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Board Set \$22.5 Million Budget; Rutledge To Retire

ATLANTA—Southern Baptist Convention's Home Mission Board directors in their annual summer meeting here, approved a 1976 budget of \$22,556,083 and were told by executive director, Arthur B. Rutledge, that he will retire on December 31, 1976.

In other action, the directors acted on the following:

—Passed a resolution to look into a new relationship with Church World Service for the resettlement of Vietnamese refugees or to establish its own resettlement agency to provide "more active and effective" resettlement efforts. The resolution grew out of some dissatisfaction by SBC churches with the effectiveness of the present resettlement effort.

—Elected a new director of the department of mass evangelism;

—Approved a change in status of Ed Seabough, associate director of the department of missionary personnel, to become director of personnel recruitment services, a new position;

—Appointed 27 new missionaries and missionary associates;

—Approved plans for allocation of the 1976 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for home missions. The goal is \$9.5 million.

—Approved 1976 Home Mission Board goals.

Rutledge told the directors he will be 65 in 1976 and plans to retire according to the board's policy on December 31, 1976.

He reminded the directors that he was in office when the mandatory retirement age of 65 was approved, that he liked the idea then and still approves of the policy.

Nominating Committee To Be Named

The board's bylaws call for a committee of five to seven persons to be named by the board officers to nominate a new executive director. The committee is expected to be named at the next full meeting of the directors in October.

The 1976 budget of \$22,556,083 is an increase of \$2,416,591 over the 1975 figure of \$20,139,492. Almost all of the increase is expected to come from the SBC's Cooperative Program unified budget and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

Cooperative Program income is expected to be up almost \$1 million, from \$6,950,000 to \$7,930,000, and Annie Armstrong receipts, from \$8,130,000 to \$8,700,000.

The Cooperative Program figure would be

increased by \$1,670,000 should the 1975-76 SBC challenge goal of \$51 million be reached.

Rutledge reported to the directors that the 1975 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering receipts to date are \$7,801,000 as compared with \$7,020,000 a year ago. The goal for the offering is \$8.5 million.

Bobby M. Sunderland of Oklahoma City was named director of the department of mass evangelism in the evangelism section, effective July 25.

Since 1973, Sunderland has been crusade director and associate evangelist for the Larry Jones Evangelistic Association. He formerly was pastor of several Oklahoma churches, the most recent being First Baptist Church of Alva, Okla., from 1973-74.

A native of Long Wolfe, Okla., Sunderland is a graduate of Southwestern State Teachers College, Weatherford, Okla., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, where he received a bachelor of divinity degree in 1962.

The 1976 goals, approved by the directors, center around the implementation of "Bold Mission Thrust," a four-year program beginning in 1976 aimed at presenting the gospel to every person in America and placing a New Testament church within their reach. (BP)

Retreat Scheduled For Part-Time Music Directors

The Church Music Department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention will sponsor a retreat for all part-time music directors at Camp Linden Sept. 5-6, according to Frank Charton, director of the department.



McElrath

Hugh McElrath, associate professor of church music at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, will direct several sessions for the group. A graduate of Murray State University, McElrath received both the B.S.M. and M.S.M. de-

grees from Southern Seminary and the Ph.D. degree from the Eastman School of Music of the University of Rochester. He has done additional study at the Biblioteca, Conservatory of Music in Bologna, Italy and Oxford University. He has served as a minister of music, choral conference leader, adjudicator of choir festivals, and clinician and conductor in music camps. He is an author and member of several professional organizations.

Robert Byrd, assistant professor of religion, Belmont College, will be the devotional leader.

Reservations should be made through the Church Music Department, Tennessee Baptist Convention, according to Charton.



Pictured are part of the students of the BSU of East Tennessee State University appointed to serve as missionaries this summer. Sharon Jones, Sweetwater, was appointed by the Home Mission Board to work in Beltsville, Md. Robert White, Charleston, and Jeanne Siler, Knoxville, were appointed by the Student Department, TBC, to work with internationals in Nashville Association and ministry to the deaf in Tennessee. Phil Senter, Lebanon, Va., was appointed by Home Mission Board for Phoenix, Ariz.

Clay Austin, BSU president, and Fred Witty, BSU director, led in orientation. Other ETSU students appointed to work and not pictured are: Lugene Tillett, Knoxville, folk team "Discovery" in Tennessee and Vickie Glover, Bluff City to Atlanta, Ga.

Not Myths, But Personal Experience

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty."—2 Peter 1:16.

Exhorting his readers to full Christian living (vv. 4-15), Peter reminds them that his preaching rests upon a sound foundation. Which makes it all the more important that they should heed his words. The certainty of his message is seen in verses 16-21: a visible experience with Christ, and the certainty of the scriptures. This article deals with the former; next week we shall deal with the latter.

The word "followed" (v. 16) means to observe as a guide. "Cunningly" may well read "sophisticated." The word translated "fables" is *muthois*, the plural of *muthos*. This word has been anglicized as "myth." Theologians sometimes use "myth" as a literary vehicle by which to express truth: the myth of creation: the myth of the flood. But to the average person it means "fairy tale" or "fable." In my judgment this is an unfortunate usage. "Power" renders *dunamis*, note "dynamite." The word translated "coming" was used of a king visiting any portion of his realm. It is used mostly in the New Testament about Jesus with

reference to His second coming. Here it probably refers to the incarnation of Christ as Jesus. But His transfiguration heralded His return.

Peter relates this to the transfiguration of Jesus (Matt. 17:1-8; see 2 Pet. 1:16b-18). He did not derive his message from men's myths but from personal experience, such as being an eyewitness to the majesty of Jesus on that occasion. He knows of His deity or His being God in flesh. Peter actually saw this honor and glory from the Father. And he heard God's voice saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Except for the order of words in the sentence, this is exactly what God said (Matt. 17:5).

In this there is none of the uncertainty of sophisticated myths. It is a declaration of truth in plain words. Not a literary vehicle of something someone else said, but a definite statement of what Peter saw and heard. It does not veil truth, but declares it.

Men are confused by the muddled, sophisticated mythological language of scholars who talk over people's heads. But they will listen to one who speaks out of the conviction of personal experience. Talking over people's heads is no sign of superior ammunition. It means that the speaker is a poor shot.



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Devotional

"Sing A New Song"

By Mrs. Ralph Jones Jr.

Have you ever noticed the lack of enthusiasm shown when the music director asks that we turn in our hymnals to learn a new song? We all have our favorites we love to sing over and over again. We become somewhat disgruntled when we are asked to learn something new.

In the process of learning a new song, I usually do not join in the first verse but listen to the melody, so, hopefully, I will not sing off-key on the following ones. I stumble through the second and third verses and by the last verse have begun to mark the time, recognize the beautiful melody, and grasp the equally beautiful message the words proclaim.

As I think on this process of learning, I think of my conversion experience. In giving my life to Christ, I buried an old life of sin to become born again in Christ. I received a new life. As a babe in Christ I was unsure. I was a toddler. I would falter, stumble and at times fall. I was out-of-time, singing off-key, and unlearned in the message God has for us in his word. I was not strongly aware of the presence of the Holy Spirit in my life.

As I grew in Christian maturity, I became more confident in my relationship to God with a greater desire to serve my Lord and Master. Praise God! I was beginning to grow and learn with the help of the Holy Spirit and sweet dedicated Christian friends. I am a long way from being a soloist but I can work toward that end with God as my accompanist.

I sincerely believe the time is now for all born again Christians in the world, in America, Tennessee, government, cities, towns, rural areas, churches, education, health care, penal systems, on the street, to march in time, live in harmony, and share God's word.

We, as God's children, should covenant together to love him, obey him, lean on him, confess our sins, talk to him, feed his sheep, learn from him, walk beside him, fear him, smile for him, praise him, and love our neighbor as ourselves.

I know, with the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives, we can and must sing a new song!

Note: Mrs. Jones and her husband are members of Humboldt First Church where they teach in the Married Young Adult Department. They are also active in youth work, and Mrs. Jones is a trustee for Harrison-Chilhowee Academy.

Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

Many churches are now making good use of newspaper, radio, TV and other means of advertising to get their message before the public.

Despite opinions to the contrary, this is a smart thing to do. The wise old hen in the chicken house would remind us that "it pays to advertise."

Actually, when a goose lays an egg she just waddles off—almost as if she were ashamed of it—because she is a goose. But when a hen lays an egg—ah, she cacklingly calls on heaven and earth to witness the proud production!

The hen is just a natural-born advertiser. Hence, the demand for hen eggs far exceeds the demand for goose eggs, and the hen has all of the business she can handle.

Perhaps all of us should take this lesson from the hen: It is not wrong to cackle—so long as you have something to cackle about.

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"BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR" DAY

Russian Baptists Disagree On Religious Freedom

STOCKHOLM—Russian dissident Baptist emigrants, now living in West Germany, and officially-recognized Baptists from the Soviet Union openly disagreed about religious freedom in an informal confrontation here.

The discussion came after a meeting of the Study Commission on Religious Liberty and Human Rights of the Baptist World Alliance (BWA) had adjourned. One of five BWA commissions, it met in conjunction with the 13th Baptist World Congress.

The disagreement developed when David Klassen, a spokesman for emigrants from dissident, unregistered "Initiative" Baptists in the Soviet Union, outlined reported persecution. Representatives of the Soviet government-recognized Russian Baptist group, which holds BWA membership, disagreed.

Outgoing BWA President V. Carney Hargroves later explained to the BWA General Council, with members of the officially-recognized Soviet Baptists present, that the BWA had not scheduled the appearance of the dissident Baptists. He said it occurred informally after the commission had adjourned.

The dissident emigrants from the Council of Churches of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (CCECB), at the Congress as observers, had agreed not to speak during the meetings here, according to reports.

Before the discussion began, Gardner Taylor, black pastor of Concord Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N.Y., and chairman of the commission, told those who remained to listen: "I have a longer record of . . . (being oppressed) than any one of you, and I am ready to hear anyone. I demand order and courtesy." He reportedly had not allowed the dissidents to interrupt the meeting's regular agenda.

Religious Oppression In Russia

Klassen outlined a history of religious oppression in Russia going back to Ivan the Terrible and Stalin, and then told of imprisonment of his grandfather, father, uncle, himself four times and members of his congregation because of their religious practices.

"I have no hate for the Russian government," he said, calling for prayer for persecuted and persecutors. "We should not hate the Communists, but hate their evil works. We must love them."

Jakov Dukhonchenkow, superintendent of Baptists in the Zaporozhe region of the Ukraine, contended that Klassen could not speak for the Ukraine because he has been in exile for a year. Dukhonchenkow told of conditions where new churches are being registered, of 60 baptisms in Kiev and 3,500 in the Ukraine during the past year.

In an appeal to the Initiatives, who refuse to register with the government as Russian law requires, he said, "We must not destroy the spirit of our Russian brotherhood. We preach Christ crucified."

Alexei Bichkov, general secretary of the All Union Council of Evangelical Christians Baptists (AUCECB) of the USSR, whose churches are registered, declared, "We came here as witnesses of the great Christian activity in our country, as true ambassadors representing one-half million Christians." He then spoke of the growth of the Baptists in USSR in recent times, including many baptisms and the opening of new churches.

He charged that some of his Baptist brethren "exploit what has happened in the past."

Bichkov told the audience that "churches must obey the laws that exist in all countries." The authorities of the government of USSR, he reported, affirm that "our church is a living organism."

He said that he had appealed to the government to release members of the Initiatives who had been imprisoned and that 60 of them have been released as a result. He spoke of two women who had organized

an illegal printing business and were imprisoned. They are now free, he said.

More Opportunity To Witness

"We have more opportunity than before to witness to Jesus Christ", he said. He added that "hostile demonstration produces only harm to Jesus Christ."

At a session of the Baptist World Congress later, delegates passed a resolution on religious liberty unaware of the informal session. It reaffirmed "our belief in full religious liberty for all persons" and called for freedom to profess, proclaim and teach religious beliefs.

The resolution acknowledged that "many of our brothers and sisters have lost their freedoms and in some cases their lives while resisting government restrictions." It did not identify countries lacking religious freedom.

On human rights, the resolutions committee said all persons are entitled to "access to life, liberty, food, clothing, shelter, health, education, the right to work, and pursuit of happiness, including a quality of life that allows for adequate development of human potentialities."

The report, under a section on world peace, said, "We are encouraged by some contemporary improvements in international relations." It added that in "the face of world hunger and massive human need on every hand, we call upon governments to abandon the evil acceleration of the fantastically costly armaments race." There also was an appeal for "removal of economic and political incentives to war." (BP)



History was made at Belmont College recently when three members of the same family received degrees simultaneously. The two daughters and son-in-law of Rev. and Mrs. Eugene B. Roberts, Morristown, were honored at the historic occasion. Mrs. Ray W. Baggett, left, the former Becky Jo Robrets, received the bachelor of arts degree cum laude, with majors in drama, speech, and English. Philip P. Patterson, center, received the bachelor of business administration degree with majors in finance and management. Mrs. Patterson, right, the former Beth Jane Roberts, received the bachelor of science degree cum laude, with a home economics major.

EDITORIALS

Baptist And Reflector Day

Some Things You Should Know About Your State Paper

Sunday, August 17, will be observed in the Baptist churches throughout our state as **Baptist And Reflector Day**. I hope every church in my association will cooperate by letting their people know about the **Baptist And Reflector** and by putting the small cost of sending the paper to every family in your church in the church budget.

There is perhaps no more unifying force among Tennessee Baptists than the **Baptist And Reflector** and there is certainly no better source of information on our work in Tennessee and around the world.

The **Baptist And Reflector** belongs to you if you are a Southern Baptist in cooperation with SBC work in Tennessee. It is the weekly official news-journal of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

For one hundred and forty years (since 1835) **Baptist And Reflector** has sought to inform, instruct doctrinally, inspire, and encourage its readers to the end that a more effective ministry for our Lord will be realized through a more informed membership.

Circulation of the **Baptist And Reflector** has now reached approximately 72,000, but many more churches need to consider putting the paper in their church budget.

Churches may subscribe to **Baptist And Reflector** through the Every Family Plan for only 4½¢ per week per copy, providing 51% of the resident families participate. Other subscription plans include the Club Plan of 10 individuals or more at \$2.75 per subscriber, and the Individual Plan at \$3.25 per year.

Special articles and features appear every week in the **Baptist And Reflector** concerning all phases of our Baptist work in Tennessee and throughout the convention.

Baptist And Reflector, as every other news-journal, is an extension of the dedication of those responsible for its contents, editorials, production, and promotion. These people need and deserve our prayers and support. I should like to ask every reader of these lines to join me in praying daily for Mrs. Eura Lannom, acting editor; Richard David Keel, circulation manager; Mrs. Bobbie Durham, editorial assistant; and Mrs. Betty Williams, bookkeeper.

Sunday, August 17, can be a great day in the life of Tennessee Baptists as we observe **Baptist And Reflector Day**. I believe that if we pray and work hard, the Lord will lay it upon the hearts of the congregations of our churches to send **Baptist And Reflector** to every family in the church. We can make this the greatest year in the history of Tennessee Baptists.

Someone has said, "When we know—we care"—Fellow Baptists you will know about the work of our Lord around the world if you read **Baptist And Reflector**. I challenge you to

Epistle To Baptist Tennesseans

By W. C. Fields

I thank my God for you all every time I think of you; and every time I pray for you, I pray with joy, because of the way in which you have helped me in the work of the gospel, from the very first day until now.

Such words might have been written by your Baptist state editor. They actually are Paul's words from some of the opening lines of his letter to the folks at Philippi. But your own editor could very readily express such feelings of gratitude. . . . And in spite of the difficulties of the job.

A crusty character, the late city editor of the New York Herald Tribune, Stanley Walker, said to some of his people: "Beware of quoting clergymen. They are the most touchy set of quibblers who ever plagued the well-intentioned editor. Some of them will find fault with a stenographic report attested to by a dozen albino secretaries swearing on a Gutenberg Bible."

Mostly he was just joshing!

But now and again some vociferous brother (and occasionally a sister) will feel rather deeply about something and speak rather honestly and straightforward about it. And the editor is often the catcher in this ball game. But the catcher counts it a privilege to play on the team. In either hardball or slow-pitch softball!

Why?

Because it is indeed an important role to play. The editorship is a partnership and a stewardship on a mighty big team. At stake is the progress of the gospel over a lot of territory. The give-and-take, the two-way play, the interchange all over the field is exactly what Baptist journalism is all about: exchange of information, insight, inspiration, motivation, and sense of mission.

Paul quickly discovered that he could not get around fast enough or far enough to see and talk with all of the people he needed to see. So he wrote letters and special messages. Someone had to hand-carry them around. But it was worth the effort to the Christian cause.

It is still vitally important for the report of the Good News-in-action to reach every believer. The **Baptist And Reflector** seeks to serve that necessary function for the 950,000 Baptists who live and work and witness today in Tennessee. It is a 1975 Book of Acts. It is a worthy investment for every church to provide for every family in the congregation.

Each week the Kingdom of God is illuminated and advanced by this helpful Epistle to Baptist Tennesseans.

Note: Fields is director of public relations for the executive committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

join me in doing so.—J. V. James, superintendent of Missions, Hamilton County Baptist Association, 508 North Market Street, Chattanooga, TN 37405.

Bequests Name Belmont For \$183,000 Funds

Belmont College has recently received approximately \$183,000 through wills and other gifts designating the college as benefactor, according to an announcement by Belmont president Herbert C. Gabhart.

Mary Northington, former Tennessee Baptist Woman's Missionary Union executive secretary, left the college \$5,000 in her will. She was a trustee of the school from 1959-65, and a resident of Clarksville at the time of her death. A portion of the furnishings in Belmont's recently opened Human-

ities and Social Science Building were purchased with funds from her will, and a plaque has been placed in that building designating her as benefactor.

From the will of Mrs. Leona Drake, Murfreesboro, \$10,000 has established the Leona Drake Endowment for general purposes of the college.

The will of Mrs. W. K. Wilson of Nashville designated one-half of her estate for Belmont College, with the other half going to the Billy Graham Foundation.

William E. Lewis, also of Nashville, left an estate a residual of which will go to the college. The sum is to be used to establish a scholarship fund for needy students in memory of Mrs. Lewis, the former Laura Doney.

The total of these two could approximate \$150,000.

Additionally, a Nashville woman, who wishes to remain anonymous, recently gave cash gifts totaling \$17,580, \$11,000 of which is to establish a scholarship fund. The donor remarked to president Gabhart: "When I started in business several years ago with \$400 I could not imagine the extent of God's blessings. I can't outgive God for the more I give the more I have."

Brown To Address Belmont Graduates

G. Wayne Brown, executive director of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, will deliver the commencement address to Belmont College's summer graduating class Aug. 15 at 7:30 p.m. in Massey Auditorium.

Twenty-six seniors are scheduled to receive their undergraduate degrees in the graduation ceremonies.

Brown of Brentwood has held his present position only a few months, having previously served as vice president for academic affairs and academic dean at Union University, Jackson.

Sunday School Announces Leadership Briefing Change

A change of location in the Sunday School leadership briefings has been announced by Wendell Price, state director. The meeting scheduled originally for Sept. 9 at Central Bearden Church, Knoxville, has been changed to Concord First Church. The time and date will remain the same.

A schedule of the other meetings was carried in the July 10 issue of Baptist And Reflector.

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Valley View Pastor

T. R. Jolley Retires

T. R. Jolley, pastor of Valley View Church, Athens, retired recently.

Jolley was ordained to the gospel ministry in 1941 at the North Athens Church and was called to serve as pastor of Bellefont Church, Bradley Association. From Bellefont he went to Valley View. Other pastorates included Union McMinn, Marshall Hill, West End Mission, and Murray's Church in Sweetwater Association. For his last pastorate, he returned to Valley View.

Members of the church honored him with a "This Is Your Life" presentation during special services. The program was under the direction of Mrs. Earl Dewitt and Mrs. Mack Clayton. A love offering was presented to Rev. and Mrs. Jolley.

Jolley plans to remain in Tennessee and will be available for supply work.

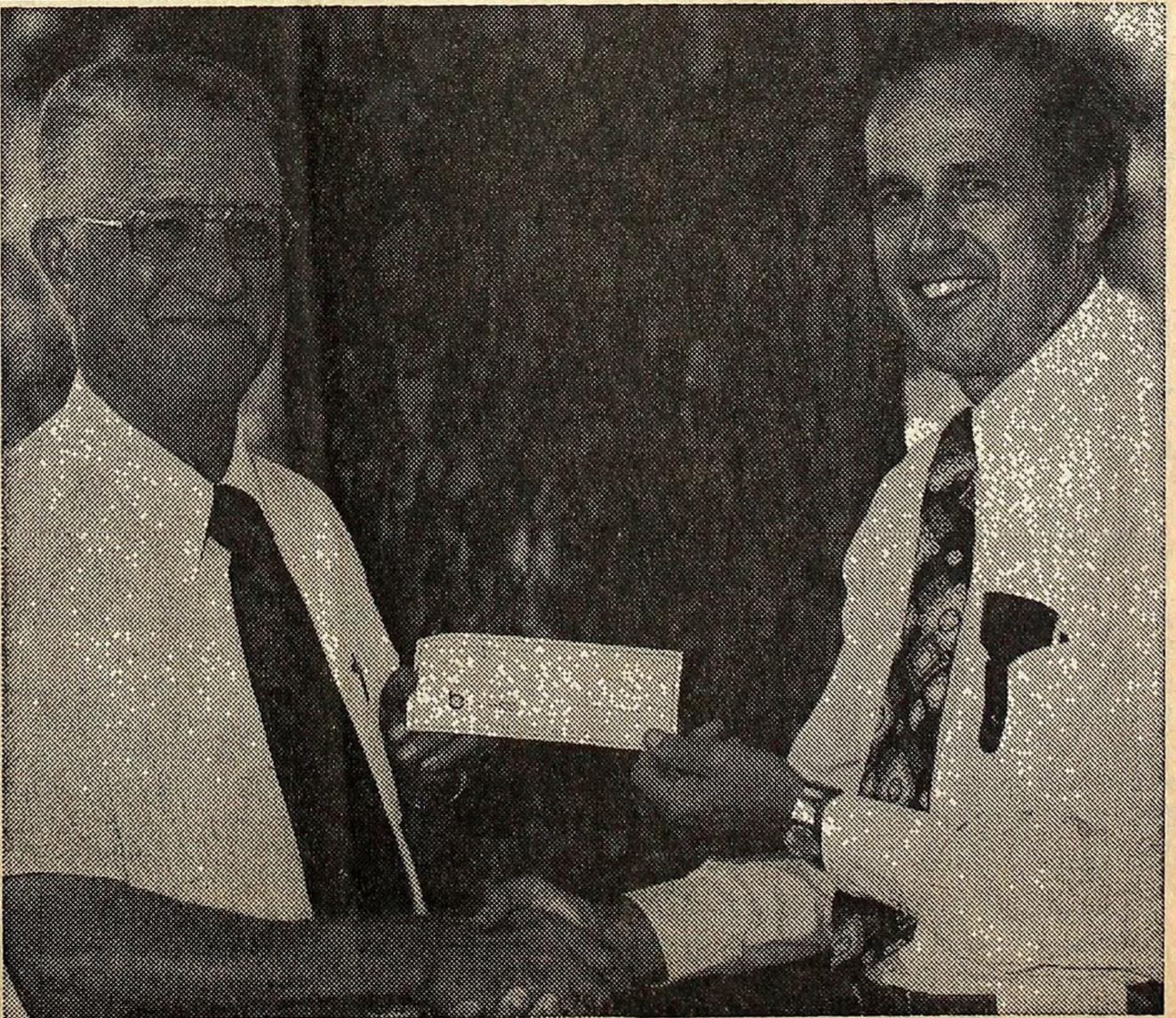
Midwestern Elects Scudder To Administrative Post

C. W. Scudder, professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, has been elected unanimously by the Trustees of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary to the newly established position of Administrator for Internal Affairs. Scudder will assume his new responsibility on or before Sept. 1.

As Administrator for Internal Affairs, Scudder will have primary responsibility for the internal operations of the seminary, reporting directly to the president.

A school administrator and a businessman in furniture manufacturing and sales in Georgia prior to entering the ministry, Scudder is a native of Illinois. He has been a member of the faculty at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas since 1954.

Mrs. Scudder is an art teacher in the Fort Worth public schools. The Scudders have one daughter, Kathy, who will accompany them in their move to Kansas City.



Creed McCoy, pastor of Valley Grove Church, Knoxville, presented Hubert Smothers, president of Harrison-Chilhowee Academy, a check for \$1000 as a gift from the church to the school. The check was given as an undesignated gift to assist the school with its 1974-75 operating expenses.

Southern Baptists Seek Better Refugee Resettlement

By Baptist Press

Southern Baptists are taking steps to become "more actively and effectively involved" in the Vietnamese refugee resettlement effort, which reportedly has ranged from good to poor in various parts of the country.

At its annual summer meeting in Atlanta, the Southern Baptist Convention's Home Mission Board passed a resolution to that effect, which calls for re-evaluation of the board's relationship with Church World Service (CWS) for refugee resettlement.

If a new arrangement cannot be worked out allowing more effective involvement, the resolution said, the board should consider seeking its own contract with the U.S. State Department or other appropriate departments and set up its own resettlement office.

CWS is one of nine agencies officially recognized by the government to handle refugee resettlement. The SBC, the nation's largest Protestant-evangelical denomination, has worked successfully with CWS in the past on resettlement of Hungarian, Ugandan and Cuban refugees.

The CWS agency has a contract with the federal government to resettle the refugees. Each refugee leaving a center must have the stamp of approval of one of the officially-recognized agencies.

Southern Baptists Aid 1,000

According to reports, CWS has placed some 5,500 of more than 52,700 Vietnamese and Cambodians settled in new homes across the country. About 1,000 of the 5,500 have been placed by Southern Baptists, working through CWS.

In some cases, Baptists seeking to sponsor refugees have received very quick response and have met with their families within days.

In other instances, though, sponsors have waited weeks or months without word from resettlement authorities. Such delays prompted W. Trueman Moore, a Home Mission Board director, to present the resolution. Moore, an Arkansas pastor, has served as coordinator of local Southern Baptist resettlement efforts at Fort Chaffee, Ark., one of the four government resettlement camps.

"I have received phone calls from Maine to California critical of the program; every day I get a bunch more of them", Moore told Baptist Press. Moore said his resolution is not intended "to put CWS in a bad light. They have been very helpful . . . but, he said, the effort through CWS "has not gotten off the ground well."

Moore said the Catholics, through their relief service, plan to place about 40,000 refugees. "CWS is planning to place about 10,000. Except for the Lutherans, CWS represents most Protestant denominations. We want to step up the effort. CWS has agreed to let Southern Baptists sponsor about 400 families," he said.

"That is 400 families—about 8,000 people. That is compared to 40,000 for the Catholics. We think we can beat that," Moore added.

Several churches and individuals have been dissatisfied with bottlenecks and snags in the sponsorship procedure. First Baptist Church, Georgetown, Tex., for example, after a long wait, took an opportunity which presented itself to get a family from a non-Baptist source.

Al Cummins, the pastor and a former missionary to Kenya, said the church "wasn't uptight, but it just didn't make sense. We kept reading about families coming to other Texas churches and about how badly sponsors are needed. It didn't make sense when we couldn't get anybody."

McKinley (Mac) Coffman, head of CWS' office at Fort Chaffee, admitted there has been "a little bit of a bottleneck." He pointed, however, to several sources, including problems with security clearances, governmental regulations and internal organization as part of the problems.

"We have a little bit of a problem with the people being sponsored by Baptists because they are afraid of being proselyted," said Coffman, an executive of the Church of the Brethren.

He also added many of the requests for sponsorship include detailed requirements by the sponsor. "Like they want a family of four. The husband must speak good English and the wife must speak some. They want the man to have experience as a left-handed paper hanger. We keep working on it but weeks have passed and we still haven't found people with those requirements."

Vietnamese More Selective

He said Vietnamese themselves present a problem. "There is a huge rumor mill here. The people are being more selective and are taking more time to decide where they are going. When they first came, they were told the camps would close in 90 days and if they were not placed by then, they would go back to Vietnam. They were taking anything that came along."

Coffman said there is "tremendous pressure" on the agencies to place the families because the camps at Camp Pendleton, Calif., Indiantown Gap, Pa., and Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., are going to close and all of the refugees will come to Chaffee.

"The people are waiting now to see if some of their families are in the other camps," he added, pointing to a new slowdown.

Gene Tunnell, a Southern Baptist missionary to Vietnam now working at Chaffee, says some of the slowness in placing families with Southern Baptist sponsors has been "confusion and complication of the procedure. . . . The name of the game is how quick you can match an appropriate sponsor with an appropriate refugee family. If our red tape serves only to lengthen that process, on top of the red tape that already exists, it causes more problems," Tunnell said.

Tunnell also noted many churches and state offices have not known whether they were to send their requests directly to the Baptist liaison at each camp or through the "circuitous process" of Atlanta, New York and then to the camp.

Another problem has been that the Southern Baptist representative at the camps has "only been periodically and spasmodically involved in sponsorship work."

"We have had a commitment (at Chaffee) to the educational program. We simply have not had time to do sponsorship work, too. We have now been able to disassociate ourselves from the educational program and are going to be able to do sponsorship," he added.

If Southern Baptists keep working through CWS, Tunnell and Moore hope they will be able to do much of the casework themselves, presenting matched sponsors and refugees to the agency for final approval.

However, if that does not work out, Moore says the alternative is to apply for contract status from the government and start handling sponsorship directly.

Under contract with the government, officially recognized agencies receive \$500 for each refugee placed. They use it various ways, some, such as CWS, charging 20 percent of administrative costs and other costs against it, in addition to using it for refugee needs. According to the Home Mission Board's resolution, the board will use all for the refugees, none for administrative purposes, should the board work direct with the government.

Tensions And Christian Growth

By Dr. Ben Curtis, Assoc. Prof. of Religion
Belmont College, Nashville, Tennessee

BIBLE MATERIAL: Romans 12:1-2; James 1:2-8, 12

Among other things, man may be defined as a tension-producing and tension-relieving creature. Our lives are filled with tensions. On a biological level, we are faced daily with the task of survival. On a social level we must absorb and negotiate constant cues about how we should behave. On a spiritual level we are always evaluating ourselves in terms of good and bad, often emphasizing to ourselves that we are falling short.

In terms of the Christian faith tension is not seen as evil, but as the potential power for growth and redemption. The Genesis story of man being permanently expelled from the Garden means that man no longer has access to the tranquillity of a paradise, but man must live in the ambiguity of a mixture of good and evil. Jesus said that he did not come to bring peace but a sword, or in other words to step up the tension. God can use tension for our growth if we do not try to evade it. If we stand and wrestle with tension, which usually is some form of anxiety that threatens some kind of falseness in us, we are on our way to the formation of character that befits the Christian pilgrim.

Conformity Or Renewal: Romans 12:1, 2

A basic tension, as procured by Paul, exists between the values of Jesus and the moral code of a given social structure. This is a tricky point because most of us have been raised in the "Bible Belt" where there is a general mixture of Gospel and Southern culture, of morals and manners. "Adapt yourselves no longer to the pattern of this present world (New English Bible) indicates the tension between our environment and our Christian calling to ferret out the prejudice, superstition, ignorance, idolatry, and narrowness that exists in any environment. "But let your minds be remade and your whole nature thus transformed" (12:2). The Gospel always calls us to personal freedom and fulfillment, whereas environmental group values usually lead to character traits that simply perpetuate the group.

The root word for conformity is *schema*, meaning an outward form which varies, such as the *schema* of being dressed for work or being dressed for a dinner engagement. The root word for transformed is *morphe*, indicating a basic form which is never altered. Paul is calling for an essence or stability in our character that does not depend upon the shifting styles of the larger society.

The logical conclusion to this tension is the phrase about "proving the will of God" (v. 3) because it is only when the Christian

struggles to develop his own fresh, independent moral insights that have not been handed down to him by his culture that he is ready and qualified to discern the will of God for his life. God's revelations always come to those who are seeking, probing, and differing from the ruts of ordinary life.

Unpredictable Trials: James 1:2-8, 12

There is another kind of tension, namely the awareness that life is neither predictable nor controllable. It is in this regard that James speaks of *trials* ("temptation" in KJV), the vicissitudes of life that should never be despised because they hold the key to character. The Christian does not pray for uninterrupted pleasure or happiness; rather he prays for the wisdom of character to confront the trials from the standpoint of faith. The standpoint of faith believes that nothing is completely accidental, but the event plus our response can constitute a new occasion for God to lead us to another level of maturity.

For James this sequence is thus: trials, fortitude, and well-balanced character. We get a better glimpse of the kind of person that he has in mind by two negative points of contrast that are made later. The first is the image of the swaying surface of the water that is ruffled by shifting breezes (v. 6). It is an image of weakness, lack of firmness, of having no centre for stability. The person is too dependent to register his unique responses to life, so he waits for the wind to blow him into the right direction.

The second image is that of the "double-minded" person (v. 8) who is indecisive and tries to face two ways at the same time. He is pictured as wavering between belief and unbelief. He cannot focus and settle his mind. He second-guesses himself, cheating himself of the confidence and optimism that comes from strong commitment.

The promise for Christians who use their tension creatively is an increased awareness or abundance of life. This is reminiscent of the emphasis of Jesus that to those who are using their lives will be given increased vitality and to those who are drifting passively through life will be taken the very opportunity for life. The reward for faithfulness is the "crown of life" (v. 12) which is the gift of life as God multiplies or enhances the richness of our experiences.

Tension begets cowardice or courage. Yet it remains a potential stepping-stone for growth for Christians. Pay attention to your tension. You may discern the face of God in it.

CeLAYbration Conference Set Oct. 24-26 In Atlanta

The first Southern Baptist lay renewal conference designed to build fellowship and inspire pastors and lay persons will be held Oct. 24-26 in Atlanta, Ga.

Known as "ceLAYbration", the conference at the Quality Inn in Presidential Park will feature nationally recognized personalities in lay renewal.

Arranging the program are David Haney, director of lay renewal for the Brotherhood Commission, and Reid Hardin, associate director of renewal evangelism for the Home Mission Board.

Haney said attendance will be limited to 400 pastors and lay people in the southeastern part of the United States whose churches are involved in renewal or who are interested in the concept. He specifically mentioned Southern Baptists in Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, Tennessee, Alabama, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

"Purpose of the ceLAYbration," said Haney, "is to celebrate the new life in Christ and the new lifestyle of God's people, a lifestyle which links clergy and laity in evangelism and ministry."

Besides inspiration and information on renewal, conference participants also will have an opportunity to help model some new forms of worship and study, Haney said.

During 1975, lay renewal activities are scheduled in 1,000 churches in 50 states, Haney said. He estimated the events would require the services of 10,000 renewal team members and involve 200,000 Southern Baptists.

Registration for the ceLAYbration is \$15 per person Room and meals during the conference is another \$35.

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PEOPLE . . .

The Department of the Army has announced that **Dewayne P. Darby**, Jefferson City, has been selected to receive a U.S. Army Health Professions Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded to a small number of applicants on a competitive basis nationwide. A magna cum laude graduate of Carson-Newman College, **Darby** is the son of **Dr. and Mrs. Wade Darby**, Jefferson City. **Darby** will draw a stipend each month, plus all tuition and certain other academic expenses. He is a first-year medical student at the University of Tennessee Medical School in Memphis.

Thomas Burgess, pastor of the Algood Church, Stone Association, was elected mayor of the city of Algood.

Mark Puckett was licensed to the gospel ministry by Two Rivers Church in Nashville recently. He plans to attend Baylor University. **Jim Henry** is pastor at Two Rivers.

Clarkrange Missionary Church ordained **Luther B. Atkinson** and **Everett Cook** as deacons. **Abe Silliman**, director of missions, Riverside Association, gave the charge to the candidates. **Buddy Jarrell** is pastor at Clarkrange.

Cross Keys Chapel, Nashville Association, ordained **John Wesley House** as a deacon. Pastor **George E. Webb** preached the ordination sermon.

Hopewell Church, Savannah, licensed **Mike Calvert** to the gospel ministry recently. He has been called to serve as pastor of the Calvary Church, Shiloh Association. **John R. Walker** is pastor at Hopewell.

Ensign and Mrs. Ricky L. Wilson have completed summer mission work in La Junta, Colo., where he served as interim pastor in the First Southern Church. From Memphis, Wilson was a member of the Bartlett Church. He is the son of **Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Wilson**, presently members of the Leawood Church. At the present time, he is in flight training in Pensacola, Fla.

TOURS . . .

Forty children from the Grassland Heights Church, Nashville Association, toured the Tennessee Baptist Convention building recently. The third and fourth graders were accompanied by **Mrs. Becky Messick**, formerly a secretary in the Sunday School Department. **Verlon W. Moore** is pastor at Grassland Heights.

Pastor and Mrs. Houston Inman, South

LEADERSHIP CHANGES . . .

Craig Steele, minister of education at Cookeville First Church, and his wife **Ellen**, have been appointed to serve as missionaries to South Brazil. He joined the staff of the Cookeville church in June 1970 as the church's first full-time minister of education. The couple have three sons, **Lane, Leslie, and Luckey**.

Jerry Neal, educational director at the Radnor Church in Nashville, submitted his resignation to the church recently. He has accepted the position of head football coach and teacher with the Highlands Christian Academy in Pompano Beach, Fla. **Paul Durham** is pastor at Radnor.

Temple Church, Western District Association, called **Richard Skidmore** as pastor. He is a former pastor of East Pittsburg Church in London, Ky. He will be on the new field the middle of August.

Cane Creek Church, Cookeville, called **John Tollett** as pastor.

Verlin Smith is the new pastor at Brother-ton Church in Cookeville. He was formerly pastor at Cane Creek.

Verble Church, Monterey, called **W. C. Wright** as pastor.

Vesper Judd, pastor of the Hampton Cross Roads Church, Cookeville, has announced that he plans to retire the last of August for health reasons. He plans to do some supply preaching.

Big Spring Church, Cleveland, called **Ray Maynard** as assistant pastor. **Maynard** has been serving as a member of the staff at Carson-Newman College, and is a graduate of that college and Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. **R. T. Roberts** is pastor at Cleveland. He succeeds **George Thomas Jr.** who resigned to attend Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Pittsburg First Church, accompanied a group of their young people on a tour of the TBC facilities recently.

Nineteen Girls in Action and one Acteen from the Lakewood Church in Donelson toured the Tennessee Baptist Convention building with their sponsors **Mrs. Edna Tooms** and **Mrs. Connie Pomeroy**. **Tommy Suiter** is pastor.

CHURCHES . . .

Southwestern Seminary professor **John Drakeford** led a week-end Family Life Enrichment Conference at the Whitehaven Church in Memphis. He was assisted by his wife. **Drakeford** is an author, marriage and family counselor, and professor of psychology at Southwestern. **Lewis D. Ferrell** is pastor at Whitehaven.

Algood Church, Stone Association, has been remodeled, according to pastor **Thomas Burgess**. Members plan to hold a special service Aug. 10 to dedicate the new addition and burn the note on the building.

Birds Creek Church, Western District Association, held note burning services for retirement of the debt for additions to the church of central heat and air conditioning.

REVIVAL RESULTS . . .

Bill Wilson, pastor of the Brentwood Church, Brentwood, led revival services for the Peytonsville Church in Franklin recently. Pastor **Clinton S. Wright** reported five professions of faith, four baptisms, and five rededications. The music was led by **Jesse Frank**, minister of music at Franklin First Church.

Clarkrange Missionary Church, Riverside Association, had revival recently with **Don Pharris**, Livingston First Church, leading the services. There were nine professions of faith and several other decisions. **Buddy Jarrell** is pastor.

Results of a revival at Bear Creek Church, Beech River Association, were six for baptism and one addition by letter. **Wayne Vernon** is pastor.

MISSIONARY NEWS . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Henry D. Martin, missionaries to Nigeria, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 883 Summershade Lane, Memphis, Tenn. 38116). He is a native of Stuart, Va.; she is the former **Margaret McMullen** of Sumner, Miss. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1954.

Mr. and Mrs. William R. Medling, missionaries to Okinawa, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: 83 Onishi Ter Hts, Kitanakagusuku-Son, Okinawa 901-23, Japan). Son of Southern Baptist missionaries, he was born in Fukuoka, Japan, and spent his early childhood in Kagoshima, Japan. Upon the death of his father, the family returned to the States and settled in Jackson, Tenn. She is the former **Louise Gulley** of Whitesburg, Tenn.

State WMU House Party To Be Held At Belmont



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The 1975 WMU House Party will be held Aug. 22-24 at Belmont College, according to Mary Jane Nethery, state WMU executive director.

The meetings will convene at 8 p.m. on Friday; 8:30 a.m. Saturday; 1:45 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday; and 8:30 a.m. Sunday. Registration will be held Friday afternoon in the lobby of Massey Auditorium. The theme for the sessions will be "Freedom To Become."

Mrs. C. C. Warren, dean of students, Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Miss., will lead the meditations at each session. She will speak on "Freedom To Become More Powerful In Prayer," "Freedom To Become More Joyous In Witnessing," "Freedom To Become More Effective In Witnessing," and "Freedom To Become More Loving in Service." Mrs. Warren served previously as an associate in the Student Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board and has been a speaker for youth groups at Ridgecrest, Glorieta, student conventions, and assemblies. She was a trustee of New Orleans Seminary until 1974.

The Friday evening message, "Freedom To Become . . . Sons," will be brought by Robert Wakefield, missionary to Singapore. Appointed in 1961, he and Mrs. Wakefield are houseparents at a dormitory for missionary children. He organized four Tamil Bible classes in two Chinese language Baptist churches. He also served as pastor-advisor for one of these churches where he preached, taught, and conducted pastoral duties.

Josephine Scaggs, missionary to Nigeria, will speak Saturday morning on "Freedom To Become In Nigeria." She is an evangelistic worker in Ahoada. Her initial assignment there, from 1963 to 1967, was as adviser to two Baptist associations in the Niger Delta region. She relocated in Okuta in 1967 because of the Nigerian conflict. She was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1939.

Saturday evening, James Crane, missionary to Mexico, will speak on "Freedom To Become In Mexico." He was a Home Mission Board worker until 1945 when he was appointed to Mexico by the Foreign Mission

Board. Since 1963, he and Mrs. Crane have served in Guadalajara.

Wakefield will speak again that afternoon on "Freedom To Become Set Aside," and will speak Sunday morning on "Freedom To Become Servants."

Conferences will be held for all WMU officers, leaders, and Baptist Women and Baptist Young Women officers on Saturday from 8:30-10:30 a.m. and 1:45-3:30 p.m.

Special music at all the sessions will be brought by Mrs. Bullard Jones.

Funeral Services Held For Brother Of James Gregg

Weyman Preston Gregg, 79, brother of James M. Gregg, executive director-treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes, died Sunday, July 27, at the Veterans' Hospital in Atlanta. He was a resident of Decatur, Ga.

Funeral services were held July 29 at the A. S. Turner & Son Funeral Home in Decatur. Dennis E. Kenny, associate pastor of the Baptist Tabernacle in Atlanta where Gregg was a member, officiated. Burial was at Greenwood Cemetery in Atlanta.

In addition to his brother, James, he is survived by his widow, Willie Sue, a daughter Ellie Sue Gregg, Decatur, and another brother, Fred, Conyers, Ga.

Mother's Day Offering Surpasses Goal

Tennessee Baptists gave \$366,538 to the Children's Home Mother's Day offering for 1975, \$25,538 over the goal of \$340,000. It was also \$55,906 more than was given last year, according to James M. Gregg, executive director-treasurer.

"The Living Bible in Psalm 106:1-2 expresses my thoughts," Gregg said. "It says, 'Hallelujah! Thank you, Lord! How good you are. Who can ever list the glorious miracles of God? Who can ever praise Him half enough?'"

Conference leaders will include Mrs. Richard Allison, South Knoxville Church, Knoxville; Margaret Bruce, former Baptist Women director for the Southern Baptist Convention, now living in Birmingham; Louise Sparkman, state acteens director, TBC; Jannie Engelmann, state WMU department, TBC; Josephine Hair, director of GA's and Mission Friends, South Carolina; Mrs. Bullard Jones; Nan Owens, new Baptist Women director, TBC; Mrs. James G. Phelps, Paris, wife of the director of missions for Western District Association; Ruth Provence, retired WMU executive secretary for South Carolina; and Mrs. J. R. Akin, Chattanooga, wife of the pastor of Mt. Creek Church.

Registration should be made through the state WMU office, according to Nethery.

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At present the Radio-Television Commission broadcasts 37 programs. These are aired more than 3,600 times weekly from more than 2,700 different radio and television stations throughout the country. The Commission is deeply committed to sharing the gospel—and it doesn't just proclaim the message, then quit. The Commission offers spiritual growth that takes the listener beyond his first contact with God to a deeper encounter.

The television ministry of the Commission includes programs such as the children's series, "Jot"; the award-winning series, "The Human Dimension"; and specials for all three networks. In addition, the Commission has produced the "Spring Street, USA" series for the Home Mission Board.

The Commission's radio ministry employs a variety of approaches in exposing people to the gospel. These include teenage musical programs; "Country Crossroads," which mixes gospel with the country music sound; "Master Control," with short, powerful, religious messages aimed at young adults; and the "Baptist Hour," aired since 1941. The Commission's newest radio show, "SoulSearcherS," is a half-hour program for black young people.

Occasionally listeners tune in to these programs unintentionally. But once they hear the approach, they linger — and the gospel gets through. Often people write to ask personal questions and seek answers to problems. The Commission carefully answers these letters—and includes with each reply a clearly-defined plan of salvation.

Over the years, many lost persons have chosen Christ because of appeals made through the broadcast media. Significantly, the SBC Radio-Television Commission has shared in this successful ministry. Because you and your church support the Cooperative Program, which in turn supports the Radio-Television Commission, continually effective broadcasts are possible. In essence, your contributions provide the *MEANS* to another important Southern Baptist *WAY* of winning people to Christ.



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Eighth in a series of ads on the Cooperative Program.

Gala Week For Union, New Campus Opening Set

The official grand opening of Union University's new campus has been designated as "Gala Week" and has been set for Sept. 23-25, 1975, according to Eugene Baker, director of public relations and coordinator for the activities.

Administrative operation of the new campus will begin in late August with fall semester classes starting at the new facility Sept. 4.

The new campus, located on U.S. Highway 45 By-Pass, is on a 140-acre tract and features the entire academic complex under one roof and a private bedroom for all resident students in special apartment units.

Groundbreaking for the facility was held in May 1974, and three major contractors are directing the construction of the \$9 million facility.

"Our plans for Gala Week are being directed toward showing Union's appreciation for the support of its various publics," stated Baker.

Gala Week will also inaugurate the celebration of the college's Sesquicentennial year

as Union will have completed 150 years as an educational institution and 100 years under Baptist sponsorship. The Sesquicen-

ennial celebrations will feature a variety of activities throughout the school year including a historical pageant to be held in November.

Union's new campus is the first step in the development of a totally new planned community in this section of Jackson and Madison County.

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- 56 Man's nickname
- 57 Made of gold (Ex. 39:3; sing.)
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BWA Speakers Urge Creation Of "New World"

By R. G. Puckett

STOCKHOLM—Baptists in today's world need to believe in something and do something, the outgoing president of the Baptist World Alliance (BWA) told more than 9000 delegates to the BWA's 13th Baptist World Congress here.

Hargroves' address keynoted the Congress, which included addresses, music, testimonies, reports and panel discussions.

Stressing the Congress theme, "New People for a New World—Through Christ," Hargroves said Christians can build a new world "by changing individual persons, for we know that when Christ enters into a life, that life is converted to good. And new persons in Christ do help make a new and better world."

The Christian mind of faith must answer the scientific mind of fact, contended Hargroves, a minister of the American Baptist Churches, USA, from Philadelphia. He argued that even those who say science has proven the non-existence of God are not thoroughly familiar with science because the scientific approach assumes some things that believers also accept.

Penrose St. Amant, president of the Baptist Seminary in Ruschlikon, Zurich, Switzerland, observed that "... in a century marked by two world wars and many others of smaller magnitude, in a time of almost perpetual crisis for humanity, many of us find talk about the 'new man'—who through his own resources will abolish cruelty, brutality,

and ugliness—rather unrealistic and sentimental."

Referring to Paul's statement in 2 Cor. 5:17, St. Amant contended: "For us, the 'new creation' means that the important point is not the race to which one belongs or the culture in which one shares, or the country from which one comes, or the religious rites one observes."

In Christ "something tremendous has happened. Man's deepest despair and highest hopes have been shattered by a power and a love which lift from the deepest human depth and go beyond the highest human height . . . 'If anyone is in Christ he is a new creation,'" St. Amant said.

C. Ronald Goulding, BWA associate secretary with offices in London, asked the question, "A New World—Fact or Fiction?" He insisted the question is defined more easily when we ask whether we mean a "new world" here and now, in our time, or in the ultimate sense of our "hope of heaven."

In the midst of "the debris of modern civilization", Goulding urged Christians to avoid cynicism and yet not "live securely and therefore blindly in the narrow world of my own content, . . ."

Recognizing that the question of whether Christians had created a new world was easier to ask than answer, Goulding asserted that disciples of Christ have "experienced the renewing power of God's life in Christ through the Spirit. For them indeed old things have passed away, all things have become new. The result for them means a

C-N Appoints Three Music Instructors

Three teachers will join the Department of Music at Carson-Newman College this fall.

Alan Coates has accepted the position of band director and instructor of applied brass instruments. Paul Ridgway will serve as an instructor in piano and literature, and Mrs. Patricia Wattam has been employed as part-time instructor in applied woodwinds.

Coates, a graduate of Stetson University, State University of New York, and Indiana University, has been living in Munich, Germany where he was a free-lance trombonist.

Ridgway received his bachelors and masters degrees in applied piano from Northwestern University. While there, he served as accompanist-coach for the Northwestern University Opera Department. For the past year he has been studying at the Hochschule Fur Musik in Munich, Germany where he concentrated on piano performance and literature.

Mrs. Wattam is a graduate of Arkansas State Technological University and Michigan State University where she majored in clarinet.

new purpose in living, a new ethical standard, a new moral standard, a new power, and above all a new love," he declared.

In his report to the Congress, Robert S. Denny, BWA general secretary, observed, "Perhaps the most important function of the BWA is its strong voice for religious liberty, freedom and dignity for all men."

The Congress passed a resolution calling for religious liberty, human rights, world peace and public morality.

New president David Y. K. Wong, a Hong Kong architect, said in a press conference immediately following his election that his position did not give him power but an opportunity to serve.

In his address to the Congress in its closing session, Wong, first layman to hold the BWA presidency, listed seven priorities he holds for the BWA and urged the delegates to work for change in a world of pressing problems.

"Christ gives us the opportunity, as his followers, to change this world. We have hope and assurance because he has transformed our lives. He guides us to build a new world—a world with peace and righteousness," Wong declared. (BP)

Puckett is editor of The Maryland Baptist.

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10,000 Baptists Gather In Stockholm for BWA

By Jack U. Harwell

STOCKHOLM—The roll call of nations, always an emotional highlight of meetings of the Baptist World Alliance (BWA), is usually a barometer of international sentiment at that point in time.

The 1975 BWA meeting in Stockholm was no exception.

More than 10,000 Baptists gave hearty but restrained applause as a delegate from each of 81 countries came to the microphone to speak the congress theme in his or her own language. The theme was 2 Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature. Old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

However, when the messenger from Israel repeated the Bible verse in Hebrew, delegates burst into a long, emotional outburst of applause that continued for several moments. This apparently expressed their unanimous identification with the continuing struggle of the tiny Middle East nation to survive.

And it might have been because many BWA delegates had been through Israel on their way to Stockholm and had encountered some difficulties because of the terrorism and reprisals that took place just a few days before the six-day BWA congress convened, July 8.

U.S. Man Receives Warm Response

Next to Israel, the delegate receiving the warmest response during the roll call of nations was the man from the United States of America. Maybe this was because about half the BWA delegates were from the U.S.A., most of these Southern Baptists.

Other delegates receiving unusually warm ovations were those from Russia, Sweden and Jordan. The delegate from Chile received understanding chuckles when he shouted "Hallelujah" at the end of his recitation of the congress Scripture.

Other delegates waved hands, shouted or pointed preaching fingers for emphasis as they shared their brief moment at the microphone before the overflow crowd in Stockholm's Massan Congress Hall. It was one of the largest meetings ever held in Sweden.

The essence of what it means to attend a Baptist World Congress was personified in a young couple from Denmark.

Mr. and Mrs. Aage Sprotte of Ringsted, Denmark, sat eagerly through every Stockholm session with their six-month-old daughter, Rikke, in a crib on the floor at their feet. Rikke was probably the youngest delegate.

Sprotte, a student in Denmark studying

for a career in social work, is also the youth leader in Nyrup Baptist Church in Ringsted. Mrs. Sprotte is a teacher. She spent a year in Ohio in 1967-68 as an exchange student.

The Sprottes have been Baptists for 14 years. They scrimped and saved for months to go to the BWA meeting in Stockholm. They called it an emotional and spiritual highlight of their young lives.

For many visitors to Stockholm, an emotional highlight came in getting to daily sessions on the Stockholm train-bus-boat-subway system. Many delegates had to stay miles away. A daily treat was the sharing of "combat" stories about how you got to the Massan that day.

Swedish Baptists did a marvelous job of arranging special trains, personalized maps, signs in every subway station and every other conceivable thing to help delegates get to meetings on time. But they couldn't control the draw bridges and ship locks which tied up traffic often. It was an interesting week for all involved.

Subway Life New To Some Baptists

Our own group got a good taste of subway life after the opening night's session. We had packed a subway to absolute capacity, we thought.

Then three burly Russian Baptists stepped up to the door, spread-eagled their arms, gave a mighty heave with their chests and there was space for six more passengers. The biggest Russian grinned from ear to ear and said, "That's the way we pack a subway car in Moscow."

Such experiences didn't seem to fray the nerves of Baptists in Stockholm. Fellowship was truly the motto and the motif and everybody seemed to roll with the punches.

Many tourists had harrowing tales to tell about difficulties in Israel, Jordan and Eastern Europe countries en route to Stockholm.

But, apparently none were that serious and every Baptist was allowed to eventually come and go—though one Baptist tour guide from Louisiana had to literally outrun a train in East Berlin to get out with the group he was supposed to be leading. All the while his wife screamed hysterically from inside the train that they couldn't leave without him.

Americans never got used to the long days and short nights of Scandinavia. If you waited until it got completely dark to go to sleep, you were out of luck and out of sleep.

You could take midnight photos in northern Norway, just 600 miles from the Arctic

Circle, without a flashbulb. At 12:15, the sun started rising and by one a.m. it was as bright as noontime in downtown Atlanta.

Late-Night Activities Planned

Swedish Baptists capitalized on these long daylight hours to plan many late-night activities for their Baptist visitors. Young people staged musical programs, discussion groups and refreshments and other features.

Several late-night evangelistic rallies were held in some of the many beautiful parks around Stockholm. One night, more than 3,000 BWA delegates went into private homes of Swedish Baptists to see how a typical Swedish family lives.

Music was an integral part of BWA proceedings and seemed—along with smiles—to truly be the universal language. The program highlight in Stockholm was the premier performance of "Reconciliation," a musical drama commissioned by the BWA to dramatize and culminate the five-year World Mission of Reconciliation which the BWA has sponsored.

Ed Seabough of Atlanta wrote lyrics for "Reconciliation" and Buryl Red of New York composed music. The Samford University Choir from Birmingham was featured in the premier performance.

Many other musical groups were featured during the week, always with a warm response.

Many were puzzled by the fact that His Royal Highness, Prince Bertil of Sweden, sat on the front row and not on the platform at the opening BWA session.

It was later explained that it is bad protocol to turn one's back on royalty. If the prince had sat on the platform, all the speakers and roll call speakers would have been forced to turn around to face him. So he sat with the audience to "relieve the program personnel of any anxieties."

This was typical of the hospitality of Swedish people. It helped to make the 13th Baptist World Congress a rich fellowship opportunity.

BIBLE PUZZLE PAGE ANSWERS

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"For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy" (2 Cor. 11:2).

A Sobering Look At Intoxicating Beverages

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

Basic Passages: Proverbs 20:1; 21:17; 23:20-21, 29-35; 31:4-7
Focal Passages: Proverbs 20:1; 21:17; 23:20-21; 29-35; 31:4-7

It is hard for some of us to be temperate in our emotions as we contemplate all facts concerning intoxicating beverages.

Man likes to feel rich without earning the right. He likes to feel like a brave man without taking the risks; he likes the sense of well being without deserving it. He wants a quick and apparently an easy way to good sensations without paying the price. He therefore turns to liquor and drugs. He dismisses considerations of side effects and inevitable consequences.

It is utterly amazing how many sane and sensible people otherwise are so dumb about habits like smoking and drinking. Many highly scientific people are highly unscientific about these same habits. Man's average longevity and personal happiness could be materially increased by following the best light he has. Is there a chance that he will ever be so sensible?

Liquor Is A Liar Proverbs 20:1

Liquor offers so many attractive deceptions. It really mocks and deceives. It growls like a dog in its true nature but offers delightful excitements at other times. It cheats, perhaps more than any other drug. It snares many even though it has been given legal respectability. It is so well known and yet it requires so much regulation.

Liquor Is A Leech Prov. 21:17; 23:20-21

Liquor destroys more than it builds up. It is a parasite. It is a leech for it sucks the blood out of every legitimate business. It

increases absenteeism, mars efficiency and blunts accuracy.

It impoverishes great sections of our population and keeps Skid Row in business. It is worse than any ghetto. Innocent mouths go hungry and helpless, bare bodies get awfully cold that could otherwise be fed and clothed. There is no doubt that the money that is spent on liquor would feed every hungry mouth and clothe every naked back in America.

Our indulgence in food is bad enough and is condemned in the Bible but it does not foment a world of woes as does liquor.

Liquor Lashes Proverbs 23:29-35

Liquor lacerates and lashes with no good reason. The description of a drunk the next morning after a drunken brawl is so vivid, real and accurate. It is so uncalled for and unnecessary. He often suffers bruises and wounds that leave him a battered spectacle. In most instances there would have been no such a situation had he left liquor alone. Yes, he suffers needless headaches and heartaches too often. Liquor so often creates abnormal situations.

Liquor Lulls Proverbs 31:4-7

Kings, princes and leaders are advised to leave liquor alone. It lulls the mind and clouds discernment. The percent of traffic tragedies due to drunken drivers is a modern illustration. Those in drivers' seats, in leadership and responsibility need clear minds. There is no wonder that this highly complex, fast moving machine age is in so much trouble. We need sober people at the helm.

The last verses are difficult to interpret properly. Wine and strong drink constituted about the only sedative or tranquilizer the people had at that time.

Perhaps it is a bit of sarcasm, suggesting that when people are on the brink of death or deeply depressed, wine might serve a purpose. In our day, we have much better treatment.

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Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:

Both my wife and I are originally from Loudon, Tennessee, where we were members of Corinth Baptist Church, and later the First Baptist Church. Then in 1971 when we returned from Liberia for an extended stay, after having served as missionaries to Liberia, West Africa, from 1963 to 1971, we moved to Cleveland, Tennessee, where we became members of the North Cleveland Baptist Church. In July, 1974, we returned to Liberia, where we are serving at Ricks Institute Baptist School. I am teaching mathematics in the high school, and Mrs. Oody is serving as school registrar.

We are very grateful to you for sending us a copy of the "BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR" each week. It arrives here very late sometimes, but we enjoy it just the same and count it as a real blessing. We enjoy keeping in touch with our many friends in Tennessee, and through the state paper we are able to learn the whereabouts of our friends. Thank you again, plenty, plenty, as the Liberian would say.

Please extend our greetings to our many close friends there in Brentwood, especially the Paul Halls, the Summars, Miss Beulah Peoples and others.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,
T. Eugene Oody
P.O. Box 1416
Monrovia, Liberia

Avoid Bicentennial Exploiters, Says Valentine

GLORIETA, N.M.—"The bicentennial must not be allowed to fall prey to exploiters who would use the occasion for profiteering," warned Foy Valentine, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, during the Woman's Missionary Union summer conference Glorieta Baptist Conference Center here.

Valentine told the more than 1,600 participants that "Our heritage as Americans is a commitment to revolutionary ideas and bold actions, such as the right to life, right to liberty, the right to the pursuit of happiness and the right to insist that the relationship between any human being and God Almighty is a relationship with which no government or earthly power has any right to interfere."

He said there will be a temptation for those who celebrate the bicentennial to intermingle the affairs of church and state and bring about a type of civil religion. "It will religionize national life and nationalize religious life. And this is a threat to the Christian faith", he said.

"During this time", said Valentine, "we must, as Southern Baptists, meet the challenge of the recovery of family life, a new commitment to integrity and a citizenship worthy of the gospel." (BP)

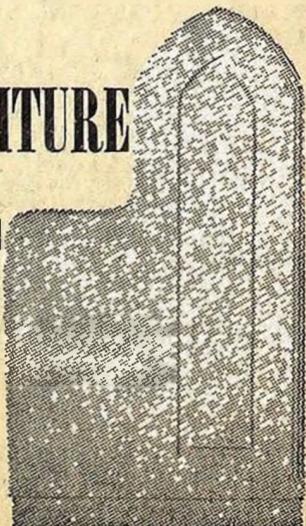
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By Dr. B. David Edens,
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Urges Young To Study Child-Raising As Science

Humans are poor parents compared to their so-called "inferiors," the animals, Dan Leviton, professor of health education at Univ. of Maryland, reminds.

How come "dumb beasts" generally fulfill their parental responsibilities faithfully and tenderly, while throughout the ages a substantial percentage of men and women have been destructive, abusive, neglectful and plain inadequate in rearing their young?

The very qualities of intellect and imagination that set humankind apart from the animal world unfortunately render human parents vulnerable to strains and anxieties that do not exist for the non-thinking animals, Leviton pointed out in the *Washington Post*.

"These strains and pressures, along with superstitions, fanatical religious beliefs and cockeyed ideas of health, all have been projected onto children, the most convenient of targets."

The time has come, the educator feels, for youth to study child-raising as a science. Courses, he suggests, should include a history of child-rearing for perspective; a run-through of what is known about child development; many observation sessions at clinics and day care centers with varying philosophies and practices, followed by discussion.

Perhaps most important, says the professor, would be the chance to visit the homes of families where good parenting is in progress—just in case the students haven't been lucky enough to run up against the real thing themselves.

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FROM THE FILES

50 YEARS AGO

Ryland Knight, pastor of the Immanuel Church in Nashville, and recent groom of Bess Acree, resigned to accept a call to Delmar Avenue Church, St. Louis. He had served as president of the Baptist Executive Board for the Tennessee Convention.

Tennessee Baptists were "stunned" at the announcement of the death of William Jennings Bryan, whom they termed, "the greatest single personality and the greatest single force for righteousness of our day." Another tribute called him "an ambassador of the Prince of Peace who was not ashamed of the gospel of Christ." He was 65.

20 YEARS AGO

The newly elected president of the Baptist World Alliance was Theodore F. Adams, pastor of First Church, Richmond, Va.

Baptist Training Unions sponsored by Southern Baptist churches in Tennessee reported enrolments totaling 150,561 in 1954. The increase was 12.1 per cent over 1953.

10 YEARS AGO

Central Church, Athens, dedicated a new 590-seat capacity auditorium. The pastor was Ray F. Brown.

Pleasant Grove Church, Benton, ordained J. D. Campbell and Ronnie Beard as deacons. W. Jasper was pastor.

From the Executive Secretary

By Dr. Ralph Norton

While in the First Baptist Church of Etowah recently participating in services of dedication for their beautiful new sanctuary,



Norton

a member of the church greeted me with this comment: "I read the 'Baptist And Reflector' every week because I want to be an informed Baptist." This unsolicited gesture complimenting our state paper is a sample of the comments heard often across our state and gives definite emphasis to the needs of Baptists which are being

met through our weekly paper.

The word "informed" which this member used in her comment can be given further study. As I reflect upon the need for links of communication between individual Tennessee Baptists and the state, southwide and foreign agencies through which mission work is being carried out, I am convinced that the average church member must look to our weekly paper if he is to be informed of significant events throughout our Southern Baptist Convention. It is also true that items of interest concerning unusual events and activities within our state are to be found in the "Baptist And Reflector" which serves to keep us informed about local and statewide happenings.

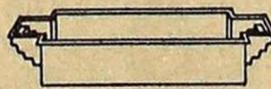
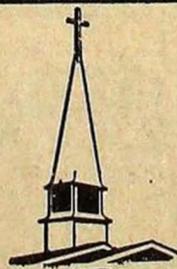
We readily recognize the need for a weekly church bulletin or paper. It is the church's tool of communication for keeping each member informed of local church activities. A pastor cannot visit each home each week, but the weekly bulletin can be the weekly visitor. Its business is to be informative and challenging.

Likewise, our state paper seeks to come into the homes of the nearly one million Baptists with its instruction, information, doctrinal and devotional messages, and news of unusual events in various areas or churches. Its link is short enough to reach to a neighboring pastor or church and long enough to encompass a worldwide ministry.

This emphasis is given in order that a challenge may be issued to Tennessee Baptists to observe August 17 as "Baptist And Reflector" Day. Pastors and staff members are asked to take advantage of this special day to urge churches to place our paper in their budget. That is our goal. We believe it to be a worthy one and one that will provide increased interest in Baptist life. Your state paper has been in existence since 1835 and was purchased by the Convention in 1921. It has constantly sought to serve the needs of increasing numbers of Baptists and this is their pledge for the future.

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FREEDOM 76 Needs Voices For 1,000-Voice Choir

SAN ANTONIO—A 1,000-voice choir will make up part of the varied musical atmosphere for FREEDOM 76, a nationwide conference for college students and single and married young adults here, Dec. 28-31.

The conference, sponsored by all the agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention through its Inter-Agency Council, will tie together the strands Christian and national heritage, Christian citizenship, vocation, the home and the church's mission as Christians enter the nation's third 100 years.

College choirs, Baptist Student Union choirs, church college choirs, church young

adult choirs and specialty music groups are being invited to form the 1,000-voice choir.

They may also audition to sing during the main program and at selected sites, including Freedom Ring, conceived by FREEDOM 76 planners as a "spectacular entertainment center."

Any musical director wishing for his or her group to be considered for appearance should submit a tape recording of three or more selections and an 8 x 10 glossy photo of the group to Royce Dowell, 401 Baptist Building, Dallas, Tex., 75201 on or before Oct. 15, 1975.

Anyone attending the conference, who isn't part of a musical group, may also sing in the conference choir. Groups and individuals will be responsible for learning, in advance, eight to ten choral numbers which will be selected by September 1.

Participants must bear their own expenses, including \$15 registration fee. Those singing at evening sessions must use the sound system provided by the conference and those singing at Freedom Ring or other sites must provide their own sound system.

"Today" Show To Interview Pastor On Nagasaki Bombing

SAN ANTONIO—Buckner Fanning, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church here, is scheduled to be interviewed on NBC-TV's "Today" show, Aug. 11 about an evangelistic crusade he recently conducted in Nagasaki, Japan, to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the dropping of the atomic bomb on that city.

Fanning was among the first Marines to land in Nagasaki at the conclusion of World War II and that experience was a significant factor in his entering the ministry. (BP)

Foundation

The Cooperative Program

By Jonas L. Stewart
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

The Cooperative Program is perhaps the greatest channel ever discovered by man to accomplish the objectives of the Great Commission. Since 1925 Southern Baptists have grown in their stewardship through emphasis on supporting a total program. Recently we have been so engrossed in other procedures that our Cooperative Program emphasis has suffered. This will be corrected now that our people see what has been happening. We Baptists act when we know.

There is an area of stewardship that needs to be strengthened for Cooperative Program support. Some, but not nearly as many as should, have written into their wills a trust fund to undergird this great effort. During the past year we gave through the Executive Board more than \$83,000 for the Cooperative Program. This is money earned largely from funds left by many people who have gone to heaven. They left trusts to remain until Jesus comes naming the Tennessee Baptist Foundation as trustee. These Christian stewards have conserved their hard-earned estates for use in the Lord's work. Their names and Christian testimony will never be forgotten. Joining those of us who live today, they continue to win lost souls to Jesus.

Those who are interested in joining past and future generations in fulfilling the Great Commission may do so by preparing a Christian will. For information about using your Foundation in such a testimony write or call Tennessee Baptist Foundation, Dr. Jonas L. Stewart, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, P.O. Box 347, Brentwood, Tennessee 37027, phone: 615-373-2255.

Belmont Professor Appointed Department Chairman

Norma Jean Baker has been elected chairman of the Department of Behavioral Sciences at Belmont College this fall. She succeeds J. Thomas Trimble, who headed the department for 10 years.

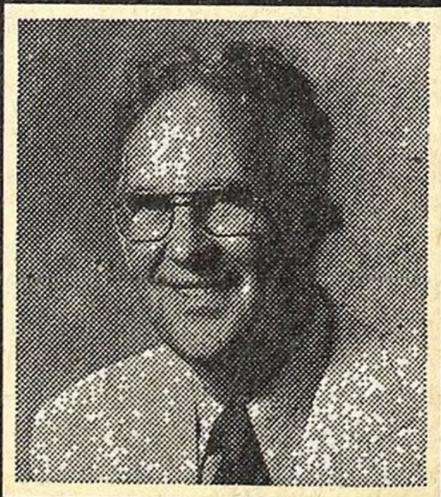
A native of Missouri, Baker holds degrees from Oklahoma Baptist University, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and George Peabody College. She has been a member of the Belmont faculty since 1966 and now holds the rank of professor of psychology.

The department she will head includes the studies of psychology, sociology, and human services.

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