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## TBSC Announces Proposal For Purchase Of Union Campus

The Tennessee Baptist Service Corp. of the Tennessee Baptist Convention has announced a proposal for the purchase of the old campus site of Union University in Jackson, for use in development as a retirement complex.

The TBSC board of directors, meeting in Brentwood last week, accepted the latest proposal from Union University's executive board stipulating what was to be included in the sale. The sale price has not been announced.

Gene Kerr, TBSC executive director, said that the corporation has requested up to six months to obtain the proper zoning approval and financing for the land sale before actually purchasing the site. However, plans call for completion of the transaction at the earliest possible date. A final proposal has not been accepted, but Robert Craig, Union president, stated that plans were progressing toward the sale.

Kerr stated that he foresees no trouble in obtaining proper zoning approval or local financing for the purchase. The site has

already been zoned for apartments, and plans call for the first building erected in the retirement complex to be a high-rise apartment facility.

Earl Swensson Architects, Nashville, has been employed to design the new complex. Tentative plans from the board call for the eventual demolition of the former administration building, student union, science buildings, and three dormitories.

Members of the board of the Tennessee Baptist Service Corp. include: chairman Tom Madden, Tullahoma; W. A. Catlett, Dandridge; Harley Fite, Jefferson City; Gaye McGlothlen, Nashville; Ralph McIntyre, Chattanooga; Ed Meier, Memphis; Robert L. Orr, Dyersburg; Marvin Robertson, Bolivar; Clarence Stewart, Pulaski; David Stewart, Brownsville; Hamilton Traylor, Maryville; Leonard Wedel, Franklin; and Sam Weiland, Brentwood.

### Tennessee Valley Assn. Holds 80th Anniversary Session

The first meeting of the 80th anniversary sessions of Tennessee Valley Association was held at Mt. Vernon Church in Sale Creek earlier this month. It was the same location where the association met for the first time in 1895.

James Crane, foreign missionary to Mexico, on furlough in Morristown, brought the keynote address to the messengers at the opening session. The capacity crowd represented 18 churches. The second meeting was held at Grandview Church with 19 churches represented.

Messengers elected J. B. Crisp, pastor, Smyrna Church, as moderator, and David Lyles, pastor, Wolf Creek Church, as vice moderator. Crisp succeeds Kenneth Clayton, pastor, Spring City First Church, as moderator.

Special recognition was given to Marion Denton who has served as treasurer of the association for 20 years. Paul Cochran, a member of New Union Church, was elected treasurer to succeed Denton. Mrs. Alvin Gravett, a member of New Union Church, was elected associate clerk.

The 1976 sessions will be held Oct. 14-15 at New Union Church and Yellow Creek Church, according to Ben Walker, director of missions.

### Coming Events

Nov. 2-8—RA Focus Week.

Nov. 4—East Tennessee Evangelism Leadership Meeting, Bell Avenue Church, Knoxville.

Nov. 5—Middle Tennessee Evangelism Leadership Meeting, Belmont Heights Church, Nashville.

Nov. 6—West Tennessee Evangelism Leadership Meeting, Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson.

Nov. 7, 8, 9—Bible Prophecy Conference, Central Church, Chattanooga.

Nov. 10—Tennessee Church Music Conference, Brainerd Church, Chattanooga.

Nov. 10—WMU Convention, East Ridge Church, Chattanooga.

Nov. 10—Tennessee Baptist Pastors Conference, First Church, Chattanooga.

Nov. 21-22—Reaching out Through Recreation Workshops, Smoky Shadows Conference Center, Pigeon Forge.

Nov. 28-29—Church Training Spectacular, First Church, Nashville.

Nov. 30-Dec. 7—Lottie Moon Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions.

### Central To Host Bible Prophecy Conference

Central Church, Chattanooga, will be the site for a pre-convention Bible Prophecy Conference, Nov. 7-9, led by Gene Miller Williams.

The sessions will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and at 9:45 and 11 a.m. and 6:15 and 7:30 p.m. on Sunday.

Williams, who is Bible study leader for the WMU state convention sessions this year, is a graduate of Baylor University and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary where he earned the Th.D. degree. He has been a full time evangelist and is president of the Gene Miller Williams Evangelistic Association which sponsors overseas evangelists through the SBC Foreign Mission Board.

Central Church is located at 901 Woodmore Lane in the Brainerd section of Chattanooga. Bill Hartley is pastor.

### Convention Phone

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



Madison-Chester Association of Baptists dedicated a new associational mission center recently with David Q. Byrd, senior member of the associational missions committee and pastor of West Jackson Church, Jackson, as the main speaker. Total cost of the facilities was \$100,000. Plans for the structure were drawn by W. Cooper McRae of McRae Engineering Inc., Jackson. Contractor was James L. Smith Construction Co., Jackson.

The annual session of the Woman's Missionary Union Convention meeting in Chattanooga will be held Monday, Nov. 10, not Nov. 11, as stated in an earlier "Baptist And Reflector" story.

# Judgment Ignored

By Herschel H. Hobbs

*"Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities."—Jude 8*

Despite the judgments cited in verses 5-7, the Gnostics ignored the fact of judgment reserved for them. This is ever the case of those wholly given to sin.

"Likewise" refers back to these judgments just mentioned and the reasons for them. The Greek reads "yet likewise." In their dreamings these false teachers "keep on defiling" (present tense) the flesh. As antinomians they reject all authority. And they "blaspheme (speak insultingly against) dignities." "Dignities" are "glorious ones" (RSV). Robertson suggests that these are evil angels. But this hardly fits the context. The idea in this verse seems to be that they rebel against both human and divine authority.

In contrast Jude cites an incident related in *The Assumption of Moses*, a non-canonical writing. The story relates that when Moses died, the archangel Michael was sent to bear his body to heaven. At the same time Satan came for the body, claiming that because Moses killed the Egyptian his body belonged to Satan. But because

Satan was a ruler (in the kingdom of evil), Michael would not rebuke him. Rather he said, "The Lord rebuke thee" (v.9). Rebuke should be left to God. Whether or not the story is true, it illustrates Jude's point.

By contrast these heretics like wild animals howled at what they did not understand (v. 10). But judgment awaits them (v. 11). Like Cain they reject true religion (Gen. 4). Like Balaam they seek financial gain at spiritual loss (Num. 22-25). And they are like Korah who led a rebellion against the authority of Moses and Aaron. By an earthquake he and all who followed him were swallowed up by the earth (Num. 16:1-25). The judgment of God may be ignored, but it cannot be evaded.

Men should be careful how they regard spiritual things and authority both divine and human. For built into the wrong attitude toward such is their judgment. Since people must face God in judgment, they should be careful as to how they live before men.



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## Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

A group of church-related young people are offering Spook Insurance for Halloween.

As I understand it, they are insuring home owners against a ghost of a chance.

Of course, there may not be any real reason for such insurance. The crime rate being what it is—and things so frightening on the streets of America—even the ghosts may be afraid to come out.

And usually, Halloween is when the ghosts walk and the witches ride, but with gasoline prices as high as they are, they both may walk this year.

Furthermore, with political campaigning on the increase, politicians are now joining the children in masquerade, hands outstretched, as they say: "Trick or treat?"

Still, Halloween is a time when tight-fisted people willingly part with candy and other treats. Often the children succeed, where the preachers have failed, in opening the hearts of certain individuals. At least, the children are able to scare something out of them.

## Devotional

### Surely Goodness Shall Follow

By Mrs. Hazel Jones

In Genesis' record of the creation we read that God looked around and "saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good." Looking at the world today, we sometimes think that goodness is a lost art. But this goodness is still with us, if we know how and where to look for it. It is anywhere we happen to be after doing an act of kindness; anytime we are as honest at night when no one is watching as we are in the light of day; when we keep silent rather than speak words that might hurt someone; when we close our ears to gossip or scandal about someone.

Much goodness is within ourselves. To utilize this goodness, we have to give ourselves away, so to speak. Did you ever stop to think that every time you help someone up a steep hill you get nearer the top yourself? When we give of our time and talent to others, we receive in like manner. Sometimes it seems that the goodness is a long time in returning to us, but as Paul told the Galatians, "Let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

Just as Jesus fed the multitudes with only a few loaves and fishes, so is our goodness multiplied. As a pebble dropped in water makes an ever-widening ripple, so, in the same sense, every act we perform during our lives, whether good or bad, will affect others—or the universe itself—in some way. Remembering this, should we not strive harder to live so that we will not be "weighed in the balances and found wanting?"

With David, let us affirm: "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever."

*Note: Mrs. Jones is a member of Stock Creek Church in Knoxville, here she has served as a Sunday School teacher. She presently is assistant secretary of the "Faithful Workers" class.*

### Big Hatchie Messengers Elect David Lawler

Messengers to Big Hatchie Association, meeting in annual session, elected David Lawler, pastor of Charleston Church, as moderator for 1975-76. He succeeds James Williams, pastor, Garland Church, in the position.

Serving with Lawler will be vice moderator James Beard, pastor, Durhamville Church, who was also elected for the first time.

Mrs. Ben W. Emerson, a member of Ripley First Church, was elected treasurer; and Henry G. West, pastor of Covington First Church, was elected clerk for the eleventh consecutive year.

The association is without a director of missions at the present.

# Home Board Names Search Committee; New Staff

ATLANTA—Southern Baptist Home Mission Board officers named a seven-member committee of five pastors and two laypersons from five states to nominate a successor to executive director Arthur B. Rutledge who retires Dec. 31, 1976.

In other action, the directors increased the interest rate on Home Mission Board loans, and named two staff members, including the first woman to head a Home Mission Board division.

They also approved an upward adjustment in the 1976 budget to \$22,989,833, approved two staff structure adjustments and appointed 30 missionaries and missionary associates.

The committee, announced at the directors' fall meeting here, includes Gene Garrison, chairman, pastor of First Church, Oklahoma City; M. Dale Allen, pastor, Parkway Church, St. Louis, Mo.; Mrs. I. W. Bowen III, Forsyth, Ga.; Alfred Bruce Coyle, pastor, Highland Heights Church, Memphis, Tenn.; John F. Miles, layman, Tomaston, Ga.; James M. Windham, pastor, First Church, Silver Spring, Md.; and Lloyd Elder, who recently left a pastorate in Fort Worth to become assistant to the executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

The seven-member panel—all members of the board's directors—was named by officers of the board in keeping with the agency's bylaws. President Russell H. Dilday said the committee has been asked to work toward bringing a nominee before the board in July 1976, so the executive director-elect could have a period of orientation before Rutledge's retirement.

## Garrison, Committee Chairman

Garrison, the committee chairman, said Southern Baptists interested in communicating with the committee should do so in writing. His address is 1201 N. Robinson, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73103.

Rutledge announced that the 1975 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for home missions receipts had reached \$8,207,782 through October 14 and were running 5.69 percent ahead of the 1974 pace. The total offering in 1974 was \$8,130,000. Goal for 1975 is 8.5 million.

The interest rate on Home Mission Board loans was increased from 9 to 9.5 percent "in light of current economic conditions." The change will be effective with November business, said loans committee chairman John Miles.

New staff members elected were Hattie P. Johnson and J. C. Bradley.

## New Staff To Serve

Mrs. Johnson, director of payroll and employee benefits services since 1971, was

named director of the division of business services. She has been acting director of the division since the resignation of Dan McQueen earlier this year and will be the first woman to head a Home Mission Board division.

Bradley was elected director of the department of associational administration service in the division of associational missions, effective Nov. 15. He succeeds F. Russell Bennett, who resigned to become

director of field education at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

In his annual report to the board, executive director Rutledge noted that through the year the board has appointed 299 persons to missionary service and the missionary force as of Sept. 30 totaled 2,082, a gain of seven over the total at the same date in 1974.

Rutledge said the emphasis over the last two years had been on holding the missionary force at present levels while bringing their salaries closer to the national median income.

With that accomplished, he said, the missionary force could be expected to show a net gain of 50 to 75 a year over the next few years. (BP)

## Dangers Of Alcohol Abuse Set For Baptist Radio Programs

In November four of the five half-hour radio programs produced by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission will emphasize the dangers of alcohol abuse.

In what is perhaps a "first" in the history of Baptist radio programming, "Powerline," a show aimed at teenagers, "Country Crossroads," for country music fans, "MasterControl"\*<sup>†</sup>, a middle-of-the-road interview show, and "SoulSearcherS" for blacks, all will feature facts about alcohol abuse. The programs will be designed to puncture myths created by strong lobbies and slick advertising.

This quadruple thrust was prompted by more and more problem letters to the Commission's counseling department. The writers described difficulties dealing with alcohol.

"One of the major problems of young people today is not hard drugs, but alcohol," observed J. P. Allen, the Commission's vice president of audience research and response.

Allen, who heads the Commission's counseling department, said the problem of alcohol "has always been there, but it was covered up by the emphasis on drugs."

"Kids are getting smart enough to get off dope," added Claude Cox, who writes the "Powerline" and "SoulSearcherS" scripts. "Alcohol is more readily available than drugs, more socially acceptable, and it is not as unlawful."

"Wine and its availability is becoming the thing, and it is a real part of the young black culture. More and more teenagers, who admit they're alcoholics, are beginning to surface."

The four Commission programs will deal with the subject matter as it fits into their formats.

The religious messages sandwiched between the top of the chart songs on "Powerline" and between the rhythm and blues offerings on "SoulSearcherS" will present

listeners with facts about alcohol—such facts that nearly 8000 young Americans die yearly because of it.

"That's more than war, drugs, suicide, or disease," points out Cox.

On "Country Crossroads," co-hosts LeRoy Van Dyke, Bill Mack, and Jerry Clower will visit with country music star Carl Perkins, who will describe his own bout with the bottle and his successful battle against the effect of alcoholism.

Comedian Dick Van Dyke will tell "MasterControl"\*<sup>†</sup> listeners how he realized he was an alcoholic and how he overcame his problem. He'll share the time with Joyce Kelly of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism and Don Newcomb, former baseball player with the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Kelly will define the problems of alcoholics and how they can be helped by friends, relatives, and even themselves. Newcomb will talk about his own problem and how his wife's prayers helped.

The Radio and Television Commission will reinforce the programs by offering, on all four shows, free brochures specially designed to share the dangers and debunk the myths of alcohol. The alcohol information comes from the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare and is illustrated with cartoons (from the National Jaycees) designed to open the mind about alcohol.

The battle will be taken across the country on a total of 2004 radio stations which air one or several of the Commission-produced programs weekly.

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# Pastor-Administrator Eases Church Staff Conflicts

LOUISVILLE—Acceptance of the pastor as the chief administrator of a church with multiple staff would ease much of the anxiety and tensions which has surrounded church staff relations in recent years, Grady C. Cothen said here.

Cothen, president of the gigantic Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, cited the problem of church-staff conflicts which have grown as the number of churches with multiple-staff situations has grown.

"As the multiplicity of staff members has grown, particularly in the larger churches, the problems have become more acute," Cothen said in the first of this year's series of Gheens Lectures at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

"There has been considerable confusion in the minds of both staff and congregation concerning the role and function of ministers; the lines of authority have been unclear," added Cothen, a former pastor, former state Baptist executive secretary and former university and seminary president.

One of the major problems, Cothen explains, lies in "widely divergent concepts of leadership roles." If the staff members and congregation do not clearly understand the role and function of each minister, he says, "confusion is inevitable."

The accepted practice among Baptists, says Cothen, is for the pastor to serve as the chief administrative officer of the church. A significant problem arises "when there are other ministers—staff members—involved in leading the congregation in specified areas for which the chief administrative officer also feels responsibility."

The Sunday School Board head believes that "the ministers in the congregation are likely to relate their role, function, and position to the call which they have received from God and to the call which they have received from the congregation."

But, Cothen warns, "they must also relate themselves to the lines of administrative authority and decision-making."

He expressed dismay at the "amount of suffering" that has resulted from misunderstanding of church-staff relationships. "It probably would be frightening to know how many called, dedicated and frustrated servants of the Lord have left various facets of the ministry because of these problems," he says.

That situation is not necessary, however, according to Cothen. "The multiple ministers need not wind up in administrative confusion or role competition. God has given to the saints differing gifts."

In Cothen's model of the modern multiple-ministry church, the pastor is recognized as chief administrative officers and other

ministers have "clearly designated functions with very clear lines of communication, reporting and responsibility. The clearer the delineation of responsibilities and the lines of authority the more functional the system would be."

The Southern Baptist administrator disagrees with putting a minister under the direct authority of a committee rather than the pastor-administrator. "Good administrative procedure requires that the pastor, as the chief administrator, should be the supervisor of the staff," he stresses.

Cothen believes that all church-staff relationships and problems must be dealt with under the leadership of God. "The ministers need total Christian commitment to one another, to the church, and to God." (BP)

## J. Wash Watts Dies

DARLINGTON, S.C.—J. Wash Watts, 79, who died here Oct. 16, will be remembered by hundreds of seminary students as "a classroom teacher whose work superbly combined disciplined scholarship and spiritual inspiration," recalls a former student and colleague at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

"In the early 1930s, Dr. Watts taught for more than a year without a salary and he and his wife and children ate in the dining hall because of his love for the institution and the students," says J. Hardee Kennedy, dean of academic affairs at the seminary.

Watts, who taught for 36 years at New Orleans Seminary before retirement, was also a missionary to Israel, pastor of Baptist churches in South Carolina, Kentucky and Louisiana, a religious work secretary for Army YWCA and a chaplain during World War I, and acting president of New Orleans Seminary on two occasions.

"He motivated hundreds of students to preach the word," recalls Kennedy, who served as Watts' student, teaching fellow during his doctoral work and later as his colleague in the Old Testament department at the seminary. "After hearing him, they could hardly wait for Sunday so they could preach."

Watts was also widely known as a scholar of Hebrew syntax and its implications for translation. "His book, 'A Survey of Syntax in the Hebrew Old Testament,' departed from conventional interpretation and has had considerable impact," Kennedy said.

"Students will never forget his interpretation of the 23rd Psalm," adds Kennedy, "It can be told now that many students cut other classes when he was teaching the 23rd



Miracle Church, Lavergne, broke ground for a new library, church offices and an auditorium which will seat 500. The plow was held by pastor Carl L. Scarlett, and pulled by members of the building, furnishing, and finance committees and the church's deacons.

## Historical Society To Meet At C-N, Nov. 1

The quarterly meeting of the East Tennessee Baptist Historical Society will be held Nov. 1 at 10:30 a.m. at Carson-Newman College's Stokely Building.

The program will feature addresses by Jean Peoples, minister of music, Jefferson City First Church; Claude B. Acuff, and Park Keller.

People will discuss the music ministry of First Church, Jefferson City, from 1960-75. Acuff will present a picture of some early leaders in the life of Buffalo Church in Grainger County. Keller, who was instrumental in the establishment of Broadway Church in the Maryville area, will discuss the development and promotion of new churches during the 1940's and 1950's.

## Carson-Newman College Receives Kodak Grant

Carson-Newman College received a \$3000 direct grant under Eastman Kodak Co.'s 1975 Educational Aid Program, according to a recent announcement from C-N president John A. Fincher.

The school also received a \$10,000 capital grant from Kodak which will be applied to the college's 125th anniversary development fund.

Grants are based on the number of graduates from institutions who joined Kodak within five years of graduation and are currently in their fifth year of employment. Kodak contributes \$750 for each undergraduate or graduate year completed at a privately supported school. C-N is among 113 four-year privately supported colleges and universities receiving direct grants from the company.

Psalm—every chair was filled and people stood."

He is survived by his wife, who lives in Darlington, S.C.; a son, Dr. John Watts, a Southern Baptist missionary to India; and a daughter, Betty Jane (Mrs. Elmer S.) West of Richmond, Va. Another son, Reid, was killed in action in World War II. (BP)

# Convention Related Meetings Scheduled

## Harrison-Chilhowee Academy

Alumni of Harrison-Chilhowee Academy will hold their 1975 annual meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 12, from 5-6:30 p.m. in Chattanooga. The meeting will be a supper fellowship at the S&W Cafeteria at Market and Broad Sts.

Alumni are requested to go through the cafeteria line and then meet for supper on the mezzanine floor.

## Belmont College

A buffet supper will be served to alumni of Belmont College on Tuesday, Nov. 11, in the Lookout Mountain Room of the Holiday Inn I-124 in Chattanooga. According to Steve Parks, alumni president, tickets may be secured at the convention or at the door.

## Carson-Newman College

Carson-Newman College alumni will host a reception following the evening session of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, Tuesday, Nov. 11. The reception will begin at 9:30 p.m. at the Read House on West 9th in Chattanooga. Grant Jones, pastor, Sevierville First Church, is Tennessee alumni president for Carson-Newman College.

## Union University

Alumni of Union University will meet Tuesday, Nov. 11, at 5:30 p.m. on the top floor of the Provident Building in Chattanooga for their annual reunion. A buffet supper will be served. S. R. Woodson, retired pastor, is the Tennessee alumni chapter president. The message will be brought by Robert Craig, Union University president.

## Baptist Wives

On Wednesday, Nov. 12, the Tennessee Baptist Wives' fellowship will meet in the Fellowship Hall of Central Church, Chattanooga, for their annual luncheon. The luncheon is for wives of all full-time Baptist workers throughout the State of Tennessee.



**Mrs. Louis Ball**  
McCluskey and  
James Hutson.

In keeping with the bicentennial year, the theme of the program will be "Let Freedom Ring." Special music will be provided by Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bailey, Memphis. The guest speaker will be Earl Wilson, Knoxville. Mrs. Louis Ball, state president, will preside, along with vice president and program chairman Mrs. James McCluskey and secretary-treasurer Mrs. James Hutson.

## New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

The New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary alumni reunion banquet will be held Nov. 11 following the morning session of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. Alumni will meet at Holiday Inn, I-124, across from Chattanooga First Church.

Featured speaker will be Russell M. McIntire, director of development for the seminary. Other guests scheduled to appear on the program are Hiram Barefoot, Union University, and a choir ensemble from Central Church. Robert Campbell, president of the Tennessee alumni chapter, said that tickets would be available at the seminary booth or could be purchased at Holiday Inn.

## Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

Tennessee alumni of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary will meet Wednesday, Nov. 12, following the morning session of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. The meeting will be a luncheon at Holiday Inn I-124, across from First Church.

John J. Owens, professor of Old Testament Interpretations, will bring the message. Howard G. Olive, pastor, Monte Vista Church, Maryville, is Tennessee alumni chapter president.

## Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary

The Tennessee chapter of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary alumni will meet for breakfast at 7 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 12, at Holiday Inn, Golden Gateway Exit on I-124 in Chattanooga.

James Lee Young, feature editor at Baptist Press and Tennessee chapter vice president, is coordinating the event.

## Tennessee Religious Education Association

The annual meeting of the Tennessee Religious Education Association will be held Monday, Nov. 10, at 6 p.m. at the Chattanooga Choo Choo, Terminal Station, Market St. at Main. Matt Nevels, director of education and promotion for Hamilton Association, Chattanooga, is program chairman for the event. Dan Watkins, minister of education at Crieewood Church, Nashville, and president of the association, will serve as master of ceremonies for the banquet. Program personalities will include Jerry Prickett, chaplain of Baylor School in Chattanooga, who will provide entertainment. The banquet is for all educational workers, ministers of education, youth and children's directors, and their guests.

## Newcomers' Reception

All staff members who are newcomers to the state this year are invited to a Newcomers' Reception at Holiday Inn across from First Church on Tuesday evening following the session of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. The reception will serve as a time for getting acquainted with fellow workers throughout the state and provides an opportunity for knowing the convention staff.

## Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

Doug Ezell, assistant professor of New Testament at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, will speak at the annual meeting of the seminary's Tennessee alumni association Nov. 12. The group will meet at 6 p.m. for supper at the Read House on West 9th in Chattanooga.



**Ezell**

Robert Norman, pastor, Belmont Heights Church, Nashville, is president of the Tennessee alumni association, and will preside at the meeting. Discussion will

be held on plans for the new \$8 million capital campaign and new curriculum developments at the seminary.

## Baptist Young Women Banquet

A banquet for Baptist Young Women will be held at East Ridge Church, Chattanooga at 6 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 10. The theme of the banquet will be "BYW Key To World Missions." Juliette Mather, retired, will be the featured speaker. Mather was a professor at universities in Taiwan, Taipei, Hong Kong, and Taichung and served at Taiwan Baptist Theological Seminary. She is also scheduled to speak at the Woman's Missionary Union Convention. Deadline for ordering tickets from the WMU is Nov. 4, according to Mary Jane Nethery, state WMU executive secretary-treasurer.

## Tennessee Baptist Annuitants' Dinner

A dinner for Tennessee Baptist annuitants will be held at 5 p.m. Tues., Nov. 11 at Brainerd Church in Chattanooga, according to Vern Powers, director of Protection Plans for the Tennessee Baptist Convention. Don Madaris, associate, Church Music Department, TBC, will provide the entertainment.

Powers stated that round trip bus transportation will be provided from First Church to Brainerd Church.

# Baptist Shows Hit Road For Bicentennial Salute

The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board is producing two road shows as part of its contribution to the Baptist Bicentennial Celebration.

An art-photo exhibit, "Faces of America" will tour 48 U.S. cities in the first eight months of 1976, beginning at the Freedom '76 meeting in San Antonio, Tex. And a musical drama team will perform the "Fabric of Freedom" in 20 cities, June through August, 1976.

The art-photo exhibit which will be shown primarily in shopping center malls, covers four facets of America—work, play, worship and love—with photographic and art representation of each. Local Baptist churches are being invited to contribute their artistic and photographic works while the exhibit is in their city. Photo identification and brochures given to visitors will be bilingual, in English and Spanish.

The musical drama is a 35-minute presentation of the tie between home missions and the development of the nation. Traveling with minimal props and sound system, the team will use churches, shopping centers, gymnasiums and parks as stages.

Both tours will be staffed by student semester missionaries—two for the art-photo exhibit and ten for the musical drama team.

Total travel for both groups will be an estimated 23,500 miles, with the art-photo exhibit covering 17,000 miles itself.

For those who wish to produce the musical with local talent, the script and score of "Fabric of Freedom" will be on sale at the Book Stores after Jan. 1, 1976.

Other HMB Bicentennial projects include a series of three one-minute television announcements relating Baptists to the development of the Nation. They are for purchase by local churches and associations who would obtain air time on local stations. At \$30 each, the video tapes must be ordered by November 1, 1975, and will be shipped in January 1976. Order through associational missions directors.

Biographies of outstanding and unusual

home missionaries, and an Action Atlas '76, containing the routes of the musical drama and art-photo tours, plus lists of historical national shrines, Baptist points of interest and planned events of the Bicentennial year have also been produced and will be available after Jan. 1.

Following are listings of Tennessee cities and dates for the art-photo and musical drama tours:

## ART-PHOTO EXHIBIT

March 26-28, 1976—Memphis, Tenn.

May 4-6, 1976—Nashville, Tenn.

May 8-9, 1976—Knoxville, Tenn.

July 16-17, 1976—Gatlinburg, Tenn.

## MUSICAL-DRAMA TROUPE

June 14-17, 1976—SBC, Norfolk, Va.

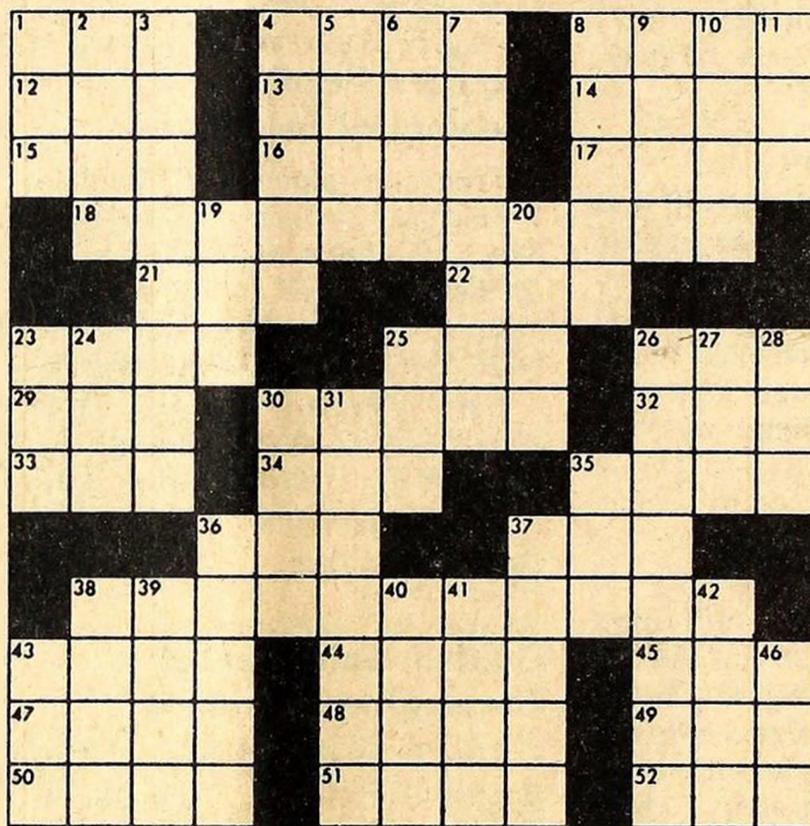
July 23, 1976—Knoxville, Tenn.

July 26-27, 1976—Nashville, Tenn.

July 30, 1976—Memphis, Tenn.

# Bible Puzzle Page

## Answers On Page 13



- 48 In his right hand (Matt. 27:29)
- 49 Criminal charge: slang
- 50 Construct
- 51 Large knife
- 52 Printer's measures

### DOWN

- 1 At hand (1 Pet. 4:7)
- 2 Ticket part
- 3 "plucked up by —" (Jude)
- 4 Coins
- 5 Esau's wife (Gen. 4:19)
- 6 It was of flax (Ezek. 40:3)
- 7 What we are to do (1 Pet. 2:17; 2 words)
- 8 "redemption through his —" (Eph. 1)
- 9 Timber wolf
- 10 Roman poet
- 11 Asian festival
- 19 Table scrap
- 20 "Go — to thy friends" (Mark 5)
- 23 Kind of tree
- 24 A South American linguistic stock
- 25 Famous sleeper
- 26 "how shall he —" (1 Tim. 3)
- 27 Sash
- 28 Excommunication
- 30 Backgammon man
- 31 Their tabernacles prosper (Job 12:6)
- 35 Red or Black
- 36 Prefix for math or life
- 37 "as many as — by sea" (Rev. 18)
- 38 Absorbed
- 39 Peruvian Indian
- 40 Chinese river
- 41 Merriment
- 42 Province (Dan. 8:2)
- 43 Biblical place (Judg. 1:27)
- 46 Some records: abbr.

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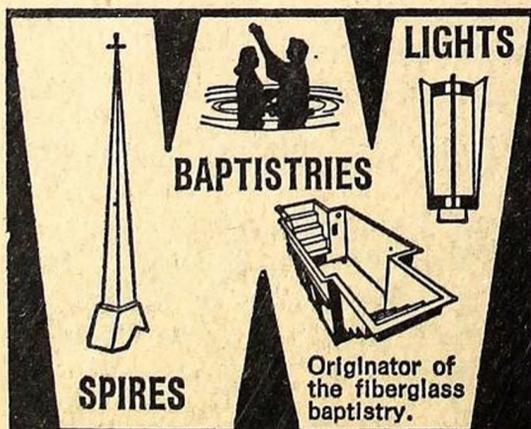
- 1 Time zone: abbr.
- 4 Object of worship (Ex. 32:4)
- 8 "— out his name" (Rev. 3)
- 12 Extreme
- 13 Miss Adams
- 14 It is of God (1 John 4:7)
- 15 Debt
- 16 Nursemaid
- 17 Death notice
- 18 Love it (1 Pet. 2:17)
- 21 Conjunctions
- 22 "— shall wipe away all tears" (Rev. 7)
- 23 The left was on earth (Rev. 10:2)
- 25 N.T. book: abbr.
- 26 Bible land (Judg. 11:3)
- 29 Banker's abbr.
- 30 "He that hath the —" (John 3)
- 32 Arab garment
- 33 Fuel
- 34 Unite: Scot.
- 35 Girdle material (Mark 1:6)
- 36 Linen vestment
- 37 Golf term
- 38 "and the — —" (Rom. 5)
- 43 Do not
- 44 Girl's name
- 45 "— unrighteousness is sin" (1 John 5)
- 47 Not twice

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# Finding Self In Divine Encounter

By Mike Awalt

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Gen. 28:10-22; 32:1-33:4; Print Gen. 28:10-17; 32:24-29

In past lessons we have discussed the fact that the Bible affirms that man discovers who he is in relationship to the God who creates him and covenants himself with him. Man's true identity is as a creature who is dependent upon and integrally related to the sacred.

We discussed last week Jacob's attempt to find himself through his own abilities. Jacob, the supplanter and trickster sets out by way of cleverness and deceit to acquire the family blessing, and in turn the divine blessing. This pattern opened Jacob up to manipulative forces around him (Laban) and he found himself victimized by the cleverness of others. Rather than discovering who he is and finding meaningful encounters with others he still lacks the fruits of the blessing.

Two events in Jacob's life emphasize the significance of divine encounter as the key to self-awareness. The first of these two events is Jacob's encounter with God at Bethel. Jacob, alone, frustrated and self-exiled, leaves his homeland because of his fear of his brother, Esau. He stops at a certain place for the night. The ancients believed that certain places were sacred places—places where God appears and makes himself known to man.

Apparently Jacob goes to sleep, unaware that he is sleeping in a sacred place. As he sleeps, he has a dream in which angels are ascending and descending upon a ladder, or more precisely, a ramp. It was a common ancient idea that the sacred resided in high places and therefore God was encountered at raised places, i.e., the Babylonian Ziggurat and the Genesis Tower of Babel. At the top of this ramp God appears, and reveals himself to Jacob and reaffirms that covenant he had made with Abraham and Isaac. He further affirms that He will be with Jacob (the promise of divine presence) and will one day bring him back into the land of his fathers (the promise of homecoming). Jacob awakes, with a great sense of awe in the awareness of what has occurred. He remarks that this must be a holy place for he has encountered the sacred in it. Before he leaves this place, he erects a monument and calls the place Bethel—house of God.

## Significant Experience

The experience is significant to Jacob because it confirms at a moment of anxiety

and exile God's promise to his family and the integral role he will play in that promise. Though Jacob is homeless and now a wanderer, God has not deserted him.

The second event which expresses the importance of divine encounter in self-awareness is Jacob's experience at Jabbok's Ford. After years at Hebron, working for Laban, Jacob decides that it is time to return home. It is a time of fear and trembling for Jacob, because he is unsure of Esau's response. Still the clever con-man, he sends presents to Esau, hoping to ease the tension of years past. He sends his family on ahead of him and spends the night alone at Jabbok's Ford. At this place, one of the most intriguing episodes in the Old Testament occurs. According to ancient religions a demon stood at important river crossings, protecting the crossing. The writer uses this type of story and imparts a new meaning to it. Jacob wrestles with a stranger at Jabbok's Ford, but it is not a demon who watches the river, but God, disguised as a man. He struggles with God and though injured on the hip nearly prevails against the stranger. Before he will let the stranger go, he exacts a blessing from him. He is given a new name, Israel. Jacob exclaims that he has struggled with God face to face and has survived.

The struggle is a turning point in the life of Jacob. In his wrestling with God he is required to tell his name before he can be blessed. For the Hebrews, a person's name was indicative of his character. As mentioned in the last lesson, Jacob's name meant trickster. Jacob is required to own up to who he is—a trickster, a manipulator. It is only when Jacob reveals and admits his shady character, that the blessing can be given. After Jacob's self-disclosure, God gives him a new name—a new identity. The new name carries with it the idea of a change of character. Jacob is a new man before God, and his new nature is indicated by his new name. Jacob has looked into the mirror and seen himself as he really is, and rather than running from this awful awareness, or trying to break the mirror, Jacob accepts it and moves beyond it.

Through these two events, the Bible reaffirms to Jacob and to all men that a person discovers who he is and receives the sacred blessing only as he comes to grips with who he is and who God is in the experience of divine-human encounter.

# Laughs

Two women were preparing to board the air liner. One of them turned to the pilot and said, "Now, please don't travel faster than sound. We want to talk."

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Both the photographer and the mother had failed to make the restless little four-year-old sit still long enough to have his picture taken. Finally, the photographer suggested that the mother leave the room for a few minutes, and during her absence the picture was taken successfully.

On the way home, the mother asked the child what the photographer had given him to behave.

"He said, 'you sit still or I'll knock your block off,' so I sat still," said the child.

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Young Israeli applied for enlistment into his country's navy. When he was accepted, he asked about his uniform.

"Sorry," said the navy recruiter, "our budget doesn't provide for uniforms. Just wear your regular shirt and we'll give you a navy insignia to sew on it."

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"What!" exclaimed the recruit, "you don't have ships either?"

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# Our People and Our Churches . . .

## LEADERSHIP . . .

Maranatha Church, Martin, called **John Fairless** as music director. He served previously as interim music director at Martin First Church. **Herbert Vandergriff** is pastor at Maranatha.

Hill Hurst Church, Nashville, called **R. E. Loftin** as minister of education. Loftin has 18 years' experience in the field of religious education, having served four previous churches. For 12 years he was minister of education at Gallatin Road Church in Nashville. He attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and has done study through Southern Baptist Seminary Extension Department. Additionally, Loftin has held denominational offices at the associational and state levels and has been an approved field consultant for Church Library Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, since 1964. **Richard Adkinson** is pastor at Hill Hurst.

**Paul Armstrong** is the new minister of music and youth at Tusculum Hills Church in Nashville. He comes to the position from East Booneville Church in Booneville, MS. He earned the bachelor of music degree in voice from Blue Mountain College (MS). **Doug Westmoreland** is pastor at Tusculum Hills.

**James R. Hilyer** has accepted the position of business manager for the New Bethel Church in Harrison. Hilyer will serve as chairman of the Stewardship Committee and will do work in counseling. A native of Alabama, he has been with C.I.T. Financial Service since 1966, serving as loan manager in Birmingham, branch manager in Montgomery, and district sales manager in Chattanooga. **Vern Duncan** is pastor at New Bethel.

Oak Ridge First Church called **John G. Dyer** as minister of music. Dyer has served Thomson (Ga.) First Church for the past 10 years.

**Bob Johnson** is the new minister of music for Rover Church, New Duck River Association. He is from Holtland. **David Wall** is pastor at Rover.

**John A. Harrison** is the new pastor at Greenfield First Church. He comes to the position from Ingram Boulevard Church in West Memphis, Ark. Previously he served as pastor at Macks Grove Church in Dresden, Tenn. He attended Union University, Memphis State University, and was graduated from the University of Tennessee at Martin.

The new pastor at Norris First Church is **Wayne Provence**. He comes from the membership of Church Hill Church, Holston Valley Association.

## PEOPLE . . .

**James M. McDonald**, business manager and camp manager for the Tennessee Baptist Convention, is at home recuperating from a recent heart attack. He is doing fine and is expected to return to work Jan. 1, 1976. His address is Overlook Drive, Route 8, Franklin, TN 37064.

Parkway Church, Cleveland, ordained **Ron Chastain** and **Gerald Williams** as deacons. **Erwin Townsend** is pastor.

Mt. Pleasant First Church ordained **William Boyd** and **David Lee Johnson** as deacons. **Massey B. Clayton Jr.** is interim pastor.

**Curt Ullery** and **Bob Queen** were ordained as deacons by Ellendale First Church. Pastor **Robert Emerson** delivered the ordination message.

Members of Piney Church, Hohenwald, honored their pastor and his wife, **Mr. and Mrs. Harvel Stockard** with a picnic. They were presented with a money tree at the activities.

Persia Church, Rogersville, licensed **Raymond Henderson** to the gospel ministry. **Charles Dickerson** is pastor.

Central Church, Hixson, ordained **M. I. Lockman**, **Ben Fouts**, **Gerald Roberts**, and **Mike Collins** as deacons. **Billy Kennedy** is pastor at Central.

Three Carson-Newman College graduates were recipients of the Carson-Newman College Distinguished Alumni Award during recent homecoming activities at the East Tennessee school. The award recognizes the honorees for their outstanding achievements and contributions to the college and to their professions. This year's recipients were **Calvin R. Wallace**, Knoxville (1916), **W. P. Bittinger**, Oak Hill, W.Va., (1917), and **Gertrude A. Brewster**, Asheville, N.C., (1927).

**Harold Sorrells**, pastor of Lockeland Church, Nashville, is beginning his 15th year as pastor there.

## CHURCHES . . .

Gearin's Chapel Church, Greenfield, reported a fall revival and dedication of new building. **W. C. Tuten**, Southside Church, Martin, preached the dedication. **George Smith** is interim pastor at Gearin's Chapel.

Woodland Heights Church, Hamilton County Association, has completed construction on a youth and fellowship hall, installed a sound system for the organ, and made improvements in the educational wing. **A. R. Nelms** is pastor.

## REVIVALS . . .

Revival services at Walnut Hill Church, Harriman, resulted in 14 professions of faith, 16 rededications, and a number of additional decisions. Evangelist **Tommy Sesler**, Nashville, led the services. **Raymond Eastham**, Walnut Hill Church, led the music. **Jim Cordts** is pastor.

**Henry Linginfelter**, Alcoa, led revival services for Bemis First Church. **Dick Barrett** led the music. There were 14 professions of faith and three additions by letter. **Pat Kough** is pastor.

Persia Church, Rogersville, held revival services with **Wade Clemons**, Morristown, serving as evangelist. **Ronnie Bowlus**, singing evangelist from Memphis, directed the music. There were six professions of faith and 40 rededications. **Charles Dickerson** is pastor.

**Walter K. Ayers**, Garland, Tex., led revival services for Grandview Church in Nashville. The music was led by **Mack Moore**, minister of music, Two Rivers Church, Nashville. There were 15 professions of faith and six additions by letter. **Ted J. Ingram** is pastor at Grandview.

Shelby Avenue Church, Nashville, was led in revival by **Junior Hill**, Hartselle, Ala. There were 23 professions of faith, two additions by letter, and 55 rededications. **Mike Smith**, minister of music at the church, led the singing. **Allen Buhler** is pastor.



Members of Surgoinville Church honored their pastor, **Bruce Hullette**, by presenting him with keys to a new Plymouth Fury. Hullette served as pastor from 1953-56 and was called again as pastor in 1974. Shown above is **William Price**, chairman of the special committee, presenting the keys to Hullette. Other committee members were **Carl Ball** and **Carl Sandidge**.

## Good Marriages Obtainable, Not Given

By Mike Chute

GLORIETA, N.M.—People simply do not get married and “live happily ever after.” Southern Baptist churches must acknowledge this and then help families cope with the conflict in their lives, a family life official of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board said here.

Joseph W. Hinkle, head of the Family Ministry section of the BSSB of Nashville, told conferees in the family enrichment conference at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center that it is clear the marriages recorded in the Bible reflect conflict and difficulty, as well as happiness and fulfillment.

“If the Bible tells us anything about marriage, it says that a couple’s will and ability to resolve conflict are among the great tests of love and affection,” said Hinkle, secretary of the board’s new family ministry department.

“It is unrealistic to think love prevents conflict in marriage. Conflict is part of living together; resolving conflict is necessary for couples to stay together. Bible truths reflect this over and over again.”

As an example, Hinkle observed that the Bible reports conflicts experienced by a couple unable to have children; disciplinary problems with children; and the lack of love in a marriage relationship.

“The Bible does not gloss over or sugar-coat problems families faced. Neither should Christians today,” he stated.

Hinkle challenged churches to study biblical marriages because “they help us to strengthen our own marriages. Marriage, according to the Bible, is still the best way for persons to live out of all the possible human systems.

“One of the greatest blessings parents can bestow on their children at marriage is freedom and separation from parenting in order for the couple to establish and maintain their own home. One of the greatest curses which parents place upon a married child is to forbid his separation and freedom to establish his own home,” Hinkle concluded.

## Walter Hill Given Tribute At Midland Meeting

During the annual meeting of Midland Association of Baptists recently, recognition was given to Walter Hill, retiring director of missions for the association. Hill is succeeded by Bob L. Griffin.

Officers elected to serve the association were: moderator Carl Asbury, pastor, New Pleasant Gap Church; vice moderator Arthur Pedigo, pastor, Bethel Church; treasurer and clerk Rex Eledge, pastor, Bells Camp Ground Church.

Black Oak Ridge Church will be the site for the 1976 sessions. Sept. 14-15.

## Organ Chair Established At Southern Seminary

LOUISVILLE—The V. V. Cooke Foundation of Louisville has established a new V. V. Cooke Chair of Organ at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here, and the seminary’s trustees have named professor Donald Paul Hustad as the chair’s first occupant.

Cooke, a prominent automobile dealer and longtime trustee of the seminary, died in 1973. He was an accomplished church organist at the age of 12 and was a strong supporter of the seminary’s School of Church Music from its founding in 1944.

He purchased and gave to the seminary a large home near the campus as the first headquarters of the new music school. That building is now the seminary president’s home.

The current \$800,000 home of the music school, built in 1970 with funds from the Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program, was named Cooke Hall in his honor.

The Cooke Foundation, organized by the Baptist layman to provide for charitable institutions, has made endowment gifts of more than \$200,000 to Southern Seminary over the past two years, in addition to the establishment of the new chair of organ, for which annual operating funds will be provided by the foundation.

Hustad, a former member of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Team, joined the seminary faculty in 1966. He holds the master and doctor of music degrees from Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., and has taught at Olivet College, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, and Moody Bible Institute, where he was director of the department of sacred music.

The new Cooke Professor has been a columnist for Christianity Today, musical director for the American Broadcasting Company, a recording artist, and editor of two major hymnals. For many years he directed the Crusader Men for Graham’s “Hour of Decision” radio broadcasts. (BP)

## Benson New Moderator In Madison-Chester

Robert Benson, pastor, Ararat Church, was voted to serve as moderator of Madison-Chester Association at its recent annual meeting. He succeeds Pat Kough, pastor, Bemis First Church in the position.

Jerald E. Smith, pastor, Woodland Church, will serve as vice moderator. Re-elected to the post of treasurer was Paul B. Clark, pastor, Calvary Church. John R. Myers, a member of Parkview Church was re-elected clerk.

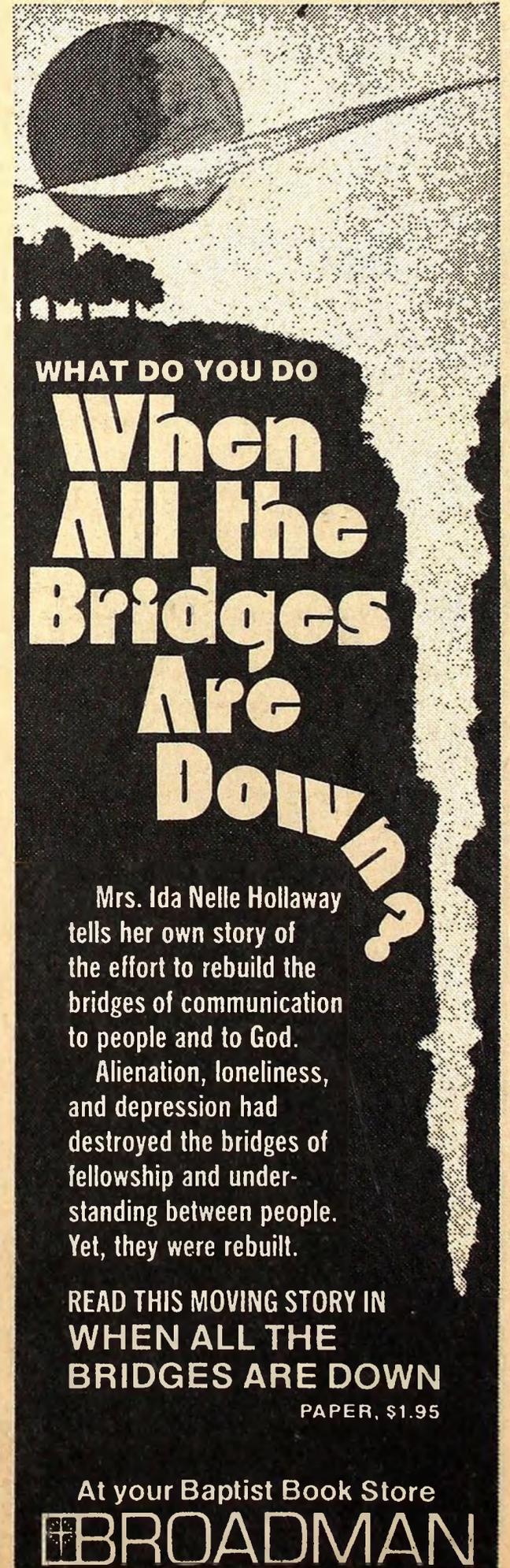
According to Thomas Lewis, director of missions, the 1976 sessions will be held Oct. 18-19 at Parkburg Church in Pinson and Madison Church in Jackson.

## Australian Baptist Group Names Woman President

ADELAIDE, Australia—Edith McKay has been elected here as the first woman to serve as president of the South Australian Baptist Union.

A mother of five and grandmother of five, Mrs. McKay has served as president of the Baptist Women’s Fellowship in Australia, incorporating the former Baptist Women’s Missionary Union, according to reports.

Her late husband, Wilfred McKay, was a Baptist minister, as was her father. (BP)



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# Prison Bars Can't Prevent Baptists From Preaching

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—Five Baptists imprisoned because they refused to quit preaching the gospel were apparently released for the same reason. Even behind bars the Baptists continued to preach to any on the outside who would listen.

Long ignored here as bothersome but insignificant, observers say, Baptists are now being persecuted because they present a threat to the state church of Virginia. But the civil and religious hierarchy is discovering that the dissenters merely thrive on persecution.

The prisoners—Lewis Craig, John Waller, James Reid and James Childs, ministers, and William Mash, a layman—were seized by a sheriff on June 4 and hauled before magistrates who required them to post appearance bonds of one thousand pounds. While there is no law in Virginia against preaching the “Baptist gospel,” the defendants were charged with “disturbing the peace.”

Two days later, the court charged that the Baptists were “great disturbers of the peace,” the prosecuting attorney declaring they were guilty of the crime of not being able to meet a man in the road without trying to “ram a text of scripture down his throat.”

Waller made an able defense for the prisoners, however, and the court was not quite sure how to dispose of the case. Finally the accused were told they would be released on their pledge that they would not preach again for a year and a day. When each one promptly refused to make such a promise they were ordered held as prisoners indefinitely.

Authorities were forewarned of events to come when the prisoners sang hymns as they were led from the courthouse to the jail. Bystanders noted that the willingness of the Baptists to suffer for their convictions made a deep impression on many witnessing the event.

Four weeks later Lewis Craig was released and immediately set out for Williamsburg to appeal to the governor in behalf of his fellow Baptists. He was granted an audience by John Blair, deputy governor, and won him completely, reports indicate.

“You may not molest these conscientious people so long as they behave themselves in a manner becoming pious Christians and in obedience to the laws,” Blair said in a letter to the prosecuting attorney. The deputy governor also pointed out that experience has taught that “persecuting dissenters only increases their numbers.”

Blair also had been persuaded that the Baptists were like the established church in many respects and even had some strong points. Some of their practices, he told the attorney in his letter, had been of such good effect that “it might be wished that we had more of them among us.”

While the deputy-governor’s letter had its effect, the subsequent discharge of Waller, Reed, Mash and Childs probably was due to

## Tennessee Literature Writers Announced

NASHVILLE—Twenty-six Tennessee Baptists were writers for October-November-December 1975 literature published by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Albert McClellan, Executive Committee, Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville; Raymond Rigdon, Seminary Extension Department, Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville; and William G. Wilson, pastor of Brentwood Church, Brentwood, all wrote for “Source,” a church training magazine.

James W. Hatley, pastor, and Richard Stafford, associate minister of education for Second Church, Memphis, contributed to “Collegiate Bible Study,” a Sunday School publication. Mrs. Shirley Stephens, a youth leader from Nashville wrote for “Youth in Discovery,” and “Youth in Discovery Teacher;” Paula Paris, a housewife from Nashville, contributed to “Bible Searchers Teacher;” and Sarah Patterson, housewife, Brownsville, wrote for “Open Windows;” all Sunday School publications.

Some writers for church training magazines are Irene Vinyard Bennett, children’s leader, South Gate Church, Antioch, “Exploring B for Leaders;” Mrs. Dwain Bouldin, pastor’s wife, First Church, Columbia, “Young Adults in Training;” Gary Farley, a professor from Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, “Young Adults in Training;” Donald Ackland, Nashville, “Senior Adult Bible Study.” William W. Warmath, Humboldt, also wrote for “Senior Adult Bible Study;” Tommy Lyons, minister of education and music, First Church, McKinney, “Come Alive for Leaders;” Mrs. Darrell Crase, a housewife from Memphis, “Guide B Preschool Teachers;” Suzanne Ezell, housewife, Nashville, “Come Alive;” and Jesse Fletcher, pastor of First Church, Knoxville, “Exploring A for Leaders.”

The following Sunday School Board employees contributed to church training periodicals, Brooks R. Faulkner, “Source;” Jack Gullede, “Source;” John Cochran, “Bible Searchers Teacher;” Richard Ryan and Arthur Burcham; “Come Alive for Leaders;” Clifford Tharp Jr., “Guide B for Preschool Teachers;” and Charlotte Turner, “Come Alive.”

Sunday School Board employees writing for Sunday School publications are, Wilbur C. Lamm, “The Adult Teacher;” and Robert Orr, “Baptist Adults.”

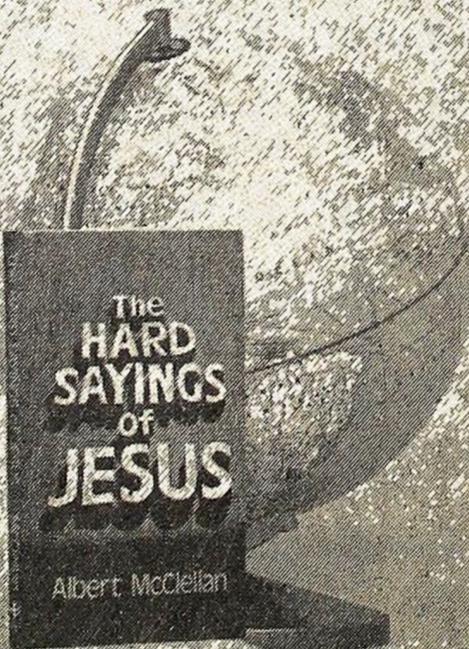
their continued evangelizing as much as anything else. As they preached from their cells to those on the outside, many tried to shout them down, but others listened and were converted. (BP)

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# 'Sparrow' Wins Award For SBC Radio-TV Commission

FORT WORTH—"Sparrow," a television documentary depicting the continuing beauty of music and life in a rural setting despite increasing urbanization, will receive the second annual Eudora Welty Americana Award for the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, Nov. 24.

The award will be presented by Mississippians for Educational Television at the

1,200-member volunteer group's annual meeting in Jackson, Miss. National in scope, the award was created to recognize excellence and to encourage production of programs dealing with American life, to focus attention on America and to pay tribute to Miss Welty, a Pulitzer Prize winning author.

The Radio and Television Commission received the first annual award in 1974 for "Glen Rose, Texas," a documentary about small towns. Both films were produced by John C. Stevens for the Radio and Television Commission's "The Human Dimension" television series.

The only other entry cited was one from Mayles Films, Inc., a New York firm which won honorable mention for "Cristos Valley Curtain."

"Sparrow" features the lifestyle of a country fiddler and violin maker and shares his philosophy of music. "To me, there's a song in the woods," he said. "Everything that makes a sound is music to God. Music has always been a part of the creation. I think we could go to the Bible and find out that God liked it himself."

Judging for the award was based on excellence in content, presentation, and technical quality. Nationally prominent judges, selected by Miss Welty, made the decision. (BP)

## Book Stores Open Mail Order Center; 10 To Come

NASHVILLE—The first Book Store Mail Order Center for Southern Baptists has been opened in Greensboro, N.C., with 10 more to be built during the next three years, according to William S. Graham, director of the Sunday School Board's book store division.

The Greensboro Mail Order Center is the first of 11 regional centers to be located throughout the Southern Baptist Convention. All the centers are scheduled to be opened by 1978. The other centers will be located at Arlington, Tex.; St. Louis, Mo.; Memphis and Nashville, Tenn.; Fresno, Calif.; Denver, Colo.; Jacksonville, Fla.; Atlanta, Ga.; Cincinnati, Ohio; and Lutherville, Md.

The regional centers result from the U.S. Postal Service's change to a new National Bulk Mail System, according to Graham. Under this system, bulk mail will be processed separately from first class, air mail and special delivery mail in a special network of Bulk Mail Centers.

Bulk mail includes publications and advertising material sent in sacks or bundles. It also includes parcel post. Packages mailed from Baptist Book Stores are bulk mail.

"All bulk mail must go to the nearest

## 'Baptist And Reflector' Search Committee Named

The Board of Directors for the Baptist And Reflector in its meeting of Oct. 7 appointed a Search Committee to seek out and bring to the Board recommendations for an editor. The committee will welcome suggestions from any who care to make them. Members appointed to the committee by Board Chairman O. M. Dangeau of McKenzie are as follows:

J. Ralph McIntyre, committee chairman, Chattanooga; James A. Canaday, Johnson City; John R. Churchman, Morristown; James G. McCluskey, Knoxville; Gaye L. McGlothlen, Nashville; Carroll C. Owen, Paris; Clarence K. Stewart, Pulaski; and O. M. Dangeau, ex officio.

Since the resignation of James A. Lester two years ago, Mrs. Eura Lannom has served as acting editor.

## Dyer Messengers Meet, Elect Daniel Moderator

James Daniel, pastor of Springhill Church, Dyer Association, was elected moderator of the association to succeed Max Walker, pastor, Newbern First Church.

The annual meeting was held earlier this month at Elon and Mt. Vernon Churches in Halls.

Other officers elected to serve for the coming year included: vice moderator J. T. Drace, pastor, Finley Church; treasurer Guthrie Dotson, member, Dyersburg First Church; and clerk R. H. Dills, retired pastor, Hillcrest Church. Dotson and Dills were both re-elected.

Action was taken to change the meetings to a one-night-only session beginning in 1976, according to director of missions W. W. Shanklin. The 1976 session will be held Oct. 19 at Dyersburg First Church.

## Levi Parish Elected Haywood Assn. Moderator

Levi Parish, pastor, Allen Church, Haywood Association, was reelected moderator of Haywood Association at its recent annual meeting. Elected to serve for the first time as vice moderator was Otis Hinton, pastor, Poplar Corner Church.

A member of Allen Church, George Herring, will serve the association as treasurer; and Mrs. J. C. Williams, member of Brownsville Church, will serve as clerk.

Gordon DePriest, director of missions, reported that a special recognition was given to Brownsville Church in honor of its 150th birthday.

The 1976 sessions of Haywood Association will be held Oct. 12 at Antioch Church.

Postal Service Bulk Mail Center to be processed," adds Graham. "By placing the Mail Order Centers near these Bulk Mail Centers, we feel that book store customers will receive the best possible service." (BP)

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# Home Mission Board Names 30 Mission Personnel

ATLANTA—Thirty missionaries and missionary associates were appointed for service in 11 states by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board here.

The new appointees include 10 career missionaries, eight missionary associates and 12 student missionary associates who serve in missionary capacities while completing their education.

Eleven of the new appointees will serve in Texas, 10 of them in language missions. The others will be scattered over Missouri, Louisiana, Kentucky, New York, Florida, Ohio, Pennsylvania-New Jersey, Arizona, Illinois and Michigan.

Career missionaries appointed are as follows:

Laverne and Patsy Baker of Prescott, Ariz., were named director of missions in Tucson, Ariz.; Clifford and Erline Burchyett

of Champaign, Ill., were named director of missions in Champaign; Randy and Martha Cash were appointed missionaries to the deaf in New York, New Jersey, New England and Pennsylvania; Larry and Ellen Elliott of Jacksonville, Fla., were appointed director of Christian social ministries in Jacksonville. Both are natives of Atlanta. He has been pastor of Hogan Baptist Church, Jacksonville, for the last five years and is a graduate of Carson-Newman College and Southwestern Seminary. Mrs. Elliott also is a graduate of Carson-Newman.

Missionary associates included the following: Steven and Shirley Davidson were appointed missionary associates by the department of special mission ministries to work with students in Laramie, Wyo.; Ray and Anne Gilliland of Park Ridge, N.J., were named director of Christian social ministries for Metropolitan New York Baptist Association; Michael and Dalia Gonzalez were appointed to work with a Spanish language congregation in Cameron, Tex.; David and Aurelia Ybarra were appointed to work as pastor with a Spanish language church in Miles, Tex.

Student missionary associates included the following:

David and Claire Baker of St. Joseph, Mo., appointed director of Christian social ministries in St. Joseph; Garry and Mary Beth Breland of New Orleans, Christian social ministries appointees for work in the Baptist Rescue Mission, New Orleans; Reyes and Martha Garcia of Palacios, Tex., language missions appointees for work in a Spanish church in Palacios; Mike Granados of Brownwood, Tex., where he is a student at Howard Payne University. Granados is a language missions appointee and serves as pastor of East Coleman Baptist Chapel, Coleman, Tex.; Karen Jean Hansen of Louisville, Ky., Christian social ministries appointee while attending Southern Semi-

nary; Richard LeMaster Jr. of Fort Worth, Tex., Christian social ministries appointee to work in Baptist Goodwill Center, Fort Worth, while attending Southwestern Seminary; Michael Lockhart of New Orleans, Christian social ministries appointee to work in the Baptist Mission, New Orleans, while attending New Orleans Seminary; Abiel Sifuentes of Rio Grande City, Tex., language missions appointee to serve as pastor of La Grulla Baptist Mission, La Grulla, Tex., while attending Pan American University; Rudy and Leticia Trevina of Idalou, Tex., language missions appointees to serve as pastor of First Spanish Baptist Church, Idalou, while attending Wayland Baptist College. (BP)

## Dixon, Yarbrough To Lead CT Youth Conferences



Dixon



Yarbrough

Larry Yarbrough and Tommy Dixon, consultants for the Church Training Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, will lead conferences for youth leaders and youth during the Church Training Spectacular, Nov. 28-29 at Nashville First Church.

According to Charles Norton, state Church Training director and coordinator of the event, efforts of the conference will be directed toward the strengthening of Tennessee Baptist churches in the area of Church Training. Instruction will be offered in all phases of Church Training work, including pre-school through adults, new member, leader training, and associational leader training.

The two-day meet will begin Friday at 7 p.m. and close at 5 p.m. Saturday.

Church youth leaders and youth may attend the sessions directed by Dixon and Yarbrough. Special attention will be given to "shared leadership"—how youth and adults work together; understanding each other; and experiencing group methods together.

A luncheon honoring Norton, who retires this year following 33 years of service, will be held in the church's dining hall Saturday. Reservations must be made for the luncheon.

## BIBLE PUZZLE PAGE ANSWERS

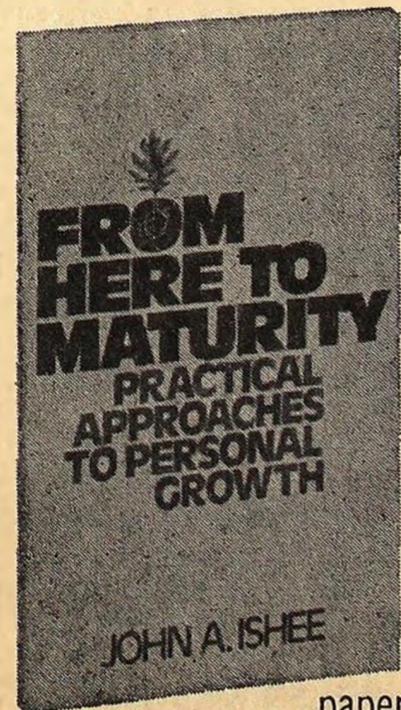
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Basic Passage: Matthew 5:1-16  
Focal Passage: Matthew 5:1-16

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We realize that they are very idealistic—far from human nature in the kind of world we live. Yet we have the example and strength of Christ through the Holy Spirit here and now. We can embody their principles more and more as we live the Christian life.

## The Great Teacher And His Class—Matthew 5:1-2

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## Inner Attitude And Life Style—Matthew 5:3-9

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word "blessed" means more than "happy" or fortunate. It carries the idea of "high" or "lofty" state of well-being. "Poor in spirit" denotes a state of keen conscious spiritual need. Those with such sense of need will realize and possess the values of the kingdom of God.

Blessed are they that mourn for—Those who are deeply concerned about themselves and others will be deeply comforted.

The meek, or gentle, and not the mighty, or undisciplined, will ultimately inherit the earth. They will survive the proud and arrogant.

Those who hunger and thirst after righteousness will realize the joyful experience of righteousness pleasing to God.

They who exhibit mercy will reap it.

The pure in heart will have a clear vision of God.

All disciples should be peacemakers, for true disciples seek peace and preserve it. How the world and each group need peacemakers. They point toward the Prince of Peace.

## The Reacting Test—Matthew 5:10-12

Those who live the blessed or godly life will not only be mostly helpful but suffer persecution in this kind of world. This is inevitable. Their lives and spirit will make certain people ill at ease and very uncomfortable. Their way of life and spirit will condemn those living on a much lower level.

Evil people will malign and persecute the blessed people of God. This will be a tribute and should become a great source of inner joy. They will be in good company, even in intimate fellowship with our precious Lord.

## The Other Reaction—Matthew 5:13-16

Evil men of the world will react at times very violently to the best people of God. There will be other people of this world who will be influenced for good.

Salt will preserve from corruption and decay. It will also give flavor and wholesomeness.

Light will reveal and guide us safely to God and salvation.

Salt must be kept salty and must have contact.

Light must be kept in position to shine clearly and farthest.

## Ray Nominated For Top N.C. Executive Post

ASHEBORO, N.C.—Cecil A. Ray of Dallas, Tex., has been nominated to become general secretary-treasurer of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

The convention's general board, which nominated the 52-year-old director of the stewardship division of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, will present him for election at the North Carolina convention's annual meeting in Asheville, Nov. 11. Nominations from the floor are expected.

If elected, Ray would succeed W. Perry Crouch, who will retire Dec. 31, after 12 years as general secretary-treasurer and 40 years in the ministry, mostly in North Carolina.

Ray is a graduate of Howard Payne College (now University), Brownwood, Tex., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, where he earned a master of theology degree. Howard Payne awarded him an honorary doctor of divinity degree. (BP)

## Seminary Plans Building, Renovation Of Housing

LOUISVILLE—On the heels of a record-breaking enrollment year, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here has announced plans for a \$3 million construction program to upgrade married student housing facilities.

Plans call for a new \$1.5 million apartment complex on campus and a major renovation of Seminary Village, a 237-unit residential development located near the campus and owned by the seminary.

The apartment complex, scheduled to be completed by January 1, 1977, is expected to contain from 70 to 80 two-bedroom apartments. About \$400,000 of the expected costs will be paid from funds from the Cooperative Program unified budget of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Renovation of Seminary Village is expected to cost "well in excess of a million dollars," according to Badgett Dillard, vice president for business affairs. The SBC Executive Committee voted in September to allow the seminary to borrow up to \$1.6 million for the project.

Seminary Village, originally built in 1937, was purchased by the seminary in 1953 at a cost of \$1.7 million. Details of the modernization program are being studied professionally, says Dillard, "in light of current building codes, student family needs, and resources available."

A 22.7 percent enrollment increase, bringing the total to 1791 students, made building plans necessary. Of that number, 1,639 are degree or diploma students and almost 1,200 are married. Southern Seminary, one of six seminaries operated by the SBC, presently owns some 900 housing units, including 450 apartments for married students. (BP)

# Family Living

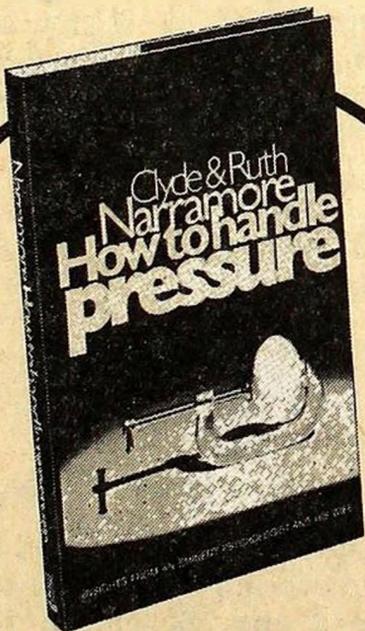
By Dr. B. David Edens,  
Director, Marriage and Family Program  
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## Danger Signals

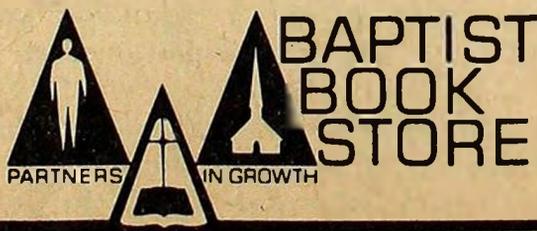
Dr. Lindsey Curtis lists warning signals that indicate a deteriorating marriage. Dr. Kennedy comments that most of the signals apply to friendships as well and suggests they offer some stimulation for taking a look at the manner in which we treat those we love most.

The signals are:

1. When common courtesies are abandoned.
2. When couples begin to think in terms of "I" instead of "we."
3. When they stop complimenting each other.
4. When stubborn silence replaces common-sense communication.
5. When they stop praying together.
6. When they fail to sense and meet the needs of each other.
7. When they fail to express love.



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## FROM THE FILES

### 50 YEARS AGO

The hospital auxiliary of Baptist Hospital at Nashville was preparing for an open house on Nov. 4. All Baptists and their friends were invited to visit and inspect the new hospital.

Charles Lovejoy resigned as pastor of Greenland Heights in Memphis after serving there five years.

### 20 YEARS AGO

Pastor A. D. Foreman Jr. observed his sixth anniversary with Temple Church, Memphis.

Lewisburg First Church purchased four acres of property on the Columbia Highway to be used as the site for a mission. Carl B. Allen was pastor.

### 10 YEARS AGO

Tennessee Baptists were preparing to go to the state convention for 1965 having met their Cooperative Program goal four weeks before the convention was to open in Chattanooga. The 1965 Convention goal of \$4,025,000 was met on Oct. 6.

Mrs. Thomas Haun, 91, turned the first shovel of dirt signalling the formal beginning of construction of Cleveland First Church's sanctuary. She was assisted by Pastor David Walker.

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# From the Executive Secretary

By Ralph Norton

During the Wednesday morning session of the Tennessee Baptist Convention's meeting in Chattanooga next month, Brother



Norton

James M. Gregg, executive director-treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home for the past 14 years, will be presented with a plaque in recognition of his faithful service and capable leadership. He will be retiring from this post December 31. Also honoring Brother Gregg during the Convention will be the Board of Trustees of the Children's Homes who have planned a dinner at which time tribute will be paid to this servant of God who has given himself unselfishly to a cause which will continue to live on through the lives of those he has touched during these years.

On behalf of all Tennessee Baptists, I, too, would like to pay tribute to a man who has not only served his Lord in this particular area of service, but has been truly a minister of the gospel for many, many years. We wish for him a happy and fulfilling retirement period and pray God's blessings upon him and Mrs. Gregg during the coming months.

Elected to serve in the post of executive director-treasurer of the homes, E. B. Bowen has moved on the field and began his work October 1, to be serving with Brother Gregg until December 31. Brother Bowen is no stranger to Tennessee Baptists. He has been a pastor in our state for 30 years, serving in Memphis for 21 years and in Bolivar for the past nine years. He has been active in denominational work and brings a varied background of experiences and responsibilities to the new post.

We welcome Brother and Mrs. Bowen to Brentwood to serve in this important area of ministry. As we honor Brother Gregg for his notable achievements during the past 14 years, let us also assure Brother Bowen of our continued support as he embarks upon a new area of service.

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## Churches with 10 to 24 Employes

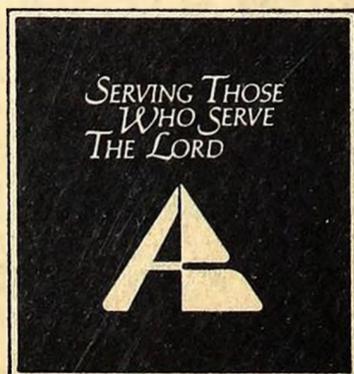
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# He Also Gave

By Jonas L. Stewart  
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Roscoe Butler was the husband of Hester Hendrick Butler. Her story was told in this column last week. The two owned farms in their own and separate names. They made companion Christian wills many years ago. The provisions included an agreement that upon the death of one, the other would have a life estate in the total assets.

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## Alpha Messengers Call For 150 Baptisms In 1976

Two pastors were elected to head posts in Alpha Association during its recent annual sessions, and one church was taken into membership of the association.

Garrett Church, with pastor John T. Brown, applied for membership into the association.

Pastors elected to moderator and vice moderator posts were L. Vaughn Moody, Lobelville Church, and Jerry Milam, Wrigley Church, respectively.

James Cook, a member of Hohenwald First Church, was elected treasurer; and Mrs. Linda Worley, a member of Wrigley Church, was elected clerk.

Messengers passed a resolution urging churches in the association to reach 150 for baptism in 1976.

According to director of missions Charles T. Livengood, the 1976 sessions will be held Oct. 14 with Edgewood Church in Centerville.

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