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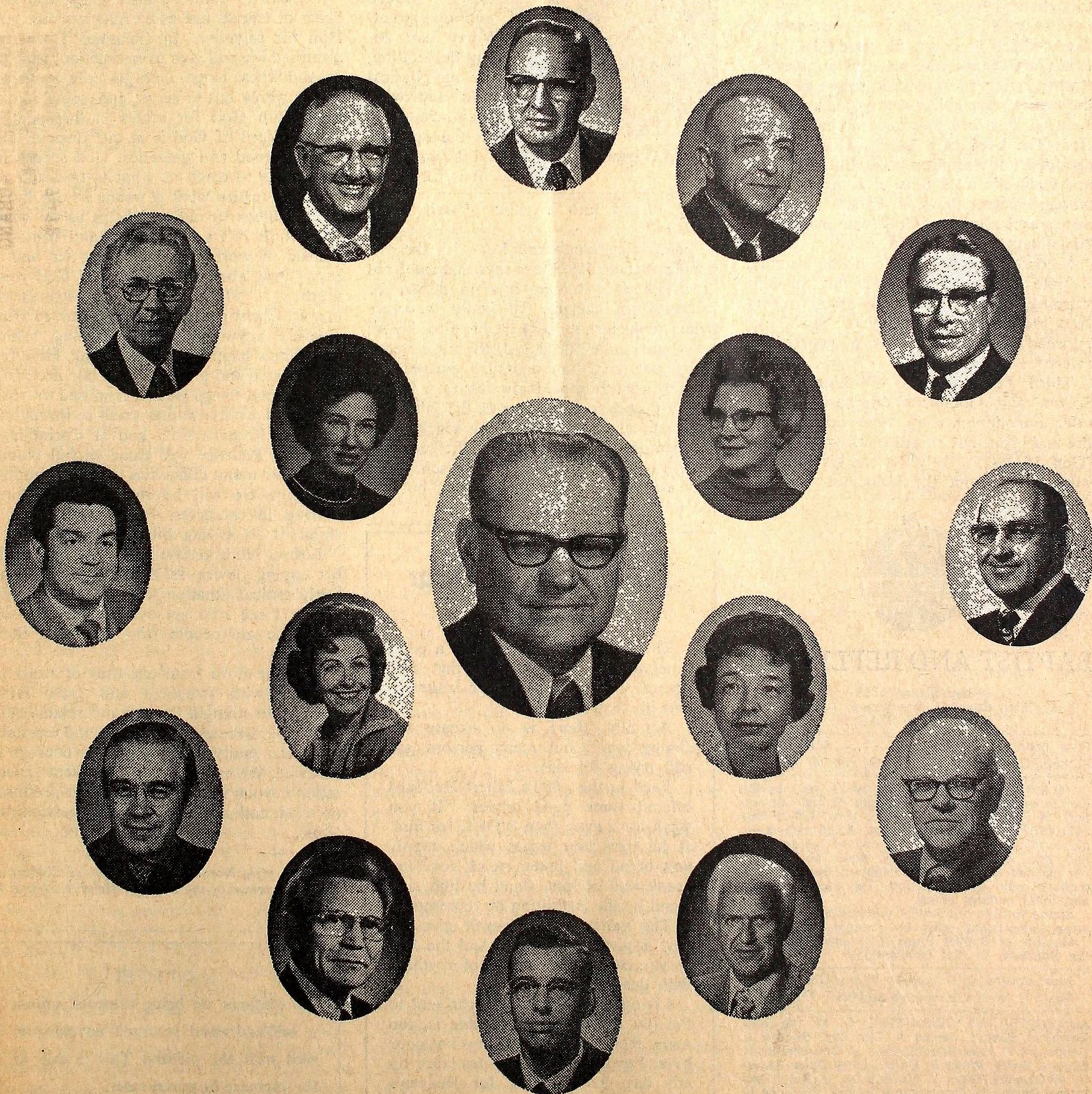
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LEADERS IN STATE MISSIONS PROGRAM

Judgment Of False Teachers

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment."—2 Peter 2:4.

In verses 1-3 Peter has warned against false teachers, stating that their judgment and destruction are certain. Now in verses 4-8 he illustrates the certainty of these things with three cases out of Hebrew thought and history.

First, rebellious angels were cast down to "hell." "Hell" renders the word "Tartarus." It is not **Gehenna**, the place of punishment. Rather it refers to a cosmic prison in which these angels are held awaiting judgment (see Jude 6). This is a reference probably taken from **The Book of I Enoch**. This is a non-canonical, non-inspired book. But both Peter and Jude cite it as a belief commonly held among ancient Jews. I Enoch saw these angels as the "sons of God" who married the "daughters of men" (Gen. 6:2).

Second, the world of Noah's day is cited. Despite one hundred and twenty years of warning, the people generally did not repent. And except for the family of Noah, they perished in the flood. This, of course, is a reference to Genesis 6-7.

Third, Peter refers to the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. Because of their utter ungodliness they were destroyed by fire and brimstone rained down from heaven (Gen. 19:24-25). Only Lot and his daughters were saved from the holocaust, his wife



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Cure For Worry

By Mrs. Robert J. Norman

Every day overwhelming facts like the danger of overpopulation, social injustice, undeclared war, and the threat of recession pour over our heads.



Jean Norman

These are added to our own inner conflicts and wants, burdens, fears, inadequacies, broken dreams, and disappointments. Worry can become totally debilitating, eating away our physical strength and destroying our Christian witness.

Worry is the opposite of faith and the antithesis of peace. It is forgetting

being turned into a pillar of salt (Gen. 19:26).

Contrasting Noah and Lot with the evil people of their day, Peter says that the Lord "really knows" (**oiden**) how to deliver or rescue from danger the godly who are being tempted (v. 9). But he also knows how "to reserve" (to guard) the unrighteous for punishment. Not one shall escape.

Such a truth should give courage to the Lord's people to stand true in the faith, not being snatched away by false teachers. It also warns those who occupy the teacher's chair to be careful what they teach. They may escape the judgment of men, but not the judgment of God.

Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

The Labor Day weekend is a good time to remind ourselves that few dreams come true until we wake up and go to work.

Actually, there is no excuse for sloppy work, but many persons are still trying for one.

Back in the 1800's Elbert Hubbard offered some good advice: "If you work for a man, than **WORK** for him. If he pays you wages which supply you bread and butter, work for him, speak well of him, stand by him, and stand by the institution he represents."

The worker who doesn't give his best is giving his worst. And the fact is, you cannot build much of anything with dead wood.

Living the Christian life can add to the joy of work. The trouble is, too many men make good livings but poor lives. For better and brighter labor on any day, get to work for Heaven's sake!

who God is and what He has done, what He is doing, and all that He has promised on our behalf. As Christians we already possess power to overcome the sin of worry. Claiming I John 1:9, we can confess it as sin and claim forgiveness for it and victory over it.

We can by faith be filled daily with the Spirit of Christ, just as by faith we received Him for salvation. In Galatians 5 we are promised He will give us instruction what to do and where to go. God not only wants us not to worry but to serve; and doing something with God for others is therapeutic.

The Word of God is at our disposal for spiritual food and guidance. God speaks in love to us to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It straightens us out and helps us do what is right. It offers reassurance and comfort. Instead of worrying, Philippians 4:6 and 7 says, "Pray about everything, tell God your needs. . . ." Maintain a constant attitude of prayer. Christ is in us so we can talk to Him anytime, anywhere, about anything. When bad things happen, we can thank Him for his patience and grace to meet our need and for the good things He has promised to work out of the trouble and to teach us through it all. (See Romans 8:28 and II Corinthians 12:8-14). Patience will come to full bloom only after many difficulties and temptations, and then we will be ready for anything "strong in character, full and complete." (James 1:2-4 Living Bible Paraphrase).

Lofton Hudson says "Every person finds his coping device as he moves from one fairly critical situation to another. The only people I see who get overwhelmed by the inevitable are people who don't use their resources."

We can move from one time of stress to another with freshness and grow from strength to strength through our relationship with God. Because of our faith and resultant hope, our sanity survives and our courage is renewed. We can look with confident expectation beyond tragedy based on the promises of God and not upon human possibilities alone.

Note: Mrs. Norman is the wife of Robert J. Norman, pastor of the Belmont Heights Church in Nashville.

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When You Pray For State Missions

By L. R. Baumgartner, Missions Department Director, TBC

Pictured in this issue of the **Baptist And Reflector** are sixty-seven directors of missions and associates. Along with these, three others normally serve where temporary vacancies presently exist, making a total work force of seventy serving with sixty-three of the sixty-eight Baptist associations in Tennessee. Like the seventy sent out by Jesus in Judea, these are under appointment of the same Lord to serve in Tennessee "in every city and place, whither he himself would come" (Luke 10:1); and while they are employed by the respective associations, they are important members of the state missions team. Therefore, when you pray for state missions, pray for them.

Serving regularly in ten locations in the state are twelve mission center directors and associates who are supported cooperatively by individual churches, local associations, the Tennessee Baptist Convention, and the Home Mission Board. These serve faithfully and well but without acclaim. Their unselfish ministries bring them into daily confrontation with human hurts to which they attempt to apply in the name of Christ the balm of Christian love and kindness. In like manner, three others serve in cooperative ministries with National Baptists. All of these are near the heartbeat of state missions. When you pray for state missions, do not fail to pray for them.

Forty churches and mission congregations in Tennessee are served currently by dedicated pastors who are dependent upon state missions funds for an important part of their financial support. These are leading their congregations toward becoming fully self-supporting over a three-year period. Some look forward to achieving that goal by the end of this year while others will reach that point a year later. Some of these serve in developing areas where growth comes rather rapidly. Others are in difficult fields where disappointments come often and discouragements are many. These men also are a part of the total state missions team. Pray for them when you pray for state missions.

Serving throughout the state as missionary to the deaf is one man, Jarvis M. Hearn, helping the deaf to "hear" the gospel through the language of signs, training Christian workers in communicating with the deaf, giving counsel and encouragement to those who direct ministries to the deaf in more than twenty churches, planning and directing an annual Christian camp for deaf young people and coordinating activities of the Tennessee Baptist Conference of the Deaf. Supported in part by the Home Mission Board but principally by the Tennessee Baptist Convention, he, too, is an important member of the state missions team. When you pray for state missions, remember to

pray for him.

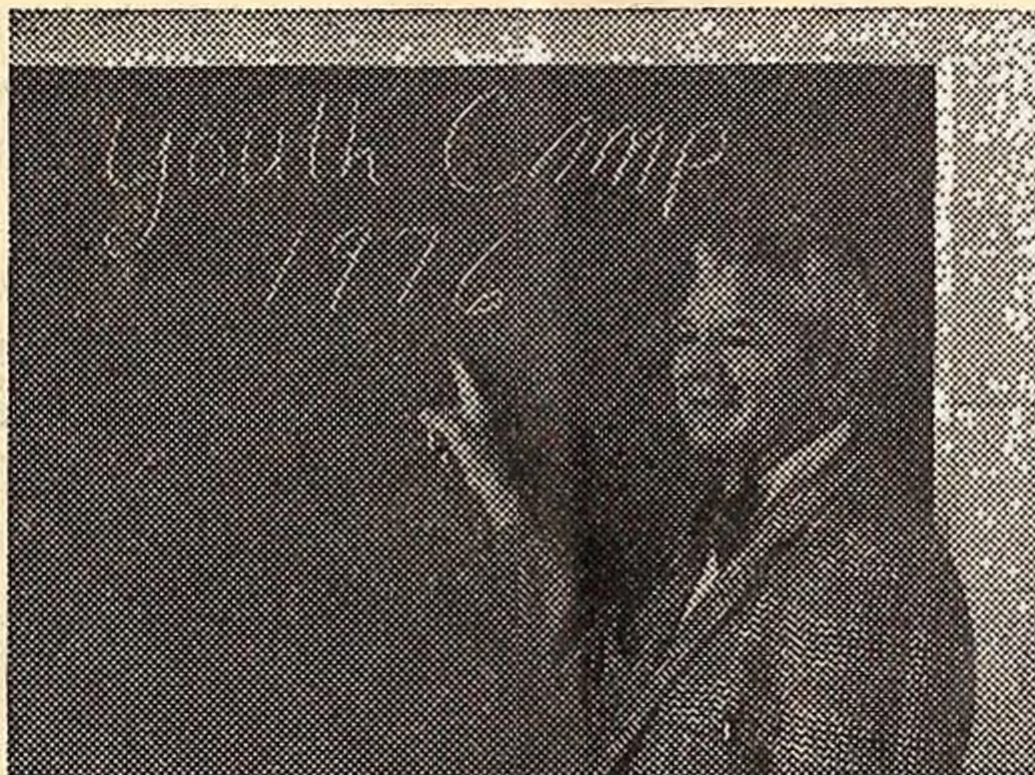
Heading the total state missions team is Ralph E. Norton, executive secretary-treasurer, who directs a staff of approximately eighty-five employees of the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. These include department and agency heads, accountants, bookkeepers, secretaries, stenographers, machine operators, maintenance personnel, age group workers and other department associates. Each of these has an important task in the total program of state missions, which seeks to provide

services to churches which will strengthen them in their ministries, to work with churches and associations in discovering and responding to mission needs wherever they exist in the state, and to give encouragement to the active support of the cause of missions throughout the world. This corps of workers looks to Tennessee Baptists for regular prayer support, so when you pray for state missions, be sure to pray for them.

Serving without remuneration but bearing responsibility for the oversight of our state mission program is an executive board of seventy-five pastors and lay persons. This is the policy formulating and decision making body which meets regularly four times a year and reports directly to the Convention annually. Pray for each member of this group as you pray for state missions.

The Lovable Old Alarm Clock

Jarvis M. Hearn, Missionary to the Deaf, TBC



Casie McMillin at Tennessee Baptist Youth Camp for the Deaf at Camp Carson.

The searching finger-like rays of the early morning sun were just appearing over the mountains that encompass Camp Carson near Newport, Tennessee. It was late June and this was Youth Week for deaf boys and girls. As missionary to the deaf for our Baptist state convention, and this week's camp director, I was trying to be in full command of the situation. However, being in full control and command of an active group of teenage boys and girls for a week is much like a ride on a roller coaster—moments of real joy and moments of sheer panic.

I could hear the rather heavy footsteps in the hallway just outside my room. Each morning it was the same. The footsteps seemed to develop a crescendo effect of their own and then a gradual decrease in loudness as they seem to fall away to the front door of the lodge and down the steps outside. "There goes Casie." The voice was that of Neal Peyton, roommate, associate missionary to the deaf for the Baptist state convention of North Carolina, and camp pastor for the week. "Yes, it must be seven o'clock and time for Casie's coffee down at the dining hall," I answered.

Casie is a really lovable character. He is

one of those men whom you meet and never seem to forget. I have known Casie McMillin for only six years, but those who have been working in camp during youth week here at Carson for a much longer time than I will tell you that since 1964 Casie has given up a full week of his vacation time each year in order to help with the youth camp for the deaf. Not only is Casie a permanent fixture, but he serves a most important function, that of counselor for our deaf young people. No, Casie didn't get a degree in the art of counseling from a university, but has learned through years of just being a Christian servant. Neal and I, along with others on the staff, were busy sharing our knowledge of the Bible with the young people each morning during the class periods. Casie would fellowship with the young people both day and night. He would share with them the essential elements of how to live the Christian life.

No, Casie is not a "professional" counselor. He is a house painter by trade. He is just someone who loves to share his love for Christ with deaf young people from across the state. Casie is not the only one who contributes something to the missions effort among deaf of Tennessee. There are thousands of Baptists all over the state who share through the Cooperative Program and the Golden State Missions Offering and through other missions outreach efforts. We all have a part in sharing the Gospel with those who cannot hear.

Well, since it's seven o'clock, it's time to get up and take charge of the situation for another day. You know, it's nice to wake up to the footsteps of this lovable old alarm clock each morning. Then, all of a sudden, something more than the early morning sun dawns on me. I know who has been getting Neal and me up each morning at seven, but who's been getting Casie up? After all, Casie is deaf!

EDITORIALS

Thank You, Tennessee Baptists!

From all indications you promoted your state Baptist paper well on BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR DAY (August 17) in this, the paper's 140th year.

There is evidence of a growing awareness of an appreciation for the place the paper fills in Baptist life. It is distinctive in that it serves purposes not fulfilled by any other publication.

We look forward to receiving your mailing lists. We look forward to your families becoming more accurately aware of Baptist happenings and informed along denominational lines. Challenges for service are presented weekly through your state Baptist paper, and people are responding.

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David Keel
Circulation Manager

State Missions

By Ralph Norton

This edition of the **Baptist And Reflector** is dedicated to state missions. The cover page and several articles serve to focus special attention upon the ministries of the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Every effort is being made for trained leadership to carry out its responsibilities to Tennessee Baptists. The work of the departments seeks to meet the needs of the churches in obeying the command of Christ in the Great Commission. We believe that the heart of any program of missions begins with the local church, continues in the associations, and then through the state convention into the world.

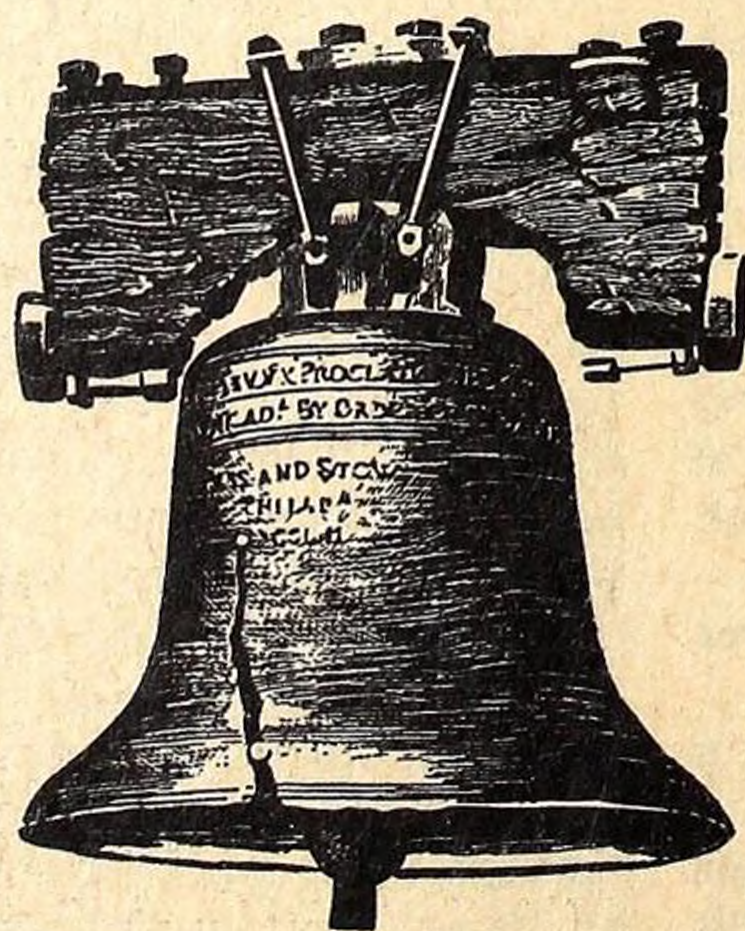
How can we hope to advance in foreign missions without Christian advance in our own communities. We must not ignore our Lord's command to "begin at Jerusalem." Too often we fail to show much interest in state missions because it is so close to us that our attention is not challenged. State missions is so vital because it is the continuous process of evangelizing and Christianizing a given area.

The state convention has been developed as the work has demanded. Cooperative support is given in establishing missions and churches and the strengthening of existing ones. Emphases are given to evangelism, benevolence, education, and stewardship development. Ministries include specific missions programs such as ministry to the deaf, student summer missions, preachers schools, mountain missions, ministerial student aid, and many more.

Social problems will continue to challenge us as we study ways of doing the most effective job in meeting the needs across our state. We encourage the churches to pray for our endeavors and for the thousands of people with whom we are working and to whom we are ministering.

State missions means the strong helping the weak, and all working together for the salvation of the lost and for the glory of God. World missions begins with state missions. Tennessee Baptists are seeking through its ministries to strengthen the home base so as to support missions throughout the world.

The Price of Freedom



"Ye are bought with a price..." 1 Cor. 6:20a

STATE MISSIONS WEEK
SEPTEMBER 7-14 1975

STATE MISSIONS DAY OF PRAYER
SEPTEMBER 10, 1975

Tennessee Golden State
Missions Offering Goal **\$250,000**

Our Cover

Center photo, **Ralph Norton**, executive secretary-treasurer, TBC; clockwise beginning at top center, **Leslie Baumgartner**, director, Missions Dept.; **F. M. Dowell**, director, Evangelism Dept.; **Frank Charton**, director, Church Music Dept.; **Jonas L. Stewart**, executive secretary-treasurer, Tennessee Baptist Foundation; **Charles Norton**, director, Church Training Dept.; **Vern Powers**, director, Protection Plans; **Wallace Anderson**, director, Program Services Dept.; **W. C. Summar**, director, Stewardship Dept.; **Glenn Yarbrough**, director, Student Dept.; **James McDonald**, business manager and camp manager; **Wendell Price**, director, Sunday School Dept.; and **Roy Gilleland**, director, Brotherhood Dept.

Inside circle, clockwise, **Eura Lannom**, acting editor, **Baptist And Reflector**; **Mary Jane Nethery**, executive secretary-treasurer, Woman's Missionary Union; **Evelyn Strickland**, coordinator, Public Relations; and **Martha Grove**, director, Accounting.

Tennessee Baptists To Observe State Missions Week

By Mary Jane Nethery

Price tags come in all shapes, sizes and figures in the open market—but who can assess the worth of a human life? Certainly it cannot be done through the natural laws of supply and demand, for in most of the world life is cheap. Only in God's order is man of supreme value.

During September 7-14, Baptists across Tennessee will observe State Missions Week, the theme of which is "The Price of Freedom." To Woman's Missionary Union has been given the task of providing leadership for this observance, the object of which is to make church members aware of needs across Tennessee and motivate them to meet these needs through prayer, sharing of possessions, and giving of themselves in ministry and witness in their own communities.

While the overall task of the Tennessee Baptist Convention is missionary in purpose, all that is done is not state missions. Some is education—or the equipping of the saints. Some is benevolence, or caring for the elderly, the sick and the homeless, particularly those of our own. Therefore that to which we mainly devote ourselves during State Missions Week is that area of our work where programs, departments, and organizations are committed to the promotion of direct mission's ministries. This is state missions in its strictest sense.

Much of our state mission work is also "home missions" in that our state conven-

tion works cooperatively with the Home Mission Board. While our Tennessee Baptist Convention missionaries are appointees of the Home Mission Board, they work directly with the Tennessee Baptist Convention Missions Department and receive 70% of their support from this source.

During State Missions Week Tennessee Baptists will be given an opportunity to become better acquainted with the work of state missions—an effort that extends from Golddust on the Mississippi River in our work among the Indians, through the cities where we minister interracial through mission centers, through colleges through which pass students from other lands, through resort areas where people come for relaxation and pleasure and through the mountains where people often live much as did their fathers before them.

Tennessee Baptists will also be given an opportunity to give to the Golden State Missions Offering, an offering sponsored by the Tennessee Baptist Convention and promoted by Woman's Missionary Union. The goal is \$250,000.

All monies given in excess of the \$250,000 goal go directly to capital needs at Camps Linden and Carson.

Let us devote ourselves to earnest prayer for the needs of our state and communities, and let us give according to the measure God has given us.

Coming Events

Sept. 2-3—Volunteer and Part-time BSU Directors' Conference, Executive Board Building, Tennessee Baptist Convention, Brentwood.

Sept. 5-6—Part-time Music Directors' Retreat, Camp Linden.

Sept. 7-14—Golden State Missions Season of Prayer.

Sept. 10—Golden State Missions Day.

Sept. 12-13—Campus Presidents' Council Meeting, Henry Horton State Park, Chapel Hill.

Sept. 15-17—1975 Senior Adult Conference, Smoky Shadows, Pigeon Forge.

Sept. 18-19—Tennessee Baptist Golf Tournament, Henry Horton State Park, Chapel Hill.

Sept. 19-20—State and Associational Brotherhood Officers' Planning Meeting, Executive Board Building, TBC, Brentwood.

Sept. 20—Church Training Leadership Retreat, Camp Carson.

Sept. 23—Executive Board Meeting, TBC, Brentwood.

Sept. 27—Church Training Leadership Retreat, Camp Linden.

Sept. 28-Oct. 5—Sunday School Preparation Week.

1975 Golden State Missions Offering Allocations

Program of Work	Allocations
Burney Love Gifts (Aid to children of Tennessee missionaries)	\$ 6,000
Camps (Capital Needs—New buildings, permanent improvement of existing buildings)	65,000
Disaster Relief Fund	15,000
Gifts to Missionaries (\$15 at Christmas for each missionary who claims Tennessee as his or her home state)	2,800
Graduate Scholarship Fund	1,000
International Student Ministries	5,000
Ministry to the Handicapped	8,000
Mission Center Ministries	2,500
Mission Lot and Building Fund	25,000
Negro Baptist Student Work	2,700
Resort Missions	5,000
Site Fund for Proposed Conference Center (Yearly payment)	8,500
Special Rural and Mountain Missions	17,500
Student Scholarships	15,000*
Student Summer Missions	10,000
Missions Department	\$5,000
Woman's Missionary Union	5,000
Summer Preachers' Schools	10,000
United Tennessee League, Inc.	40,000**
Offering Promotion Expense	8,000
Contingency Fund	3,000
Total	\$250,000

*Mary Northington Scholarships, Medical Scholarships, Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy Scholarships, and Acteens Studiact Achievers Scholarships.

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

Any offering over the \$250,000 goal will go to camps.

Two Acteen Groups Tour TBC Building

A group of Acteens from the Harpeth Heights Church in Nashville toured the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention earlier this month. Their leader is Janice Cox.

A group of Acteens from the Gallatin Road Church in Nashville toured the building recently. Following the tour they held an interview with Beulah Peoples, promotion director, Woman's Missionary Union, TBC.

State Missions Film Available

A 30-minute, sound, color film, "Tennessee Baptists Committed to the Future" is available for State Missions programs. Write or call Public Relations office, Tennessee Baptist Convention, P.O. Box 347, Brentwood, TN 37027. Phone 615-373-2255.

EVANGELISM

"For the Son of Man is come to seek and save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10). There are more than a million lost souls in Tennessee, and the main purpose of the Department of Evangelism is to lead every church to present Christ to these lost people. We also strive to lead the churches to baptize the saved and to lead the Christians to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. This is the responsibility of the more than 2700 churches and more than 900,000 church members in the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

The Department of Evangelism strives to lead every church to have a year-round program of personal witnessing. We urge each church to observe Witness Commitment Day on the second Sunday in January each year. In 1971 we launched the Lay Witnessing Schools and hundreds of laymen have been trained to share their faith with the lost.

New Orleans Seminary To Inaugurate Leavell

NEW ORLEANS—Landrum Pinson Leavell II will be inaugurated as the seventh president of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in formal ceremonies September 6, 1975.

An inaugural dinner will be held Friday night, September 5, in the seminary cafeteria, with formal installation ceremonies set for Saturday morning in the Roland Q. Leavell Chapel on the seminary campus.

Leavell, former pastor of the First Baptist Church of Wichita Falls, Tex., assumed duties as president of the seminary on January 1, 1975. Leavell's appointment followed the resignation of Grady Cothen, who accepted the presidency of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. (BP)

SBC Annuity Board Creates Legal Services Department

DALLAS—The Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention here has created a legal services department.

"Federal legislation regulating the pension field requires more frequent service of legal counsel," said Darold H. Morgan, Annuity Board president. "It has reached the point that it is more economical and practical to set up our own legal services department with a full-time staff officer."

Gary S. Nash, a Dallas attorney, has been appointed acting director of the new department, Morgan said. Nash, 27, is a member of Cliff Temple Baptist Church in Dallas. He is a graduate of Baylor University, Waco, Tex. (BP)

The Department has an annual State Evangelism Conference. The purpose of this Conference is to challenge, inspire, and inform the pastors and laymen to carry out more fully the Great Commission of the Lord Jesus Christ. Last year we had a registered attendance of 3234.

Our 1976 State Evangelism Conference will feature the following out-of-state program personnel: W. A. Criswell, pastor, First Baptist Church, Dallas; John Havlik, Evangelism Section, Home Mission Board; Gardner Taylor, pastor, Concord Baptist Church, Brooklyn, New York; Karl Steele, artist and instructor, Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois; and Russell Newport, Springfield, Missouri. Our theme for the 1976 Conference is "Proclamation '76—Proclaim Liberty Throughout the Land."

Working with the Associational Chairmen of Evangelism and Directors of Missions, the Department of Evangelism plans Evangelism Conferences in the associations the first two weeks in February of each year. Each association sets its own date, using an afternoon and evening during this period. The Department of Evangelism sends a director to each association, if it so desires. In 1975 more than 12,000 people were

reached in 65 of these Associational Evangelism Conferences.

The Department of Evangelism since 1970 has had an annual Youth Evangelism Conference. In 1975 we had an estimated attendance of more than twenty-two thousand. The date for the 1976 Youth Evangelism Conference is March 26-27, 1976.

The department sponsors an annual Pastors' Retreat at Camp Carson. This is a week of spiritual, mental and physical refreshment for the pastors. The program consists of Bible study, teaching, gospel preaching and singing.

The department promotes area-wide crusades, associational evangelistic crusades and church revivals. We urge each church to engage in a directed personal witnessing visitation program.

During the Bicentennial Year '76, we are urging all of our associations to have Simultaneous Crusade Revivals in the associations, with each association choosing its own date. Materials have been sent out and will continue to be sent to all the pastors and directors of missions concerning the Bicentennial Revivals. Evangelism materials are sent to the churches and associations to assist them in lay witnessing in church revivals, in simultaneous crusades and other phases of the work.

The Director of the Department is available to assist the churches in planning and promoting a program of evangelism for the churches.—F. M. Dowell

MISSIONS

L. R. Baumgartner, Missions Department director, is responsible for the general supervision and direction of the work of the department and for performing or conducting activities not assigned to other staff members.

He gives oversight to the services which the department renders for the 68 associations in the state in providing counsel and

financial assistance in the call and support of directors of associational missions and associates when such help is desired, offering counsel and in-service training opportunities for associational personnel.

His responsibilities include the administration of the pastor salary supplement program, a rural and mountain mission program, and mission lot and building fund grants. In cooperation with the Brotherhood Commission and the mission boards of the Southern Baptist Convention, he assists associations in scheduling, preparing for and conducting periodic world mission conferences.

He counsels with other staff persons in the department who are responsible for much of the mission work in the state which the department engages in cooperatively with the Home Mission Board, including cooperative ministries with National Baptists, mission center ministries, student summer missions, resort ministries, and work with the deaf. He, like other missions department staff persons, is available to churches and associations as a speaker for special state missions emphases.—Leslie Baumgartner



L. R. Baumgartner (center) meets with Paul Hall, left, and Jarvis M. Hearn, missionary to the Deaf, in a planning meeting. Baumgartner is head of the Missions Department, and Hall is his associate.

"Accepting The Challenge To Grow"

II Timothy 1:6-10, 2:1-7

By Dr. Ben Curtis, Associate Professor
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Growth of any kind, including spiritual, is usually marked by ups and downs, lags and spurts. It does not seem humanly possible to stay at a peak level. Accepting the challenge to grow, therefore, means accepting the challenge of coming clean and doing your best, because one of the great protections against failure is the rationalization "if I had tried harder, things would have worked out."

The Material Of Growth II Timothy 1:6-10

Paul writes to Timothy, saying "I now remind you to stir into flame the gift of God which is within you through the laying on of my hands." (v. 6). This is spoken in the context of v. 5 where Paul expresses gratitude for the home background of Timothy, namely that his grandmother and mother had been positive religious influences during his formative years. Environment is the foundation of growth, yet it is essentially beyond our control. If you have been blessed with a home, church, or school that has expressed care for you, then give thanks to God. I worked as a chaplain with children and adolescents in a mental hospital and I have seen the curse of disadvantaged environments.

Actually, Paul is applying a gentle rebuke and the word he is using means to "agitate": shake up or stir into usage the gift of faith which has been lying dormant. Often the honesty of a friend is needed to goad us into correcting a fault or an attitude that is blocking our growth: not keeping our word, blaming others for our own doings, being unreasonably rigid about right and wrong, etc.

Timothy is blessed in a two-fold way: (1) family background and (2) supernatural gift. God has given us a spirit (inner character, not to be confused with the Holy Spirit) of power, love, and self-discipline (v. 7). This enables us to overcome our timidity and lack of confidence about life. To desire power in personal relationships would be manipulative and unchristian were it not balanced by the goals of love and self-discipline. The word for self-discipline was interpreted in Greek culture as the medium between extremes that represents balance.

The Price Of Growth 2:1-7

In the New Testament there is interplay between divine provision and human effort. The Christian life represents both God's grace and man's will. In this passage the emphasis is upon the struggle man must make in order to achieve growth. Paul uses three images to picture the role of heroic effort in moral living: soldier, athlete, and farmer.

The image of soldier and warfare is not unusual in the New Testament (Luke 14:31-32, Ephesians 6:10-17). Soldiers were the model for courage in the ancient world. "A soldier on active service will not let himself be involved in civilian affairs" (v. 4) was the basis for clergy in the Middle Ages not working at secular jobs or even getting married. The thought, however, seems to be about devotion to duty and applicable to all Christians.

Again, Paul seemed to be fond of the athletic analogy (I Cor. 9:24-27). Probably in the background stood the memory of the Olympic games and the vow taken by the athletes to train for at least ten months before the competition. It was vigorous and painful. So is the life of faith and submission to the guidance of the Spirit.

The farmer with his limited equipment, fought the soil for a living. He was sure to partake of his harvest, having "first claim to his crop" (v. 7). The emphasis is upon the reward in relation to the struggle. For the most part the promise of the Christian faith is a gradual transformation of character. In other words, spiritual rewards are internal. They cannot be bought or borrowed. They are earned through courageously coping with the difficulties of life.

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PROVIDENCE, R.I., Mar. 1, 1764—Rhode Island College, Baptists' first institution of higher learning, has been granted a charter by the state legislature. The school will be a Christian college open to students "of all denominations or no denomination."

Because Baptists have seldom been received in other colleges, it is gratifying that they should welcome students of other denominations, a spokesman said. It was to be expected that Baptists should turn to Rhode Island in seeking a charter as this state has been a haven of religious liberty since the days of Roger Williams.

While the charter stipulates that the president and a majority of the trustees shall be Baptists, other officials will be selected from representative denominations in the state. A number of professors also will be selected "indifferently of any or of all denominations."

The charter said that religious tests "shall never be admitted" into the institution. "On the contrary, all members shall enjoy free, absolute and uninterrupted liberty of conscience," it declares. "The places of professors and all other officers, the president alone excepted, shall be open for all denominations of Protestants. Youths of all religious denominations shall be admitted to equal advantages and honors."

The idea of a college that would offer Baptists and other youths educational advantages comparable with those to be had at Yale, Harvard and elsewhere originated within the Philadelphia Baptist Association. James Manning, a recent graduate of Princeton, was selected to put the plan into action.

After conferring with leading Baptists of Newport, R.I., last July. Manning took steps to secure the charter. To date the embryonic school has little more than a charter—no buildings, no equipment, no endowment.

The first Baptist college is expected to be located at Warren with Manning likely to be named the first president.

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Being the trust agency for the Convention, many people use the Foundation for setting up permanent trust or endowment funds to provide income for a designated purpose or to all missions through the Cooperative Program. These funds are often established during one's lifetime and more often through their wills. At the present time there are 348 different accounts administered through this agency.

The staff gives much of its time leading estate planning sessions in churches and associations by invitation. Calls are answered weekly from Christian stewards seeking information about providing a continuing stewardship with their assets. These contacts have resulted in reports of 58 wills and living trusts in our favor during the past twelve months.

The Board of Trustees consists of fifteen men who establish policy and advise in the programs of work.

Investment finance is a necessary part of our work. We must keep informed of the latest trends in this field and stay diligent in investing for income and security of capital. Professional investment counsel is employed to advise in the handling of funds. Legal counsel is also retained to keep all transactions within guidelines set by law.

The defense of our interest in estates left by will becomes a necessary responsibility.

This requires time spent in court and legal proceedings.

Thousands of dollars in scholarship and student loan funds are administered through this office. We advise with the prospective borrower, process and collect the loans.

Total assets that have been committed to the Foundation amount to \$6,305,181.18 as of June 30, 1975. These assets have come in the form of cash, stocks, bonds, mortgage notes, farms and personal items. Some are income producing presently and some are not. As of June 30, 1975 we had distributed \$394,617.45 in income for the previous twelve months.

The staff of the Tennessee Baptist Foundation consists of the executive officer, designated as the executive secretary-treasurer, the executive assistant, who is also head bookkeeper, associate bookkeeper and a part time assistant bookkeeper. The office secretary is bookkeeper for the Church Building and Loan Program of the Executive Board, which is also under the direction of the executive secretary of the Foundation.

The purpose of this agency is to assist in laying a financial foundation under Baptist institutions and other mission programs. In so doing it is necessary for us to keep in touch with the official staff of cooperating units of the Convention.

The executive secretary-treasurer is available, as time permits, to go to any church, association or church group in the state. He welcomes inquiries about speaking engagements or concerning estate planning that benefits any work supported and promoted by Tennessee and Southern Baptist Conventions.—Jonas L. Stewart

SUNDAY SCHOOL

As a missionary for Tennessee Baptists, I accept the responsibility for building and maintaining a Sunday School Department of work.

This includes the recommending and enlisting of personnel. We need professional persons who have expertise, knowledge and experience in each of the four age divisions. It takes office people to prepare a continuing flow of materials—to capture attention, to inform, to invite, to challenge, to answer and to assist people—leaders in churches and associations.

The department staff conducts conferences in churches and in associations; conferences of all sizes and on any subjects which relate to Bible teaching or to reaching

people for Bible study, Jesus Christ, and church membership.

Our task is a big chunk of the larger area called Christian education. We help leaders to do a better job. We help churches to choose and to train their workers so that both people and leaders in churches will be "equipped" to live the Christ-like life effectively in this era of history.

When all the teachers guide so that all the members learn a Bible truth each week, and when all the members witness and win under the Spirit's leadership so that every individual has a real chance to personally know Jesus, our work will be done.—Wendell Price

Baptist Pastor And Family Held Hostage By Red Army

By Charlotte Decker

PETALING JAYA, Malaysia—A National Baptist pastor and his family were among the 50 hostages held in the U.S. consulate in Kuala Lumpur by Japanese Red Army guerrillas the first week in August.

Mr. and Mrs. Loh Yan Kwong and two of their sons, Loh Chong Shin and Loh Chung Chi, were among 53 hostages seized when five Red Army members stormed the 14-story office building, spraying gunfire around the ninth floor, the site of the U.S. passport office and the Swedish embassy.

Threatening to blow up the building, the terrorists demanded the release of seven Red Army comrades jailed in Japan.

When the 80-hour siege erupted, the Lohs were at the U.S. embassy completing arrangements for U.S. student visas for the sons who plan to study in the states.

Chung Chi was on another floor arranging for special documents when the terrorists locked his family and the rest of the hostages in one of the rooms. He returned, saw the gunmen and thought a robbery was in progress. He began to run, but stopped when he was fired upon.

The gunman, the same sharpshooter who later picked off a policeman nine stories below, apparently did not intend to hit Chung Chi, only to stop him.

Mrs. Loh and Chung Chi were released just before noon, 55 hours after capture, on Wednesday, August 6.

Loh, Chong Shin and 13 other hostages, including U.S. Consul Robert Stebbins, were taken to the airport to wait a further 25 hours for four Japanese and Malaysian officials who went as substitute hostages on the flight to Libya, the only country which would accept the terrorists.

Throughout Malaysia and Singapore, Baptists, who were alerted by phone, prayed for the Loh family and the critical situation.

Hostages report the terrorists were considerate. At night when the temperature dropped, hostages say, the gunmen took off their own jackets and gave them to the women and spread carpets and draperies for them to sleep on.

At one point a child, who began to cry, was soothed by a terrorist who told the child he had nothing to fear.

When Loh identified himself as a pastor to the guerrillas, one asked if he was a Baptist. "Yes, I am a Baptist," Loh answered.

"The Baptists had a big meeting in Tokyo a few years ago," stated the gunman.

Loh, realizing the meeting was the Baptist World Alliance which met in Tokyo in 1970, replied, "Yes, I know. I was there." The gunman smiled and turned away. (BP)

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ADMINISTRATIVE

The executive secretary-treasurer serves as the chief administrative officer of the Tennessee Baptist Convention's executive board consisting of 75 members. He is employed by the executive board to correlate and direct the work of the departments. In addition to directing the work of more than 90 staff members, he assists in the scheduling of meetings for the board and its committees and in their work, plans the calendar of activities, directs in the preparation of the Cooperative Program budget for the departments, agencies, and institutions. He is responsible for personnel administration, program planning, public relations, church staff information services, and denominational relations.

In his capacity as treasurer, he is responsible for the handling of all gifts from the churches, both Cooperative Program and designated. This is done through the work of the Accounting Department.

Added to these responsibilities, the executive secretary-treasurer assists the convention committees in their work between the sessions of the annual meeting of the convention.

The executive secretary-treasurer is called upon for spiritual guidance and counsel and is recognized as the representative of Tennessee Baptists with other groups and the general public.

—Ralph Norton

STUDENT

The director of the Student Department is responsible for the program of student ministries of the convention. The purpose of this program is to serve as the primary channel in providing Christian campus ministries for students beyond high school.

The director develops and coordinates statewide and local projects that will help the campus programs to challenge students to meaningful church membership. This includes regular emphases such as missions action, evangelism, and the study of the Bible and current issues.

The director works to develop a campus ministry for all students on campuses within the state. He helps to design a program of ministry that is specialized to the needs of each campus to help that campus program realize its potential. He seeks to coordinate the campus programs throughout the state and to make available to those campuses a broad range of materials and resources.

The director recommends the employment and supervises the work of all persons employed by the convention to serve in its Student Department. At the beginning of the 1975 school year, there are 13 persons employed full-time as directors of Baptist student work and 19 others who work on a part-time or voluntary basis as campus directors, plus an associate director and two office secretaries at Brentwood.

The director works to secure adequate facilities and financial resources to undergird the program throughout the state. He is closely related to the work of the local Baptist Student Union committees which usually are related to Baptist associations. These committees and associations provide a large share of the funding, both for the operations of the local program and for the

construction of Baptist Student Centers. With the mobile centers recently located at Jackson and Motlow State Community Colleges, there are now fifteen Baptist Student Centers in the state owned by the convention. The director prepares and submits annual budget recommendations and administers the departmental budget.

The program of student ministries is under the care of the State Missions Committee of the Executive Board. The committee provides policy positions in the areas of program, personnel, and facilities. The director is responsible to the administration of the executive secretary, Ralph Norton.

The director is in touch regularly with students. In addition to the organizations of Baptist Student Union on the campuses, there is a state BSU council which is divided into three regional councils. In meetings of these groups, plans are developed for state activities: regional retreats, the State Student Convention, the spring conference, the state sports activities, and the student mission program. Through their offerings, the students fund mission activities that sent 40 students to summer missions service 1975 and more than 170 on short-term projects primarily during the spring.

The Director works to correlate the activities of the department with the National Student Ministries and other Southern Baptist Convention organizations which are related to student ministries in Tennessee. Examples of this are to be found in the participation of Tennessee students in the Student Conferences at Ridgecrest and in activities such as Freedom 76, the national meeting for students and young adults that will be convened in San Antonio in December 1975.

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Brazilian Baptists Send Missionaries To Argentina

CURITIBA, Brazil—Brazilian Baptist missionaries, Francisco and Raquel Gonzales Cid and Miss Marcia Ah Lai Vargas, will be stationed in Argentina as Brazilian Baptists open a new field of service there.

"God is opening even more doors for Brazilian Baptists as plans are being made to send missionaries to Venezuela, Peru, Macao and Indonesia," said Mrs. Haydee Suman Gomes, president of the Foreign Mission Board of the Brazilian Baptist Convention.

The plea for missionaries from Brazil by the Argentina convention has been voiced for over eight months. The missionaries' duties will be assigned when they arrive in Argentina.

Brazilian Baptists have missionaries in eight areas, including Paraguay, Uruguay, Argentina, Bolivia, Mozambique, the Azores, Angola and Portugal. Since 1970, the number of their active foreign missionaries has increased from 11 to 42. Argentina is the second new country Brazil has entered this year.

The director works to develop and strengthen relationships with administrative officers of colleges where Baptist student ministries are being projected.

The director works with associations, churches, and pastors to assist churches to minister to students of all ages in all types of educational environment beyond high school and to assist churches to prepare persons for the experiences of college life.

—Glenn Yarbrough

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When the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention first began, missionaries were sent to only one country. Gradually the work expanded until today missionaries are assigned to more than 80 different countries. Moreover, programs of work have increased to six: evangelism and church development, missionary support, schools and student work, hospital and medical care, benevolent ministries and work with national Christians. Your contributions through the Cooperative Program make it possible for these six areas of work to continue effectively.

The primary emphasis of foreign missions is evangelism and church development. This program of work involves the establishment and nurture of churches and their members. Such a program, in closest cooperation with national Baptists in the countries served, maintains a forward, active, open, systematic, and organized thrust for winning people to Christ.

Missionary support includes not only salaries, but life insurance, assistance on medical bills, education of children, transportation for on-the-field and furlough travel, foreign income tax assessments, outfit and refit allowances, and retirement benefits.

A third program involves missionaries in schools and student work in foreign lands. The objective is to work with national Baptists in developing schools to meet pressing educational needs and provide training for Christian leaders.

Because of the Cooperative Program, every Southern Baptist has the opportunity to participate in these overseas ministries. You minister literally to millions daily in more than 80 countries when you make contributions through the Cooperative Program. Your gifts, indeed, provide the MEANS to another important Baptist WAY of sharing Christ with the World.

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Cooperative Ministries With National Baptists

By W. Paul Hall

"Mrs. Campbell and I have been deeply moved by the Commissioning Services," said Rev. William B. Campbell as they officially became missionaries of the Home Mission Board at the National Conference of Ac-teens in Memphis. Rev. Campbell serves as Director of Cooperative Ministries with National Baptists in the Nashville area under the direction of a joint committee.

Cooperative Ministries with National Bap-tists are those active ties between Southern Baptists and National Baptists for establish-ing reconciling relationships aimed toward the development of stronger churches and better ways of working together. These cooperative ministries consist of dialogue, evangelistic cooperation, educational ven-tures, fellowship, scholarships, campus min-istries, and sharing the uniqueness of the Negro church experience. They are honest efforts to cross racial barriers separating Christians sharing a common heritage and doctrine.

There are three major National Baptist bodies with affiliated churches in our state. They are the National Baptist Convention, USA, Incorporated, National Baptist Con-vention of America, and the Progressive National Baptist Convention. There are 618 National Baptist churches affiliated with the Tennessee Baptist Missionary and Education State Convention of which Rev. Charles Fitzgerald is the Executive Secretary.

Miss Christine Westbrook serves at the Grace Eaton Day Home in Nashville. Rev. W. O. Jones, since his retirement, continues to serve the Extension Training Center in Chattanooga as interim director. Since Rev. Jones' retirement, this program is being supported entirely by the Hamilton County Baptist Association and the two Negro Bap-tist associations in that area. There were sixty students enrolled this past year and met two evenings each week for class work.

Mrs. Irene Turner gives guidance to the program with National Baptist students who are enrolled at the American Baptist The-ological Seminary, Fisk University, Meharry Medical College, and Tennessee State Uni-versity.

The Tennessee Baptist Convention, the Department of Cooperative Ministries with National Baptists of the Home Mission Board, and local associations share in the support of these programs. Objectives in-clude:

- 1. Fostering fellowship between individ-ual Christians and among churches of like faith and order.

- 2. To assist Cooperative Associations and churches in strengthening their pro-grams.

- 3. To encourage the churches and their leaders in enlarging their vision and participation in the area of evange-lism, missions, education and steward-ship.
- 4. To provide information and share concepts concerning programs of the conventions cooperating in this work as desired by the churches.
- 5. To serve as a channel through which the churches, associations, and con-ventions may engage cooperatively in programs or projects which they can-not sponsor individually.

Bible Puzzle Page

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- 5 David pretended to be (1 Sam. 21:13)
- 8 The — of the Apostles
- 12 Biblical town (Num. 32:3)
- 13 Ostrich's relative
- 14 Timothy's grandmother
- 15 Jackdaws
- 16 "by them that are — —" (Rom. 10)
- 18 Nigerian people
- 19 Chamberlain (Esth. 2:21)
- 20 Caleb's son (1 Chron. 4:15)
- 22 Crowns

- 26 The Lord's are true (Rev. 19:2)
- 30 Direction: abbr.
- 31 Table spread
- 32 N.T. Noah (Matt. 24:37)
- 33 Caama
- 34 Swiss river
- 35 Eliphaz and others (Job 22:1)
- 37 European winds
- 39 South American capital
- 40 She served (John 12:2)
- 43 Member of the British Empire:abbr.
- 46 "— — of him that was valued" (Matt. 27)
- 49 Remember them (Gal. 2:10)

- 50 Injury
- 51 Sentence part: abbr.
- 52 Numbers
- 53 Weird
- 54 Letters
- 55 Point of —

DOWN

- 1 Son of Shammau (Neh. 11:17)
- 2 Construct
- 3 "the Lord will — —" (Josh. 3)
- 4 Articles
- 5 Words on the wall (Dan. 5:25)
- 6 Cupid
- 7 Trick
- 8 Hawaiian greeting
- 9 — a plea
- 10 The sesame
- 11 Compass reading: abbr.
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- 19 Scotsman headwear
- 21 Time past
- 23 The Lord's is sure (Psa. 19:7)
- 24 Being
- 25 Bishoprics
- 26 He slew Abner (2 Sam. 3:30)
- 27 "the river of — —" (Dan. 8)
- 28 Nominal: abbr.
- 29 Some are false (2 Pet. 2:1)
- 33 Trouble
- 35 Former Russian VIP
- 36 National Aeronautics Association: abbr.
- 38 "he hath sent — away" (Luke 1)
- 41 Mature
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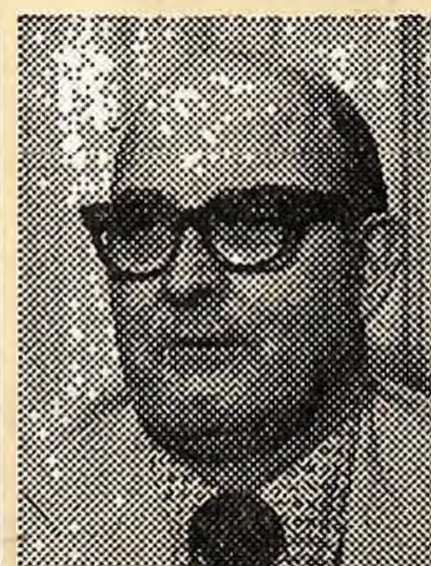
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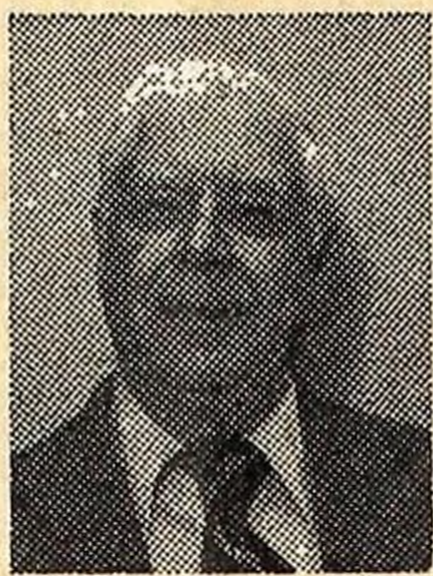
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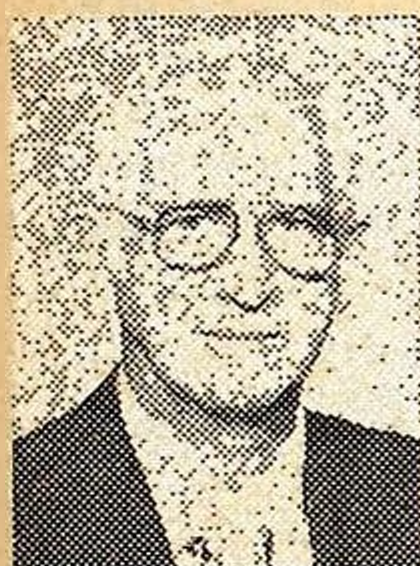
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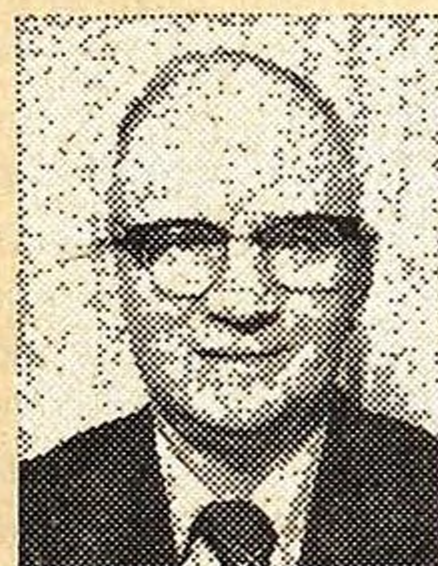
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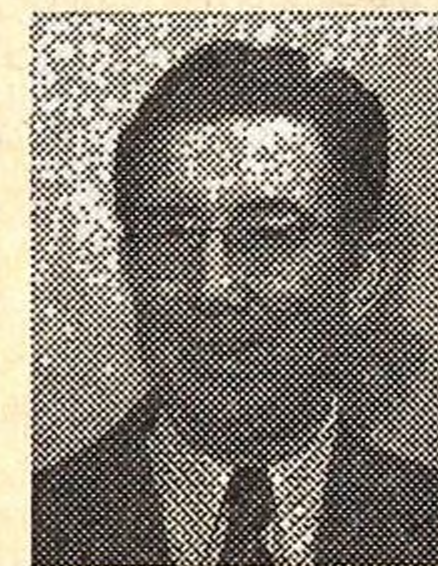
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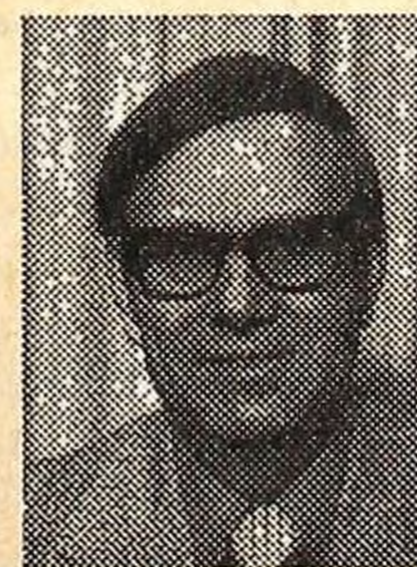
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Building Our Bridges



Director of Missions Ben Walker and workers with Migrant Mission Vacation Bible School group at Walden's Ridge, Tennessee Valley Association. Sixty-seven were enrolled in five departments and seventy-five migrants attended the family night program. Twenty-eight professions of faith were reported in evangelistic services the week following the school.

Other areas of concern in which the Missions Department is involved include Migrant Missions, Literacy Missions, Interfaith Witness, and Prisoner Rehabilitation.

Last year in cooperation with the Tennessee Valley Association twenty-three Spanish-speaking Mexicans were won to Christ. There were more than 140 migrant workers on Walden's Ridge. Again this year the local people, under the leadership of the director of associational missions, did the Vacation Bible school. The pastor of the First Spanish Baptist Church, Atlanta, brought a team and led a revival. Twenty-eight professions of faith have been reported.

Literacy conferences are being held in which people are trained to teach an illiterate how to read. There is a great need across our state to share this ministry with a large group of adults who cannot read.

Interfaith Witness involves conferences in which training is given to help people to witness to non-evangelicals. A growing number of our population are atheists—one estimate said "at least 23%." There are members of the Church of Satan in our state. You have an opportunity to share your faith when a non-evangelical comes to your door to witness. We must learn more about other religions.

Across our state there are people who want to help in prisoner rehabilitation. Efforts are being made to help the released prisoner to readjust and to be a witness to Him.

Some of our associations are providing a ministry to the juvenile delinquent. Youth Opportunity Camps are held. Many times this is the biggest effort to show a juvenile with a special need that our Savior can meet his biggest need.

Really, all of the work in the Missions Department is directed toward the program of "building a bridge over which Christ may walk into the heart of an individual."

Ministering In Resort Areas

Tennessee has at least twenty-six state parks, the Land Between the Lakes near Dover, the Great Smoky Mountains, and several private camping areas. Thousands of people visit these areas every summer. Some will stay overnight, some weekends, some longer, and many will spend some time nearly every week just to "get away from it all."

In some of our parks this ministry is sponsored by local pastors' conferences and associations. The Brotherhood in at least two churches and the young people in another take the full responsibility for this program for the entire summer. In some parks, this ministry is done almost exclusively by a local church.

Student Summer Missionaries lead in the programs in the Riverside, Cumberland Plateau, Beulah, and Sevier County associations. Beginning September 1, a US-2'er will assist in the Gatlinburg area.

Sometimes the campers are invited to see films, participate in group singing around a campfire, and always to participate in a worship service on Sunday morning. Many opportunities for personal witnessing occur as the campers are engaged in conversation as we visit from unit to unit (pad to pad).

Tennessee Baptists provide a camper in the Piney Camp Ground in the Land Between the Lakes area for a volunteer chaplaincy program. One lady from Germany attached a dollar to a note on which was written, "Thank you, Tennessee Baptists, for providing me my first gospel message since I've been in the states."

In one state park our summer student missionaries became acquainted with a man a few years older. He casually mentioned that our youth "had something he needed." They began to witness to him. Finally one Saturday morning at 3 o'clock, after a period of three weeks, he accepted Christ as his Savior. He later said, "I now have something better than drugs."

**Note: All mission articles on pages 14 and 15 were written by W. Paul Hall, associate, Missions Department.*

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:

For the benefit of the churches in your state, I write you this letter.

A Church Pictorial Directory can be very useful and helpful to the membership of a local church. However, this is a project that should not be entered into unadvisedly, because there are companies who just do not live up to their agreement.

This is not true of all companies, but because problems do exist, a company should be investigated as thoroughly as possible before a contract is signed, including checking with the Better Business Bureau of the company's home city.

I have been in a church that had a very good experience with a church directory and one that had a very poor experience, so I feel I am in position to say, be careful of the company you choose.

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Mission Center Ministries

"I hurt on the inside," responded a small preschool-age boy when asked by one of our mission center directors to join in all the fun. It was discovered that the father had deserted the family the day before. When I visited the center several weeks later, I observed that he was very definitely a part of the activities.

In 1967, the comprehensive phrase, "Baptist Centers," came into use to describe the variety of ministries that had evolved from the work of Goodwill Centers. The first Goodwill Center in Tennessee was opened in Chattanooga (now Bankson Memorial Center, Hamilton County) in 1922. The following year, through a gift of \$10,000 from Mrs. O. C. Barton of Paris in memory of her daughter, the Woody Barton Goodwill Center was built in Nashville.

With the rapid racial and economic changes that affected hundreds of inner-city and downtown church neighborhoods, churches began seeking to serve the residents of their neighborhoods by adding mission-center type weekday activities. Church community weekday ministries had the advantage of utilizing existing church facilities rather than requiring new buildings, and also the advantage of identifying a church with the needs of its neighborhood.

The Mission Center program includes literary classes, a tutoring service, day care, youth clubs and activities, retreats, camping, sports, weekday gym workouts, sightseeing trips, and coffee houses for older youth. Adults, including senior citizens, got involved in its ministry.

There is also the Mothers' Club, its weekly fellowship meetings coinciding with day care, allowing church women to establish redemptive relationships with neighborhood mothers. The activities include instructions in knitting, flower arrangement, hair care, cake decorating, and other home interests.

Other activities include sewing circles, cooking clubs, ceramics, and other crafts, recreational activities, and kindergarten. Some of our centers have had health clinics in cooperation with the local health department.

Bible study, Bible stories, music and personal witnessing are important parts of the program. A director really comes alive as he tells about the conversion of a local person.

A man, sixty-seven years of age, really was enthusiastic as he told about his conversion and how he had been taught to read. After he read John 3:16 he said, "Tell Tennessee Baptists 'thank you'—they

not only won me to Christ but taught me to read."

Our mission centers and directors are:

Bankson Memorial Baptist Center
2009 Ruby Street, Chattanooga
Miss Eunice Heath, Director, assisted by
Miss Mary Elizabeth Blair

Friendship Baptist Center
Briceville
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Dr. Ralph E. Norton, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, proposed to the Golden State Missions Offering Allocations Committee that an allocation for disaster relief be included in the 1973 Golden State Missions offering. The suggestion was accepted enthusiastically. Reaching the goal of \$200,000 that year meant \$10,000 was placed in a fund for disaster relief for our churches. This year there is an allocation of \$15,000.

The purpose of the fund is to provide assistance to churches in emergencies without adequate resources. The plans are for this fund to be accumulative over a period of two or three years in the event the funds are not used.

The following churches have received assistance: Oakdale in Big Emory Association, Oak Grove in William Carey, Round Mountain in Riverside, New Union in Hamilton County, Riva Lake in Duck River, and Union Valley in Giles Association. Without this assistance it would have been most difficult for these churches to rebuild their facilities.

One pastor whose church received \$4,000 following the complete loss of their building in a tornado wrote: "We are most grateful for your generous, sacrificial gifts of love. . . . We will never forget that our friends helped us in our time of need. We feel that you have put Christianity into action by your charitable act."

You may contact the Missions Department in the event of a disaster in which a real need develops for emergency relief. The Home Mission Board usually will join us in providing emergency assistance.

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"Then will I leave thee upon the land" (Ezek. 32:4).

PROGRAM SERVICES

The Program Services director is responsible for the operation of the Program Services Department as well as the provision of services for other state missions departments, agencies and institutions. He supervises the department staff, offers consultation to the staffs in the other areas, and is directly accountable to the Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Convention. The Program Services director correlates administrative services for the executive board departments. Promotional services include graphics, arts, editorial services, tracts, word processing, addressograph services, offset printing, typesetting, paper cutting and drilling, collating, folding, stapling, maintaining paper and container stock, keeping mailing lists current, and a central mailing system.

Services provided to churches and associations include: Tennessee Baptist Convention Annual, Baptist Diary, Associational

wall calendars, Southern Baptist Convention Calendar of Activities (with Tennessee overprint), books of suggested reports for annual associational meetings, credentials for the State and Southern Baptist Conventions, microfilming and historical research.

Within the operation of the department is the anticipation of machinery and equipment needs and the exploration of the market for available machines from the standpoint of adaptability, service, and cost.

Due to the Program Services director's also being recording secretary for the Convention, there are additional responsibilities in the areas of Convention reports, preparing and distributing the State Annual, arranging for the auditorium furnishings during the annual Convention sessions, providing messengers' credentials, and training Convention registrars (the latter two items under the direction of the Credentials Committee Chairman).—Wallace Anderson

New Books

Peloubet's Notes September 1975-August 1976 by Ralph Earle, Baker Book House, 388 pp., paperback, \$4.95.

Devotionals For Teachers by Nelle A. Vander Ark, Baker Book House, 80 pp., gift boxed.

Israel's Wisdom: Learn And Live by L. D. Johnson, Broadman Press, 128 pp., \$1.95.

Potter & Clay by Muriel Blackwell, Broadman Press, 96 pp., \$2.95. A collection of verse covering many and varied subjects.

Modern Stories Of Inspiration compiled by Bill Stephens, Broadman Press, 127 pp., \$1.95.

God's Big Little Words by Robert J. Dean, Broadman Press, 126 pp., \$1.95.

All For Jesus by Wallace D. Chappell, Broadman Press, 95 pp., \$3.50.

Thank God For Sex by Harry Hollis, Jr., Broadman Press, 167 pp., \$4.95. A Christian Model for Sexual Understanding and Behavior.

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It brings a devotional, Sunday School lessons, news about people, places, and churches, programs and projects, and events concerning the various departments of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. Additionally, it contains information about the Tennessee Baptist Convention, the Southern Baptist Convention, and world wide mission efforts.

Featuring our institutions, it keeps readers informed about what Belmont College, Carson-Newman College, Union University, and Harrison-Chilhowee Academy, along with Baptist Hospital, East Tennessee Baptist Hospital, Baptist Memorial Hospital, Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes, and the newly created Tennessee Baptist Service Corp., are doing. Two popular and helpful features are "Family Living" and the "Bible Puzzle." "Historically From The Files" and "From The Executive Secretary" are widely read columns.

Baptist And Reflector serves as a news media. Gathering and preparing the copy

for printer's deadlines is one of the first objectives. It maintains a sizeable amount of advertising each week, this being necessary to help defray the cost of operating the paper. Proofing and working with the printer is a daily project.

In the daily mail are checks, letters, articles, manuscripts, and the looked forward to mailing lists from the churches. These are all distributed to the appropriate individuals on the staff who serve in that capacity.

Another primary objective of the state paper is to solicit subscriptions from the churches throughout the state and to maintain a good public relations image with pastors and lay people in the Southern Baptist Convention. This often involves speaking in churches and at regional and associational gatherings.

Baptist And Reflector personnel attend various associational meetings, conferences, the Tennessee Baptist Convention, and the Southern Baptist Convention. Coverage is given to other related state wide meetings and Southern Baptist convention meetings.
—Eura Lannom

Baptist Leaders Rap Mrs. Ford's Views On Sex

NASHVILLE—Several Baptist leaders have joined in the increasing response to comments by First Lady Betty Ford on premarital sex in a nationally-televised program on CBS-TV.

Ben C. Fisher, executive director-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention's Education Commission here, and George E. Bagley of Birmingham, executive secretary of the Alabama Baptist State Convention, both sent communications to President Ford's wife expressing dismay over her comments. Earlier, in an interview with newspapers in Dallas, W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas, and former SBC president, also took sharp exception to Mrs. Ford's point of view.

Mrs. Ford told newsman Morley Safer in an interview on "60 Minutes" she would not be surprised if her daughter, Susan, 18, decided to have an affair and also suggested, in general, "premarital relations with the right partner might lower the divorce rate."

She also said she assumed all her children have tried marijuana, out of curiosity, and added she might have tried it herself had the drug been popular when she was young.

"Your position on premarital sex comes as a shock and a disappointment," Fisher said in a letter to Mrs. Ford. "At a time when many families are struggling against

the rising tide of permissiveness, your remarks come as a very hard blow.

"While we are still reeling from a backwash of Chappaquiddick and Watergate, I feel that your statement has done lasting damage to home and family," said Fisher, who also expressed his discouragement about "what is apparently your attitude toward use of marijuana."

In a telegram to Mrs. Ford, Bagley said, "Such an endorsement by one who holds such a prestigious position is appalling in the face of so much premarital sex across the nation and the high rate of divorce brought about by infidelity."

Bagley, former president of the association of Southern Baptist executive secretaries, said many parents faced with this problem with their own children will undoubtedly find their opposition to this sort of thing attacked.

He said he wanted to encourage "all people of every denomination and faith to contact Mrs. Ford and protest this endorsement."

Gilbert Guffin, also of Birmingham, chairman of the Christian life and public affairs commission of the Alabama convention, added: "Mrs. Ford's remarks reflect a distressing and deplorable sense of moral principle that conflicts gravely with the

Angola Missionaries Safe; Planning Relief Efforts

WINDHOEK, South West Africa—Southern Baptist missionaries who evacuated war-torn Angola arrived safely here August 12 and will take a few days of leave before continuing the journey to Johannesburg, South Africa, where temporary mission headquarters will be established. They expect to arrive in Johannesburg August 19 or 20.

As the missionaries left Angola, fighting had broken out throughout the country.

Marion G. Fray, field representative for Southern Africa, is locating temporary housing for the four couples and three two-year-term missionary journeymen in Johannesburg. Two of the journeymen will join the Angola missionaries as soon as travel arrangements are complete.

Harrison H. Pike, missionary, will go to Nairobi, Kenya, as soon as possible to investigate the possibility of an airplane to continue relief efforts.

After settling the women and children in Johannesburg, missionaries Pike, Curtis L. Dixon and Albert C. Sutton Jr. plan to return to Luanda, Angola, for relief work. The James V. Hollands will remain in Johannesburg to complete language study.

Evacuated summer missionary Bo Jackson, a student at Southwest Texas State University, arrived safely in the states on August 15.

The journey through Angola to the border took missionaries two days with numerous military checkpoints stopping them along the way. They gave out gospels of John to the soldiers as they traveled. (BP)

teachings of Christians, Jews and many other religious groups."

Fisher noted: "As an individual, of course, you have every right to your views on any subject, but as First Lady of our land, all public remarks carry great weight and influence." (BP)

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CHURCH TRAINING

The state Church Training Department director is directly responsible to the executive secretary-treasurer for the work of the department. He must formulate annually a comprehensive program plan covering the work of the Church Training Department in the state and the associations. Each state missions department has a definite purpose. The purpose of the Church Training Department is to train church members. The Church Training program has two specific tasks related to the training of church members. One is in the area of content and the other in the area of skills. The content areas are basic in Christian education: Christian theology, Christian ethics, Christian history, church polity and organization. The area of skills trains church members to worship, witness, educate, minister and apply.

In an effort to accomplish the purposes of the department, the department must plan with all the state missions departments in scheduling meetings throughout the state. The Church Training Department promotes state and associational planning meetings, leadership conferences for various age groups. The Church Training Department encompasses studies of the Bible, church and home life, denominational doctrine and

missions as it provides a place for each church member.

Study courses and an emphasis on daily Bible reading and prayer are also oriented through Church Training.

Through the Tennessee Baptist convention, a force of seven workers organize, publicize, and lead Church Training work throughout the state. These workers assist churches and associations in establishing, enlarging, conducting, and improving the training programs in Tennessee. The department sponsors Youth Week, Doctrinal Emphasis Week, workshops, associational "M" Nights, career conferences along with the summer assemblies at Camp Linden and Camp Carson.

The department also sponsors associational, regional, and state Bible drills and speakers' tournaments.

Charles Norton has served Tennessee Baptists as department director since 1941. Other workers include Johnnie Hall, director of adult work; Mary Anderson, director of library services and special projects; Mary Allen, director of youth work; Mrs. Edward Kennedy, director of children's work; Elaine Matthews, office secretary; and Mrs. T. H. Darden Jr., assistant office secretary.—Charles Norton

Baptists Help Bengali Refugees Help Selves

DUTTA PARA, Bangladesh—A newly built campsite houses more than 25,000 Bengali refugees here who were moved out of Dacca because the city was reportedly overcrowded and could not support all of its people.

The residents of Dutta Para are among the poorest in the world, says Southern Baptist missionary James F. McKinley Jr., and the least amount of rain brings tragedy.

The refugees' poor condition and the threat of floodwaters prompted a 21-day "food for work" project, funded by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Some 2,229 baskets of earth were carried to raise the foundation area of the little huts at the site, so rains bringing floods would not wash them away.

The baskets of earth were carried by refugee men and women participating in the "food for work" project. The workers were paid half of their salary in wheat and half in cash so they could purchase a few necessities.

"We watched after a little shower as women dipped water by the pan full out of the huts," McKinley said. "When it rains, they huddle together as if a terrible storm were blowing. To them every little rain is a terrible storm."

The graveyard is always a center of activity. Death strikes often. Many of the graves are shallow. At night, the jackals steal the decaying bodies from the more shallow ones.

"Faces are hard, life is hard," McKinley said. "Not many care. Perhaps most of the time it seems no one cares."

"Life was better for those 21 days," McKinley said of the Dutta Para project. "There was food to eat—bread from the wheat. There was some money to buy fuel and cooking oil."

The Bengali Christian young men who helped McKinley in the project had their devotional meeting in this camp where every family but two is Muslim. As they sang, prayed and read from the Bible, many gathered to try to understand these men. (BP)

the building, and service contracts on all machinery; overseeing the operation of the copy room, providing switchboard operation; scheduling use of the Tennessee Baptist Convention building for various groups and committees; maintaining a snack and drink machine in the snack room, catering meals for different committees and departments, delivering in-building mail, and maintaining the Tennessee Baptist Convention grounds. Another maintenance responsibility is caring for two historical shrines: the Sinking Creek Baptist Church, near Johnson City, (the oldest Baptist church in the state) and the grave of Tidance Lane near Morristown, a pioneer Baptist minister.—James McDonald

BUSINESS

The Business Office, through the business manager, in its many functions has the responsibility of purchasing and managing all phases of Baptist work in Tennessee, from the payment of electric bills for Board buildings, to the purchase of dirt for camp site fill-in areas. The Business Office functions as the most economical method of supporting our Baptist work. It makes all purchases for the State Mission Departments and the Baptist State Board, manages the buildings to the best possible use for those departments, and purchases the supplies and equipment at the best possible price. In this way, the departments are able to provide peak performance for our Lord in their ministry to the churches in Tennessee.

The most unusual purchases are the inanimate ones such as maintenance service on machines to rights-of-way across land. The largest contract negotiation was for the moving of half a mountain at Camp Carson to provide a playground for the children. The smallest was a grain of chlorine that made the swimming pool meet the test of the Tennessee Health Department. The transaction most necessary was the drilling

of a hole in the ground at one camp to reach the water for drinking.

The Business Office is also responsible for our two Baptist State Camps at Newport and Linden. All purchases, services and personnel are directed by the business manager. Major construction of buildings, water and sewer systems are some of the more complicated purchases. Food and services are provided for some 8000 people each summer. Adequate insurance and maintenance programs must be provided to have the camps operate effectively.

The State Board has some business rental property in downtown Nashville that has to be decorated, serviced, and rented to the very best advantage so that no burden will be upon the State Mission program of Tennessee Baptists.

The responsibility of keeping in force adequate insurance on all Executive Board property, workmen's compensation and surety bonds on employees has been assigned to the business manager. Insurance coverage is also carried on student center buildings, camps, and vehicles.

The Business Office is also responsible for keeping an inventory on all equipment in

STEWARDSHIP

A department director is charged with the responsibility of accomplishing the objectives for which that department was authorized by the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

In the Program Statements as approved by our convention in annual session in 1972, the purpose of the Stewardship Department is, "to assist the churches in the development of their members as good stewards of their possessions and to lead the churches in the giving of adequate funds for the support of the Cooperative Program."

It is readily recognized that this purpose is not easy to attain, but it is a joy to work toward it. All church members will never be good stewards, but many people develop in their stewardship when they are made aware of what the Bible says about the use of possessions. The time is a long way off when churches will give enough through the Cooperative Program to meet world missions, but when they understand what is being done through the Cooperative Program increased support always follows.

Encouraging improvement is in progress, both in stewardship development and increased support through the Cooperative Program. Techniques and methods consistent with the highest ideals of Biblical stewardship are made available to associations, pastors and churches from which much help can be received with the proper use of them.

The Stewardship Department provides leaders for associational stewardship con-

ferences on request at a time suitable to the association. More churches can be reached in less time and expense through conferences than any others means. This means is becoming popular and effective. In associations where the suggested guidelines are followed in preparation for the conference success has been astounding.

Mail-outs are used for information and promotion. Cooperative Program and Stewardship News is a monthly newsletter sent to associational and church leaders. Packets are mailed to pastors containing resource materials on the Cooperative Program for use on Cooperative Program Day and Cooperative Program Month. Attractive and readable tracts, in a reasonable number, are provided free on requests. Up-to-date films and filmstrips produced by the Stewardship Commission, Southern Baptist Convention, and a few from other sources, are available on a free-loan basis.

My personal services are available to pastors and churches, just as much as time permits, in budget development, promotion, and control; speaking on stewardship, missions support, and Cooperative Program. There is an increase in requests for stewardship revivals in which the department director engages.

In all that is done effort is made to present clearly the Biblical truths on Christian stewardship for the glory of God and the good of man.—William C. Summar

PUBLIC RELATIONS

The activities of the Public Relations coordinator are a combination of hard work and fun. The work involves researching the spectrum of the Tennessee Baptist Convention's program. The fun involves helping other people in the Lord's work.

The Public Relations coordinator is responsible to the executive secretary-treasurer for a service and support program directed toward helping the convention's executive board, administrative office, administrative units, departments, auxiliary, agencies, the four children's homes, the four schools, the three hospitals and the Tennessee Baptist Service Corp. The program of Public Relations also is a service and support for the 69 associations, pastors and the 2746 churches of the state convention. The secular communities are informed about the work of all areas of Tennessee Baptist life through public relations activities.

When any area of work within the convention desires help in doing a better job

and getting deserved recognition for good performance, the Public Relations office uses recognized public relations tools to help meet particular needs at a given time related to a specific area of work.

In the area of writing, public relations includes pamphlets, brochures, and booklets on the ministries of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, especially those ministries originating within the Executive Board Building located in Brentwood. "Tennessee Newsline," a weekly radio program, is written and released over many of the state's radio stations. News releases, stories, and feature articles on people, meetings, events, and newsworthy happenings are channeled through 170 newspapers, 155 radio and 21 television stations in the state.

In the area of production, the Public Relations office publishes the TBC Directory annually. Also, **Quotes and Facts**, supplementary material for pastors, education directors, missionaries, Baptist Student Union

Emeritus Missionary Comes 'Home' To Visit In Nigeria

ABEOKUTA, Nigeria—I. N. Patterson came home. Not to his birthplace or to his retirement home, but to his real home in Nigeria where he spent 41 years as a Southern Baptist missionary.

I. N. and Sara Lou Patterson came to Nigeria in 1925, after appointment in 1924. They left Nigeria in 1965. Their return this year marked the 10th anniversary of their last departure and the 50th anniversary of their first arrival.

Hailed by Nigerian newspapers as a prominent church leader and educator, Patterson and his wife were greeted with elaborate receptions, according to press reports. At the airport he was called a devout and dedicated teacher and moralist.

The airport reception included a reunion with many of his former students from the 19 years he spent as principal of Baptist boys' high school here. Patterson's former students included businessmen, lawyers, church leaders and educators.

In a speech at the 62nd annual session of the Nigerian Baptist Convention, the missionary urged Nigeria not to exclude religion from educational policy. Patterson also expressed his gratitude to God for sparing his life to come to Nigeria after 10 years to find his former students contributing to the economic growth of their country. The Nigerian Baptist Convention financed the Pattersons' trip.

Patterson held the top Baptist administrative positions in the country for most of the second half of his missionary career, serving simultaneously as general secretary of the Nigerian Baptist Convention and secretary-treasurer of the Nigerian Baptist Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries).

Mrs. Patterson taught English and religious education at the boys' school. She is a native of South Carolina; he is from Alabama. (BP)

directors and music directors; and a house organ, the "TBC Communicator," are published regularly.

In the area of promotion, the Public Relations office coordinated the production of and handles the distribution for the film, "Tennessee Baptists Committed to the Future." It also promotes public relations through workshops, communications seminars and other special training sessions.

Often the Public Relations coordinator represents the state convention in World Mission Conferences and through other speaking engagements.—Evelyn Strickland

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WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Tennessee Baptist Convention, is an organization devoted to the support of world missions though the teaching of missions in local churches, support of missions through praying, giving and going and the promotion of mission action in the local communities. The membership of Tennessee Woman's Missionary Union is comprised of members of the sponsoring organizations in local churches across the state. Representing these organizations on the state level are the associational WMU Directors elected by the associational WMU to membership on the state WMU Executive Board.

To the state WMU Executive Board is given the responsibility of determining and/or approving program plans and policies to be carried out by a state professional staff. Standing committees of the Board are the policy-finance committee, Golden State Missions Season of Prayer, personnel and scholarship.

The WMU Executive Secretary-Treasurer is responsible for providing general administrative guidance to Tennessee WMU's total operation. Assisting her are a promotional director (who also serves as BYW director), a Baptist Women's director, an Acteens director, a GA and Mission Friends

director in addition to three secretaries and a field worker.

The staff works mainly with associational leadership in helping equip them to assist the local organizational leadership . . . this done through associational workshops, correspondence, newsletters, and by working with them in their associations, leading conferences and advising them regarding associational meetings activities and plans for growth. GA and Acteens camps occupy eight weeks of the summer months and reach approximately 2200 campers each year with a program of missions and Bible Study.

Under the direction of the Executive Secretary-Treasurer programs and promotional materials are prepared for the State Missions Season of Prayer as well as promotion given to the Weeks of Prayer for Home Missions and Foreign Missions. Other printed material such as the quarterly bulletin for local leadership, age-level bulletins for associational age-level leadership, the Tennessee WMU Guide Book for local and associational leaders are produced by the state WMU staff.

The professional staff is available for personal consultation as it seeks to strengthen the work of Woman's Missionary Union in the local churches.—Mary Jane Nethery

CHURCH MUSIC

The ministry of music in the local church is a ministry involved in several areas of emphasis.

So is the work of the Department of Church Music of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. Its variety of programs is designed to meet the needs of every church in the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

On the associational level, it assists in organizing programs, training leaders, directing schools of music and planning special music events. One of the annual events is a series of choir festivals held each spring throughout the state. This church choir festival, a musical program for churches of all sizes allows competent judges to hear choirs, ensembles, soloists and instrumentalists. Judges also suggest methods of improvement. The purpose of the festival is to promote a growing appreciation of worthy church music and provide opportunity for active participation. As a part of the festival program, there is a solo competition for high school juniors and seniors providing voice scholarships to the Tennessee Baptist colleges.

Music specialists are employed during the

summer months for use in schools of music and camps sponsored by the Music Department. These specialists help reach into almost 50 churches a year.

Youth music camps held each summer at Camp Carson are weeks of intensive music training on every level of development designed to meet the needs of junior and senior high school age youth who are seriously interested in church music.

The department assists other state board departments with music for their meetings and coordinates the music for the annual sessions of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

The Tennessee Baptist Chorale, made up of ministers of music in the state, sings annually for the Evangelistic Conference and the Tennessee Baptist Convention and makes several public appearances each year.

The Church Music Department is also responsible for the development of church drama and church recreation projects in the state. Conferences and individual church workshops have allowed this program to become an integral part of the departmental work.—Frank Charton

Sunday School Leadership Conferences Scheduled

Sunday School Leadership Briefings begin this week in Tennessee and continue through Sept. 12, according to Wendell Price, state Sunday School director.

Conferences are designed to meet some of the needs of church Sunday School leaders and will use the theme "Free to Learn." 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.

General officers will be led by Price, and the senior adult study will be led by Paul Williams. Mrs. Wendell Price will lead in young adult work. Older and younger youth will be directed by Mrs. Michael Prowse and Lynn Brasfield, respectively.

Bible Learners, Bible Discoverers, and Bible Searchers will be taught by Mrs. Charles Buckner, Mrs. John Hammatt, and Mrs. Eldon Boone Jr. Mrs. Jesse Meek, Ken Jones, and Ray Evette will lead in the teaching of Guides A, B, and C, along with Mrs. J. E. Morrow Jr.

The dates and places of the meetings include: Aug. 28, Highland Heights Church, Memphis; Sept. 2, Martin First Church; Sept. 4, Fayetteville First Church; Sept. 5, Goodlettsville First Church; Sept. 8, Cookeville First Church; Sept. 9, Concord First Church; Sept. 11, Johnson City Central Church; and Sept. 12, Chattanooga First Church.

All sessions will begin at 7 p.m. and dismiss at 9:30 p.m.

Garrett Church Organizes, Calls New Pastor

The Garrett Church, Alpha Association, was constituted recently. The church had 17 charter members and called John T. Brown as pastor.

Brown, a former deacon at Hohenwald First Church, served as lay-pastor of the mission for several years. The constitution adopted by the church provides for them being affiliated with the Alpha Baptist Association.

Brown was licensed to preach by the new church.

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PROTECTION PLANS

The Protection Plans Department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention enlists participation in and services the programs of the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention among Tennessee Baptist churches, associations, employees of the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, and agencies and institutions of the Tennessee Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention (located in Tennessee).

Duties to churches include marketing the programs of the Annuity Board, responding to requests for information and assistance, processing applications for annuity benefits, delivering life insurance checks, distributing and interpreting annual member statements.

Protection Plans administers life, medical and disability insurance plans for superintendents of missions and encourages associations to contribute an amount equal to 10% of salary to a "missionary's" annuity.

The department enrolls TBC employees in annuity and insurance programs, assists them with claims, distributes and explains annual member statements, handles monthly billings from the Annuity Board and administers Workman's Compensation.

When requested Protection Plans assists state and southwide agencies and institutions with their insurance and annuity programs.

—Vern Powers

BROTHERHOOD

The director of the Brotherhood Department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention is responsible for the following:

Promotion, training, and conducting of lay witness weeks, lay witness weekends, lay renewals, and lay-led revivals. This is done in cooperation with the Department of Evangelism. This is continuous, year around, and includes 100 or more schools each year.

Conduct organizational training in the areas of Royal Ambassadors and Baptist Men's work. This includes 8 or 12 regional and associational schools each year.

Promote and conduct four Royal Ambassador summer camps and two Baptist

Men's retreats at Camps Carson and Linden each year.

Promote and conduct the state-wide Royal Ambassador Congress each year.

Conduct two planning meetings a year (September and February) for state officers. This is held in Brentwood.

Assist the Department of Evangelism in the promotion of Layman's Night at the Evangelistic Conference in January of each year.

In cooperation with the WMU, promote Weeks of Prayer for Home, Foreign, and State Missions.—Roy J. Gilleland

SBC Directory Updated For More Accurate Listing

NASHVILLE—The "Directory of Southern Baptist Churches," a comprehensive list of churches in the Southern Baptist Convention, has been revised to provide a more accurate listing of Southern Baptist churches in the United States.

The Southern Baptist directory, the only publication of its kind, functions as a help to churches in communicating with sister churches, facilitating church letter transfers and providing geographical information to families moving to new areas.

The directory is valuable to churches participating in several new Southern Baptist projects of finding and enlisting church members and prospects. These include "Hello Baptists," "People Search," "Reach Out '75" and "The Covenant Fellowship Emphases."

The Southern Baptist directory is also useful to state and associational officers in work with area churches.

The 1975 update of the "Directory of Southern Baptist Churches" is available from the Materials Services Department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee 37234. It is also listed on the undated materials order form.

L. R. Riley, Retired Baptist Pastor, Dies

L. R. Riley, 97, retired Baptist pastor, died in Jackson, Miss., Aug. 11, after an illness of several months. He was the father of Mrs. Joe Odle, wife of the editor of *The Baptist Record*, Mississippi state Baptist paper.

Riley spent almost 50 years in pastorates in West Tennessee and West Kentucky before his retirement more than 20 years ago.

A native of Kentucky, he attended Union University in Tennessee. Pastorates in Tennessee included Trezevant (1917-1924), Greenfield and Oakdale near Milan, and Cottage Grove.

He was used widely as an evangelist and Bible teacher and authored the book, *Baptists And Their Doctrines*. During his later years he taught a special study course on Baptist history and doctrine more than 60 times. He was active in denominational life, served as moderator of several associations, and was on the state mission boards of both Tennessee and Kentucky. He had been in Jackson, Miss. since 1971.

Riley is survived by his widow, Cora Kendall Riley, Jackson; his daughter, Mrs. Joe Odle; a granddaughter, Mrs. Roland Maddox, Memphis; and two great grandchildren.

Memorial services were held at Jackson First Church; and burial was in Mayfield, Ky.

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Do We Serve God For Gain?

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

Basic Passage: Job 1-2

Focal Passages: Job 1:1-4, 8-11, 20-21; 2:4, 9-10

Do we ever serve God or others without any element of self-interest or self-seeking? This would be very rare, we must admit.

We can conceive of three types of people as to motivation in service. There are those who approach absolute unselfishness. There are those who have mixed motives and then there are those who are downright selfish.

We must remember that there is such a thing as legitimate, conscientious self-interest, which includes an over-all altruistic objective. There are a few people who would continue a number of acts of goodness, even if it never seemed to pay off as a result.

An ancient character by the name of Job is a most interesting illustration of a form of unselfish goodness.

Significant Background Of Job And Family Job 1:1-4

Job was a most successful man in many ways. He had a large family and a big fortune for the time. He had a vast number of both domestic and commercial stock or animals.

Job was a man who profoundly revered the Lord. He was not a lopsided man. He was well rounded in character and upright in his behavior. He was honored and respected far and wide. Many seemed to think his devout religion was due to his prosperity and vice versa.

Satan Dares God To Test Job's Religion Job 1:8-11

Satan accepts the popular conception of the connection between religion and selfish natures. God calls on Satan to consider His servant, Job. The Lord considers Job to be an outstanding example of a truly religious man with high motivation for his loyalty.

Satan points out that Job has every possible selfish reason for serving the Lord. He observes that God has blessed and honored him in every way. He has hedged him about on every side.

He challenges God, even dares Jehovah, to strip Job of all these favors and see what he would do. Satan even ventures to say that Job would curse God to His face.

Job's Immediate Reaction To Tragedy Job 1:20-21

Terrible calamities befall Job. The Lord permits the great test to be made as an example for the ages by which sufferers of all time may be encouraged.

Job fell to the ground and worshipped the

Lord, having rent his garments. He blessed the name of the Lord as having given and having taken away. His fortitude and fidelity are indeed moving to see.

On Matters of

Family Living

By Dr. B. David Edens,
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Unfamiliar Patterns Of Young Puzzle Teachers

Experienced elementary school teachers at all grade levels are saying that there is something disturbingly different about today's children, reports Bank Street College of Education professor Dorothy H. Cohen.

Children from every socio-economic background, those in excellent schools as well as poor and mediocre ones, are displaying an infantilization shown in brief attention spans and inability to work toward goals—an expectation of instant-everything that turns them into passive wait-ers rather than passionate doers.

"Evidence of non-involvement and the disinclination to exert effort are appearing in homes and classrooms where good choices and interesting activities are consistently offered to children," she notes in *Childhood Education*. "It is not the same as the passive resistance to traditional programs that were dull."

Something seems to be happening that eludes good teachers' efforts, she points out. "It is possible children are indeed taking on unfamiliar patterns."

What does this behavior mean? The education specialist believes it means that adults must consider seriously the probability that these changes reflect the influence modern technocracy is having on children.

Increasingly, adults are becoming aware that their own sense of personal worth and competency is diminishing in this era of push-button living, yet many "accept this as the price of comfort," she says. "But we ought to be upset when children shrug their shoulders at a task and say 'it's too

The Supreme Test Job 2:4, 9-10

Satan pushes the test to the most cruel extremes. Besides the loss of children and property, he demands the loss of Job's health. He maintained that a man would give up everything for his life. A terrible disease afflicts his body. His wife fails him in the supreme test and urges him to curse God and die. "It is not worth it, why not be done with it all," she argued. Job rebukes her as a foolish woman or at least talking like one. He observes that we should not be so willing to receive the good things from God and then rebel at the unpleasant things. He rejects a most powerful temptation and wins in the end.

much trouble.' . . . What is feeding back to children from the environment of the adult world is that the personal effort of any individual makes little difference."

It is ironic, she observes, that this is happening to children just at a time in educational history when educators everywhere are finally acknowledging that children's learning is based on action, exploration, trial-and-error and total involvement of body as well as mind. Children are now being freed to learn as children learn—yet are webbed in a curious passivity.

"It is almost as if technology's side-effects, which are destroying the very quality of life even when material comfort increases, are undermining healthy childhood growth as well."

Until World War 2, the experience of firsthand learning prevailed for children everywhere except at school, reminds Dr. Cohen. Since, youngsters have become more and more observers of life as pictured on television. They are being trained for a life-role as customers as they sit before their sets. From infancy on, then, children are in the grasp of the arm of technocracy that is television.

"In the drive to bring youngsters into the fold as consumers, the weaknesses of children have been used to trap them into new directions." Their inability to delay gratification, their total involvement with the present, their lack of judgment and need to conform have been manipulated to make them want what they see now . . . to make them value what others have over their own possessions, to make them believe that anything can be bought and that everything they will need will eventually be sold.

TV sponsors are getting rich from exploitation of children's weaknesses, she points out, "but the price seems to be the infantilization of the children, for whom the message not to grow up is loud and clear."

Are we creating children who are losing strength to function in human ways?, she asks. Or "will children turn into images of the real thing themselves . . . and is this what teachers are sensing?"

HISTORICALLY

FROM THE FILES

50 YEARS AGO

W. C. Creasman, Lenoir City, had just closed a revival meeting with T. N. Hale at Dresden, resulting in 26 additions, 22 by baptism and four by letter.

In a letter accompanying a renewal subscription to **Baptist And Reflector**, Frank M. Wells said, "I subscribed the first time for the state paper before my hair got dry from my being baptized." That was in 1879, and he was baptized by A. J. Fawcett. While he was changing clothes, Fawcett took his subscription for the paper.

20 YEARS AGO

Judy Wray, representing Fifth Avenue Church, Knoxville, and Tennessee was chosen for highest honors in the Southern Baptist Sword Drill at Ridgecrest. She had become interested in the Sword Drill when she was a junior.

Central Church, Fountain City, celebrated the 10th anniversary of Pastor Charles S. Bond.

10 YEARS AGO

Robert S. Erwin, Concord, and 45 other young people were commissioned as missionary journeymen. Erwin was to go to Tupa, Brazil.

William D. Hazelwood was the new pastor at East Brainerd Church in Chattanooga. He had attended Harrison-Chilhowee Academy and was a graduate of Carson-Newman College and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He was a native of Weakley County.

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—Martha Grove

Using The Summer For The Saviour

By W. Paul Hall

"The best Summer yet!" "I've received so many blessings this Summer." "This Summer in Tennessee has helped me find my life's work." "I was supposed to help meet needs of others this Summer, but I believe my needs were met first."

These are some of the statements in some of the reports from students who have served in Student Summer Missions in Tennessee. Our department gives overall direction to the students assigned to Tennessee through the Special Ministries Department of the Home Mission Board.

This year there have been more than thirty students involved in Summer Missions through our department. This includes Project Ten in Knox County; Vacation Bible schools in black churches in Hamilton, Shelby, and Nashville associations; the

Youth Development Center near Somerville; Woodcock Baptist Center, Nashville; Friendship Baptist Center, Briceville; Community Action Center in Oak Ridge; special project at Grave Hill in New River Valley of Clinton Association; Resort Missions at Paris Landing, Standing Stone, Cumberland Mountain, and Reelfoot Lake state parks; the Gatlinburg area; Fairfield Glade; and a special pilot project at Pigeon Forge.

Twenty-five people have made professions of faith as a result of the ministry of this program in the last three years. Other decisions have been made including a drug addict who said, "I've found the real thing."

These students serve a period of ten weeks and receive, at the most, a small honorarium of \$30 per week . . . some only get their expenses. The local association or church will provide their lodging, meals, and transportation.

They really become Christ's messengers showing people in the resort areas, mission centers, rural areas, penal institutions, and the inner-city community and church that we really care. One student said, "My heart was broken last week. I met a person who said that he didn't believe in God." Another said, "I was told not to visit a certain home with eleven children . . . they'll drive you away. I put off going for several days. Then I visited. The oldest daughter said, 'I'm glad you came. You care!'"

Laughs

"Nothing, sir, except I hope you hurry—I'm a teacher, and I have a class waiting," she answered.

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A look of joy came over the judge's face. "I've waited many, many years for this," he said. "I sentence you to sit down this minute and write 500 times, 'I promise not to drive through red lights.'"—Boy's Life

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Our People and Our Churches . . .

PEOPLE . . .

Gertrude Hale, director of missions, Watauga Association, suffered a heart attack recently and was placed in Carter County Memorial Hospital in Elizabethton. Her condition is satisfactory, following five days in a coronary care unit earlier this month.

Mrs. John (Minnie) Hooker, mother of **Douglas Hooker**, died Aug. 15. Funeral services were conducted Aug. 17 from Loudon First Church. **Milton Bodlien** and **O. C. Rainwater** officiated. **Hooker** is superintendent of the East Tennessee Baptist Children's Home at Chattanooga.

Orvind M. Dangeau was honored recently by members and friends of McKenzie First Church on the occasion of his 25th anniversary in the ministry. He has served the McKenzie Church since October 1963. Prior to that time he was pastor of Somerville First Church. His first pastorate was at Palestine (Ark.) First Church in 1950. **Dangeau** serves presently as chairman of the Administrative Committee of the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention and is a member of the Public Affairs and Christian Life Committee of the Executive Board. Additionally he is a trustee for Union University, a member of the Baptist Sunday School Board, and was a member of the re-organization subcommittee of the Executive Committee of the TBC.

Katherine Freeman Gordon, church hostess for seven years at Temple Church in Memphis, died last month. Funeral services were conducted in Memphis with **James Pardue**, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Holly Springs, Miss.

Mrs. Ersie Jarman Sanders, mother of **Robert A. Sanders**, pastor of Inskip Baptist Church, Knoxville, died Aug. 14. She was 88. **Mrs. Sanders** was the sister of **George S. Jarman**, retired Baptist pastor of Shelbyville. She was a member of Third Baptist Church, Murfreesboro.

Wayne Trentham Earns Fifth Service Aide Award

Wayne Trentham, Newport, recently completed five service aide awards in the areas of ministry, witness, and education. This award required 750 hours of work in the Royal Ambassador program.

Trentham, a member of Northport Church in Newport, has also earned the "Service Aide National Award" from the Southern Baptist Convention Brotherhood Commission.

The Royal Ambassador has earned \$1200 scholarship money to any one of the three Baptist colleges in Tennessee, should he desire to attend.

CHURCHES . . .

Johnson City First Church is now meeting in the new 350-seat sanctuary. The building is located on four and a half acres near the liberty bell complex in Johnson City. **Donald Foster** is pastor.

Members of Manchester First Church are sending their pastor, **Bob Covington**, to the inauguration of **Landrum P. Leavell II** as the seventh president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. The ceremonies will be held Sept. 6 in Leavell Chapel on the campus. **Covington** was a member of the committee which recommended **Leavell** for the presidency.

New Salem Church in Daisy will hold homecoming and "old fashion day" services on Sunday, Aug. 31. **J. Ted Painter** is pastor.

Tulip Grove Church, Old Hickory, received two checks totaling \$15,000 to be placed in the building fund. Plans are to begin construction of a facility this fall, according to pastor **John W. Kurtz**. Services are being held temporarily at Dupont Senior High School in Hermitage. **Kurtz** stated that the \$15,000 was given by interested friends.

LEADERSHIP

Bill Byrd resigned the Cedar Grove Church in Iron City, effective Sept. 7.

Edward Lopp resigned as pastor of Zion Church, Waynesboro, recently.

La Belle Haven Church, Memphis, called **John Burris** as minister of education. **Burris** was ordained this month at Oakdale First Church where **Chalmer Willborn** is pastor.

Everett Rafferty began as minister of education and youth at Rogersville First Church this month. He is a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and comes to Rogersville from a similar position at Grandview Church in El Paso, Tex. **James L. Austin** is pastor at Rogersville.

Alan D. Mattingly has been called by Cherokee Church, Shelby Association, as minister of education. He is a recent graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary where he was awarded the MRE degree, and Oklahoma State University.

Missionaries To Thailand Feel Sense Of Urgency

PATAAYA, Thailand—A "new sense of urgency" is felt among Southern Baptist missionaries in Thailand, according to **William N. McElrath**. Surrounded geographically by Laos and Vietnam (recently closed to Southern Baptist missionaries by Communism) and with unrest in Thailand itself, the missionaries met to plan action for the coming year.

McElrath, missionary from Bandung, Indonesia, who spent a month in Thailand on special assignment, saw "new strategy, new structure and new leadership" as the result of the meeting.

The new strategy centers on the planting of New Testament churches, with all mission resources directed toward that main objective.

The new structure, permanently accepted after a trial period of three years, simplifies mission organization by placing greater responsibility in the hands of the mission administrator and executive committee.

The new leader (mission administrator) is

Ronald C. Hill, who has served in nearly all phases of mission work during his 23 years in Thailand. He was appointed by **R. Keith Parks**, Southeast Asia area secretary, upon the recommendation of fellow missionaries.

McElrath and **James B. Slack**, missionary from M'lang, Philippines, presented a report following interviews with missionaries and national leaders. Their report climaxed a church growth survey.

In addition to making New Testament churches their primary objective, the missionaries voted to direct all other resources, such as institutional ministries, toward this central objective. They also voted to assign missionary personnel to an area on the basis of the response to the gospel there, instead of on the basis of population.

Expansion of work in Lao-speaking areas of Thailand was also discussed. The four missionary families formerly stationed in Laos, because of their previous experience and language study, were recognized as being uniquely equipped to lead this venture.