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Sunday School Board Approves New Curriculum

NASHVILLE—A new curriculum series providing sequential, systematic study of books of the Bible for Southern Baptist Sunday Schools was approved at the February Sunday School Board trustee meeting here.

Starting with the October, 1978, quarter, the new curriculum series for adults and youth will begin the book-by-book study of the Bible in three-year cycles. Portions of the Bible to receive major attention during each three-year period will be determined by a previously selected focus or general topic.

Grady C. Cothen, president of the Sunday School Board, called the new curriculum series "one of the most significant steps taken recently by the board of trustees" to provide Southern Baptists with the often requested book-by-book study of the Bible.

The new curriculum series, tentatively called the Book-by-Book Bible Study Series, will include simple, teacher-oriented methodology and a conservative theological stance. All periodicals related to the series will contain printed Bible text from the King James Version of the Bible.

A. V. Washburn, secretary of the board's Sunday School Department, explained that the objective of the series is "to help Baptists explore the message of the Bible through a book-by-book study of the text" instead of a topical approach involving several texts for one lesson.

Teaching procedures will include participation by class members, but will be more teacher oriented than procedures in other youth and adult materials. Procedures will be kept simple, with limited requirements for facilities and equipment, a spokesman said.

During each three-year cycle, the lessons will attempt to help Sunday School members understand the sequence and significance of major events and teachings recorded in the Bible.

Easter and Christmas lessons will be included in appropriate issues but may not be related to other studies in the quarterly.

Since the meaning of the Bible text will receive the major emphasis, contemporary issues will be dealt with when the Bible text appears to speak directly to those issues.

In explaining the October 1978, publication date, Washburn said a great deal is involved in beginning a new Bible study series. Editors must be secured, curriculum design developed, writers secured and trained, and materials prepared, edited and published.

Time also will be spent clarifying distinctives of each curriculum line available for adults and youth. By making the differences more clearly identifiable among the board's current Life and Work and Convention Uniform series and the new Book-by-Book series, Southern Baptists can more easily choose which series would best benefit the particular needs of the local church, a spokesman said.

Periodicals to be included in the new series tentatively include "Through the Bible for Youth," "Through the Bible for Teacher of Youth," "Through the Bible for Adults" and "Through the Bible for Teacher of Adults."

Biblical interpretation will be consistent with the Southern Baptist Convention's statement, "The Baptist Faith and Message," the board spokesman noted. (BP)

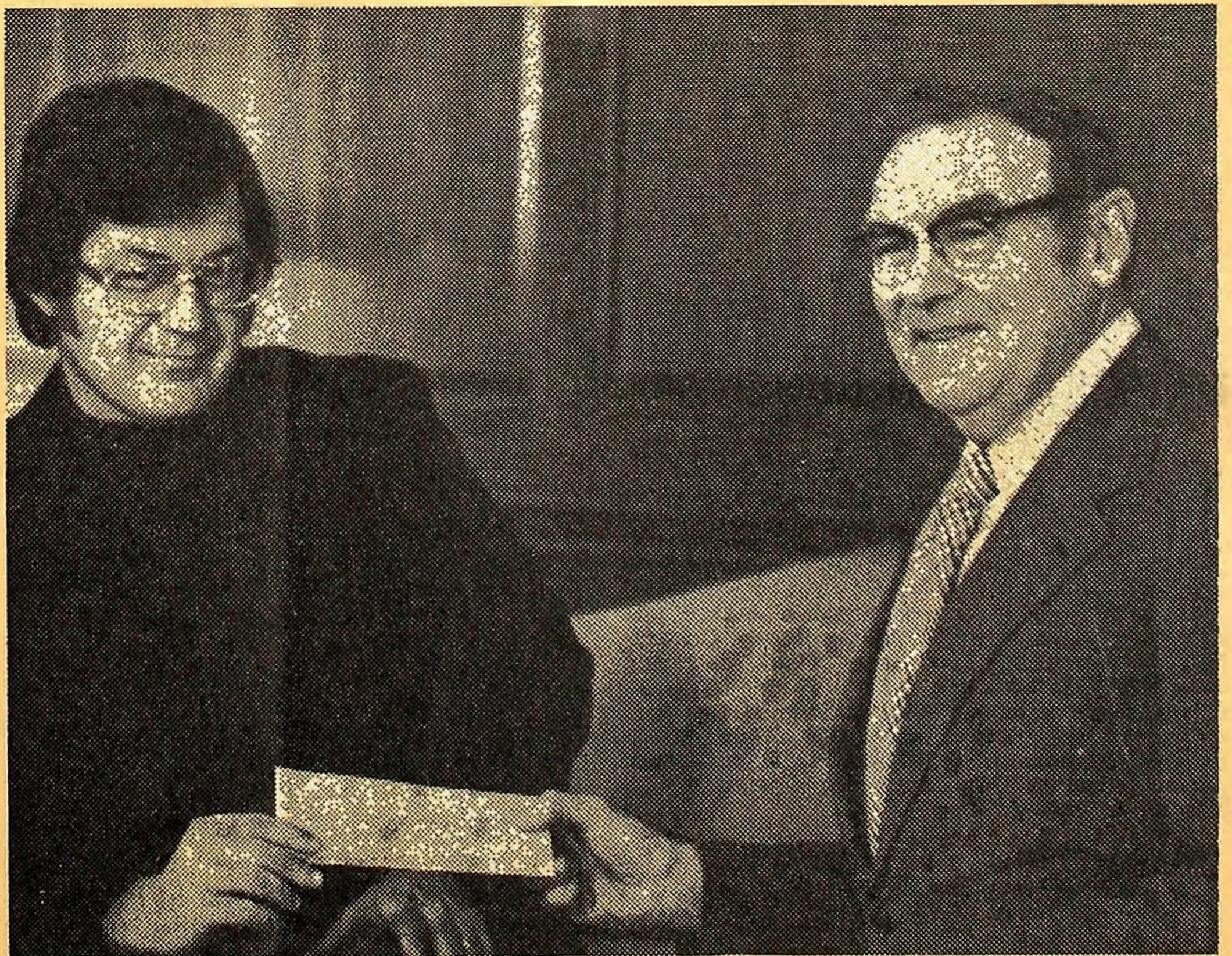
Baptist Student Union Assoc. Elects Officers

DENVER—Wendell Foss, director of the California Baptist Student Union (BSU) program, has been elected president of the State BSU Directors Association.

The association, a fraternal organization of leaders of state BSU programs, met last week in Denver. The purpose of the organization is to discuss problems of mutual interest.

Foss, who was named president-elect at last year's meeting, became president when John Appleton, who headed the Alabama BSU, resigned as president to enter the pastorate.

Also elected was Gene Bolin, Maryland BSU leader, president-elect, and Chet Reames, Texas BSU director, secretary-treasurer. (BP)



Walter B. Shurden (left), professor of religion at Carson-Newman College, recently received a check in excess of \$3000 from the Central Baptist Church, Fountain City, Knoxville. Shurden presented the check to C-N president John A. Fincher. Central Baptist Church honored Shurden for his inspiration and preaching during his interim ministry in their church after the retirement of Charles Bond, the pastor for many years. The purpose of the check is to begin an endowment of the recently established Chair of Southern Baptist Studies at Carson-Newman College. Shurden occupies the chair of Southern Baptist Studies. He has a sound academic background of graduate work and experience in church history.

Love's Abiding Nature

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"Love never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away."
—I Corinthians 13:8

The things which were dividing the Corinthian church were/are temporary in nature. But Paul says that "love never faileth." The verb means to fall. In the figurative sense as here it means to become invalid or come to an end. So Christian love will never end or become invalid. Since it characterizes God's nature, it is as permanent as God Himself.

This is not the case with prophecy, tongues, or knowledge. "Prophecy" here may read preaching. "Knowledge" means revealed knowledge from and about God. The verbs rendered "shall fail" and "shall vanish away" render the same Greek verb which means to render inoperative. They are both future passive in form. This means that at some time subsequent to Paul's writing God will render them inoperative. In this sense they will be abolished or set aside. Whenever they have fulfilled their function, they will be rendered inoperative.

When shall this be? In view of the nature of preaching and the Lord's command to continue it, this evidently looks to the time of the Lord's return when preaching will not be necessary in heaven. This could also be seen of revealed knowledge when we shall see God face to face. However, God's revelation of Himself was complete in Christ. The Holy Spirit through inspired men was in the process of interpreting this revelation through the writing of the New Testament. When this is finished there will be no further revelation to men on earth. This is the more probable meaning here.

But "tongues" shall "cease." This is a different verb. Its meaning seems to be that this gift will cease altogether. The middle (reflexive) voice means that they shall cease within themselves by their very nature. As the gospel spreads to people of other languages this gift of speaking a language not one's own without studying it will be necessary no longer. In my judgment this gift ceased by the end of the first century—never to be given again.

But love will abide even in eternity. If we are to love others in heaven, we should practice it on earth.



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Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

Evangelist Billy Graham says: "Golf is a rewarding game. It helps us preachers keep our religion."

This is open to debate: Does golf help you keep your religion or lose it?

As one preacher said, "I never lose my temper or swear on the golf course, but I must admit that where I spit the grass never grows again."

However, it is not true that the average preacher-golfer loses his patience as often as he loses his ball.

Of course, it is admitted that some laymen, in reflecting on their golfing pastor, may think of golf as being the game which has turned the cows out of the pasture and let the bull in.

But after all, preachers, like all other U.S. citizens, are entitled to life, liberty, and the pursuit of golf balls.

And furthermore, golf is one activity in which the preacher is not only up to par—but over par.

Our Living Hope

By Mrs. Vern Powers

The dawn of a new day lifts us to renewed hope. Turning on the radio or the TV for the early morning news can dash that hope to bits as the reporters seem to hawk out anything but brightness and hope in their summary of the happenings of the past several hours.



Powers

The headlines loom large with murder, robbery, careless accidents, auto crashes, arrests, dishonesty, war among nations, unsettled conditions in our national government, warfare among people, warfare within people. None of this can perpetrate hope for many, except the mind and spirit be stayed on Jesus, Our Living Hope.

God in His great mercy so loved us that He gave us the opportunity to receive new life and hope by raising Jesus from the grave. Hope in Jesus Christ is an anchor that never drags. Thanks be to God for this victory!

We suffer many trials, but our lives can be richer as an end result. The purpose of trials may be a testing of our faith, a refining as by fire. It is not for the purpose of complaining or looking at life with sad hopelessness, condemning the past, the present and the future. There is a level of living that will help people rise above the hopeless, complaining attitude. God who is alive and at work for all time and eternity has revealed himself completely in Christ, who is the same yesterday, today and forever. This is our help in ages past and our hope for time to come.

We have many beautiful and inspiring things to look for in life each day—a golden sunset, the first pastel rays of the rising sun, soft clouds floating in the blue sky, the crimson flash of a cardinal's wings, the strong handclasp of a friend, the smile and caress of a loved one, and the warmth and security of that place called "home".

These are the things about us that speak so undeniably, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By His great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and to an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you." I Peter 1:3-4 RSV

Mrs. Powers is a member of Nashville First Church where she serves as associate teacher in an adult department. She is active in WMU and serves as recording secretary for the WMU Executive Board for Tennessee. Her husband is director of Protection Plans for TBC.

A Quick Look At Our Assets And Liabilities

By Gaines S. Dobbins

The following is the second in a series of six articles by Gaines S. Dobbins, one of Southern Baptists' most distinguished writers-professors emeritus. The articles deal with Baptist history and the Bicentennial. The articles have been written by special request of the Committee on Special Articles of the Baptist Press Association.

Seventy-five years ago I was delivery boy and clerk for a Hattiesburg, MS grocery store. Usually we closed the doors the last week of December to "take stock." Items that had not sold we marked down for "special sale." Stock that had moved well we listed for re-order. Slow pay customers on the "Charge" book were marked "N. G." no good, which meant no more credit until they paid up. It was a tedious and tasteless task, but necessary to insure solvency.

Standing near the close of 1975, what would a somewhat similar national and denominational "stock taking" disclose? Nationally, many gains would be registered: Industrially, commercially, militarily, educationally, financially (per capita) we rank alongside and in most respects superior to any other nations of the world. Of this we may be properly proud.

On the liabilities side of the ledger there is much to cause anxiety: Our deficit-spending "welfare" government, if it were private enterprise, would be declared bankrupt; our biggest city—New York—is practically bankrupt; when huge manufactories, employing thousands, are forced to shut down for lack of orders, the rate of unemployment rises to alarming levels; the effort to keep up military defense to match the Soviet Union pours millions of dollars down the drain; taxes from wage earners to support those on relief threaten a decent standard of living for all; like a dreadful pall, the possibility of an atomic bomb attack hangs over us, creating tensions that threaten widespread nervous breakdown.

U.S. News & World Report carries such headlines as these: Senate Supports, House Rejects; Experts Hint, Officials Deny; Labor Demands, Consumers Complain; Crime Rate Rises, Gun Controls Sought; What's Ahead in Profits, Business Has Black Eye; Complaints About Lawyers, Doctors Overcharging; Expense Accounts Padded, Investigations Made; Petroleum and Natural Gas in Short Supply, Prices Rising.

On the positive side there is much to encourage: the nation girds itself to become

independent of foreign oil; new sources of energy being sought; management and labor seek to better relations; better foreign relations in prospect; natural resource conserved; producers and retailers more consumer-conscious; college graduates better fitted for vocations; continuing adult education spreading; women more highly valued in business and professions; labor unions more susceptible to bargaining; economy of plenty replacing that of scarcity; delayed spurt of buying after long drought.

In the moral and spiritual areas the balances are impressive. Consider first the liabilities: widespread sexual looseness; divorce rate one out of three marriages; crime incidence soaring; petty thievery (shoplifting) increasing; drug use and alcoholism menacing; church attendance declining; Bible study neglected; truancy and school disturbance alarming; racial clashes jarring; school busing disrupting. The list could be lengthened. Such things are not new but rarely so prevalent.

On the asset side there is much to encourage: a higher standard of living; an elevated level of education; enormous supply of conveniences and comforts; remarkable

Hardin-Simmons Establishes Clinard Memorial Fund

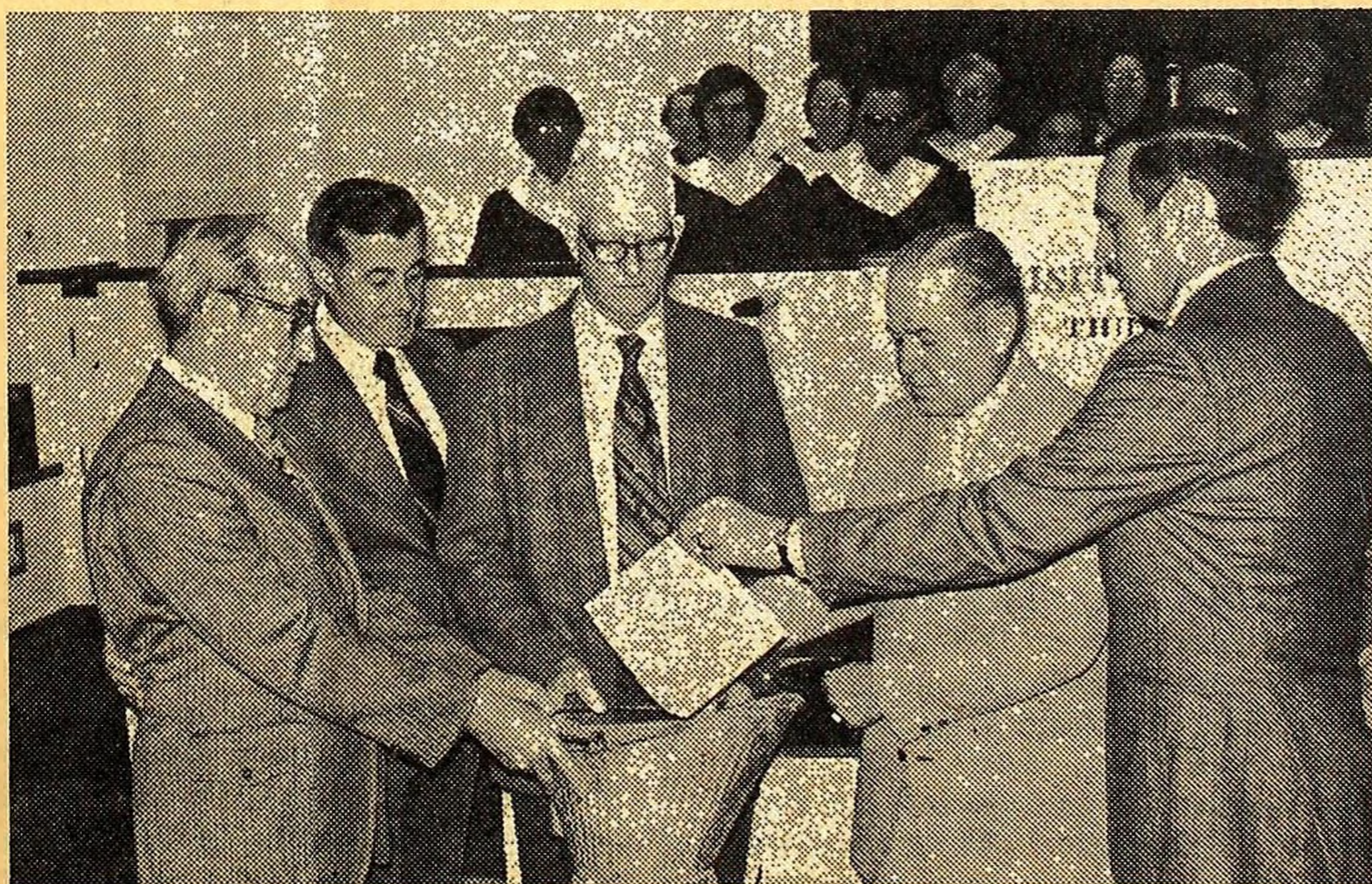
Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, TX, has established a memorial endowment fund to the late Gordon Clinard who was on the faculty of the Baptist school.

A native of Springfield, TN, Clinard served as pastor and interim pastor in Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Kansas, and Oklahoma. In 1970, he was named to the Billy Graham Chair of Evangelism at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and in 1972 became distinguished professor of Bible at Hardin-Simmons. He was killed in a car accident in December 1973.

Frank Pool, deacon at San Angelo, TX First Church is chairman of the endowment fund with a goal of \$250,000.

advances in health care; unparalleled provisions for the disadvantaged; unequalled means of communication and transportation; many churches functioning far beyond Sunday services; seminaries crowded with students preparing for Christian services; unexcelled literature for Bible study and Church Training; a growing army of youth "on mission" for Christ; a still larger company of lay adults dedicated to witness and service. Here again the list grows long with contemplation.

Over all is the triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—"keeping watch above his own." The promise of Jesus stands: "I will be with you always, to the end of the age!" When the courier reported to the Roman general that the enemies' forces outnumbered his two to one, the general calmly replied: "Have you counted me?" Jesus would say: "Don't count me out!"



Members of Woodbury First Church held note burning services recently representing the final payment on the educational building and parking lot. Also, a pastorium was purchased and numerous improvements were made in the sanctuary. Leading in the note burning ceremony were: left to right, Tom Burks, pastor, Bobby Zumbro, J. Ray Campbell, R. H. Burke, and Robert Jennings.

Taxpayers May Expect Additional Taxes

Tennesseans should know in the near future the amount of additional taxes they will be forced to pay in the coming year.

Gov. Ray Blanton's tax package—calling for a one cent increase in the sales tax and providing for the implementation of a state income tax in 1977—has faced an uphill fight since the outset of the session in January.

Blanton, himself, has indicated that he expected the income tax proposal to be placed on the back burner until at least the 1977 legislative session.

However, the governor has continually expressed hopes that the legislature would provide at least the cent sales tax increase.

Leaders in the House of Representatives, on several occasions, have expressed optimism for the cent increase.

But, the Senate leadership said they were at least three votes short of the required 17 to send the sales tax hike bill to the governor's desk for his signature and implementation.

Several Senate leaders—many of whom must seek re-election later this year—said they could not vote for the sales tax hike because Blanton refused to approve such an approach in 1975.

Other possible alternatives which might be turned to in an effort to fund the record \$2.4 billion budget sought by Blanton include:

—A severance tax which would generate about \$8 million in new funds.

—The vendors compensation tax which would bring in about \$4 million.

—An increase in the excise-franchise tax, bringing in about \$22 million.

One of these taxes might be added to a half-cent sales tax increase, which most legislative observers believe could be guided through both legislative chambers without a hitch.

However, the combination of any two of these approaches would fall at least \$40 million short of the revenue which would be provided by a full cent sales tax jump (\$160 million).

House Speaker Ned Ray McWherter, D-Dresden, and Lt. Gov. John Wilder, D-Somerville, both expect a much shorter session than last year—which carried almost to the midway point of 1975.

The House Finance Committee has already added \$15 million to the budget document, primarily pet projects.

The legislature must increase taxes this year just to keep pace with last year's appropriation—because of the inflationary factor.

The General Assembly again this year turned back an attempt that could have led to the legalization of horse and dog racing and gambling in Shelby County.

RESOLUTION NO. 4 ON HUNGER SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION MIAMI, FLA.

WHEREAS, The problem of hunger is one of the most serious social issues of our time, affecting millions of adults and children all over the globe; and

WHEREAS, America has been blessed with an abundance of food and the technological knowledge related to food production; and

WHEREAS, By words and deeds Jesus taught the necessity for helping to feed hungry people;

WHEREAS, The President of our convention has urged our churches to have a day of prayer and fasting for the starving people of the world,

Therefore be it RESOLVED, that we the messengers of the Southern Baptist Convention, gathered at Miami Beach on all Americans blessed with abundance to develop a life-style of sharing and

Be it further RESOLVED, that we urge government and private agencies to seek ways to share agricultural technology with countries which need this help, and

Be it further RESOLVED, that we work to replace any tendency toward hoarding with an ethic of sharing from our abundance of food, material blessings, and

Be it further RESOLVED, that we as Southern Baptists seek to use our resources to bring relief to people who suffer from hunger and to develop a Christian social ethic which will provide guidelines for dealing with hunger problems, and

Be it further RESOLVED, that in order to implement these efforts to relieving world hunger, that we request our churches to set aside a day of prayer and fasting each month.

RESPONSE to World Hunger 'Our Master's Money'

In an unprecedented action, the Bell Avenue Baptist Church of Knoxville, Dr. John McGinnis, pastor, voted unanimously to distribute about \$3,000.00 to members of the church. Following the Parable of the Talents, this money will be divided among 300 members to be invested, used, multiplied and returned about July 4th. Each member received \$10.00, and he or she was urged to "add to" this \$10.00 for six months. It is hoped everyone will at least "double The Master's Money."

At the peak of the Bicentennial Celebration when the harvest is gathered, this church will rejoice and celebrate together by sending several thousand dollars through the Tennessee Baptist Convention to the Foreign Mission Board to relieve starvation in 16 nations where hundreds of people die every week. The Foreign Mission Board is prepared to distribute food to starving people one hundred cents per every dollar. No cost of administration will be deducted from the funds sent for food.

The ways and means of enlarging "Our Master's Money" will be announced from time to time. Any member who discovers a way to add to "Our Master's Money" is encouraged to share his information with the church office. One standard method suggested is to give up one meal a week and put \$2.00 in the "Hungry People's Fund." In six months this alone would add \$52.00 in the original talent.

In an original move, the pastor challenged any person or any larger number of people in his congregation to a 24-hour fast. For each such fast day each person could put \$10.00 into the "Hunger Fund." By fasting one day each week for six months, each member could add \$260.00.

(The staff of Bell Avenue Baptist Church does not claim that this action is original with them. But it is a worthy response.)

WHAT IS YOUR CHURCH DOING FOR WORLD HUNGER?

Sunday School Board Sets Major Priorities

NASHVILLE—Trustees of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, responding to an address by board president Grady C. Cothen, voted to give priority to four critical concerns during the years immediately ahead.

The priorities, which Cothen said are dictated by the nature of the times and the mission of the board, are to provide in-depth Bible study for the masses, help churches equip "the saints" (Christians) for spiritual growth and ministry, support and enrich family life, and encourage and aid pastors.

All of the priority areas, a board spokesman said, grow out of concerns expressed by the Southern Baptist Convention.

The board will support in-depth Bible study at least two ways. They are: "ACTION: A Reach Out Enrolment Plan for Sunday School" (a program to enroll any person in Sunday School anywhere, anytime the person agrees to be enrolled), and (2) a new Sunday School book-by-book Bible study curriculum series designed to begin in October, 1978.

Equipping Christians for growth and ministry will be supported by 216 pilot projects during 1976-77 in Discipleship Development and Equipping Centers in the churches. Discipleship Development is a continuous organization to provide individual and group training for church members and new members. Equipping Centers are educational components of church training which offer concentrated training in a specific subject area.

The new priority activities for in-depth Bible study and equipping of Christians will function in addition to the board's current on-going work in Sunday School and Church Training, a spokesman said.

Support and enrichment of family life is planned through marriage and family enrichment, senior adult ministry, and ministry to singles projects. Marriage enrichment resources and services will function through "Christian Marriage Enrichment Workshops" in local churches, professionally conducted marriage enrichment retreats, and through a national corps of certified marriage enrichment retreat leaders in associations and state conventions.

Family enrichment resources and services will function through the local church, in the home, and through state and national family enrichment conferences. Emphasis will be given to Christian Home Week in the local church program, "Home Life" magazine in Southern Baptist homes, and state and national family enrichment conferences to train family ministry leaders and to enrich the family life of participants.

Senior adult ministry will be highlighted by enrichment and training events and

through a proposed monthly personal enrichment magazine for senior adults to be called "Mature Living." Also proposed is a National Association of Retired Baptists to coordinate local senior adult clubs and sponsor retreats, seminars, conferences, cruises, tours, camporees and camping caravans.

A single adult ministry system to provide resources and services for personal and spiritual enrichment is scheduled for development in the near future.

Aid and encouragement to pastors, church staff and their families will include career assessment and support, personal and professional skill improvement and pastoral support through deacon ministry.

Career guidance plans include short term, non-academic courses in personal and professional skill improvement and career assessment for pastors and church staff members, and a network of resources and referral sources across the convention.

SBC Annuity Board Announces Reorganization

DALLAS—A reorganization announced here by the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) Annuity Board is designed to share the executive work load among four senior vice presidents.

Trustees of the agency, who approved the changes during their annual meeting, said they will help relieve the president of increasing administrative responsibilities.

The number of senior vice presidents of the Annuity Board was increased from two to four, as recommended by a long-range study committee made up of trustees.

Kermit E. Whiteaker, who has been vice president, director of retirement guidance, and assistant to the president, assumes the newly created position of senior vice president of the board's operations division.

The office of the director of finance and accounting, filled by a vice president, has been elevated to senior vice president status. B. J. Chenault continues to hold this position.

Two existing senior vice presidencies remain unchanged. One, in investments, is held by Frank L. Durham. The other, in development, has been vacant since L. Taylor Daniel retired in 1975, and it will not be filled in the near future, said board president Darold H. Morgan.

Harold F. Bailey, vice president and director of development among churches, and Gene P. Daniel, vice president and

Leadership Training Offered In Brotherhood

Leadership training will be offered in Baptist Men, missions, lay evangelism, Royal Ambassadors, Crusaders and Pioneers at a Regional Brotherhood Training School to be held at the Madison-Chester association office in Jackson. According to Roy Gilleland, state Brotherhood director, this training will be from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., Saturday, March 13.

This meeting will be sponsored jointly by the Madison-Chester Association and the Brotherhood Department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. Tom Lewis is the director of missions and Richard Lewelling and Harvey Wyatt are regional Royal Ambassador leaders.

Deacon ministry plans now call for the board's church administration department to join with the evangelism division of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in a campaign to involve deacons in proclamation-evangelism activities. The number of certified deacon trainer conferences will be increased and associations of churches will be encouraged to conduct deacon conferences each year. (BP)

director of development among agencies, will continue, in addition to the senior vice presidents, to report directly to Morgan.

Five areas of the Annuity Board's work, which formerly reported directly to Morgan, were placed under Whiteaker. They are member services, administrative services, building and leasing management, management services and insurance services.

This includes maintaining member accounts and retirement and insurance; handling insurance plans and claims; personnel, mail, and printing services; computer facilities; and administration of the 511 North Akard Building in Dallas, owned by the Annuity Board.

Four other areas continue to report directly to the president—public relations, directed by vice president John D. Bloskas; actuarial services and research; legal services; and internal auditing.

The long-range study committee told trustees that about 16 persons were reporting directly to the president. It considered this too many. The reorganization will ultimately decrease the number to eight.

In electing officers, the Annuity Board chose W. Gordon Hobgood Jr., Dallas layman, for a second term as chairman. The three vice chairmen are Ralph Ferguson of Phoenix, C. E. Colton of Dallas, Jimmie E. Harley of Greenville, SC. The president and all staff officers of the Annuity Board were re-elected also. (BP)

Where Were The Founding Mothers?

The celebration of our country's Bicentennial has brought forward the almost unheard idea that women played a vital role in the beginnings of the nation!

This recognition, though late, is as it should be. Our founding fathers were busy drafting a declaration, waging a war, creating a constitution, generating a government. Now someone has asked, "Where were the founding mothers?"

Women were always there—believing in and fighting for freedom, using their influence to shape a more perfect union, occasionally clandestinely via government or church, as in the case of many significant Baptist women.

The 1700's produced Dutton Lane, of Virginia, an eloquent and powerful evangelist, who, with hundreds of other such preachers helped Baptists begin to grow in America. Mary Lane, his mother, was willing to be beaten in order to hear the message of her preacher son, and was willing to protect him from a father outraged because this son had turned Baptist.

Another minister, John Leland, was influenced to join the fight for religious liberty in Virginia after being converted to the Baptist doctrine through the influence of Sallie Devine, who later became his wife.

Minister's Mother Jailed

Meanwhile in Connecticut, a minister's mother was jailed for her refusal to pay the church tax she believed to be wrong. Perhaps it was from her staunch stand that Elder Isaac Backus got his early determination to fight for freedom from taxation because of religious beliefs. His ideals of religious liberty finally began to take root as he helped draft a Bill of Rights to accompany the 1779 constitution for the state of Massachusetts where he then resided.

Records show that in 1793 there were some 3000 Baptists in Virginia. By 1812, the number had increased to 35,000. Fannie E. S. Heck, in her history of Woman's Missionary Union, states, "It goes without saying that the women had borne a part in all that had concerned the churches. They had strengthened the courage of their husbands and brothers. They had cared for the children when the men went to prison for conscience's sake, or to far, untrodden fields of service. If they had means they had contributed liberally."

Then, in rapid succession, women who were willing to be among the first missionaries abroad, also came to be the first women to find their way into written Baptist histories.

There was the vivacious and energetic Anne Hasseltine Judson, who left her country in 1812 to begin work with her husband,

Adoniram, in Burma. Their conversion to Baptist beliefs raised in this denomination at home a sense of responsibility for a plan to support foreign missions.

Anne refused to be baptized just because her husband had changed beliefs. She insisted on accepting a faith of her own—one that would support her in the face of the death of her children, the imprisonment of her husband, the struggle to live in Burma and learn the language, and to encourage their few converts.

Eighteen-Year-Old Bride Goes To China

By 1835, an eighteen-year-old bride, Henrietta Hall Shuck, became the first American woman missionary to China. She and her husband, J. Lewis Shuck, were the first missionaries to serve under the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention formed in Augusta, Georgia after the Shucks' first ten years of service.

By Mrs. I. W. Bowen

Within another decade, Mrs. Ann Graves saw her son, Roswell, leave under Foreign Mission Board appointment to China. As he wrote home of needs and activities, his mother shared with her friends those letters which became a basis for prayer for his work in China.

Prayer led to giving and eventually to organizing in 1867 "A Female Prayer Meeting" for the support of Bible women in China. When the Southern Baptist Convention met in Baltimore in 1868, Ann Graves invited all women who attended the Convention to come together for a conference. This is considered the first general meeting of Southern Baptist women in the interest of missions.

In 1871, when the Baltimore, Maryland branch of Woman's Mission to Woman was organized, Ann Graves was elected the corresponding secretary, thereby becoming a pioneer for missions involvement in her community, state, nation, and world.

Women Caught Vision Of World Missions

Many other women were catching this vision of world missions work through their denomination. Central committees for missions education were organized in states, and leaders such as Miss M. E. McIntosh of South Carolina, were developing in their own states. Miss McIntosh, in 1888, was elected first president of Woman's Missionary Union, SBC.

Mrs. Sallie Rochester Ford of Missouri presided at women's meetings held in connection with the Southern Baptist Convention meetings in several states: 1883, Texas; 1885, Georgia; 1886, Alabama; 1887, Ken-

tucky.

It was Mrs. Ford who brought the resolution to the 1885 meeting that "these meetings hereafter shall be for women only." Then, the women were ready to organize in 1888, electing Miss Annie Armstrong of Maryland as first corresponding secretary to serve with Miss McIntosh.

Each succeeding year produced women who served the Lord and the denomination ably using in their time and in their own way their talents and their abilities. One could not pass by the enormity of the contribution of Helen Barrett Montgomery who gave an accurate, but readable, translation of the New Testament to promote scripture study among women.

Another among those who shared their mental resources with the world was Mildred McMurray, whose **Spiritual Life Development** still gives inspiration for its readers. Nor can the ongoing influence of strong organizers and encouragers such as Mary Webb of Maryland, Eliza Broadus of Kentucky, and Fannie E. S. Heck of North Carolina be overlooked.

These may not have rocked the cradle, but they beckoned to the children and youth to come and be trained. There were Nannie Burroughs and her famous School of the Three B's, Julia Barron of Alabama's Judson College, and Bessie Willingham Tift of Georgia's Tift College, Juliette Mather and Kathleen Mallory of Woman's Missionary Union, SBC.

There were those who stretched their hands to the poor and unloved: Marie Buhlmeir, Anna Banks Johenning, Joanna Graham Bethune, Sarah Doremus. And never would a list of those who loved the young be near completion without the name of Sarah Jo Burney of Georgia who loved and cared for personally children of foreign missionaries as they came back to the states for schooling.

Since, however, any list of historical Baptist women must of necessity be limited and incomplete, the name of Mary Beth Barton must be included. As the reader frames the question, "Mary Beth Who?" let it be known that she represents all women unknown and unsung, but none the less a part of the heritage of Baptists today, who celebrate the Bicentennial of their country by remembering those who have contributed to their past.—Reprinted from the January **The Baptist Program**

Mrs. I. W. Bowen III, of Forsyth, GA, is past president of Georgia WMU and is a member of the Home Mission Board. She is author of a spiritual development study book based on historic Baptist women to be published by WMU April 1: The Woman I Am: Looking Forward Through The Christian Past. Study of this book is one of WMU's Bicentennial activities.

The Church's Meaning And Mission

By Roy A. Helton
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Basic Passage: Matthew 16:1 to 17:27

Focal Passage: Matthew 16:13-26

What a time for the church to discover its nature and mission. To the degree which it has forgotten its mission and meaning, to that extent it has failed no matter how great its apparent success. The focal passage describes the fourth and climaxing episode in Jesus' withdrawals from Galilee. Jesus could not have chosen a more suitable spot for testing, teaching, and revealing a fundamental truth to his disciples. The place was saturated with religious tradition. The area was dotted with the ruins of ancient Syrian Temples of Baal worship. Nearby at the foot of the mountain was a deep cave said to be the birthplace of the great Pan, the god of all nature. So strong was the influence of the legend that the place was originally called Panias. Herod the Great had built a great white marble temple here in honor of the godhead of Caesar. Herod's son, Herod Philip, remodeled and beautified this temple and changed the name of the place from Panias to Caesarea (Caesar's town) and Philippi in honor of his own name. Thus we have Caesarea-Philippi in Jesus' day. Here against the backdrop of revered religious splendor, Jesus dared ask his disciples for a verdict concerning his own significance as prophet and Savior of the world.

Jesus Acclaimed As The Christ 16:13-17

Jesus is on his way to Jerusalem. He has had opportunity to see how his disciples reacted to the feeding of the five thousand, the healing of the Syro-Phoenician (Canaanite) woman, and the healing of the deaf and the blind on three earlier withdrawals. He must now find out what their understanding of him is. He began as a good teacher by asking what people were thinking and saying about him. Quickly he discovered that he was highly thought of by the populace—John the Baptist the forerunner, Elijah greatly esteemed as the one who would herald the Messiah's approach, Jeremiah famed for tender and sympathetic understanding, or one of many other important prophets. But as good as this popular opinion poll was, Jesus was not satisfied with it. He asked for a statement of personal understanding from some member in the class. There is always one in every class! Peter answered, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus was pleased. "Congratulations, Simon," he said. Then he said in effect, "This revelation did not come from

man, but from my Father." There is much information available today about the New Testament, about Jesus and his teaching. There are varied understandings about Jesus and his role in life. But any understanding of him which regards him simply as a great teacher, a great prophet, or a great leader, falls short of the way in which Jesus wanted his disciples and wants us to understand him. He must be understood and accepted as the Son of God, the Savior of a lost world.

Jesus As Founder Of The Church 16:18-19

Much has been written about "the rock" (v. 18). Was it Peter? Is it Christ? Is it the truth in the confession which Peter made? The Roman Catholic Church understands it as Peter. Some Protestants understand it as Christ, asserting that there is a play on words here, and that Jesus referred to Peter as petros (a pebble), and then to himself as petra (bed-rock). In honesty it must be said that the two words can be used interchangeably. Still other Protestants favor the idea that the rock is the truth in the confession which Peter made. In the end one wonders what real difference there is in the distinctions. Peter (I Peter 2:4-8), though using different word for stone, refers to Christ as a "living stone" and to Christians as "living stones" being built together as a "spiritual house." In any interpretation Christ is the foundation and the keystone in any structure of circumstances where life is transformed and God is truly worshipped. Much has been written about the "gates of hell" (KJV) not prevailing against the church. Actually the word is "hades" not hell. The Greeks, and eventually the Jews, used this word to describe the abode of the dead: good, bad, or indifferent. Gates were used by ancient cities to shut out enemies, but they served also to shut in. Jesus is thinking of death here. On the basis of the confession which Peter had made, Jesus was saying that neither his own death, nor the death of his followers could stop the church. Death

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would not end the church or its mission. Those "keys" have also caused much spreading of ink. In Rabbinic language to "bind" meant to forbid, and to "loose" meant to permit. Peter, and others who composed the church, had the responsibility of preaching the good news which would determine (on the basis of reception or rejection) whether men were forbidden or permitted to enter the kingdom. This was not a decision made by the church but a decision made by God himself. The language actually should be translated, "shall have been bound," and "shall have been loosed." This takes it out of human hands and puts it in God's hands.

A Rebuke And A Challenge 16:20-26

"From that time forth" (v. 21) Jesus began to make clear the kind of Messiah He had come to be. He came to suffer, to die, to rise again (v. 21). What a shock to Peter and the other disciples. Jesus had just acknowledged that He was the Messiah, but now in their eyes He destroys it all. A dead Messiah! True, there was the concept of the Suffering Servant in the Old Testament, but this could not be meant for Jesus. When Peter protested to Jesus, Jesus told him that Satan was working through him, and that whereas he had earlier been a hero, he had now become a scandalizing influence (the word scandal comes from the Greek word skandala which means a stumbling stone). This is an object lesson which we might well learn today. We want things to be easy. We can't think of great leaders as persons who are also persons capable of great suffering for a cause.

Jesus did not stop with a rebuke, he offered a challenge. Just as he must sacrifice himself to bring the church into being, so must his followers exercise self-discipline to the point of self-denial if the church is to perform its mission. The expression, "deny himself" is really stronger than the impression given by that translation. It would be more to the point to say "renounce himself." We must give up the "me first" philosophy of life. What of those who would "lose" their lives in service for Christ? They are the happiest people you can know. They have come into real life.

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PEOPLE . . .

Dunlap First Church ordained **Nevan Carlton**, **Lee Greer**, **Alton Hobbs**, and **Bob Price** as deacons. The ordination service also marked the beginning of a rotation plan of deacon service. **Ron Arflin** is pastor.

Two deacons were ordained at **Excell Church**, **Clarksville**. They were **Phillip King** and **Buford Stacey**. **Duane Forderhase**, pastor, delivered the ordination message. The ceremony was conducted by the deacons of the church with **Elmer Fleming** questioning the candidates.

Providence Church, **Crockett Mills**, ordained **Dennis Maddox** and **Jerry Skelton** as deacons. **Levi Parrish** of **Allen Church**, **Brownsville**, presented the charge to the church. **Charles Potter**, **Cairo Church**, **Crockett Mills**, presented the charge to the candidates. **James Melton** is pastor of the church.

Billy Joe Fields, **James Girard**, and **Reed Merritt** were scheduled to be ordained as deacons at **Bellwood Church**, **Wilson County Association**, recently. **Lewis Thomas** is pastor.

Pat Heaslett Fulbright, **Nashville**, has written an article about **Annie Armstrong** for the magazine **Aware**, **WMU** publication for **Girls in Action** leaders. **Fulbright** is a member of **Nashville First Church**.

Tom Compton was licensed to the gospel ministry by **Oak Street Church**, **Maryville**. A native of **Blount County**, he is a student at **Boyce Bible School** in **Kentucky**. **Tom Biggar** is pastor at **Oak Street**.

Kellys Creek Church, **William Carey Association**, ordained **Danny Mullins** and **Troy Stephenson** as deacons. **James E. Burrow** is pastor.

Westmoreland First Church has ordained **Jerry Lennep** to the gospel ministry. **Lennep** was ordained at the request of **Pleasant Valley Church**, **Bledsoe Association**. He has begun his work there. **Arlie E. Spalding**, pastor, served as moderator. **Sid Durham** and **H. G. Kirby** served as clerks.

Jefferson City First Church ordained **Perry Brown** as a deacon. **Wade Darby** is pastor.

Wayside Church, **Concord Association**, ordained **Ray Bowen** and **Ivan Moore** as deacons. **Bobby McElhiney** is pastor.

LEADERSHIP . . .

Carl Bond has accepted the pastorate of **El Bethel Church**, **New Duck River Association**. He comes to the position from **Youngers Creek Church**, **Elizabethtown, KY**. A graduate of **Tennessee Technological University** and **Southern Baptist Theological Seminary**, he has held pastorates in **Tennessee** and **Kentucky** and served on the **Executive Board** of the **Kentucky Convention**.

Dick Dickerson resigned as pastor of **Big Sandy First Church**, to accept the pastorate at **First Church**, **Annapolis, MO**. He is already on the new field.

John Kurtz, minister of music, **Rockwood First Church**, resigned to accept a similar position with **East Brainerd Church**, **Chattanooga**. **Robert Campbell** is pastor at **Rockwood**, and **Tom Townsend** is pastor at **East Brainerd**.

John David Presley has resigned as pastor of **Liberty Hill Church**, **McKenzie**.

Dotsonville Church, **Cumberland Association**, accepted the resignation of pastor **Paul Gunn**. **Gunn** received a call to pastor **Westmoreland First Church**.

Stephen Minor resigned as pastor of **Vanleer Church**, **Cumberland Association**, to accept the call of **New Haven Church** in **Stewart County Association**.

Herbert McKeehan resigned as pastor of **Lakeview Church**, **Chilhowee Association**. **James R. Waters** is serving as supply pastor.

Unicoi Church, **Holston Association**, was the scene of two ordinations recently. **Bob McCurry** was ordained to the gospel ministry. **C. B. Dickerson**, **Ferrell Brown**, **Earl Hopson**, and **Handford McCurry** shared in the program. **James Woodward** was ordained as a deacon. **Bob McNeil**, **Earl Butler**, and **James Harris** participated in the service. **Bud Pate** is pastor at the church.

Members of **Milan First Church** observed the 10th anniversary of **Denzel Duke's** ministry with that congregation. A reception was held in the newly redecorated fellowship hall, and **Duke** was presented with an expense paid trip to **India** for an evangelistic mission.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Parker, members of **White Oak Church** in **Chattanooga**, celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary last month. **Ray Fowler** is their pastor.

Ellejoy Church, **Chilhowee Association**, called **James H. Lawhorn** as pastor.

Leon Sasser is the new pastor at **Hopewell Church**, **Chilhowee Association**.

Hillsboro Church, **Duck River Association**, called **Murry Wood** as pastor. **Wood** comes from **Olive Hill Church**, **Hardin County Association**.

Clay Jennings will assume the pastorate of **Cumberland Chapel**, **Duck River Association**, this month. He has been serving on the staff of the **Baptist Children's Home** in **Memphis**, and previously was pastor at **Decherd First Church** and **Jasper First Church**.

Charles Ritchie is the new minister of outreach at **Northside Church**, **Milan**. He comes from a pastorate in **Mississippi**.

Tim Wills has resigned from **Oakwood Church**, **Gibson County**, to accept the post of pastor of **Lake Shore Church**, **Chicago, IL**.

Calhoun First Church called **Gilbert Roberts** as associate pastor. **Ron Sorah** is pastor.

James Hoyal is serving as interim pastor at **Etowah First Church**.

Walnut Grove Church, **McMinn Association**, called **Steve Miller** as music director. **John Powers** is pastor.

CHURCHES . . .

Stones River Church, **Smyrna**, will hold dedication services for the new educational complex on **March 21**, according to pastor **Lawrence Hadley Jr.** The structure contains 19 classrooms, a kitchen, fellowship hall, and nursery, within 7350 sq. ft. **Vernon Williams Construction Co.** was responsible for the architecture, engineering, and construction. Cost was \$120,300.

Maxwell Church, **Duck River Association**, dedicated a new church building last month. **Jim Sears** is pastor.

Northwestern Church, **Weakley County Association**, announced plans to organize a **Woman's Missionary Union** and a **Brotherhood**. They have also adopted a new building program. **Dayne Hawks** is pastor.

Six Mile Church, **Chilhowee Association**, completed work on the parsonage. Open house will be held at a later date.

Volunteers Needed In Pioneer Missions

ATLANTA—Leominster-Fitchburg needs you; so do Gassaway, Soldotna and Canton. These are towns which have need of volunteers to help in the establishment of Southern Baptist mission work.

The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, through its Christian Service Corps, locates and places volunteers on various mission fields around the country, in areas of greatest need.

"Though most short term projects require interest rather than specific skills, some require particular background or training," said Bill Wilson, director of Christian Service Corps, and himself a volunteer.

Short term assignments generally run from two weeks to two months. Long term assignments are for a year or for permanent relocation, and usually include obtaining secular employment. The HMB has no funds to assist the volunteer. CSC workers pay their own way. Examples of opportunities include:

Leominster-Fitchburg, MA, needs men/women to assist in Vacation Bible Schools, visitation, survey and home Bible study, June-August.

Gassaway, WV, needs a man, woman or couple to help in developing a community center, relating to others through recreation, distributing clothing and day care. The person must be able to drive. A minister is preferred, but not necessary. Some aid is available.

Alaska Needs Youth Worker

Soldotna, Alaska, needs someone to work with youth of a church and in music. While a long-term volunteer is desired, the person could serve as little as three months. Help can be given with housing and job opportunities.

A dozen towns in Pennsylvania need volunteers this summer, mostly in establishing mission-type chapels. Sutton, WV, needs a dentist and assistant during the summer months.

"Anytime someone is interested in helping those working in New York City," said Wilson, "we feel that a place can be found for them."

Canton, Ohio is a city of 110,000 where help is needed to develop the first Southern Baptist work. Persons with campers or motor homes are needed in Ohio and South Dakota. People speaking Spanish are needed in Indiana and Michigan. Utah and Arizona need help with church construction.

Oklahoma City, OK, needs a person or couple on a long-term basis to work in a day care program in a Baptist center. Room and board can be furnished. "Person must be

able to love children and senior adults," they ask.

Currently, requests, which come from missions directors, pastors and other interested missions personnel, total 54 for short-term assignments and 12 for long-term assignments.

Application forms are available from the Christian Service Corps, Home Mission Board, 1350 Spring St. N.W., Atlanta, GA 30309.

Baptist Business/Career Women's Conference Announced

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Tennessee Baptist Convention will sponsor the first state meeting for Baptist business and career women, April 2-4 at Smoky Shadows Conference Center in Pigeon Forge.

According to Nan Owens, Baptist Women's director, the business and career women organization is for any woman who is a member of a Baptist church and is employed outside the home.

Program personnel scheduled include: Hattie Gardner, retired missionary to Nigeria; Al and Nettie Gammage, on furlough from Korea; Lorene Tilford, retired missionary from China and Taiwan; Mrs. Howard Vowell, Martin; Paul Hall, Missions Dept., TBC; Ruth Smith, program director of the Baptist Center in Knoxville; Mary Jane Nethery, WMU executive secretary-treasurer for Tennessee; and Melba Hutson, Cleveland.

The theme of the conference will be "Free To Do Only God's Will At All Times," based on I Peter 2:16.

Other features will include Bible study, fellowship, discussions on organization, Christian Service Corps, and a banquet.

The conference will begin with registration and a cookout supper on Friday and end with the worship service Sunday morning.

Reservations must be made through the state WMU office, Owens stated.

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"What golf socks?" she asked.

"The ones with the eighteen holes in them."

Annuity Board To Host Business Officers Conference

The 14th annual Southern Baptist Business Officers Conference will be held in Dallas at the Annuity Board March 17-19, according to Wilson Beardsley, general chairman.

The theme for this year is "The Bicentennial and Baptist Business." Special speakers for the conference will be Robert Wall, Mississippi College, Zig Zigler, president of a company specializing in motivation, and Lee Drain, senior vice-president of Republic of Texas Corp. The conference has several added features which occur on Tuesday and Wednesday. An insurance management conference will be held on Tuesday, and the computer users association will meet on Wednesday.

Registration will be held through Mrs. Janie Neal, 1907 Elm Street, Dallas TX, 75201. This Conference is for the business officers, churches, child care institutions, colleges and seminaries, hospitals, Southern Baptist convention agencies and state conventions who will each have special programs of their own.

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WMU Approves Mission Study, BYW Campus Promotion

By Cindy Burns

BIRMINGHAM—Plans for church-wide missions education and prayer and for a return to promotion of Baptist Young Women's (BYW) work on college campuses were approved here by the executive board of Woman's Missionary Union (WMU).

The WMU, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC), also voted in its annual promotion meeting to hold a national Acteens Conference for girls in 1979 and changed the title of its chief executive and two other officers.

Besides the church-wide missions education study, which would come during the SBC's emphasis on "Bold Missions," 1977-79, the executive board also approved the 1977-78 WMU Dated Plan. The dated plan is a 500-page document detailing every special and regular activity on the WMU calendar for that year.

Most new projects relate to the two-year denominational emphasis on missions for 1977-79. "Mission Night Out" is a plan the WMU and the SBC Brotherhood Commission will sponsor to involve a wide segment of church members in mission study.

WMU will also sponsor church-wide prayer retreats and a prayer partnership

Cindy Burns, a Mississippian, who has recently completed a mass communications degree at Mississippi State University, became WMU staff news writer effective Jan. 2.

project in support of "Bold Missions" in April 1978.

For the first time, WMU set specific dates for church-wide study of Home and Foreign Mission Graded Series books and suggested that the study be pastor-promoted or taught by the pastor, backed by WMU and Brotherhood.

Acteens Pilot Program Begins This Summer

During the emphasis on "Bold Missions," WMU and the Home Mission Board will pilot a program to place groups of trained Acteens (girls in grades 7-12) in home mission situations. These short-term volunteer workers will conduct an informal pilot program in the summer of 1976. WMUs of South Carolina, North Carolina, California and Texas will sponsor the pilot program. Following the pilot program WMU and the Home Mission Board will finalize the plans.

WMU involvement in "North Central Missions Thrust," a special project for strengthening and increasing Baptist churches in North Central states, was outlined by the WMU board.

Plans include missions tours, prayer projects, mission action training, and teaming of North Central states with other states for special training and praying activities.

In approving the Dated Plan, WMU reinforces its earlier decision to back a \$28 million goal for the 1977 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions and \$13 million goal for the 1978 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions.

The 1977-78 Dated Plan will be based on a second year of WMU concentration on teaching missions.

The decision to promote Baptist Young Women's missions organizations on college campuses came with the encouragement of SBC's National Student Ministries leaders, according to Carolyn Weatherford, the WMU's chief executive officer.

"WMU has historically had a strong missions influence on campus through its Young Women's Auxiliary," Weatherford said. "Now nobody is responsible for a balanced program of missions education and missions support among collegians, but WMU is going to try to fill the gap."

WMU withdrew from promoting its organizations on campuses during the SBC's inter-program planning of the 1960's leading up to the adoption of new organization names and approaches in 1970. When Baptist Young Women replaced Young Women's Auxiliary as the missions organization for college age women it was felt that WMU should work with them in churches, according to Weatherford.

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"Although we urge churches to have BYW for college students among their members, the organizations were too few and too far from campus life to be effective," she said.

WMU authorized the promotion of campus organizations immediately, but said that detailed programs would not be developed for another year. WMU personnel will work with student ministries personnel in designing the plans.

National Acteens Conference Set For July 24-28, 1979

The WMU board set July 24-28, 1979, in Kansas City, MO, for the third National Acteens Conference. "The huge turnout for the second such conference, held last summer in Memphis, indicated that we should host such a gathering at least once in every Acteens generation," Weatherford said.

Weatherford's title was changed from executive secretary to executive director by executive board action, effective immediately. The title change also affected Catherine B. Allen, now assistant to the executive director for public and employee relations, and June Whitlow, now assistant to the executive director for planning and research.

The board also renamed the WMU promotion department, consisting of consultants for each of the WMU age level organizations. The department will return to a formerly used name, field service department.

"Studiact," the Acteens individual achievement plan, will be revised in 1977-78. The board instructed WMU staff to adjust activities and time requirements.

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'Yau Really Dzn't Cawnt!' That's What The Man Said

NASHVILLE—The Feb. 22, 1976, edition of the Baptist Bulletin Service might well become a collector's item, says Leonard E. Hill, who edits the service for the Southern Baptist Executive Committee here.

That particular issue could trigger a stream of letters to the editor, Hill says. Ministers are cautioned that persons reading the bulletin that Sunday will probably develop a puzzled look. "If it happens while you're preaching," Hill advises, "don't worry. 'It's not you, it's a back page article by Don M. Aycock, designed to show that individual church members really do count.'"

Aycock's approach, however, is almost too clever, according to predictions by some advance readers of the bulletin. The article, titled, "You Really Don't Count," is reprinted with permission from the Baptist Bulletin Service, which is produced and distributed to churches by the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

Any person who can read Aycock's article through with complete understanding is above average, says Hill.

"The First Baptist Church was a pleasant little place. It was what most people would call a 'model' church. Everyone got along well. The budget was in good shape, and all of the committees functioned smoothly.

"In fact, the committees worked too smoothly! Because things went so well, the members began to feel that they were not really necessary.

"One day things began to change. One committee member said, 'I have so many other things to do, I'll just drop out of my place of responsibility. The church is so full of capable people, I won't even be missed.' So he dropped out of his committee.

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"Thdn a foxth qzit, and a fivtk, and siyth, too!

"Tzis onty gaes ta prxve one fyct: is yay are a mendar og a cyurch comnitetx, yau really dzn't cawnt!"

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- 7 Ireland
- 8 He entered into Judas (Luke 22:3)
- 9 Everyone
- 10 "should believe a —" (2 Thess. 2)
- 11 Laotian coins
- 17 Mount (Heb. 12:22)
- 19 Palm leaf
- 21 Leaves: abbr.
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- 26 A Simeonite (Num. 25:14)
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- 29 "For every high priest is —" (Heb. 8)
- 33 Suffix denoting inhabitant
- 35 Waste allowance
- 36 Where there was no room (Luke 2:7)
- 38 Sinned
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- 1 "where the word is —" (Mark 4)
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- 9 Ancestor of Jesus (Luke 3:35)
- 12 To feel compassion
- 13 Mount (Deut. 32:50)
- 14 Aflame
- 15 Load
- 16 Galatians and Ephesians
- 18 Man's nickname
- 19 Native plum
- 20 Feminine name
- 22 Vague rumor
- 26 "for your consolation and —" (2 Cor. 1)
- 30 Chemical suffix
- 31 Place (2 Ki. 17:24; poss.)

32 It has not heard (1 Cor. 2:9)

- 33 Kitchen need
- 34 Actor Chaney
- 35 "the — of men" (Mark 7)
- 37 Word used before foot or hand
- 39 Scottish ones
- 40 "the fragments that —" (John 6)
- 43 Fish dermatitis
- 46 "was building his own house — years" (1 Ki. 7)
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- 54 It shall not be blessed (Prov. 20:21)

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Board Gives \$100,000 For Earthquake Victims

GUATEMALA CITY, Guatemala—The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board appropriated \$100,000 to aid victims of the intensive and disastrous earthquake which hit here early Feb. 4. The action was taken in the board's February meeting held in Richmond, VA.

"Other needs will be met in Guatemala as they are made apparent to us," said Charles W. Bryan, the board's secretary for Middle America and the Caribbean. "Southern Baptists are continuing to respond with relief efforts."

Medical teams and various supplies have been dispatched to the area in response to requests made by Dr. Alfonso Lemos, head of public health in Guatemala.

According to A. Clark Scanlon, Southern Baptist missionary field representative stationed in Guatemala City, Lemos asked Baptists to send a general practitioner, two surgeons and four traumatologists (surgeons experienced in treatment of accidental injuries).

He also requested extensive medical supplies, splints, stretchers, sleeping bags, tents, a portable X-ray machine and a jeep.

Responding to the request were traumatologists George Sibley, Phil Berry and Skip Barkley, all laymen from Dallas; and surgeon Scott Middleton, from Corsicana, TX.

Also, Southern Baptist missionary doctors George H. Kollmar and Robert L. Edwards from Barranquilla, Colombia, and W. David Harms from Tegucigalpa, Honduras, are in Guatemala. Assisting them is Francis Crawford, Southern Baptist missionary nurse from Tegucigalpa.

An order for medical supplies was placed immediately after receiving the requests from Lemos with Medical Assistance Program (MAP), a voluntary international Christian organization that responds to needs of mission hospitals and missionary physicians.

A jeep, 10,000 pounds of medical supplies, 300 tents, two immunization jet guns, and one ton of food have been sent to the area.

"Within hours after the disaster, Southern Baptist missionaries and nationals were aiding victims," said W. Eugene Grubbs, the

board's disaster relief coordinator and consultant for laymen overseas. "Clark Scanlon was at the grainery before it opened, standing in line to get food for relief efforts. Food amounting to 15,000 pounds was distributed immediately after the quake."

Baptist church members in Guatemala prepared individual food packages containing five pounds of beans, five pounds of rice and ten pounds of corn to be given to families.

"The people there are very resourceful," Bryan said. "They're handling the situation in a mature fashion. They're having to take the basics and go from there."

The Florida Baptist Convention has a construction crew of 16 men ready to depart for the disaster-stricken area. The crew will assist in the rebuilding efforts.

"Various state Baptist conventions and staff personnel have been most cooperative," Grubbs said. "They have initiated contact with the board to offer assistance. Norman Godfrey of the Brotherhood Commission has called to offer assistance, also."

Six Baptist church buildings were destroyed in the quake that registered 7.5 on the Richter Scale. Two church buildings were badly damaged. Many Baptists were killed and many more left homeless by the quake that has been called "one of the most disastrous in history." (BP)

Missions Conference Limits Registration

LOUISVILLE, KY—For the first time in twenty years, the Student Missions Conference, meeting Feb. 27-29, on the campus of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here, has been forced to limit participation to the first 1000 official registrants.

Attendance figures for the three-day conference soared to nearly 2000 in 1975—twice the resident population of the campus at that time. Conference officials expressed concern that housing and food facilities were considerably over-taxed.

Program personalities for this year's conference will include L. C. Lane, guitarist and singer and minister of music for First Baptist Church, Frankfort, Kentucky; William Wakefield, Foreign Mission Board area secretary for Southeast Asia; Mary Cosby, one of nine founding members of the Church of the Saviour in Washington, DC and Barry St. Clair, director of youth evangelism for the Southern Baptist Convention Home Mission Board in Atlanta.

Special small conferences will be featured, providing an opportunity for dialogue with resource persons from various areas of mission work.

Why Go To Church?

By Russell Bennett

A lay brother "cut my ears off" the other evening when I differed with his reply. I asked why one should go to church? He said, "I go to church to be spiritually fed so that I can go out in the world to minister." I disagreed with his reason, even though he is an outstanding servant of Christ. I talked when I should have been listening! "You are playing with words," he said. Perhaps. Let me share my views so that you can judge.

Paul quotes our Lord as saying, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts 20:35) Would the Lord want us to "go to church" for less than the best? The term "go to church" may refer to the worship service. Is worship something that we get or something we give? Don't we go to church to give praise to God, to give tithes and offerings to Him, to give a witness to the world, to give encouragement to the brethren?

Jesus said, "Whosoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it." (Luke 17:33) On another occasion he said, "The son of Man came not to be ministered unto but to minister and to give his life a ransom for many." (Matt. 20:28) To be Christian is to be like Christ. Surely at such a significant time as the worship service on the Lord's Day those who are children of God should be growing in the likeness of Christ. If I "go to be fed," to receive, I can hardly be going in the spirit or likeness of Christ. "For God so loved the world that he gave . . ." (John 3:16)

This may go against some talk that you hear. But, so does the Bible. Yes, we are spiritually fed when we gather with the church. But not when we seek it. As Francis said so beautifully in his prayer, "it is in giving that we receive, and it is in dying that we are born into eternal life." Strange as this may sound to the ears of natural man, it is when we lose our lives that we save them. Surely the focus of the worship service of the local church should be in harmony with this teaching of our Lord. "Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over . . ." (Luke 6:38)

If some Christians live below par, could the cause be that their worship service is failing to set the pattern of Christian living as it ought? The part will be no different than the whole. An apple is not part cactus and part persimmon. The member who would grow in grace should gather with his church not "to be spiritually fed" but to give of himself to the Lord and his brethren. To me, this is not a play on words. It is central to the spirit of God who gave His only Son for us. Surely we should do no less than go to church to give ourselves to Him.—Reprinted from **Rocky Mountain Baptist**, Colorado.

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Ford Tentatively Accepts Spot On SBC Program

NORFOLK—President Gerald R. Ford has tentatively accepted an invitation to speak at the afternoon session on the opening day of the 119th annual session of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) here, Tuesday, June 15.

"The Committee on Order of Business regards the invitation to President Ford as highly appropriate in the Bicentennial year," said R. G. Puckett of Lutherville, MD, committee chairman. "His address will be non-partisan and in keeping with the theme of our convention," added the editor of the **Maryland Baptist**, who noted that Ford's acceptance is subject to cancellation depending on national priorities.

The agenda for the annual meeting of the nation's largest Protestant body, June 15-17 at the Norfolk Scope Convention Center, will center around a theme of "Let the Church Stand Up."

More than 16,000 persons from across the nation are expected to register for the convention, which has more than 12.6 million members in 34,734 churches in 50 states. In Miami Beach last June, 16,421 registered.

Spots have been reserved on the program for interpretation of the theme.

James L. Sullivan, retired head of the SBC Sunday School Board, Nashville, will speak on "The Church And Biblical Authority;" Bailey Smith, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dell City, OK, "Let The Church Stand Up In Today's World;" Charles G. Fuller, pastor of First Baptist Church, Roanoke, VA, "The Church And Religious Liberty";

Also Alton McEachern, pastor, First Baptist Church, Greensboro, NC, "The Church And The Redemption Of The Family;" Foy Valentine, executive secretary, SBC Christian Life Commission, Nashville, "The Church And National Righteousness";

Others include H. Edwin Young, pastor of First Baptist Church, Columbia, SC, "The Church And A Clean America;" Chester E. Swor, retired Baptist student worker of Jackson, MS, "Let The Church Stand Up With A Clear Voice To Its Youth;" and Walter P. Shurden, professor of church history, Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, TN, "The Church And Personal Integrity."

Additional speakers include Virginia Governor Mills E. Godwin Jr., who will welcome registered SBC "messengers;" Jaroy Weber, SBC president and Lubbock pastor, president's address; Warren Hultgren, pastor of First Baptist Church, Tulsa, OK, convention sermon; Harold A. Carter, pastor of New Shiloh Baptist Church, Baltimore, MD; and Carl E. Bates, former SBC president, pastor of First Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC.

Besides conducting regular business and hearing agency reports, messengers will elect a new president to succeed Weber, pastor of First Baptist Church, Lubbock, who is completing his second one-year term, mandatory limit under the SBC constitution.

Among committee reports to messengers will be reports from a committee named to study the function of the SBC Executive Committee, C. R. Daley, Middletown, KY, chairman.

A missions challenge committee studying SBC mission outreach during the last 25 years of the century, Hultgren, chairman; and the committee on state Baptist papers, H. Franklin Paschall of Nashville, former SBC president, chairman.

The Thursday evening program, the closing session, "will emphasize recommitment to Southern Baptist ministry and witness in America during the nation's Bicentennial year," Puckett said. "The session will be geared to missionary understanding, motivation and inspiration." (BP)

Study Course Offers Deacon Ministry Diploma

Persons who study and receive Church Study Course credit for six selected books may now receive a special diploma in deacon ministry from the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

The purpose of this special study is to help deacons and their wives, pastors and church staff members have a full understanding of the work of deacons and to be equipped to minister to needs of individuals and families in the church and community.

The books to be studied include "The Ministry Of The Deacon," by Howard B. Foshee, secretary of the board's Church Administration Department; "A Church At Work," by Allen W. Graves, director of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary's Boyce Bible School; "Baptist Faith And Message," by Herschel Hobbs, pastor emeritus of First Church, Oklahoma City, OK; "Call To Joy," by Ernest Mosley, supervisor of the pastoral section in the board's Church Administration Department; "Growing A Loving Church," by Robert D. Dale, supervisor of the career guidance section in the board's Church Administration Department; and "Vocational Guidance In A Church," by Mosley and Alice Magill, vocational guidance consultant at the board.

After credit has been earned for each book, the participant may request a diploma from the Church Study Course Awards Office, Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, 127 Ninth Ave., North, Nashville, TN, 37234.

BWA Gives Aid To Guatemala 'Quake Victims

The Baptist World Alliance (BWA) is transmitting \$12,000 in cash to Guatemalan Baptists for use in relieving suffering from the disastrous earthquake on February 4.

Appeals have gone out from the BWA for additional funds to be channeled to the victims in the Central American country. Carl W. Tiller, BWA relief co-ordinator, said that \$2000 in instant response was drawn from emergency funds on the day of the earthquake. This sum consists of contributions from BWA member convention individuals and churches for immediate use in a disaster.

Contributions of \$5000 each from the Baptist Federation of Canada and the American Baptist Churches of the USA have been received and forwarded to the Baptist Convention of Guatemala, a BWA affiliate in focus of relief efforts from Baptists of the world.

Another BWA member, the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) Foreign Mission Board, has 16 missionaries in Guatemala and are sending aid directly through their mission. The board approved today to send \$25,000 for relief. Assistance also is being given by the Brothers Brother Foundation, an interfaith medical group headed by Dr. Robert A. Hingson, a Baptist deacon of Pittsburgh, PA. Hingson has volunteered to serve as a courier in transmitting funds to Guatemala.

Contributions to Guatemalans are for purchasing food, medicine and shelter for victims. Money may be sent to the Baptist World Alliance, 1628 16th St., N.W., Washington, DC 20009.

Representative of the SBC Foreign Mission Board reports that missionaries in Guatemala City indicate that at least 15 Baptists have been killed, many Baptist families are homeless, 3 Baptist churches in Guatemala City heavily damaged. No report has been given on rural areas.

BWA statistics list 5836 Baptist people and 83 Baptist churches in Guatemala. (BP)

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What Do We Owe God?

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

Basic Passage: Matthew 22:15-46
Focal Passages: Matthew 22:15-21, 35-46

Allegiance to God is the highest form of loyalty. Many people do not give this priority. There is no legitimate obligation or fidelity that need conflict with it. This supreme loyalty is needlessly pitted against other obligations too often.

On the contrary, supreme devotion to God should strengthen every other rightful obligation and tie.

In some countries, even today, leaders prevent or persecute concerned allegiance to God. This is reversing the progress in history and is a reverting back to the days of pagan despotism.

Jesus shows us the way to make legitimate loyalties compatible. There are some obvious practices in our land that are inconsistent with this principle.

ALLEGIANCE TO GOD AND COUNTRY—Matthew 22:15-21

Civil rulers have often been zealous of religious affiliations and loyalties. This has often led to persecution or the creation of state churches. After the establishment of state churches, political authorities have often opposed change of individual mem-

bership to independent or free churches. They consider it dangerous to the solidarity of the governmental system.

Caesar worship became a problem for early Christians because it contravened their worship of God only, as revealed in Christ. Today, totalitarian governments, as Russia and China, make it hard to be a Christian or any other type religious believer.

Baptists had a chance when they received a charter for Rhode Island to either set up a state church or to restrict certain types such as agnostic or atheists. By allowing other believer toleration, as in Maryland, they gave complete freedom for believers, unbelievers and disbelievers alike.

Some would-be clever Pharisees and Herodians sought to trap Jesus by flattery and a loaded question. Jesus let them know at once that He could see through their clever scheme and hypocrisy.

He asked for a coin. Then he inquired as to whose image was on it. They answered Caesar's. He instructed them and all to render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's. No better answer has ever been discovered.

OBLIGATION TO GOD AND FELLOW-MAN—Matthew 22:35-40

A lawyer sought to test Christ by asking Him to name the greatest commandment in the law. Jesus informed him that he should love God with all his being, mind, heart and ability; and his neighbor as himself. There is no conflict. Loving God in sincerity and truth will flow in love to one's neighbor.

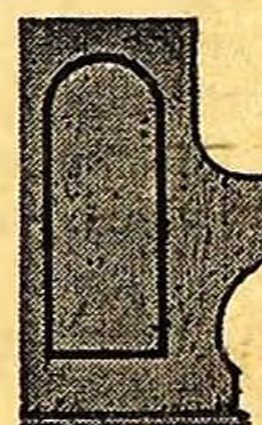
EXALTATION OF THE GREATER DAVID—Matthew 22:41-46

Christ challenged His critics to identify Him. The highest status they would give was that He was a son of David. That was true speaking after the flesh.

On the other hand, David, speaking after the Spirit and in the Spirit, had called Him "Lord." How could He then be merely a son after the flesh.

Exalting Christ Jesus above David the king was no reflection on David, it honored him.

In any case, Jesus silenced His enemies on trick questions from then on. They did not change their attitude but changed their future tactics.



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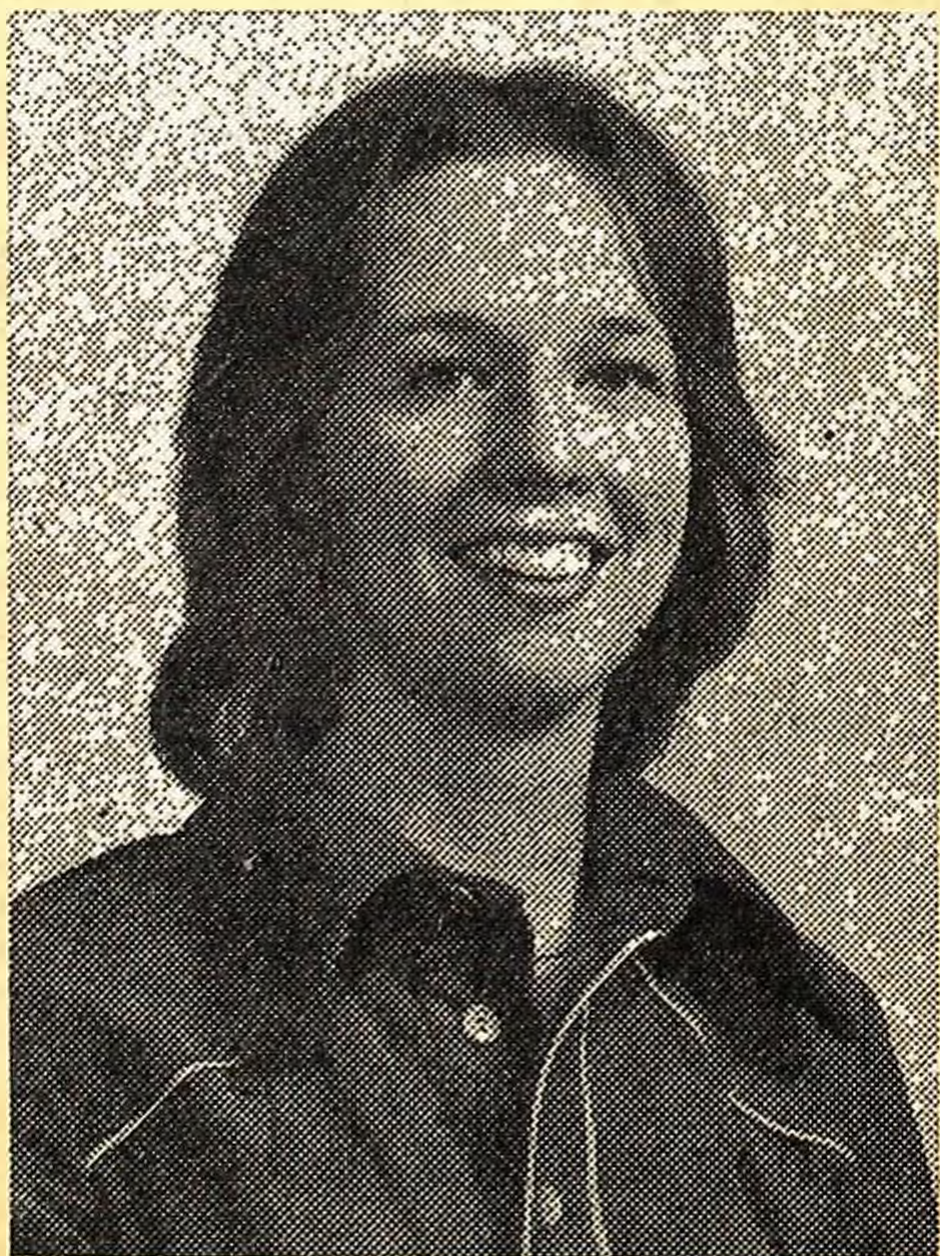
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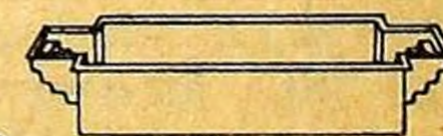
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'New Math' Was Myth But Basically 'Sound'

The new math is no more and, in fact, never was, an 18-month study of math instruction in U.S. elementary and high schools has concluded. Although it was "fundamentally sound" and is not to be blamed for pupils' failing math test scores, "the new math" is to be eradicated from the American vocabulary, stressed the 157-page report prepared for the Conference Bd. of the Mathematical Sciences.

From now on, goings-on in math class are to be referred to as "contemporary mathematics teaching" or perhaps, "the present mathematics program," the study, **Overview and Analysis of School Mathematics, Grades K-12**, tells us.

What has caused pupils' math performances to deteriorate? The same villainous force that has pulled down achievement scores in reading, social studies and science—societal pressures, suggests the study group headed by Dr. Shirley A. Hill of University of Missouri, Kansas City.

"Scholastic performance is sensitive to broad school and societal pressures that are little influenced by choice of content or teaching method in special subject areas."

The study emphasizes that there never was such an instructional entity as "the new math," but merely a series of scattered innovations and developments in math teaching—never widely adopted—that took place between 1955 and 1975.

Far from considering a back-to-basics focus on computation skills, the study group pointed out that increasing use of hand calculators in the classroom will take care of computational skills once and for all. The urgent need will be for more understanding of when and why to use what arithmetical procedure, and for more skill in interpreting and applying the answers the calculators come up with.

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HISTORICALLY

FROM THE FILES

50 YEARS AGO

William Preston, Baptist Young People's Union secretary in Tennessee, was elected president of Hall-Moody College. He was to continue his work with the educational dept. of the state convention until July when he would assume the new post.

J. D. Moore, former editor of **Baptist And Reflector**, entered a new field of service. He was writing "Daily Bible Readings" for the "Nashville Tennessean" and the Raleigh "News and Observer." He was also continuing his work as a pastor and assistant in the editorial dept. of the Sunday School Board.

20 YEARS AGO

Harvey Hope was ordained to the gospel ministry by Clear Creek Church, Tennessee Valley Association. He was called as pastor of Concord Church in the same association.

Boulevard Church, Memphis, was seeking to raise \$20,000 to pay on the building debt. C. M. Pickler was pastor.

10 YEARS AGO

Thomas B. Shepherd, a charter member of Immanuel Church, Knoxville, died at age 90. He was very active in church work.

Antioch Church, Henderson, called Billy Joe Sanders as pastor. He came from Center Hill Church in McNairy Association.

Emeritus Missionary Mrs. James Allen Dies

GREENVILLE, SC—Margie (Mrs. James R.) Allen, emeritus Southern Baptist missionary to Brazil, died here following an apparent heart attack Feb. 5. She was 81 years old.

The funeral was held at 11 a.m., Feb. 7, in the Mackey Mortuary here and burial was in Woodlawn Memorial Park.

Appointed in 1919, Mrs. Allen and her husband served for 33 years as missionaries. She served as matron of the girls' dormitory at the Baptist academy in Belo Horizonte for several years.

A native of Atlanta, GA, she grew up in Greenville. She received the bachelor of missionary training degree from Woman's Missionary Union Training School (now Southern Baptist Theological Seminary), Louisville, KY, and studied nursing at City Hospital, there.

She is survived by her husband; a son, Herbert L. Allen of Melbourne, FL; a daughter, Miss Nancye Allen of Clinton, SC; a sister, Mary Hammond (Mrs. C. A.) Baker of Darlington, SC, also an emeritus missionary; six grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

New Books

The Crimson Book and Other Evangelical Sermons by Dinsdale T. Young, Baker Co., 304 pp., paperback, \$2.95. Another valuable book in Series Minister's Paperback Library.

No Time for Tombstones by James and Marti Hefley, Tyndale Co., 125 pp., paperback, \$2.95. Story of one who survived a forced march through the Vietnamese jungle showing God's grace and love in the midst of hate, cruelty, and death.

The Church and Its Missions: A Shattering Critique from the Third World by Orlando E. Costas, 312 pp., paperback, \$3.95. The author addresses himself to the major missiological issues of the day.

Through It All by Andrae Crouch, with Nina Ball, Word Co., 148 pp., \$5.95. Here is Andrae's witness here, through his whole life, God has used him here. He has lifted him up, walked with him, and honored him.

Uncle Cain by James and Marti Hefley, Word Co., 272 pp., \$6.95. The story of William Cameron Townsend, founder of the Wycliffe Bible Translations and the Summer Institute of Linguistics.

All We're Meant to Be by Letha Scanzani and Naney Hardesty, Word Co., 230 pp. \$6.95. A Biblical Approach to Women's Liberation. Their freedom to be and become all they are meant to be.

Weaving Life's Fabric by Lawrence Caughman, Dorrance Co., 62 pp., \$3.50. A moving testament of one man's life with God written in form of poetry.

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Super Six Rallies Planned For March

Simultaneous youth rallies called Super Six Celebrations are being scheduled for March 20, 1976, in associations across the Southern Baptist Convention as part of the 1976 Youth Week. Tennessee associations will participate.

Super Six, sponsored by the Church Training Department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, is designed to acknowledge America's bicentennial celebration and to achieve a better understanding of religious heritage and freedom. It is hoped also that Super Six Celebrations will communicate ways church training youth organizations can provide opportunities for studying about religious freedom and for applying new meanings to family, school and community relationships.

The Board's Church Training Department has prepared a model for state church training departments to use in helping associations plan, conduct and evaluate a special youth emphasis on Associational Youth Night, March 20, 1976. Youth Week for 1976 will be March 14-21.

Super Six Celebrations in associations will consist of special speakers, interest conferences and fellowship, preceded by an afternoon of faith sharing in the form of folk festivals.

The folk festival is planned to take place on the Saturday afternoon of the Celebration, with youth music groups from associational churches presenting concerts in shopping centers and city parks. This festival also may be an opportunity for youth to share their faith and to promote the evening celebration.

New Books

In The Presence Of Mine Enemies by Howard and Phyllis Rutledge with Mel and Lyla White, Revell, 124 pp., \$4.95. The heroic story of a former POW and his wife and the faith that sustained them.

The Family Bible Study Book by Betsey Scanlan, editor, Revell, 255 pp., \$6.95. Brief 15-minute creative studies in Genesis, Proverbs, John, Acts, Ephesians. Every lesson tried and tested in homes like yours.

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