government like the Catholics. Baptists would not accept such a system.

It is not accidental that each of our Baptist bodies is separate and autonomous, and that all work together with equal rights to be themselves and to express themselves. Each of the denominational bodies is made up of messengers from the churches which

By James L. Sullivan

means these churches control all three branches of the denominational life separately, and Baptist churches do not want to work against themselves. They select messengers who encourage cooperation between the Southern Baptist Convention, the state conventions, and the local associations. These messengers see to it that no one dominates the other bodies.

The Southern Baptist Convention is the largest body to assemble in one place, but the sum total of the associations and those attending their annual sessions really gives them the greatest power. The vast throngs of persons attending more than 1,200 associations are many more than the tens of thousands who attend the Southern Baptist Convention's annual assembly. State conventions are in a strategic position cooperating with associations on one side and the Southern Baptist Convention on the other. In no case should one body be over or control any other Baptist body.

Warning Aired

There is one area where our Baptist check-and-balance system seems to be breaking down. The results could be devastating

Tennessee Literature Writers Announced

NASHVILLE—Nineteen Tennessee writers contributed to April-May-June quarter literature published by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Some writers and their publications are: William L. Blackwell, staff member at First Church, Nashville, wrote for “Bible Learners” and “Sunday School Youth A”; J. C. Bradley, Seminary Extension Department, Nashville, “Young Adults in Training”; Lou Mishler Heath, member of First Church, Nashville, “Bible Learners” and “Exploring A for Leaders”; Raymond Langlois, pastor of Judson Church, Nashville, “Young Adults in Training”; Cleatus Moorehead, Nashville, “Sunday School Youth A”; and Stan Rushing, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Knoxville, “Young Adults in Training.”

Other writers and their publications are: Janice Greer Smith, Nashville, for “Bible Discoverers: Teacher”; Mike Speer, Cooperative Program, Nashville, “Baptist Youth”; Beth Sullivan Taylor, Nashville, “Things We Do At Church,” VBS material; Margaret R. Ware, a children's leader at First Church, Cleveland, “Exploring A for Leaders”; and Shirley Stephens, Nashville, “Sunday School Youth B.”

Baptist Sunday School Board contributors are: Tommy Dixon, “Baptist Youth”; Clyde Hall, “Source”; Eugene Skelton, “Life & Work Lesson Recording”; Roland A. Smith, “Bible Discoverers: Teacher”; William H. Stephens, “Adult Bible Teacher”; J. Clifford Tharp Jr., “Guide B for Preschool Teachers”; Charles F. Treadway, “Baptist Adults”; and Murray Severance, “Bible Discoverers: Teacher.”

eventually and that trend needs to be recognized and reversed. This situation occurs for instance, when Baptist associations feel they should nominate members of state mission or executive boards of a state convention. If done, its implications are bad and on a long-range basis can be hazardous.

Would one church ask the privilege to nominate a pastor for another local congregation—a separate Baptist body? Certainly not. Each church nominates and calls its own pastor and should. Otherwise, they cannot be responsible for results.

Associations are separate bodies from state conventions. Never should they ask or accept the responsibility of nominating or electing the officers of any other Baptist body. Each Baptist body needs to do its own nominating and electing of its own officers whether state, associational, national, or local church. If this balance fails, our Baptist system is weakened.

Even checks and balances must be checked. Periodically they may need re-balancing. When they do, Baptists should set their own houses in order. When one Baptist body errs, it alone can correct it. One thing is certain in our Baptist system, no Baptist body can straighten out another one with coercion when it occurs.

Don't Underestimate The Power Of The Association

Don't underestimate the power of the Baptist association. I heard a college representative make an observation not long ago that causes me some concern. He said, "I doubt whether attending the annual meeting of the association helps colleges any more." We are afraid that this person is not alone in his feeling and misconception, and that there are plenty of others besides college personnel who have developed a profound misunderstanding of what has happened and what is being done in Baptist associations.

The truth is that the local Baptist association is not dead. It has just adjourned and gone to work. Perhaps part of the cause of misconception has arisen out of the fact that the makeup of the annual meeting in many cases has changed somewhat drastically, both in the number and in the type of people who attend.

It is true that large crowds who used to come for food and fellowship are in many cases not to be seen at the association meeting any more. The changing economy, the fact that in many families both men and women are breadwinners, the changing work patterns, particularly those that require three shifts in heavy, industrialized areas, competition from other organizations have all had a bearing upon the attendance at the annual meeting of the association. However, appearances are deceitful, for the major work of the association is no longer accomplished in a two-day annual meeting, but is now accomplished through a well-organized productive year around program touching every dimension of Baptist life and work.

One of the keys to Southern Baptist growth and prosperity has been the emergence of strong leadership in the form of the associational missionary or director of missions. In the beginning, this undertaking sometimes was viewed with suspicion and alarm or both, with some freely predicting that a full-time employee directing the work of the association would soon result in the loss of autonomy and would be a violation of Baptist polity.

None of these predictions has proved to be true. On the other hand, by having a viable, well-directed center for communication, the vast complicated, and sometimes overlapping and interlocking programs of both state and Southern Baptist conventions have been translated into meaningful, workable goals for the local church.

We believe that in many ways the local association is the most powerful, productive unit in Southern Baptist life, or at least it has this potential.

Therefore, we would suggest to our colleges that if the annual meeting has lost some of its luster and no longer affords a platform as effective as it once was, that the college through its faculty and through its administrative officers and particularly through its students, find ways to become involved in the work of the local association. This is especially true where associations include large urban and inner-city areas.

Some years ago one of our older and stronger Baptist colleges had the good fortune of having its president elected as moderator of the association. He served two successful terms,

and in those two years many bridges of understanding were built between the institution and the association.

All programs involving the work of young people at the associational level ought to be of special and intense interest to Baptist colleges, particularly in the matter of student recruitment. The association is not dead. It has adjourned and gone to work! Baptist colleges who understand this and who become active participants in the work and program of local associations will be richly rewarded.—Ben C. Fisher, executive secretary-treasurer, Education Commission, SBC, Nashville.

Remember Our Children!

Yes, these are our children: the more than five hundred who live in our Tennessee Baptist Convention homes.

The four homes are located at Franklin, Memphis, and two at Chattanooga. Each is overseen by a superintendent, who, in turn, is supervised by James M. Gregg, executive director of the Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes, Inc., whose office is in the Executive Board Building, Tennessee Baptist Convention, Brentwood. Each home has several house parents who are responsible for approximately ten children each. There are seventeen cottages and some dormitories.

Through the years Tennessee Baptists have provided these cottages and dormitories through their love offerings. Some of these have been made possible by individual gifts. Last Sunday, May 11, many of our churches observed the Mother's Day Offering which was the annual offering for our Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes. Some of our churches were engaged in revivals, homecomings, and other special events, and it was not convenient for them to participate in this worthy offering at that time. However, many of these churches have already set a date to observe the offering for the Children's Homes and will have special envelopes in the pews for this purpose. This is just a reminder that **it is not too late to participate.**

The Mother's Day offering supplies approximately 30 percent of the total income for the Children's Homes. Their other income comes from Cooperative Program funds, personal gifts, and designations. The past four years Tennessee Baptists have given beyond the goal set for the Mother's Day offering. The 1975 goal is \$341,000. Tennessee Baptists, let's go over that goal again this year! All monies received are used for the operational needs of the four homes.

The Tennessee Baptist Orphan's Home was opened to receive children on November 16, 1891 in the Hotel Delaware building in West Nashville. Since then the name has been changed to Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes Inc. At its establishment, it was designed for orphaned children; but with our changing society, most of our children now come from broken homes caused by divorce, drink, and/or lack of care upon the part of the parent or parents. This should cause us to be more concerned about the needs of these children. Through the ministry of our Children's Homes, the children are loved and taught to love. They learn by Christian example.

Will you remember to do your part to help these children, if you have not already done so?—EL

“Pressure Campaigns” Not Effective With Broadcasters

FORT WORTH—Although proper protest can be effective, the thousands of letters mailed to TV networks by irate church people may not have been worth the stamps it took to mail them, a broadcast executive said here.

Mike Shapiro said that the networks, program sponsors and members of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) recognize such letters for what they are—“church pressure campaigns”—and don’t give them the attention the writers hope for.

Shapiro, president of Belo Broadcasting Corp., which owns WFAA-TV in Dallas and KFDM-TV in Beaumont, Tex., as well as two Dallas radio stations, addressed participants in the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission’s second annual media consultation.

“To inform your congregation, from the pulpit, of what to say in the letter or to hand out forms requesting your members to copy and sign them, or even to solicit petitions with hundreds of names on them, is not one-tenth as effective in getting your message across as simply telling your church members to write—in their own words—a good, constructive letter,” Shapiro said.

Write Own Ideas

Such a letter would be treated as an individual expression and not one from an organized pressure approach, he said. “Advertisers pay a great deal of attention to a constructive, well-written letter outlining the writer’s feelings.”

Shapiro urged pastors to tell their members to support good children’s TV programs. “If the program is beneficial to children, tell the congregation to write a complimentary letter sometime,” he said.

Shapiro said the country has been described frequently as living with a “new morality” but that “Americans in ever-increasing numbers are now expressing very deep and serious concern about the new morality displayed on the TV screens in their homes.”

Broadcasting has a responsibility, he said, to keep in mind what kind of programs are beamed into the living rooms of the country. “We ask, who is responsible—the parents, the networks, the station, the FCC, Congress—for what the young people see.”

Broadcaster Decides

“Well, all of broadcasting must be responsible and responsive and broadcasters must make the decisions, not somebody in Washington.

“The strong moral values that we all grew up with and that made this country great are being shattered. TV didn’t start the new morality but by portraying it nightly, it certainly is fanning the flames and making

it seem acceptable.”

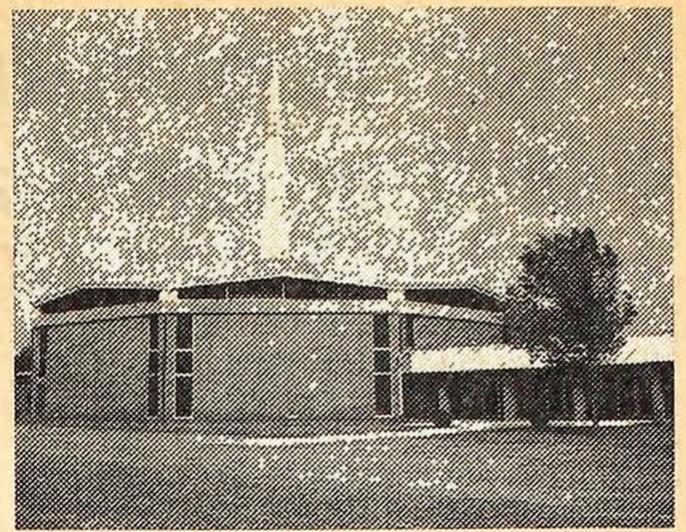
Shapiro cited a speech evangelist Billy Graham made during a National Association of Broadcasters meeting when Graham said that TV, as the most powerful medium, can do more to return this country to stability, unity and basic moral values than any one other force.

The Dallas broadcast leader sounded a solemn note in describing the churches use of “that most powerful medium.”

“For too many years the churches have been talking to themselves,” he charged. “Since the early days of TV, most religious programming has been anchored to Sunday morning and the church remote (broadcasts) are beamed to the shut-ins who are normally church goers who already have the churches’ message.

“No longer will the mass TV audience respond to the pulpit, the minister, and the stained glass window behind him. When you tell the viewer in advance that he is going to be preached to, that he is going to receive moral or cultural values, or that he is going to be educated, he will jump up and change the dial before the opening credits are even finished,” Shapiro said.

He said the Radio and Television Com-



Members of the Westwood Church, Cleveland, held dedication services for their new worship and educational facilities recently. The octagonal auditorium has a seating capacity of 900, including a balcony and choir. The facility also includes an office suite, a choir room, kitchen, and fellowship dining area which will seat 450. It contains 27,000 sq. ft. and was completed at a cost of \$543,000. Harold D. Smith is pastor.

mission’s work has been “on the right track for years. The Radio and TV Commission couches moral values and a belief in people and God within the confines of a professionally-produced program which can compete with any entertainment programming on other channels,” he said. “This is the only way to take advantage of TV,” he emphasized.



MIAMI BEACH CONVENTION CENTER is the site for the 1975 meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, June 10-12. About 16,000 are expected to register for the sessions which will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Cooperative Program. (BP) Photo

New Opportunities Urged For Baptist Lay People

MEMPHIS—The Foreign Mission Board needs to provide thousands of new opportunities for Southern Baptist lay people to serve on the mission fields during the next 25 years, the top executive of the SBC missions agency was told here.

Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the mission board, received the suggestion along with 21 others while conducting an inquiry session at the annual four-day Brotherhood Leadership Conference.

The SBC agency is conducting a series of inquiry sessions throughout the United States this year in an effort to learn what "bold new plans" a cross section of Southern Baptists want to see unfolding before the end of this century.

Cauthen told the 50 state Brotherhood leaders and members of the Brotherhood Commission staff he expects to get similar information from more than 2600 Southern Baptist missionaries serving in 83 countries "by the end of this summer."

The inquiry session was one of the features of the Brotherhood evaluation and planning conference, which included addresses by C. B. Hogue, director of the evangelism section of the Home Mission Board, and his renewal evangelism associate, Reid Hardin.

Evangelism Everyone's Job

Speaking on the concepts in lifestyle evangelism, Hogue said he hopes every individual and agency in the Southern Baptist Convention "would do evangelism."

Hogue described evangelism as "what a man is and does."

"We must encourage people to be normal and natural evangelists wherever they are," he told the Brotherhood leaders. "This man does because he likes to do it."

In one of his first appearances in recent years at the Brotherhood Leadership Conference, Cauthen told the men he sensed a quickening of the pace of the laymen in Southern Baptist churches in evangelism, missions, stewardship and "in many other directions."

Cauthen expressed appreciation for recent Brotherhood efforts in enlisting 350 lay volunteers to build homes, schools and churches in Honduras and to provide food following the devastation of Hurricane Fifi last September.

"The thing I liked best was that these men also offered their services for any future emergencies," he recalled.

Gifts Increased

Several state Brotherhood leaders told the foreign missions executive that gifts to the Cooperative Program climbed significantly in their states following the return of their lay volunteers from the Central American country.

In the inquiry session, Glendon McCullough, executive director of the Brotherhood Commission, expressed the hope the mission board would make it possible for up to 50,000 lay persons to serve overseas each year in the interest of Christian missions.

"It's my feeling that this great lay involvement could lead Southern Baptists to provide funds and personnel to reach a goal of 10,000 career missionaries."

In light of improved transportation and health facilities, the board also was asked to scale down its health requirements for missionaries.

Other proposals included a national network television spectacular on foreign missions every three months, utilization of global communications technology, better use of Baptist servicemen overseas in mission work and development of a student exchange program for high school-age boys in the SBC's Royal Ambassador (RA) program and foreign students.

The board also was urged to support the education of more men and boys in foreign missions, particularly Royal Ambassadors.

In a recent commissioning service for foreign missionaries, about 75 percent of the men testified they received their call to become missionaries through the Royal Ambassador program for boys, sponsored by the Brotherhood Commission, a state Brotherhood leader said.

A final suggestion called for "a single world mission board to communicate mis-



H. E. Cotey, center, president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention and pastor of First Church, Murfreesboro, receives a certificate of appreciation for his years of service upon retiring as a member of the Historical Commission, SBC, at the recent joint meeting of the Historical Commission and Southern Baptist Historical Society in Nashville. Robert A. Baker, left, chairman, and Lynn E. May Jr., executive secretary of the Historical Commission, presented the honor.

sions to Southern Baptists."

In a business session, the Brotherhood leaders took 42 actions dealing with training, mission support, World Missions Conference promotion, associational Brotherhood materials, planning for the 1980's, Brotherhood reporting and records, development of three books, publication of a new magazine for Pioneer Royal Ambassador officers and leaders, and a Brotherhood emphasis in 1977-79 entitled "Focus On Ministry." (BP)

New Orleans To Graduate Five Tennesseans



McCall

Robinson

Barber

Hatley

Deaton

Five Tennesseans are among the 136 students at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary scheduled to receive degrees and diplomas during the 57th annual commencement exercises May 17. Conferring degrees will be Landrum P. Leavell II, president.

Tennessee graduates include William E. McCall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McCall, Maryville, doctor of theology degree; John A. Robinson, son of R. A. Robinson, Woodbury, master of religious education degree; James E. Barber, son of S. T. Barber and Mrs. E. L. Mason, both of Memphis, diploma in pastoral ministry; and Harold Rex Hatley, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Hatley, Greeneville, diploma in pastoral ministry; Norman S. Deaton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom M. Deaton, Memphis, doctor of ministry degree.

Personal Responsibility

Biblical Material:

Lesson Text: Ezekiel 18:2-13, 30-32

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

Ours is a time which has placed great emphasis upon individual rights. It has been reflected in various civil rights movements, court decisions and has been the subject of much newspaper, magazine, and radio and television coverage. The rights of the individual are emphasized in our Constitution. When I think of individual freedom or individual rights, I think of my teacher in the eighth grade who very often said to us, "Where my nose begins is where your rights end." What he was saying, of course, was that no freedom is unlimited and all rights carry with them certain responsibilities.

Avoiding Responsibility Ezekiel 18:1-4

Avoiding responsibility is a practice that is as old as humanity. The Biblical story of Adam and Eve is as modern as tomorrow because it is the story of all of us succumbing to the temptations of sin, then trying to put the blame on someone else. It is reflected in these verses also where the old proverb, "The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge," is quoted (see Jer. 31:29-30). Not only does it reflect a kind of theology which looked at the sins of the individual as being the responsibility of the group, but it also reflects the reality that some of the exiles in Babylon blamed their plight, not on themselves, but on the sins of their fathers. Ezekiel, in a very blunt fashion, brings them face to face with reality by saying, "The soul that sins shall die."

Facing Reality Ezekiel 18:5-13

Having set forth the principle which he wants to discuss, Ezekiel proceeds to illustrate what he means. First he defines what a righteous man does—he "does what is lawful and right." He then proceeds to illustrate what he means by giving examples from the Sinai Covenant. The basic principle of righteousness is the true worship of God, including "the strict rejection of all forms of idolatry" (Eichrodt) (6a). This is

followed by commands dealing with one's relationship to his fellowman beginning with a prohibition against adultery (v. 6b) which would be "a particularly dangerous temptation among a crowd of exiles cut off from all traditional ties" (Eichrodt), just as it is in our time when there is such an assault upon traditional moral values and when we even use sex to sell farm tractors.

The righteous man is also concerned for justice. This concern is illustrated by the fact that he does not take advantage of one who is weaker than he is, does not hold property given as security for a debt beyond the limits of the law, is not a extortioner (v. 7). On the positive side he is concerned with the basic physical needs of his less fortunate neighbor, seeing that he has food when he is hungry and clothes to cover his nakedness (v. 7). Furthermore, he does not try to take advantage of the poor when they have to borrow from him. To "take an increase" (v. 8) refers to additional charges that could be collected on a loan when it was paid. Lending at interest was condemned because often two or three hundred percent was charged on a loan, a practice which still exists in many ghetto areas today.

In short, the righteous man avoids "iniquity, executes true justice between man and man, walks in my (God's) statutes and is careful to observe all my (God's) ordinances" (v. 9). In verses 10 through 13 an unrighteous son is contrasted with the righteous father with the obvious conclusion that the father's righteousness does not suffice for the wicked son, while on the other hand, the sins of the wicked son cannot be blamed upon the righteous father.

A Call For Conversion Ezekiel 18:30-32

In the concluding section of our lesson the prophet issues a call for conversion. For the unrighteous man to become righteous, he must first repent (literally "return") and turn away from his willful rebellion against God (v. 30). Man is ruined by iniquity, that characteristic of sin which distorts or perverts whatever it touches.

Not only must there be a turning from the old ways but the sinner's inner being must be transformed. He has to get "a new heart and a new spirit" (v. 31). To do less is certain death. Death is not God's desire for the sinner but life which He offers to all who will take it. "So turn, and live." (v. 32 RSV)

SBC Cooperative Program Stays Ahead of 1973-74

NASHVILLE—Receipts through the Southern Baptist Convention's national Cooperative Program unified budget for the first seven months of the 1974-75 fiscal year exceeded the same period last year by nearly 1.7 million, or 7.52 percent.

A report released here by John H. Williams of the SBC Executive Committee indicates 33 state conventions covering 50 states have sent in \$23.84 million for use in worldwide SBC causes, compared to \$22.17 million last year.

The \$23.84 million represents about one third of funds received by the state conventions from the SBC's 34,734 churches.

Total national contributions, including \$26.34 million in designated giving, for the first seven months add up to \$50.17 million—a \$3.6 million or 7.71 percent increase over last year.

Figures for April show some \$3.29 million in national Cooperative Program receipts in 1975, a 2.32 percent increase over receipts last April.

Adding some \$3.18 million in designated giving in April, Southern Baptists gave a total of \$6.47 million to national SBC causes this April—a 7.87 percent increase over the April 1974 figure. (BP)

Union Names Bob Agee Dean of Religious Affairs

Bob R. Agee, pastor, Ardmore Baptist Church, Memphis, has been named the new Dean of Religious Affairs at Union University in Jackson. He will replace Lewis Sewell who resigned recently to accept the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Oxford, Miss. He will begin his work Aug. 1.

A 1960 graduate of Union, Agee holds the Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministries degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. While at Union he was active in student affairs and was chosen for "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities." He also was the editor of the college's newspaper, the "Cardinal and Cream," and the "Lest We Forget" annual.

Former pastor in Yorkville and Milan, Tenn., and in several cities in Kentucky, Agee has been at Ardmore since 1970.

Now serving as a trustee of Union, Agee is also a state approved Baptist Sunday School worker in general administration, youth and adult work, and is on the writing staff for the Baptist Sunday School Board. He has also served on numerous Tennessee Baptist Convention committees and has been active in alumni programs at Union.

He and his wife, Nelle, have two daughters, Denise, 15 and Robyn, 11.

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Ricky Shankle is the new minister director at Temple Church, Western District. He formerly served at Shady Grove.

Bradleys Creek has called **James Lassiter** as pastor. He was ordained by Burt Church, Woodbury, May 4.

Cog Hill Church, McMinn Association, has called **W. C. Rice** as interim pastor. A native of McMinn County, his work has been mainly in Georgia, Alabama and Florida. He comes to Cog Hill from First Church, Patterson, Ga.

LaMar Deitz is the new pastor of Shiloh Church, Decatur. He comes from Hilltop Church, Hamilton Association.

First Church, Paris, has called **George Webb** as minister of music and youth activities and **Mrs. Webb (Charlotte)**, as church organist. They will begin their work with the Paris church the first week in June. He is a graduate of Tennessee Tech and she of Carson-Newman College. Following his graduation he was instructor of mathematics for five years at Castle Heights Military Academy and served as part-time minister of music at Hartsville Church, Hartsville. He will receive his master's degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary the last of May. While a seminary student **Webb** has served as minister of music at the Culbertson Avenue Church, New Albany, Ind. **Mrs. Webb** is employed in the library of the School of Music at Southern. Both are from Rogersville.

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Hopewell Church, Savannah, licensed **David Bailey** to the gospel ministry. **Bailey** is a ministerial student at Union University in Jackson.

Wayne Markham, pastor of Rocky Hill Church, Knox County Association, for the past 14 years, was honored with a reception by church members recently. **Markham** had resigned to accept the call to the Edgemont, S.D., Southern Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Morton, pastor of Camden First Church, have received a letter from Governor Ray Blanton proclaiming them as official ambassadors of good will to both the Baptist World Congress meeting in Stockholm, Sweden and to Israel. The **Mortons'** are being sent to the Baptist World Congress meeting in July by the church. Following the congress, they will fly to Jerusalem, Israel. Over 15,000 Baptists from around the world are expected to attend the meeting in Stockholm.

William Spray and **Wilson Kelley** were ordained as deacons of Southside Church, Winchester, on the church's second anniversary as a fully constituted church. **Jake Stricklin**, Decherd, gave the charge to the deacons, and **Doyle Johnston**, Cross Roads, gave the charge to the church. **Neal Foster** is pastor.

T. Phillips Heard, Broadman sales consultant at the Baptist Sunday School Board, has been named manager of the Baptist Book Store in Atlanta, Ga., according to **Jay O. Turner**, manager of the Southeastern stores region. **Heard** succeeds **Robert Mendenhall**, who became manager of the board's Western stores region last November. Prior to being employed by the Board, **Heard** served as assistant pastor of Northside Church in Chattanooga.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Murray Jr., former members of Mt. Juliet First Church, have been appointed as house parents to the Memphis Baptist Children's Home, according to **James M. Gregg**, executive director-treasurer. **Murray** was employed formerly by the L & N Railroad in Nashville.

David Harmon was ordained to the gospel ministry by Trenton Street Church in Harriman at the request of Big Emory Church, where he was called as pastor. The ordination was conducted with **John L. Shepherd**, pastor, serving as moderator and bringing the ordination sermon. The charge to the candidate was given by **Raye Maddox**, pastor of Cedar Grove Church in Kingston; and the ordination prayer was given by **Mason**

REVIVAL RESULTS . . .

Mt. Ararat Church, Beech River Association, held a three-day revival led by **Joel Rosa**, student at Union University. There were five professions of faith and two rededications. **James F. Rogers** is pastor.

Eastland Church, Ripley, had two additions by letter and a number of rededications in a revival led by **Joseph Trybone**. **Ray Caveness** is pastor.

Faith Church, **Harry Wilburn**, pastor, was led in revival services by **James Vaughn** as evangelist. There were eight professions of faith and many rededications.

David Lawler did the preaching in a revival at Liberty Church, Covington, in which there was one profession of faith and a good spirit was noted throughout the meeting. **Jerry Graves** is pastor.

Fort Hudson Church, Dyersburg, was led in revival services by **Robert Brown** as evangelist and **Jerry Patton** as song leader. **Charles McCall** is pastor.

First Church, Halls, engaged in revival services with **Larry Simpson** as evangelist and **Eugene Baker** as song director. Pastor **Nick C. Harris** reported 38 professions of faith and four by letter. There also were many rededications.

Goodman, Riverside Church, Harriman. **Harmon** is now serving as pastor at Big Emory.

Susan Elaine Griffin, a pre-medical honors student at Carson-Newman College, has been awarded first place for the best research paper of the year from colleges and universities in East Tennessee. The paper, entitled, "Synthesis and Isolation of Anti-cancer Compounds," is the result of research conducted by **Griffin** at the school's cancer research lab, operated under the direction of **Carl T. Bahner**, professor emeritus of chemistry and noted authority in the field of cancer research. She is the daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Griffin**, Hixson.

Green Pine Church, Holston Association, ordained **Cecil Edwards**, **Johnny Leach**, **Ray Miller**, **Johnny Brummitt**, and **Larry Leach**. **Harry Moore Jr.** is pastor.

Johnny Nelson Hicks was ordained to preach the gospel by Walnut Grove Church in Holston Association. He has been an active member of the church for several years. In the same church, **Gilbert Painter**, Sunday School director and treasurer, was ordained as a deacon. **J. D. McGee** is pastor.

Baptist Missionaries Aid Vietnam Refugees In Guam

GUAM—Ministry to Vietnamese people isn't over for Southern Baptist missionaries who recently evacuated Vietnam.

If anything, ministry has intensified for several missionaries working among tens of thousands of Vietnamese refugees here, according to R. Keith Parks, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's secretary for Southeast Asia, who just returned from a visit to the area.

These missionaries, working in what has been dubbed "tent city", are helping register and process refugees; providing religious activities, Christian literature and personal counseling; aiding medical needs; serving as interpreters in the Vietnamese language; and assisting U.S. military efforts in various other ways.

Gene V. Tunnell is coordinating the overall Baptist ministry in tent city while H. Earl Bengs Jr., is coordinating evangelistic efforts.

William Dotson, U.S. Navy chief of staff

in Guam and a Baptist layman, requested the assistance of the Vietnamese-speaking Baptist missionaries and has been "more than cooperative", according to Parks. He provided them with passes to all military operations, the use of two tents for religious activities (shared by all religious groups) and a tent for their personal use.

The tent being used as their headquarters is located near the main entrance where refugees are registered as they arrive. As each refugee bus arrives, Baptists board it, seeking bi-lingual persons who might assist as interpreters. This also allows them to watch for Vietnamese Baptists.

Missionaries Working With Vietnamese In Guam

Christian literature in Vietnamese, previously used by Baptists in Vietnam, has been reproduced in Guam for distribution among the refugees. A Christian film, also

previously produced for Baptist work in Vietnam, is now being shown in the Guam refugee camp.

The Baptist missionaries are holding Christian services in the religious activities tents as well as in other areas of tent city.

Missionaries Robert C. Davis Jr., Herman P. Hayes, Samuel F. Longbottom Jr., and Peyton M. Moore are assisting in the camp's hospital tent, serving as interpreters and ministering to the sick and injured.

Missionary Samuel M. James is assigned to a major military hospital off base, where the more severely ill or injured patients are being taken, as an interpreter and counselor.

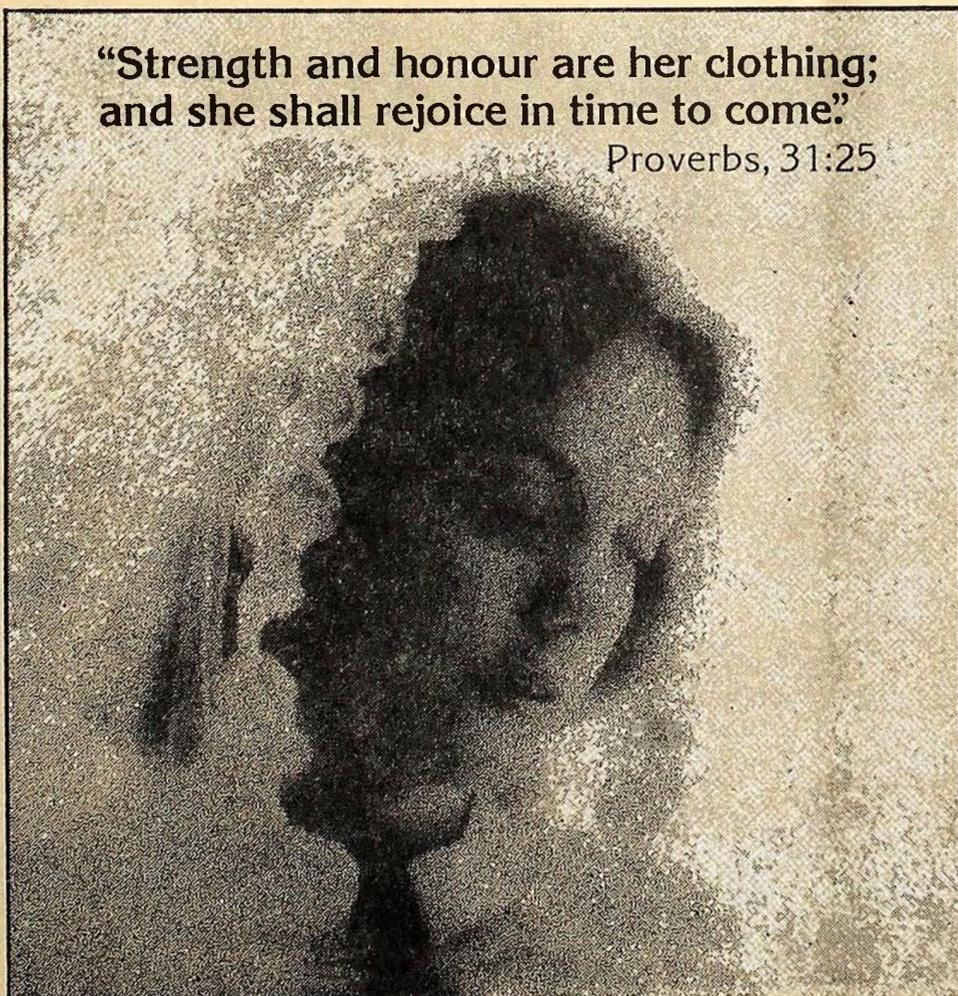
Assisting as interpreters at Red Cross headquarters are missionaries Kenneth L. Goad and James H. Lassiter. They answer Vietnamese-speaking phone calls at the switchboard, assist refugees who are trying to locate friends and relatives, and aid the Red Cross personnel in whatever other ways they can.

Speaking of the future ministry to the refugees with whom the missionaries are working, Tunnell said, "These people come from a hot country. Many are simple farmers and all have experienced great emotional trauma which will be compounded by culture shock. I believe a ministry of compassion to Vietnamese refugees . . . at a time when they are literally and totally helpless and dependent, has the potential of seeing more Vietnamese come to know the Lord . . . than we have seen won in Vietnam."

Continuing, he posed a question, "Is Baptist ministry to the Vietnamese really over?" (BP)

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Missionaries' Return To Saigon Aids Vietnam Baptist Exit

SAIGON—Vietnamese employees of the Baptist Mission of South Vietnam and their families, plus other Baptists, were among the final refugees evacuated from Saigon by the U.S. government, as a result of efforts by Southern Baptist missionaries H. Earl Bengs Jr. and Gene V. Tunnell.

The two missionaries, who had previously evacuated to Singapore, returned to Saigon on April 24 on a final mission—an attempt to arrange for the evacuation of this group.

Bengs and Tunnell went to the South Vietnamese government—then still in power—with the list of names of the Baptist employees, their families and others. They requested permission for their evacuation, according to a telephone conversation with R. Keith Parks, the board's secretary for Southeast Asia, who was in Taipei, Taiwan, Republic of China.

The American Embassy in Saigon agreed to evacuate the refugees on the list and plans were made for the evacuation, Parks said.

Bengs and Tunnell were among the last to leave Saigon on commercial flights, Saturday, April 26, just days before the South Vietnamese surrender was announced.

It is not certain whether all persons listed by the missionaries have been successfully evacuated. Reports indicate that some arrived safely at Clark Field in the Philippines, and others are in Guam. Attempts are being made to determine the total number evacuated and their present location, according to the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in Richmond.

Southern Baptist Missionary Parkes Marler, stationed in Guam, is directing missionary efforts to assist refugees there. Missionaries are helping to register and process the thousands of refugees from Saigon.

Baptist missionaries in the Philippines are also involved with registration and recreational activities at Clark Field.

In the United States, staff members of the Southern Baptist Foreign and Home Mission Boards, the denomination's Brotherhood Commission and other Baptist groups are consulting with government officials, churches in areas where the evacuees will be received and relief agencies to determine a possible course of action when the refugees arrive. (BP)

Hinson Gets Grant To Study Protestant Teaching Authority

LOUISVILLE—E. Glenn Hinson, professor of church history at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here, has been awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada to do a year's sabbatical leave field research in Rome examining the teaching authority of the Protestant church.

Hinson will also serve as interim pastor of Rome Baptist Church.

He chose Rome as the site for his study because of the teaching authority of the Catholic Church. "I will be in the midst of where Christianity had its beginnings," said Hinson, who holds earned doctorates from both Southern Seminary and Oxford University.

Final authority in the Roman church has been pinpointed, according to Hinson, and from this base he hopes to isolate the connection between the individualism reflected in Protestantism and the delineated authority of Rome.

From his research, the church history professor plans to write a book about the teaching authority of the Protestant church.

The Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada was formerly the American Association of Theological Schools. (BP)



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ASBCS Meet Set For Nashville, June 23-25

Seven Tennesseans will take part in the annual national meeting of the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools, June 23-25 in Nashville, according to a report from the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Grady C. Cothen, president of the Baptist Sunday School Board, will deliver the Fourth H. I. Hester Lecture Series on "Higher Education and Christian Faith," at the meeting. The Hester Lecture Series has been endowed by Dr. and Mrs. H. I. Hester. Hester, long-time Southern Baptist educator, serves as secretary-treasurer of the ASBCS. The three-day program, preceded by a meeting of the Southern Baptist Education Commission, will assemble educators and denominational leaders from throughout the country to examine the diverse problems and challenges facing Christian education.

The association is made up of 71 colleges, universities, schools, and seminaries related to Southern Baptists on state or national levels. The meeting will include general sessions, as well as specialized sessions for deans and college presidents. It will cover a wide range of issues facing educational institutions.

Other Tennesseans scheduled to appear on the program include: Robert E. Craig, president of Union University; Ben C. Fisher, executive director of the Education Commission; Hubert B. Smothers, president of Harrison-Chilhowee Academy, Seymour; Herbert C. Gabhart, president of Belmont College; George E. Capps Jr., director of denominational relations for the Education Commission; and Walter R. Guyton,

Carson-Newman College.

The Education Commission session, preceded by committee meetings on June 21-22, is scheduled for the morning of June 23

with the ASBCS set to begin with a dinner meeting that night at Belmont. ASBCS sessions will be held both at Belmont College and at the SBC Building.

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DOWN

- 1 The king gave it to Mordecai (Esth. 8:2)
- 2 Hebrew month
- 3 Stipend
- 4 Task force: abbr.
- 5 "and wiped — — with her hair" (John 11)
- 6 Lake or city
- 7 Man in Jesus' genealogy (Luke 3:31)
- 8 David executed it (2 Sam. 8:15)
- 9 Eskimo knife
- 10 Famous uncle
- 11 Trailing edges: abbr.
- 19 Joshua burned it (Josh. 8:28)
- 20 Tetrafluoroethylene: abbr.
- 21 — Paulo
- 24 "one to his —" (Matt. 22)
- 25 The dill
- 26 Deep long cut
- 27 Japanese port
- 28 Barnyard sound
- 30 City of the priests (1 Sam. 22:19)
- 32 Narrow inlet
- 34 "and to every man — —" (Mark 13)
- 36 He will hear (Prov. 1:5; 2 words)
- 39 O.T. book: abbr.
- 41 Bongo
- 45 Roman goddess
- 47 Place (Jer. 46:25)
- 49 Transit: abbr.
- 50 Where the angel appeared (Acts 7:35)
- 51 African pygmy language: pl.
- 52 Bitter
- 53 Nod
- 54 Nigerian people
- 55 Neither
- 60 Academic degree: abbr.

ACROSS

- 1 Kind of flesh (Lev. 13:15)
- 4 Pronoun
- 8 They live by faith (Heb. 10:38)
- 12 Mountain on Crete
- 13 Tongue (Jas. 3:6)
- 14 Hawaiian lizard fish
- 15 Worry
- 16 Misdeed
- 17 Totals
- 18 Levi made one (Luke 5:29; 2 words)
- 22 African hemp
- 23 Hindu caste member
- 24 Note of the scale
- 26 Place of battle (2 Sam. 21:18)
- 29 One: Scot. var.
- 31 Pagiel's father (Num. 1:13)
- 33 Rizpah's mother (2 Sam. 21:10)
- 35 Kind of truck
- 37 Ireland
- 38 Discolor
- 40 Bridge term
- 42 Quantity: abbr.
- 43 Exclamation
- 44 Kind of countenance (Matt. 6:16)
- 46 "God sent forth his —" (Gal. 4)
- 48 "clothed with — —" (Rev. 7)
- 53 O.T. character (1 Chron. 24:26)
- 56 Fortify
- 57 Flying saucer: abbr.
- 58 Aroma
- 59 Caleb's son (1 Chron. 4:15)
- 61 Indian weight
- 62 "let patience have her perfect —" (Jas. 1)
- 63 Girl's name
- 64 Here is buried: abbr.

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Baptists Launch Refugee Resettlement Assistance

NASHVILLE—Baptists have set plans in action on several fronts to join with other concerned U.S. citizens in aiding thousands of South Vietnamese refugees flooding into the country, according to reports received here from Washington, Atlanta, Richmond and Memphis.

At least three national agencies and a state convention of the 12.5-million-member Southern Baptist Convention (SBC)—the Foreign and Home Mission Boards, the Brotherhood Commission and the D.C. Convention—have already taken initial steps to assist.

At a luncheon in Washington, SBC, American Baptist Churches (ABC) and Baptist World Alliance (BWA) representatives heard an official of the Agency for International Development (AID), on loan to the State Department, say that government officials are depending heavily on voluntary agencies, including church groups, to help in the massive resettlement project.

George Beauchamp of AID called the removal of South Vietnamese from their war-torn homeland the largest such endeavor in American history. He spoke at the luncheon sponsored by U.S. Congressman John Buchanan (R.-Ala.), a Baptist.

Another highly-placed source at AID told Baptist Press that many church groups are

purposely avoiding involvement in the refugee relocation project because they are convinced that the way in which refugees were chosen for airlifting out of Vietnam was discriminatory.

The official, a veteran of Southeast Asian affairs, expressed outrage at what he senses is an orchestrated plan by American government officials to use the refugee resettlement project in a public relations campaign designed to show American magnanimity.

Urgent Need Present

A number of church leaders, however, feel that Christians must respond to the refugee problem because an urgent need is there—even if some refugees were evacuated on a discriminatory basis.

In Richmond, the Foreign Mission Board said missionaries to South Vietnam, on furlough when the country surrendered to the Viet Cong (VC), have agreed to assist if needed in centers where refugees are arriving. Contacts are being made with government authorities concerning details of such possibilities.

The Home Mission Board has contacted all directors of missions in state Baptist conventions and told them "we will probably need sponsors for the refugees," Dawson added.

Persons interested in sponsoring refugees may write for a Home Mission Board brochure at 1350 Spring St., N.W., Atlanta 30309, he said.

Among the refugees are an undetermined number of Baptists evacuated as a result of efforts by Southern Baptist missionaries, H. Earl Bengs Jr. and Gene V. Tunnell.

Bengs and Tunnell, already safely evacuated to Singapore, returned on April 24, just days before the surrender, and gave the

Alma Hunt To Go Overseas In Woman's Consultant Role

RICHMOND—Miss Alma Hunt will begin a one-year term overseas as special consultant on woman's work for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board on Aug. 15.

Miss Hunt responded to an invitation received from the board when they honored her at the October board meeting upon her retirement after 26 years as executive secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union.

"Miss Hunt is greatly beloved by missionaries and national Christians," Cauthen said. "Her visits to mission fields will bring much encouragement and help."

She will relate to field situations where conventions and missions (organizations of Southern Baptist missionaries) want her to strengthen woman's work especially in the area of missionary education.

Special attention will be given the role of women in missions during meetings between women missionaries and Miss Hunt.

As various missions request her assistance, she will work closely with the board's overseas division in coordinating her schedule and making necessary arrangements.

American embassy in Saigon a list of Baptist-related evacuees. The list included employees of the Baptist Mission, their families and other Vietnamese.

VN Baptists Among Refugees

Foreign Mission Board officials have contacted missionaries in Guam and the Philippines, where it is believed the refugees are located, to determine the number of and location of those included on the list and if all escaped.

Top executives of the Home and Foreign Mission Boards and their staffs conferred on April 29 in Lake Yale, Fla., about assisting refugees, during a national seminar on support of missions sponsored by the SBC's Stewardship Commission, Baptist leaders are keeping in touch with U.S. government offices to obtain full information concerning plans for aiding and resettling Vietnamese who arrive in this country. They will release information as available.

The Washington meeting convened largely through the efforts of the Baptist Committee of Metropolitan Washington for Refugee Relief, a group formed in mid-April to aid in resettlement of expected refugees from the Indochina war.

The committee's co-chairman, Harry Hearne, director of Christian social ministries for the D.C. Baptist Convention, and Allen Oliver, pastor of the Hillandale Baptist Church in Suburban Adelphi, Md., said their appeal for volunteers from area Baptist churches to assist refugees has drawn good response. (BP)

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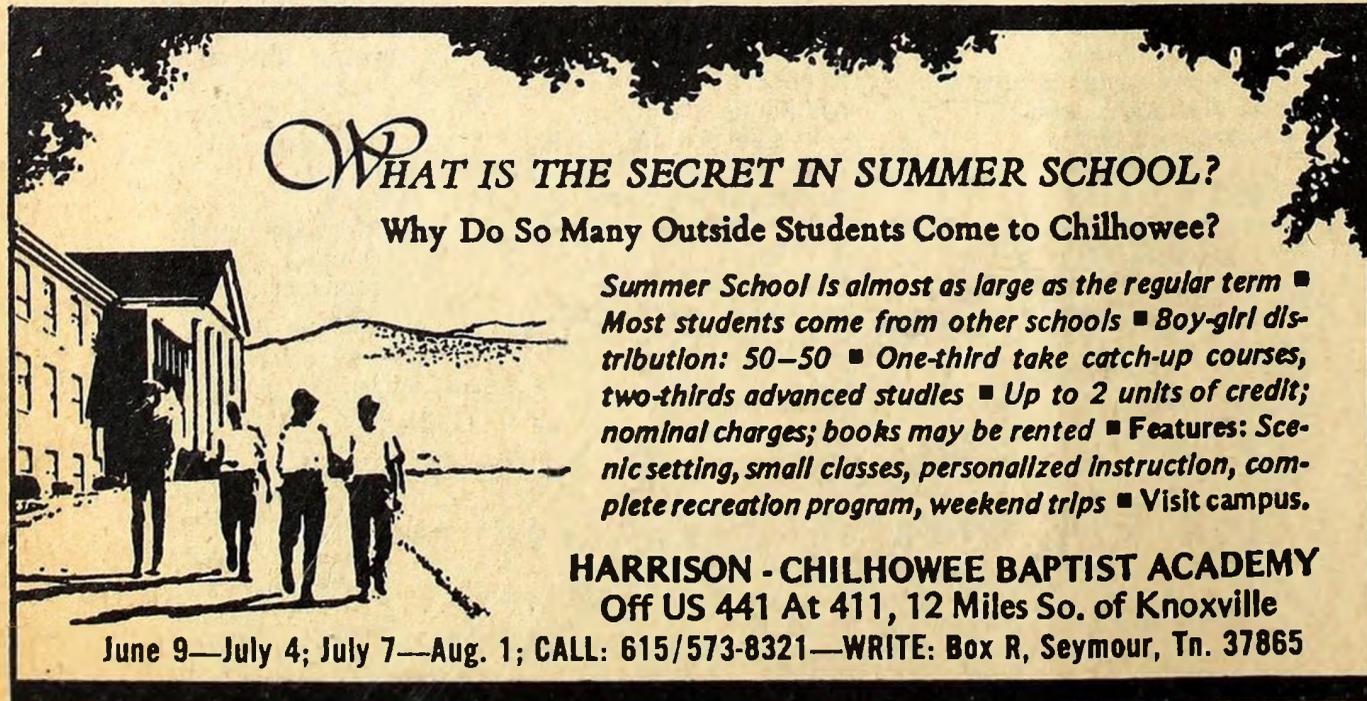
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Strong-Man Missionary Retires From Mexico

ATLANTA, Ga.—Strong-man, poet, evangelist, youth worker—these are just a few of the titles which have belonged to Southern Baptist representative Orvil W. Reid during his 36 years of work in Mexico.

He and his wife, Alma, have recently returned to the United States for retirement and will make their home here.

Reid was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1938 and at one time was the only Southern Baptist representative in Mexico.

Reid was widely known for his athletic abilities, and gave many exhibitions of his strength to win a hearing for his evangelistic ministry.

His feats included lying on his back and singing while a rock placed on his abdomen was broken with a sledgehammer, or while an automobile was driven over his abdomen. After such exhibits, he would speak on the benefits of clean living and then invite spectators to attend preaching services.

To prepare for these demonstrations, he would lift weights and jog as much as 22 miles without stopping.

"If you have more brawn than brain, you must use what you have," he once jokingly told his wife.

Reid served as a director and administrator for a student home for men and an administrator of a similar home for women in Guadalajara. Mrs. Reid concentrated on religious education work, primarily promoting Baptist women's work on the local church level for the national Woman's Missionary Union. She also taught English classes.

In 1964 the Reids took one of their few furloughs. They began it with a 20-week tour of 25 European and Middle Eastern countries where he spoke in churches, schools, assemblies and military camps.

They began saving for this trip six years earlier when their teen-aged daughter, Anita, said that someday she would like to go to many countries to tell about Jesus. Anita died of a brain tumor in 1960, but the Reids continued their plans to carry out her wish.

Reid was born in a log cabin near Stigler,

Okla. He worked his way through Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, where he received the bachelor of arts degree and then studied at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., and the National University of Mexico City, where he attended language classes.

Mrs. Reid, the former Alma Ervin, is a native of Nashville, Tenn. Before her marriage she was an editorial assistant for **The Sunday School Builder**, a monthly magazine of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, headquartered in Nashville.

Golden Gate Seminary Elects Evangelism Professor

A former missionary and present pastor, G. William Schweer, has been elected the first evangelism professor at Golden Gate Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, Calif., according to a recent announcement.

Pastor of First Church, Palatine, Ill., since 1971, Schweer was elected during the meeting of the trustees of the seminary. This stepped up emphasis on evangelism comes as a prelude to the Chair of Evangelism which is in the process of being endowed through gifts by friends of the seminary.

Born in Independence, Mo., he is a graduate of the University of Missouri and holds the B.D., Th.M., and Th.D. degrees from Central Baptist Seminary in Kansas City, Mo. He was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1959 as professor in the Theological Baptist Seminary at Semarang, Java, Indonesia, where he served until 1971.

Schweer said that his first goal in the new position will be to formulate a solid core of basic instruction, followed by the gradual development of a full range of course offerings.

He begins in the position May 15.

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"For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith" (Gal. 5:5).

Tennessee Students To Conduct VBS

Nine Tennessee college students will serve associations in the state this summer conducting Vacation Bible Schools, according to Wendell Price, state Sunday School director.

The Students spent some 14 hours at Brentwood in training recently, gathering materials to use and accepting assignments. The effort is sponsored by the Sunday School Department.

The list of students and assignments includes: Denise Judd, Tennessee Tech University, Big Emory Association for five weeks; Chris Ward, Union University, Indian Creek Association, 10 weeks; Larry Lowe, Tennessee Tech, Duck River Association for 10 weeks; Dwayne Martin, Tennessee Tech, Cumberland Gap Association for five weeks; Donna Brew, Belmont College, Alpha Association for five weeks and Hardeman Association for five weeks; Becky Crocker, Union University, Shiloh Association for five weeks; and Cindy Bishop, Carson-Newman College, Shiloh Association for five weeks; Marie Morton, Union University, Riverside Association for 10 weeks; and Teresa Brower, University of Tennessee at Knoxville, Stewart Association for five weeks.

The associational missionary plans the work, places students in homes, and solicits churches to assist. The Sunday School Department selects the students, trains them, assigns them to the association, and pays expenses and salary.

In 1974, 10 students conducted 50 Vacation Bible Schools enrolling 2546 students in 10 associations.

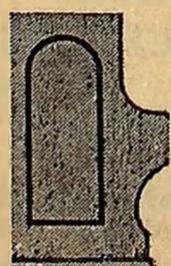
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New Sensitivities In The Home

By Dr. W. R. White
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Basic Passage: Ephesians 5:21 to 6:9
Focal Passage: Ephesians 5:21 to 6:4

The new birth changes everything. It brings into existence a new creation in Christ. It imparts a new sensitivity in home life. The sensitivity may be nurtured and heightened.

Proper feelings will exist among members of the family. Love, respect, esteem, reverence and responsiveness can be deepened and intensified.

All of the above sensitivities can be disturbed and perverted into wrong reactions. They can be suppressed and made dormant. Their proper function can be nullified.

With all these sensitivities operating soundly in the home, the home life can be harmonious and happy.

Husband And Wife Relationship Ephesians 5:20-33

There is a sense in which each member of the family is to submit to the others. There are areas in which the wife should give preference to her husband. There are other areas in which the husband should give preference to his wife. There is an overall leadership authority which the husband should exercise. Two equal, top authorities constitute an impossibility and a contradiction.

The husband is to love his wife as himself. He is to be considerately sensitive to his wife's whole being. She is to have an appreciation and respect for him that she has for herself. They are to be as one flesh.

The criteria for husband and wife is found in the relationship between Christ and the church.

Parent And Child Relationship Ephesians 6:1-4

Immaturity maturing under the guidance of maturity is the process in the parent-child pathway. Even animals will pass on to their young their knowledge and heritage, else

the young would never learn to survive without their parents. Implicit obedience is so essential for such a period.

Courteous respect coming from the heart is the attitude for children to have toward their parents. Parents are not to be overbearing and insensitive to the feelings of their children. To provoke an attitude of rebellion and cynicism in children is to be diligently avoided. A relationship of mutual warmth should ever exist between parents and children. Developing capacity for self reliance should be recognized and respected by parents.

Meaningful exposure to wholesome communication of divine truth in an atmosphere created by parental congeniality and conviction concerning God is the marvelous life in Christ. To bring up a child in the nurture of the presence of God and make pertinent the admonition of the Lord is the hallowed privilege of every father and mother. Nurture means "discipline" or education. That is, Christian education in the home. This is further emphasized by "admonition", or instruction. Much of the Christian education in the home is caught as well as taught. The parents' behavior is potent.

OBSERVATION: In the passage dealing with the analogy of the relationship of Christ and His church, there is a passage that needs further treatment. It is Chapter 5, verses 25-27.

Christ loved His church, not only to the extent of dying for it but that He might purify it into a glorious church. The word of God is referred to as having cleansing functions. The Holy Spirit is often referred to as "water". The word is the sword of the Spirit and also the cleansing element used by the Holy Spirit. That is what is meant by the "washing of water by the word."

A husband's love and devotion to his wife should have a wholesome effect on her character.

New Phone Number For Tennessee Baptists

The Tennessee Baptist Convention has a new phone number. The new number is 373-2255. Area Code is 615. This number serves all the offices at the Executive Board Building, Tennessee Baptist Convention, Brentwood.

Missionaries, pastors and others, please make this change on your records.

Hyran E. Barefoot Named Academic Dean At Union

Hyran E. Barefoot, chairman, Division of Humanities at Union University, has been named the new academic dean for the Baptist college. He will be replacing Wayne Brown, newly elected executive director, Tennessee Higher Education Commission.



Barefoot

Barefoot, teaching religion at Union since 1957, has also served as pastor, Woodland Church, Brownsville, for over 12 years. He will assume his new responsibilities June 1.

"We are happy to have a man of this caliber fill this position," said Robert E. Craig, Union president. "In our search for a new academic dean it was evident that Dr. Barefoot has the support of all segments of the college, including faculty, administration, students and trustees."

Barefoot, graduate of Mississippi College, holds the bachelor of divinity and doctor of theology degrees from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He has also accomplished post doctoral studies at the University of New Mexico; University of St. Andrews, Scotland; and the Baptist Theological Seminary, Ruschlikon, Switzerland.

In other action of the executive committee of the trustees which named Barefoot, Mrs. Beverly K. Hearn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Kee, Jackson, and 1974 graduate of Union, was elected as assistant librarian. She is now working on her master of library science degree at Peabody College, Nashville, and will begin her work with Union in the fall.

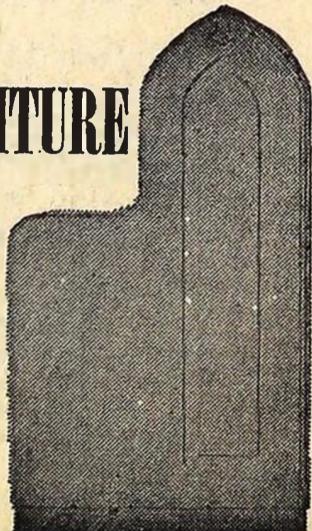
The trustees also named Art Murphy as an admissions counselor. Murphy, a graduating senior and member of the Bulldog Varsity basketball team, will begin work June 1.

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Day-Care Toddler Needs Special Notice From Parents At Day's End

The "Children's Hour" should receive top priority when working parents and day-care child are reunited at the end of the day, says popular pediatrician T. Berry Brazelton of Harvard Medical School.



Edens

The way home from work may be paved with good intentions, but once there it is hard for parents to resist their natural urge to share the events of their working day with each other over a relaxing cup of coffee or to plunge into preparations for dinner and

the evening ahead. Unfortunately, this often casts the child in the role of outsider, scavenging for crumbs of parental attention.

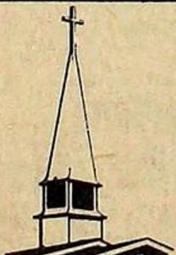
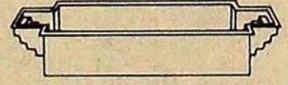
When day-care children come home, they need a concentrated commitment of their parents' time and attention right away, Dr. Brazelton stresses in his forthcoming book, **Toddlers and Parents** (Delacorte Press).

They shouldn't have to show an adult's patience while waiting for the grownups to unwind or get a grip on household routines, reminds the specialist. They've had a full and tiring day away on their own and "need to be fed, cuddled and even treated like a baby. The child needs to be thought of first—his or her hunger, fatigue, whims—need the parents' first attention."

Young children have to feel that they have a primary place in their parents' lives, and even babies and toddlers know when their parents have become too involved in their own lives, warns Brazelton.

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FROM THE FILES

50 YEARS AGO

O. E. Bryan, editor, wrote, "It is with great pleasure that the acting editor of the **Baptist And Reflector** turns over the pen to Dr. John D. Freeman, the newly elected editor." Freeman was to begin writing the editorials with the following issue.

H. M. Herron resigned as pastor at Jacksboro, Tenn., to accept the call to serve as pastor at Irvine, Ky. He served at Jacksboro nearly four years.

20 YEARS AGO

The Union University Choir of 43 selected voices under the direction of John Hughes, was scheduled to sing at the opening session of the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami, Fla. Hughes, head of the Music Department, was a graduate of the Juilliard School of Music in New York City.

Ex-President Harry Truman worshipped at Newport First Church one Sunday morning. He was in Newport in connection with the Ramp Festival. Lowell Milburn, pastor, greeted the distinguished guest.

10 YEARS AGO

Antioch Church, Gibson County Association, held groundbreaking services for its new \$90,000 auditorium. The building was to seat 485 using the balcony. Walter M. Martin was in his 17th year as pastor.

Malcolm B. Knight was to speak to 262 seniors graduating from Carson-Newman College during the spring commencement. It was the largest graduating class in the school's history.

From the Executive Secretary

By Ralph Norton



Norton

In connection with the 50th Anniversary of the adoption of the Co-operative Program, Tennessee Royal Ambassadors will be playing an exciting role as they participate in a torch run from Memphis to the Tennessee-Alabama line. Scheduled to leave Memphis on May 13, following a prayer breakfast, they plan to

arrive in Nashville in time for a rally on Thursday evening, May 15, at the Belmont Heights Baptist Church. This is one of seven to be held between Memphis and Miami from May 13 to June 10, arriving there for the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention.

As these approximately 800 Royal Ambassadors combine their efforts and strength to carry this torch from Memphis to Nashville, may their act remind all of us that the Co-operative Program from its beginning has been a combined, voluntary effort on the part of Southern Baptists to expand and emphasize mission support. It has continued to grow and gain momentum during these fifty years, serving as the life-line for mission causes at home and around the world.

To our Tennessee RA's we express appreciation for this exhibition of their interest in celebrating this significant anniversary. Although this is being written several days prior to the event, on the day you receive this issue of the **Baptist And Reflector** these boys will be completing this run and many of us will be preparing to attend the rally. Rejoice with us on this day of recognizing the effectiveness of our Co-operative Program.

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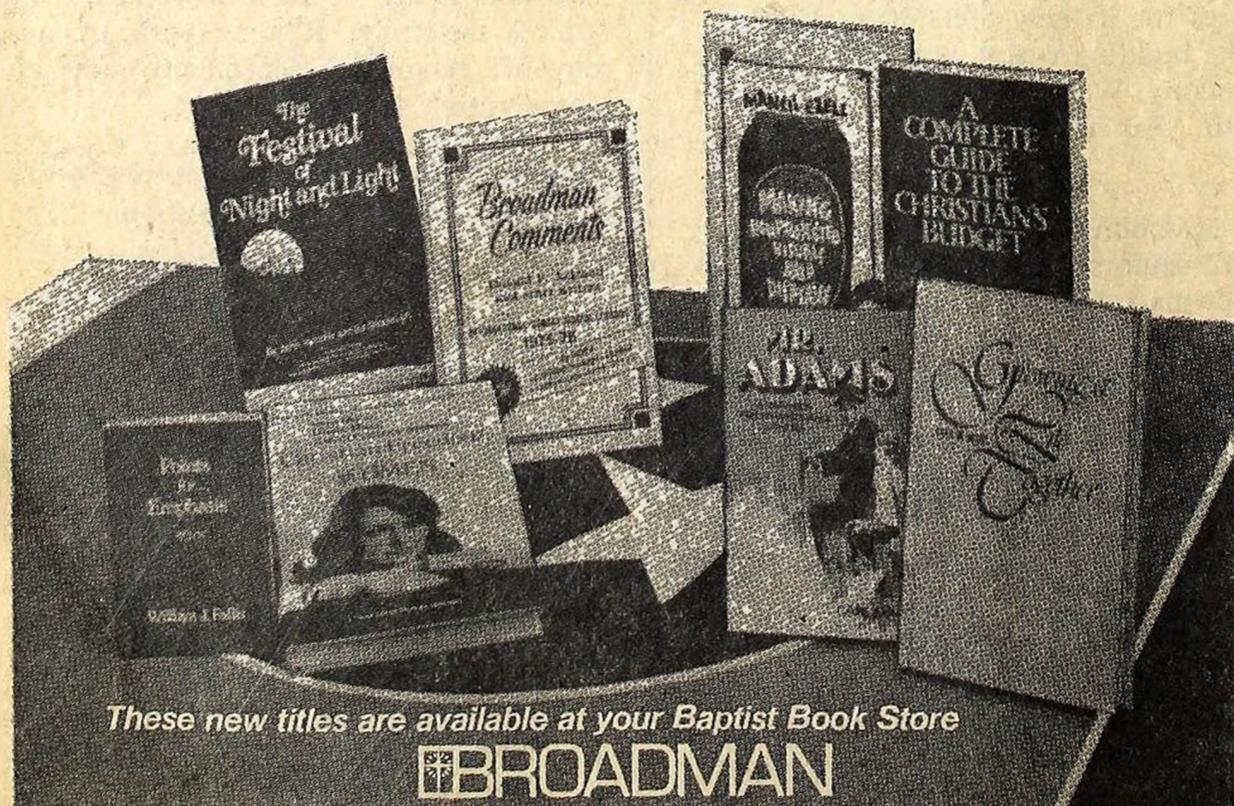
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Barton Barrett's Song Will Never End

By **Jonas L. Stewart**
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Barton Barrett was an evangelistic singer. He and two companions in the Lord's work were killed in a plane crash in Nashville as they were returning from Atlanta on Nov. 27, 1972.

Powell's Chapel Baptist Church, Barrett's home church, decided that his song should never end. They set up a perpetual music scholarship trust fund with the Tennessee Baptist Foundation. Income from this fund provides scholarships for music students who attend Belmont College. Thus, Barton Barrett will sing through the voice of many others for all ages to come.

Barton Barrett Day will be observed by the Powell's Chapel Church on Sunday, May 18. The annual memorial trust fund offering will be received at the morning worship hour. All money received will be added to the existing fund.

This is a worthy way to continue the ministry of those who have served our Lord and are no longer with us. For information about establishing a memorial trust to continue the testimony of your loved one write: Tennessee Baptist Foundation, Dr. Jonas L. Stewart, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, P.O. Box 347, Brentwood, Tennessee 37027.

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