

# Baptist And Reflector

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## Brotherhood Officers Meet, Promote New Organizations

Wendell W. Crews, Athens, was elected president of the Tennessee Brotherhood for his third term as 101 men gathered in Brentwood Sept. 19-20 for the State Brotherhood officers' meeting.

Other officers elected included: Morris Frank, Smyrna, vice president; J. Fred Pinckard, Cleveland, vice president in charge of lay led revivals; Paul Pratt, Clinton, vice president in charge of lay renewals and lay witnessing; and John R. Myers, Jackson, secretary.

Plans discussed for 1975-76 included organizing and training 29 regional training teams for training of local teams, and the organization of a Baptist Men's group in at least 80 per cent of Tennessee's churches. A recent survey conducted by the Brotherhood Department revealed that 80 per cent of the Baptist pastors in Tennessee who completed the survey were interested in a Brotherhood.

Other officers elected at the meet included the following:

Regional Vice Presidents: James Willoughby, Dyersburg; Gerald A. Arnold, Humboldt; F. Leaburn Allen, Camden; Harold Clement, Brownsville; W. Luther

Carlisle, Memphis; Charles Ward, Henderson; Howard Broadbent, Woodlawn; Marshall Griffin, Lebanon; Malcolm Barrett, Nashville; Fred Rolater, Murfreesboro; Leonard M. Brannan, Chattanooga; St. George S. Jones, Rockwood; Dennis Bordwine, Etowah; William Hyatt, Cleveland; Hubert Smothers, Seymour; Roy V. Hopkins, Morristown; and E. W. Barnes, Jonesboro.

Regional Pastor Advisors elected were: George M. Horton, Union City; Marlon Stephens, Rutherford; Pat Landrum, Brighton; A. Sidney Waits, Memphis; Paul Williams, Jackson; Keith Wilson, Grand Junction; H. D. Knight, Big Rock; Virgil Allison, Clarksville; Doyse Thompon, Centerville; Jere H. Plunk, Carthage; Hiram A. LeMay, Nashville; W. F. Oakley, Murfreesboro; Edward R. Seanor, Chattanooga; T. D. Hooker, Lake City; Robert W. Campbell, Rockwood; Allen E. Bates, Etowah; Harold D. Smith, Cleveland; Wray Smith, Knoxville; Glenn Grubbs, Alcoa; E. C. Dearing, Morristown; James Kinser, Newport; and James E. Harris, Johnson City.

Regional Royal Ambassador Leaders to serve are: James A. Kinsey, Union City; Bobby Brittain, Humboldt; Leon Robertson, Dyer; Richard Lewelling, Jackson; Jerry Farris, Memphis; Harvey Wyatt, Jackson; Don Mauldin, Nashville; Ed Tarpley,

## Baptist And Reflector Receives New Budgets

Two Tennessee Baptist churches have placed the Baptist And Reflector in their budgets.

The associations, churches and pastors are:

Hamilton Association, **Signal Hill Church**, L. C. Smartt; Holston Association, **Snow Memorial Church**, Ron Pelfry.

Four additional Tennessee Baptist churches are receiving the **Baptist And Reflector** through the Trial Plan.

The associations, churches and pastors are:

Hardeman Association, **Walnut Grove Church**, Preston Latch; Duck River Association, **Center Grove Church**, Thomas L. Tackett; Salem Association, **Auburn Church**, Edward Wood; and Stone Association, **New Home Church**, Robert S. Markham.

Smyrna; Tom Seat, Smyrna; Max L. Thomas, Chattanooga; B. R. Scott, Kingston; Frank Hammons, Benton; Carroll Bales, Corryton; Buford Dunn, Knoxville; Bill Lane, Newport; and C. E. Deskins, Kingston.

Regional Lay Witness Leaders elected were: Bill Damron, Gibson; Dale Kelley, Huntingdon; Robert Barden, Brownsville; Ronald Young, Memphis; James W. Robertson, Nashville; Tom Brown, Murfreesboro; Bill Potter, Jamestown; Ray Hawkins, Hixson; E. L. Bates, Benton; Jack Cunningham, Knoxville; Ron Owen, Talbott; and Ron Sparks, Erwin.

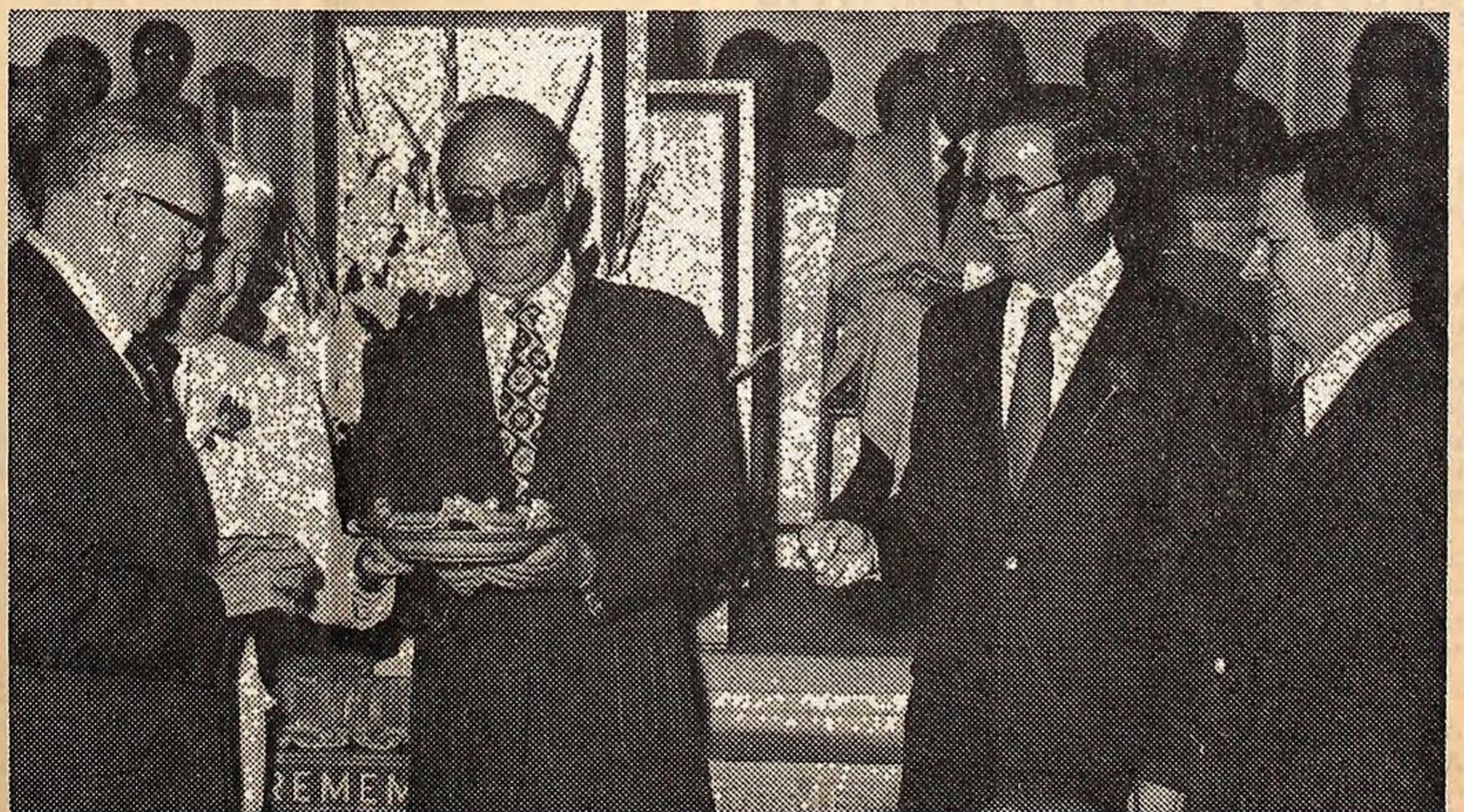
## Madison-Chester Baptists To Dedicate Facilities

Dedication ceremonies and open house will be held for the new Madison-Chester Association of Baptists Building in Jackson, Sunday, Oct. 5, according to Thomas L. Lewis, director of admissions.

David Q. Byrd, pastor, West Jackson Church, Jackson, will deliver the dedicatory message. Leslie Baumgartner, director of the Missions Department, TBC, will bring greetings from the convention. Others participating on the program will be Joe L. Patton, chairman of the building committee; Pat Kough, associational moderator; R. Trevis Otey, Jackson First Church pastor; and Lewis.

Associational personnel began occupying the new facility on July 1, 1974. The structure, built at a cost of approximately \$100,000, contains three offices, a conference room, workroom, library, assembly room, kitchen, and storage room. James L. Smith Construction Co., Jackson, was the general contractor; and Roy Gilleland Associates, Nashville, was the architect.

There are 51 Southern Baptist churches in Madison-Chester Association.



Note burning services at Springfield Church, Springfield, signified the payment of the church building debt. The note was paid off four years ahead of time and 11 years after the building program. Left to right are Jesse Foremen, Walter Bentley, Lloyd Keyt, John D. Adams, pastor, and J. E. Bryant. Keyt is chairman of deacons.



# Myth Versus Scripture

By Herschel H. Hobbs

*"We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts."—2 Peter 1:19.*

This is the latter illustration of the superiority of Peter's message over that of sophisticated myths. The verse is quite clear. But the word for "day star" means "the morning star." It is the star which follows the deep darkness, heralding the dawning of a new day. This, of course, refers to Jesus Christ whose coming into a darkened world heralded the dawning of a new day of hope in God's dealings with men. It was the fulfillment of the sure word of prophecy in the Old Testament, the "scriptures" in Peter's day. Of course, this morning star rises in a person's heart when by faith in Christ he is delivered out of the darkness of sin into a bright new day of living in Christ (see 2 Pet. 1:9).

Verse 20 should read that "no single prophecy of scripture comes of its own loosing." Neither prophecy nor prophets

are self-starters. Verse 21 should read "For not by the will of man came prophecy at any time, but men from God spoke by the Holy Spirit being borne." In this context "being borne" means to be under a moving instinct or power. The verb was used of cargo being transported on a ship. Here the moving power is the Holy Spirit. So the scriptures were not man-made but God-inspired. By whatever method of inspiration God used, the scriptures are God's word, not man's.

Thus Peter says that the message he had preached to his readers was not his or that of any other man, but it was God's word to them. It was not a sophisticated product of myth, legend, or fable. It was God's word which abides forever (1 Pet. 1:25).

When one preaches or teaches for God he should not merely spin his own web out of himself. It should be a "thus saith the Lord."



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## Devotional

# "The Lord Cares For His Children"

By Gladys McCloud

"In all thy ways acknowledge him and he will direct thy paths." (Prov. 3:6)

When our daughter was three months old, she became sick. We began numerous trips to the doctor and later to the hospital, with the finances becoming more burdensome each time.



McCloud

Since we had begun our marriage with the Lord as leader in all areas of our life, we never questioned the giving of our \$6.00 tithe, even when the week's medical expense was of-

ten larger than our \$60.00 salary.

During the baby's stay in a hospital some 40 miles from home, I visited a cousin for a short rest and a hot bath. Later I remarked to my husband how nice it would be to have three whole bars of soap in one bathroom!

Not once did we complain to our parents or friends about our financial circumstances. Therefore I was completely bewildered when a dear Christian sister placed five dollars in my hand one Sunday morning. We marveled at God's blessing!

On that Sunday night, both my husband and I were able to attend church not knowing that our brothers and sisters in Christ had planned an old-fashioned pounding for us! We had food enough to fill our pantry for at least a month—and yes, we even had three whole bars of soap!

I shall always be thankful to our brothers and sisters for showing us that God does provide for his own—materially, as well as spiritually. I shall always be grateful for his healing hand on our baby and the lesson he taught us in that experience about humility and sharing with one another. Many times since, we have had the blessing of sharing materially and spiritually with others in need.

*Note: Mrs. McCloud is the outreach leader for Roan Creek Sunday school, Mountain City, TN. Her address is Box 90, Mountain City, TN, 37683.*

## Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

Citing the increase in church and synagogue burglaries, an executive of the New York City Council of Churches declares that churches have now become subject to the same kind of thefts and vandalism as other establishments.

Looking at this situation in another way, it could be said that a great many people have been "robbing" churches for years, depriving their congregations of tithes and offerings, time, loyalty and support.

This might be described as "theft by taking" of that which really belongs to God and His Church.

The truth is, if pockets were emptied of all that belongs to the church, the interests of the Kingdom of God would go forward with a fervor that history has never seen.

But be that as it may, the necessity of keeping the church doors locked is a strange twist—inasmuch as it's so difficult to get some people inside the church in the first place.

## Newcomer's Reception

The Newcomer's Reception for new pastors, ministers of education, ministers of music and other church staff will be held on Tuesday evening, November 11, following the evening session at the Holiday Inn, just across the street from the First Baptist Church.



# THEN AND NOW 1925-1975

By Bob Compton

## When a Cooperative Program dollar leaves a church offering plate today it has many more places to go, much more to do!

In 1925, the Foreign Mission Board carried a heavy burden. Contributions to the Board had totaled \$1.5 million, but the Board had an accumulated debt of greater than \$1.8 million. Only 25 new missionaries were appointed, and those because they had financial support from sympathetic friends. Lack of funds prohibited the appointment of others.

In his report to the 1925 Convention, Solon B. Cousins of Virginia summed it up this way: "We must either give more to Foreign Missions, do less for Foreign Mission work, or continue to make debt. One thing is sure, we cannot continue as we are now going."

In 1975 the theme song for foreign missions is expansion. Last year 250 missionaries were appointed to bring the total force to 2,606. In 1925 missionaries served in 18 foreign fields. Now Southern Baptists have missionaries assigned to 83 different countries.

Fifty years ago foreign missionaries concentrated their efforts in general evangelism, education, and medical work. Today the program has expanded to include some 44 different categories of endeavor.

In 1925 the Home Mission Board also confronted problems. As T. Clagett Skinner from South Carolina told the Convention in Memphis, "The Board has been compelled, during the past three years, to make drastic retrenchments, both in the force of workers and in appropriations." In spite of this, the Board still owed \$1.1 million, and there was danger that the receipts which amounted to almost \$900,000 would not sufficiently meet the demands of the work.

The lack of funds did not dampen the enthusiasm of the 1,077 missionaries left to work the fields. The work in every area—cooperative missions; foreigners, Negroes, and Indians; mountain schools; and Cuba and Panama—showed outstanding progress. The missionaries accounted for 30,000 baptisms which was a ratio of 28 baptisms for each worker.

The work has continued to progress. Today there are 2,171 missionaries serving in 50 states and Puerto Rico. These workers were supported last year by \$6.9 million received from the Cooperative Program and \$8.1 million from the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

One of the brightest spots in the Southern Baptist endeavor of 1925 was in the area of education. One hundred and seventeen

schools boasted an enrollment of more than 38,000. Moreover, their endowment and property value had increased more than \$20 million in a six-year period. Because of this success, the Education Board, in its report to the Convention, claimed, "Nothing comparable to the progress made in our schools can be found in all our history of educational work."

There are now 45 fewer academies and 20 fewer junior colleges than in 1925. Only the number of senior colleges has increased—from 32 to 43. Though there has been a reduction in the number of schools, the enrollment has increased from 38,000 to over 104,000 and total financial assets, including endowments, exceed \$755 million.

In 1925 there were three seminaries and five Bible schools. Today there are six seminaries, four Bible schools and a strong seminary extension program. The enrollment in the seminaries alone has increased from 1,342 to 7,160. The endowment and property value has grown from \$4.9 million to \$77 million. Other programs have shown comparable increases.

Cooperative Program support for the Education Commission has increased from \$2,500 in 1925 to \$195,237 in 1975. Since 1925 Southern Baptist colleges have entered into the mainstream of higher education and are now fully accredited by regional accrediting agencies and are recognized for the quality of their academic programs.

The Relief and Annuity Board majored more in relief than annuity in 1925. Since this Board had not been established until 1918, there were many aged pastors who had not belonged to the annuity program or else had not been able to build up an adequate annuity before retirement. In order to provide larger annuities and help keep relief payments down, the Convention had to underwrite the annuity program by 80 percent of its benefits.

Even so, the Board paid \$127,021 in relief to 1,086 ministers, widows and dependent children. The average relief received was about \$117 per year. In recent years, the relief program has been de-emphasized and last year only 127 ministers and 282 widows received this aid.

The Board, now known as the Annuity Board, provides three retirement plans and various insurance programs for its participants. Whereas the programs at the outset were for pastors only, they are now designed to meet the needs of all church staff and denominational employees. As early as 1925, this concept was called the "Last Word" in ministerial relief.

During the past year, annuitants received \$15.4 million as compared to a mere \$10,103 in 1925. Both the Southern and state conventions help make this possible—through the use of Cooperative Program funds, of course.

Other benevolent concerns have also progressed since 1925. For example there were only three retirement facilities sponsored by Southern Baptists then. Today there are 25 homes with a capacity to care for almost 3,000 persons. The number of homes for children has increased from 19 to 42 and expenditures for child care have risen from \$1 million to \$4.1 million. There were 23 state Baptist hospitals, one Southern Baptist Hospital and one sanatorium in 1925. Baptists now have no Southern Baptist hospital, but there are 37 state Baptist hospitals in 33 states.

In 1925 there were 17 state Baptist papers. Today there are 33 such papers with a total circulation of 1,757,035. These papers have been aided by the Cooperative Program; the benefits they have given in return are immeasurable.

Since 1925 Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly has been joined by Glorieta and 68 state Baptist assemblies. The Laymen's Missionary movement has developed into the Brotherhood Commission. Work that was done in 1925 by the Committee on the Preservation of Baptist History is now accomplished by the Historical Commission.

New agencies such as the Radio and Television Commission, Christian Life Commission, Stewardship Commission, Southern Baptist Foundation, and Joint Committee on Public Affairs have been created to help strengthen the Southern Baptist journey in cooperation.

Although these developments are impressive, it may well be that the greatest improvements brought about by the Cooperative Program are more intangible.

No longer are churches badgered constantly for special offerings by the various agencies and institutions. No longer do the speakers from these organizations need to be competitive when they speak before churches or associations. Nor do the institutions suffer financially due to a lack of emotional luster. Because the various organizations know they will receive regular and continued support, they can and do undergird and strengthen one another. No longer does it cost as much to raise money as it did prior to 1925. With this cut in overhead, a higher percentage of the contributions are used in fields of service.

The 50 years Baptists have participated in the Cooperative Program have been years of spiritual and material progress.

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# Executive Board Approves New Department, New Position, Sets CP Goal Of \$8,450,000

The Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention held its budget meeting September 23 in Brentwood. George E. Capps Jr., Nashville, presided. The group heard reports from Executive Secretary-Treasurer Ralph Norton.

Major actions of the Board included voting to establish a Church-Ministers Information Department and director, approving the appointment of the position of Convention Ministries Division director, approving a proposed budget of \$8,450,000 Cooperative Program goal for 1975-76, giving East Tennessee Baptist Hospital permission to borrow up to \$1,000,000, and granting Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy approval to borrow up to \$70,000.

The money voted for East Tennessee Baptist Hospital is for the purchase of two tracts of land and development of land on the west side of the Henley Street bridge at a purchase price of \$580,000, the remainder to be used for the development of the land for parking, for renovations, and for immediately needed projects in the hospital.

HCBA's \$70,000 (\$50,000 is for the new sewer plant and \$20,000 is to upgrade academic facilities). The loan is to be repaid

from Capital Funds in the Cooperative Program budget.

The new proposed Cooperative Program goal is an increase of \$850,000 over last year's goal.

In other action the Board voted that gifts sent directly to the institutions from churches be reported by the institutions on a monthly basis to the treasurer of the TBC, listing the amount designated, the name of the church, and the association.

The Board recommended that the filling of the position of Church-Ministers Information director come from the Administrative Committee and the Executive Secretary-Treasurer. This department is to be located in the Central Administrative Departments on the organizational chart, and the director be responsible to the Executive Secretary-Treasurer and the Administrative Committee.

The position of Convention Ministries Division director was created with the election of the director to be by the Executive Board after recommendation from the Administrative Committee and the Executive Secretary-Treasurer. This director will be responsible to the Executive Secretary-Treasurer.

The Board also voted to hold its Pre-Convention Meeting Nov. 10, at 3 p.m. on the eighth floor of the Holiday Inn Downtown (Gateway) Chattanooga. The Organizational Meeting was scheduled for Nov. 12 at 4:30 p.m. on the ground floor of the Holiday Inn Downtown.



Following proceedings during the recent September meeting of the TBC Executive Board held in Brentwood were, (L/R): James Austin, pastor, First Church, Rogersville; Gayle Alexander, pastor, First Church, Alamo; and John Adams, pastor, Springfield Church, Springfield. In the background and between Alexander and Adams were John Churchman, (L), pastor, Manley Church, Morristown, and Carroll Chapman, pastor, Litz Manor Church, Kingsport.

## Malesovas To Assume SBC Financial Post

Billy D. Malesovas, assistant treasurer and controller for the Baptist General Convention of Texas, has been elected director of financial planning and assistant to the treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee. He will assume the new post Jan. 1, succeeding John H. Williams.



**Malesovas**

Williams retires after 17 years of service in the post and nearly 41 years in denominational work. Williams was the first to hold the Executive Com-

mittee post.

As director of financial planning and assistant to the treasurer, Malesovas will serve as the principal financial planning and budget assistant to Porter Routh, executive secretary-treasurer of the Executive Committee. He will provide staff liaison with committees, such as the Executive Committee's Finance Committee, and review and appraise the financial policies and practices of SBC agencies to the extent with which the Executive Committee is concerned with them.

## Floyd Thomas Carroll Dies, Pastor Over 50 Years

A Tennessee Baptist pastor for over 50 years, Floyd Thomas Carroll, died at the age of 86 at St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville, Sept. 15.

Funeral services were held Sept. 17 at the Associated Funeral Home in Springfield with Fred Johnson, Nashville, and Jack Goodwin, Inglewood, officiating.

A native of Robertson County, he attended New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Doing pioneer work in Indiana, he organized four Southern Baptist churches there and pastored several others. In Tennessee, he served as pastor of numerous churches, some of which included: Grace, Oakland, Bethlehem, Flewellyn, Bethel, and Cross Roads Mission, all in Robertson County Association; Spring Hill First Church, Berryville Church in Nashville Association, Auburntown First Church, Alexandria First Church, and Peytonville Mission. He was also active in associational work.

He is survived by his widow, Mattie Byrum Carroll, Lebanon; a daughter, Mary Margaret Manley, Maryville; two sons, Paul Thomas C. Carroll, Forest Park, Ga., and David B. Carroll, Lebanon; seven grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.

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## Piney Flats Pastor, William Duncan, Dies

William Duncan, 47, pastor of Piney Flats Church, Holston Association, died unexpectedly Sunday, Sept. 21, at a Bristol hospital.

Funeral services were held Sept. 24 at the Piney Flats Church with Ed Scarbrough and James Harris officiating. Burial was at Mt. Vista Cemetery in Johnson City.

He was treasurer of Holston Association at the time of his death, according to Harris, director of missions. He had also served as moderator. He was a graduate of Carson-Newman College and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Survivors include his widow: Ann Duncan, Piney Flats; a daughter, Martha Duncan, and a son, Billy Duncan, both of the home; and his mother, Mrs. Duncan, Powell. One of his brothers, Marshall Duncan, is a foreign missionary to Kenya, Africa.

## Messenger Cards Available

Registration cards for messengers to the annual session of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, Chattanooga, Nov. 11-13, are available in the office of Wallace E. Anderson, Recording Secretary, P.O. Box 347, Brentwood, Tennessee 37027, OR IN THE ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICE.



# Union University--A Liberal Arts College Moving Successfully Against The Mainstream

By Eugene Baker

Union University, a liberal arts college in Jackson, is taking giant steps in a program of renewal and growth.

In a time when many of the nation's private liberal arts institutions are struggling for survival, Union University is enjoying increases in student enrollment (over 1000 enrolled this year) and operating consistently on a balanced budget (eighth consecutive year with budget almost tripling during this time—\$3.1 million budget for 1975-76.)

In a day of economic uncertainty when the mainstream in higher education is focusing upon downward trends in personnel and programs and greater dependence upon governmental support, this church-sponsored institution has launched out and created a totally new educational thrust—intimate in design, contemporary in approach and futuristic in structure.

## New Venture Begins In Fall

After several years of planning, fund-raising and construction, Union University has embarked upon its new venture this fall.

Since 1825 the school has been cramped on a small site near the downtown area. Now the college has opened a totally new campus in a sparsely populated section of the city.

For its entire life Union has staunchly adhered to educational basics and has not shifted its emphases toward any tangential movements. The foundational premise in all that has been programmed is that the student and his mental and spiritual development are uppermost in everything.

"We want to develop productive liberal arts graduates," said Robert E. Craig, president since 1967. "We want to help young men and women set their sights above materialism and prepare them to make significant contributions to society as they understand and respond to God's purpose in their lives."

## Educational Village Approach

To effectively accent this philosophy Union has developed an "educational village" approach to higher education. Its new campus, situated on a 140-acre tract recently annexed by the city, is planned to serve as the catalyst for the development of a completely new community with a potential population from 5,000 to 10,000.

The development plans for the campus proper, as well as the surrounding 100 acres also owned by the school, call for a total

living environment where a person so choosing could reside in a community providing living quarters, shopping complex, recreational areas, a retirement village for senior citizens and a conference continuing education center.

All facets of this "educational village" will be integrated to complement the college's philosophy of an intimate Christian community for learning and living.

The comprehensive master plan for the community was created by Nashville-based architect Earl Swensson in conjunction with Union officials, educational planners from Westinghouse Learning Corporation, Educational Facilities Laboratories and other authorities in the field.

## Campus Has Planned Informality

In addition to designing a community with an educational thrust to integrate all facets of life toward complete development of the student, the college has created a campus which is designed so that the teaching/learning process will take place in planned informality.

Rejecting the traditional definition of the word "campus" usually visualized in scattered buildings, Union's campus features a 160,000 square foot "shopping Mall" complex with all academic facilities under a single multi-level roof.

A 20-24 foot wide corridor extends from a contemporary 1400-seat chapel at one end some 600 feet through the middle of the facilities. From this "spine" students participate in all segments of college life from physical activities and social gatherings to lectures and independent studies.

## Housing Features Individuality

Another facet of Union's new campus is the student housing which features private bedrooms for each resident. One hundred twenty-five apartment-like units are designed for approximately 550 persons. The cost of the student housing is approximately 60 percent of the national average for traditional dormitories. In 60 percent of these units four private bedrooms will open onto a common living room. Adjacent to the living room will be a kitchen and bathroom. The remaining 40 percent of the units will feature five bedrooms with bath and living room but without the kitchen.

The initial construction has three rows of apartments for women and two for men. Pedestrian "streets" between the rows lead

to two commons areas in the center of the complex. These commons buildings will contain formal and informal lounge areas with conversational groupings designed by furniture placement.

"This style or arrangement gives students more of a chance for personal identity," says Craig. "The immediate social group is reduced to four or five people rather than to a much larger group which would be living on a whole floor or wing of a dormitory. It should give the student more of a sense of belonging and help him to accept responsibility as the care, decoration and cleaning of the facilities will be left up to the individual."

## Flexibility For The Future

Foundational for Union's innovative approaches to education is the futuristic flexibility built into the entire program.

This flexibility exists in the physical structure which is designed for easy expansion or adjustments to specific needs and to the curriculum which is viewed as dynamic.

"We have made many changes in our curriculum and initiated several new programs recently in preparation for the future," says Craig.

Some of these innovations include a three-year Bachelor of Science degree (Union also offers the normal four-year Bachelor of Science degree as well as the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Music and Associate of Arts in Nursing degrees), overseas study tours, an honors program, independent studies, additional major and minor areas and interdisciplinary courses.

"Although colleges are generally departmentalized for teaching, life in society is not easily divided into an orderly arrangement such as this," explains the president. "Therefore, in order to help students cope with real life in society we are developing programs which interlace different disciplines and show the role of each in relationship to the whole of life. We want all areas of learning to interweave with one another just as all areas of life do."

In addition, Union is continually strengthening its technically oriented programs. New campus plans call for additional faculty members, the purchase of a computer and the blending of classroom studies with practical experience in local institutions. All of these are blended into the liberal arts philosophy which permeates the entire college's operation.

"Union University has served youth, church and community for 150 years. The move to our new educational environment is a time of renewed commitment to this tradition of service. It will also be a springboard to the future as we strive to meet the varied life needs of the students of the 21st century while providing them with the stability of a liberal arts core," states Craig.

"We're excited and anticipate the days ahead eagerly as our college is now on the Horizon of a New Era."



# Baptist Missionary Relates Tense Exodus From Angola

**LUANDA, Angola**—Letters recommending their immediate evacuation were waiting for the Southern Baptist missionaries when they returned from their morning errands.

The journey from the war-ridden Angolan nation to the safety of South West Africa was to take them 48 hours, through 42 checkpoints and across 1,000 miles.

Evacuating would be Mr. and Mrs. Harrison H. Pike, Mr. and Mrs. James V. Holland and their three-year-old son, Loren, journeyman Tress Miles and summer missionary Bo Jackson. Two other families assigned to Angola were in South Africa on leave.

"Since November of last year, companies had been evacuating their families from Luanda. We as a mission (organization of missionaries) first evacuated women and children from Luanda in May," Mrs. Pike said. "Now to leave Angola when there was so much to be done, with so many people depending on us, was a hard choice to make."

Plans were set in motion. They decided to leave after church Sunday morning. Early on Sunday morning camping equipment, mission records, food and water, diesel fuel, personal belongings, dog food and one of the two German Shepherd dogs belonging to the Pikes were packed into the lead truck of the convoy. Three vehicles would go to Nova Lisboa where the Hollands would join the Pikes, Jackson and Miss Miles.

## Hard To Say Goodbye

The service that morning was particularly meaningful. The Pikes said goodbye to their congregation, including their son's mother-in-law. Just days earlier some children stopped playing war to ask the missionaries for something to decorate the walls of their rooms at home. Mrs. Pike had promised them something. Sunday three of them, scrubbed and nicely dressed, showed up at services.

"It was difficult to tell them we were leaving Luanda—for a time. We gave them big posters from the reconciliation campaign and some Bible picture cards we had made; and we entrusted to their care some Gospels of John and tracts to share with their friends. We promised we would be back when we could, then we would make many other things to beautify their homes and their lives."

"It was a beautiful, sunshiny Sunday," Mrs. Pike said. "Many of those kilometers (on the way to Nova Lisboa) were through tall elephant grass, picturesque scenery which we love so well, free of people and signs of war; yet we never got out of the possibility of danger in all those 450 miles."

When they arrived at the Hollands' home

at 10:30 that night, they had seen hundreds of soldiers and been through 24 checkpoints. From the first checkpoint until the last, Pike would step from the truck, extend his hand, and identify himself by name and as a missionary. They handed out Gospels of John and tracts, always in friendly conversation, said Mrs. Pike.

"Each checkpoint held its own challenge. Each was different," she said. "We sensed our Sunday had been a real evangelistic opportunity. Carolyn, James and little Loren (the Hollands) were already in bed when we rang their doorbell."

"When the door opened and Carolyn saw Harrison, she hugged his neck and said, 'I knew you'd come!'" For four days Nova Lisboa had been the center of intense fighting but the Pikes had not known.

## Missionaries Found God Sufficient

"When we told them of our evacuation plans, James began telling us the terrible reports he had heard of people trying to get to the South West Africa border, of confiscations of cars, of looting, of raping and beatings. Yet we had the experience from Luanda to Nova Lisboa to give us faith to believe that our God would continue to be sufficient. Our only hope to evacuate would be to reach the border."

The missionaries packed and repacked. Cars had to be refueled. The German Shepherd would stay with mission property there. The missionaries slept only two hours.

The night before the missionaries had seen Loren's little American flag. They draped it from one of the sun visors. Each time they were asked at the checkpoints for their party card, Pike would point to the little American flag, explaining their country had requested they leave Angola until peace could be restored but that they were missionaries and would return.

They encountered fighting, difficult checkpoints and hunting fuel for the convoy. There was one series of three checkpoints said to be impossible to pass. With some difficulty and much discussion they were allowed through the first but told they would not possibly get past the second. There was little resistance at the second, but a warning that the third was impossible to pass. They continued, praying as they went. Simultaneously soldiers on both sides of the road at the third checkpoint waved them through.

"We had already lived through many miracles," Mrs. Pike said, "and had seen many on our exodus, but certainly this was the greatest to that point."

They decided to camp at an airport. As the convoy reached its destination, drivers turned off headlights and maneuvered the four vehicles (the Hollands' car had been

added) into a square so the men could sleep in the middle and the women in locked cars.

"Peace and calm surrounded us. Then Carolyn heard someone approaching and mentioned it to me. I, in turn, spoke to Harrison; but by then all of us could see silhouetted around us perhaps 25 soldiers with guns. Harrison immediately identified us and discovered Christians in the group," Mrs. Pike said.

A very tall member of the group assured them the soldiers did not look for an attack that night but felt the missionaries would be safer within the barbed wire fence of the airport and between the buildings. At 6 a.m. a mortar shot served as an alarm clock, and they quickly broke camp.

At last the final checkpoint was reached. The Angolan soldiers wanted to see what the missionaries had. Willingly they took out suitcases and one by one showed what had been brought. Loren handed out hard candies to the other children, and they all handed out tracts and gospels. Mrs. Pike taught the children the song "My Best Friend Is Jesus" and promised to return to teach them more songs and stories.

Jackson played his guitar, and everyone talked. One official even invited Harrison to come back through on Sept. 3 to attend his wife's birthday party.

The gate opened for them, and 48 hours, 1,000 miles and 42 checkpoints after leaving the Christians in front of the church in Luanda, the missionaries stood on South West African soil.

They joined hands and sang the Doxology. (BP)

## Laughs

When a mother remarried after 15 years of widowhood, all four of her grown children were delighted. After the ceremony, the youngest son expressed his feelings by passing out cigars and proclaiming: "It's a Dad!"

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A pastor received a call from a larger church, a better and more remunerative pastorate. He replied that he would prayerfully consider the matter and give his decision in a few days. A short time later the pastor's small son was asked if his father had decided to accept the offer.

"I don't know," he replied. "Papa is still praying, but mama has our things nearly all packed."

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"Now," she asked, "is there any man in the audience who would let his wife be slandered and say nothing? If so, stand up!"

A meek little man rose to his feet. The lecturer glared at him.

"Do you mean to say you would let your wife be slandered and say nothing?" she cried.

"Oh, I'm sorry," he apologized. "I thought you said slaughtered."



# Going Where God Leads

Genesis 11:26-12:20

Focal Passage Genesis 12:1-9

By Mike Awalt

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On the wall of my den is a poster which reads, as follows, "Faith is walking to the edge of all the light you have and taking one more step." This poster is a favorite of mine. It expresses an idea stressed by a nineteenth century Danish theologian, Soren Kierkegaard. He stated that the key to human life is found in the religious sphere of existence. The discovery of this clue to a meaningful life occurs not in a rational quest or the acceptance of a set of beliefs, but in a leap of faith. It is a response to the call of God, even though this call seems paradoxical. The prime example of this type of faith response for Kierkegaard, was Abraham. Abraham responded to the call of God, and walked to the edge of all the light he had, and kept on walking.

It was Kierkegaard's opinion that man was made in the image of God. He had an original essence but this essence was lost in the fall. According to Kierkegaard man is seeking to realize himself—to discover his true essence. For Kierkegaard this could happen only when man realized himself in response to God—in a leap of a faith. In a prior lesson we discussed the question "Who Am I?" The biblical response to that question, like Kierkegaard's, asserts that fallen man discovers again his personhood when he responds in faith to the call of God. He can only recover the key to his identity in relationship to the God who created him and endowed him with this identity. This is epitomized in the story of Abraham.

## Abraham's Call

Abraham was a native of Ur of Chaldees. His family, however, had moved to Haran. While at Haran and while his father Terah was still alive, Abraham received a call from God. It was a radical call in that it demanded of Abraham that he cut off all ties with his past. He was to leave his homeland, his clan, his relatives, and immediate family. Most of us can identify with a demand like this. We have left home and moved to a new area and experienced the trauma of leaving all that is familiar and comfortable to us. Abraham was called to follow this God who suddenly broke into his presence and to entrust himself to this God's guidance.

The call Abraham receives carried with it a promise. If Abraham responded to the call he was to receive a great blessing. He was to

become the father of a great nation and his name was to be great. The blessing is understood in terms of physical fruitfulness. This second verse is related to Gen. 11:1-9. In that passage men had tried to build a tower to heaven to secure for themselves greatness. They said "Let us make a name for ourselves." The stress is on their self-reliance and their attempts to become like God. Their attempt was thwarted, and the power that man had tried to possess by his own effort was then promised to him as a gift.

In the blessing bestowed upon Abraham, God stated that "I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing." The name that the builders of the tower had sought was promised to Abraham. The sacred impinges on the world and experience of a human being and promises a blessing and demands a response.

Though the call and the promise was given to an individual—Abraham—the author intends far more than this. In this idea of God's action with man, all of Hebrew history was grounded. The activities of Exodus, possession of the land, and establishment of the nation are all interpreted in light of the fact that God has interacted with man and has chosen this people as his

own. He has covenanted himself with them. The crucial events in the Old Testament is the Exodus. It is the focal point in the life, worship, and identity of Israel. However, the God who acted to liberate Israel already interacted with Israel in the call of Abraham and God's marvelous action in Exodus is seen as a fulfillment of his promise to Abraham. The nation of Israel understood itself in terms of the fact that God had entered into history—their history—and had chosen them. He had provided meaning, salvation, and judgment to their history.

## Abraham's Response

The call, however, is only part of the emphasis of the story. Abraham responds to the call and obeyed without any objection. Not knowing where the call would lead, Abraham accepted it and followed the God who had spoken to him. He became, for the time being, a homeless wanderer—a stranger in a strange land—responding in faith and believing in the promise that one day he would be at home in the land God was to provide for him.

Though Abraham became a wanderer, God revealed to him at Schechem that Canaan would be the land that his descendants would live in. It was the land of the promise. Abraham set up an altar here and at Bethel to mark God's revelation to him and to set a claim upon the land.

Abraham responded to the call of God and went where it led. He endured some trying times and encountered many difficulties. With frankness and candor the Old Testament writers portray his humanness and his failures. However they underscore his faith and the constancy of the God who calls him. Like the message on the poster, he "walked to the edge of all the light he had and took one more step." He became a model for all of us.

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# Our People and Our Churches . . .

## LEADERSHIP . . .

**Rellie Trentham** resigned as pastor of Jones Chapel, Sevier Association.

**Chester Latham** moved from Mountain View Church to Mount Zion Church. Both churches are in Sevier Association.

New Salem Church, Sevierville, called **William E. Barnes** as pastor.

**Julius Justus** resigned as pastor of Oldhams Creek Church, Sevierville. The church called **Eugene Smelcer** as pastor.

The new pastor at Shady Church, Sevier Association, is **Ronald Bailey**. He was ordained recently.

**Charles Parker** resigned the pastorate at Sugar Loaf, Seymour.

The new pastor at Walden's Creek Church, Sevierville, is **David White**. This is White's first pastorate.

**Ben Knight** resigned as pastor at Howard's View Church, Sevierville.

**Ray Carr** resigned as pastor at French Broad Valley to accept the call to Mountain View Church, both in Sevier Association.

**Ronnie Allen** is in his first pastorate at Covemont, Sevierville. He has been ordained by his home church, Shady Grove.

**Kenneth Williams** was called as pastor of Calvary Church, Sevier Association.

Friendship Church, Chilhowee Association, called **Ellis E. Hill** as pastor. He comes from Lenoir City.

**Bill Dixon** resigned as pastor of Mount Carmel Church, Maryville.

Wildwood Church, Maryville, called **James H. Stokes** as pastor. He has served as interim pastor there.

Old Piney Grove Church, Chilhowee Association, called **Ralph Grindstaff** as pastor.

Birchfield Church, Maryville, called **Charles R. Bowers** as pastor.

**Paul Conquest** was called as pastor of Henry Church, Henry.

Gordonsville First Church called **O. J. Wood** as pastor. He is a former pastor at Gordonsville, having served the church during the construction of the new building. Since leaving there he has served two churches in Nashville Association.

Corum Hill Church, Bledsoe Association, called **James Coley** as pastor. Coley resides in Gallatin.

## PEOPLE . . .

Unaka Church, Elizabethton, called **Farrell W. Brown**, Bluefield, W. Va., as pastor. While in Bluefield, he was pastor of Cumberland Heights Church.



**Brown**

A native of Johnson City, he has been active in Southern Baptist work in West Virginia, serving the convention as second vice-president and first vice-president, a member of the Executive Board, three years as chairman of the Convention's Budget and Finance Committee, two years on the personnel committee, and four years as a state approved special worker in the religious education division. He is trained in general Sunday School and Church Training work and specialized in the adult area of work. **Mrs. Brown** is also a West Virginia state approved special worker in adult and children's work. **Brown** is already on the new church field.

**Robert Sanders** was elected and ordained as a deacon by Sevierville First Church. **Grant Jones** is pastor.

**Beecher M. Pollard**, business man, civic leader, and active member of Sparta First Church for 40 years, died recently. Services were held at Hunter Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor **Elmer Crosby** and **Oscar T. Nelson** of Madison officiating. Burial was in Highland Cemetery, Sparta. Survivors include his widow, **Laura Luna Pollard**, Sparta; a daughter, **Della Pollard**. A son, **Dallas Pollard**, former music director of Sparta First Church, died in 1965.

**Douglas Bush** was ordained as a deacon by Cookeville First Church. **Ernest E. Mosley** is serving the church as interim pastor.

**Wayne Crim** was ordained as a deacon at Belmont Heights Church, Nashville. Pastor **Bob Norman** delivered the message.

**Mr. and Mrs. George R. Hutson**, members of Temple Church, Memphis, were honored at a reception on the occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary. **James Pardue** is their pastor.

**Gerry Peak**, Chattanooga native, was employed as an assistant editor in the Sunday School Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board. He holds the bachelor of arts degree in English from Baylor University and the master of arts in English from Indiana University, Bloomington.

Friendship Church, Beech Bluff, ordained **Bill Latham**, **Donald Rowlett**, **Kenneth**

**Pusser**, **John D. Sells**, **Owen McKinney**, and **Charles Haggard** as deacons.

**Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Wade**, members of Leawood Church, Memphis, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary recently. **Jerry L. Glisson** is their pastor.

Chapel Hill Church, Shiloh Association, licensed **John Anderson** and **Ray Bailey** to the gospel ministry.

Central Church, Chattanooga, held ordination services for **Rodney Bass**, **Pete Dearing**, **David Gibbs**, **Lamar Lea**, **Terry Parks**, **Don Stinnett**, **Parnick Stone**, **Bruce Willhoit**, and **Bill Young**. Pastor **Bill Hartley** brought the ordination sermon, and **M. O. Johnson**, vice chairman of the deacons, led in the questioning of the candidates and the motion to ordain. Mayor **Pat Rose** led in the ordination prayer.

Powell First Church ordained **Lawrence E. Lewis** to the gospel ministry. **Lewis** is minister of music and youth at the church. Three area pastors participating in the services were **Robert Burns**, **Ted Huckaby**, and **Joe Mincey**.

**Mrs. Pearl Richards Buckner**, wife of **Reverend Floyd Buckner**, died recently. **Buckner** is pastor of Westel First Church, Cumberland Plateau Association. Funeral services were conducted by **M. K. Cobble** at Knoxville. In addition to her husband, she is survived by daughters **Peggy Howard** and **Patricia Arnold**, and four grandchildren. **Buckner** has served as pastor also at New Tazewell, Grace Church, Morristown, and in Anderson and Knox Counties.

Former Tennessee pastor **Tom Wells** is returning to this state to retire following an eight-year ministry at Andrews, N.C. He will reside in Nashville. While living in Tennessee he was pastor of Everett Hill Church, Maryville; Park Avenue Church, Nashville; Mt. Lebanon Church, Maryville; and New Hopewell, Knoxville. He is a native of Tennessee and a graduate of Carson-Newman College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He plans to do interim and supply work.

**Jerry Lachina** was named a new editor of youth materials in the Sunday School Department, Baptist Sunday School Board. A native of Tennessee, he comes to the position from First Church, Ardmore, Okla., where he has been serving as minister of youth. He has also served as a missionary journeyman for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board and was minister to the deaf at Mt. Carmel Church, Gadsden, Ala. He is a graduate of Samford University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.



Missionary News

Mr. and Mrs. Edward G. Berry, missionaries to Brazil, may be addressed at Caixa 352-ZC-00, 20000 Rio de Janeiro, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The son of Baptist missionaries, he was born in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; she is the former Lois Roberts of Maryville, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. Merrell P. Callaway, missionary associates to Morocco, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 906 Blackhawk Drive, Park Forest South, Ill. 60466). He was born in Dublin, Ga., and also lived in Tennessee and Florida while growing up.

Mr. and Mrs. Graydon B. Hardister, missionaries to Jordan, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: Box 14, Bauxite, Ark. 72011). Both are natives of Arkansas. He was born near Reydell and also lived in Pine Bluff. She is the former Betty Williams of Bauxite. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1965 while he was pastor of Westmont Baptist Church, Memphis.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Lusk, mission-

aries recently transferred from Hong Kong, have arrived for their first term of service in the Philippines (address: Box 7, Baguio, Philippines). The former Ida Bennett of Tennessee, she was born near Humboldt and lived in Jackson, Kenton, Stanton and Parsons while growing up. Before they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1961, he was pastor of Zion Baptist Church, near Brownsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin E. Fitts, missionaries to Peru, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Apartado 572, Trujillo, Peru). He is a native of Pontotoc County, Miss. She is the former Jean Carlisle of Lucy. Before they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1959, he was pastor's assistant and educational worker at Temple Baptist Church, Memphis.

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- 59 Owns  
60 Powdered: Her.
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- 1 Lawyer in London:  
abbr.  
2 Saul spared him  
(1 Sam. 15:9)  
3 Chilean tree  
4 Citrus fruit  
5 "And they sung a  
— —" (Rev. 5)  
6 Butter substitute  
7 66 books  
8 Jesus ministered  
here (Luke 17:11)  
9 Shammah's father  
(2 Sam. 23:11)  
10 Shakespearean king  
11 Hallucinatory drug:  
abbr.  
19 Letter  
20 — drop  
23 Church seat  
24 Huron gulf port  
25 50: abbr.  
27 Word before bones  
or buck  
29 "the serpent beguiled  
—" (2 Cor. 11)  
30 Uproar  
31 Sealed: abbr.  
33 "— — a child"  
(Prov. 22)  
35 Time of tribulation  
(Rev. 2:10; 2 words)  
38 Time periods: abbr.  
40 Juan's aunt  
43 Rebellion leader  
(Num. 16:1)  
45 "full of dead men's  
—" (Matt. 23)  
46 Son of Ham  
(Gen. 10:6)  
47 Vex  
48 One of Columbus'  
ships  
49 Talk excitedly  
50 Thailand, formerly  
51 Sea levels: abbr.  
54 Direction: abbr.

ACROSS

- 1 Sought in Tarsus  
(Acts 11:25)  
5 Ahimelech's home  
(1 Sam. 21:1)  
8 "mingled with —"  
(Matt. 27)  
12 Side glance  
13 Hebrew priest  
14 Stone, et al  
15 Loom lever  
16 Spider's product  
(Job 8:14)  
17 Malleable metal  
18 "as a — — of Jesus  
Christ" (2 Tim. 2)  
21 Recent: comb. form  
22 Apodal fish  
23 More than one: abbr.  
26 Navy man: abbr.  
28 Around Jonah's head  
(Jon. 2:5)

- 32 Where Lot journeyed  
(Gen. 13:11)  
34 Ship channel  
36 It pursues sinners  
(Prov. 13:21)  
37 "be not — in well  
doing" (2 Thess. 3)  
39 Moist  
41 It shall not be yet  
(Mark 13:7)  
42 "What shall we do  
with the —"(1 Sam.5)  
44 Pen point  
46 "and seeing the — —  
open" (Acts 16)  
51 Leg part  
52 Narrow inlet  
53 Widow's home  
(Luke 7:11-12)  
55 Girl's nickname  
56 Indefinite amount  
57 Man's name  
58 Short distance

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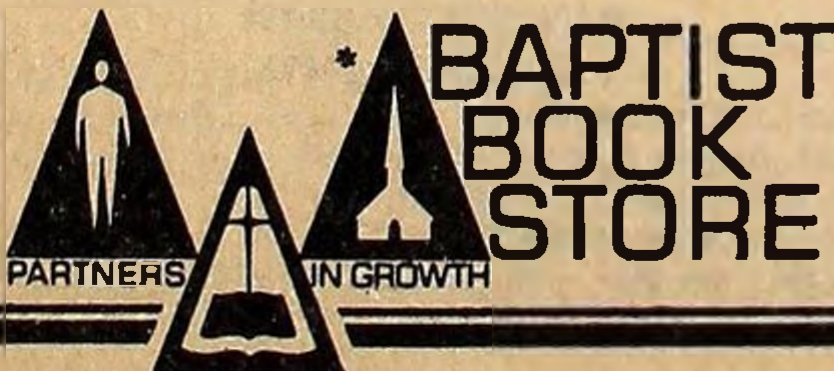
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10. Jesse M. Price, Sr., Somerville
11. M. H. Sandidge, Memphis
12. James E. Threlkeld, Memphis
13. Joe H. Walker, Jr., Ripley
14. Mrs. Joseph H. Miller, Memphis
15. Fred Kendall, II, Union University
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### Term Expiring 1977

1. Byron R. Epps, South Fulton\*
2. Harold Brunidge, Martin
3. David Byrd, Jackson
4. John C. Cameron, Memphis
5. W. B. Cockcroft, Memphis
6. J. A. Hadley, Rutherford
7. M. F. Keathley, Memphis
8. Thomas L. Moore, Dresden
9. David Nunn, Halls
10. Adrian Rogers, Memphis
11. Bob Sellers, Memphis
12. S. Powers Smith, Henning
13. David Stewart, Brownsville
14. Hobart Townsend, Parsons
15. Henry West, Covington
16. Paul Williams, Jackson

\*fill vacancy of Bobby Agee, now employed with Union University

### Term Expiring 1976

1. Ramsey Pollard, Memphis\*
2. E. E. Deusner, Covington
3. Mack Forrester, Ridgely
4. Argyle Graves, Milan
5. Norman Hale, Camden
6. Herbert Higdon, Dyer
7. Billy Z. Hyman, Memphis
8. Robert Jelks, Paris
9. Waymon G. Jones, Memphis
10. Howard Kolb, Memphis
11. Kenneth Leathers, Jackson
12. Brooks McLemore, Jackson
13. John McRee, Memphis
14. E. T. Palmer, Dyersburg
15. Don Stephenson, Jackson
16. Fred M. Wood, Memphis

\*fill vacancy of E. B. Bowen, new exec. director Children's Home

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2. Mrs. George B. Clark, Nashville
3. D. Carter Davis, II, Powell
4. Ted Huckaby, Knoxville
5. Donald Strother, Johnson City
6. A. Sidney Walts, Memphis
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**Term Expiring 1977**

1. William Appleton, Knoxville
2. Leon Bolton, Memphis
3. W. W. Pope, Pigeon Forge
4. Mrs. H. B. Ellison, Knoxville
5. Mrs. Lanier Ferguson, Memphis
6. Morris Frank, Smyrna
7. C. M. Glass, Louisville

**Term Expiring 1976**

1. Mrs. R. L. Ashe, Knoxville
2. \*
3. John Holland, Knoxville
4. Granvil Kyker, Oak Ridge
5. J. M. Lobetti, Alcoa
6. Stan Rushing, Knoxville
7. \*\*

\*Bernard Campbell out of state  
\*\*John Wallace resigned

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4. Chalmers Cowan, Nashville
5. Gayle Gupton, Nashville
6. Robert W. Lashbrook, Nashville
7. Lewis E. Moore, Nashville
8. Howard Smith, Gatlinburg
9. James Winters, Nashville

**Term Expiring 1977**

1. Roy Babb, Nashville
2. Charles Creagh, Nashville
3. Thomas Jarrell, Nashville
4. W. Fred Kendall, Nashville
5. Albert Maloney, Nashville
6. Walton Smith, Clarksville
7. James L. Sullivan, Nashville
8. Devaughn Woods, Nashville
9. Fred D. Wright, Nashville

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1. A. E. Batts, Nashville
2. Thomas Bryan, Nashville
3. Joe Carr, Nashville
4. George Duncan, Nashville
5. Franklin Paschall, Nashville
6. Sam Ridley, Smyrna
7. Stirton Oman, Sr., Nashville
8. Lem B. Stevens, Nashville
9. Courtney Wilson, Hendersonville

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3. Virgil Gentry, Knoxville
4. Charles E. Guthrey, Knoxville
5. Bob Johnson, Knoxville
6. L. Edsel Kilday, Greeneville
7. Ralph McCarter, Concord
8. John Riddle, Jefferson City
9. John B. Waters, Jr., Sevierville

**Term Expiring 1977**

1. Louis O. Ball, Sr., Knoxville
2. Gordon Greenwell, Knoxville
3. Don Miris, Knoxville
4. Glenn Morris, Knoxville
5. Jack Prince, Knoxville
6. Robert Sanders, Knoxville
7. Joe Stacker, Knoxville
8. Horace Wells, Clinton
9. Earl Wilson, Knoxville

**Term Expiring 1976**

1. Richard H. Filler, Knoxville
2. McKnight Fite, Knoxville
3. William A. Fortune, Knoxville
4. William Palmer, Morristown
5. Terry Ratliff, LaFollette
6. Mahan Siler, Knoxville
7. Raymond Smith, Maryville
8. James Temple, Sevierville
9. Kerr Wolfenbarger, Knoxville

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1. D. M. Renick, Memphis
2. S. Powers Smith, Henning
3. Hugh Wilson, Niota

**Term Expiring 1977**

1. Ralph McIntyre, Chattanooga
2. C. M. Pickler, Memphis
3. Glenn Rainey, Jackson

**Term Expiring 1976**

1. R. Paul Caudill, Memphis
2. W. Fred Kendall, II, Union City
3. Ralph Lawler Trenton

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1. Tom Madden, Tullahoma
2. Gaye McGlothlen, Nashville
3. Virgil Peters, Franklin
4. Ralph McIntyre, Chattanooga
5. Clarence Stewart, Pulaski

**Term Expiring 1976**

1. Robert L. Orr, Dyersburg
2. Marvin Robertson, Bolivar
3. Mrs. Sam Weiland, Brentwood
4. Bill Delaney, Columbia
5. W. A. Catlett, Dandridge

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3. Jimmy A. Dusek, Columbia
4. James E. Lee, Lawrenceburg
5. Damon Patterson, Corryton
6. Harlan F. Reynolds, LaFollette

**Term Expiring 1977**

1. Melvin Faulkner, Erwin
2. Alvin Gilliland, Jackson
3. Glenn Hester, Clarksville
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5. Joe Mayberry, Huntland

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1. Lloyd Bardowell, Madison—temporary chairman
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5. Dillard West, Trezevant

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3. James Lindsay, Elizabethton
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5. Doug Sager, Alcoa

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5. James Walker, Chattanooga

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1. Wanda Bateman, Nashville
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3. Burl McMillan, Ooltewah
4. B. H. McKay, Knoxville
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1. W. Lloyd Duvall, Memphis
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3. David Renaker, Nashville
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5. Fred Johnson, Nashville

**Term Expiring 1976**

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1. J. W. Abney, Sharon
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1. Everett Hooper, Nashville
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3. P. J. Scott, Martin
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1. Roger Abingdon, Goodlettsville
2. E. V. Cullum, Knoxville
3. Mrs. Jimmy Bond, Lawrenceburg\*
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5. Frank Kemper, Humboldt

\*replace Craig Steele, newly appointed missionary

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2. Dennis Lewis, Mt. Pleasant
3. Murphy Martin, Bruceton
4. Wiley T. Rutledge, Johnson City
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**Term Expiring 1976**

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2. John I. Kosier, Walland
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4. Ray R. Ridgeway, Smithville
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2. John Langlois, Nashville
3. Wayne McMillan, Concord
4. Kenneth Richey, White Pine
5. Charles Wainscott, McKenzie

**Term Expiring 1976**

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2. Harry Garland, Fowlkes
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4. Bob Peek, Athens
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**Term Expiring 1977**

1. \*\*
  2. David Byrd, Jackson
  3. Eugene Cotey, Murfreesboro
  4. \*
  5. Courtney Wilson, Hendersonville
- \*fill vacancy of Frederick Schlafer who resigned  
\*\*fill vacancy of Bob Agee

**Term Expiring 1976**

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2. James Royston, Dandridge
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**Submitted by the Committee on Committees, 1974-75**

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# Our People and Our Churches . . .

## CHURCHES . . .

On Sept. 21 First Baptist Church, Martin, observed its 99th anniversary and burned the renovation note on the building which was made five years ago. **Bill Bates**, director of estate planning, Union University, brought the anniversary message. Dinner was served on the ground and the football squad of UT-Martin were special guests. **William D. Dodson** is pastor.

Shawnee Church, Harrogate, has called their first full-time pastor, **Robert Kerr**. **Kerr** is the son of Mr. and Mrs. **William Kerr**, Knoxville, and is married to the former **Patricia Potter**, Rugby. He is a former pastor of Washburn Church, Grainger County Association, and attends Clear Creek School in Pineville, Ky.

Dedication services were held at Counce First Church recently. A \$15,000 addition to the pastorium was dedicated along with new Baptist Hymnals, public address system, baptistry painting, and several other items. **Jimmy C. Bryant**, pastor, brought the message, along with former pastors **T. E. Gatton** and **A. J. Lambert**.

Sweetwater First Church members broke ground last week for the construction of a new facility. The building will consist of an auditorium, library, offices, choir suite, Sunday School department, and bride's room. The contractor is **Wallace E. Morton**, and the architectural firm is **Galloway and Guthrey**. Both firms are located in Knoxville. Members of the building committee are **J. R. Tennyson**, **Mrs. Richard Cheatham**, **Roy Godsey**, **Joe P. Bilderback**, and **Carl Walker**. Construction cost has been set at \$660,871.00. The Sweetwater congregation is 115 years old, having been organized in the East Tennessee Valley. **Anderson McCulley** is pastor.

Faith Temple Church, Nashville, has applied for membership into Nashville Baptist Association after having organized in August 1974. The church had 89 charter members and has called **Jim Gerhardt** as pastor.

Oakville Memorial Church, Memphis, is scheduled to hold homecoming services Sunday, Oct. 12. **P. O. Davidson** will bring the morning message. Dinner on the ground and the **Carl Crain Singers** will highlight afternoon activities.

## Heart Attack Claims Life Of E. G. Tabler

E. G. Tabler, retired pastor of Block Springs Church, Grainger County Association for 21 years, died following a heart attack Sept. 4. He was 74.

Funeral services were held at Mynatts Funeral Home Chapel in Fountain City, Sept. 6. **David C. Livingston**, pastor of Graveston Church, where Tabler was a member, officiated. Burial was at Lynnhurst Cemetery in Knoxville.

In addition to the Block Springs Church, Tabler served as pastor of several other churches in East Tennessee. He had been extremely active in church work since retirement.

He is survived by his widow, **Cecil Tabler**, Corryton; a son, **Ray Tabler**, Corryton; a daughter, **Pauline Tabler**, Corryton; and a stepdaughter, **Ada Ruth Irwin**, Knoxville.

Dresden First Church had open house and dedication ceremonies for the new building recently. **Lacy Freeman**, former pastor, preached at the morning service, and **Fred Wood**, former pastor, preached the dedication sermon. **Mike Davis** is pastor.

Beech Springs Church, Weakley County Association, held groundbreaking ceremonies. **Fred Morris** is pastor.

Celebration Sunday will be held at Timothy Street Church in Knox Association, on Sunday, Oct. 5. The church will recognize the completion of a remodeling and building program which included bricking the exterior of the building, adding a steeple, and constructing an annex activity building. **Clarence Sitzler** is pastor.

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# Executive Committee Sets Budget; Elects Staffer

NASHVILLE—The Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee here approved a 1976-77 budget goal, heard reports from SBC agency heads, commended the SBC Home Mission Board for work in refugee resettlement and elected a new staff member.

The Executive Committee also granted approval to Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, to borrow \$1.6 million for improvements of its Seminary Village and allowed Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, to launch an \$8.5 million capital needs campaign, which would begin in its local community and radiate out to the state of Texas and the nation between 1976 and 1979.

That motion sparked some debate about whether approval of the Southwestern request, based on a comprehensive survey of its long-range needs, would prevent or get in the way of the other five SBC seminaries raising funds on a national basis for their pressing financial needs.

But the Executive Committee emerged from a parliamentary tangle and decided not to limit Southwestern but launch an effort to study how all the SBC seminaries could work together in a fund raising effort to underwrite long-range needs.

The 1976-77 Cooperative Program unified budget goal of \$53 million, approved unanimously, would represent a \$2 million increase over the 1975-76 budget and a \$13 million increase over 1974-75. The 1976-77 budget would set aside \$46,112,400 for operating needs of SBC agencies, \$1,080,000 for agency capital needs and \$5,807,600 in "challenge" funds.

The statement on the Home Mission Board, which has settled some 1,741 refugees through mid-September, commended the agency "for its policy of purchased services (through Church World Service) in

the resettlement of refugees." It encouraged the board to continue its study of "the best way to meet the tragic needs, recognizing at all times the need not to compromise Baptist convictions and polity."

The Executive Committee honored John H. Williams, who will retire Jan. 31, 1976, after nearly 17 years as director of financial planning and assistant to the treasurer and nearly 41 years in denominational work.

Billy D. Malesovas, 46, current controller and assistant treasurer for the Baptist General Convention of Texas, was elected to succeed Williams.

In other action, the Executive Committee approved a 1975-76 Executive Committee budget of \$569,000 and 1975-76 Southern Baptist Convention operating budget of \$817,000. The latter includes such items as expenses for operating the annual SBC, annual contributions to the Baptist World Alliance and Religion in American Life (RIAL) and other items.

The committee also passed resolutions honoring W. Perry Crouch, who will retire as general secretary of the North Carolina Baptist Convention on Dec. 31, and L. H. Moore, who will retire as editor of the Ohio Baptist Messenger next March 31. (BP)

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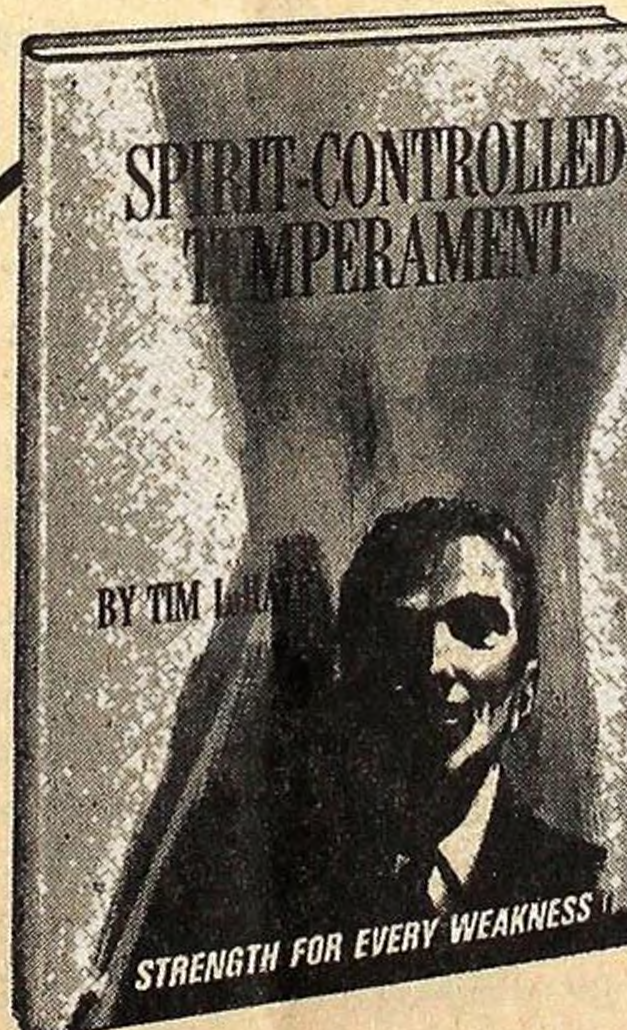
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# Jesus And His Mission

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

Basic Passage: Matthew 1:1-25  
Focal Passages: Matthew 1:1, 16-25

For some time we will be studying Matthew's gospel. At present we are considering Jesus and His mission as seen in Matthew. We are referring, of course, to Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Mary, and David the Son of God. Jesus is God incarnate; the Christ.

The coming in the flesh was conceived in eternity but executed in time during the ministry of Jesus. This idea was redemptive at the first. The redemption of the whole man was in view and salvation was never intended to be fractional. It was even conceived as saving and redeeming the whole man. In our emphasis we have too often dealt with less than the full perspective our Lord had in mind.

**Purpose Of Matthew's Geneology—Matthew 1:1-6**

Each gospel gives a special facet of the portrait of Jesus. The four gospels are not so much a chronological life of Christ as a portrait of Jesus, our Lord and Christ. Matthew traces Him back to Abraham,

thereby linking Him with the descendants of Abraham. The purpose is to give particular emphasis to His Jewish lineage. Very particular emphasis is given not only to His descent from Abraham but from David the king also. He descended from both peasants and princes. Yes, in the flesh His line unified both bad and good. He received no taint from the bad and no merit from the good, but His incarnation revealed His redemptive relationship to all men.

We know, of course, that He came to the lost sheep of the house of Israel first.

**Virgin Birth Revealing—Matthew 1:7-16, 18-25**

The incarnation of God in human flesh logically requires an unusual birth. He was begotten by the Holy Spirit. A woman was the vehicle of birth. He was to be God in the flesh.

He became Emmanuel, or God with us, and as Jesus He became the redeemer for us.

He had to be God with us that He might be redemptioner for us. In fact, He had to be identified with us that He might save us from our sins. He has to continue with us that He might perfect our salvation unto the end. We are too weak to achieve our full salvation even after He gives us a good start.

It is easy for us to believe in the virgin birth if we believe that the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. The idea of the virgin birth seems so fitting for the kind of person Jesus Christ was and is. The one who began so supernaturally can compete and finish so gloriously.

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It causes me to pray more earnestly for the blessing of God on missionaries and other workers and all the people reached by their ministry.

It strengthens my concern for the work of my denomination and my gratitude for a part in its total life and witness and fellowship.

Clifton J. Allen  
(Retired from Baptist Sunday School Board)  
Winston-Salem, N.C.

## E. Y. Mullins Award Goes To W. O. Vaught

LOUISVILLE—W. O. Vaught of Little Rock, Ark., was presented the E. Y. Mullins Denominational Service Award for 1975 during the founder's day ceremonies at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here.

The award, the highest recognition given by the seminary's board of trustees, was given first in 1963. It was presented by Duke McCall, seminary president, to Vaught, who addressed the founder's day audience. Founder's day celebrated the 75th anniversary of the school's W. O. Carver Chair of Christian Missions, the oldest chair of missions in the world.

Vaught, a Southern Seminary graduate and pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock, is immediate past president of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. He has been active in state and national denominational affairs. (BP)

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By Ralph Norton

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Norton

Southern Baptists have asked the Foreign Mission Board to be their channel in answering the physical needs of the world, and a special disaster relief committee was appointed with Dr. Eugene Grubbs named as coordinator. The compassion of Baptists has resulted in approximately \$1.2 million being received by the Foreign Mission Board designated for disaster relief. You should know that this money is placed at the disposal of missionaries in devastated areas for approved relief projects. Relief committees and disaster coordinators on mission fields evaluate needs and recommend steps to be taken, and missionaries utilize the resources based on firsthand knowledge of the situation.

At a recent meeting at the Home Mission Board in Atlanta, several of us were privileged to get a firsthand report of some of the work which has been done with part of the money which has been given. In reporting that \$489,000 was appropriated for relief to Bangladesh, Dr. Grubbs stated that in terms of hunger and desperation of the people, Bangladesh is now the neediest nation in the world. In addition to \$110,000 being appropriated for Angola, he stated that sixty tons of food and seed had been sent to this country. Help has also been furnished Ethiopia, primarily for well drilling and water resources. An amount of \$19,000 has been appropriated to feed refugees in Thailand, Viet Nam and Cambodia. Other commitments too numerous to mention here have served to relieve hunger, provide medical supplies, clothing, shelter, etc.

Tennessee Baptists can be assured that every dollar given to world relief through our Foreign Mission Board will be used for that purpose. There are no overhead or administrative costs. We believe this is the most efficient channel Southern Baptists have.

Although the response to the challenge to alleviate world hunger has been encouraging, Dr. Grubbs reminded us that we may expect the situation to remain serious for

## HISTORICALLY

### FROM THE FILES

#### 50 YEARS AGO

One hundred and twenty-five graduates of Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Miss., living in Memphis, organized for the purpose of assisting the school in its campaign for endowment.

A beautiful example of how to build a church house was displayed by members of the Little Doe Church, Johnson County. When they began to build they did not see how they were ever to finish it, but they kept on building and paying as they went and never allowed the treasury to run dry. The building was dedicated debt free on June 7, 1925. The building had an auditorium and six Sunday School rooms.

#### 20 YEARS AGO

Highland Park Church, formerly First Avenue Mission of Lawrenceburg First Church was organized with 48 charter members. The first offering was taken for the Cooperative Program. H. J. Rushing was the sponsoring pastor.

Roy Brock Jr. was ordained as a deacon at Winchester First Church. Roy Babb was pastor.

#### 10 YEARS AGO

Tennessee Baptists were preparing to meet in their 91st annual session as a convention in Chattanooga. Red Bank was the host church, Ralph Norton, pastor.

Jim Newton, press representative for the Baptist General Convention of Texas, Dallas, had been employed as assistant director of the Baptist Press news service of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville.

years to come. Our gifts should be a continuing program, with these funds being sent either to the Convention office or to the Foreign Mission Board on a regular basis.

Compassion for the world's hungry and needy millions and the resultant response of generous giving should remain a way of life for Baptists. I hope you are responding in a loving and sacrificial way.

On Matters of

## Family Living

By Dr. B. David Edens,

Director, Marriage and Family Program  
Stephens College—Columbia, Missouri 65201

### Shaking Infants Is Dangerous Expression Of Exasperation

Another urgent warning against the common practice of shaking infants has been issued by Dr. John Caffey of the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine and Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh.

Far from being the harmless expression of impatience or displeasure that most people think it is, shaking can cause "progressive, cumulative, permanent disorders of the baby's brain and eyes," the pediatrician and radiologist emphasizes in *Pediatrics*.

Many so-called "battered babies" are actually "shaken babies," he says. Mental retardation and permanent cerebral palsies and vision impairments are the frequent result of both "violent, whiplash shaking assaults or protracted, casual shakings" which turn the hands of an angry parent, parent-surrogate or jealous older sibling into "deadly weapons."

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# Shun 'Play-Like' Faith, Christian Life Award-Winner Urges

NASHVILLE—A Mississippi Baptist leader, here to accept the 1975 Distinguished Service Award of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, urged Christians to shun "play-like" Christianity.

"As a part of their wardrobe, most people have many masks," declared J. Clark Hensley, executive director of the Christian Action Commission of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

"Unfortunately, some Baptists celebrate Halloween each Sunday. They wear a mask to church. And, by attitude at least, some say to the pastor, 'Trick or Treat,'" he said. "They expect entertainment—or merit marks, such as 'Chalk up one for me, I'm here' or 'Preacher, you'd better have a good talk today if you expect me to be back.'"

"Jesus was most severe in his judgment upon the hypocrites—or play actors," declared Hensley, a pastor, seminary professor, associational missionary and state convention staffer during 45 years of ministry in Missouri, Tennessee and Mississippi.

"If my Christian experience is authentic," he said, "I should not be either embarrassed or too timid to witness." "After all, I am not commending myself, but my friend and savior, the Lord Jesus Christ."

## "Are You For Real?"

"To the believer, the gospel message is made credible by the resurrection of Jesus Christ. To the non-believer, the gospel message is made credible by a redeemed life. To the non-believer, the question is, 'Are you for real?' The non-believer is not convinced until he sees a demonstration of a change in attitudes and actions by the professing Christian.

"While our preaching and teaching must be relevant to our needs," he declared in urging proper attention to the social as well as spiritual implications of the gospel, "it must also be authentic and therefore credible."

"As we struggle with our imperfections and immaturities toward growing into the fullness of the stature of Christ, we watch for the signs of the fruits of the spirit—love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, meekness, patience," he said.

"For it is when these fruits are accompanied by service to others that we give authenticity to our claim to be a Christian. 'To be and not to seem'—this is the desperate need of our time. Both the vertical and horizontal dimensions of the gospel are needed for credibility.

"The authentic Christian is called to demonstrate, in every facet of human experience, the practical application of the gospel described in such phrases as 'to bind up the broken hearted,' 'to visit the widows

and the orphans,' 'to give a cup of cold water,' 'to proclaim liberty to the captive,' 'to feed the hungry,' 'to love mercy and deal justly.'

## Build In Faith

"Churches too often have interpreted these statements as applying only to spiritual concerns. Or, if any lifestyle application is made, it is applied only to 'looking after our own.' This travesty of the gospel tends to make it incredible to others. Churches exist to build men in the mood of faith, not doubt; of hope, not despair; of love, not denunciation or fault finding."

The Christian Life Commission award, given eight previous recipients, cited Hensley as a "courageous pioneer, effective fellow laborer, tireless champion of family life, compassionate friend, faithful steward of the gospel and consistent doer of the word." It was presented by commission executive secretary, Foy Valentine.

Hensley, a native of Missouri, holds a bachelor of arts degree from William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo.; and master of theology and doctor of theology degrees from Central Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City.

## Annual WMU Meeting Motel Information

Blocks of rooms have been reserved at two motels convenient to East Ridge Baptist Church. They are Quality Inn, South and Days Inn and they are across the street from each other. The rooms will be held for WMU until Nov. 1 when all not spoken for will be released. Make your reservation directly with the motel and INDICATE YOU WILL BE THERE FOR THE TENNESSEE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION ANNUAL MEETING. If you anticipate checking into the motel later than 6:00 p.m., you must guarantee your reservation either by check or credit card.

### Buses Will Transport Those Attending To And From Church, And Also To Restaurants For Lunch.

#### Motels:

Quality Inn, South  
I-75 S. at East Ridge Exit  
P.O. Box 8455  
Chattanooga, TN 37412

#### Rates:

Single	\$13.50
Double (up)	15.00
Double (down)	17.00
Each additional person	\$3.00
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Mr. Alex Steuben, Manager	
1401 N. Mac Smith Road	
Chattanooga, TN 37412	
Single	\$9.88
Each additional person	\$3.00
Children under 18	\$1.00

*Hensley is a former pastor of Judson Baptist Church, Nashville.*

## Foundation

### Whose Shall These Things Be?

By Jonas L. Stewart  
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

"I have a lot of things. They are not worth much, but it has disturbed me for a long time that I didn't know whose these things would be after my death. It didn't occur to me that I needed a will because it didn't seem that my things were worth it." This statement was made to this writer by one of God's faithful servants. He had just read an article in this paper and decided to contact our office. It was then that he discovered his potential "wealth".

The things which he possessed were his modest country home, all of its furnishings (including some valuable antiques), an automobile, some church bonds, mineral rights inherited on land sold by his grandfather years ago, a paid up life insurance policy, a few personal objects of value, several cows and a small savings account. When he totaled his assets he was startled to find that there could be several thousand dollars worth of "things". He didn't want them wasted but what could he do?

He resolved to have his attorney prepare his will, leaving his entire estate to the Tennessee Baptist Foundation. It is to be reduced to cash at his death and held in trust. The income is to be paid annually to one of our colleges until Jesus comes. If it is a few dollars or thousands of dollars it will be for the same purpose. Then whose shall these things be? The Lord's, of course!

Too many people think they don't have enough to leave for the Lord's cause. Little or much, it can bless some object of His Kingdom. Contact our office for more information. Don't let a small estate stop you. Write: Tennessee Baptist Foundation, Dr. Jonas L. Stewart, Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 347, Brentwood, Tennessee 37027.

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