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"Somethin' Special" In The Smokies This Summer



—Photo by Toby Druin

This sextet of Carson-Newman College students, "Somethin' Special," performs four nights weekly in the Smoky Shadows Conference Center, rear, in Pigeon Forge, Tenn. The students, from left, are Lynn Sutter, David Cook, Mary Beth Benson, Chuck Wiggins, Mary McBee and Jane Gibson.

The Smoky Mountains area of southeast Tennessee has a wealth of attractions that make it a tourist mecca throughout the year. But this summer it has "Somethin' Special" until Labor Day.

"Somethin' Special" is a team of six students, summer missionaries from Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, who are singing and giving Christian testimonies four nights weekly at the Smoky Shadows Conference Center in Pigeon Forge, doing campground ministries Tuesday through Friday and appearing at Camp Smoky and the local churches on Sundays. Pigeon Forge is about 10 miles northeast of Gatlinburg on Highway 441.

The missionaries are Mary Beth Benson, who graduated from C-N this spring; Jane Gibson, a junior; and four sophomores—David Cook, Mary McBee, Lynn Sutter, and Chuck Wiggins.

They are participating in a pilot project of the Missions and Student departments of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, a Special Ministries department of the Home Mission Board, and the Sevier County Baptist Association with an assist from the Connor Corporation of Pigeon Forge, which owns the conference center.

Coordinating it all is Jerry Brittingham, director of student activities and Baptist Student Union director at C-N. Brittingham came to C-N five years ago and began bringing student groups to the Pigeon Forge-Gatlinburg area three years ago for retreats and other meetings.

"Our student groups grew and grew," Brittingham said, "soon we no longer had a

place large enough to accommodate us. Charles Connor, a member of First Baptist Church, Pigeon Forge, and president of the corporation which owns the motel and other businesses, said that what we needed was a conference center, and about 18 months later the building became a reality."

The \$750,000 Conference Center includes a 500-seat theater-like auditorium that can be divided into two large meeting rooms, and five smaller meeting rooms—one of them with kitchen facilities. Brittingham, in addition to his duties at C-N, serves as coordinator and director and plans to limit the center's use to "Christian" activity.

This is the first summer missions venture for the students. All are Baptists. They sing four nights a week, (Billy Graham movies are shown Monday and Wednesday) doing a variety of popular numbers, interspersed with gospel songs and spirituals, patriotic selections, skits and media presentations. The featured soloists are Mary Beth Benson, Lynn Sutter and Chuck Wiggins.

Jane Gibson handles lighting and sound for most of the musical numbers, and is also the creator of the puppets and "muppets" the group uses in their campground ministry near the conference center.

Tuesday through Friday mornings the missionaries have puppet shows, nature walks and recreation for the children.

Wiggins said, "It is surprising how many Christians you find around this strip. We hope that we can influence some people's lives, both on an individual and group basis. We want to be 'Somethin' Special' to all the people here at Pigeon Forge this summer."

Holston Association Begins Work On Office Building

Holston Baptist Association's new office building is under construction on a two-acre tract on University Parkway adjacent to University Parkway Baptist Church.

The two-story building which will house more than 5200 sq. ft. is expected to be completed within six to eight months.

The Association offices will include a conference room and an assembly room to be used for executive board meetings and pastors' conferences as well as for training classes, clinics and workshops. Also provided will be an audio-visuals room, workroom, offices for secretaries, office for the director of missions, printing room, storage room and reception area.

James Canaday, pastor, Central Church, is chairman of the building committee, and William Duncan, pastor, Piney Flats Church, vice chairman.

Other committee members are: Melvin Faulkner, First Church, Erwin; Samuel Dean, First Church, Jonesboro; Wylie Rutledge, North Johnson City Church; Mrs. Ambers Wilson Jr., Johnson City; Gerald Ben Belcher, First Church, Greeneville; Don Strother, University Parkway Church; Robert Brumit, Union Church; and James Harris, director of associational missions, Holston Association.

Holston Association embraces 116 churches with a combined membership of 37,720 in five counties. Its ministries include the Johnson City Baptist Center and the Baptist Student Union on the East Tennessee State University campus.

Miss Benson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Benson of Concord and a member of First Church; and Miss Gibson is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Joe E. Gibson of Morristown.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Lon McBee of Knoxville, Miss McBee is a member of Central Church, Fountain City. Cook is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Cook of Morristown and has been serving as minister of music at Piedmont Church, Jefferson County.

A native of Virginia, Miss Sutter is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sutter of Salem, Va., where her father is minister of music and youth at Salem Church.

Wiggins, who served as minister of music at First Church, Dandridge, until he began his summer missionary work, is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Branson C. Wiggins, former pastor of Trenton Street Church, Harriman, and now pastor of First Church, Reading, Ohio.

Losing To Profit

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"For perhaps he therefore departed for a season, that thou shouldest receive him for ever."—Philemon 15.

In verses 15-17 Paul appeals to Philemon on the basis of reason, Christian love, and personal love for Paul himself.

Reason: In verse 15 Paul says that perhaps Philemon was without the service of his slave "for a season" or "hour," in order that he "might keep on really having" him "for ever" or with respect to the age (*aiōnion*). The verb "keep on really having" is a present subjunctive form of a compound word. Hence this intensive rendering. So Philemon's loss was his gain in the long run.

Christian love: Since Onesimus is now a Christian Philemon should have him, not as a slave, but as "a brother beloved." The Greek text reads "but beyond a slave." Philemon should look beyond the owner-slave relationship to the **two-brothers-in-Christ** relationship. Paul so regards Onesimus, but Philemon should do so to a greater degree in both the human relationship (flesh) and in the Christian relationship (in the Lord). As one has said, "In the flesh Philemon had the brother for a slave; in the Lord he had the slave for a brother." One

may also see here a subtle suggestion that Philemon should grant Onesimus his freedom.

Personal love for Paul: If Philemon has Paul as a partner or receives him as an equal, he should take to himself Onesimus as he would Paul. Since he would not mistreat Paul if he came as a guest, he should also welcome the return of Onesimus in kindness. The ordinary procedure would be for an owner to punish a slave who had run away. But in this case Christian love should supersede human custom.

Certainly Paul did not condone the institution of human slavery. Yet he never attacked it head-on. He recognized this fact of life in that day, and taught Christian slave owners and slaves how to live together (Eph. 6:5-9). But this little letter did more to destroy this vicious social institution than any other thing. The Christian gospel does not take shortcuts, but its work is effective.



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The Link

By Barbara Everett

Curling up in the floral-printed chair with a cup of coffee in one hand and my highly prized Living Bible in the other, I opened



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the book to read. With neither aim nor method, my eyes floated over Psalms 145. "All living things shall thank you, Lord, and your people will bless you. They will talk together about the glory of your kingdom and mention examples of your power. They will tell about your miracles and about the majesty and glory of your reign.

For your kingdom never ends. You rule generation after generation. I will call on all men everywhere to bless His holy name forever and forever." (Psalms 145:10-13, 21). Reading this was new to me; even though the confident feeling that it had to be there, was mine. But finding it was like a shade suddenly pulled up exploding a dark room with brilliant sunlight. And it penetrated right through my mind and shook hands with my spirit!

From the many times of taking a book from the shelf to read, examine and delight in as I would a treasure; realizing I have discovered some fresh, new evidence that God is alive and here dwells with us. From the gratifying information the authors write about to tell their own personal experiences; relating miracles that God performs in their lives. From recognizing the sometimes painfully written words as the authors expose things they would rather keep silent about but, nevertheless, written to tell all people that Jesus Christ is adequate for every circumstance. The question had been gradually rising to an impressive position in my mind.

Certainly, the Christian author is a true witness to Jesus Christ, but could the writers of our Christian literature be given a place beside biblical authors? Could the author say along with biblical author, John, "Again, I say we are telling you about what we ourselves have actually seen and heard, so that you may share the fellowship and the joys we have with the Father and with Jesus Christ His Son". (1 John 1:3). Unlike John, there had not been the availability of seeing Him, listening to Him speak nor to touch Him. Could our Christian books be used as an extension of divinely written words? The Bible and the book—were they unavoidably linked?

Thank you, King David, for your answer to my question.

Note: Mrs. Everett is the wife of Bobby Everett. They attend Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Maryville, where she serves as director of library services and works in Church Training.

Pulpit To Pews

By Jim Griffith

On this Independence Day, as we prepare for our nation's bicentennial, we need to take stock of losses as well as gains.

Our standard of living has progressed, but our reason for living has regressed. We have gained materially and lost spiritually.

There is less honesty and more dishonesty. The shady deal has replaced the square deal.

We have accumulated more, but we are enjoying it less. Our wants have exceeded our needs.

But in these days of threatening shortages, it is comforting to know that the young still have faith in this country—like the five-year-old who came home from Vacation Bible School saying the pledge to the flag and ending on this optimistic note: ". . . with liberty and just enough for all!"

And with God and without greed, there is enough. As the little girl said, in paraphrasing the Twenty-third Psalm: "The Lord is my Shepherd—that's all I need."

THE GREAT EVANGELISTS

Editor's note: This is the first in a series of four articles by John Havlik on revivalism and American history. We hope that these articles will help our spirits as we prepare for the nation's Bicentennial in 1976. Havlik is director of Evangelism Development for the Evangelism Department of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

I Kings 17:24

“. . . Now by this I know that thou art a man of God . . .”

A new revivalism with its roots in the Camp Meeting Revivals of post-revolutionary America, the revivals of 1858, and the horrors of the Civil War had its focus in the great evangelists. This new revivalism centered largely in the great cities from 1890 to 1945.



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The roll call of evangelists include Mel Trotter, Wilbur Chapman, Dwight L. Moody, Billy Sunday and many others. (Wilbur Chapman influenced C. E. Matthews with his simultaneous evangelism.) Of all these men it was Billy Sunday who, from the Gay Nineties to the Great Depression, gave these revivals definite form and organization. His influence has been underestimated because of his sensational style.

Billy Sunday's story is a typical Horatio Alger story—the boy from poor, rural life who comes to the big city and makes good. He made good twice, once as a baseball player and again as an evangelist. His father died in an army camp epidemic as a member of the Iowa Volunteer Infantry one month after Sunday's birth in 1862. Billy played ball because he loved it. He became a member of the Marshalltown nine, a semi-pro team and champions in central Iowa.

The most famous ball player in America, Adrian "Cap" Anson of the Chicago White Stockings, was persuaded by an aunt living in Marshalltown to give Sunday a tryout. The green rookie arrived in Chicago, dressed in a new suit. He sat on the curb in front of Spaulding's Sporting Goods Store and waited for Anson. Anson thought to put the rookie in his place and matched him in a foot race with Fred Pfeffer, the fastest man in the National League. Sunday beat Pfeffer by ten yards in the 100-yard dash and made the team. He was not a great hitter, but ran the bases with speed and daring.

Success as a ball player came to Sunday, but he got farther and farther away from the Methodist church in Ames, Iowa, and his mother's prayers. He could circle the bases in 14 seconds. His hitting improved to a respectable .350. He terrorized opposition

into careless playing with his daring on the bases and stole 94 bases in a season of only 116 games. Against the Athletics in the ninth inning of a scoreless game, Sunday walked and then stole second, third and home in succession to win the game.

On a Sunday night in 1887, the team had no game scheduled and had been drinking heavily. They left a saloon and clustered on a curbstone across the street from a group of Christians from the Pacific Garden Mission on State Street. This group sang hymns that reminded Sunday of the Methodist church and his mother back home. He heard testimonies that stirred his heart. When the leader of the Christian group invited the ball players to come to the mission, Sunday followed. He returned to the mission regularly, despite the jeers of his teammates, and was converted to Jesus Christ.

Although ballplayers were looked upon as "low class" citizens, Sunday began giving his testimony and set out to prove that a ballplayer could be a Christian gentleman. In a

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way he was a forerunner of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He joined the Jefferson Park Presbyterian Church and there met Helen Thompson, who later became "Ma" Sunday. She and others encouraged him to join the staff of the Chicago YMCA at a monthly salary of \$83.33. Sunday turned down an offer from the Athletics for \$500.00 per month in order to organize Bible studies, witness to human "wreckage" on skid row, and give his testimony wherever possible.

Sunday came to the attention of Wilbur Chapman, who asked him to join his revival team. For three years he sold Chapman's books, organized the ushers, erected tents and scattered the "sawdust trail." After three years Chapman took the pastorate of Bethany Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia, and Sunday was without a job. He then received a telegram from Garner, Iowa, asking him to conduct a ten-day revival. Sunday had his testimony and eight sermons borrowed from Chapman. He knew he could last ten days if he skipped Saturday, and so he accepted the invitation. At the end of the revival, 268 persons confessed Christ as Savior and Lord.

Garner, Iowa, to this day maintains a

billboard upon entering the town that says, "Where the sawdust trail began." Sunday's first revivals were held in large churches and in tents during the summer. He finally innovated the great board tabernacles that became his hallmark. No more than two nails were used in a board in order that people could easily get out in case of fire.

Billy Sunday's first revivals were in Iowa, Illinois and Indiana. Finally the East beckoned, and he went to what has been called "the graveyard of the evangelists"—New York, Washington, St. Louis and Philadelphia. In 1915 the Philadelphia revival went from January 3 to March 21, with two million persons attending the tabernacle services. Other evangelistic meetings were conducted in shops, factories, etc. Forty thousand converts were made with 1,858 coming on the first day.

Rodeheaver reported six thousand in the revival choir. The favorite song of the meeting was, "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart." John Wanamaker, the millionaire and mayor of Philadelphia, supported the revival.

In 1916 Baltimore was the scene of a Sunday tabernacle revival. The "Salvation Shed," as the newspapers dubbed the tabernacle, was directly behind the Oriole baseball park. On the final day, Sunday preached to 96,000 persons in four services. Among the converts were the three children of Mayor Preston. On the final evening of the revival "Home Run" Baker and four other New York Yankees hit the sawdust trail.

Sunday was the first evangelist to use a nursery for small children, caring for 1,884 children during the Baltimore revival.

In 1917 New York felt the impact of Sunday's evangelism, resulting in more than 100,000 converts to Jesus Christ. This revival was led by John D. Rockefeller Jr.

In 1918 Washington gave Sunday a spectacular setting for his "Salvation Shed." It was just off Capitol Hill across from Union Station.

Did Billy Sunday's converts "stick?" Two years after the Wilkes-Barre meeting a Philadelphia paper reported the results of a survey showing 83 percent of Sunday's converts still "active in Christian service." Long after the Scranton, Pennsylvania revival, a local newspaper reported that the Dunmore Social Club, an organization committed to debauchery of all kinds, became the Dunmore Christian Mission. All but two of its members had been converted in the Sunday revival several years before.

Sunday tamed the Spaulding Football Club, a gang of roughnecks who began meeting regularly for religious services in their clubroom following the Scranton re-

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Christians Persist In Laos Baptist Missionary Says

MIAMI BEACH—Despite the recent evacuation of all Southern Baptist missionaries from Laos, Christianity will persist there, asserts a missionary who helped to start Baptist work there in 1971.

Now that the missionaries are gone, the Lao Baptists will probably merge with other denominations, according to Jerald W. Perrill, a Southern Baptist missionary who recently returned to the United States after four years in Laos.

"I don't think there's going to be a Baptist distinctive there for a long time," he explained. "They (the Baptists) will be spread over a wide area. There won't be more than two or three in one particular area."

Perrill believes the Baptists will draw Christian strength and support from other groups. The Lao Baptists had a close relationship with the Lao evangelical church even before missionary evacuation, he said.

"In a Communist country, you forget denominations, especially when the church goes underground."

Freedom Of Worship Promised

He added, however, he does not foresee Christians in Laos having to go underground in the near future. The government, Perrill noted, has promised its citizens freedom of worship.

President Ford Proclaims Day Of Prayer, July 24

WASHINGTON—President Ford issued a proclamation here calling for a National Day of Prayer on Thursday, July 24, 200 years after the Second Continental Congress marked the first such observance.

Ford used the occasion to declare that "it is fitting to recall that it was a profound faith in God which inspired the founders of our nation. . . . As we prepare to mark the 200th anniversary of the birth of our nation, it is my fervent hope that Americans will not forget that it was prayer that helped to forge our freedoms and foster our liberties."

The President also stated that the liberties sought by the founding fathers have never been more secure than today, but added that "material progress and human achievement often beckon mankind away from the spiritual virtues."

Ford asked that during the day of prayer Americans pray "for unity and the blessings of freedom throughout our land and for peace on earth." (BP)

He expressed the hope that the Lao Baptists will not be hindered by their former association with American missionaries.

Perrill and his wife, who were one of the first two couples who started Baptist work in Laos in 1971, have been in the United States just a few weeks. He was a participant in a Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board consultation held here prior to the Southern Baptist Convention.

There are about 20 to 25 Lao Baptists in the country, Perrill estimated, and they have

Entire Vietnamese Orphanage Joins Children's Home Family

DALLAS—Buckner Baptist Children's Home has added an entire Vietnam orphanage to its operation here.

The 69 orphans of Camranh City Christian Orphanage, their director, Nguyen Xuan Ha, along with 12 other staff members and their 13 children, arrived here June 12. They had spent the major part of their first month in America on the Paul Martin ranch near Houston.

"It was almost destined to happen," said Buckner Benevolences President R. C. Campbell. "We have the facilities, the professional staff, and we are in the business of caring for homeless children.

"We don't know what the future holds," Campbell continued, "but right now we're just going to give them lots of love and security, and the chance to be carefree children again."

The children, ranging in age from three to sixteen, are eligible for adoption, and Buckner is a licensed adoptive agency. Adoption plans will not be made for several months though, according to Campbell.

Meanwhile, Buckner is planning a cultural orientation program for the children, which will include language study and other schooling. This is in keeping with the wishes of Director Ha.

The arrival in Dallas marked the end of a journey covering thousands of miles—from Camranh to Saigon, to Singapore, to Switzerland, New York, Ft. Chaffee in Arkansas and then to Houston.

It was a bone-weary, sometimes harrowing journey for the group. At times they were dangerously close to hostile forces.

been Christians for two and a half years to eight months.

The four missionary families and one journeyman assigned to Laos could see the tense situation coming and began preparing the Lao Baptists to continue on their own, Perrill said.

"Our work in the past months was to teach them the principles of Bible study, of prayer and worshipping together."

He said the national Baptists had previously warned that the missionaries might have to leave soon because of anti-American sentiment and expressed concern about their physical safety.

Before the missionaries left, he said, the Lao Baptists joined together to choose leaders "to carry on the fellowship of believers."

Perrill concluded, "We've entrusted them to the Lord." (BP)

The leaky diesel boat their director bought to get them from Rach Gia to Singapore had engine trouble after two days out on the water, and they were helplessly adrift.

Fortunately a Taiwanese merchant ship, bound for Hong Kong, towed them near the Singapore harbor, and two fishing boats rescued them and took them on into port.

But they lay in the harbor for five days, scared and hungry, before further help came.

It was in Singapore that Southern Baptist missionaries learned of their plight and helped get air passage to the United States via Switzerland.

Also in Singapore, Southern Baptist missionary Ralph Neighbor heard about the children and contacted his former pastorate, West Memorial Baptist Church in Houston, asking them to help in whatever way they could.

As a result, the Paul Martins, members of the West Memorial Church, offered their ranch for temporary care of the children. They were moved to the ranch after about a week in Ft. Chaffee.

Director Ha was concerned though about the future of his children. Sharing his concern was Southern Baptist missionary James Gayle, who had served in Vietnam and was pastor to the City Christian Orphanage four years.

Gayle, who grew up at Buckner Boys Ranch, turned to the officials there for help.

Campbell and Dallas child-care personnel responded. And one week after the decision was made to accept the children, they moved into their new home in Dallas. (BP)

About 1,000 Vietnamese Have SBC Sponsors, More Needed

ATLANTA, Ga.—At least 1,000 Vietnamese refugees have been resettled by Southern Baptist groups, but the goal of relocating and resettling the Indo-Chinese from temporary camps in the United States is far from fulfilled, according to information from the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board here.

"We need sponsors. Our number one goal is to get these people out of the camps," says Jim Lassiter, field representative for Southern Baptists at Camp Pendleton, Calif., one of four stateside camps set aside for living quarters and processing stations.

The other camps are Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., Ft. Chaffee, Ark., and Indian-town Gap, Pa.

As of mid-June, a board spokesman said, Camp Pendleton's press office released infor-

mation saying that 88,389 refugees had arrived at the four stateside camps.

Thus far, only 29,389 refugees have been processed out, says Lassiter, who formerly served as a Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board missionary in Vietnam and is now aiding in securing sponsors for the Vietnam refugees.

"That leaves 59,000 still in the camps," he says, "plus more than 40,000 waiting to get into the states.

"Pendleton's getting out about 350 people a day, and that's more than twice the amount for all the other camps combined," Lassiter notes.

Reports reaching the Home Mission Board's Office of Immigration and Refugee Service in Atlanta indicate that the largest number of refugees resettled by Southern

Baptist groups have been in the Washington, D.C., area, including Maryland and northern Virginia.

Others have been resettled in California, Florida, Georgia, Texas, Arkansas, Missouri, Mississippi and Louisiana, according to Irvin Dawson, who heads the Baptist service, which is working through Church World Service.

Ways To Sponsor Refugees

Churches willing to commit themselves to serve as sponsors are urged to take the following steps:

1) Vote in conference to sponsor a family; decide on size of family the church would prefer, available housing and job opportunities.

2) Write the Baptist coordinator (who is usually state director of missions) or the Office of Immigration and Refugee Service, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, 1350 Spring St., N.W., Atlanta, Ga., 30309, for commitment forms.

Processing time may be as short as two weeks from approval of an application for sponsorship to arrival of the family at the sponsor's city.

Sponsorship, according to Dawson, includes providing for the support of the refugee family until members can provide for themselves. This may take a few weeks or a few months, depending on employment opportunities.

Sponsorship involves, in the early stages of resettlement, provisions for housing, clothing, groceries, and other basic needs.

Transportation is provided by the government. A transitional resettlement grant of \$100 per refugee is provided by Church World Service in a check requiring the signatures of the refugee and the sponsor.

The refugees are anxious to get out of the camps and resettle, Dawson adds. Even those highly skilled indicate willingness to take most any employment necessary.

The size of families varies considerably, from couples to extended families of 20 and 30. Many speak English. (BP)

Airmen Give \$10,018 To Fight World Hunger

ATLANTA, Ga.—The Southern Baptist Chaplains Commission has received a \$10,018 check from Air Force chaplains to be used in the fight against world hunger.

William L. Clark, director of the Chaplains Commission, a part of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, said the funds would be forwarded onto the denomination's Foreign Mission Board for use in overseas hunger relief.

The \$10,018 was Southern Baptists' share of the annual Palm Sunday offering taken by Air Force chaplains in services around the world.

This year the offering was designated toward alleviation of world hunger and prorated to each religious group according to the number of chaplains it had serving on active duty. (BP)



Participating in groundbreaking ceremonies recently at the Antioch Church, Sevier Association, were (left to right): Junior Jenkins, chairman of trustees; Pastor Ray Williams; Sam Moore, chairman of building finance; and Jim Catlett, chairman of the building committee. The structure will be two-story brick and contain classrooms and a kitchen-dining area. "Old Timers Day" was observed at the church on the same day.

Weber Urges Response To Spiritual And Social Problems

MIAMI BEACH—The president of the Southern Baptist Convention called on messengers here to speak to the spiritual and social problems of the world through greater lay involvement, special days of praying and fasting, an emphasis upon new church growth, and expressions of compassion.

America is living in an integrity and belief crisis, said Jaroy Weber, pastor of First Baptist Church of Lubbock, Tex., in laying the groundwork for his proposals.

"We are seeing a culture developing which accepts lying, cheating and stealing as an acceptable practice in life to accomplish human goals," the Baptist preacher charged.

"Watergate, pardon my mentioning it, has underscored the importance of honesty. I feel that we are becoming a nation of dishonest people."

Weber said the American people also have lost their ability to believe or have faith in anything.

"Never have we been told so much and offered so little," said Weber. He cited a poll which, he said, questioned the Biblical view of marriage, showed a general distrust of businessmen, reflected little or no confidence in the presidency and Congress, and indicated at least 63 percent didn't believe what they heard or read through mass media.

"To regain our Christian hope demands more than a renewed patriotism to a troubled nation. It demands a dynamic encounter with a transcendent God who is alive in history and awaits His wandering children to come home."

New Vision Needed

Weber said Southern Baptists need to have a new world vision.

"Christians cannot be isolationists, comfortably speaking religious terms to each other at eleven o'clock Sunday morning. The whole church of God must go with the whole gospel to the whole world."

The Baptist leader likened the whole gospel to a coin with two sides—personal faith and social action, which "must go together like faith and work in the New Testament.

"We used to be told it was no use preaching the gospel to men with empty stomachs. It is now found that men with full stomachs do not even bother to listen.

"We must speak to the social problems of the world but our speaking must be in the context of Biblical revelation and not from the lips of liberal sociologists, philosophers or theologians."

Weber said all Southern Baptists must get involved in the effort.

"We can no longer wait for a specialized

task force of professional missionaries to win this world to Christ. Some practical plan must be adopted and propagated by the Foreign and Home Mission Boards to involve lay persons in our direct mission task.

"Lay persons are ready and willing to become a part if we are willing to innovate our strategy to include them."

The denominational leader said he was advocating a cooperation of spirit which would send Baptist messengers home with "a tear of compassion rather than a trauma of tension."

Weber also asked the messengers to do something positive.

"I would like for the convention's resolutions committee to bring a resolution asking our people to set aside at least one day a month for fasting and praying for our nation and for the starving multitudes of the world.

Suggests Offering For Hungry

"I would also challenge every church to have at least one church-wide offering to feed the hungry of the world, and help develop to a greater degree the self-reliance of people on their own resources."

In a plea to build churches, the Texas preacher said Southern Baptists need to rethink their priorities, redesign some of their strategy, call upon the divine power of God, and move forward.

Midwestern Grants Degrees To Tennesseans

Two Tennesseans received degrees from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary during recent commencement exercises there.

V. Maurice Graham, Shelbyville, received the Master of Divinity degree; and Jerry Lynn Scruggs, Trenton, was granted the Doctor of Ministry degree. There were 83 other graduates.

The program was held in the Northgate Church located adjacent to the seminary campus. Roy L. Honeycutt Jr., academic dean and professor of Old Testament and Hebrew, delivered the commencement address.

At the same time Southern Baptists need to be as concerned about living the Bible as well as defending it, Weber said. He expressed particular concern about a report that 1,000 Baptist preachers are leaving the ministry each year.

"I call upon our convention to be understanding, forgiving, redemptive, rather than critical and derogatory. If they (preachers) are to be restored, they must have a helping hand.

"Some agency of our convention ought to develop a redemption center, a restoration clinic, and a rehabilitation clinic for those in true repentance. If what we preach about God's forgiveness is true, let us practice it." (BP)

The Great Evangelists

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vival. When Sunday drove his "waterwagon" through the cities, hundreds of alcoholics scrambled on board. For many of them it was a lasting cure.

Perhaps the most amazing characteristic of Sunday was his social conscience. He was an uneducated man, but had a significant grasp of social problems. In his sermons he regularly said, "The crying need of the age is a single standard for the sexes. It makes no difference to God whether you wear a plug hat or a hairpin."

Sunday gave the entire amount of the love offering from the New York revival, \$113,000, to the YMCA and the American Red Cross. He made no attempt to perpetuate an organization or school for himself. He gave the entire Chicago love offering, \$67,000, to the Pacific Garden Mission.

Sunday was an advocate for woman suffrage. He encouraged the teaching of sex education in the high schools. He believed

in and voiced regularly the equality of the races. He supported the right of labor to collective bargaining. In Wilkes-Barre 200 taverns in the environs and surrounding country closed down within a year after the revival. Sunday denounced rich men "who would not touch another woman but who would drive girls into prostitution by low starvation wages." When Billy believed something was wrong, he made it hot for the wrongdoer.

There were other evangelists during this period, but none of them were as great as Billy Sunday. He was an "American phenomenon." He never owned much of this world's goods. He was more fearless in the face of entrenched iniquity than any man who has ever lived. Too many evangelists come to town, and it is still the same. No place that Billy ever preached was the same when he left. When God was pouring His Spirit upon great churchmen, some fire fell on this drunken ballplayer. "May all God's servants be prophets." (Num. 11:29)

The Need For Christian Growth

By Dr. Ben Curtis, Associate Professor of Religion
Belmont College, Nashville, Tennessee

Lesson Text: I Cor. 3:1-4, II Peter 1:3-11

Both the possibility and necessity of growth seem to be built-in laws of God's created order. The marvel of life unfolding to its potential is evident in both the plant and animal worlds. Human life, however, has its own peculiarity: growth is not automatic, for it is contingent upon risk-taking and responsibility. Translated into Christian terminology this means that Christian growth takes place only in the context of faith and moral discipline.

Levels Of Growth—I Cor. 3:1-4

In writing to the church at Corinth, Paul acknowledged that all believers in Christ possessed the Spirit of Christ. On a theoretical or theological level that means all Christians exist in union, on the same level. On a practical level, the New Testament constantly witnesses to the reality that the Church is composed of two kinds of people: mature and immature, wise and foolish, strong and weak, faithful and unfaithful. One of the reasons for this is that a person is no stronger as a Christian than his personal qualities allow: "for we have this treasure in earthen vessels" (II Cor. 4:7). If a person embodies excessive dependence, anxiety or proneness to jealousy, these character traits place boundaries on his potential for Christian growth. This is why Paul had such difficulty with the Christians at Corinth, because true to their culture their character structure reflected excessive emotion, faddism, and competitive rivalry.

Paul documented two obstacles to growth, the first being divisiveness. "For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not . . . behaving like ordinary men?" (3:3). These people were prone to form cliques within the church that veiled an arrogance. They had an emphasis upon "wisdom" (I Cor. 1:17-2:5) which the immature believers interpreted as profound doctrines for the few minds capable of enlightenment; in other words, they practiced an exclusiveness, for they thought Christian maturity was conceptual (being able to comprehend difficult truths). Paul was trying to teach them that maturity was relational, being able to tolerate differences of opinion and yet to establish the truth in love (I Cor. 12:12-26). This is in harmony with the traditional Baptist emphasis upon "the priesthood of believers" where individual Christians exercise independence in forming their beliefs, but participate in the union of shared commitment to the Lordship of Christ.

Of The Flesh

Paul uses a play on words to underscore the lack of Christian growth in some people. He contrasts *sarkinos*, a term which refers to the natural, animated flesh of the newborn infant, with *sarkikos*, a term which refers to the dominion of the flesh or independent ego as it resists the will of God. It is important to understand that this accusation, "are you not of the flesh?" (3:3), does not devalue the human body and reduce it to being automatically sinful because it is physical. The Biblical view of man does not approach the body as dirty or human impulses as evil; that is asceticism or puritanism, not Christianity. To be "of the flesh" is to be self-reliant, to refuse the guidance of the Spirit, to diverge from the unity of believers, and to presume that one's own spiritual experience is the last word in Christian instruction today.

Divine Provision—II Peter 1:3-5

Scholars in the history of religions have often debated the relationship of man to God on the analogies of the "monkey grip" or the "cat grip." Does man relate to God by reaching out and holding on or by being receptive to the firm grasp of divine grace? Christian thought emphasizes that religious growth has its origin in God's gifts to man so that man operates on a "plus" power in his life, the Spirit given and received that makes for a beginning. This is underscored in the phrases "divine power granted to us" (1:3) and "become partakers of the divine nature" (1:5). The divine provision for our growth comes in two ways: motivation and model. The Spirit provides the desire for us to thrust off childishness and become capable of assimilating the strong meat of discipleship. Also, God has provided the concrete model of "his own glory and excellence" (1:3), Jesus Christ, to give us a firm image of what it means to be fully human and to respond faithfully to the great crises of life.

Ladder Of Virtues—1:6-11

It will not do to speak of Christian growth without recognizing the place of human effort. Here are the descriptions of our responsibility: "make every effort to supplement your faith" (1:5), "be zealous to confirm your call" (1:10), "if you do this you will never fall" (1:10). The flip-side of grace is demand, of faith is works. This emphasis reminds us of Jesus pointing out the un-

Laughs

A group of men were having orange juice and sugar cookies in the recovery room of the Red Cross Blood Center after having donated blood. The conversation turned to national origin, and one of the men happened to be an Indian. "Are you a full blooded Indian?" asked one of the men. "Well, no" admitted the Indian, "right now I'm a pint low."—The Wooden Barrel

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The 3rd grade teacher was trying to break her class of the "I seen" habit.

"You should never say 'I seen him do it,' " she sternly admonished.

"Yeah," piped up a voice from the rear. "Specially if you ain't sure he done it."

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Taxes may be staggering, but they never go down.

finished tower because the workman quit (Luke 14:28) and of Paul describing life as a race that demands to be run all the way to the finish-line (I Cor. 9:24-27).

The nature of Christian growth is that one victory or virtue or gain-of-character leads to another, so that the Spirit constructs our life like a dwelling-place of several stories on a secure foundation: one level supports the next. Virtue leads to knowledge to self-control to steadfastness to godliness to brotherly affection to love (1:5-7). Like gathering manna in the wilderness, meeting the demands of one day does not guarantee the next day, but exercising spiritual muscles in growth makes it easier the next time to go through the stretching toward God's mark for each of us.

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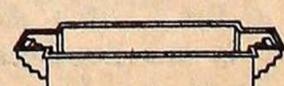
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PEOPLE . . .

Dandridge First Church licensed **Dale Dennis** to the gospel ministry. **Robert D. McCray** is pastor.

Steve Witt, pastor of First Southern Church, Pikeville, received the bachelor of divinity degree during graduation ceremonies at Luther Rice Seminary in Jacksonville recently. **Witt** had completed the final requirements for this degree through the external studies program of the seminary.

Southside Church, Gallatin, ordained three men recently. **Richard Jones** was ordained as a deacon, and **Paul Gunn** and **Charles Anderson** were ordained to the gospel ministry. **Gunn** is pastor of Dotsonville Church and attends Boyce School. **Anderson** is pastor of Faith Baptist Tabernacle near Ringgold, Ga., and attends Tennessee Temple College. Pastor **James Bell** preached the ordination sermon.

Ernest Pilgrim was ordained to the gospel ministry by Hillcrest Church of Dyersburg recently. **Pilgrim** is pastor of Evansville Mission sponsored by Dyersburg First Church. **Joseph H. Trybone** is pastor at Hillcrest.

Tennessee native **Harold Phillips** is serving as a young adult consultant intern in the Sunday School Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board. Originally from Nashville and presently a student at Southern Seminary, he will receive eight hours' credit following satisfactory completion of the internship. His work assignment will include library research, field studies, and writing and conference leading. **Donald F. Trotter** is manager of the Sunday School Department.

Wilma Fay Brogdon and **Betsy Gwen Pierce**, both of Memphis, are serving a ten-week term in Atlanta as summer sojourners of the Home Mission Board. The Sojourners program is a missions opportunity for high school graduates or students who have completed their junior year. **Pierce** is a member of Rugby Hills Church and the daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. George Pierce**, and **Brogdon** is also a member of Rugby Hills Church and the daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. George A. Brogdon**.

Walter Bennett, church ministries consultant in the Church Administration Department at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, has been named supervisor of the new conference center program and promotion section at the board. The section will be responsible for programming and promoting Ridgecrest and Glorieta Conference Centers. He is a graduate of Baylor University and received the bachelor of

CHURCHES . . .

Approximately 250 members and friends of the Enon Church in McKenzie gathered recently to celebrate the church's 175th anniversary. **Mrs. Hattie Pate** was recognized for holding the longest membership on the church record, since 1916. **James Chandler**, church member for 40 years and treasurer for the past seven years, presented the story of the congregation's beginning and its history. The present building was dedicated in 1917 and was recently remodeled. Currently the oldest Baptist church in West Tennessee, Enon has a membership of 327. **Claude Prince** is pastor.

Arlington Church, Knox County Association, will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the church this month. Special services will be held July 6 with **Earl Stallings**, past president of the Florida Baptist Convention and present pastor of First Church of Marietta, Ga., as the guest speaker. **Stallings** was ordained to the gospel ministry by the Arlington Church. A lunch will follow the morning worship service.

On Sunday, Aug. 10, Whitesburg Church, Nolachucky Association, will celebrate its 190th anniversary. Established in 1785 by **Tidence Lane** and **William Murphy**, the church is the successor of the original Bent Creek Baptist Church. Services will begin at 9:30 during the Sunday School hour. Dinner-on-the-ground and an afternoon program is planned. Former pastors will be special guests. **Henry Davidson** is pastor.

There was approximately \$3000 given to the Barton Barrett Memorial Scholarship Fund when Powell's Chapel Church, Murfreesboro, observed Barton Barrett Day, on May 18. The annual memorial trust fund

divinity degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and the doctor of ministries degree from Vanderbilt University.

Grove Hill Church, Knox County Association, licensed **Tom Tomberlin** to the gospel ministry. He is serving presently as interim pastor at Blount Avenue Church. **Joe Crichton** is pastor at Grove Hill.

Ben Allen Road Church, Nashville, ordained **Leroy Crouch**, **Donald Dorris**, **Jesse Ray**, **J. W. Stewart**, and **Wayne Walters** as deacons.

Brian Kent Elliott, brother of **Betty Elliott**, assistant foreman, Curley Printing Company, printers of the **Baptist And Reflector**, died June 27 in Nashville after a short illness. Funeral services were June 30. Burial was in Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

LEADERSHIP CHANGES . . .

Stevens Street Church, Cookeville, called **Pam Brown** as youth director. A student at Tennessee Tech University, she is already on the field. **Dewey B. Robinson** is pastor.

Parsons First Church called **Allen Carter** as pastor. A graduate of Mercer University, he is now completing work for the master of divinity degree at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. **S. R. Woodson**, Jackson, former pastor at Humboldt First Church, has served as interim pastor of the Parsons church since last October.

Randall Eugene Melton is the new minister of music and youth at Pigeon Forge First Church. He is a recent graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and is a native of Cleveland, Tenn. **William Cope** is the Pigeon Forge pastor.

Manley Church, Morristown, extended a call to **Barry Lord**, a graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary to become minister of music and assistant pastor. He is a graduate of Belmont College.

Lincoln Park Church, Knoxville, called **Franklin Denham** as director of music and youth. **James A. Atchley** is pastor.

offering was taken at the morning worship service. There is near \$9000 in a perpetual music scholarship trust fund with the Tennessee Baptist Foundation. Income from this fund provides scholarship for music students who attend Belmont College. **Don McRae** is the Powell's Chapel pastor.

Funeral Services Held For Mrs. Howell

Funeral services for Mrs. Brooksie (W. C.) Howell, 87, were held June 17 at Alamo First Church. Robert Brown, R. Trevis Otey, and Gayle Alexander officiated.

Mrs. Howell, a native of Bells, was the widow of W. Clem Howell. She was the first executive secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union of Southern Baptists in California; a hostess for girls' dormitories at Union University and Baylor University; and was active in world mission conferences with the Home Mission Board.

She retired in Jackson, Tenn., in 1962 and was a member of First Church. There she was active in teaching Sunday School and leading in WMU work. She was also a former young people's leader at the Bellevue Church in Memphis.

She is survived by an adopted daughter, Mrs. Walter Clee, Dallas, Texas, a sister, Mrs. J. B. Avery, Alamo, and two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Woman Heads Deans' Group; Educators Conduct Business

NASHVILLE—An Atlanta educator became the first woman to head the deans' section of the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools (ASBCS) during meetings here of the ASBCS and the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.



Fincher

Jean Hendricks, academic dean at Mercer University, Atlanta, was elected president by fellow deans, succeeding Ruric Wheeler, vice president for academic affairs at Samford University, Birmingham.

John Fincher, president of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., was elected ASBCS president, with James Staples, president of California Baptist College, Riverside, as vice president, and H. I. Hester, well-known retired SBC educator from Liberty, Mo., as secretary-treasurer.

The Education Commission elected William G. Tanner, president of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, to a second term as chairman; reelected Budd Smith, retired president of Wingate (N.C.) College

as vice-chairman; and named Tom Madden, pastor of First Baptist Church, Tullahoma, Tenn., as secretary.

Besides Jean Hendricks, other deans' section officers are Jerry L. Surratt, academic dean at Wingate College, vice president; and Joseph M. Ernest Jr., academic vice president at William Carey College, Hattiesburg, Miss., secretary-treasurer.

The Education Commission, which serves as liaison between Baptist schools and SBC agencies, voted a 1975-76 budget of \$196,000, named Howard Kirksey, a Baptist layman and retired academic vice-president at Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, as a consultant in placement for a year, beginning Oct. 1, and discussed issues related to challenges facing educational institutions.

The ASBCS, which has a membership of 71 Baptist educational institutions across country, voted a 1975-76 operating budget of \$5,450; heard plans for a National Colloquium on higher education to be sponsored by the Education Commission, June 9-12, 1976, in Williamsburg, Va., and commended Seinan Gakuin University, Fukuoka, Japan, for its work and funding in foreign student exchanges with Baptist colleges in the United States. (BP)

FMB Seminarian Program Initiated This Summer

RICHMOND—The seminarian program of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board will send four students abroad for the summer during this first year of its operation.

The young men and women, all attending a Southern Baptist theological seminary, will spend at least eight weeks working alongside career missionaries.

The program was approved in 1974 and designed to provide opportunities for missionary service overseas for qualified seminary students. They will receive travel expenses plus room and board, but no salary.

Even though a number of qualified applicants may be considered, said a spokesman of the board's personnel department, only a few can be sent overseas. The number is going to range from six to 10 in the future.

To qualify, students must have completed a minimum of 12 semester hours and plan to complete their study. They must be 29 years of age and under and an active member of a Southern Baptist church.

Among those going is Joe S. Vasquez, a

student at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif. He was born in Texas and attended school in Washington. He received the master of divinity degree this year. His assignment is youth work in Brussels and Jurbise, Belgium.

Two students from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., will be included, Glenn Starling and Peggy Robertson.

Starling was born and grew up in North Carolina. He expects to receive his master of religious education degree next year. He is assigned to Guam to do student and youth work.

Miss Robertson expects to receive her master of music degree next year. She was born and grew up in Texas. She will teach in a school for pastors in Liberia.

Wayne Williams, born in Alabama and also lived in Florida, will go from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary to be involved in general evangelism in Ghana. He expects to receive the master of divinity degree in 1977.

Children's Homes

Dedication and Home-Coming At Franklin

By James M. Gregg, Executive Director

A big, big day is planned for our Middle Tennessee Home at Franklin on Saturday, August 23. This will be an all-day affair, beginning at about 9:30 A.M. with free lunch on the grounds, and going 'til about 3 P.M.

This will be homecoming and open house and dedication of the new Gregg Activities Building. Everyone who formerly lived on this campus as children or staff members, along with their families, are invited to the homecoming service during the morning and for lunch. All of our friends and fellow Tennessee Baptists are invited to the open house and dedication of the new building which begins at 1:30 P.M. The Children's Choir will sing and other special features are planned, both in the new gym and on the campus. Brother Robert E. Nelson and his staff join me in extending to you a very special invitation. Come if you can.

Through June 26, the 1975 Mother's Day Offering for the Homes was \$177,284.00. Thank you for your part in these love gifts. God will surely bless you. Please pray with me that enough Baptists and churches will respond before July 31 to make possible the \$341,000.00 goal.

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Top 25 Churches Listed For Cooperative Program Giving

The following list of churches ranked in the top 25 in the State of Tennessee for gifts through the Cooperative Program, Nov. 1, 1974-April 30, 1975, according to the Stewardship Department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Of interest, in addition to the list of churches, are the following observations: 1. total Cooperative Program receipts from all churches were \$4,024,797.59; 2. receipts of top 25 churches are 18.22 per cent of the total receipts; 3. there are 2746 churches in the Tennessee Baptist Convention with a total membership of 942,593; 4. Eight hundred thirty-nine churches (839) made no gifts through the Cooperative Program.

The list of churches is as follows:

CHURCH	ASSOCIATION	MEMBERSHIP	C.P. GIFTS
Nashville, First	Nashville	4,138	\$ 53,097.20
Knoxville, First	Knox	3,498	51,250.00
Brainerd	Hamilton	2,287	37,916.67
Maryville, First	Chilhowee	1,943	34,698.65
Belmont Heights	Nashville	2,746	33,804.64
Woodmont	Nashville	1,668	32,851.55
Wallace Memorial	Knox	1,935	31,158.61
Colonial Heights	Sullivan	947	30,900.00
Memphis, First	Shelby	4,493	30,176.00
Bellevue	Shelby	9,803	29,166.65
Two Rivers	Nashville	1,983	28,829.14
Kingsport, First	Sullivan	2,148	28,750.00
Morristown, First	Nolachucky	1,653	27,474.09
Red Bank	Hamilton	2,033	26,484.51
Central, Fountain City	Knox	2,289	26,330.97
Robertsville	Clinton	1,452	24,418.78
Sevierville, First	Sevier	1,290	24,097.55
Donelson, First	Nashville	1,513	23,984.40
Highland Heights	Shelby	3,583	23,950.55
Chattanooga, First	Hamilton	2,525	22,964.56
West Jackson	Madison-Chester	2,389	22,920.45
Central, Bearden	Knox	1,930	22,680.00
Central, Chattanooga	Hamilton	1,808	22,096.25
Whitehaven	Shelby	1,983	21,817.89
Concord, First	Knox	1,660	21,644.67
Totals		63,697	\$733,463.78

Singles Conferences Planned For Labor Day

NASHVILLE—Single adults attending Singles Conferences at Ridgecrest and Glorieta Baptist Conference Centers over Labor Day weekend this year will be able to choose from 20 different special interest conferences.

The Aug. 29-Sept. 1 conferences are planned especially for never married or formerly married persons 18 years of age and older. Leaders of singles classes and departments also will find helpful activities included in the conferences.

Special interest conferences, called "groupings," were selected from information gathered during a Singles Planning Meeting held at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board last February, attended by 12 single adults and advisors.

Some examples of the groupings are "Adjusting and fulfilling career goals," "Sharing a personal witness," "Looking forward to marriage," "Improving personal money management" and "Sharing church happenings with singles."

Formerly marrieds attending the conferences will find several groupings directed to them. Included are "Building self-esteem," "Learning to live by myself," "Coping with traditional family orientation in church settings" and "Performing the double duties of the single parent with young children."

Cost for the Singles Conference is \$45 per person, based on double occupancy of a room with private bath. This includes registration, meals, room and insurance. The conference begins with the evening meal on Friday, Aug. 29, and closes after lunch on Sept. 1.

Persons wishing to register for the conferences should send \$15 each (part of the \$45) as soon as possible to Ken McAnear, Manager, Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, Box 128, Ridgecrest, N.C., 28770, or Larry Haslam, Manager, Glorieta Baptist Conference Center, Box 8, Glorieta, N.M., 87535.

Singles Conferences are sponsored by the adult and young adult sections of the Sunday School department at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

C-N To Offer College Level Tests

Carson-Newman College will offer an opportunity to earn college credit by examination through the College Board's College Level Examination Program to be administered at the college on the third Friday of every month at 1:00 p.m.

Carson-Newman College is one of more than 840 CLEP testing centers throughout the country. Introduced nationally in 1967 as a new activity of the College Board, CLEP is a national system of awarding college credit by examination. The program is based on the concept that individuals should receive college credit for what they know no matter how they learned it. Orig-

inally designed for adult students who have continued their education outside the classroom through on-the-job and military training, independent study, and so on, the program has been increasingly used by high school students who are about to enter college.

Two types of CLEP examinations are: the General Examinations, which measures learning in five basic areas of liberal arts (English Composition, Mathematics, Natural Sciences, Humanities, Social Sciences-History) and the Subject Examinations, which measure achievement equivalent to that gained in 41 undergraduate college courses.

Michael Brooks Accepts Pennsylvania Post

Reverend and Mrs. Michael D. Brooks, Whitesburg, left last month to go to Irwin, Pa., where he has accepted an appointment as missionary/pastor of the Norwin Baptist Church. He will be working under the Home Mission Board as a pastor for the Greater Pittsburgh Association. Brooks was ordained recently by the Whitesburg Church.

A native of Claiborne County and the son of Mrs. Harley Brooks and the late Reverend Brooks, he has taught and coached in several area counties. Mrs. Brooks is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Carmichael of Whitesburg.

Six Tennessee Pages Serve Miami Convention

MIAMI BEACH—Messengers and officers at the 118th meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention here received special assistance from 21 Royal Ambassadors serving as pages.

The pages, who represent local Baptist churches in 10 states, assisted by serving as personal aides to convention officers, operating an emergency message center, assisting with registration and information areas, running errands, helping in the news room and photo lab, and distributing literature.

To be selected to serve on the page corps, which has been in operation for more than 10 years, a boy must be a member of an active Royal Ambassador chapter (mission organization) in his local church and be nominated by his state Royal Ambassador director.

Seven of the pages were honored during the convention for outstanding achievement in the advancement plan for older Royal Ambassadors. They received a fifth Service Aide National Award from Convention President Jaroy Weber. The boys earned the award by giving at least 750 hours of volunteer mission service to their local church. It's the highest award a Royal Ambassador can earn.

Mike Davis, magazine editor at the SBC Brotherhood Commission and coordinator of the pages, said the page corps represents an elite group of Royal Ambassadors who pay their own expenses to help the convention conduct its business.

Lee Porter, II, a 16-year-old from First Baptist Church of Nashville, who served as personal aide to Convention President Weber, served his seventh consecutive year as a page.

"I used to think the convention had no appeal for kids," Porter said, "But every year I serve I learn more about our convention and am fascinated at the intricate workings of our denomination. I have learned

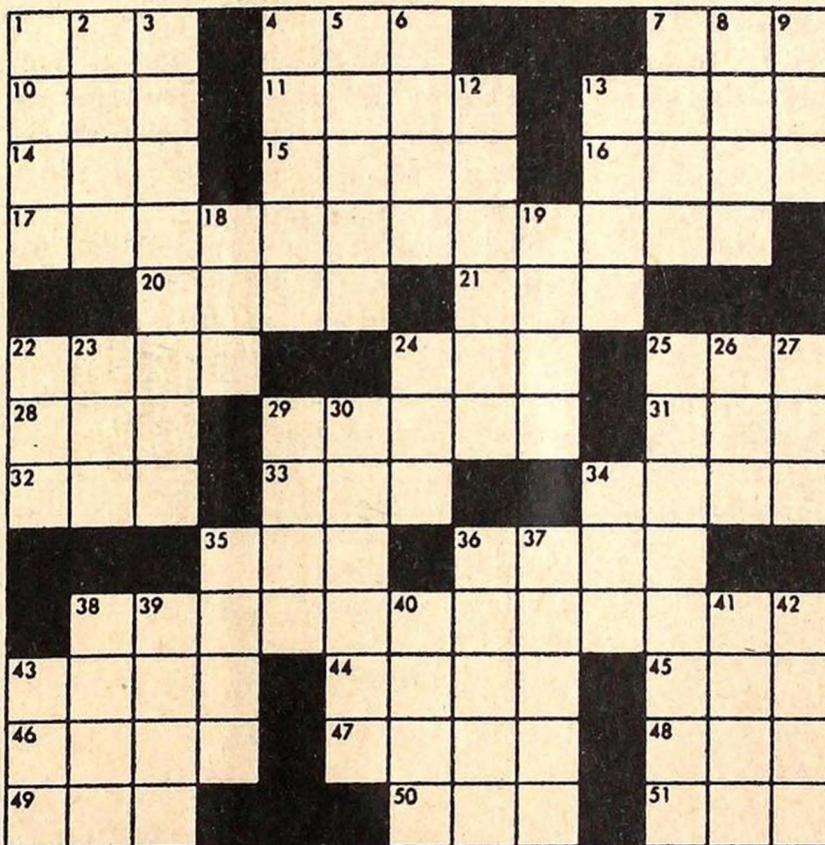
that even teenagers can play an important role in supporting mission efforts world-wide through our denomination."

Porter served as personal page to former Convention President Owen Cooper during both the 1973 and 1974 Conventions and also to former President Carl Bates in 1972.

Tennessee had the largest number of pages with six. They include Peter Powell, 12, Lee Porter II, 16, and Lane Porter, 10, all of Nashville; Tim Atchley, 15, of Germantown; Robert Minor Jr., 14, of Memphis, and Lamar Thomas of Chattanooga.

Bible Puzzle Page

Answers On Page 13



ACROSS

- 1 N.T. book: abbr.
- 4 Sales books: abbr.
- 7 Weather forecaster (Matt. 16:3)
- 10 Knife
- 11 Greek letter
- 13 "— up your pure minds" (2 Pet. 3)
- 14 Saul's kin (1 Sam. 14:50)
- 15 Small insect (Matt. 23:24)
- 16 Persian and Angora
- 17 "as being lords over ——" (1 Pet. 5)
- 20 Swallows
- 21 Gimp
- 22 None in the pot (2 Ki. 4:41)
- 24 "Love worketh no —" (Rom. 13)

- 25 Wedding guest (Matt. 22:10)
- 28 Christmas or New Year's
- 29 "and they — against me" (Hos. 7)
- 31 Revolutions per second: abbr.
- 32 Jujube
- 33 Wing: comb. form
- 34 Common gossip
- 35 Prefix meaning up
- 36 Black (Lam. 5:10)
- 38 "seek ye first the ——" (Matt. 6)
- 43 Everlasting (Matt. 18:8)
- 44 The dill
- 45 Outcry
- 46 Unusual thing
- 47 Cyclopean

- 48 O.T. book: abbr.
- 49 Election districts: abbr.
- 50 Downcast
- 51 Mounted: abbr.

DOWN

- 1 Ladder part
- 2 Table spread
- 3 Does not have eternal life (1 John 3:15)
- 4 "he was three days without —" (Acts 9)
- 5 Moses took Joseph's (Ex. 13:19)
- 6 Heavenly body
- 7 Kind of party
- 8 Gallivant
- 9 Time periods: abbr.
- 12 Pilate wrote it (John 19:19; 2 words)
- 13 Operation souvenir
- 18 Famous Uncle
- 19 Kind of people (Deut. 9:2)
- 22 N.T. book: abbr.
- 23 Salutation
- 24 Invoice book, inwards: abbr.
- 25 "— — hither to me" (Matt. 17)
- 26 Showery month: abbr.
- 27 Summer time: abbr.
- 29 Resounded
- 30 Man of Ephraim (1 Chron. 7:20)
- 34 Principal in jury trial: abbr.
- 35 Male ant
- 36 Alpha's oposite
- 37 Cast a ballot
- 38 "And be ye —" (Eph. 4)
- 39 Angers
- 40 Burden
- 41 Eject
- 42 "Women received their —" (Heb. 11)
- 43 Enemy

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Celebrate The Bicentennial!

NASHVILLE—America's Bicentennial anniversary will be a special time when churches can celebrate the establishing of religious freedom and Baptists may examine contributions made by Baptist forefathers.

"Celebrating the Bicentennial," a kit developed by the church training department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, will offer churches several suggestions for activities related to the Bicentennial.

Contents of the kit will be directed mostly toward Baptist involvement in the past, present, and future of the United States.

A 16-page guidebook, "Celebrating the Bicentennial: A Church Guide," is included in the kit to explain the use of the items.

Almost 50 different ideas/activities are included in the kit which cover areas such as Celebration Through Community and Family Awareness, Celebration of Past, Present and Future, and Celebration Through Recreation.

Crafts from the past described include carving, sculpture, mosaics, glass etching, molding and paper mache'.

Topics of discussions related to the present include "Using a Voting Machine,"

"Writing Your Congressman," "How a Law is Passed" and "How to Be a Christian Patriot." Education, Government and Churches are discussion topics related to the future.

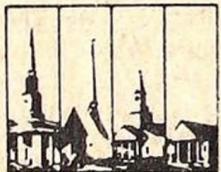
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A filmclip composed of 12 frames depicting Baptist history is in the kit, along with an eight-inch vinyl recording to accompany the filmclip. A narration sheet also is included.

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Belmont Receives Science Grant

The National Science Foundation has awarded a \$7500 grant to Belmont College for the improvement of undergraduate science instruction through the acquisition of additional equipment.

The grant will be matched by an equal amount from the college, totaling \$15,000 over a two-year period.

The instructional improvement project is under the direction of W. David Driskill, Belmont associate professor of physics and mathematics. According to Driskill, the funds will be used to improve and modernize an advanced laboratory sequence in physics, and to implement an independent studies program in physics.

The instructional scientific equipment program is one of several National Science Foundation activities to help colleges and universities improve the quality of undergraduate science education by updating courses and teaching laboratories. Institutions receiving such grants must match funds by providing at least 50 percent of the equipment costs.

A total of 388 colleges and universities received the National Science Foundation grants this year of 884 institutions submitting proposals.

Space Available For RAs, Fathers At Camps

According to William E. Highsmith, Royal Ambassador Secretary, Tennessee Baptist Convention, there is still room for RAs at Camp Linden for July 7-11; 14-18; and 21-25.

Also, some space is available for Father and Son Camps for boys in the first, second and third grades at Camp Linden on July 11-13 and July 18-20.

New Books

The Gospel According to the Wall Street Journal by Carnegie Samuel Calian, John Knox Press, 114 pp., paper, \$3.95.

Strong in the Spirit by James Lee Beall, Revell, 160 pp., paper. An outright challenge to all the 90-pound spiritual weaklings of the world . . . to those who just can't take it anymore . . . to those who go to pieces when faced with a problem . . . to those who trudge through life only half alive. . . .

A Stranger From The Past by Lorimer DeKalb, Revell, 378 pp., paper, \$1.75. A novel.

Peloubet's Notes 1975-1976, September through August by Ralph Earle, Baker, 388 pp., paper, \$4.95. A complete teaching aid for use in all denominations using the International Sunday School Lessons.

Please Get Off The Seesaw Slowly by Norma Williamson, Revell, 127 pp., \$4.95. How one woman handles the ups and downs of being a Christian wife and mother.

Missionaries Face Danger During Violence In Beirut

MIAMI BEACH—Southern Baptist missionaries in Beirut, Lebanon, surrounded by the violence of the country's civil war, have found themselves mostly confined to their homes during recent days.

In an interview here, William W. Marshall, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's field representative for the Near East and North Africa, who lives in Beirut, said, "It's nerve-racking. You're often pinned down in your house 24 hours a day. You never know when fighting is going to start."

Fortunately, not a single casualty and only one injury has touched the 11 missionary

couples, their families and three single missionaries presently in Beirut.

Missionary journeyman Harriet Keller fell in an attempt to get to better cover and had several stitches taken in her face and arm.

An automobile belonging to one of the missionaries was bombed while parked in front of the apartment building in which the missionary lives. Explosions have blown out windows of Beirut's Baptist school and three missionary apartments. The building in which the Marshalls live suffered two rounds of bullet fire one night.

Marshall said that of Beirut's 14 districts, Ras, Beirut, has had the least serious violence. He reports many kidnappings and much sniper fire in the other districts, including the two in which most of the Baptist missionaries live.

The missionaries have an emergency evacuation plan that calls for immediate retreat to Ras, Beirut, in the event the situation becomes even more dangerous. The missionaries would stay in hotels for a day or two and could then evacuate to Jordan if necessary.

The missionaries feel any evacuation would only be temporary such as in previous cases, according to Marshall. He said several foreign communities have already evacuated Lebanon and that most foreigners are being encouraged by their governments not to go to Lebanon at the present time.

Spanish Publishing House Observes 25th Anniversary

EL PASO, Tex.—The silver anniversary of the Baptist Spanish Publishing House mission was observed by the 26 Southern Baptist missionaries assigned there at the recent annual meeting.

Prior to 1950, the missionaries serving at the publishing house were a part of the Mexico Baptist Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries).

Grady Cothen, president of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, was a speaker at a prayer retreat held one day during the meeting. Other guests included A. Clark Scanlon, Foreign Mission Board field representative for Middle America, and emeritus missionaries Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Patterson and Mr. and Mrs. Abel P. Pierson.

An exhibit consisting of early editions of books and periodicals, old contemporary photographs and new and old production methods was presented by Lorena (Mrs. W. Valton Jr.) Chambless, mission press representative.

History was capsuled through a presentation of "That Is How It Was 25 Years Ago."

Also at the meeting, the mission approved a budget of \$297,887 for 1976.

Junior, Senior High Music Camps Set For Carson

Music camp for junior and senior high will be held at Camp Carson, July 28-Aug. 2 (senior high), and Aug. 4-8 (junior and senior high), according to Frank Charton, director of the Music Department.

For the first week, John Sims, Baptist Medical Centers, Birmingham, Ala., will serve as guest choral conductor; and Doug Smith, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary faculty, will serve as guest band director. Aug. 4-8, James Dooley, Western North Carolina University, will be the guest choral conductor for senior high; and Paul Hall, Samford University, will be the guest choral conductor for junior high. Smith will again serve as band director.

The schedule of classes for both weeks will include courses in beginning, progressing, and advanced voice, theory, conducting, piano, organ, choral speaking, drama and music, and band.

Wimpy Smith Named To New Foreign Mission Board Post

RICHMOND—W. L. (Wimpy) Smith, an associate secretary for missionary personnel for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board since 1969 and former executive secretary of Texas Baptist Men, has been named by the board to fill a newly-created post as associate consultant on laymen overseas and associate disaster response coordinator, effective August 1.

Smith will assist W. Eugene Grubbs, who is primarily responsible for the roles of consultant on laymen and disaster response coordinator. Smith will assume responsibility for operation of the office when Grubbs, whose job requires frequent travel, is out of the office.

The responsibilities, which Smith will now share, include assisting Southern Baptists who travel or live abroad to become involved in missions, coordinating the participation of laymen in special projects overseas and providing information about overseas vocational openings on a non-missionary basis.

Concerning world hunger needs and disaster response, Smith will help answer questions that come to the board and help implement relief programs and disaster response plans.

In his previous role, Smith counseled with candidates for foreign mission service in the western United States.

Before he joined the board's home office staff in 1969, Smith worked five years with laymen while executive secretary of Texas Baptist Men, affiliate of the Dallas-based Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Prior to the position with Texas Baptists, Smith had been a Southern Baptist missionary to Argentina, appointed by the board in April, 1957. (BP)

Cooperative Program Testimony

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"O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name" (Psa. 105:1).

Wisdom For Living

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

Basic Passages: Job 28:23-24; Proverbs 1:7; 2:6-8; 3:5-8; Ecclesiastes 6:12; 7:23-24; 9:11
Focal Passages: Same as above

Wisdom in the Bible is vastly different from the ordinary human concept. It is not cleverness, shrewdness or even sagacity as viewed by man.

In the Bible it connotes a variety of relative concepts. It comes from God. It is much higher than human wisdom. It suggests penetrating insight into the true nature of reality. It has a cosmic frame of reference. It is that which is proper in the light, not only of history but of eternity. It is a very discriminating sense of values. It is that which serves best the higher self. It has its inception in man's ethical and spiritual reactions, due to divine impact. It reaches higher, goes deeper and projects farther than all other wisdom.

Divine Wisdom The Best For Man Prov. 1:7; 2:6-8; 3:5-8

Deep respect and reverence for God is the first step toward true knowledge and understanding but the foolish say, "No God for me", despite the higher wisdom and instruction.

God revealed His wisdom and insights. In fact, He stirs up sound judgment and discretion for the righteous. He is a buckler

and bulwark of strength for His separated vessels of service.

If we want to be healthy and strong where it really counts, we must trust in God with our whole heart and lean not on our own understanding. We should acknowledge Him that He may direct our paths. To trust in our own conceited wisdom is to make a colossal mistake. Awesome respect and regard for our God and rejection of evil is the way of true wisdom.

The False Wisdom Of Men Eccl. 6:12; 7:23-24; 9:11

Who can tell what will ultimately prove good even for this life? Man's perspective does not reach the whole of history.

One of old said, "I will be wise", yet he found it to be beyond his grasp and his depth.

Those things by which we measure success and wisdom do not apply if we look high enough, deep enough and far enough. For instance, the swift may win the short distances but not the mile, the two mile and three mile races. The strong may even win the battle but lose the war.

Church Training Campers Give Testimonies

By Mary Allen

It's about that time again—time for our Church Training Camps! Camp Linden (July 28-August 1; and August 4-8) and Camp Carson (August 11-15; and August 18-22) are always filled with youth, children and adults who receive inspiration for their Christian lives and many new ideas for Church Training; along with a lot of fun and fellowship thrown in for good measure.

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"This has been like a revival to me and also a vacation too. It was just wonderful. Our adult church training methods and Bible class added much to my life."

"I especially enjoyed the services at night, and the devotions in my room. Our Camp pastors were great, because they took time from their churches to be with us."

"Some of the boys here are such good Christians, that I wouldn't mind having one of them for a boyfriend."

"I came to camp knowing that we have a good Training Union, but it could be better. We have tried some of the new methods, but many we have not. I will go back to my church and try to help improve our Training Union."

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From the Executive Secretary

By Ralph Norton

The Annual Report of the Foreign Mission Board for 1974 reveals how God has blessed worldwide missionary labor through the efforts of more than



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2600 missionaries in 83 countries. The report is a thrilling one for it shows significant gains in numbers of church members, churches and baptisms, the latter showing an increase of almost fifteen percent. But the figures cannot adequately reveal the dedication, work and sacrifices of the missionaries who witness on behalf of all Southern Baptists. No report can measure the courage and patience of our missionaries and the national Christians as they minister, but as we ponder the results we become more aware of the full story of missions.

Additional highlights of the report involve the number of missionaries appointed during 1974 and the financial support given by Southern Baptists. Two hundred fifty new missionaries were appointed, making this the second largest group to be appointed in a single year in the history of the Foreign Mission Board. Financial support resulted in a record \$41,359,127.00 given through the Cooperative Program and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in 1974. This is an 11.40% increase over 1973 and demonstrates a determined response to the challenge of inflation.

Efforts are continually being made to re-study our total foreign mission program. A consultation held just prior to the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, sponsored by the Foreign Mission Board, was attended by some 300 people. During this meeting, ideas and information presented by missionaries, laymen, nationals, Baptist leaders and Foreign Mission Board staff and members will serve as study material upon which to project plans during the next several years.

The prospects for continued witness by Southern Baptist missionaries are bright, in spite of increasing pressures and problems. A major problem facing overseas missions today is that of inflation. We need to take a realistic look at available money and priorities. Another major problem is that of world hunger and the response to this need has been most encouraging. During 1974 \$458,347 was made available through the Foreign Mission Board for this cause, and through March of 1975 an additional \$244,246 has been contributed. This display of compassion is continuing, and again I

HISTORICALLY

FROM THE FILES

50 YEARS AGO

Southern Baptist leader and pastor Russell John Pirkey, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Alumni Association and pastor of the Broadway Church in Louisville, died suddenly as a result of heart failure. Pirkey was known widely for his interest in civic, educational, and benevolent enterprises.

Under editorials: "One had as well talk about making razor blades out of pig iron as to talk about making good church members out of unregenerate people."

20 YEARS AGO

Bear Cove Church, Stone Association, dedicated its new building debt free. J. T. Henry was the pastor, and Guard Green and I. G. Rogers brought the dedicatory message and prayer.

Greenbrier Church voted to assume the sponsorship of Ridgetop Mission. The church was also sending some of its members to assume leadership roles at Ridgetop.

10 YEARS AGO

Rogersville First Church dedicated its new \$265,000 sanctuary. The church has 1040 members and would seat 650. James Pitts was pastor.

Trezevant First Church completed the pastor's new home occupied by the Joe E. Franklins. The building committee included Jerry Chatham, J. C. Jones, and Leo Lancie.

urge all of you to respond generously to this need.

Continue to pray earnestly for the worldwide mission program. Become aware of the problems and needs, for this is vital to our missionary fervor here at home as we continue to support this program with our financial gifts.

On Matters of

Family Living

By Dr. B. David Edens,
Director, Marriage and Family Program
Stephens College—Columbia, Missouri 65201

Working With Plants Can Be Good Therapy

Just as pets serve as therapists for many children, a collection of houseplants or a garden can bring both normal and troubled youngsters in touch with truths about themselves, others and life itself, reminds a Radnor child psychiatrist. Working with plants stimulates healthy curiosity about such basics as reproduction, death and competition. Gardening teaches that each growing thing is unique, with special needs that must be met if it is to thrive. Normal children and those with psychiatric problems find it easy to identify with plants, Dr. Kenneth A. Gordon Jr. observed in *Philadelphia Bulletin*.

The rituals of gardening give a child sanction to express innate primitive impulses. In addition to the legitimate joy of dirty hands, there is the acceptable and beneficial "aggression" involved in weeding and tilling.

Growing plants "helps us to learn to care for something other than ourselves, to nurture and protect rather than destroy. It fosters making things happen rather than sitting around and waiting for things to happen."

Some children come to understand their own problems better as they help plants through their growing-up difficulties, says Gordon.

One of his young patients, troubled at being an adopted child, began to appreciate the love and care that goes into raising a growing thing, whether plant or baby. Another realized for the first time that she had become as "potbound" as her favorite ailing begonia.

The need for occasional "pinching back" and pruning to insure healthy, handsome growth makes an impression.

"Gardening also shows that with a bit of hard work we can get something in the form of crops of food and flowers," points out the specialist.

Youngsters who learn to make cuttings and propagate them have the pleasure of sharing the new plants produced. Outdoor gardeners have the thrill of raising actual food. How many other pastimes place children in the role of creator and giver, and turn them into dispensers of the stuff as well as the staff of life?

BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR
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Weber Says Charismatic Movement "Divisive"

By Larry Jerden

MIAMI BEACH—Jaroy Weber of Lubbock, Tex., elected to a second one-year term as president of the Southern Baptist Convention, characterized the charismatic movement as "divisive" anywhere it appeared—whether in the local church or on the convention floor.

Weber, pastor of the Lubbock's First Baptist Church and president of the nation's largest evangelical Protestant denomination, fielded repeated questions about the "tongues" movement during a brief news conference following his re-election.

In particular, the reporters asked whether Weber agreed with statements made by former SBC President W. A. Criswell of Dallas about the charismatic movement several weeks ago. Criswell branded the movement as "near heresy."

"I feel he (Criswell) spoke the sentiments of about 95 per cent of the pastors in the Southern Baptist Convention, including me," Weber declared. "I wouldn't want to use as strong language about it, but my feelings would move in that direction."

Weber said that "wherever we have had this experience, we have had a division of fellowship that has prevented the local church from accomplishing its mission of redemption and discipleship."

He said he hoped it would not be brought before the convention in resolution form, because it would "destroy the spirit of fellowship," but he feared it might. It had not been discussed at the convention in the past, he felt, because messengers felt it was a local church matter and the convention is "not a creedal body but a fellowship anchored around world missions."

"The charismatic movement is a disruptive subject," he said, "but it can be resolved

in the local church by good, strong Bible teaching by the pastor."

Weber also declared that the convention "needs to be redemptive" in its actions towards pastors who have left the ministry because of the "pitfalls of the pressures of today's society," but added that the redemptive attitude should only follow the individual's repentance.

"The problems are as old as Christianity," he said, "but the news media have made them more widely known and the pressure of today's society has made it more difficult to avoid them."

He said he was not referring to any "particular" problem, but in answer to a question indicated he included divorce.

"I'm not saying we should make brother so-and-so, who is divorced, pastor of First Baptist Church, but we do need to have some helping hand for him." (BP)

108 Refugees Baptized In Chaffee Swimming Pool

FORT CHAFFEE, Ark.—More than 100 Vietnamese refugees were baptized in a swimming pool here on a recent Sunday night. The baptizing was done by Southern Baptist missionary Jim Gayle and Nguyen Anh Thai, a refugee Christian missionary Alliance pastor.

Gayle, who formerly served in South Vietnam and who now is attached to the Protestant chaplain's office at Ft. Chaffee, said between 300-400 refugees had made professions of faith in Jesus Christ and he and Thai baptized 108 of them on a single Sunday. Another baptismal service was planned for a couple of weeks later, he said.

Rules of the camp forbid any denominational affiliation for the new converts, Gayle said, but it is not hindering the refugees from requesting baptism. Each is given careful instruction in basic Christian doctrine before baptism, he emphasized.

Religious services are conducted every night and Sunday morning in the Protestant chapel. Prayer meetings are held each morning, and Gayle is teaching a Bible class each day from 9-10:30 a.m. He has enrolled about 300 in the class.

The missionary credited the professions of faith in Christ to the efforts of visitation teams organized among the Vietnamese Christians.

The teams visit any refugee who indicate they have a Protestant preference or who make an inquiry about Christianity, Gayle said.

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When Dreams Come True

By Jonas L. Stewart
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

He was a pastor and denominational worker for more than fifty years. He dreamed of a ministry that would take him to lands across the sea, that would make his name loved by little children and make him an influence among fledgling young preachers.

An infirmity of the flesh thwarted these ambitions. He feels that his life has counted for very little as a minister. Fortunately, those who know him are aware that he has underestimated the importance of his work for the Lord, but his humility won't let him recognize it.

This retired preacher felt until recently that his dreams could never come true. He changed his mind when he realized that his WILL could provide a trust fund to minister in all areas of his dreams. He has prepared that WILL. The trust created therein provides that income will go to foreign missions, ministerial education and to support child care through the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home. His ministry will never cease. His estate is modest but it will forever be administered as he has directed through the Tennessee Baptist Foundation. His dreams will come true.

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