

Baptist And Reflector

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Executive Board Pays Tribute to Gene Kerr

Gene Kerr, executive director of the Tennessee Baptist Service Corp., was honored by the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention at a luncheon following the board's meeting last week in Brentwood.

Kerr served 20 years on the staff of the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention before accepting the position of executive director of the TBSC in January of this year. He came to the board in 1954 and has served as business manager, administrative assistant in charge of promotion, and was assistant to the executive secretary since 1965. A new institution, the Tennessee Baptist Service Corp. was established by action of the 1974 convention.

During the luncheon, Kerr received a silver tray and gift from the Executive Board. Paying tribute to him were: George Capps, president of the Executive Board;

Heart Attack Fatal To Pastor Ruble Price

Ruble J. Price, Rogersville, pastor of Henard's Chapel Missionary Church, Holston Valley Association, died recently following a heart attack. He was 41.

He had served as pastor of churches in Mulberry Gap and Holston Valley Associations and was an active Mason.

Funeral services were held at Henard's Chapel with Hubert Bunch and Kenny Cole officiating. Burial was in Hawkins County Memorial Gardens.

Surviving are his widow, Mary Harris Price, Rogersville; two sons, Sammy, Morristown, and Jimmy of the home; a daughter Glenda Kaye of the home; parents Mr. and Mrs. Sam Price, Morristown; and three sisters.

Belmont Receives Texaco Grant

Belmont College has been selected as one of the independent colleges in the United States to receive unrestricted grants under the Aid to Education Program of Texaco Inc., Herbert C. Gabhart, Belmont president, has announced.

The grant of \$2000 awarded for 1975 is the third such gift to be awarded to Belmont College by Texaco.

Belmont College is one of the many colleges and universities included in Texaco's program of educational support.

Tom Madden, a member of the Board and chairman of the Board of Directors of the TBSC; John Churchman, vice-president of the Executive Board; and O. M. Dangeau, chairman of the Administrative Committee of the Executive Board.

Morrisetts Chapel Pastor, George Henard, Dies

George Etter Henard, 74, pastor of Morrisetts Chapel Church in Holston Valley Association, died recently of an apparent heart attack.

Ordained a Baptist minister in 1939, he served pastorates in the Mulberry Gap and Holston Valley Association until his death.

Funeral services were held at the Colboch-Price Funeral Home Chapel near Camelot, and burial was in Highland Cemetery.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Martha Carpenter Henard and a sister, Mrs. Minnie Brooks, both of Camelot.

'Baptist And Reflector' Receives New Budgets

Two Tennessee Baptist Churches have placed the **Baptist And Reflector** in their budgets this month.

The associations, churches and pastors are:

Madison-Chester Association, **Calvary Church**, Paul B. Clark;

Nashville Association, **Riverside Church**, David W. Renaker.

Three additional Tennessee Baptist Churches are receiving the **Baptist And Reflector** through the Trial Plan.

The associations, churches and pastors are:

Big Hatchie Association, **Olive Branch Church**, Larry W. Corder;

Shelby Association, **Richland Church**, Harvey Tingle;

Hardeman Association, **Piney Grove Church**, William T. Jacobs.

WMU And Pastors Extend Joint Invitation



James Pleitz, president of the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference, and Mrs. R. L. Mathis, president of Woman's Missionary Union, will share the gavel when the two organizations hold a joint session Sunday evening, June 8, in Miami Beach Convention Center South Hall. The two organizations will be commissioning new foreign missionaries and will hear an address by Reubin Askew, governor of Florida. WMU and the Pastors' Conference will hold separate sessions Monday, WMU meeting in the South Hall while pastors are in the North Hall.

Exhortation To The Flock

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Ye, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble."
—1 Peter 5:5

Some interpreters see here younger people as set over against older people. But it seems more natural to see the "younger ones" as the flock which the "elders" (plural in Greek) are to tend. They should be good followers of their leaders as sheep follow the shepherd.

"Submit" is an aorist passive imperative. They are to be submissive. The Greek verb was a military term describing soldiers lined up in order under their commander. In this case the elder is the commander, the people are the troops. Followship as well as leadership is necessary in church work. There should be cooperation also among the people (subject one to another).

They are to be clothed with humility. "Be clothed" renders a verb related to a knot as the knot in a girdle. A noun form of this verb referred to a slave's apron. The middle (reflexive) voice means they are to do this to themselves. Humility is voluntary, not coerced. "God resisteth the proud, and give

the grace to the humble" is a reference to Proverbs 3:34 (see James 4:6).

A. T. Robertson sees Peter in verse 6 as "in the role of a preacher of humility." This is quite a contrast to his former pride and self-sufficiency (Luke 22:31-34). He had learned his lesson and by God's grace learned humility. What Peter had done, others could do. So he spoke out of experience. Also in the slave's apron one may see Peter's remembrance of Jesus rinsing His disciples' feet (John 13).

So in humility Christians should follow their leaders (pastoral or otherwise), co-operating for the good of all and of the Lord's work, and with the assurance that in the proper time God will exalt them (v. 6). This can be done only by God's grace and a full surrender to His will.

If one has problems of anxiety he should cast them upon the Lord. For our problems are a concern to Him also (v. 7).

Devotional

Unable To Talk

By Annie Ward Byrd

"It's a pity when people can't talk to each other!" With these words, spoken in Korean, Mrs. Kim greeted the missionary when she returned to her apartment.



Byrd

Mrs. Kim, who knew two English words, and I, who knew not one word of the Korean language, had been left alone while my missionary hostess, Lucy Wagner, attended an important Saturday morning committee meeting to plan a forthcoming Woman's Missionary Union convention. Lucy

had explained to her twice-a-week helper, whom I had previously met, that she would not be at home when Mrs. Kim arrived and that she was to "take care of me."

All the way on her long bus ride across Seoul, Mrs. Kim had practiced her English—"Good morning!"—in order to greet me when I unlocked the door for her. But in the excitement of being hostess to a strange American, she forgot her newly acquired vocabulary.

Being a happy, vivacious Christian, Mrs. Kim felt genuine frustration at not being able to talk with me. Hence, her first remark to Lucy, "It's a pity when people can't talk to each other!" It is true that we had not been able to speak each other's language, but we had communicated by smiling and bowing.

I have thought many times since that experience what a pity it is that people who do speak the same language often are not able really to talk to each other. Unresolved problems, jealousy, and bitterness can create more serious communication barriers than language differences. And barriers between people automatically create a barrier between a person and God.

That is why Paul advised, "Get rid of all bitterness, passion, and anger. No more shouting or insults! No more hateful feelings of any sort! Instead, be kind and tender-hearted to one another, and forgive one another, as God has forgiven you in Christ" (Eph. 4:31-32, TEV).

Note: Miss Byrd retired from the Baptist Sunday School Board in 1972 where she was editorial coordinator for Church Services and Materials Division. She teaches an adult Sunday school class at First Baptist Church, Nashville.

Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

Being specific is a must if we are to right the spiritual wrongs of our day.

Instead of labeling sin as "sin", some avoid the issue by calling it "unethical behaviour."

It brings to mind the verbose professor who was trying to tell a man that he had a flat tire on his car.

Professor: "Your pneumatic contrivance has ceased to function."

Motorist: "Er—what?"

Professor: "I say, your tubular air container has lost its rotundity."

Motorist: "I don't understand."

Professor: "The elastic fabric surrounding the circular frame whose successive revolutions bear you onward has not retained its roundness."

At this point, a small boy, standing on the curb, said, "Aw Mister, you got a flat tire!"

The lesson is obvious: If we are going to be on our way in the Christian life, we must know exactly what the trouble is, make the necessary repairs, and move on down the road.



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The Genesis Of Group Giving

By James L. Sullivan

Baptists by tradition has reserved the right to designate their gifts to and through the churches. This is right. By this means the donor can be sure that his gifts will not be used for something violating his conscience, or promoting something to which he is opposed. With our priesthood of the believer concepts as Baptist people it could be no other way. This practice is correct and should be preserved.

At the same time, there is a better way to carry out group support of church projects through group participation than by each designating his gifts. The right to designate, like all rights, can be abused also.

It stands to reason that if one hundred members of a church congregation all designated their gifts to each cause in which he had personal interest, the bookkeeping processes would bog down under the sheer details of impossible record keeping. Too, the giving would tend to be based more on emotions than needs, and on heart appeal rather than the cost of operating individual

causes involved. For instance, children's homes have more emotional appeal and would tend to get much more money than Baptist colleges, when colleges are more expensive to construct and maintain.

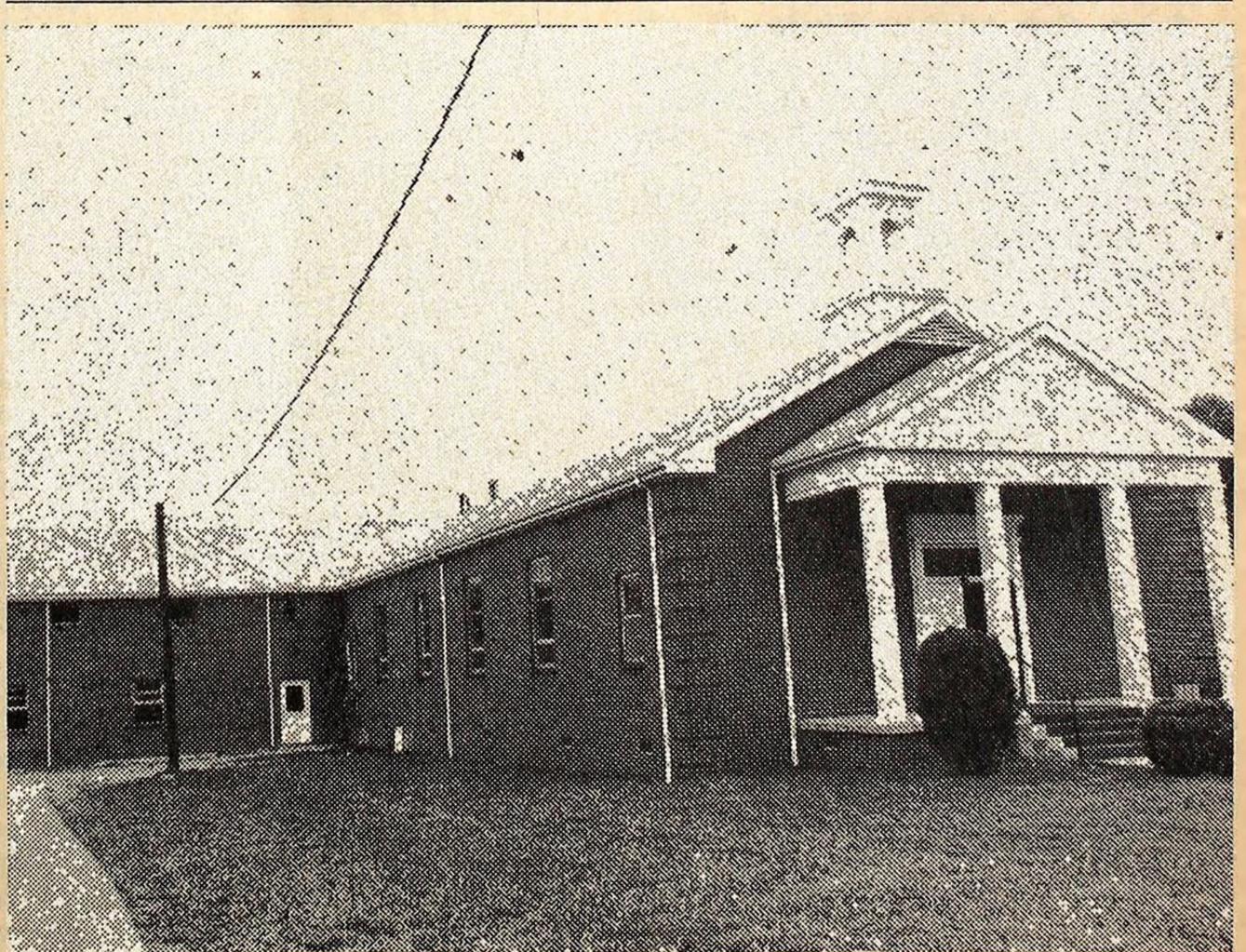
Logic would say that giving would come out at essentially the same place, with perhaps a little more intelligent giving, if the one hundred people of the local church congregation would meet in advance in a business meeting and decide together ahead of time how their individual contributions would be divided. Some would champion one cause as their favorite. Others would speak for other causes. In the end all causes would have their merits presented. On the basis of the presentations, the group could decide in advance on the most satisfactory way to share the funds to support the worthy causes involved. Such planning would come out at essentially the same place as far as dollars and cents are concerned. It would be much more economical to promote. It would be simple to record.

This is the theory behind a church's unified budget. It is also the rationale behind the Cooperative Program. It is the logic behind our group giving as we practice it. We tend to take the system of unified church budgets for granted today, forgetting the difficulties our fathers faced before it was developed. Indeed some of us can remember when perforated envelopes were used so that each individual could designate how he wanted his money to go Sunday by Sunday as he gave through use of the church's offering plate.

The way of pure designation may magnify the importance of the giver, but it is expensive and difficult. It is a bunglesome way of record keeping and denominational financing. Giving on an undesignated basis into a unified budget magnifies the church instead of the individual giver and declares the confidence of the donor in the sincerity and commitment of the congregation of which he is a part.

When our various Baptist conventions meet in annual session to discuss budgets after intensive study and analysis by a previously selected small committee in advance, his decisions are far more apt to be valid and balanced. Recommendations are made on the basis of the causes involved and the cost of their operation. Percentages are agreed on to meet the needs of everyone insofar as contributions can meet those needs. Not only is there a better balance in giving, but the record keeping is simplified. All the worthy causes of the church are involved as one participates in undesignated giving to his church Sunday by Sunday.

Many of us have found that the best system is to tithe Sunday by Sunday through the church budget on an undesignated basis, and to designate individual gifts given over and above the tithe. When the Bible refers to tithes **and** offerings, it perhaps had such a plan in mind. Anyway, it is a good and proven practice, worthy in its goals, simple in its operation, and rewarding to the faithful stewards who have found giving a joy and yet want each gift to be worthily used for in a maximum way for God's glory.



First Church, Estill Springs, dedicated an all-new fellowship hall and recreation center recently, according to pastor Harlin Loggins. The facility, at left and at the back of the sanctuary, was built at a cost of approximately \$25,000. The sanctuary was built in 1962. The church's building committee is comprised of: C. E. Vincent, chairman; Richard Davis; and Verna Luthi.

Note: This is the last in a series of six articles prepared by Sullivan at the request of the Southern Baptist Press Association. Sullivan is the immediate past president of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Executive Board Holds Meet May 13, In Brentwood

Tennessee Baptists' Executive Board met May 13 in Brentwood and approved a request from Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis to revise their charter so as to use the term "Baptist Memorial Hospitals" (plural) to include the new satellite hospital soon to be under construction. They also heard reports from Ralph Norton, executive secretary-treasurer. He reported that as of May 12, Tennessee Baptists had given \$4,443,785 to the Cooperative Program.

A goal of \$1,750,000 for the 1975 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions was adopted and a tentative goal of \$1,850,000 was set for 1976. The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering goal for 1976 was set at \$675,000, and a tentative goal of \$750,000 for 1977. The 1975 Golden State Missions Offering goal was voted with the last \$5,000 to go to United Tennessee League, Inc. and all receipts in excess of the goal to go to the capital expansion fund for camps. See page 12 for the recommended 1975 Golden State Missions offering allocations. Also a tentative goal of \$275,000 was projected for 1976.

The following recommendations from the State Missions Committee to the Executive Board in agreement with Tennessee Woman's Missionary Union were adopted.

A. Golden State Missions Offering

1. That the Golden State Missions Offering become a cooperative Woman's Missionary Union and Tennessee Baptist Convention offering.
2. That a five-member committee from the State Missions Committee of the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention and a five-member committee from the Executive Board of Woman's Missionary Union be formed as the Allocations Committee of the Golden State Missions Offering. The chairman of the State Missions Committee and president of Woman's Missionary Union will serve on the committee each year and will alternate as chairman. In the year that he or she serves as chairman, one additional member shall be appointed from the respective committee or board.
3. That the allocations be approved by the Executive Board of Woman's Missionary Union and the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.
4. That any difference of the two groups be reconciled by the Allocations Committee.
5. That the Executive Board of Woman's Missionary Union be responsible for the handling of the allocations involving their projects and the State Missions Committee of the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention be re-

sponsible for handling state missions projects.

6. That any overage of the Golden State Missions Offering be allocated by the Allocations Committee.
7. That Woman's Missionary Union be responsible for the promotion of the Golden State Missions Offering.

B. Budget Policy and Procedure for Woman's Missionary Union

1. That the following budget policy and procedure for Woman's Missionary Union be adopted:
 - (1) Woman's Missionary Union Executive Board shall have the responsibility for preparing the budget for Woman's Missionary Union.
 - (2) The request for Cooperative Program funds shall be through the State Missions Committee of the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.
 - (3) Woman's Missionary Union shall request a total budget amount. A detailed itemized budget shall not be required. NOTE: This is the current procedure for Children's Homes, schools, etc.
 - (4) The expenditure of all Cooperative Program funds shall be in keeping with the financial policies of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.
 - (5) The responsibility for liaison with Woman's Missionary Union regarding programs funded with Cooperative Program funds shall rest with the State Missions Committee.
 - (6) Woman's Missionary Union employees' salaries, benefits, holidays, etc., shall be commensurate with those of the Tennessee Baptist Convention Executive Board for other Tennessee Baptist Convention Executive Board departments. NOTE: This is the present policy.
2. The State Missions Committee recommends that the executive secretary be authorized to implement the above policies.

A recommendation came from the Public Affairs and Christian Life Committee suggesting in view of world needs as related to poverty, that the local churches and associations be encouraged to participate and send funds for this purpose to the Tennessee Baptist Convention designated for World Relief through the Foreign Mission Board.

Recommendations coming from the Tennessee Baptist Program Committee included three changes in regard to the Financial Policy Manual. First, that Section VII, No. 2 of the Financial Policy Manual entitled

"Special Solicitations and Campaigns for Funds: for approval of the Executive Board for recommendation to the Tennessee Baptist Convention be enlarged to read as follows:

"2. Requests from institutions and agencies for conducting a campaign shall be in the hands of the appropriate Executive Board committee THIRTY DAYS prior to consideration for approval and later recommendation to the Executive Board. Requests shall be in accordance with the following guidelines:

"(1) Present the purpose and objective of the campaign.

"(2) Estimate the cost of the campaign.

"(3) Give the beginning and concluding dates of the campaign.

"(4) Denote the time period for the churches to fulfill their pledges.

"(5) State who will promote the campaign—the institution or a fund-raising organization.

"(6) Name the geographical area involved in the campaign.

"(7) List the expected donors in the campaign:

a. Baptists within the area of the institution or agency.

b. Baptists of the entire state.

c. Secular support.

"(8) Summarize the results of previous campaigns."

Second it was voted that a new Item 3 be inserted and the present Items 3, 4, and 5 become 4, 5, and 6. The new Item 3 reads: "Requests for the dates of special campaigns shall be cleared through the Administrative Committee for the purpose of avoiding calendar conflicts."

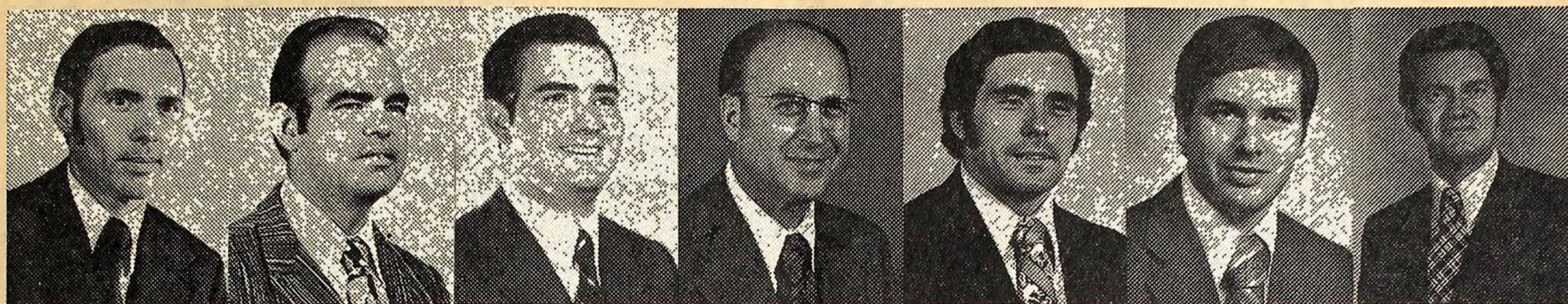
Included in the Tennessee Baptist Program Committee's recommendations was a Revision of Section III entitled, The Budget Making Process No. 8. It deals with the report of the Executive Secretary-Treasurer presenting the budget to the Convention on the first day of the Convention for discussion and now it shall be placed on the agenda for further consideration and adoption the following day. Previously the budget was presented on the first day without discussion and was placed on the agenda for discussion and adoption the following day. It remains that the budget cannot be adopted on the final day of the convention.

Last item on the Board's agenda was the adoption of the report of the Reorganization Study Committee (Special Committee). The new Tennessee Baptist Convention Chart, as proposed, is shown on page 13.

The next meeting of the Executive Board is scheduled for September 23.

Following the meeting a luncheon was held in the dining room of the Executive Board Building honoring Gene Kerr for his 20 years on the staff of the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. Kerr recently became executive director of the new Tennessee Baptist Service Corporation.

Seven Tennessee Students Graduate From Southeastern Seminary



Perkins

Cooper

Bolton

Palmer

Altom

Simpson

Burns

Seven Tennessee students were among the 185 persons who received degrees or certificates in commencement exercises May 10 at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Robert J. Burns of Etowah, William L. Palmer of Morristown, and James H. Simp-

son, III of Memphis, received the Doctor of Ministry degree.

Kenneth K. Altom Jr. of Knoxville received the Master of Theology degree.

J. Steven Bolton of Knoxville and Ray E. Cooper of Jacksboro, received the Master of Divinity degree.

John R. Perkins of Johnson City received the Certificate in Theology.

Southeastern was established in 1951 by the Southern Baptist Convention and has now granted degrees and certificates to 3,024 persons in its 24 years.

Curriculum, Article Writing Focus of Writers' Workshop

NASHVILLE—A Writers Workshop, designed to offer practical training in curriculum and article writing, will be conducted at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, June 23-27, according to Eugene Chamberlain, manuscript analyst at the board.

"Participants will receive training in actual writing under direction and criticism," says Chamberlain. "They will be exposed to curriculum writing, article writing and other basic writing techniques. Each participant will work to develop skills in one or more of these selected areas."

According to Chamberlain, participants should be persons who desire to develop skills in writing articles for church-related publications, or in doing curriculum writing for the board.

"In essence, the workshop is for any dedicated Christian who feels he has the potential of expressing his faith effectively through the printed word," he adds. "The workshop will have special value for persons who now have board assignments but who are relatively inexperienced in the writing ministry. Aspiring writers in the field of articles, whether free-lance or assigned, will benefit from the workshops."

Attendance is not limited to Baptists, although non-Baptists are not given curriculum writing assignments for board publications. However, articles by evangelical Christians of various denominations may be used by the board.

Melvin E. Lorentzen, associate professor of English at Wheaton (Ill.) College, will be the main lecturer and consultant. Lorentzen

has written youth and adult curriculum materials for 15 years. Since 1963, he has conducted annual summer retreats for writers as well as many small groups in the Chicago, Ill., area.

Members of the board's editorial staff will discuss writing for curriculum periodicals and the types of manuscripts needed by the board.

The workshop is limited to 40 persons; registration must be made in advance. The \$20 registration fee, which includes materials and two luncheons, should accompany registration. If cancellation is made two weeks before the workshop, the fee will be returned. Participants should make their own lodging reservation; hotel information will be sent with confirmation of registration. For information concerning registration contact Eugene Chamberlain, 127 Ninth Ave., North, Nashville, Tenn., 37234.

Belmont Ends Season 31-8, Ranked 10th

Belmont College ended its baseball season last week with a 31-8 record and a number 10 ranking in the NAIA, following two defeats in the District 24 tournament played in Nashville.

Belmont's Rebels were defeated 10-0 by Kentucky State in the opening game and 7-0 by David Lipscomb in the final game. They had previously captured the Volunteer State Athletic Conference Tournament title by defeating Christian Brothers College 3-2 for their first VSAC title in history.

Personal Planning Seminar June 23-26 In Nashville

NASHVILLE—A "Personal Planning Seminar," sponsored by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's church administration department, will be held here June 23-26 in the board's Church Program Training Center.

Designed for pastors, the seminar will be conducted by Walter Bennett, pastoral ministries consultant at the board and author of the "Pastor's Planner."

The four-day seminar offers pastors an opportunity to effectively plan their work for 1975-76. According to Howard B. Foshee, secretary of the church administration department at the board, the conferences will help pastors learn how to choose their priorities, discover their gifts for pastoring, develop new leadership skills, and develop a schedule for carrying out their plans.

"The seminar is being conducted in the summer so pastors may bring their families to enjoy vacation opportunities in the Nashville area," adds Foshee. "Opryland, the Grand Ole Opry, Hermitage, Parthenon, Country Music Hall of Fame, and many other attractive opportunities are available to Nashville visitors. The schedule will allow participants time to spend with their families visiting interesting sites in Nashville."

The \$20 registration fee, along with the pastor's name and address, should be sent to the Church Program Training Center, 127 Ninth Ave., North, Nashville, Tenn., 37234.

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New Staffer, 11 Mission Personnel Named By Board

ATLANTA—A new staff member, four missionaries and seven missionary associates were appointed at the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's directors meeting here.

The missionaries and associates will serve in five states in language missions, Christian social ministries, cooperative ministries with National Baptists and in directing associational missions.

James N. Lewis Jr., was named assistant director of the department of language missions, effective June 13.

A native of Porterdale, Ga., Lewis has been a missionary associate of the Home Mission Board since 1973, directing work with internationals for the Baptist Convention of Maryland.

He is a graduate of Vanderbilt University, Nashville, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, where he earned master of divinity and doctor of theology degrees.

He served churches in Nashville and Louisville as minister of youth and was pastor of North Fork Baptist Church, Frankfort, Ky., from 1967-73.

Missionaries appointed were Robert and Janet Allensworth of Richmond, Va., to work at Community House, a Baptist neighborhood center in Roanoke, Va.; and William and Lucille May Campbell of Nashville, Tenn., who will direct cooperative missions ministries with National Baptists in the Nashville, Tenn., area for the Home Mission Board's department of cooperative ministries with National Baptists.

Allensworth, currently associate pastor of Pine Street Baptist Church, Richmond, is a native of Fredericksburg, Va. He is a graduate of the University of Richmond and has a master's degree from the Presbyterian School of Christian Education, Richmond. Mrs. Allensworth is a graduate of Westhampton College of the University of Richmond.

Campbell is a native of Delaware and is a graduate of Scarritt College and American Baptist Seminary. Mrs. Campbell attended Franklin University and American Baptist Seminary.

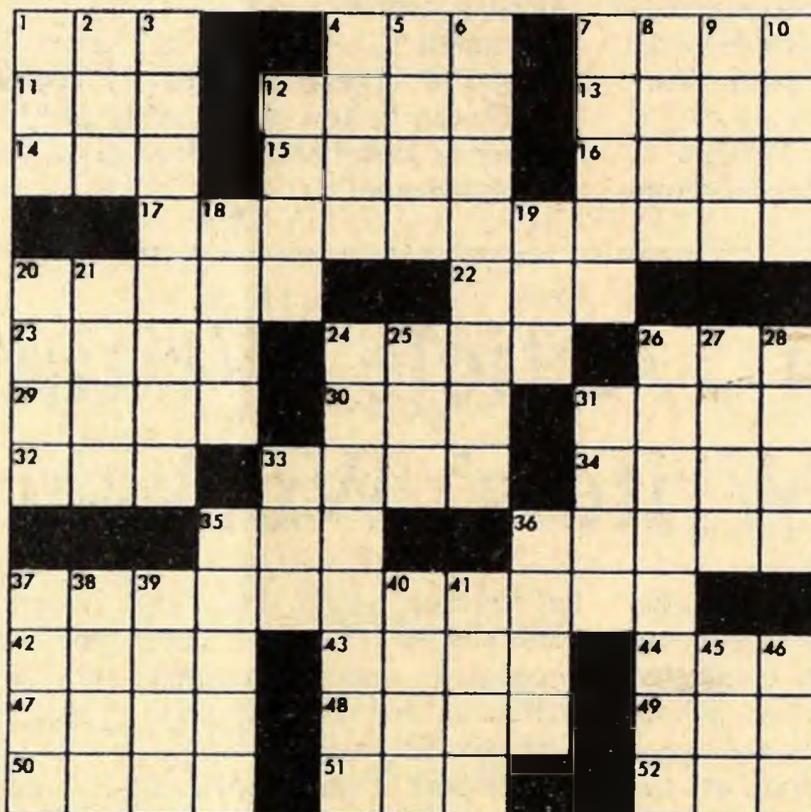
Missionary associates appointed were Alicia M. Bolanos of San Antonio; Frank and Rosella Bullock of Ishpeming, Mich., to

direct missions in Michigan's upper Peninsula; Dorthea Newman of Goliad, Tex., to work as a Spanish language kindergarten

worker in Goliad; Viola Rendon of San Antonio to work as a kindergarten teacher in Dallas. Robert Lewis Gilbert, a student at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, California, appointed a missionary associate by the department of Christian social ministries to conduct social ministries in San Francisco. (BP)

Bible Puzzle Page

Answers On Page 14



- 48 Periods
- 49 Famous sleeper
- 50 Snow vehicle
- 51 Lair
- 52 Some citizens: abbr.

DOWN

- 1 God took one from Adam (Gen. 2:21)
- 2 Eggs
- 3 Near Moses' burial place (Deut. 34:6)
- 4 Blessed
- 5 What his feet did not do (2 Sam. 22:37)
- 6 "the common people — — gladly" (Mark 12)
- 7 Hand parts (Matt. 26:67)
- 8 Small case
- 9 Smaller
- 10 Princely house of Italy
- 12 He ruled Edom (Gen. 36:32)
- 18 Gem
- 19 Heraldic metals
- 20 She murdered Sisera (Judg. 4:21)
- 21 Seine tributary
- 24 "For ye — — of patience" (Heb. 10)
- 25 — supra
- 26 Instructors
- 27 Otherwise
- 28 Heights: abbr.
- 31 Word used after mercy or judgment
- 33 Son-in-law of Muhammed
- 35 Totalled
- 36 Spoken in hypocrisy (1 Tim. 4:2)
- 37 Delegates: abbr.
- 38 Son of Nathan (2 Sam. 23:36)
- 39 Roof overhang
- 40 Blaze
- 41 Son of Dishan (1 Chron. 1:42)
- 45 Atmosphere
- 46 Township: abbr.

ACROSS

- 1 "— not the poor" (Prov. 22)
- 4 Her Serene highness: abbr.
- 7 Hawaiian goddess
- 11 Contraction
- 12 Tree trunk
- 13 Blind impulses
- 14 Unclean bird (Deut. 14:18)
- 15 Charles Lamb
- 16 "drawn away of his own —" (Jas. 1)
- 17 God remembered it (Psa. 105:42; 2 words)
- 20 "in — with one Simon a tanner" (Acts 9)
- 22 Medical men: abbr.
- 23 Region

24 Interjections

- 26 Beverage
- 29 Organic compound
- 30 Hezekiah's mother (2 Ki. 18:2)
- 31 Hoax
- 32 Irish sea god
- 33 City of Benjamin (Josh. 18:23)
- 34 "But tidings out of the —" (Dan. 11)
- 35 English country festival
- 36 Beats
- 37 "These all — — —" (Heb. 11)
- 42 Mild oath
- 43 Ireland
- 44 Command to Peter (Acts 10:13)
- 47 Wash

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Dangers of False Security

By Dr. John Tullock

Biblical Material: Isaiah 31:1-3; Jeremiah 7:1-15; Micah 6:6-8

Lesson Text: Jeremiah 7:4-8; Micah 6:6-8

The prophets of Israel had a way of separating the wheat from the chaff when it came to matters of faith and morality. All three passages included in the biblical material vividly illustrate this point: Isaiah warning against trusting in manpower as opposed to God's power (Isa. 31:1-3); Jeremiah exposing the pious pretensions of superficial religion (Jer. 7:1-15; 26:1-23) and Micah calling Israel to judgment for attempting to bribe God with elaborate services and big offerings (Mic. 6:1-8).

Holy Places Versus Holy Living

Jer. 7:4-12

The time: 609 B.C. The place: the courtyard of the temple in Jerusalem. Josiah, religious reformer, beloved king and leader had been killed at Megiddo by the Egyptians. The great religious revival started by Josiah had, despite its high ideals, created an attitude among the inhabitants of Jerusalem that their city was unconquerable. After all, they argued, was not the temple God's house, His dwelling-place on earth? Furthermore, had not the great prophet Isaiah, during the Sennacherib invasions, said that Jerusalem would not fall (Isa. 31:4-5)? Surely, they argued, God would protect His house and His city at all costs. Thus its inhabitants had nothing to fear since God would protect them.

Jeremiah jarred them back to reality by mocking their pious mouthing of their magical phrase, "The temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord." Magic words could not replace living according to the principles laid down in God's covenant with His people at Sinai. Matters of justice and mercy, of giving God the homage due Him, could not be replaced by mouthing some magical formula (7:4-8a).

Those who loudly proclaim God's name

but whose life gives lie to what they proclaim stand under the judgment of God just as much today as they did in Jeremiah's time. Many people who are careful to keep the Bible displayed and dusted along with the rest of the furniture are also just as careful not to let its principles become a part of their dealings with their fellowman (7:8b-12).

Bribery Versus The Good Life

Micah 6:6-8

Micah speaks of Israel as being tried in a court of law with God as judge, jury, and prosecuting attorney. The charge is that the nation has gone away from God despite His loving concern, as shown in His redemption of them from Egypt and His gift to them of a homeland (6:1-5). Israel, the defendant, presents a defense which is really no defense at all. Instead it tries to bribe the judge with elaborate services and huge gifts. The defendant is willing to give any material thing he has to get an acquittal. His modern counterpart is the man who goes to church because it is good business; the person who appears in church on special occasions so he can officially be a "Christian"; the person who meticulously attends every service, not for worship, nor any particular love of God, but as a legal requirement to be rewarded by a heavenly home.

Micah gets to the heart of the matter by showing what God really expects of the truly religious man (6:8). The good man is just. He not only speaks of justice—he **does** justice. He is honest and truthful in his dealings with his fellows. The good man is compassionate. He hurts when his neighbor hurts. He prays but he becomes the agent for answering his own prayer. Like Jesus, he goes about "doing good." The good man is humble. Recently a pulpit committee went to hear a prospective pastor. They came away more impressed with the warmth and true spirit of humility among the church members than they were with the preacher.

Our competitive age encourages an arrogant, callous attitude toward others. Humility in our attitude toward God, loving concern and right action toward those with whom we come in contact are rare jewels in the barren wasteland of modern society. A life marked by these characteristics is the most secure thing in an uncertain world.

Foundation

What Hath God Wrought

By Jonas L. Stewart

Executive Secretary-Treasurer

It is reported that the first message sent by wireless communication was the question, "What hath God wrought?" Amazing was the idea that a message could be sent across the world without mechanical connectors.

Amazing it is that today generations of the past can communicate a message to generations yet unborn. This is being done by Christian stewards across our state who include a witness through their wills by leaving assets in trust to the Tennessee Baptist Foundation. These assets produce income that is paid year after year to some Christian cause specified by the testator. This income is paid to the church, missions, a Baptist college, students preparing for the Lord's work or other causes as designated.

What God has wrought is the possibility of a man and wife continuing to live together in Christian witness after they are called dead. Many are now satisfied that their estate will be preserved for ages to come, still earning and continuing to support the works of the Lord that they loved on earth. Heaven must be sweeter today for those who have left such a witness behind them.

You can have a part in this kind of enduring testimony by preparing a Christian will, leaving a portion or all of your estate to the Tennessee Baptist Foundation in trust. See your attorney or write for information about preparing a Christian will to Tennessee Baptist Foundation, Dr. Jonas L. Stewart, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, P.O. Box 347, Brentwood, Tennessee 37027.

Laughs

Son: "Dad, what's a traitor in politics?"

Father: "A man who leaves our party and goes over to the other side."

Son: "What about a man who leaves his party and comes over to ours?"

Father: "A convert, son, a convert."

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Humility is the strange thing you lose the moment you think you have it.

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One raw cold morning in January a snail started to climb the trunk of a cherry tree. As he inched painfully upward, a wise-guy beetle stuck his head out of a nearby crack, and called, "Hey, buddy, you're wasting your time; there ain't any cherries up there." The snail scarcely paused as he replied, "There will be when I get there."

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"What am I to do with this?" grumbled the motorist as the police clerk handed him a receipt for his traffic-fine payment.

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Our People and Our Churches . . .

LEADERSHIP CHANGES . . .

David McNatt is serving as education and youth director at Walker Memorial Church in Franklin. Joe E. Franklin is pastor.

Joelton First Church called Milton Knox as associate pastor. A native of Nashville, he is a May graduate of Belmont College. W. D. Thomason is pastor at Joelton.

Ronald Harris is the new pastor at Allardt First Church, Riverside Association.

Michie First Church, Shiloh Association, called Harlin Turman as minister of music and youth. The pastor is Tom Burdon.

Hopewell Church, Shiloh Association, called Billy Joe Kennedy as minister of music and youth. John R. Walker is pastor.



Hollaway

David Hollaway is the new pastor at Fellowship Church, Memphis. He comes to the position from Trinity Church in Hernando, Miss. He is married to the former Linda Gail McPhail of Memphis. Hollaway formerly served as pastor of New Bethel Church, Hardeman County, and attended Union University, Memphis State University, and Luther Rice Seminary.

Harrill Millsaps, a senior at Clear Creek Baptist School in Pineville, Ky., has been called as pastor of Little Flat Creek Church in Corryton. He is a native of Madisonville.

Donaldson Grove Church, William Carey Association, called Thomas George of Chapel Hill as pastor. He is already on the new field of service.

Dennis Lewis, First Church, Mount Pleasant, accepted the call as pastor of West End Church, William Carey Association.

In Cumberland Association, Woodlawn First Church has accepted the resignation of Pastor David Hoffman.

In Gibson County Association, Terry Turney was extended a call to become minister of music and youth at Milan First Church. He will begin his duties in mid-August. H. Lowrey Haynie is moving from the music position to minister of education.

CHURCHES . . .

Valley View Church, Bradley Association, Cleveland, had a note burning ceremony signifying the final payment on the church's buildings. The note was paid off three years before the final payment date. Participating in the ceremony were Ernest Whaley, Herschel Mantooth, Clyde Watkins, and Pastor M. L. Arbuckle. Watkins gave the land on which the buildings were constructed.

Groundbreaking ceremonies for a new 982-seat sanctuary were held earlier this month at the Oakwood Church in Chattanooga. The ceremony followed the morning worship service. The church has approved plans for a sanctuary approximately 10,000 sq.ft. at a cost of \$673,400. K & K Construction Co. is the contractor, and Earl Smith is architect. Completion of the project is expected within one year. Lester Hall is pastor.

Grace Church, Elizabethton, Watauga Association, purchased the adjoining two-and-one-half-acre lot next to the church building. It is the desire of the congregation to build additional facilities in the near future. Leslie L. Bruce is pastor.

Members of the Philadelphia Church, Hamilton County Association, voted to build a new building. Douglas Miller is pastor.

Lookout Mountain Church, Hamilton County Association, will celebrate its 30th anniversary on Sunday, June 1. Former pastor Jack Kennedy will speak. Maurice Blanchard is pastor.

Guy Bates Jr., Tullahoma First Church, has accepted the call to serve as minister of music for Red Bank Church in Chattanooga. He will begin his service there June 9. Fred A. Steelman is pastor at Red Bank.

Larry Ballard is the new minister of music at First Church, Martin. A native of Nashville, he is a graduate of Carson-Newman College and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth. Ballard comes to Tennessee from First Church, Gordon, Texas. Mrs. Ballard, the former Deborah Naylor of Jefferson City, is the daughter of Jerald Wayne Naylor, professor of biology at C-N. D. William Dotson Jr. is pastor.

W. B. Woodward, Bells, has been called as interim pastor of Eldad Church in Gibson County Association. He was pastor of the church in 1934-36.

PEOPLE . . .

Rev. and Mrs. A. F. Grahl celebrated their 46th wedding anniversary recently. The couple resides in Lenoir City. Grahl, now retired, served as a pastor for more than 35 years.

Harry Galbraith of Galbraith Analytical Laboratories, Knoxville, has presented a microbalance to the Carson-Newman College Chemistry Department. Albert Myers, coordinator of the department, said that the microbalance will provide students broader scientific research capabilities, particularly in infrared research.

Fellowship Church, Riverside Association, ordained Billy Chilton, Dennis Chilton, Willie Fletcher, J. P. Melton, and Terry Young as deacons. Don Pharris, Livingston First Church, preached the ordination message. Louis Wilson is pastor.

Director of associational missions Lacy Freeman has been honored by members of the Robertson County Association on his 10th anniversary in the position. Freeman was presented with a trip to Stockholm, Sweden for the Baptist World Alliance Congress in July.

Baskerville, Gannon Honored At C-N Banquet

Alma Roth Baskerville, associate professor of music at Carson-Newman College, and Leroy C. Gannon Jr., former assistant treasurer of the college, were paid special tribute by members of the C-N faculty during the recent annual faculty honors banquet.

Gannon, who retired last fall, first came to the school as a student and began working in the business office in 1947 as bookkeeper and accountant.

Baskerville, who will retire this spring, has taught at the school for 26 years. In addition, she has taught in Washington, D.C., Virginia, and Belmont College and has participated in several exchange teacher programs and seminars in England and Scandinavia.

Union Names Truex Director Of Computer Science

William B. Truex, son of Dr. and Mrs. Allen Truex, Jackson, has been named to the newly created position of director of computer science at Union University.

A 1968 graduate of Union, Truex holds the master's degree from the University of Tennessee and is completing requirements for the Ph.D. degree in math from Memphis State University.

In addition to directing the entire computer program at Union, Truex will also serve as an instructor in data processing.

REVIVAL RESULTS . . .

There were eight additions by baptism, three by letter, and one by statement during revival services at Prosperity Church in Auburntown. **Jack Rinks** was the evangelist, and **James C. Hutchings** is pastor.

Evangelist **Benny Jackson**, Memphis, led Southside Church, Martin, in revival. **W. C. Tuten**, pastor, reports 14 professions of faith, six additions by letter, one by statement, and numerous rededications. **Charles Pruneau**, McKenzie, led the music.

Antioch First Church was led in revival by **Tommy Sesler**, Nashville evangelist. There were 16 professions of faith and 50 rededications. **Ernie Couch**, minister of music and youth at the church, led the music. **S. Ray Jones** is the Antioch pastor.

A youth team from Union University held a revival at Second Church, Dyersburg. There was one profession of faith, one addition by letter, and five rededications. The team consisted of: preacher, **Dempsey Burleson**; song leader, **Wilburn Simmons**, pianist, **Emily Booth**, and fellowship director, **Janet Thompson**. **J. W. Vaughan** is pastor.

New Tazewell First Church had 22 for baptism, 14 rededications, 39 professions of faith, and three additions by letter during their recent revival. **Raymond Smith**, pastor of Broadway Church in Maryville was the evangelist. **James R. Loy** is pastor.

Shellsford Church, McMinnville, was led in revival by **Mike Day**. There were three additions by baptism, two by letter. **Jerry McCord** led the music. Both **Day** and **McCord** are students at Belmont College. **Stephen L. Playl** is pastor.

Revival services were held at East Ridge Church in Hamilton County Association with **David Walker** serving as evangelist and **David Whipple** leading the music. There were 18 additions by baptism, 10 by letter, and 48 rededications. **C. Henry Preston** is pastor.

Merton Avenue Church in Memphis held its spring revival with **Bob Kendig**, Millington First Church, doing the preaching and **E. W. McKinley**, minister of music at the church, leading the singing. There were 12 additions by baptism, four by letter, two professions of faith, and several rededications. **William A. Foote** is pastor.

In a recent youth revival at the Lynnville Church, Giles County Association, there were four professions of faith and several rededications. **Randy Stewart** did the

Belmont Graduates 188 Seniors, Bestows 10 Special Awards

John Lasater, Mt. Juliet, received the scholarship award for the highest academic record over a four-year period during commencement exercises for 188 graduating seniors at Belmont College earlier this month.

Ten scholastic and achievement awards were presented at the ceremony. In addition, the honorary doctor of humane letters degree was bestowed upon **Jack C. Massey**, chairman of the executive committee of Hospital Corp. of America, and a principal benefactor of the college. It was the first occasion in the school's 24-year history that an honorary doctorate has been awarded.

Frederick R. McCollum and **Donna Sue Clemmons**, both of Fairfield, Ohio, together received the R. Walter Hale Award given the "best all-round students." The citation is based on scholarship, personal qualities, sportsmanlike participation in student activities, and effective support of the school.

preaching, and **K. O. Knox** led the music. **Jesse Pedigo** is pastor.

Avondale Church, Chattanooga, held a revival with **John P. Humphrey** serving as evangelist and **Paul Griz** leading the singing. There were 17 professions of faith, six additions by letter, and several rededications. **James H. Walker** is pastor.

Dotsonville Church, Cumberland Association, reported nine professions of faith and six rededications during recent revival services. **John Walker**, pastor of Little West Fork Church, did the preaching.

There were 34 additions to Whitten Memorial Church, Memphis, during revival services. Thirty-one came for baptism and three by letter. Two young men surrendered to preach and several came for rededication. **Bob Kendig**, pastor of Millington First Church, did the preaching, and **Edsel Bone**, associate pastor of Frayser Church, led the music. **J. E. Tanksley** is pastor at Whitten Memorial.

At Mt. Juliet First Church evangelist **David Walker** led revival services which resulted in 30 professions of faith and seven additions by letter. **Billie Friel** is pastor.

Gary Parker, pastor of Liberty Church, Wartburg, was in revival with the Pilot Mountain Church, Big Emory Association. There were 10 baptisms and two additions by letter. **Jim Phillips** is pastor at Pilot Mountain.

A Shelbyville girl, **Barbara Jean Nelson**, took the remaining major senior award given Friday night, the one given by the Belmont College Alumni Association. This is presented to the student making "a most outstanding contribution of service to fellow students and to the college."

Donald R. Ramage, professor and chairman of the Department of Biology, was named Belmont's Outstanding Teacher of the Year for 1974-75. A member of the Belmont faculty since 1970, Ramage is a native of Paducah, Ky., and a graduate of Murray State University and the University of Kentucky. He was associate professor of biology at Union University and assistant professor of animal science at the University of Georgia, Athens, before coming to Belmont.

Additional senior awards given Friday night at Belmont and their winners were: **W. F. Powell Award**, **John Lasater**, Mt. Juliet, **C. H. Byrn Memorial Award**, **Lana Lott**, Nashville; **Tabor Ministerial Award**, **Ronald Cope**, Springfield; **Jerry E. Lambdin Medal**, **Laurens Tullock**, Nashville; and **Florence Nightingale Award**, **Mrs. Dora H. Graves**, Nashville.

Annuity Board To Offer Information At SBC

With the aid of the microfiche, the Annuity Board hopes to offer better and faster service at its exhibit in Miami Beach during the Southern Baptist Convention.

The microfiche will contain 1974 member statements for pastors and others in church-related vocations who participate in plans through the Annuity Board.

Officers from the Board's headquarters in Dallas, joined by annuity secretaries serving in Baptist state conventions, will be on hand to answer questions and provide information being sought.

Through a special telephone connection to Annuity Board headquarters in Dallas, information needed to explain or improve a retirement or insurance program can be obtained in a short time, according to **Harold S. Bailey**, the Board's vice president for development.

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Weber 'Appreciates' SBC; Urges Renewed Commitment

By John Rutledge

LUBBOCK, Tex.—The driver of the limousine from the Lubbock airport talked about politics, the weather and First Baptist Church.

"It's so big they have to have more than one worship service," he said over his shoulder.

"We have seven cabs going out to the college on Sunday for students who don't have a way to get to the church. They just sign a card and the church picks up the tab." He drove in silence for a while. "You know, they get more than \$10,000 in their Sunday School offering. It's a big church."

No, the driver was not a member, he said. Not even a Baptist.

Two of the passengers were on their way to the church. The third was a young man going to visit a friend at Texas Tech, and obviously intrigued at the way the conversation had taken a religious turn.

"They take God seriously here, don't they?" he said.

Jaroy Weber, pastor of First church in Lubbock and completing a year as president of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC), confirmed the man's observation later in an interview.

"This is basically a conservative area. You don't see the campus extremes that you do at other schools. This conservative spirit expresses itself in religious commitment."

He was elected president three months after becoming pastor of the Lubbock church about a year ago. The dual responsibilities as pastor and president have stretched him to the limit but have not strained his relationship with this congregation.

Time Important

When Weber accepted the presidency last year, he promised his church he would be in the pulpit every Sunday and most Wednesday nights. He has kept his word, but it has meant late-night flights back to Lubbock from speaking engagements and missing hours of sleep.

"You have to fight for time," Weber said, "during the flight or in a motel room, for study and sleep. I've been pressing it at both ends, but I'm in good health."

For a man with both feet on the ground doctrinally, Weber has been up in the air much of his time. By June 9 he will have flown 101,398 miles during the year, with the longest trip to Lausanne, Switzerland; the shortest to Littlefield, Tex.

Despite Weber's double life, the church has grown. More than 800 joined the church during the first year and 207, the largest number in the church's history, have been baptized thus far this year.

Had Weber not made the effort to be in the pulpit, the results might have been different. "That's been the difference in whether the church just sits here and marks time or moves forward," said Weber.

He also credited his staff and laypeople. "They said they would take up the slack as much as they could.

"The secret of my ability to adapt is that I know the attitude of the church is so wholesome. If there were rumblings, it would be tough," he said.

Greater Appreciation For Denomination

After a year of listening as well as speaking to a cross section of Southern Baptists, Weber said he has learned to appreciate the denomination and its work more than ever.

"It is the missions element that brought us together in the first place and it is the cement that keeps us together."

He said he hopes people will leave the SBC's annual meeting in Miami Beach in June with a greater compassion for the spiritual and physical needs of the world. "World conditions are so serious that we can't debate insignificant issues," he said.

"Some of last year's issues have been resolved," he said. "The restructuring of the division of evangelism in the Home Mission Board has been accomplished, and the general opinion on a name change for the convention has been reflected to the committee of seven" (which will recommend no change be considered at this time).

An issue that Weber hopes will not come up at the convention is the charismatic movement. He said he has been so misquoted and misunderstood on that subject that now he has a typed statement he sends persons wanting his opinion.

"The good thing that came out of the movement was that it made Baptists study the word of God about spiritual gifts, and preach it and teach it.

"I think the movement has peaked out."

He reiterated his statement that the convention has enough elasticity for people who differ on teachings about spiritual gifts:

"I doubt that the Home or Foreign Mission Board would appoint the one who taught that the baptism in the Holy Spirit, as interpreted by charismatic tongue-speaking groups, is a valid experience. There have been some problems that the Foreign Mission Board had to deal with."

Renewed Commitment Needed

During Weber's first year as president, convention baptisms dropped for the first time in several years. He said one reason for the drop is that the newness has worn

off the bus ministry and Witness Involvement Now programs.

"We need to make a renewed commitment to these two and other methods," he said. "We will see a renewed emphasis from the convention that will help Baptists."

The best way to win people to Christ is to build great churches, he said, and many are being built around the country.

"They are staying with the basics with this commitment" he said, as well as being "innovative enough to make the gospel attractive to modern man."

He thinks First Baptist Church, Lubbock, is one of those churches. Through college minister Barry Wood, the church ministers regularly to about 3,000 students and attendance in all programs is increasing.

Weber is excited about the plans for a Baptist bicentennial bell that will be dedicated May 27 in Philadelphia and then travel down the eastern seaboard for a visit to historic Baptist sites. The bell will be on the platform during the Miami Beach Convention, Weber said, and the sessions will open with its ringing.

He said there would be a "patriotic and revival atmosphere" at the convention, and "a burden to meet human needs" that he hopes will not be distracted by lengthy debates. "People will be saying, 'The world's in a mess. We'd better get right ourselves.'"

"God is going to use this crisis as an opportunity to bring us back to the basics."

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Language Missions Passing Through Critical Period

By Everett Hullum

PHOENIX—Southern Baptists are “five to 10 years ahead of any other denomination in your thinking about indigenous missions and ethnicity of the church,” a mission strategist from Fuller Seminary said here.

Peter Wagner, of the Pasadena, Calif.-based theological school, made the statement in an address to more than 90 state missions directors and/or language missions directors attending the 18th annual Language Missions Leadership Conference. This year's conference was the largest in its history, with 93 per cent of the 33 Baptist state conventions represented. This year's theme for the event, sponsored by the language missions department of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board (HMB), was “The Native American.”

Wagner's praise of Southern Baptist language missions was tempered with his decrying of the “destructive attitude of Christians who think everyone should be exactly as they are. That's cultural chauvinism.”

In spite of Wagner's accolade to Southern Baptists, Oscar Romo, director of the HMB's department of language missions, believes that language missions, Southern Baptists' oldest missions endeavor in the United States, is passing through one of its most critical periods.

“Language missions have achieved acceptability,” Romo told the conferees, but “in the process we've been overwhelmed by our success.”

“We've bought buildings, planted churches, appointed missionaries . . . in order to develop self-supporting, ethnic churches, and then we find they need another building, more financial aid—and that we are back into the same cycle.”

Southern Baptist language missions have spread nationwide over the past 20 years, with more than 1,300 ethnic congregations having some 200,000 members.

In 1974, these language-culture groups reported 23,000 professions of faith in Jesus Christ.

But many of the techniques that created growth before are now beginning to bring about tensions and frustrations “that I only began to sense in the past two years,” Romo said.

“We've reached the apex of what we were planning to do. The question we face now is, ‘where do we go from here?’”

Romo hesitates to answer his own question at this point. But observers say his directions will most likely include even greater emphasis on missionaries serving catalytic roles—helping others do the job, rather than doing everything themselves. It will

also include, they say, more efforts to bring indigenous churches to self-support, without paternalistic “handouts” from the HMB or other Southern Baptist agencies.

“We recognize that we can't expect every little congregation to develop beyond its potential,” Romo said. “Not all can have all the programs of the Southern Baptist Convention. Not all can have a missionary with the salary of a W. A. Criswell. Not all can reach self support. (W. A. Criswell is pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas, the world's largest Baptist church.)

“Part of our job in language missions,” Romo said, “will be learning to classify ethnic churches' potential, and not forcing a church to be what it cannot be.

“But when a church has the potential to be self-supporting, the pressure will be on them to become self-supporting,” he said.

Romo wants better representation for ethnics on Southern Baptist boards and agencies. “We must learn to involve ethnics in Southern Baptist life and Southern Baptists in ethnics' life. It's a two-way street that we have to travel from now on.”

Catalytic missionaries, indigenous churches moving toward self-support, and increased ethnic participation in Southern Baptist life where, in fact, cornerstones of a working paper on language missions proposed earlier this year by an “ad hoc” committee of language missions experts, from missionaries to ethnic pastors to seminary professors.

The committee's report, endorsed by conferees here, includes the following suggestions: that greater exposure be given to ethnic missions; that a representative group of ethnics be selected to meet with Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) agencies “to encourage their involvement in ministering to the language-culture segment of Southern Baptists and to the mission field.”

The suggestions include proposals that: the US-2 program (the HMB's two-year program for college graduates) be reevaluated as to its effect in language missions, cost against accomplishments, and that an apprenticeship program be developed as an alternative; that the missionary selection and appointment procedures of the board be reexamined in light of the emphasis on indigenous missions.

At least two of the proposals could have far-reaching effects for the HMB itself.

One would establish a new criteria for appointment of missionaries and new categories of missionaries. “Some would like to do away with life-time appointments of

missionaries,” explained a member of the ad hoc committee. “This would encourage missionary pastors to move their churches toward self support more quickly, and not hang on to the HMB because of the fringe benefits or job security.”

Romo admitted, “I am divided in myself, when to push to self support or when to provide a better salary and standard of living for a pastor.”

But he made it clear independent (SBC-affiliated) churches were the ultimate goal of all language missions efforts. He has trimmed almost 200 language missionaries from the HMB rolls in the years he's been heading the language missions department.

The other proposal would develop an apprenticeship program to provide better trained workers with language-culture congregations. The US-2ers have too often just adjusted to the language culture group when their two-year term ends, a committee member explained, “and the disruption of their leaving hurts the work.”

Other speakers at the conference included Stuart Tonemah, an American Indian and professor at Pennsylvania State University, who said his own struggles “to determine who I am reflect those of many Indians.

“Christianity has helped rob the Native American of his cultural heritage and identity by making sinful many of the Indians' traditional ways, beliefs and habits.” Tonemah urged the missions leaders to “hear what Oscar (Romo) says and give ethnic people a chance to make their own mistakes.”

Carolyn Weatherford, executive secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union (WMU), an SBC auxiliary, urged the conferees to develop “the five C's of the missions mosaic,”—concern, commitment, courage, cooperation and continuous effort. Language missions in the mosaic,” she said, “won't be a clear-cut result until each of us recognizes that wherever we are, whatever our language, we have a responsibility for making Christ known where we are.” (BP)

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Mrs. J. E. Lambdin Dies in Nashville

NASHVILLE—Mrs. Ina Smith Lambdin, editor of junior and intermediate training union lesson materials at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board for 20 years, died at her home in Nashville May 13.

Mrs. Lambdin was the wife of the late J. E. Lambdin, secretary of the training union department at the Sunday School Board for 30 years. He died in 1960.

Before coming to the Sunday School Board, she was training union director for First Church, Nashville. Prior to that she was Junior-Intermediate Leader in the Training Union Department of the Alabama State Baptist Convention for five years.

Mrs. Lambdin, a native of Knoxville, wrote lessons for the first "Junior Union Quarterly," published in 1922, and for "The Junior Leader," which was begun in 1924. She authored eight books published by Broadman Press.

She was a graduate of Tennessee College, Murfreesboro, and George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville. She had done additional graduate work at Columbia University, New York; University of Oklahoma, Norman; and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Also, Mrs. Lambdin had served as a member of the Tennessee College Board of Trustees, and Cumberland University Board of Trustees and the State WMU Board. She served as Intermediate Training Union Leader for the Nashville Baptist Association for 11 years.

Union To Offer Special Honors Program

An honors program for exceptional students will be initiated at Union University this fall, according to an announcement from Patricia Pinson, associate professor of music and art, and director of the program.

Designed to provide unusual opportunities beyond the normal classroom, the program will offer the student the opportunity of exchanging views, ideas, and questions at close range with professors, working with a select group of classmates in specific projects, and taking part in innovative teaching methods possible only in small classes under flexible conditions.

Initial selection of freshmen will be based on past scholastic achievement, but future selection will lean toward potential ability, imagination, and creativeness of the student, Pinson said.

Students will derive their course grades from creative projects, seminar discussions, and ability to defend positions or discover weaknesses and flaws in arguments as well as ascertaining the relevancy of learning inside the classroom or in the outside world.

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Negro Baptist Student Work	2,700	2,700	
Resort Missions	5,000	5,000	
Site Fund for Proposed Conference Center (Yearly payment)	42,800	8,500	(34,300)
Special Rural and Mountain Missions	15,000	17,500	2,500
Student Scholarships	10,000	15,000	5,000
Student Summer Missions	10,000	10,000	
Missions Department	\$5,000		
WMU	5,000		
Summer Preachers Schools	7,200	10,000	2,800
United Tennessee League, Inc.	30,000	40,000*	10,000
Offering Promotion Expense	7,000	8,000	1,000
Contingency Fund	—0—	3,000	3,000
Totals	\$225,000	\$250,000	\$ 25,000

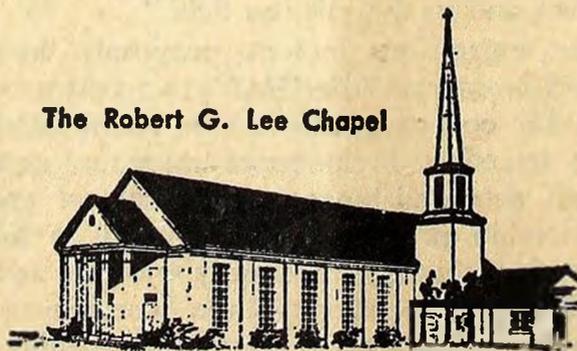
*The last \$5,000 of the offering goal will go to this item. Any offering over the \$250,000 goal will go to camps.

Editor's Note: The 1975 Golden State Missions Offering Allocations was prepared by the five member committee from the State Missions Committee of the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention and the five member committee from the Executive Board of the Woman's Missionary Union. This was approved by the Executive Board on May 13.

Committee members were Mack Bingham, Robert E. Brown, Jr., William E. Crook, J. Arnold Porter, J. Ralph McIntyre, Vice-Chairman; Mrs. George Clark, Chairman of WMU Policy-Finance Committee; Mrs. Thomas King, Chairman of WMU Scholarship Committee; Mrs. Claude Jennings, Chairman of WMU Personnel Committee; Mrs. Ted Wood, Chairman of WMU Golden State Missions Day of Prayer Committee; Ralph E. Norton, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, TBC (ex officio); Mary Jane Nethery, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Tennessee WMU (ex officio); Leslie Baumgartner, Secretary, Missions Department, TBC (ex officio); and Mrs. Bob Peek, President of Tennessee WMU, Chairman.

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Two Native Tennesseans Appointed Missionary Associates

Two native Memphians were among 14 missionaries appointed by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in its meeting held in Richmond, Va., May 13. Roger M. Bostick Jr. and Tom C. Townsend, along with their wives, were employed as missionary associates. The Bosticks expect to be assigned to station maintenance work in Rhodesia, while the Townsends are expected to be involved in general evangelism in Indonesia.

Bostick lived in Memphis and Benoit, Miss., while growing up. He received the bachelor of industrial engineering degree from Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, and served in the United States Air Force during the Korean conflict. He worked as a buyer and tool engineer for Westinghouse Electric, Raleigh, N.C., before becoming vice-president of Bostick Brothers, Inc., Benoit.

He is married to the former Rita Poe of Atlanta. She is a graduate of Delta State College, Cleveland, Miss., and attended Georgia State College of Business Administration, Atlanta.

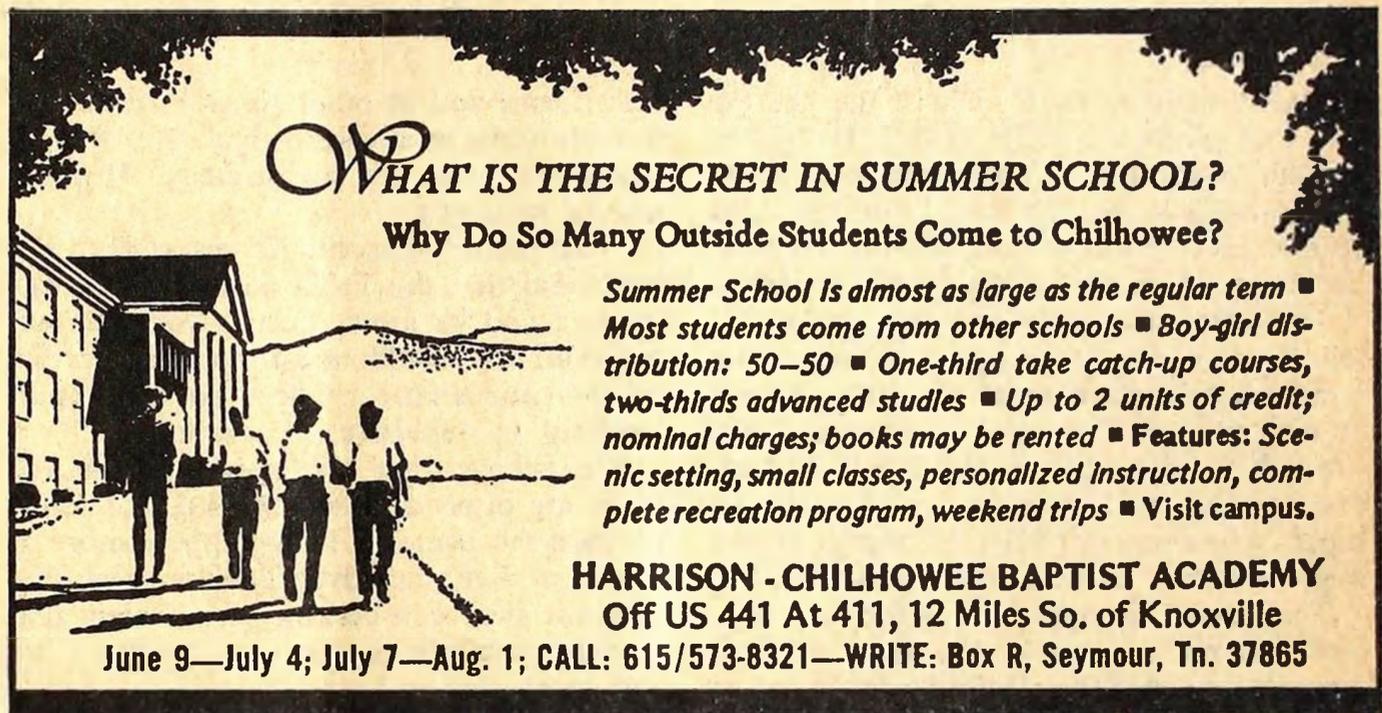
The Bosticks have two grown daughters, Terri Eileen and Leigh Nan.

Townsend was born in Memphis and lived in Mobile, Ala. and Satellite Beach, Fla. He

received the associate of arts degree from Okaloosa-Walton Junior College, Niceville, Fla., and the bachelor of arts degree from University of West Florida, Pensacola. Townsend was an electronics technician with the United States Army and served as minister of youth at First Baptist Church, Niceville.

Mrs. Townsend, the former Nancy Winters, was born in Sausalito, Calif., and later lived in Colorado and Missouri, before moving to Satellite Beach. She is a graduate of the University of Texas, El Paso, and attended Tift College, Forsyth, Ga.

The Townsends have one son, Troy Andrew, born in 1974.

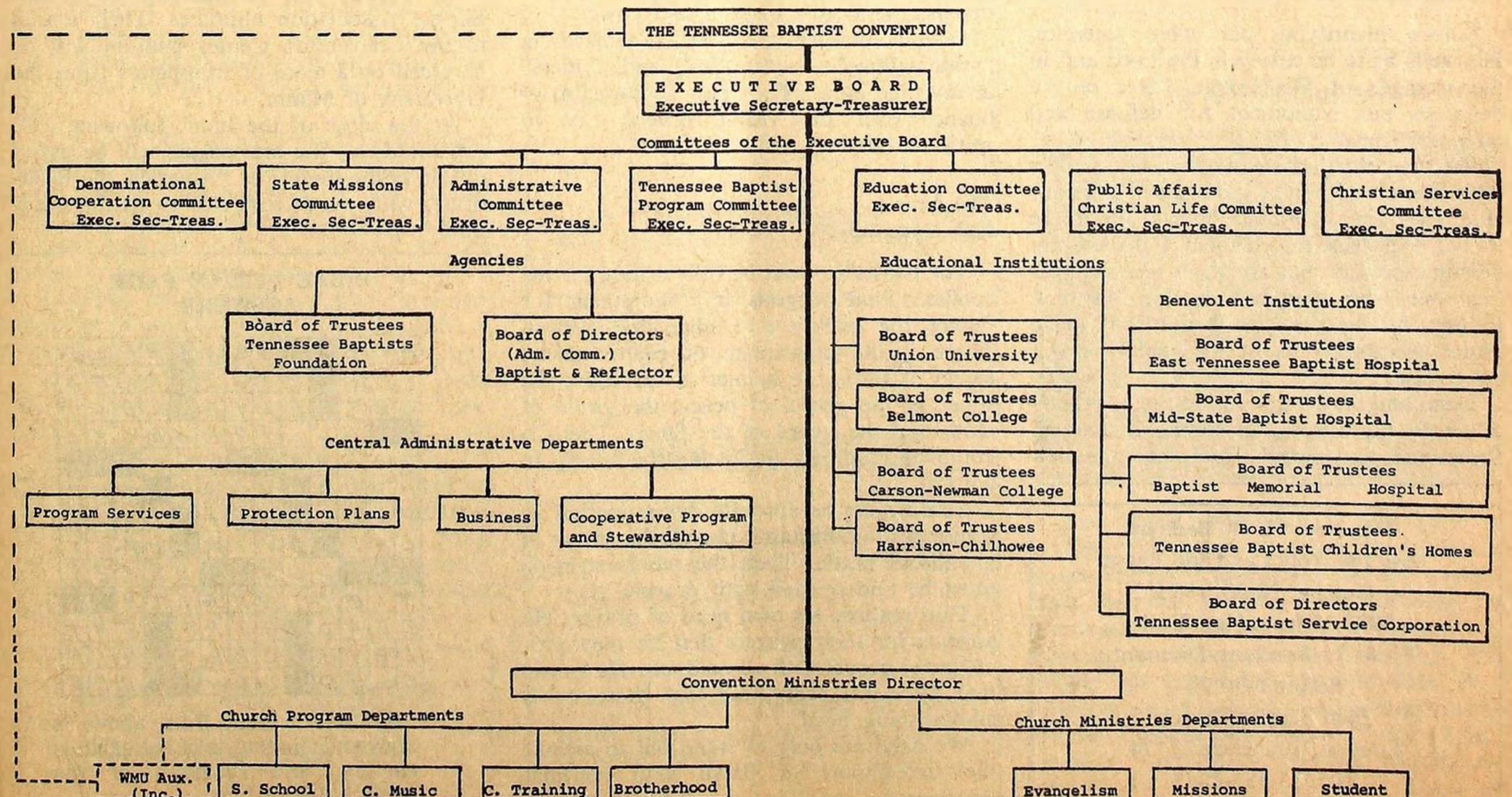


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New Proposed Tennessee Baptist Convention Chart



New Strength for Conflict

By Dr. W. R. White
Baylor University, Waco, Texas

Basic Passage: Ephesians 6:10-24
Focal Passage: Ephesians 6:10-20

Unfortunately, young Christians get the idea that spiritual conflict with Satan will be comparatively easy after conversion. Just the opposite is true. Satan will intensify his efforts. Having lost a soul, he will redouble his efforts to capture a life or ruin a career.

Too often the flesh and the world will join Satan in the onslaught. This makes the righteous life much more difficult. Do not be discouraged. The Lord will provide new strength for the augmented conflict. In fact, that strength will be sufficient to make us super conquerors in Christ. He that is in you is greater than he that is in the world.

That divine strength is in us for the using, but it is not automatic. We have to avail ourselves of it. The Holy Spirit is in us waiting to be recognized, honored and invited to empower us for any and all conflicts.

The Conflict Ephesians 6:10-12

Before identifying our worst enemies, Paul tells us to be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Later on he describes our equipment for defense and offense.

We are told that we wrestle, not against flesh and blood but . . . He means that our chief foes are not human beings. We might outwit or at least match them, but there are demonic powers that are wiser and stronger than we who dominate human enemies. Perhaps his meaning lies in that they make direct attacks on us in the realm of our spirits also.

Satan and his demons accommodate themselves to the times and to the individual. Sometimes they appear in brightening hu-

man forms and at other times in attractive human forms as angels of light. The Web of the Devil refers to his strategy. He is a master strategist.

What about demonic forces today? We have said that the Devil adjusts to the age or time and its most effective forms of expression. He would like for an intellectual era to believe that he does not exist, particularly in repulsive incarnation.

We believe that the most vicious and vilest are often demon-possessed, but today perhaps the demonic forces appear more as angels of light in advanced countries. Yet demonic sway can become so prevalent that modern generations can drop to the vilest and most vicious levels.

Democracies are often outwitted by atheistic communism because democratic leaders rely too much on mere human wisdom while communist leaders are guided by the cunning of Satan. Only sincere Christians can claim the wisdom and power from above, that is, the Lord's wisdom and power.

Satanic powers are well organized in "principalities", "authorities" and "rulers" in invisible areas. They cast a powerful influence over the visible orders, due to spiritual blindness and darkness.

The Armor Ephesians 6:3-20

The Christian must be fully armed for the conflict. Paul suggests full equipment for facing the enemy and none for retreat. There is the breastplate of righteousness, shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, the shoes of the gospel of peace, the girdle of truth and the sword of the Spirit. There is complete readiness for facing the enemy in combat.

There must be absolute determination to stand and to withstand. Use all the armor in an all-out battle. Then the whole struggle must be undergirded with prayer.

Paul realizes his own need of prayer. He appeals for their prayers that he may proclaim the gospel with all boldness. He knows that he needs everything that those he is admonishing need.

We need not only to stand but to assault the strongholds of Satan with spiritual weapons.

Home Missions Hour Features Flags, Testimonies, Challenge

MIAMI BEACH, Fla.—A parade of flags of the 50 states, missionary testimonies, and addresses on American's needs and how the gospel of Christ can meet them will be featured in the Home Mission Board's report to the Southern Baptist Convention here Wednesday evening, June 11.

HMB Executive Director Arthur B. Rutledge will preside over the program that will have as its theme "Winning America to Christ."

Principal speakers for the hour-long presentation will be William E. Pinson and Russell H. Dilday Jr.

Pinson, professor of Christian Ethics at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, will describe present-day America and its needs.

Dilday, pastor of Second-Ponce deLeon Baptist Church, Atlanta, and president of the Home Mission Board directors, will respond to Pinson's address, describing how the gospel of Christ can be the answer to America's needs and challenging the messengers to affirm their faith in that gospel.

Testimonies will be by Jimmy Anderson, missionary to the Seminole, Cherokee and Creek Indian tribes in Central Oklahoma; Mrs. John Isaacs, Christian social ministries missionary working in literacy missions in Florida; and Jack Smith, pastoral missionary at Westmont Baptist Chapel, Johnston, Pa.

Special music will be presented by choirs from Emmanuel Haitian Baptist Church and Northside Spanish Baptist Church, both in Miami.

The flag bearers, wearing their everyday work clothes, will be members of Miami Baptist Association churches. Their march to the Convention Center podium will be heralded by a team of trumpeters from the University of Miami.

At the close of the hour, following Dilday's address, the messengers will be asked to join in the singing of "America, the Beautiful", with words rewritten to fit the occasion.

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"He that cometh from above is above all: he that is of the earth is earthly, and speaketh of the earth" (John 3:31).

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Family Living

By Dr. B. David Edens,
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Animal Torture Is A Signal That Child Needs Concerned Attention

A child's torture of animals, birds, insects—any living creature—cannot be ignored or excused by adults. To do so is to increase the child's vulnerability to violence and to deny much-needed help.



Edens

Hurting an animal and having the act go unnoticed or unrebuked "is one kind of childhood experience that seems to have a predetermined effect upon some individuals who later give way to indiscriminate violence," Dr. Margaret Mead cautions in **Red-**

book.

While rejecting the idea that some people "are born to kill," the famed anthropologist stresses that "we should realize that some children, particularly children who have been exposed to violence, will need more help in learning to live and let live."

Unless adults see animal-torture as a sign that the child needs special teaching and careful attention, that youngster must be considered "at risk." If, on the other hand, adults treat the incident as serious but make clear their deep concern for the child, "the proclivity for violence may be muted for life."

Knowing how to act toward animals and care for them is a crucial learning experience for all children, reminds Dr. Mead. Equally important is the lesson imparted by adults' **methods** of killing harmful insects, rodents and other dangerous pests.

Children must understand that "it is permissible to swat a fly but wrong to pull out its wings; that one may trap a rodent, but that the trap must kill it instantly." There must be no wanton taking of life or disregard for pain.

When children are not taught respect for life by example and precept, their feelings for other living things may be undeveloped or distorted, warns Dr. Mead. ". . . Some youngsters who may have a genetic weakness will later react to a triggering event with pathological violence."

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FROM THE FILES

50 YEARS AGO

J. A. Maples, of the Red Bank Church and the Daisy Church, reported that both of these churches had recently completed new buildings and services had been held. The new Daisy building was a modern frame with Sunday school classes and cost about \$4500. The Red Bank building was brick and included a new auditorium and Sunday School classes, pastor's study, etc. It was constructed at a cost of \$30,000.

Harrison-Chilhowee Institute held its 44th commencement, with John A. Thackston speaking to the graduating class. J. E. Barton, principal of the school, announced that plans for the coming year included a new water system and gymnasium.

20 YEARS AGO

Southern Baptists gathered at Temple Church in Memphis to observe the 30th anniversary of the Cooperative Program. Marking the 30th anniversary were the premiere showings of the films, "Together We Build" and "Hours That Bless."

The Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention voted to establish the Convention Press as the name under which books prepared especially for Southern Baptist churches would be published.

10 YEARS AGO

Clarksville First Church added 77 by baptism and 22 by letter when Vincent Cervera led revival services there. John Laida was pastor.

W. E. Boyer, formerly of Beech Bluff, Jackson, was called as pastor of Hickory Grove Church, Trenton.

From the Executive Secretary

By Ralph Norton

A highlight of the Executive Board's activities last week was a luncheon honoring Gene Kerr, Executive Director of the Tennessee Baptist Service Corporation.



Norton

Mr. Kerr served as Assistant to the Executive Secretary-Treasurer for over twenty years and resigned from this position when he was asked to head this new organization which has been assigned the responsibility of providing facilities for the aged.

Mr. Kerr is assuming this new area of leadership with a background of experience which ably equips him for the task. His ability has been widely recognized and appreciated, and your Executive Board was proud to participate in the service of recognition.

We deeply appreciate the work which he has already done in his new position and assure him of our continued support and cooperation in this new and important program. I know each of you are following the events in this new program with excited interest as we are and that you will give him your word of appreciation and encouragement.

RA-GA Walkathon



The Royal Ambassadors and Girls in Action of the Parkway Church in Cleveland sponsored an eight-and-one-half-mile walkathon for the Mother's Day Offering for Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes, according to Pastor Erwin Townsend. The group was joined by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Murphy and nine children from their cottage at the Chattanooga Home. Total pledges received were given through the special offering.

Tennessee RAs Complete Torch Run Through State

Nearly 600 Royal Ambassadors from Tennessee Baptist churches completed a torch run through this state last week on the first leg of a 1300 mile journey commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program.

The journey began in Memphis as a crowd of Southern Baptist leaders and RA boys gathered to cheer Mark Simmons and Ricky Franz, both of Nashville, as they began the torch run.

The first rally in the state was held Wednesday night at Waverly First Church where crowds from area churches took part in a celebration of the anniversary and received the Royal Ambassador carrying the torch on that leg of the run.

Thursday night, Stan Smothers, Nashville, carried the torch into the auditorium of the Belmont Heights Church in Nashville where the last state rally was held. The rally opened with a concert by the church choir and was followed by comments from Bill Highsmith, state Royal Ambassador director; Porter Routh, executive secretary-treasurer of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention; Jim Powell, Stewardship Commission, Southern Baptist Convention; and Ralph E. Norton, executive secretary-treasurer, Tennessee Baptist Convention.

In a dramatization on the adoption of the Cooperative Program in May of 1925, RA's pointed out that the Cooperative Program was not the most vocalized issue of the convention. Delegates and speakers were pre-occupied with matters of evolution, they said.

Speaking to those in attendance at the rally, Routh said that Baptists can take off their hats to a glorious 50 years of progress, but should also take off their coats and roll up their sleeves to the future. Recalling an outline used by L. R. Scarborough in the first speech promoting the Cooperative Program in 1925, Routh said that Scarborough had four points: 1. that

we give ourselves to prayer and supplication; 2. that we turn our faces to God in the most confident faith; 3. that we cultivate the things that make for fellowship and good will; and 4. that we give ourselves in the fullest support to the Cooperative Program as the best and most practical way of meeting our obligations and providing for the ongoing of all our enterprises. The Southern Baptist leader warned that for the future years we must make more than statistical projections, we must make spiritual projections.

Norton stated that every church in the Southern Baptist Convention can go into the world through the Cooperative Program if we continue to work together. He related the principle of the Cooperative Program to various methods of declarations of cooperation, and said that cooperation is one of the greatest ingredients of success in anything we attempt. After reading the original "Declaration of Cooperation," Norton said "Baptists need again the 'Declaration of Cooperation.'"

Following the rally, other RAs carried the torch out of the church and proceeded to Chattanooga, via Symrna, Murfreesboro, Manchester, and Jasper. Buses dropped the runners off at half-mile intervals and picked them up after they had finished their stints of one-half mile each.

Tennessee RAs turned the torch over to Georgia RAs after they left Chattanooga. The torch is scheduled to reach Miami Beach the night of June 10 during the SBC Stewardship Commission's report to the denomination's annual meeting.

Duck Resigns Foreign Mission Post

ARLINGTON, Tex.—Roger G. Duck has announced his resignation as associate secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's department of promotion and furlough ministries to join the staff of the Union Baptist Association's center for counseling in Houston, effective July 15.

Duck, who has been associated with the board for nearly 18 years, will be joined at the center by his wife, the former Lavonia Redden of Abilene, Tex., presently a counselor in the Arlington Independent School District.

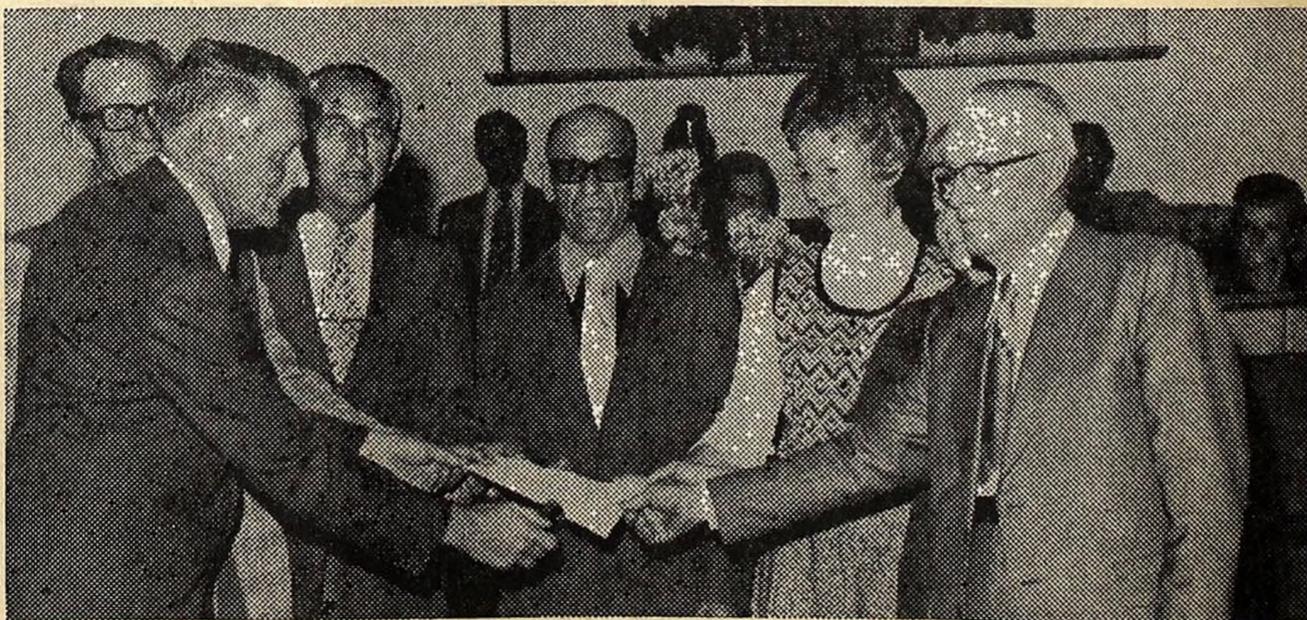
From his base in Arlington, Tex., Duck has assisted the board's departmental secretary and staff in interpreting foreign missions through promotional efforts and the ministries of furloughing missionaries. His primary relationship has been to furloughing missionaries living west of the Mississippi River.

Before becoming associate secretary on June 1, 1972, Duck served as a regional representative in the board's department of missionary personnel, counseling qualified Southern Baptists interested in missionary careers. He is a former missionary to Colombia and former pastor of churches in Cranfills Gap, Tex., and the Abilene area. A native of Abilene, Duck attended Texas A & M University, College Station, and was graduated from Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tex., and from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex. He is a clinical member of the American Association of Marriage and Family Counselors. (BP)

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NOTE BURNING SERVICE



Note burning services were held recently at Immanuel Church in Lawrenceburg. Members of the original building committee who were present at the ceremonies included (left to right): Harley Watson, chairman; Clyde Smith, chairman of deacons; Milton Beard; Leo Bradley, Dee Myhan, Artie Mae Watson, and N. L. Johnson. The church was chartered June 22, 1961, and the building was constructed in 1962.

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