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## Baptist Student Convention To Be Held This Week



Fletcher



Gaddy



Magee

John Finley, Vanderbilt senior and state BSU president, will preside over the sessions of the 47th annual Baptist Student Convention, meeting October 17-19 in Cleveland. Registration begins at 4 p.m. on Friday at Westwood Church where Harold Smith is pastor. "Living Christ's Freedom" is the theme for the convention, according to Glenn Yarbrough, director, Student Department, Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Jesse C. Fletcher, pastor, First Church, Knoxville will be the speaker on Friday and Saturday evenings. Fletcher was director of the Missions Support Division of the Foreign Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention, before moving to Knoxville.

C. Welton Gaddy, director of the Christian Citizenship Development, Christian Life Commission, SBC, and a graduate of Union University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, will be one of two forum speakers on Saturday. His topic, "Relationship Between Individual Freedom and Social Responsibility" will encourage dialogue with the students during the Saturday afternoon session.

Nell Magee, consultant, Leadership Development, National Student Ministries, Baptist Sunday School Board, will enter into dialogue with students at the close of her message on Saturday morning. Her topic is "Changing Roles of Women and Men in Society and Church." Following each of these discussions, the audience will form small groups to continue these topics led by BSU directors, Bill Lee, Fred Witty, Adam Hall, Mark Tassie, Dan Haskins, John Billington, Wil McCall, John Cooke, Carroll Page, Jim Sparks, Sam Carothers, Jimmy Joseph, Paul Lee, Barbara Mayo, Ircel Harrison, Bonnie Philpott, Barry Vincent, and Mary Beth Benson.

Magee is also coordinator of Freedom '76, the celebration ushering in the bicentennial year, for college students and single adults.

Convention music will be directed by

David Meece, minister of music, Calvary Church, Lawton, Oklahoma. He will use BSU choirs, ensembles, and soloists throughout the meetings.

A feature of the opening session will be a time to reflect on the needs of the world as presented by the Foreign Mission Board in a filmstrip dealing with the world hunger.

Bill Henry, associate in the Student Department, will direct a student missions presentation "To the World with Love" on Sunday morning. He will use students who served in the 1975 student missions program.

At the close of the convention, Sunday morning, many campus groups will leave immediately to participate in the morning worship services of neighboring churches in the Cleveland area.

### Circulation Manager Resigns To Accept Georgia Position

David Keel, circulation manager for the **Baptist And Reflector** since September 1961, has resigned to become associate pastor in charge of the education and outreach programs at Clarkston Baptist Church, Clarkston, Ga. His resignation becomes effective Oct. 31.

Before coming to his present position, Keel was pastor of First Baptist Church, Mandeville, La. He also served as pastor of Ridge Memorial Baptist Mission, Slidell, La.

Keel has written Baptist youth curriculum material for the Church Training Department, Baptist Sunday School Board and also served as a doctrinal reader for the board. He is a member of the Board of Directors, United Tennessee League Inc., Nashville, and the Southern Baptist Press Association.

He is a graduate of Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss., and received the master of divinity degree from New Orleans Seminary.

He is married to the former Margaret Magee of Mize, Miss. They have two children, Nancy, age 13, and Ricky, age nine.

### SBC Ends Fiscal Year \$4.1 Million Over Basic Budget

NASHVILLE—Despite the nation's economic uncertainty, the Southern Baptist Convention's national Cooperative Program unified budget ended the 1974-75 fiscal year, Sept. 30, with receipts totaling \$4.1 million more than the operating and capital needs budgets of SBC agencies.

The fiscal year produced \$41,114,253 in Cooperative Program receipts from churches across the nation and another \$35,639,969 in designated contributions. Total receipts amount to more than \$76.7 million, or 8.44 percent more than the \$70.7 million collected in 1973-74.

The Cooperative Program figure alone is 8.09 percent more than the \$38,036,809 given during 1973-74, while 1974-75 designated contributions rose 8.84 percent above the \$32,744,774 contributed the previous fiscal year.

The \$41.1 million Cooperative Program figure is about one third the amount collected by 33 state conventions across 50 states and one-tenth the amount collected in 34,734 Southern Baptist churches.

Cooperative Program contributions had topped the basic operating and capital needs budgets of \$37 million by more than \$900,000 by the end of August and then went on to exceed the \$3 million "challenge" budget during September. The \$41.1 million total exceeds the combined \$40 million Cooperative Program goal by \$1.1 million.

Porter Routh, executive secretary-treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee, expressed gratitude for the "significant increase."

"Many factors enter into this increase, such as continued concern of each SBC agency, the 50th anniversary of the Cooperative Program, the response of pastors and churches to greater sharing, and the decision by 17 state conventions to increase the percentage of their total Cooperative Program receipts with SBC agencies," Routh said. "Above all, we need to be grateful to God for his continued blessings."

During the 1975-76 fiscal year, which began Oct. 1, the national Cooperative Program will shoot for a \$51 million budget, part of a combined \$150 million Cooperative Program goal of all the state conventions. That \$51 million figure includes a combined operating and capital needs budget of \$42,080,000—or \$965,747 more than the 1974-75 Cooperative receipts. However, an \$8,920,000 challenge portion—through which additional funds would be raised for missions, theological education and other SBC causes—raises the figure to \$51 million. (BP)

# Our Mission Fields

By Mrs. Don Dearman



Mrs. Dearman

When I was in high school, I surrendered my life to full time Christian service. In college my objective was to prepare myself for the mission field. Looking back, I realize that my concept of God's mission field was one of a particular geographic location. Packing, leaving, separation from family by many miles, furloughs and specialized training in a particular field were all part of this concept.

I aimed my life towards far distant places, but became increasingly puzzled by the many closed doors through which I could not pass in order to reach my ultimate objective. A severe health problem finally sealed the door completely. It was then that I fell in love with that "certain young man" and we were married.

Two years later we left for the seminary, not knowing what God really wanted to do with our lives. We knew He wanted us to go. During the next year, the doubts of whether or not God had actually called me subsided because I rationalized that my mission field was that of, perhaps, a minister's wife. However, my health problem increased in severity, sealing once again the door to a mission field.

At this point I had come to the conclusion that God had not really called me, and that He had no special need of my life. At the same time my health problem was being diagnosed as multiple sclerosis. Because of the disease, I was to spend the next two years in the hospital.

At last I found my mission field. God did not need me in Africa, China or India.

*Note: Most of Mrs. Dearman's work has been in children's programs. She has done some devotional and inspirational speaking to various church groups and has also been asked to visit particular patients in hospitals to inspire and motivate them. She is a member of the Belmont Heights Church, Nashville.*

## CONVENTION PHONE

To reach messengers and others attending the Tennessee Baptist Convention, Nov. 10-13, in Chattanooga, call, 615-756-7848 or 756-7849.

Apparently, He did not need me in the slums of New York or with the river people of Louisiana. God needed me in room 318 Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, Louisiana. There he placed me to serve.

Needless to say, my concept of God's mission field has changed. There is nothing wrong with my original concept. Through deep spiritual growth and maturity, however, I have been able to expand my mind and heart to visualize and utilize more of God's different mission fields. Each daily incident is likely a mission field.

It is so exciting to accept such a challenge. Each day we can watch ourselves grow and mature as we rise to meet God's expectations in missions wherever we are. All that is necessary is to stop straining to look for merely far distant places and look at the mission field right at our own door or telephone.

## Pulpit To New

By Jim Griffith

The latest in television technology is going to be an Orbital Viewing System—a 360-degree TV set which has no back or front and can be watched from all angles as one walks around in any direction.

Think of it: television in the round!

Of this newest TV set it could be said: "Around and around it goes, and where it stops, nobody knows."

In the "Days of Our Lives, as the World Turns," some will be "On the Edge of Night"—watching "Double Jeopardy."

With orbital television perfected and on the market, I can just hear someone saying now: "That new TV set is a rounder!"

Still, there is a more serious aspect that ought to be considered in the light of this innovation in which the television picture seems to follow you around the room. By facing the TV all of the time, the constant viewer may never get around to facing himself.

# Contending For The Faith

By Herschel H. Hobbs

*"Earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints."—Jude 3*

This is a statement quoted often in times of doctrinal controversy. It is a challenge which should be constantly obeyed. For as Jesus Christ constantly guards the Christians, they must constantly guard the Christian faith.

In the former part of this verse it is evident that Jude was in process of writing a treatise on "The Common Salvation." But something happened to lead him to leave off writing it that he might exhort his readers to be constantly defending the truth in Christ that was being threatened by false teachers. From verse 4 it is evident that they were Gnostic teachers who had slipped into the churches. This same thing is reflected in Colossians and the Gospel and Epistles of John (also 2 Peter 2).

"Earnestly contend" renders a compound verb found only here in the New Testament. It is an intensive verb used of athletes and soldiers striving against an opponent. The idea is face to face combat. Our word "agonize" comes from the basic verb. They were to go the extra mile, drawing upon reserve strength in order to win the victory. "The faith" refers to the body of Christian truth. Literally, "the once for all delivered unto the saints faith." "Saints" is used to refer to all Christians (1 Cor. 1:2; 2 Cor. 1:1). Jesus had delivered it to the apostles who delivered it to others, and through their witness it had spread. This shows that by this time there was an organized body of Christian teachings.

The Gnostics held that God was absolutely good and matter absolutely evil. Among other things this led to the extreme that the body could sin without affecting the spirit. Thus it encouraged licentious living. Jude calls them "ungodly" or irreligious men who twisted Christian truth out of its true meaning. They perverted God's grace into a license to sin. In so doing they denied "our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ." Long before Jesus had warned about false prophets. And here were some.

Every generation has the same. The present infinitive "earnestly to contend" means that we should constantly do this—whether it be against false teachings or immoral living. Christians should contend without being contentious. They should speak the truth, but speak it in love (Eph. 4:15).

# Baptist Laymen Contribute To Tennessee Baptist Life

*This article is the fifth in a series of personality features to be published in your BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR. All feature articles in this series will focus on representative Tennessee laymen who have made outstanding contributions through TBC institutions to Baptist life in the state. They are, in a real sense, both faithful and effective—but too often are the "unsung heroes" of our denominational life.*



Carson

The name of J. Ben Carson appears for the first time as a trustee of the Tennessee Baptist Foundation in 1944. He has served continuously since that time except when Convention policy required that he rotate off for at least one year between terms. His value to this Board can be measured not only in dollars, but also in terms

of time spent and dedication to responsibility. Thousands of dollars have been added to Foundation assets because of his interest. One scholarship fund that came as a result of his influence has helped many students.

In addition to the contributions cited above Carson has represented business interests for the trustees of the Foundation in his native East Tennessee and given his time to attend meetings with regularity, even though such activities were often at personal sacrifice.

The Foundation Board called upon him to be a member of the committee to select a successor to the late executive secretary, Henry J. Huey. He has served on this Board longer than any other member. His long term of service includes membership on the Executive Committee as well as having served on numerous other committees and as vice-president.

Having retired several years ago from active business interest, Carson can look back over a successful career of supplying wholesale electrical equipment to upper East Tennessee. Since his retirement he has completed plans to move soon from his longtime home at Kingsport to Knoxville where he will be near his native town of Jefferson City where he was born Oct. 29, 1897.

This successful business man has an interesting life's story. In his younger days airplane barnstorming was a hobby. One of his friends says, "Ben would ride anything that flew and could pull off stunts in the air that even an eagle would envy."

Being a descendant of the "Carsons" who

helped found Carson-Newman College, it would seem natural for him to serve for many years on that school's Board of Trustees and as a member of its Executive Committee. Since rotating from the trustees he continues to serve as a member of the college's advisory board. Trustee service also includes membership on the Board of East Tennessee Baptist Hospital.

Activity in the First Baptist Church of Kingsport began immediately upon his joining there in 1927. His pastor, William Purdue, stated "Brother Ben has served our church in just about every capacity a man of ability can occupy." This included long-time service as a deacon, superintendent of Sunday School and teacher. A list of committees on which he has served would be too long to include in this writing.

The love of travel has taken him on several trips overseas and to many foreign countries. Included in his travel has been a trip with his pastor to the Holy Land. He is reported to have said, "The Holy Land trip was especially meaningful because of my love for the Lord."

The life of this man cannot be completely told without relating it to his faithful wife, the former Lucile McBath, who has been his companion since their marriage on March 26, 1924. To their union has been born two daughters, seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren. One daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Keener, lives in Knoxville. The younger daughter, Carolyn, is married to B. Carter Elmore, pastor of the Concord Baptist Church, Chattanooga.

The present Foundation executive secretary-treasurer, Jonas Stewart, considers J. Ben Carson to be as the Centurion described by his friends in the seventh chapter of Luke when they said to Jesus, "He is worthy."

## Churches To Observe RA Week, Nov. 2-8

Royal Ambassador Week will be observed by Southern Baptist Churches, Nov. 2-8, according to Roy Gilleland, state Brotherhood director for Tennessee. The annual event is sponsored by the Brotherhood Commission of the SBC.

Boys and youth participating in the mission program for boys first grade through high school will take an active part in the church programs during the week under the leadership of the RA director.

There are more than 235,000 Royal Ambassadors in the Southern Baptist Convention and represent all 50 states.

## Missionaries Resume Work In Violence-ridden Beirut

BEIRUT, Lebanon—Southern Baptist missionaries and Lebanese Baptists have decided to reopen the Baptist Seminary and Beirut Baptist School here even though a lasting peace is doubtful.

"The missionaries in Lebanon (seven families) plan to go on with normal activity as much as is possible. Morning church services are being held. The seminary . . . and the Beirut Baptist School will open . . . (in October). Both hope to function normally," said J. D. Hughey, secretary to Europe and the Middle East for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

"Missionaries are working in the midst of uncertainty," Hughey continued, "but they are working."

Heavy fighting and strict curfews had previously kept missionaries close to their homes and forced a near standstill in certain areas of work. Although fighting continues, Missionary James W. (Bill) Trimble reports that shops and banks are open spasmodically and that the embassy has planned no evacuation.

Missionaries on furlough and volunteers have begun to reenter Lebanon. Previously the airport area was thought unsafe. Missionaries to Lebanon felt now was as good a time as any to reenter the country. One couple and two single missionaries will return from furlough in time for the opening of the Beirut Baptist School.

The American Community School has reopened with Lebanon missionaries' children attending. (BP)



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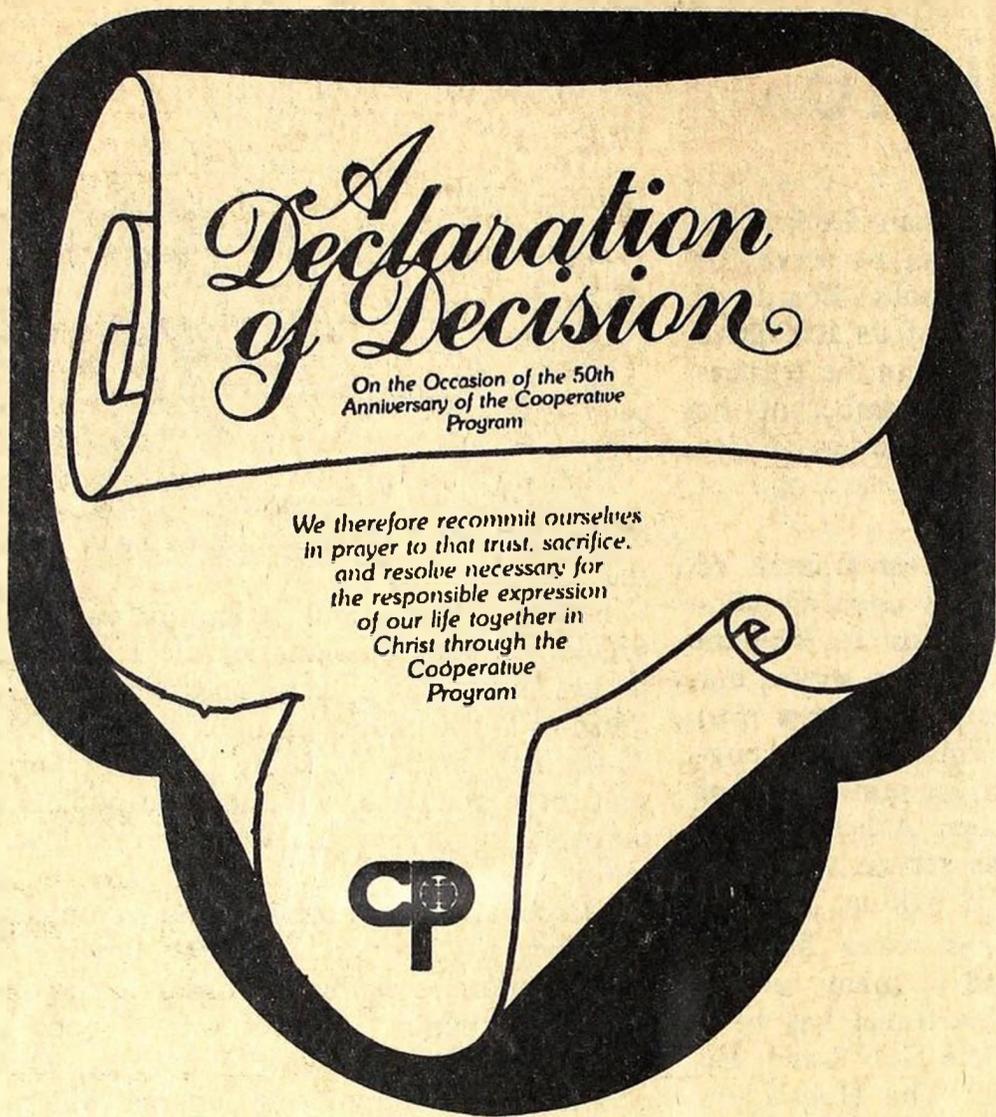
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October will be observed in many churches as Cooperative Program Month. This could be a time, as the 50th anniversary of the Cooperative Program draws to a close, when every church in the Southern Baptist Convention would re-examine its mission thrust in response to the command of our Lord in Matthew 28:19.

The theme for this month is OPERATION ONE—DECLARATION OF COOPERATION. Operation One is a Cooperative Program emphasis designed to lead the members of every Southern Baptist church to become more aware of the mission needs of the world and to respond to them in a positive way. It is a challenge for churches to reflect this response through greater involvement in mission giving through the Cooperative Program and the associational mission budget.

Each church is challenged to increase its giving through the Cooperative Program by 1% or more of its total church budget income and to increase associational mission giving in keeping with the amount suggested by the local association.

In keeping with the 50th anniversary celebration, a Convention-wide goal of \$151 million has been set for Cooperative Program giving. This means approximately \$100 million could be made available through the state conventions and needs.

Tennessee Baptist Churches should remember that all money for the Cooperative Program should be in the Executive Secretary-Treasurer's office by early morning, October 31 to be included in this convention year's giving.

Sunday, October 26, has been set aside as a Convention-wide day of church commitment in support of world missions. On this day we should recommit ourselves to the church's mission task and our part in world mission support through the Cooperative Program.

## State Convention Meets In Chattanooga, Nov. 11-13

Tennessee Baptists will be meeting in the 101st annual session of their state Convention Nov. 11-13 at First Baptist Church, Chattanooga. The church is located at I-24 and Golden Gateway. Jack H. McEwen, pastor, and the host church are extending a cordial invitation to all Tennessee Baptists to come.

Every church cooperating with the Tennessee Baptist Convention should send its pastor and at least one layman to the meeting, taking care of their expenses. This is a means of furthering the work of the kingdom.

The Committee on Arrangements began early to plan a program. It is different in format this year. Various aspects of Baptist endeavor will be grouped under headings such as "Tennessee Baptists Ministering Through . . ." Three such programs will be interspersed throughout the Convention. The purpose of this arrangement is to more readily capture the interest of the messengers.

Just who composes a session of the Tennessee Baptist Convention? Article II of the Constitution and Bylaws states that "The Convention shall be composed of one messenger from each cooperating church; and each church shall be entitled to one additional messenger for every one hundred members above one hundred, subject to a maximum of ten messengers from any one church. A messenger shall be a member of the church by which he is appointed. The term 'cooperating church' shall be applied to such churches as contribute financially to the Convention or its agencies and subscribe to and support the principles, programs, and policies of the Convention."

The purpose of the Convention is to promote the evangelistic, educational, missionary, benevolent and other interests of Tennessee Baptists and cooperate in promoting such objectives fostered by Baptists through the Southern Baptist Convention.

Baptist churches are independent. This is recognized by the State Convention in its Constitution and Bylaws in Article IV which specifically sets forth the limitations of the Convention in these words: "The Convention shall have no ecclesiastical jurisdiction over the churches or association cooperating with and contributing to the objects of the Convention; nor shall it act as advisory counsel in cases of differences between the churches or associations; nor shall it interfere with the constitution of any church or association."

But even as we recognize the independence of the churches, we rightfully and sensibly are aware of the churches' interdependence, one with another. There are many worthy endeavors which no one church of itself can either originate or continue. The churches therefore, see the need of working together through the agency and channel of the Convention, both to effect and to perfect these needed educational, missionary, and benevolent endeavors. The churches are able to do this through the committees, and boards of institutions, and agencies which they elect and control by means of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Matters of great importance to Tennessee Baptists will be reviewed and considered at the Convention. Pray for this meeting, and make your plans to attend.—E.L.

# WMU To Meet, Observe "Let Freedom Ring" Theme



Ruchti

Beasley-Murray

Williams

Fletcher

Rambo

Tennessee Baptist women will meet for three sessions Nov. 11 at the 87th annual Woman's Missionary Union at East Ridge Church, Chattanooga, according to Mary Jane Nethery, state WMU executive secretary-treasurer.

Focusing on the bi-centennial, the theme for the event will be "Let Freedom Ring."

Sessions will begin at 9:30 a.m., 1:45 p.m., and 7:30 p.m.

Juliette Mather, retired, Granville, Ohio, will bring the meditation at each of the sessions. Mather was professor of English at Chung Hsien College, Taichung; served as guest editor at China Baptist Press in Hong Kong, was professor at Taiwan Theological Seminary; professor of English at National Taiwan University, Taipei; and professor of English at Cheng Kung University, Tainan, Taiwan. Additionally, she taught English at Seinan Gakuin University, Fukuoka, Japan. From 1948-56 she was editorial secretary, Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, and was young people's secretary, WMU, from 1921-48.

Mrs. William C. Ruchti Jr., missionary to Italy, will speak on "The Gospel of Freedom in Italy" at the Monday morning session.

## "Laborers Together"

Mrs. George Beasley-Murray, Louisville, Ky., will speak at the second session on "Laborers Together." Mrs. Beasley-Murray was born in London, England, the daughter of a Brethren evangelist and minister. In 1942 she married George Beasley-Murray, who currently serves as professor of New Testament Interpretation at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. She has served as a member of the Baptist Ministers' Wives Fellowship, president of the London Baptist Ministers' Wives, president of the Baptist Ministers' Wives' Fellowship of Great Britain and Ireland, and president of Baptist Women's League for Great Britain. From 1956-58, the couple served as missionaries in Ruschlikon, Switzerland. He was president of Spurgeon's College from 1958-73.

Gene Williams, Houston evangelist, will deliver a message Monday evening on "Evangelism in Missions." Williams has

been in full-time evangelism since 1957. He leads about 27 revivals each year in the United States and overseas. He is a graduate of Baylor University and received the B.D. and Th.D. degrees from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. In addition to preaching, he is president of the Gene Williams Evangelistic Association, the largest Baptist evangelistic association in the world.

## Fletcher To Speak

The final speaker at the Monday night session will be Jesse C. Fletcher, pastor of

Knoxville First Church. The former director of the SBC Foreign Mission Board's mission support division, will speak on "Proclaiming the Glorious Gospel Throughout the Earth." He has been pastor of the Knoxville church since May of this year. A native of Texas, he is a graduate of Texas A & M University and received the master of divinity and doctor of theology degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Before joining the Foreign Mission Board staff, he was a Bible teacher at the University of Texas in Austin.

Pastor of East Ridge Church, Henry C. Preston, will bring greetings to those in attendance at the WMU meet. Mrs. Joe Parks will present the hostess committees.

Special music at all of the sessions will be brought by Mrs. Bert Rambo. Presently pursuing a doctor's degree at the University of Virginia, she also teaches music at Lynchburg Baptist Theological Seminary and teaches voice at Liberty Baptist College. She has been in sacred concert and gospel concert work for six years.

Tom Henry, pastor, Lebanon First Church, will bring a special message on "WMU in My Church."

The election and presentation of officers will be under the direction of Mrs. George Clark and Ralph Norton.

Mrs. Bob Peek will preside at all the sessions.

## Church Tax Privileges To Remain, Corman Says

WASHINGTON—A member of the House Ways and Means Committee told the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs here in its semiannual session that any tax reform law in the present Congress will not include changes in the deductibility provisions for gifts to churches and other charities.

Rep. James C. Corman (D.-Cal.) also expressed the view that the tax reform measure will not alter current tax laws which allow gifts of appreciated property to charitable institutions and permit ordained ministers tax-free use of church-owned parsonages.

Corman, who has long pushed for a comprehensive tax reform package, said that "no matter what I do," the provision for appreciated property gifts will be left unchanged. Corman opposes that provision of tax law, but assured the Baptist group that "there just isn't anything I can do to get the law changed." He described that provision as "one of the more scandalous tax shelters that will be left" following the expected passage of some tax reform bill during this Congress.

Corman also told the Baptist Joint Committee that his proposed "Health Security Act," a bill calling for national health insurance, would remove "all financial barriers" to adequate health care for every American.

The measure, known as the Kennedy-

Corman Bill, is being sponsored in the House by Corman and in the Senate by Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D.-Mass.). It calls for a broad-based compulsory program of national health insurance to be financed in part from the treasury's general fund and in part through payroll deductions similar to the present Social Security deductions.

The California congressman said that although federal programs such as Medicare and Medicaid help the aged and very poor and were steps in the right direction, the present health care delivery system is "fragmented" and "unfair." He accused the medical profession of "charging what the traffic will bear."

The Kennedy-Corman plan would set up about 200 health care regions across the country, with financing provided from the federal government on an equitable basis. A board of trustees would negotiate with doctors, hospitals, and other health care deliverers in each region to establish fees schedules.

The Baptist Joint Committee, composed of representatives from nine Baptist bodies in the U.S. and Canada, declined later in its meeting here to adopt a resolution endorsing the concept of national health insurance. The proposed statement, which referred to adequate health care as "a basic human right," was tabled when it became apparent that the group could reach no consensus on the issue. (BP)

# Executive Board

TO THE

## Tennessee Baptist Convention

1. We recommend that the Cooperative Program budget goal for 1976 be set at \$8,450,000.
2. We recommend that 33.33% of the Cooperative Program budget receipts be distributed through the Southern Baptist Convention and 66.67% be distributed through the Tennessee Baptist Convention.
3. We recommend that all subsidiary units live within their income and that, in case of declining receipts or financial depression, the Executive Board review budgets at midyear to make necessary adjustments.
4. We recommend that any surplus of receipts above the budget of \$8,450,000 be distributed by the Executive Board at the December 1976 meeting upon recommendation of the Tennessee Baptist Program Committee.
5. We recommend that, after reviewing the budget requests submitted by the various Executive Board committees, the following budget for 1975-76 be adopted:

### CONVENTION-ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENTS-AGENCIES

#### OPERATING AND CAPITAL FUNDS

	1975 Budget	Proposed 1976 Budget
<b>Convention Services</b>		
General Convention Expense	\$ 50,200	\$ 53,850
Executive Board Expense	92,200	107,200
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 142,400</b>	<b>\$ 161,050</b>
<b>Annuity Board Programs</b>		
Director's Office	\$ 33,479	\$ 37,136*
Annuity Board—Program	422,600	-0- <sup>1</sup>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 456,079</b>	<b>\$ 37,136</b>
<b>Executive Offices</b>		
Office of Executive Secretary-Treasurer	\$ 92,776	\$ 105,614
Accounting Office	40,520	46,777
Public Relations Office	28,735	29,973
Office—Asst. to Executive Secretary-Treasurer	46,699	-0- <sup>2</sup>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 208,730</b>	<b>\$ 182,364</b>
<b>Central Administrative Departments</b>		
Business Office	\$ 179,346	\$ 189,976
Church-Ministers Information	-0-	30,000 <sup>3</sup>
Convention Ministries Division	-0-	30,000 <sup>3</sup>
Cooperative Program & Stewardship	-0-	47,056 <sup>4</sup>
Program Services	83,589	106,207
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 262,935</b>	<b>\$ 403,239</b>
<b>Agencies</b>		
Baptist And Reflector	\$ 284,530	\$ 289,964*
Tennessee Baptist Foundation	64,510	68,711
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 349,040</b>	<b>\$ 358,675</b>
<b>Contingency Fund—Administrative</b>	<b>\$ 13,443</b>	<b>\$ 36,082</b>
<b>Executive Board Reserve Fund</b>	<b>\$ 25,000</b>	<b>\$ 25,000</b>
<b>Capital Funds—Office Equipment</b>		
Executive Board Building	\$ 20,000	\$ 17,400
<b>Total Capital &amp; Operating</b>	<b>\$1,477,627</b>	<b>\$1,220,946</b>
Less Annuity Bd. Refund	(16,739)	(18,568)*
Less B&R Anticipated Income	(200,000)	(203,421)*
<b>NET TOTAL—CONVENTION, ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENTS, &amp; AGENCIES</b>	<b>\$1,260,888</b>	<b>\$ 998,957</b>

### STATE MISSIONS PROGRAMS

#### OPERATING AND CAPITAL FUNDS

	1975 Budget	Proposed 1976 Budget
<b>State Missions Programs</b>		
Brotherhood	\$ 75,850	\$ 68,904
Church Music	60,725	64,873*
Church Training—Office	121,725	121,852*
Church Training—Library Services	3,600	3,850
Church Administration Services	-0-	9,594 <sup>5</sup>
Evangelism	54,581	61,070
Missions—Office	48,275	54,310*
Stewardship	43,870	-0- <sup>4</sup>
Student—Office	51,291	57,078*
Sunday School	109,074	110,674*
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 568,897</b>	<b>\$ 552,205</b>
<b>Convention-wide Ministries</b>		
Annuity Board Programs	\$ -0-	\$ 452,100 <sup>1</sup>
Camps	148,031	175,567*
Church Building and Loan Program	5,303	5,677*
Disaster Relief Fund	10,000	15,000*
Mission Lot and Building Fund	25,000	25,000*

	1975 Budget	Proposed 1976 Budget
Missions—Program	331,900	349,599*
Student—Campus Work	204,879	249,845
Pastoral Counseling	-0-	2,500 <sup>2</sup>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 725,113</b>	<b>\$1,275,288</b>
<b>Contingency Fund—State Missions</b>	<b>\$ 15,000</b>	<b>\$ 15,000</b>
<b>Auxiliary—Woman's Missionary Union</b>	<b>\$ 121,614</b>	<b>\$ 150,705<sup>3</sup></b>
<b>Total Operating Funds</b>	<b>\$1,430,624</b>	<b>\$1,993,198</b>
<b>Capital Funds:</b>		
Camps	\$ 40,300	\$ 95,000*
Student—Campus	72,500	60,000
<b>Total Capital Funds</b>	<b>\$ 112,800</b>	<b>\$ 155,000</b>
<b>Total Operating and Capital</b>	<b>\$1,543,424</b>	<b>\$2,148,198</b>
Less Income from Other Sources	(341,033)	(419,615)
<b>NET TOTAL—STATE MISSIONS PROGRAMS</b>	<b>\$1,202,391</b>	<b>\$1,728,583</b>

### EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

#### OPERATING FUNDS

	1975 Budget	Proposed 1976 Budget
Carson-Newman College	\$ 573,318	\$ 630,650
Belmont College	423,607	465,968
Union University	423,607	465,968
Harrison-Chilhowee Academy	122,019	134,221
Ministerial Student Aid	45,000	50,000
Off-Campus Extension Schools	1,500	1,500
Audits	21,500	30,100 <sup>7</sup>
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>\$1,610,551</b>	<b>\$1,778,407</b>

#### Capital Needs Funds

Carson-Newman College	\$ 192,830	\$ 212,113
Belmont College	107,405	118,146
Union University	107,405	118,146
Harrison-Chilhowee Academy	41,250	45,375
<b>Total Capital</b>	<b>\$ 448,890</b>	<b>\$ 493,780</b>
<b>TOTAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS</b>	<b>\$2,059,441</b>	<b>\$2,272,187</b>

### BENEVOLENT INSTITUTIONS

#### Hospitals

#### OPERATING FUNDS

	1975 Budget	Proposed 1976 Budget
Baptist Memorial Hospital	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Baptist Hospital, Nashville	-0-	-0-
East Tennessee Baptist Hospital	-0-	-0-
Audits	24,800	20,900 <sup>7</sup>
<b>Total Hospitals</b>	<b>\$ 24,800</b>	<b>\$ 26,900</b>

#### Children's Homes

Operating Funds	\$ 480,000	\$ 500,000
Capital Funds	35,000	35,000
Audits	4,400	4,800 <sup>7</sup>
<b>Total Children's Homes</b>	<b>\$ 519,400</b>	<b>\$ 539,800</b>

#### Tennessee Baptist Service Corporation

Operating Funds	\$ -0-	\$ 67,188
<b>TOTAL BENEVOLENT INSTITUTIONS</b>	<b>\$ 544,200</b>	<b>\$ 633,888</b>

#### Total Cooperative Program Budget

<b>TOTAL TBC BUDGET</b>	<b>\$5,066,920</b>	<b>\$5,633,615</b>
<b>TOTAL SBC BUDGET</b>	<b>2,533,080</b>	<b>2,816,385</b>
<b>TOTAL COOPERATIVE PROGRAM BUDGET</b>	<b>\$7,600,000</b>	<b>\$8,450,000</b>

\* Realistic budget figures are shown, but some departments receive income from various sources other than the Cooperative Program, as follows: Annuity Board: \$18,968; B&R Anticipated Income: \$203,421; Baptist Sunday School Board: for Church Music, Church Training, Student Office and Sunday School, \$63,000; Home Mission Board: Missions Office, \$5,278; HMB, WMU, and Local Sources: Missions Program, \$65,093; Golden State Mission Offering: Disaster Relief Fund, \$15,000; Mission Lot and Building Fund, \$25,000; Camps Capital, \$65,000; Camps Anticipated Income: \$175,567; Self-liquidating: Church Building and Loan, \$5,677. Total income from other sources: Administrative area, \$222,389; State Missions, \$419,615.

<sup>1</sup> Due to nature of program, Annuity Board Program was transferred to Convention-wide Ministries.

<sup>2</sup> Funds budgeted for AEST were transferred to the Tennessee Baptist Service Corporation for the 1975 budget year, but for 1976 it is budgeted under Benevolent Institutions.

<sup>3</sup> New work approved by the Executive Board.

<sup>4</sup> Stewardship was changed to Cooperative Program and Stewardship and transferred from State Missions to Central Administrative Departments.

<sup>5</sup> Functions previously assigned to Church Training.

<sup>6</sup> By Executive Board action, WMU was given a lump sum budget to include funds formerly paid by the Convention for employee benefits, etc.

<sup>7</sup> Audits of Educational and Benevolent Institutions are paid through the General Convention Expense Fund with the exception of Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis.

# Giving What God Asks

By Mike Awalt

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Genesis 22:1-19 Focus: 22:1-13

In haunting and unbelievable words, God speaks to Abraham: Take your son, your only son Isaac and offer him to me as a sacrifice. With these words begin one of the most magnificent pieces of prose in Hebrew literature. It is an example of Hebrew storytelling at its best. As I read this story for the umpteenth time chills went up my spine as the story unfolded and the stark reality of what was occurring once again became apparent to me. Centuries after it was written it still has the compelling power to terrify and inspire at one and the same time.

The story is the climax of the Abraham cycle of stories. This climax is portrayed by the writer as a test on the part of God. The writer leaves little doubt as to the reason for this incredible request. God is testing Abraham. The tension is not resolved even though the reader is aware ahead of time that this is a test and that God will not follow through with the demand. Abraham is put to the test to see if his faith is resilient enough to withstand the most demanding of requests. Abraham is commanded to give up his son, to offer Isaac—his first and only son—as a sacrifice to the God who had called him and who had established a covenant relationship with him. The entire pilgrimage of Abraham had been predicated on faith. Abraham had followed God completely, totally and unerringly. He had responded to all he knew about God in terms of all he knew about himself.

Abraham responded to the demand in all seriousness and proceeded to carry it out. He took Isaac and went to Mt. Moriah. He separated himself from the servants who had accompanied him and took Isaac up to the mount. The tension builds as Isaac inquires as to the whereabouts of the sacrificial offering. Abraham tells him (correctly though unwittingly) that God will provide the offering. When they reached the designated place Abraham prepared to sacrifice Isaac and drew the knife to consummate it. The angel of the Lord stopped him and Abraham became aware of a ram caught in the thicket behind himself. Abraham's faith (his complete surrender of himself and his possession to Yahweh) redeemed him, and a substitute offering was given. Some have remarked that the thrust of the demand is weakened by the fact that Abraham did not have to carry out the command of God. The important item of the story in the eyes of the story-teller is that Abraham moved to carry out the

command and would have if he had not been stopped by the angel of the Lord. The intentionality of Abraham's act, not the culmination of that act is the important thing.

## Blessing Promised

The scope of this demand by God on Abraham extends beyond the intended death of a son. Isaac was more than this for Abraham. God had called Abraham out of Haran and Abraham had followed him. God had promised that Abraham would receive a blessing, his name would be made great, and he would become the father of a great nation. We examined last week the doubt that Abraham wrestled with when there was a long delay in the fulfillment of the promise. Years passed, and no son was given to Abraham and Sarah. When Isaac finally arrived, he became the key to the covenant, or in other words, the child of the promise. Isaac was the ostensible sign of the covenant. He is the necessary ingredient for the carrying out of the agreement between God and Abraham.

The demand that God made to Abraham is an ironical and incredible one. It went beyond the bounds of sanity. He was asked to relinquish the human element that makes the covenant possible. To give up Isaac was to give up the only link to the covenant. Abraham was not asked to simply give up a son. He was challenged to give up the promise itself. In responding to God's initial call, Abraham had cut himself off from his past. In following God, he had turned his back on his heritage and the traditional ways of meaning. Now he is being asked to give up his future. In the future, in the life and activity of Isaac, Abraham's goals were to be actualized. In the Hebrew, the parent lived on through his descendents. His purpose and meaning were totally realized not in his life, but in the life of his sons. Abraham was therefore giving up that possibility of meaning in his life. The striking point of the story suddenly makes itself known. For the Genesis writer the key to the covenant is not in the tangible sign—Isaac, but in the God who makes the covenant. The profundity of Abraham's response is that he continues to put his faith in the God who makes the promises and issues the covenant, not in the tangible expression of that covenant. Isaac is not the key to the covenant. That is not where the hope of the promise

lies. Yahweh is the key. Abraham's surrender of Isaac was an affirmation of this basic awareness.

## Israel Was Isaac

Gerhard Von Rad makes an interesting observation in his treatment of this story. He maintains that as Israel read and retold this story it identified itself with Isaac. Israel was Isaac. Israel was placed on the altar by God and apparently given up in the exile, but then miraculously, was given life again by God and allowed to return once again to Jerusalem to start over and continue the covenant relationship with God. This return was not secured by any merit on the part of Israel, but as in the case of Isaac, it was on the free grace of Yahweh that at the last moment allows Isaac (and Israel) to live.

To live meaningfully is to take risks. The move toward authentic existence includes the cutting off of certain possibilities and the loss of certain relationships—opportunities. All of us are asked, at some point in our life, to give up our Isaacs. We have no assurance that at the last moment the demand will be negated. We must live in the awareness that the turning loose and giving up of our claims to our promises, are integral parts of the moving on to the fulfillment of the promise. The key lies in the nature of the God who makes the demand.

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# Our People and Our Churches . . .

## PEOPLE . . .

Northside Church, Chattanooga, ordained **Tim Abney, William C. Cannon, Ralph Gannaway, Charles Glover, and Charles Wilson** as deacons. **Arthur C. Bruner Jr.** is pastor at Northside.

**Oscar Conner** and **Ed Simons** were ordained as deacons at Pleasant Grove Church in Hixson.

**Harry Williams Jr.**, mayor of the City of Minor Hill, was ordained as deacon at Minor Hill First Church. **Mack Pinkelton** brought the ordination message. **Glenn R. Chance** is pastor at Minor Hill.

Wheeler Church, Giles County Association, ordained **Owen Lewter** as a deacon. **R. E. Wilsford** brought the ordination message. **Billy Gene Turner** is pastor.

Calvary Church, Jackson, ordained **Jimmy Tanner** and **Glenn Smith** as deacons. **Bob Agee**, director of religious affairs at Union University, was the speaker for the ordination service. **Paul Clark** is pastor.

**Lynn Houston, Tommy Baker, and R. L. Skelton** were ordained as deacons by Highland Heights Church in Memphis. **Bruce Coyle** is pastor.

Members of the Mulberry Church, William Carey Association, honored their pastor, **J. B. Patterson**, on the occasion of his 20th anniversary as pastor of that church. He became pastor on Oct. 12, 1955. Special services were held in his honor.

**O. C. Rainwater** was bestowed the honorary title of pastor emeritus by members of Loudon First Church. **Rainwater**, a former pastor for 15 years, is now retired. **Ben F. Philbeck**, interim pastor at the church, brought the message at the special services.

**June White** observed her 30th anniversary as manager of the Chattanooga Baptist Book Store recently. The book store was opened on Sept. 24, 1945, and **White** was trained at that time. She is an active member of St. Elmo Avenue Church, where she has served in many capacities throughout the years. Presently she serves as teacher in the Young Adult Department and study chairman for Baptist Women.

Chattanooga Eastdale Church ordained **Nick Kennedy, Lee Evans, and Bill Bell** as deacons. **F. Ray Walker** is pastor.

Cub Creek Hall Church, Parsons, ordained **Dennis Smith**. **Ed Tubb** is pastor.

## LEADERSHIP . . .

**Don Townsend** has joined the staff of Seymour First Church as interim director of music and youth. He holds the B.A. and M.A. degrees in music from Columbia University and has done additional study at the University of Tennessee. **Townsend** will be in charge of the church's entire music program and will also work with the youth.

The new pastor at Charlotte First Church is **Robert Old**. He comes from the membership of Two Rivers Church, Nashville, where he was ordained to the gospel ministry.

**John Taylor** is the new pastor of Alva Church, Cumberland Association. He was ordained at Cumberland Drive Church.

**Roger Jennings**, former minister of music at Pulaski First Church, has moved to a new field at Russellville (Ala.) First Church. **Clarence Stewart** is the Pulaski pastor.

The new pastor at Elkton Church, Giles County Association, is **Marvin Glass**. He came to the position from Hillsboro First Church, Duck River Association. **Jesse H. Shannon** served as interim pastor at Elkton.

**Jessee Wooten** is the new pastor at Reservoir Road Church, Sullivan Association.

Harmony Church, Cumberland Association, called **Richard Forrest** as music director.

**George McKay**, music director at Park City Church, William Carey Association, resigned. **Kelly Carter** is pastor.

## MISSIONARY NEWS

Dr. and Mrs. Merrill D. Moore Jr., missionaries to Gaza, have a new furlough address (6124 Jocelyn Hollow Road, Nashville, Tenn. 37205). Born in Selma, Ala., he lived in Newport, Murfreesboro, and Nashville, Tenn., while growing up. The former Patricia Pitchford, Mrs. Moore was born in Hartshorne, Okla., and spent her childhood in Ada and Fittstown, Okla., and Rodeo, Calif. Before they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1964, he was completing a four-year surgical residency at Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, Tenn.

### CORRECTION

Note burning services were held at Black Oak Heights Church in Knoxville, not Chattanooga, as stated in the Oct. 9, 1975 issue, page 6, of Baptist And Reflector. **J. C. Parrott** is pastor of the church.

## REVIVALS . . .

Revival services were held at New Haven Church, Oneida, with **Ronnie Blake** serving as evangelist. There were five professions of faith. **Jerry Eggenberger** is pastor.

Revival services at Faith Temple Church in Nashville resulted in seven professions of faith and 70 other decisions. **Freddie Carrington**, Mt. Ararat Church, Darden, was the song leader; and **Richard Boyd**, Meridian Church, Jackson, was the evangelist. **Jim Gerhardt** is pastor.

**Tom Atwood**, Louisville, Ky., was the evangelist for revival services at Shellsford Church, McMinnville. The music was directed by Shellsford pastor, **Stephen Playl**. There were four professions of faith and several rededications. A record Sunday School attendance was achieved, according to Playl.

Savannah First Church completed its fall revival with seven for baptism, three additions by letter, and 15 rededications. **Ronnie Armstrong**, Andrews, Tex., was the evangelist. **Jim Osborne** is pastor.

There were 16 professions of faith and seven additions by letter during the revival at East Ridge Church, Chattanooga. **Tommy Preston**, Chattanooga, was the music leader; and the evangelist was **Junior Hill**. **C. Henry Preston** is pastor.

**Tom Shelby**, pastor, Fairview Church, Dover, reported that there were two for baptism following the church's revival recently. **Ed Mayfield** served as evangelist. **Shelby** has completed 50 years in the ministry.

Hermitage Hills Church, Hermitage, was led in revival by **Henry H. Linginfelter**. The music team was **Jeff and June Bearden**, Denver, Colo. There were 23 professions of faith, three additions by letter, one by statement, and over 75 other decisions.

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# “Holston Missionary Barrell” Arrives In Brazil



A sheet containing 64 pages of the Bible printed in Portuguese comes off the press at the Brazilian Baptist Publishing House in Rio de Janeiro. The Brazilian Baptist Convention dedicated the new press which was sent to Brazil with the help of Holston Baptist Association. Shown with the pages are H. Victor Davis, Southern Baptist missionary and director of the publishing house, left, and Francisco Cid, president of the Religious Education and Publishing Board, right.

The Holston Baptist Association “Missionary Barrell” to the Baptist Publishing House in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil became a reality recently when the 76-inch rotary perfecting printing press, donated by the Kingsport Press Inc., was dedicated at special services at the Brazilian Baptist printing plant.

The 57-ton printing press, now printing Bible in Brazil, arrived in Rio de Janeiro in October 1971. Unfortunately, a crate containing essential parts of the press was missing. In February of this year, when Kingsport Press Inc. disassembled the last press of this type, the necessary parts were made available.

There was also another obstacle. The instructions to assemble the gigantic press were not available. During the last four years, Donald K. Laing, Southern Baptist missionary, assembled the press piece by piece.

When missionaries from Brazil toured Kingsport Press Inc., while in Kingsport for a missions conference of the Holston Baptist Association in March 1971, they noticed that several presses were not in operation. Knowing of the need for new equipment in the Brazilian Baptist Publishing House, they asked if the machinery could be made available.

The company offered the presses to the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board with the stipulation the church people bear

the cost of disassembling, crating and shipping the machines. Because of the cost factor, only one machine was sent.

The Holston Baptist Association, where the Kingsport Press Inc., is located, gave over \$17,500 to help pay for the one-way ticket to Brazil for the press. Also, the Brooks Foundation gave a grant of \$301,000 to the board which was used to cover further expenses in shipment, assembling and handling of the press.

Purchased new in 1962, the press is valued at \$55,000. It can print both sides of 6,000 sheets of 76 x 54-inch paper in an hour.

The Kingsport Press has replaced equipment bought in the early 1930's. The printing of Bibles will now be quadrupled. Since 1944, when Brazilian Baptists began printing the Bible in their country, more than two million Bibles have been printed. In 1974, 27,000 Bibles were printed. More than 125,000 will be printed this year.

“We hope to print 500,000 Bibles yearly by the centennial year of Baptist work in Brazil, 1982,” said missionary H. Victor Davis, general director of the Religious Education and Publications Board.

In a letter printed in 1971, George Ainslee, member of First Baptist Church, Kingsport, recounted the story of obtaining, securing and moving the press. He cites obstacles such as time factors, crating boxes,

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## Laughs

A patriotic American went to Switzerland. When he returned he was asked about the Alps. “Well,” he said, “now that you speak of it, I do remember seeing a little bit of rising ground over there.”

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My TV set's so small, Marcus Welby comes on as a pediatrician.

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Susie: “I haven't slept for days.”

Doozie: “Aren't you very tired?”

Susie: “No, I sleep nights.”

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The woman driver's car stalled on the highway and a passing motorist told her she was out of gas. “Would it hurt,” she asked, “if I drive home with the tank empty?”

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Jim: I bet you don't know what a vampire is.

Tim: Okay, what is a vampire?

Jim: A pain in the neck.

paper work for overseas travel, storage for shipping crates and other such delays. In each instance he also cites the “divine leadership that was making things happen.”

Ainslee concluded his letter by saying, “It is very apparent that the Lord has a great hand in this endeavor, and we never want to fail to give Him the praise and glory for His unfailing help at all times.”

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# Crises Issues And Record Budget, Focus Of CLC Meeting

NASHVILLE—The world hunger and public education crises and Baptist participation in the bicentennial drew the attention of members of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission during the commission's annual meeting here.

The commission also urged the Federal Communications Commission to hold public hearings to consider complaints on television programming exploiting sex and violence, and explored the relationship of evangelism and social action.

In other developments, the commission gave its 1975 Distinguished Service Award to J. Clark Hensley, executive director of the Mississippi Baptist Christian Action Commission; set a record budget; and reelected its officers.

The commissioners also voted statements opposing moral laxity in sexual behavior in America and supporting enactment of "a morally responsible program of national health security."

On sexual misbehavior, the commission

statement said, "We adhere to God's ideal of sexual purity before marriage and sexual fidelity in marriage. We urge all people to stand against adultery and for sexual purity, sexual integrity and sexual responsibility..."

Phil D. Strickland, an attorney and associate secretary of the Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission, declared that "the issue of hunger and the Southern Baptist Convention's response to it may be one of the best barometers to our integrity and our caring as a denomination."

Strickland spent 10 weeks this summer, financed by the Texas and SBC Christian Life Commissions, interviewing representatives of 60 different hunger organizations in Washington and traveling in the hardest-hit hunger areas in the third world.

"I do not have any conclusive, quick answers. It would be foolish of me to even say I am an expert on this growing, hurtful problem," Strickland said. "But, as related to Southern Baptists, I have some impressions on the subject of hunger."

"Provincialism and our ignorance of international events and the consequences of these events is sin. Southern Baptists must gain a sense of what international justice really means. For what we do in the United States, though we pay little attention to it, has a vital and, many times, a devastating effect upon the third world."

The commission also voted a \$376,000 budget for 1975-76 and reelected Lloyd Crawford, a land developer from Golden, Colo., as commission chairman. Sara Frances Anders, professor of sociology at Louisiana College, Pineville, was reelected vice chairman, and Chevis Horne, pastor of First Baptist Church, Martinsville, Va., was reelected secretary.

On the question of the bicentennial, the commission voted funds to prepare resource materials for Southern Baptist pastors.

In an address on the state of the agency, Foy Valentine, Christian Life Commission executive secretary, said an important part of Baptist heritage "is the acceptance of both the prophetic and priestly, both the radical and conservative dimensions of the gospel."

"The Christian Life Commission does not deny the validity of the priestly; but it is our special, and in Southern Baptist life, our unique responsibility to affirm the validity of the prophetic."

On the subject of civil religion, Valentine said, "The Christian Life Commission must help Southern Baptists reject civil religion because its unitarianism ignores the scandal of the cross, the exclusiveness of biblical religion and the peculiarity of the religion which insists that God has shown humanity his face in Jesus Christ."

He said that Baptists have a past worth celebrating, a present worth possessing and a future worth securing, and that the Christian Life Commission "has a place to fill, a dream to follow, a calling to obey." (BP)



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# Fair Survey Shows 59% Oppose Parochial

SYRACUSE, New York—A public opinion survey conducted at the New York State Fair revealed that 59% of those expressing an opinion oppose giving public funds to private, church-related schools. The survey was conducted by volunteer workers who are members of Americans United for Separation of Church and State. Over 2500 people participated in the survey.

Seventy-five percent of those answering yes or no believe that separation of church and state is good both for religious bodies and for the state; sixty-nine percent said that they would uphold the principle of church-state separation.

Somewhat fewer disapproved of public funding of religiously affiliated colleges. Of those expressing an opinion 57% disapproved.

The state chairman of Americans United, Charles H. Summer of Rochester, com-

mented on the results by saying, "The results of this survey parallel the results of votes of citizens in various states which have held referenda on the same basic issue. In these instances and in most opinion surveys those opposed to channeling tax funds to religious institutions have overwhelmed their vocal opposition. The numerous court decisions in favor of preserving the American princi-

ple of church-state separation have bolstered our position. The slowest at getting the message seem to be our state legislators, who year after year pass bills to aid religious schools. They do this in spite of the state constitution, which says that the state may not directly or indirectly fund denominational schools."

Any one wanting a complete copy of the survey may send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to State Chairman, Americans United, 62 Sandbury Drive, Pittsford, New York 14534. (C/SNS)

## Bible Puzzle Page

Answers On Page 12

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- 50 Money of account
- 51 Stockings
- 52 Stations: abbr.
- 53 Its white has no taste (Job 6:6)

### DOWN

- 1 Poet's often
- 2 Court
- 3 "— my people go" (Ex. 5)
- 4 Employers
- 5 Do not say it (Matt. 5:22)
- 6 "both — — —" (Rev. 13)
- 7 Snake
- 8 Leader
- 9 We do it through Christ (1 John 4:9)
- 10 Prophet (2 Chron. 15:8)
- 11 Portion of hay: dial. Eng.
- 16 Machine for lifting
- 17 Man in Jesus' genealogy (Luke 3:34)
- 20 Rules
- 21 Sins
- 22 "they that — shall live" (John 5)
- 24 Orders: abbr.
- 26 There shall be no more (Rev. 21:4)
- 27 Taj Mahal site
- 28 Kind of meat
- 29 Fortifies
- 31 Salutes
- 32 Simeon (Acts 13:1)
- 36 French river
- 37 Russian czar: poss.
- 38 Zibeon's son (Gen. 36:24)
- 39 — Horizonte
- 40 Doctrines
- 42 Suffix denoting vision
- 44 Medical men: abbr.
- 45 One third of a game
- 46 Work unit
- 47 Hanging end

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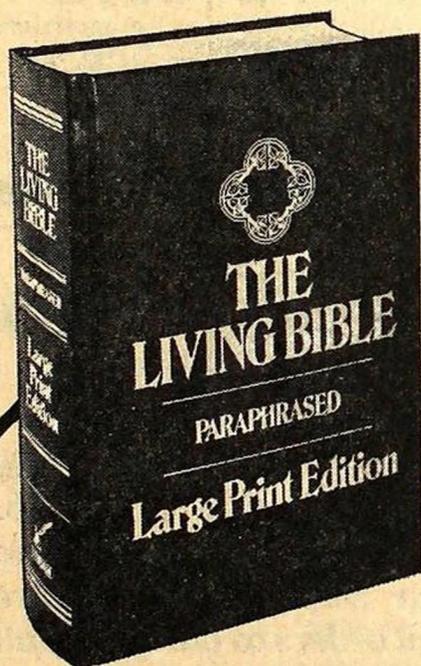
- 1 Bird (Psa. 102:6)
- 4 — Major
- 8 Jacob shall break his (Hos. 10:11; sing.)
- 12 Adversary
- 13 Man's name: poss.
- 14 "and shall — a multitude of sins" (Jas. 5)
- 15 "preach deliverance — — —" (Luke 4)
- 18 Kind of test
- 19 Gives ear to
- 20 Where the Philistines came (Judg. 15:9; poss.)
- 23 Spend time in idleness
- 25 Greek war god
- 26 Young salmon
- 27 Biblical place (2 Ki. 17:24)
- 30 Put them away (Eph. 4:31; 3 words)
- 33 Soviet Socialist Republic: abbr.
- 34 Helps
- 35 Edomite duke (Gen. 36:43)
- 36 Chinese dynasty
- 37 One of David's guard (2 Sam. 23:36; poss.)
- 38 Father of Kish (1 Sam. 9:1)
- 41 Wander
- 43 "And when — — thence" (Matt. 9)
- 48 Charity
- 49 Precipitation

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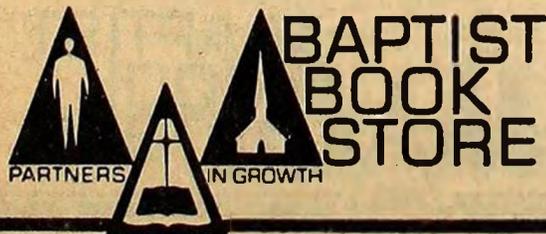
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18 He told his disciples that all the kingdoms of the world had been given all in heaven and earth.



# Foreign Fields Request 1,217 New Missionaries

**RICHMOND**—A plea for evangelistic workers headed the request for an additional 1,217 Southern Baptist foreign missionaries to reinforce, replace and begin new work in 1976.

The requests topped last year's number by almost 50 jobs. (Of the 1,014 missionaries requested for 1975, only 201 positions have been filled.) Southern Baptists now have more than 2,600 missionaries in over 80 countries.

The board's annual meeting to review the 1976 missionary situation was directed by Louis R. Cobb, secretary of the department of missionary personnel. It was attended by staff members of the board's overseas division and the department of missionary personnel, including the four regional personnel representatives.

The regional representatives, located in Louisville, New Orleans, Kansas City and Fort Worth, will take the requests back to persons in area churches and nearby seminaries who are interested in missionary service.

Although the 1,217 requests for 1976 are divided into 46 categories of missionary service, 50 percent were for persons in the area of evangelism and church development.

For every general evangelist appointed last year, there were 10 unfilled requests in that area of ministry.

## Evangelism Is Top Priority

"Again and again area secretaries use terms like 'wide open, responsive, unlimited opportunity,'" said R. Keith Parks, director of the mission support division. "Even in a place like Bangladesh, with all of its needs in terms of human relief, evangelism still has the highest priority."

Of the 59 countries requesting additional missionaries, only 15 do not list general evangelists within the top two priorities. Many of the areas list general evangelists the the top 10 priorities, inclusively.

In Eastern and South America, 80 percent of the requests are for couples and singles to work in church development, leadership training and preaching ministry.

Davis L. Saunders, the board's area secretary for Eastern and Southern Africa, said that over half the requests from his area are for evangelistic workers, while among appointments during the past 12 months only three have been assigned to this type ministry. It has been about four years since a couple has been appointed for general evangelism in Rhodesia, he observed.

In Tanzania, over 8,400 nationals have been converted in 31 churches. Nationals have been baptized and have assumed roles as pastor of churches, but additional leadership is needed.

## Young Men and Women

"We especially need young men and women who are graduates of our seminaries with some experience in pastoral work and church development," reported Saunders. "We need men who could begin a training program in a church and would actively participate in it as pastor."

According to Cobbs, the mission area most desperately in need of missionaries is East Asia (Hong Kong, Okinawa, Japan, Korea and Taiwan).

George H. Hays, area secretary for East Asia, said. "We would like to have a missionary advisor in each prefecture in Japan. In addition, there are 10 major cities where we have no evangelistic missionary."

Over a three year period, however, East Asia has received only three couples in general evangelism—the least of any of the eight areas.

Besides evangelistic workers, a large number of medical needs continue. Physicians are requested for 14 countries where Southern Baptists have medical work, and 13 countries need nurses.

The demand for both doctors and nurses always far exceeds the available missionary candidates, Parks reports.

Although the number of missionaries on the field is slightly increasing (a net increase last year of 69 persons), the needs continue to rapidly multiply.

"As we face these overwhelming needs, we are aware that they will be met through the 34,734 Southern Baptist churches within the States; we are only a channel for placing missionaries on the field," Parks explained.

"We are confident that the Lord will continue to call people from those churches to meet the increasing needs." (BP)

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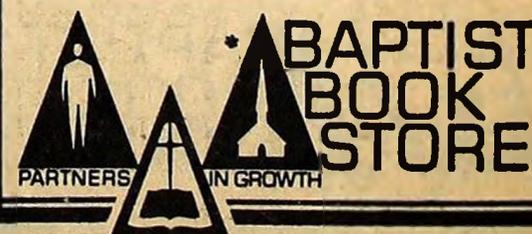
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# Family Living

By Dr. B. David Edens,  
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## "INVESTING" IN MARRIAGE

Would you believe that "The same forces that explain what you buy in the marketplace probably explain how you go about choosing a mate"? In a recent interview in the *Chicago Daily News*, University of Chicago economist Gary Becker says his "theory of marriage" is based on two assumptions: "that each person tries to do as well as possible in choosing a mate and that the marriage market is in equilibrium (supply and demand equal)."

Explaining his theory, Becker adds: "I'm not just stressing the gain of dollars and cents in a marriage. Economists are able to deal with the nonmonetary aspects of gains, too. The emotional values of persons play a role that is tied around the other commodities. Emotions may dominate marriage choices more for young people, for example. Is that the reason that younger marriages more often end in divorce? People who marry later tend to build their marriage around variables other than emotions: Is that why they divorce less frequently?"

Becker also uses his investment theory to help explain divorce: "We are going to be able to predict which marriages are most likely to last. The more we learn about how and why people choose their mates, the more we can offer in concrete premarital counseling. The divorce rate depends on the investment—I hate to use that word—that people have made in each other. The more education and the higher the income, the less likely it is that a couple will divorce. They have more to lose."

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## FROM THE FILES

### 50 YEARS AGO

Editor John D. Freeman said, "What has become of the day when Baptist sermons were being talked about on every hand and when Baptist preachers were about as popular with heretics as Jesus was with the Pharisees?"

Members of Third Church, Nashville, presented their pastor, Rufus Beckett, with a new 1925 Ford car. It was reported that Beckett immediately took the steering wheel of the "Henry" and started out on his busy rounds.

### 20 YEARS AGO

Boulevard Church, Memphis, C. M. Pickler, pastor, had the services of David Q. Byrd, West Jackson Church, Jackson, for revival.

Bob Peek, Knoxville, a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, accepted the call of the Cowan Church and was already on the field.

### 10 YEARS AGO

Leonard E. Hill, Nashville, was promoted from production editor to managing editor of the *Baptist Program* magazine. He had served on the magazine for seven years.

E. S. James, outspoken editor of the *Texas Baptist Standard*, announced his up-coming retirement. He had served as editor for 11 years.

# From the Executive Secretary

By Ralph Norton

The interim pastor of a Baptist church might well be called one of our unsung heroes by many unenlightened church mem-



Norton

bers, but to a congregation that has been blessed through the ministry of an interim pastor the acclaim given him is indicative of the high regard in which he is held. Many of our churches are discovering the great value which can come from having an interim pastor, and many retired pastors are finding this a joyous way to serve.

Of course, each situation is different and arrangements for calling a man to serve as an interim pastor need to be made when he is called. There should be some understanding as to what is expected of him as well as what his remuneration is to be. The distance he travels to reach the church should be taken into consideration. Over and over again I hear complimentary reports of the service to a church that an interim pastor performs. In addition to the preaching and visiting ministry that a church obviously expects, a wise minister serving as interim can often help smooth troubled waters and prepare the way for a permanent pastor when he is called to the church.

We are fortunate to have many capable retired pastors who can give a pastor-less church the benefits of their practical experience in their ministry and preaching. Most of these men are kept busy the majority of the time. We like to think that theirs is a two-fold ministry: They are benefited as they enjoy an opportunity to serve, and the church is blessed by their efforts.

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### The Important Annual Association Meeting

By Jonas L. Stewart  
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As these words are being written the annual meetings of associations of the Tennessee Baptist Convention are in full swing. Attending as many as time will allow, there seems to be a general spirit of optimism. Pastors and people from one church sharing victories with another church is a common experience. Preaching is at its best at these sessions. Reports of evangelism, attendance, mission work and stewardship get special attention. All of these reports this year seem to provide a general air of excitement that has not always been evident in recent years.

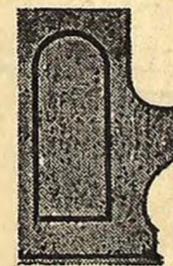
One feature of these meetings is the report of the director of missions. These men are to be commended for the leadership they are providing. As with a pastor, much of their work goes unnoticed because it is done on such a personal basis, however, it is not difficult to detect the total result of their efforts.

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