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Duffey, Prowse Take Top Honors At Youth Tournament

Young people from Gibson and Robertson Associations took top honors last week in the state youth Bible drill and speakers' tournaments held in Brentwood. Jerry Duffey, Emmanuel Church, Humboldt, placed first in the Bible drill and will represent Tennessee at the drill at Ridgecrest July 14.

Tim Prowse, Oak Grove Church, Springfield, speaking on "Take Time to Reach Out," was awarded top honors for the speakers' tournament. He is scheduled also to appear at Ridgecrest to represent his state.

Second place honors and alternate appointments to Ridgecrest went to Jeff Ross in the Bible drill and Debbie Tyler in the Speakers' tournament. Ross is a member of the Brainerd Church in Chattanooga, representing Hamilton Association, and Tyler is a member of the Manley Church in Morristown, representing Nolachucky Association. It was Ross' sixth year to participate in the Bible drill, a record participation.

The Bible drill was directed by Mary Allen, director of youth work, Church Training Department.

Speakers' tournament participants, representing the eight regions of the state, chose their speech topics from a total of 25 titles, according to Mary Anderson, director of library services and special projects.

Prowse, speaking on "Take Time to Reach Out," pointed out that often when we reach out and touch someone's life, we may lose something that is valuable or precious to us. He said that Jesus did not hesitate to reach out physically, emotionally, and spiritually, even though it cost Him his life.

"Live in Celebration" was discussed by Tyler, the second place winner. She said that Christians should live in celebration because we are unique through Jesus Christ.

Other topics covered by the youth included "Involve Yourself" and "For Me To Live Is."

Herbert Gabhart, president of Belmont College in Nashville, represented Albert Fincher, president of Carson-Newman College, and Robert Craig, president of Union University, in presenting a \$100 scholarship to each participant in the speakers' tournament. The participant may elect to use the funds at any of the three schools in Tennessee. Assisting at the ceremonies were Charles Norton, director of the Church Training Department and Johnnie Hall, director of adult work for the department.

Tina Hall, Nashville, accompanied on the piano.

The complete list of Bible drill and speakers' tournament participants included:

Bible Drill—Southwestern region: **Sandy Powell**, Highland Heights Church, Memphis, Shelby Association; Northwestern region: **Jerry Duffey**, Emmanuel Church, Humboldt, Gibson Association; South Central region: **Rondal Gordon**, Shelbyville Mills Church, Shelbyville, New Duck River Association; Central region: **Sonia Castleman**, Mt. Juliet First Church, Wilson Association; North Central region: **Connie Ligon**, Livingston First Church, Riverside Association;

Southeastern region: **Jeff Ross**, Brainerd Church, Chattanooga, Hamilton Association; Northeastern region: **Joy Turley**, Pleasant View Church, Talbott, Nolachucky Association; and Eastern region: **Don Talbott**, East Maryville Church, Maryville, Chilhowee Association.

Speakers' tournament—Southwestern region: **Stephen Anderson**, Eudora Church, Memphis, Shelby Association; Northwestern region: **Linda Pierce**, Southside Church, Dyersburg, Dyer Association; South Central region: **Dawn Sandlin**, Highland Park Church, Lawrenceburg, Lawrence Association; Central region: **Tim Prowse**, Oak Grove Church, Springfield, Robertson Association; North Central region: **Debra Moore**, Shellsford Church, McMinnville, Central Association;

Southeastern region: **Janna Schrader**, Cleveland First Church, Bradley Association; Northeastern region: **Debbie Tyler**, Manley Church, Morristown, Nolachucky Association; and Eastern region: **Jill Stroud**, Wallace Memorial Church, Knoxville, Knox Association.

89-Year-Old Baptist Ordained To Ministry

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica—An 89-year-old father was ordained here on Father's Day.

The new minister is Wilfred Watson, founder and lay-leader of Costa Rica's Squirres Baptist Church. Southern Baptist Missionary Jackie B. Cooper arranged the service.

Along with Watson, Charles Cyrus, who is "only" 68, was ordained as pastor of the Guacimo Baptist Church.

Both English-speaking churches are on the Atlantic side of Costa Rica. (BP)

'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:

Carroll-Benton Association, **Eagle Creek Church**, A. J. Northcut;

Bledsoe Association, **Cherry Mound Church**, Howard Davis.

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

The associations, churches and pastors are:

Nashville Association, **First, College Grove**, Mike Smith;

Wilson Association, **Vine Church**, Robert E. DeLozier.

WMU Training Camps Scheduled

Woman's Missionary Union officer training for associational leaders and officers will be held at Camp Carson July 25-26 and at Camp Linden Aug. 1-2.

Conferences will be held for WMU directors, enlistment directors, mission action directors, secretary-treasurers, Baptist Women directors and Baptist Young Women directors. Also leadership will be offered for acteens directors, Girls in Action directors, and Mission Friends directors. Mission action study, and support will also be emphasized.

Registration is scheduled to begin at 3:30 p.m. on both Fridays. The evening service will convene at 7. Saturday meetings will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude at 3:30 p.m.



Members of the **Pomona Baptist Mission**, sponsored by **Dickson First Church**, gathered recently to dedicate their new sanctuary. Over 100 persons were present for the event. **J. D. Cathey** is pastor.

Paul's Promissory Note

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"I Paul have written it with mine own hand, I will repay it: albeit I do not say to thee how thou owest unto me even thine own self besides."—Philemon 19

This is actually a promissory note made and signed by Paul. Had Philemon desired to do so, by law he could have collected it. Doctor Adolf Deissman notes the large number of papyri examples which are related to debts. Either Paul wrote the entire epistle by hand, or else he took the quill and wrote this as a legal obligation.

It is possible that before running away Onesimus had stolen funds from his owner. To say the least, he had been deprived of his slave's services while away (v. 18). The "if" clause assumes that he had "wronged" his owner. So Paul signs this note to assume the damages. He can put that on Paul's account in his ledger.

However, note Paul's subtle reminder to Philemon that he owes his very self to Paul. As Paul had led Onesimus to receive Christ, so had he done to Philemon. Apparently Paul had never visited Colossae, so evidently he had done this while Philemon was visiting in Ephesus. It is significant that both he and Onesimus had left Colossae and gone where

Paul was that this blessed experience could take place. So both were Paul's **children** in the faith (see v. 10). This adds to the figure of both being **brothers beloved** in the Lord. Paul's words in verse 21 "knowing that thou wilt also do more than I say" strongly suggest that Paul expects Philemon to give Onesimus his freedom. He does not ask it directly because he wants it to come willingly from Philemon as his own idea and desire.

One cannot help but note that, in effect, Christ in eternity signed a promissory note to pay man's debt of sin. This He paid on Calvary. One can hardly imagine that Philemon **called** for payment of Paul's note (vv. 20-21). But the Father did call for the payment of that of His Son. This was to the end that all who receive Him as Savior might become beloved brothers in the Lord.

Devotional

To God Be The Glory

By Mrs. Frank Ingraham

Several years ago as our young son was attempting to write several original poems for a school assignment, my husband suggested he write "The Blues".



Mrs. Ingraham

The one-liner read, "Adam had 'em". And I'm sure Hal would have "had 'em" if he had handed the poem in!

The "blues" have been with us since Adam. Updated, we might call it discouragement or depression. Like Job, we find our circumstances almost too much at times. What will be our

response?

It has been stated that hardship will make us either bitter or better. What a choice we have! Satan would have us look inward to our own emotions, bathing ourselves in self-pity and fearfulness. Not so, Lord! "For God hath not given us the Spirit of fear, but of power, and of love and of a sound mind" (II Tim. 1:7, KJ)

How might we be assured of the "better" of hardship? God says, "call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me . . ." to God be the glory! We must say, "Lord, I want Christ magnified and glorified in this circumstance . . . nothing else will satisfy", if the full blessing is to come. For He has called us "for his own purpose" (II Tim. 1:9), "He has blotted out our transgressions for His own sake" (Isa. 43:25), He allows us to be "tried in the furnace of affliction, for His own sake . . . my glory I will not give to another" (Isa. 48:10-11)

God actually puts himself to the test during his children's "testing times", for He lays himself on the line saying, "my grace is sufficient for thee", "Prove me", "allow me to give you myself to such a degree that you and others about you may praise, honor and glorify me as I merit and long for." And with the Psalmist we can say, "I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth . . . O magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt his name together!" (Psalm 34:1, 3)

Note: Mrs. Ingraham was the mother of Hal Ingraham, who was scheduled to participate in the Tennessee Baptist Youth Speakers' Tournament last summer. He was killed in a farm accident prior to his speech which was to have been on "Alive And Unique." The Ingrahams reside on the Tap Root Farm, Clovercroft Rd., Franklin.

Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

These words recently appeared on an outside church bulletin board in Nashville, Tennessee: "Be Square All Week. Then Come Around and Visit Us on Sunday."

Use of the term "square" reminds me of the way in which the word has suffered by change of meaning in recent years. To some, the word now means something less than a compliment.

Time was when it was the highest praise and meant the best such as "square meal," and "square deal," or the sought after reputation of being "on the square."

If being "square," as the bulletin board suggests, causes some to come around to church, preachers will be all for it. Too many families think the Sunday morning church service is like a convention—they just send one delegate.

And more often than not, the delegate is the lady of the house. The men in the congregation may pay for the church carpet, but it's the ladies who wear it out.



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BSSB Employee Opens Heart, Home To Vietnam Refugee

By Becca Cottrill
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NASHVILLE—It's a story of laughter, tears, hope, and, mostly, love—the story of the arrival of a quiet, special, 18-year-old to be a part of the Arrowood family.

Dat Trieu is one of the refugees who fled Saigon at the Communist takeover—fleeing because of religious beliefs. He is the first Vietnamese refugee to be placed in a Nashville home, and it is apparent that he has found the perfect place to begin life again.

To backtrack, Mrs. Belle Arrowood, supervisor-office assistant in the Broadman marketing services department at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, says the story began several months ago with another visitor.

Mrs. Sophie Chung of Hong Kong came to live with the Arrowoods while working on curriculum materials for Chinese Baptists. She brought to the Arrowood home a love for things Chinese—cooking, art, customs.

This love for Oriental people, along with the Arrowoods' concern as a family that the Vietnamese refugees find a place to live, led them to seek ways to help those fleeing during the fall of Saigon.

Through Mrs. Chung, the Arrowoods were put in touch with Peter Kung, pastor of the Chinese Mission of First Baptist Church, San Diego. He, in turn, worked through the Church World Service Immigration and Refugee Program.

"It was definitely meant to be," says Mrs. Arrowood, "for we wanted someone who could be a part of our family—and here is Dat, near the age of our son. He is a Christian, and a Chinese."

Dat, speaking very good English—the result of six years of study—explained, "My uncle is with Air America. We felt that, because I am a Christian, it would be best if I come to America. And it is a very good place for me to study."

Parents, Sister Left Behind

Dat left behind his parents and an older sister, whom he may never see again and with whom he can no longer communicate. It takes a great deal of faith for a young boy to leave his home for a journey of this magnitude. His eyes cloud over as he thinks of his family, but he quickly pulls himself together and moves on to happier topics.

In the classic Tom Sawyer-Huck Finn sense, 15-year-old John Arrowood already has begun "teaching" Dat the idiosyncrasies of American life. Enthusiastically, he enumerates Dat's accomplishments in the short

time he has been in Nashville.

Dat has learned to start the power mower to help John with his summer lawn mowing jobs. He's quickly mastered the art of casting with artificial lures, though his efforts have yet to be rewarded by a fish on the end of the line. He's "great" at basketball, and wouldn't you know it? . . . a whiz at algebra.

Dat is attending summer school sessions at Hillsboro High School taking English grammar, and this fall he will attend either the University School of Nashville (high school) or Nashville's Hillsboro High School.

He has already been graduated from the Vietnamese high school.

One new experience for Dat since arriving in Nashville has been a trip to the countryside. He describes Saigon as very urban and tremendously overcrowded, with a population of some three million people. The country was a real change for him.

He also has attended church services with the Arrowoods at Dickerson Road Baptist Church—the church through whose recommendation they were awarded custody and full responsibility for Dat.

Of course there are many adjustments to make in this new way of life—food, rapidly spoken English to translate, a different kind of housing.

"In Saigon," he said, "houses smaller, not so big . . . more like this," referring to the room in which he was sitting.

When asked if John was an only child, Mrs. Arrowood summed up her family's feeling. "He used to be," she says, "but now we have two." (BP)

POWERLINE A Straight Line to Teens

Dr. J. P. Allen, Director, Audience Response

ISOLATION AT EVERY TURN

This letter reflects the isolation that results from having been deprived acceptance and emotional support from family and friends.

I am 17, a junior in high school. When I was 7, my father died. My mom's jobs take up most of her time. I have no brothers or sisters. Mom had to raise me by herself, but she's either too busy or too tired to give me much attention. We were always moving from town to town, alone.

A year ago I became pregnant. I went away to have the baby. Since then everything has been so difficult. When I try to make friends, I fail. I have never had many anyway, but this is unbearable. Do you have any suggestions?

We tried to tell her why and then suggest some steps she might take.

We acquire our first images of ourselves in the eyes of parents. If we are denied sustenance for our personalities through death or absence of a parent, then it is likely that we will lack the self-esteem required to relate well to others.

Your initial experiences, however, need not cripple you. Each of us must restructure the way we view ourselves. Why not take your cue from the way God sees you: as a precious individual, valued by Him, loved by Him. With this new perspective, you can begin to look for the best in yourself—expecting to find it! Christ can help in self-identity and in sin problems.

Some practical steps might include seeking new acquaintances and becoming involved in activities for youth. Change crowds to find those who are more accepting, especially in a church that demonstrates genuine interest in persons. Only as a last resort should you consider going to a new community where people will not look at who you were but at who you are becoming!

POWERLINE is a 30-minute program for teens produced by Southern Baptist Radio-TV Commission and carried by 771 stations. Write for a station list, Box 12157, Fort Worth, Texas 76116.

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Reservations For Baptist Golf Tournament Needed

The annual Tennessee Baptist Golf Tournament will be held Sept. 18 and 19, 1975, at Henry Horton State Park, according to an announcement by Virgil Peters, chairman of the tournament committee and pastor of First Baptist Church, Franklin. Openings in the players division are available for persons who are employed by a Baptist church, association, convention, or a subsidiary unit of a convention. A sponsors' division will provide playing opportunities for those who furnish trophies or other sponsorships.

Registration fee for each player is \$10. "This \$10 fee pays for the greens fee and makes the tournament financially self-supporting," Peters said. "Even though this is called the Tennessee Baptist Golf Tournament, no Cooperative Program funds are used. It is a self-supporting tournament."

In addition to the two days of golf, there will be a buffet dinner with entertainment at the park restaurant on Thursday evening, Sept. 18.

Reservations for the tournament must be made no later than Sept. 4. To secure a registration form or to register, contact the Tennessee Baptist Golf Tournament, P.O. Box 347, Brentwood, Tennessee 37027.

Elementary Reading Workshop To Be Held At C-N, July 14-29

JEFFERSON CITY—The Fifth Annual Workshop in Elementary Reading will be held July 14-29 at Carson-Newman College. The course is being set up to assist both those persons currently in the educational profession or those who wish to obtain an additional three hours' credit towards teacher recertification.

John B. Gibson, assistant professor of education and director of reading at C-N, will direct the workshop. Assisting Gibson as special consultants will be R. R. Turner, C-N professor of English, and Janet J. Larsen, associate professor of English and Education Counselor, University of Florida.

Activities in the workshop will consist of a thorough study in reading methodology and current research in reading. Other areas receiving major emphasis during the course of study include the development of word attack skills, techniques for developing comprehension and methods of vocabulary development. Reading tests and evaluation techniques for the elementary teacher of reading will also be studied.

Union University To Hold "Lock-In" July 25-26

"You Can Witness Too" is the theme for a special all-night youth "Lock-In" to be held at Union University July 25-26.

The program for senior high and college students will feature musical presentations, inspirational activities, movies, meals and group sharing sessions. Beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the college gymnasium, it will end at 6 a.m.

Jim Henry, pastor of Two Rivers Baptist Church, Nashville, will lead the worship program along with Bob Agee, pastor, Ardmore Baptist Church, Memphis, who will become the Dean of Religious Affairs at Union Aug. 1.

Singspiration periods will be led by George McFadin, minister of music, Ardmore Church, and by special choirs from Two Rivers Church.

A combined choir from several Jackson churches will present the musical "Alleluia" which focuses on witnessing for Christ.

"We feel that this over night program of concentrated activity will provide a unique and exciting spiritual experience for today's youth," said Agee. "We hope that all the West Tennessee churches will provide an opportunity for their youth to participate."

Cost for the evening and morning is \$2.25 which will include the midnight meal and refreshments. Reservations must be made before July 22 and can be accomplished by simply contacting the office of the Dean of Religious Affairs at the college.

Cooperative Program Testimony

Every student at Southern Seminary is a guest of the Southern Baptist Convention. Each student will receive \$1206 of tuition-free theological education this year. The SBC Cooperative Program will contribute that sum to the seminary on your behalf. Assuming that every student is earning 12 semester credit hours, the subsidy for each credit is \$100. This will let each student figure out what the Southern Baptist Convention is investing in each course he takes. The question the average Southern Baptist church member is bound to ask is "Is it worth it?"

This \$1206 comes out of the collection plate contributions of 12,067,284 Southern Baptists in 34,534 churches. Gifts from many other ordinary people who love Christ and seek to obey the command to proclaim the gospel throughout the world have made your seminary education possible.

We ask you to deserve their confidence and commitment to you by your dedication to the Christian ministry and the character of your life. Ultimately you will provide the church leadership that does for future generations of Southern Seminary what the alumni of other years are now doing for you as a part of their ministry.

Duke K. McCall, President
Southern Baptist Seminary

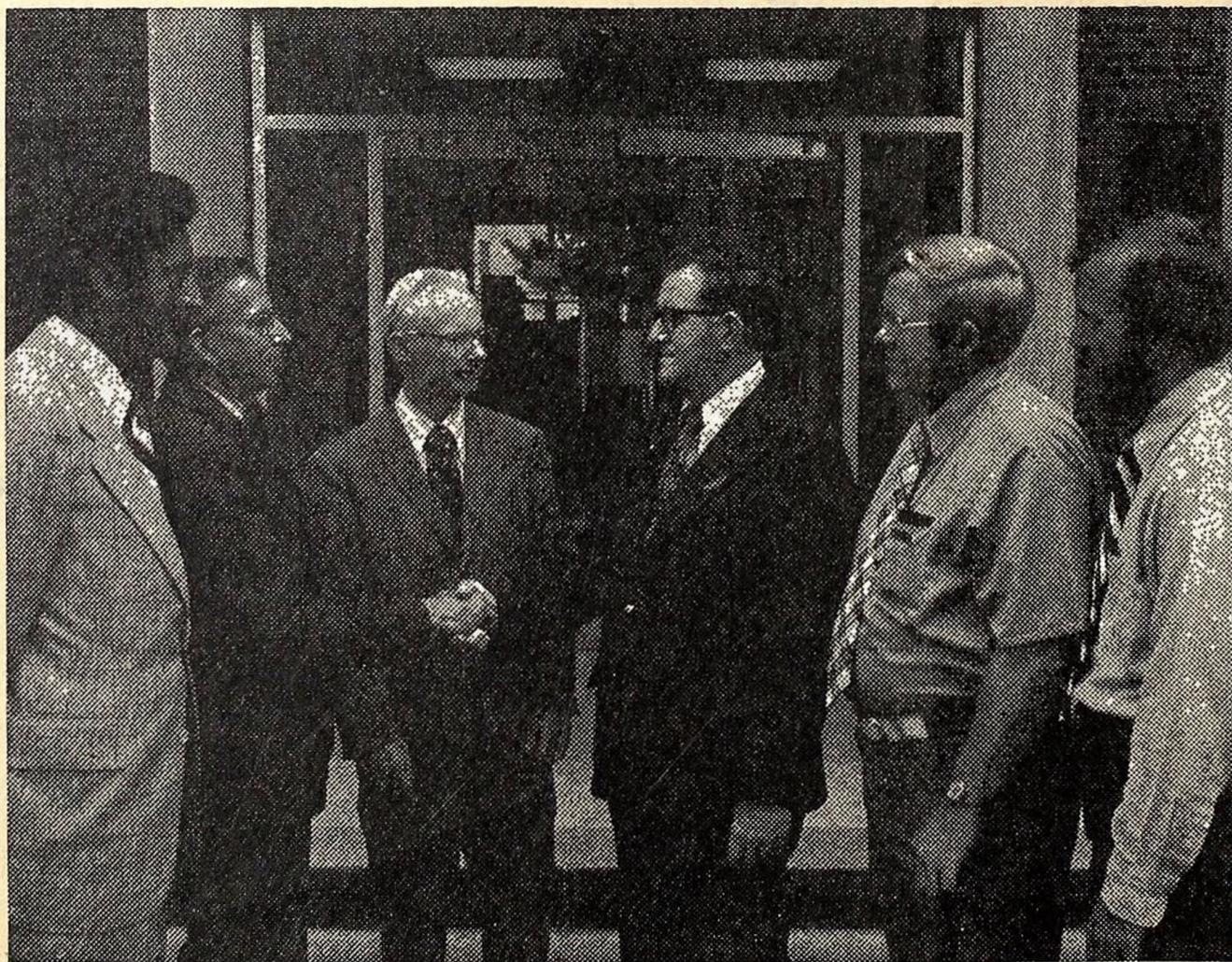


Photo by David Keel

Emery O. Farmer, middle right, pastor of First Church, Cornersville, is the newly-elected president of the Middle Tennessee Baptist Preachers' School, held recently at Belmont College, Nashville. Shaking hands with Farmer is Lesley McClure, pastor, Woodbury Road Church, Murfreesboro, outgoing vice president who presided this year. Phillip Rosenbaum, second from right, superintendent of missions, William Carey Association, is the new vice president. Other program personalities included, left to right: Welton Gaddy, SBC Christian Life Commission staff member; Roy Helton, faculty member at Belmont, school co-ordinator; and Ben Curtis, also a faculty member at Belmont.

'75 SBC Reflects Quiet, 'Middle Of Road' Stance

By Robert O'Brien

MIAMI BEACH—The only waves at Miami Beach, according to a sampling of editorial opinion on the annual Southern Baptist Convention sessions here June 10-12, were those which washed ashore along the beach.

And even they were placid, avoiding stinging slaps at swimmers, while SBC messengers at the Miami Beach Convention Center, apparently responding to SBC President Jaroy Weber's pre-convention call for harmony, showed each other the same consideration.

Editors of state Baptist newspapers characterized the 118th annual SBC as quiet and harmonious but expressed enthusiasm for the 130-year-old body's emphasis on evangelism, missions and inspirational speakers.

And, generally, they liked the electronic-aided pageantry surrounding the SBC's observance of the 50th anniversary of its Cooperative Program unified budget and the nation's bicentennial.

They applauded adoption of a \$51 million 1975-76 Cooperative Program budget, exceeding the 1974-75 budget by 25 percent.

Although the SBC came and went quietly, it showcased the worldwide thrust of Southern Baptist work on closed-circuit, image-magnified screens before 16,212 registered "messengers"—third largest registration in SBC history behind Dallas in 1974 (18,190) and New Orleans in 1969 (16,678).

Editors took repeated note of the convention continuing to take a conservative, "middle of the road" stance on issues—swinging neither toward ultra-conservatism nor liberalism.

The convention's "emphasis and agreement on the New Testament as the sole guide for Baptists (was) a statement good enough for most except the ultra-conservatives who want their interpretation," said John Hurt, editor of Texas' "Baptist Standard."

James F. Cole, editor of Louisiana's "Baptist Message", commented on "a few self-appointed creedalists who tried to get the messengers to say they believe the Bible, while the theme of speakers constituted a plea that Southern Baptists practice the Bible at every level of society."

Conservative Editor's Opinion

Joe Odle, editor of Mississippi's "Baptist Record" and a well-known spokesman for the conservative point of view, declared:

"... the Southern Baptist Convention is comprised of Bible-believing, conservative people, who refuse to veer from their center of the road conservatism, either to the right

or to the left. They are neither ultra-conservative nor liberal, but must be classified as a theologically-conservative, Bible-accepting people."

The Mississippi editor added: "Any careful observer, watching the actions of the convention, quickly realizes that Southern Baptists continue as the strong conservative body they have always been and that liberalism is having little influence.

"There is even evidence that seminaries and other institutions are listening to the convention's voice, as it has spoken in recent years, and are seeking to keep the institutions and agencies right in the middle of the conservative position that the convention holds," Odle said.

"This does not mean," he said, "that every Southern Baptist would completely agree on the method God used in inspiring the Bible, for they never have done that. Nevertheless, there evidently are few amongst them who do not affirm that the Bible is the Word of God, and who do not accept the New Testament as the final and sole authority in all matters of doctrine and church polity."

"Even the Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship, an organization bent on weeding out the 'liberals' of the convention, cancelled their pre-convention rallies for apparent lack of interest," commented Edgar R. Cooper, editor of the Florida "Baptist Witness", reflecting on the convention's calmness and absence of the hostility some past conventions have experienced.

"Puzzlement comes in evaluating undercurrents and resolutions that surfaced and didn't surface at Miami Beach," said Jack U. Harwell, editor of Georgia's "Christian Index." "For example, the Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship didn't get enough people to come to their planned meeting to have a meeting, but one of their leading spokesmen, Adrian Rogers (pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis), was elected president of the Pastors' Conference."

John Roberts, editor of South Carolina's "Baptist Courier", said, "The convention may be remembered as much for what it refused to do as for what it did. The messengers repeatedly refused to adopt extremist positions on such issues as abortion, hunger, Communism, doctrine, content of public school textbooks.

"Opportunities came in abundance in the form of resolutions and motions," Roberts said. "The convention held firmly to a course of mainstream moderation. It cited the Baptist Faith and Message doctrinal statements of 1963 and 1925 as adequate and needing no further change. It refused to change an earlier position on abortion. And

it chose to work through its agencies on public school textbooks.

Flood Of Resolutions

Several editors grumbled some over the flood of resolutions which took up convention time but generally recognized the need for the SBC, even with its burgeoning size, to keep the proceedings democratic and accessible to messengers.

"Unless the procedure is improved, the entire resolutions process stands in grave danger to being laughed out of the hall..." said Marse Grant, editor of North Carolina's "Biblical Recorder." "At their best, resolutions present a sticky, tricky way of trying to reflect the sentiments of 12½ million people. At their worst, they give unbridled opportunity to those who glory in the spotlight year after year.

"This is a subject the SBC Executive Committee might want to explore to see if the process can be saved. It has deteriorated badly in recent conventions and should be improved or eliminated," Grant declared.

Another editor, Jack Gritz of Oklahoma's "Baptist Messenger", apparently felt harmony was achieved at the expense of necessary give and take.

"Are we going to continue trying to have an annual business meeting with open discussion from the floor and decisions made by the messengers on important policy matters—or are we going to try to shunt anything controversial to a board or some special committee and turn the convention into some kind of inspirational pep rally?" he asked.

"In serious controversy, with open debate from the convention floor in the past, we have learned to understand each other better, to reach agreement and to move on together. Our real fear is that if this present effort to discourage discussion persists, messengers will lose interest, attendance will fall off and eventually support of the convention's work will decrease."

SBC President Jaroy Weber of Lubbock, Tex., reelected for a second term, and First Vice President Stewart Simms of Greer, S.C., drew high marks for their presiding. And Weber drew commendation for his president's message.

Editors gave general support to convention action on two issues, potentially thorny, which slipped into oblivion: Messengers refused to take a hardline against the charismatic movement, defeating a resolution to that effect, and tabled a motion by Mrs. Richard Sappington, wife of a Houston, Tex., pastor, who asked that a committee be appointed to expand on the convention's statement of Baptist Faith and Message.

What Does It Mean ?

By C. W. Bess

A distraught lady recently wrote to Ann Landers questioning her clergyman's motive to rush for the exit to shake hands following the benediction. To her, this behavior smacked of vanity in search of sermon compliments.

Perhaps some Christians do wonder why their minister stations himself near the exit to shake hands. Some may explain that the departing handshake is a tradition and traditions do not have to be justified or defended. I agree.

Others will undoubtedly trace this tra-

dition to simpler days when the pastor was considered the host in God's house and bade farewell to departing guests.

I believe the custom offers at least three blessings.

The most obvious blessing of this pastoral handshake is related to that mysterious power of touch. It's not keeping in touch but the actual, physical touch which is so important.

We remember our Lord often being surrounded by the multitudes who sought His personal touch in healing or blessing. They

asked for His touch upon the physically ill, the demon possessed and even their small children. The physical touch conveyed a personal significance and power.

Even in a modern society, the experience of touch is powerful. In an age of impersonal crowds, electronic communications and bulk mailing, the handshake becomes personal. This subtle truth is not overlooked by the politicians who campaign through endless handshaking tours. The wise pastor senses this need of his people for a personal touch, even if it can only be a handshake.

The handshake also confirms humanity. It is an excellent occasion for the preacher of the exalted pulpit to appear as the pastor of it in the human flesh.

In the second month of my present pastorate, a member paused in the line to comment, "I'm Mrs. Blank. We're here every week but my family usually takes the back exit to the south parking exit." Then staring intently at me she continued to grip my hand and marveled, "This is the first time I've ever been up close to you. Why, you're so much younger and smaller than I had pictured you before!"

A simple handshake away from the elevated pulpit had given this member a more realistic and human image of her pastor. Even if I appeared to her less venerable (younger) and less exalted (smaller), my future ministry to her will be from a practical position. After all, preachers perched high upon a pedestal have the frequent habit of falling. It's more of a blessing to remain human.

A final blessing of the handshaking custom rests upon a subtle demonstration of availability. Ministers are busy people who unfortunately convey the impression of being too busy to personally visit or counsel our people. Being available for a brief handshake and a leisurely departure from the foyer, however, can often overrule this impression.

Sometimes it means asking a member to tarry a few moments to fully discuss a hurried prayer request or chance remark. Other times I have noticed troubled individuals who seemed purposely waiting behind the long line to measure my responsiveness to people or just to muster their courage for a few moments of my time.

The handshaking and fellowship time following the worship service then functions as a structured but informal period of a pastor's availability.

The pastor who cuts this tradition short to hurry to a noon meal or an important committee meeting will miss many opportunities of ministry.

So why the tradition? Far from being just a weekly stroking session for my ego, I've found that God can use that handshake to convey a personal touch, humanity and availability in ministry. That says so much through a small effort.

NOTE: The author is pastor of First Church, Olney.

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S.S. Leadership Briefings To Begin August 28

Sunday School Leadership Briefings will begin Aug. 28 with the first session to be held at the Highland Heights Church in Memphis, according to Wendell Price, state Sunday School director.

Each briefing is designed to meet some of the needs of church Sunday School leaders, and will use the theme "Free to Learn." All briefings will begin at 7 p.m. and dismiss at 9:30 p.m.

Age group and personnel are to be offered to leaders as indicated:

Wendell Price—General Officers
Paul Williams—Median and Senior Adults
Mrs. Wendell Price—Young Adult
Lyn Brasfield—Younger Youth
Mrs. Michael Prowse—Older Youth
Mrs. Charles Buckner—Bible Learners
Mrs. John Hammatt—Bible Discoverers
Mrs. Eldon Boone Jr.—Bible Searchers
Mrs. W. C. Sinclair
Mrs. Jesse Meek—Guide A
Ken Jones—Guide B
Mrs. J. E. Morrow Jr.
Ray Evette—Guide C

Dates and places:

August 28—Highland Heights, Memphis
September 2—First, Martin
September 4—First, Fayetteville
September 5—First, Goodlettsville
September 8—First, Cookeville
September 9—Central Bearden, Knoxville
September 11—Central, Johnson City
September 12—First, Chattanooga

Conference content will deal with basics in good Sunday School work, including Bible learning materials, teaching so that members learn truth, space for learning, activities that enhance learning, how projects make Bible learning exciting, and leadership for Bible learning.

Can I Get By

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

Basic Passages: Proverbs 1:8-19; 5:21-23; 14:12-14; 20:24; 26:27; 29:1
Focal Passages: Proverbs 1:8-19; 5:21-23; 26:27

We are studying the practical application of wisdom to life. There is a great misconception of the way things work out for our best interests. Some people do not ask the right questions when they talk to themselves. They do not ask, is this proper or right or is this in line with the wise way? They say to themselves, "Can I get by?"

In other words, they are concerned with some short cut road to success or to some questionable method of advancing themselves.

It may be only a slight infraction of the rules of the game which have been set down by the best social orders or by any established order.

They begin by examining the accepted rules or by subtle evasion or modification.

What most people have failed to do is to assume that they can negotiate without getting caught. They know that some have apparently escaped, therefore, they have a good chance to do the same. They hardly realize how much subterfuge and trickery will have to be used to succeed. They have to choose a precarious life all the time yet they are willing to take the chance and pay the price. Living a life of deception is much harder than living a life of honesty. The latter may seem very hard at times but it always wins the long distance race.

The Honorable Course Proverbs 1:8-9

Unless they are very depraved, all parents seek to guide their children correctly. Even many parents who do not set the right example, try to instruct their children in the right way.

Therefore, in most cases children can safely follow the instructions of their fathers and respect the love of their mothers. This is especially true in godly or upright parents.

This course will give a child a clear conscience and a good reputation.

Resist Evil Seducers Proverbs 1:10-12

There are those who are very subtle about enticing us to do evil at the beginning. There are those who resort to ridicule.

Today they talk much about youth liberating itself. They talk about the hypocrisy of the establishment as if two wrongs make a thing right or correcting a wrong with a right. There is much rationalizing these days of great sophistication. They either explain away the dark aspects of evil or make a virtue of it. Superior insight, courage and character will resist such cunning deception. After men have been enticed into evil ways the leaders of such wickedness will be more blunt and crude.

The Inevitable Outcome Prov. 7:13-19

The lure of ill-gotten gain is held forth at times. The promise of generous sharing of these lavish spoils is emphasized. The methods of obtaining ill-gotten gains get worse and more brutal with time. Wisdom warns more emphatically and urges strong and firm resistance. Then it pronounces the inevitable doom and self-destruction of those who follow the evil way.

Remember that the Lord is aware of what is going on. He has created certain laws that will operate to bring about ultimate justice, even if He has to intervene.

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Laughs

Soph: "But I don't think I deserve a zero."

Prof: "Neither do I, but it's the lowest mark I'm allowed to give."

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Mom: "Eat your spinach, son. It will put color in your cheeks."

Son: "Who wants green cheeks?"

* * *

Br-r-r went the phone in Sam's office. Sam was busy and hot.

"Who is that?" he shouted into it.

"Is that Sam Jones?" was the reply.

"Yes, it is. Who are you?"

"Oh, good morning, Mr. Jones, this is Roberts, Roberts, Smith, Robinson, and Roberts."

"All right, good morning, good morning, good morning, good morning, and good morning. What do you want?"

* * *

Doctor: "Well, John, you owe your quick recovery from your traffic accident to the loving care your wife has given you during your confinement."

Husband: "Thank you very much, doctor. I'll just make out the check for your services to her."

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LEADERSHIP CHANGES . . .

Jerry McCord is the new minister of music at Third Baptist Church, Nashville. He was a member of Haywood Hills Church, Nashville, and is a senior at Belmont College, majoring in music. He is the son of Mrs. Verla McCord, Nashville, and he is married to the former Kathy Maxwell of Nashville. J. H. Maddox is pastor of Third Church.

First Church, Lexington, has licensed Gregory Reed Frizzell to preach the gospel. He will enter Union University in September. Edwin E. Deusner is pastor.

Black Oak Church, Clinton Association, has called Donald Cobb as pastor. Cobb served formerly as pastor of Smith Springs Church, Nashville Association.

W. Thomas Mosley has been called as pastor of First Church, White House. He served formerly as pastor of Philadelphia Church in Waynesboro. A graduate of Belmont College, Nashville, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, he has also served as pastor of churches in Nashville Association as well as in Lebanon, Murfreesboro, Crossville, Steele, Ala., and Fort Worth. The Mosleys are both natives of Murfreesboro and have one daughter, Mrs. Douglas (Kay) Mullican of Madison, and one son, Mike, a junior at Belmont College.

Mrs. Jay Chance has resigned her position as director of the Child Enrichment Center at Union Avenue Church in Memphis. She plans to complete studies on a doctorate in early childhood education. The center has grown from 40 to over 250 children during the 11 years she has served in the position.

Charles C. Lemons has resigned as assistant pastor of Lincoln Park Church in Knoxville. He has served in the position for nearly two years. He plans to help on a part-time basis at the church. James A. Atchley is pastor.

Brinson Swan Jr. has accepted the call of Greeneville First Church to serve as minister of music and youth. He has served churches in Florida and Georgia and is a graduate of Stetson University and Baptist Bible Institute. He has been especially active in developing musical groups within the church including handbell choirs and orchestras.

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PEOPLE . . .

Westover Church, Madison-Chester Association, has licensed Gary Gerhardt to preach. John L. Gunter is pastor.

Richard Long has been ordained into the gospel ministry by Welcome Valley Church, Giles County Association. Long has recently gone to Union Valley Church in the same association, as pastor. In the same service Welcome Valley also ordained W. C. (Bud) Davis and Harold Eardon as deacons. Pink Griggs is pastor.

Stephen Phelps, of Paris, son of James Phelps, superintendent of missions, Western District Association, and Mrs. Phelps, has been named one of 20 students at Louisiana College, Pineville, to Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities.

Funeral services for Paul Harding, former pastor at South Clinton Church, Clinton, were held recently at the Union Grove Church in Huntsville, Ala., where he served as pastor. Memorial services were also conducted at the South Clinton Church. Marion E. Smith, a seminary classmate, conducted at both services. Harding was a graduate of Union University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Marjorie Harding, a daughter, Terry, and a son, Ronnie.

Nashville native John R. Claypool will conduct a Scripture study for all English-speaking nations of the world attending the Baptist World Alliance meetings in Stockholm, Sweden this week. Claypool is pastor of the Broadway Church in Fort Worth.

James E. Leonard, pastor of Central Church in Clinton Association, resigned to accept a call to a church in Florida.

Glenwood Church, Oak Ridge, called Thomas Clay as pastor. He is the brother of Ron Clay, pastor of Lake City First Church.

Johnny Jones resigned as pastor of Jarnigan Chapel in Clinton.

Big Sandy First Church, Western District Association, called Bob Drewry as assistant pastor and music director. He is already on the field. Dick Dickerson is pastor.

John Etherly has accepted the pastorate of Holt's Corner Church in New Duck River Association. He comes from Nolensville.

Carl Talley has been called to serve the Mt. Lebanon Church in New Duck River Association. He is from Terre Haute, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Wilson, parents of Keith Wilson, pastor of Grand Junction First Church, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at their home in Bardwell, Ky., on July 13. They are also the parents of Mrs. Linda Phillips and Don C. Wilson of Memphis.

Hillcrest Church, Dyersburg, licensed Marcus S. Davison to the gospel ministry. Davison is planning to return to Union University this fall to study. Joseph H. Trybone is pastor at Hillcrest.

New Providence Church, Loudon County Association, licensed Stanley Seay to the gospel ministry.

James H. Walker, pastor of the Avondale Church in Chattanooga, was surprised by church members recently with a monetary gift to be used on his mission tour to India. Walker and several other ministers and laymen from Chattanooga will be conducting services in the State of Andhra in southeast India this month. The surprise was planned by Alvin Taylor, Church Training director, and Betty Nolan, Church Training secretary.

Reverend and Mrs. A. R. Pedigo, members of the Meridian Church in Knoxville, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on Sunday, June 30. Pedigo celebrated his 91st birthday on the same day. Pedigo retired from the active ministry in 1956 after serving pastorates at the Mouth of Richland Church, Grainger County, the Lincoln Park and Immanuel Churches in Knoxville. He retired from the Immanuel Church after 37 years of service. He has also served 22 churches as interim pastor. James A. Hutson is their pastor at Meridian.

Dandridge RAs Receive Service Aide Award

Two Royal Ambassadors from the Piedmont Church in Dandridge have received the Service Aide Award, the highest award of the RA program for boys ages 15-17.

Monty Dukes and Creed Seay each earned a \$1200 scholarship to any of the three Baptist colleges in Tennessee and the "Service Aide National Award" from the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. The award requires 750 hours of work.

Both young men are members of the James Gibson RA chapter at the church. Their pastor is Jim Royston, and their RA counselor is Quinton Eslinger.

New Emphases Highlight Glorieta Church Training Week

GLORIETA, N.M.—A new church training priority called "Christian Discipleship," the new Covenant Fellowship Emphasis, 1976 Baptist Doctrine Week sessions and a **CHURCH: the Sunday Night Place "Fair"** highlighted the Church Training Leadership Conference held at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center here.

Philip B. Harris, secretary of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Boards church training department, announced a new priority emphasis in church training for a three-year period, 1976-1979, called "**CHURCH: the Sunday Night Place for Training Disciples.**" The new thrust will be the spearhead for church training throughout the Southern Baptist Convention for the next three years.

A new emphasis for reclaiming church members in church programs was unveiled during the week. "The Covenant Fellowship Emphasis" is a new approach to enlisting uninvolved church members in church programs.

The emphasis provides guidance and training for enlisting the inactive resident church member. The Covenant Fellowship Emphasis is a training activity similar to the WIN (Witness Involvement Now) approach. The thrust of this emphasis is to train persons to reenlist the dropouts in their own church.

During the week, adults and youth met together for study of the doctrine "The Priesthood of All Believers." This study was in preparation for the new 1976 Baptist Doctrine Week featuring studies on soul liberty.

In 1976 the suggested week for Baptist Doctrine Week is April 19-23, according to Harris. However, an alternate week, April 5-9, has been suggested for those churches who have a conflict with the first date.

Books written especially for Baptist Doctrine Week, 1976, include "Soul Liberty," adults; "Free Indeed," youth; "Fighters For Freedom," older children; "My Country," younger children; "God's Care in Spring and Summer," older preschool; and "Animal Friends," younger preschool.

A **CHURCH: the Sunday Night Place "Fair"** was introduced during the conference as a model for churches to use when they conduct their own fairs this fall. The fair included "The Whole Church Training Review," "Learning Games Demonstration," "Art for All Ages," "Drama, Skits, and Learning Situations" and "Banner Making Lessons."

Youth activities during the week included the Glorieta division of the SBC Youth Speakers Tournament and the SBC Youth Bible Drill. The Ridgecrest division will be held July 12-18 at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center.

Grady C. Cothen, board president, and Landrum P. Leavell, president of New

Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary, served as worship leaders for the week.

In 1976, the Southern Baptist Youth Conferences will be held June 5-11 and June 12-18 at Glorieta and June 12-18 at Ridgecrest. The Church Training Leadership Conferences will be held July 3-9 and July 10-16 at Ridgecrest and August 7-13 at Glorieta.

Baptists Urged To Enter History Writing Contest

As a special Bicentennial project, the Historical Commission, SBC, is sponsoring a "Baptist History Writing Contest." Entries must be postmarked no later than April 30, 1976.

During the observance of the U.S.A. Bicentennial, Americans are taking a new look at the history of their nation. Baptists, too, need to review their own past. This contest, in which all Baptists are cordially invited to participate, is designed to encourage creative reflection on our Baptist heritage.

The three categories of entries are:

- (A) Books dealing with the history of Baptist subjects, such as institutions, persons, issues, events, or periods
- (B) Histories of local churches and associations
- (C) Unpublished manuscripts (3,000-5,000 words) dealing with the same kinds of Baptist historical subjects as in category A.

Awards for the contest will include:

Category A—first place (\$175 plus a plaque)
Category B—first place (\$150 plus a plaque)
Category C—first place (\$100 plus a plaque).
Second and third place winners in each category will receive certificates of honorable mention.

To obtain details and an application blank, write the Historical Commission, SBC, 127 9th Avenue, N., Nashville, Tennessee 37234.

Olive New Faculty Member At C-N

Don Hilliard Olive has joined the Carson-Newman College faculty and will serve as associate professor of philosophy this fall.

A native Texan, Olive comes to Tennessee from Wayland Baptist College in Plainview, Tex. Prior to going to Wayland, he served as pastor of the Coronado Baptist Chapel in El Paso. He is a graduate of East Texas Baptist College and received the B.D. and Th.D. degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has done additional graduate work at the University of Texas and Tulane University, where he earned the Ph.D. degree.

Miami Beach Restaurateur Likes Southern Baptist "Sunshine"

MIAMI BEACH—A Miami Beach restaurateur is happy that Southern Baptists held their annual convention here in early June.

He backed up his feelings with a letter and a \$50 check in appreciation for the 16,212 elected messengers who descended on Miami Beach, June 9-12.

"Never, and I say never, has Miami Beach been so graced by the presence of people who emanate such sunshine and contentedness and just plain, happy, pleasant countenances," wrote Charles S. Kaufman of the Flame Steak House in a letter to John Williams, director of financial planning and assistant to the treasurer of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee, Nashville.

"Especially, in such troubled times as we are now experiencing, does your . . . (denomination) shine forth," he said.

"Let me thank you and your group for the 'sunshine' they brought to Miami. I am enclosing a small check to be given to one of your favorite charities."

Williams said his favorite charity is the Southern Baptist Convention's Cooperative Program unified budget, which celebrated its 50th anniversary in Miami Beach.

It'll be \$50 richer because of Charles Kaufman. (BP)

Mrs. Billy Graham Receives Nelson Bible Award

The 1975 Nelson Bible Award was presented to Ruth Bell Graham, author, Bible teacher, and wife of evangelist, Billy Graham. The presentation was made June 9 at the commencement of Wheaton College in Wheaton, Ill. Mrs. Graham was the commencement speaker.

The Nelson Bible Award is sponsored by the Thomas Nelson Company, one of the world's oldest and largest Bible and book publishers, Nashville, Tenn. The award was created to honor persons who by their lives and work, contribute markedly to the advancement of God's Word. The recipient is given a framed wall certificate, a pair of engraved bronze and walnut bookends, and a special handbound Nelson Bible. Also, in the recipient's name are given five \$1,000 scholarships to deserving students of the recipient's choice.

Each year, the Nelson Bible Award recipient is chosen by a selection committee comprised of business and professional leaders who have a keen personal interest in the advancement of God's Word. W. Maxey Jarman, prominent Southern Baptist layman of First Baptist Church, Nashville, and chairman of the Board of Genesco, Inc., is chairman of the committee.

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Foreign Board Appoints 25; Approves World Relief Funds

RICHMOND—World relief funds totaling \$122,000 were appropriated and 25 missionaries were appointed during the June meeting of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board here.

The board also voted to provide financial assistance to missionaries who lost personal goods when they evacuated Vietnam and Laos, reallocated \$156,000 set aside for South Vietnam to programs in the Philippines, named one staff member to a new post and accepted the resignation of another.

W. L. (Wimpy) Smith, associate secretary for missionary personnel since 1969, will fill a newly-created post as associate consultant for laymen overseas and associate disaster response coordinator.

Samuel A. Debord, secretary for the department of promotion and furlough ministries, resigned effective July 15.

Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, reported on the progress of the board coordinating committee assigned to study strategy and propose a new program of advance for the next 25 years.

He said dialogue sessions have been held with Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) leadership groups; a five-day missions consultation involving denominational leaders, missionaries, Baptist nationals, board members and staff personnel was conducted in Miami Beach; and that missionaries in each country where Southern Baptists have mission work are now conducting strategy studies.

He announced that background material including recommendations from the consultation, dialogue sessions and mission meetings will be provided to 13 work groups,

each composed of five board members and three staff members. Special assignments will be given to each group and work sessions will be held in August, September and October.

Board To Hear Findings Report

The work groups, Cauthen said, will report their findings to the full board at the October meeting. The suggestions will be referred back to the coordinating committee, which will work out a proposal for advance.

Such a proposal will be brought before the full board in November or December. The new strategy would then be presented to the convention's Executive Committee in February and finally to the SBC meeting in Norfolk, Va., in June, 1976.

Of the \$122,000 appropriated for relief, \$86,000 was designated for housing and medical needs in Bangladesh, \$30,000 for refugee relief in Angola, \$5,000 to assist Vietnamese refugees in Thailand, and \$1,000 for families affected by a bus accident in Dominica.

The provisions for missionaries to Vietnam and Laos who lost personal goods include a financial settlement to cover losses up to \$10,000 for families and up to \$1,000 for Missionary Journeymen (a two-year program for young college graduates). An outfit allowance and a freight allowance will also be provided.

The 25 new missionaries, appointed to serve in 12 countries, included 11 couples and three single persons.

Appointed were Mr. and Mrs. Jim G. Banks of Oklahoma, assigned to Guadeloupe; Miss Donna Mae Bobby of Tennessee, to Chile; Mr. and Mrs. James R. Colvin

of North Carolina and Virginia, to Madagascar; Mr. and Mrs. Jim E. Crittendon of South Carolina, to the Philippines; Mr. and Mrs. Gerald C. Davis of Alabama and Mississippi, to the Philippines; Mr. and Mrs. Richard D. Evans of California and Oklahoma, to India.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Farris of Missouri and Kansas, to Brazil; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry L. Harris of New Mexico and Oklahoma, to the Windward Islands; Mr. and Mrs. Bob D. Hazzard of Indiana and Pennsylvania, to Indonesia; Mr. and Mrs. Tony G. Latham of Tennessee and Mississippi, to the Philippines; and William E. McCall of Tennessee, to Togo.

Employed as missionary associates were Mr. and Mrs. David B. Davis Jr., of Louisiana and Arkansas, to Ghana; Mr. and Mrs. Bill F. Foster Jr. of Texas, to South Korea; and Mrs. Cornelia Brasington Simons of South Carolina, to Yemen. (BP)

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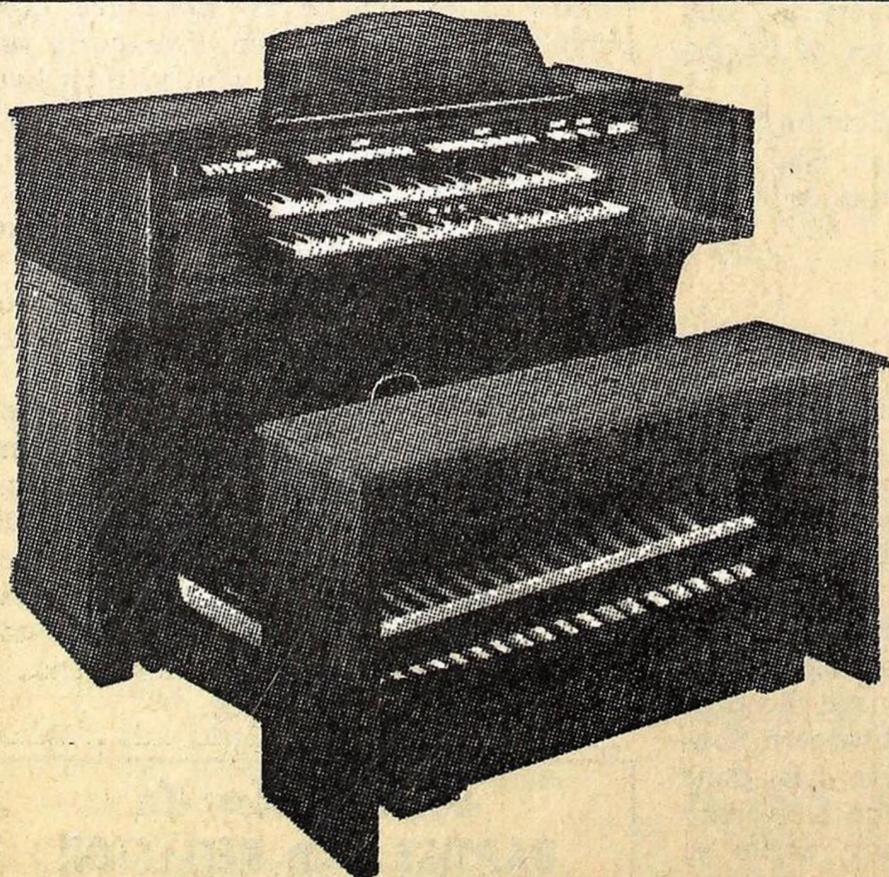
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11 Furloughing Missionaries Evaluate Assignment In Texas

RICHMOND—Eleven Southern Baptist missionaries spent their furlough this year interpreting the Cooperative Program and missions to their Texas constituency including some who had not had dialogue with missionaries before.

In doing so, the missionaries say they experienced "excitement," "fulfillment" and "growth."

The special missionary-in-residence program began a year ago as a part of the Texas Baptist General Convention's celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Cooperative Program.

The venture, a joint effort of the Texas Convention's stewardship department and the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, had as its objectives "recalling with gratitude the blessings of the last 50 years," creating an awareness of what cooperation means today, encouraging commitments for the future and reaching a \$20 million Cooperative Program goal in 1975.

"Both the state convention and the Foreign Mission Board recognizes this as a successful venture for the Cooperative Program and for the missions effort," said Samuel A. DeBord, secretary for the board's department of promotion and furlough ministries.

"The missionaries had a more consistent opportunity to confront Southern Baptists," DeBord said. "As they did they experienced their own fulfillment and growth."

Missionary Gayle A. Hogg evaluated the program, saying, "I visited 120 churches in 11 associations. Most of them had never had a missionary in their church before. I found a ready response of the people to give more and do what they could to take the gospel to other lands."

"The accessibility of a missionary, with no financial strings, seems to help the smaller churches," said missionary Don R. Smith. "The best reception I have enjoyed has been in such churches, with the best dialogue sessions coming in them as well as the best attendance. The larger churches haven't invited as freely as the smaller."

"The growth in Cooperative Program giving in 1974 over 1973 was the greatest for any single year ever in Texas," said the Texas stewardship secretary, Cecil Ray. "The increase was about \$2 million compared to 1973, the next highest year, when the increase was about \$1.6 million."

In January the largest number of churches ever were contributing—over 86 per cent—with the largest amount ever given in a single month being received.

"This approach has special strength," Ray said, "for both the denomination as a whole and foreign missions in particular, by the identification of the missionary as a voice for the denomination."

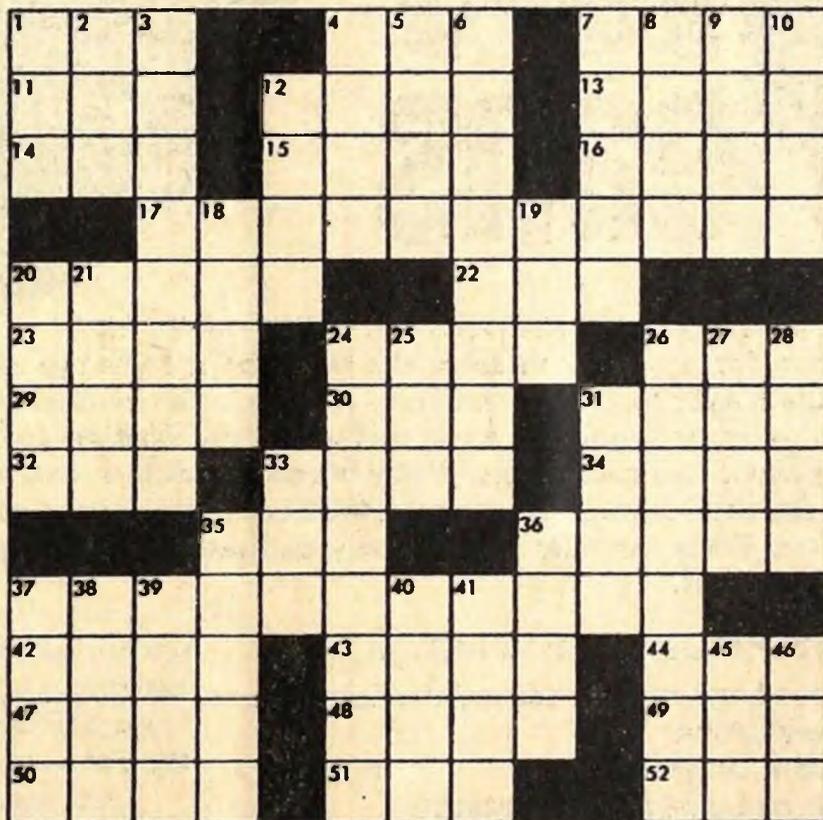
The program had its weaknesses, Ray

reported. Among them were the difficulties in coordinating the efforts and travel of 11 missionaries, the poor response of some associational leadership and the inability of stewardship division staff and missionaries

to sell some on the value of church leadership meetings with dialogue about the Cooperative Program.

Missionary Mell R. Plunk summarized the year by saying, "This year has been a learning process as we have come to understand better the Cooperative Program and all it means to every facet of the work, as we have tried to teach our churches what we have learned."

Bible Puzzle Page Answers On Page 13



ACROSS

- 1 It was seething (Jer. 1:13)
- 4 A Guatemalan people
- 7 He dwelt in Shamir (Judg. 10:1)
- 11 Tree
- 12 Indian garment
- 13 Monetary unit of Iran
- 14 Word used with age or bag
- 15 Country
- 16 Son of Appaim (1 Chron. 2:31)
- 17 "— in one body" (Rom. 12)
- 20 Tumbler
- 22 Vietnamese city
- 23 Listen
- 24 For the burnt offering (Gen. 22:3)
- 26 Federal agency: abbr.
- 29 Boats
- 30 Biblical man (1 Chron. 4:15)
- 31 Burmese people: poss.
- 32 Trial balances: abbr.
- 33 His children returned from captivity (Ezra 2:16)
- 34 Bird part (Lev. 1:16)
- 35 O.T. book: abbr.
- 36 Snares
- 37 Jesus took ours (Matt. 8:17)
- 42 China, et al
- 43 Ashtoreth or Baal
- 44 Philippine tree
- 47 Naomi's chosen name (Ruth 1:20)
- 48 "the — is blessed of the better" (Heb. 7)

- 49 Sailor
- 50 British gun
- 51 Dutch cupboard
- 52 City of the priests (1 Sam. 22:19)

DOWN

- 1 City (1 Chron. 1:50)
- 2 Oscillate: abbr.
- 3 "— of the Lord" (Gal. 6)
- 4 Girl's name
- 5 "brought me from —" (Num. 23)
- 6 "— is not yet come" (John 2)
- 7 Zebulon or Issachar
- 8 French river
- 9 Comedian Bert —
- 10 Muhammad's son-in-law: poss.
- 12 God forgives them (Mark 2:7)
- 18 Seeks
- 19 Mire
- 20 Mountain range
- 21 A bearberry
- 24 "a land flowing —" (Jer. 32)
- 25 Native mineral
- 26 "Wherefore tongues are —" (1 Cor. 14)
- 27 Fall asleep (used with off)
- 28 Snakes (Rom. 3:13)
- 31 Land measure
- 33 Air: comb. form
- 35 Month (Neh. 2:1)
- 36 The sesame: pl.
- 37 Cults
- 38 Tidy
- 39 Jonah paid it (Jon. 1:3)
- 40 Concept
- 41 Concoct
- 45 Half a boner
- 47 Coarse cloth

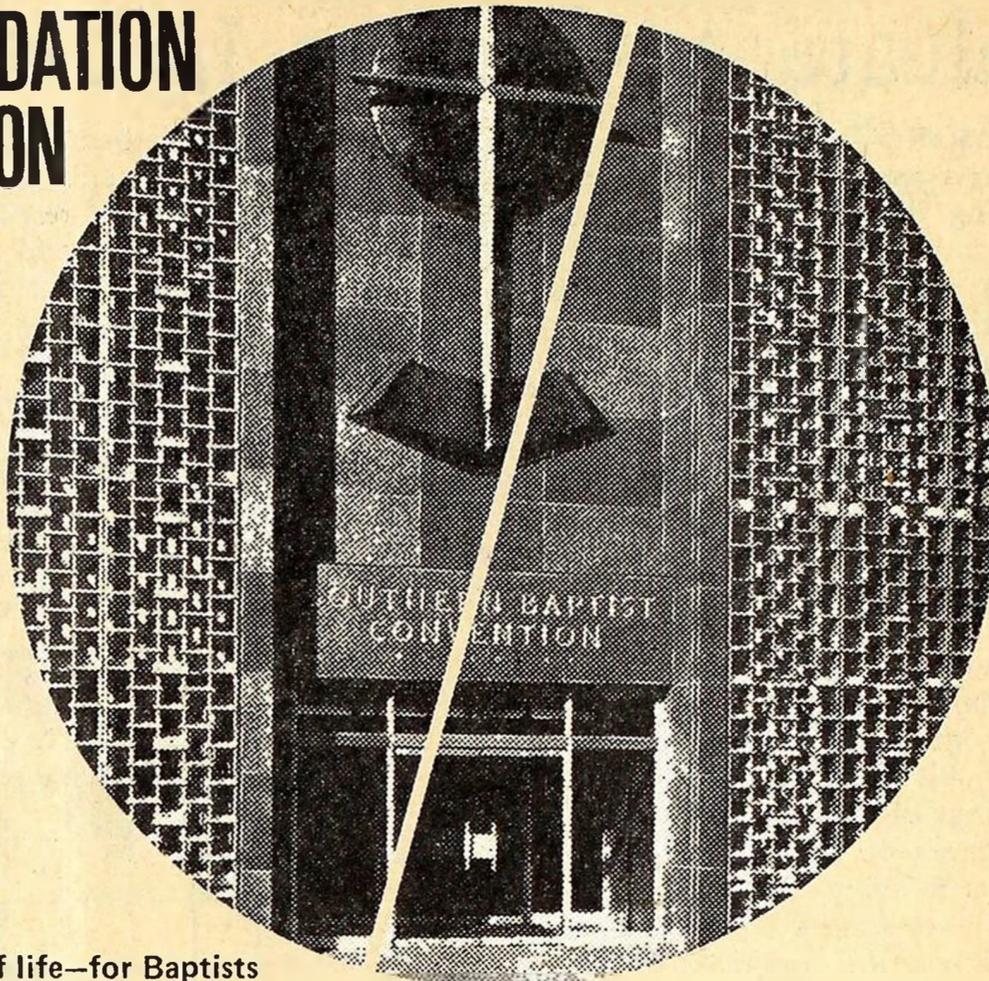
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The Stewardship Commission

The Stewardship Commission works cooperatively with state conventions. Its function divides into three main areas:

1. Development of good stewardship practices among Baptists.
2. Promotion of the Cooperative Program.
3. Assistance to churches and institutions in acquiring endowment funds and in raising money for capital needs.

The Commission publishes an extensive array of special materials designed to assist churches in budget campaigns and to help church members

understand principles of good stewardship. Other materials include Cooperative Program promotion helps produced for distribution through Baptist state convention offices.

Trust funds and willed bequests are important sources of income for Baptist institutions. The Stewardship Commission, working with foundation staffs in state offices, develops materials designed to promote this kind of stewardship commitment.

In still another area, Commission staff members work directly with Baptist organizations to help them raise money for worthy local projects.

Though each is an independent agency of the SBC, the Southern Baptist Foundation and the Stewardship Commission together comprise a team whose work is made possible through Cooperative Program funds. And, of course, you and your church make the Cooperative Program possible. *Your* gifts through the Program provide the *MEANS*. The Foundation and the Commission jointly provide the *WAY*.



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A Look At Honduras 10 Months After Fifi

By Sue Wilson and Nancy Carter

CHOLUTECA, Honduras—A trickle of water runs in the river beds. After four months without rain, the area around San Pedro Sula is dry.

In moister parts of Honduras, women busily scrub laundry on the rocks along placid streams as children play in the water.

One would hardly believe 10 months ago Hurricane Fifi ravaged the country and these rivers and streams overflowed their banks.

Perhaps these same women and children were left homeless, sick and without food after 160-mile-per-hour winds destroyed houses, churches and crops indiscriminately.

One clue of last year's disaster are the boulders spread along the route the floods took. Scars from mountainside landslides are also still visible, although vegetation is beginning to cover some of them.

Much of the worst damage—to buildings and roads—has been repaired or rebuilt completely.

About 300 Southern Baptists have worked alongside Southern Baptist missionaries and Honduran Baptists in reconstruction. They came from 13 states, from many walks of life, and in ages ranging from youth to retired persons.

Texas sent 73 Baptist representatives to assist in work efforts. Florida sent 70; Alabama, 41; and Louisiana, North Carolina and Virginia 15, 13 and 11 respectively. Seven other states—Georgia, Kentucky, Colorado, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Illinois and Tennessee—each sent a few laymen.

Medical Personnel

About 12 other individuals, all with medical experience, went through the sponsorship of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's medical consultant, Dr. Franklin T. Fowler.

The medical personnel cared for long lines of patients which formed each day outside clinic areas. They treated individuals suffering from flu, colds and upper respiratory infections as well as many other chronic problems, such as parasites and anemia.

The 300 laymen are gone now. Gone too are the disaster relief vehicle from Texas, which served 3,000 meals daily to refugees, and the orange and blue tent, the scene of three month's evangelistic services by Baptists.

There are other reminders however, that Baptists have been here.

Note: Sue (Mrs. Ralph A.) Wilson is a Southern Baptist missionary to Honduras. Nancy Carter is a staff writer for the Foreign Mission Board press office.

A short distance away from the revival tent site is a concrete block chapel. Sixty-five members have been baptized as a result of the revival in Las Brisas. This mission was begun by Second Baptist Church, San Pedro Sula, before the hurricane. After Fifi Church's pastor, Rafael Flores, and the congregation were active in relief, engaging in personal evangelism as they distributed food supplies.

A school located next to the mission was also built by Baptists. A plaque on the school reads:

"A labor of love, built by a joint effort of the Honduras Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention. 'Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it.' Proverbs 22:6."

Ten families who lost their homes in the flood now live in houses built by Baptists. Major repairs, such as replaced walls, were made on 27 houses.

Pastor's Home Built

One group of 23 Texas men went to Siguatepeque to begin building a pastor's home. Later four men from Georgia continued the project, which was completed by five men from Alabama.

Six carpenters built cots at the Theological Institute in Tegucigalpa. These cots were distributed in a number of areas where people lost beds in the flood.

After construction was finished in Las Brisas, Southern Baptist missionaries led in construction of a school and chapel in Salama. The church became a member of the Honduras Baptist Convention in January.

The work continues for Southern Baptist missionaries.

"The worst hurricane to strike the coast of Honduras this century," as it was described by a spokesman for the National Hurricane Center in Miami, Fla., has left its mark on the small island country of Honduras. However, Baptists have helped and are still helping the scars to heal.

The one positive result of Hurricane Fifi is the life-changing decisions it caused.

Over 200 persons were baptized into churches of the Honduras Baptist Convention in a seven-month period following the hurricane. During the previous 12 month period, 107 were baptized.

Southern Baptists and Honduran Baptists have not only helped reconstruct Honduras physically but have helped many to reconstruct their lives.

Union Offers Tuition Aid For State Grant Students

Union University has established a new financial assistance program to provide funds for students who would have been eligible for the Tennessee tuition grant.

"By raising additional funds and the shifting of specified allotments, we are going to be able to provide up to half of the amount which returning students would have been eligible for through the Tennessee tuition grant program," said Don Morris, Union's financial aid officer.

"In addition we are going to attempt to provide the other half of the eligible amount through different financial aid programs including loans, workshops or other type of grants."

The new financial aid plan will not only substitute the assistance which would have normally been available through the state grant to returning students at Union, but will also allow the school an opportunity to attempt to provide funds for freshmen who would have received aid if the Tennessee tuition grant had been continued, according to Morris.

With the increase of this new financial assistance plan, Union will be providing over \$600,000 to students for the 1975-76 academic year.

New Books

The Gospel of Mark for Growing Christians by Chuck Smith, Revell Co., 177 pp., paperback. An exposition of the Gospel of Mark for today's Christians.

The Bible Book of Medical Wisdom by Russel J. Thomsen, Revell Co., 160 pp., \$4.95. Dr. Thomsen draws on his extensive knowledge to share with us new insights into virtually every medical aspect of the Bible.

Living Sacrifices, A Missionary Odyssey, by Jesse C. Fletcher, Broadman, 157 pp., \$4.95. The amazing story of Missionary John and Jewell Abernathy, missionary couple to China, Korea, and the Philippines.

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"The Lord is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works" (Psa. 145:9).

What Is Christian Maturity?

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

Bible Material:

Lesson Text: Eph. 4:11-16; Phil. 3:12-16; I John 3:1-3

Webster defines maturity as "brought by natural process to completeness of growth and development." Hence maturity has the meaning of reaching a goal appropriate to the nature of a being. Christian maturity refers to the process (and that is an important word) of developing into the kind of person that is appropriate to one's background, talents, and opportunities in life as that person responds to the tutelage of the Spirit.

It seems to me that certain qualities are found in mature Christians, regardless of accidental differences in them. One is gratitude, being the sense that life is a gift from God and it comes to us with the character of being undeserved. Another is humility, a word derived from the Latin *humus* which means soil, fostering the Genesis notion that we all stem from the dust of the ground and cannot lay claim to any special status among our brothers. A final quality is community, picturing a willingness to share life with the people of faith, where we temper out personal theology with the convictions and values of the entire Christian community.

Maturity As Unity Eph. 4:11-13

God has not called us to a "Lone Ranger" style of Christianity whereby we go apart and seek private revelations. From the beginning of time God has been developing a people, first Israel and then the Church. For the Apostle Paul one of the marks of Christian maturity was to find our true identity as individuals as we located ourselves within the group, namely the Body of Christ. The exercise of spiritual gifts is for "building up the Body of Christ" (v. 12) so that we may attain to "the unity of faith" (v. 13).

At creation God said it was not good for man to be alone. Part of maturity is recognizing our genuine need for others, that we are not self-sufficient and that the Christian community has the gifts of encouragement, forgiveness, and realistic confrontation to offer us.

Images Of Immaturity Eph. 4:14-16

Paul was fond of comparing immature Christians to childishness, particularly at the point of rapid change of interests. To be a child is to gravitate toward anything new or sensational that comes along. Spiritually, this applied to new-and-untested doctrines

that were not based on the sound experiences of the Church as it followed the direction of God. The child image is heightened by a sea image, a rudderless ship at the mercy of changing winds: "So that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine" (v. 14).

A child has few roots because he lacks the deep struggles of experience, of internalizing ideas so that they are woven into the very fabric of one's life. One of the ways that doctrine was examined, particularly before the canon of the New Testament was completed, was by putting a new interpretation to the test of practice. If it led to division or a diminishing moral character, the Church put it away as heresy.

Unlike children and rudderless ships, the Church should be a stable reflection of God's purposes because it does not respond to whims, fads, and private, bizarre revelations. Rather, Christians are committed to the idea of "speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ" (v. 15).

Error Of Perfectionism Phil. 3:12-16

One of the natural traps of the struggle toward maturity is to deceive oneself into thinking the goal has been reached. Evidently a group of Christians at the Church in Philippi was boasting about having achieved spiritual perfection, a claim which elicited a very human response from Paul: "not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect" (v. 12). Coming from one who was very zealous about obedience to the will of God, this is a statement of both relief and promise to us. Perfection is beside the point. Paul uses the analogy of a race with images of pressing, straining, prize, and goal. All of which require faithfulness and discipline, but not perfection.

Perfection is an attitude belonging to works, not grace. The only perfection available to the Christian in the present is the perfect knowledge that he is required to struggle throughout life: "let those of us who are mature be thus minded" (v. 15).

I think a key factor in Christian maturity lies in the ability to dismiss the "curse character" of our past due to forgiveness, as Paul did in "forgetting what lies behind" (v. 13). This eliminates the anguish of second-guessing, of poor decisions or the

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defensiveness about family origins or personal shortcomings. One is ready to assume responsibility in the present without playing the game of please-pity-my-past.

Conclusion I John 3:1-3

The paths to Christian maturity will be different for each Christian, but the goal will be the same, namely to be transformed after the character of Jesus. "We know that when he appears we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is" (v. 2). This is one of the mysteries of faith. We begin a process of growth in the present that requires responses of courage and effort, yet that process is fulfilled with grace that exceeds our effort and makes us into sons of God who are similar in essence to the Son of God.

Jamaican Gospel Program Completes Ten Years

KINGSTON, Jamaica—"Christ for Today," a weekly gospel radio program, has completed ten years of broadcasting.

Aired at 6 a.m. on Sunday, it precedes the Billy Graham "Hour of Decision" and draws 100,000 to 200,000 listeners. It is now rated as the most listened to church program produced locally.

Funds from the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board were recently used to buy a new recorder and console to replace some of the original equipment.

Southern Baptist missionary Alan W. Compton, radio-television consultant for Latin America and the Caribbean, has assisted in training courses, workshops and recording sessions to train Jamaicans.

Family Living

By Dr. B. David Edens,
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Children's Sense Of Competence Needs Tempering With Reality

Children are just like the rest of us; they're going to do some things very well, some things adequately and some things downright poorly. That's why the "you can do anything" approach that parents and teachers often use to build up a child's sense of competence needs to be tempered with realism, says Dr. Ira J. Gordon, director of the Institute for Development of Human Resources, University of Florida, Gainesville.

"Certainly there is a need for children, as for all of us, to have a belief in their ability to do, a belief in their powers, a belief that what they can do individually, personally, makes a difference and can accomplish some fundamental good," he observed at the annual conference of the National Association for the Education of Young Children. It is also important, however, to help children understand that a sense of competence is not a total thing. Very few individuals can do everything well.

We can't talk a sense of competence into youngsters, Gordon stressed. "Those of us who have messed around, and I use that word advisedly, with self-concept research know that on very simple kinds of scales we have administered at different times we have found children who report a marvelous self-image, a glowing picture of themselves—a kind of 'anything you can do I can do better' attitude that should make them winners. Yet when you watch these same kids in action, it just isn't there."

It's probably more important to prevent children from developing a sense of general incompetence than to try to instill a false sense of all-competence, the pre-school education specialist indicated.

If kids are given opportunities to do a variety of things with a variety of materials and are exposed to many different kinds of experiences they'll eventually find their special areas of competency and where their lacks lie, too.

The discovery that they are better at some things than others won't affect their self-esteem too much—as long as their adults show that what they can do is valued, pointed out Gordon.

It's when youngsters get the feeling that only a few abilities (verbal skills or an academic turn of mind) really count and that other abilities are less desirable and sort of second-rate that kids' sense of competency is endangered, the child development specialist reminded. Adults who are ready to appreciate all sorts of skills and strong points can help a child find his special gifts and cope with his limitations.

HISTORICALLY

FROM THE FILES

50 YEARS AGO

Announcement was made of the engagement of Ryland Knight, president of the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, and Miss Bess Acree.

St. Elmo Church in Chattanooga obtained the services of Mel G. Leaman as pastor. The church had constructed a sanctuary, grown in attendance from 400 to 1200 at Sunday services, enrolled 100 tithers, and had about 500 persons attending prayer meeting.

20 YEARS AGO

Kansas Baptists were preparing to celebrate their centennial. In June of 1855, the Southern Baptist Convention launched its work in Kansas City by taking over a mission near there and another near Paola. The 1955 Southern Baptist Handbook reported 99 such churches in Kansas with a membership of close to 15,000.

Fort Hill Church, Knoxville, broke ground for a \$300,000 sanctuary and educational building. The church was organized in 1952, and Louis O. Ball was pastor.

10 YEARS AGO

Carol McCall, Shelbyville Mills Church, New Duck River Association, and Carolyn Grant, Nashville First Church, were to represent Tennessee at Ridgecrest in the national speakers' tournament and sword drill. McCall had won the state speakers' tournament, and Grant the sword drill.

John H. Bowden was the new pastor of Bryson City First Church.

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From the Executive Secretary

By Ralph Norton

The thirteenth meeting of the Baptist World Congress, made up of Baptists of the world who wish to cooperate, will be held July 8-13 in Stockholm, Sweden, using as its theme: "New People for a New World—Through Christ."



Norton

Thirty-two years ago Stockholm hosted the third Baptist World Congress and at that meeting more than 2,000 Baptists attended. Today Swedish Baptists, numbering 45,000, are just as anxious to host the expected

10,000 Baptists from 80 nations who will come together for fellowship and inspiration. Traditions of Baptist congresses include the Roll Call of Nations, at which time a member of each country represented will respond with the congress theme in his native language, and the singing of such hymns as "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" and "Blest Be The Tie That Binds Our Hearts in Christian Love."

In addition to the business sessions of the Congress, at which time consideration will be given to the approval of a revised constitution for the alliance, delegates will be treated to an excellent program which will include messages from seven persons from six countries as main speakers as well as discussion and activity by special interest groups.

The BWA constitution states that the Baptist World Alliance exists in order to show more fully the essential oneness of Baptist people in Christ. It is to promote fellowship and cooperation among its members. This is essentially the purpose of this thirteenth session. As you read this copy of the **Baptist And Reflector**, we will be attending this meeting. Join together with me in prayer that God's purpose will be accomplished in it, and that the inspiration of these days may accompany us to our places of service throughout the world.

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Court Protects Showing Of Drive-In Nude Movies

WASHINGTON—Cities may not forbid the showing of films at drive-in theaters containing nude scenes, even if the screen is visible from nearby streets and residences, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled here.

The case, *Erznoznik v. City of Jacksonville* (Fla.), challenged a city ordinance which declared a public nuisance the exhibition of movies in drive-in theaters "in which the human male or female bare buttocks, human female bare breasts or human bare pubic areas are shown."

The city of Jacksonville argued before the high court that its law was designed to protect its citizens against unwilling exposure to offensive materials. The court's 6-3 majority said, however, that the ordinance singled out films containing nudity "presumably because the lawmakers considered them especially offensive" while ignoring other potentially offensive features.

"Such selective restrictions," Justice Lewis F. Powell continued, "have been upheld only when the speaker intrudes on the privacy of the home." Powell wrote the opinion for the majority.

Attorneys for the city had also maintained that the ordinance sought to protect children from viewing nude bodies. The court held that such a prohibition is too broad because it "is not directed against sexually explicit nudity." Instead, "it sweepingly forbids display of all films containing any uncovered buttocks or breasts, irrespective of context or pervasiveness."

Jacksonville also argued that its ordinance would help avoid traffic accidents. But the court held that the city "offers no justification . . . for distinguishing movies containing nudity from all other movies in a regulation designed to protect traffic."

Justice William O. Douglas, who opposes all censorship of films and books, issued a concurring opinion stating that "any ordinance which regulates movies on the basis of content, whether by an obscenity standard or by some other criterion, impermissibly intrudes upon the free speech rights guaranteed" in the U.S. Constitution.

Three justices dissented, including Byron R. White, who warned that if the new action is taken literally, state and local governments may be unable to forbid "expressive" nudity in public places.

Chief Justice Warren E. Burger, writing also for Justice William H. Rehnquist, accused the majority of adopting a "rigidly simplistic approach" to the problem by applying free speech standards. "The First Amendment interests involved in this case are trivial at best," Burger said.

In a related action, the high court agreed to hear next term an Alabama case which challenges that state's obscenity statute on

the grounds that it runs counter to the Supreme Court's last major ruling on obscenity standards in 1973. The case comes from Mobile, where a newsstand dealer was convicted of selling an allegedly obscene magazine, "New Directions," and was subsequently fined and sentenced to a one-year jail term.

The Alabama law is also being challenged on grounds that it is too vague and that it violates free speech rights.

The court declined to schedule for argument two other obscenity cases from Georgia and California. The effect of the action is to let stand lower court decisions.

In the Georgia case, a theater manager in Athens lost his appeal to keep the city council from revoking a license to show allegedly obscene films in his theater. The California action lets stand a Santa Barbara ordinance forbidding nude sunbathing on beaches. (BP)

Pre-Registration Scheduled At Union, July 22-23

Special pre-registration programs for the fall semester at Union University will be held July 22-23 with freshmen orientation to be conducted July 22.

Students completing the pre-registration activities will not be required to attend similar programs in September, according to Hyran E. Barefoot, academic dean.

The freshmen orientation program will provide complete academic counseling services and registration and will allow resident students to receive their room assignments. Various faculty and staff members will conduct the orientation program and provide information for parents concerning school programs and financial assistance.

Information concerning the pre-registration programs may be obtained from the academic center or the admissions office at Union.

Children's Homes Mother's Day Offering Nears Goal

Through July 3, the offering totals \$322,000, which is \$53,800 above the same period last year. This means that we need, during July, \$18,900 to reach the goal of \$341,000. We thank God, and we thank you, Tennessee Baptists.—James M. Gregg

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Use Insurance For The Lord

By Jonas L. Stewart
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Insurance has been used for ages to provide for loved ones after death. Some people have made the Lord the beneficiary of their insurance policy. Why not? They love the Lord. They propose to be in Kingdom service. They provide for the interest of others, why not provide for the welfare of the Lord's work?

This can be done by making the Tennessee Baptist Foundation the beneficiary of an insurance policy. A trust agreement can be prepared specifying the terms by which proceeds are to be handled. The funds would remain in trust forever with the income going to the Christian cause designated by the insured.

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Broadway Members Honor Lewis E. Rhodes

Members and friends of the Broadway Church in Knoxville gathered June 29 to honor Dr. and Mrs. Lewis E. Rhodes at a retirement luncheon following the morning worship hour.

A "Those Were The Days" presentation depicted memories from his leadership as pastor of the church from 1960-75. The family was presented a monetary gift.

Dr. and Mrs. Rhodes will reside in Knoxville following a trip to Alaska. They have two daughters: Mrs. Chris Cristoffel, Memphis, and Mrs. Joe (Marcia) Moore, Birmingham.

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