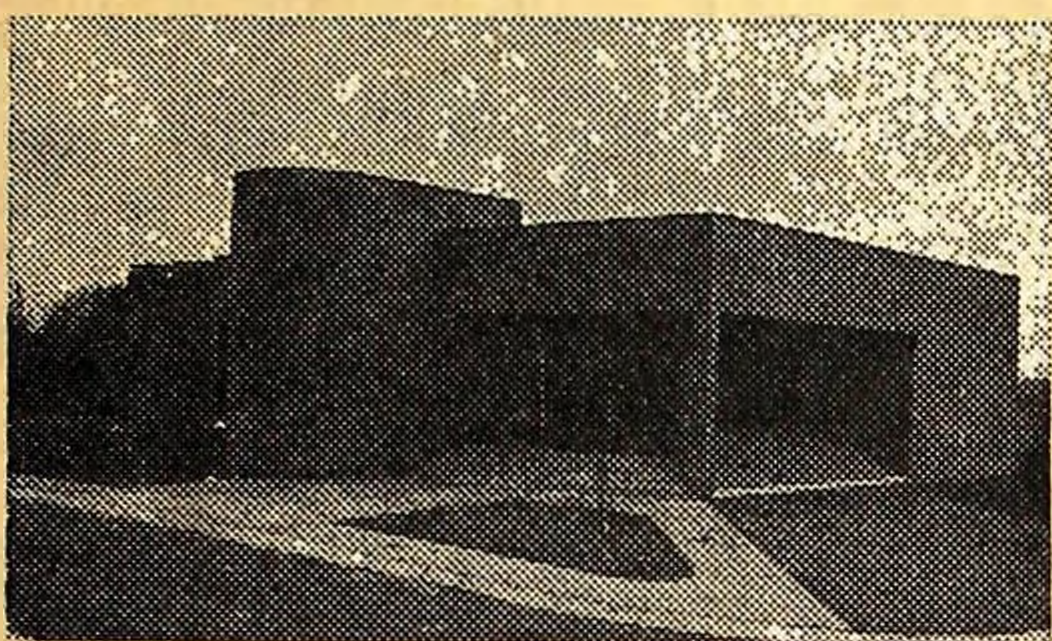


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Holston Association Dedicates New Baptist Building



Holston Association Baptists attended open house in the new Baptist Building in Johnson City recently. The 5200 sq. ft. structure will serve 115 churches in the area.

Holston Association, composed of 115 churches in upper East Tennessee, has occupied its new Baptist Building located in Johnson City.

Open house ceremonies were held Sunday, Feb. 22, with Mrs. Douglas Crockett, associational WMU director, in charge of the reception.

The building is approximately 5200 sq. ft. and contains an assembly room for the Executive Board and pastors' conference,

classes for Holston Baptist Bible Institute, clinics, workshops, and other activities. There are also rooms for conferences, a tract and literature room, work room, printing room, audio-visual center, kitchen, reception area, and offices. Parking is available for 40 cars.

The association was organized in 1786 in the Cherokee Baptist Church near Jonesboro. James E. Harris is director of missions for the association.

The building committee was composed of James Canaday, chairman, Wiley Rutledge, Donald Strother, Samuel Dean, Mrs. Ambers Wilson, Melvin Faulkner, William Duncan (deceased), Gerald Belcher, and Robert Brumit.

Autrey Accepts Evangelism Professorship In Memphis

MEMPHIS—C. E. Autrey, retired director of evangelism for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, will join Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary here as professor of evangelism, effective March 15.

The independent seminary has no organizational relationship with the Southern Baptist Convention or any of its agencies or state conventions.

Autrey, 72, retired from the Home Mission Board post in 1969 after nearly nine years as director. Previously he was professor of evangelism at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth; associate secretary of the Home Mission Board's evangelism division; director of evangelism for Louisiana Baptists; and pastor of churches in Louisiana and Tennessee.

Since retirement he has served as visiting professor of evangelism at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 1970-71, and as evangelism consultant for the Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist Convention. (BP)

Tennessee Library Convention Sessions Planned In Jackson

The 14th annual Tennessee Baptist Library Convention will be held April 1-2 at the West Jackson Church in Jackson, according to Mary Anderson, director of library services and special projects for the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Five sessions will be held, the first one beginning at 1:30 p.m. Thursday. A banquet on Friday evening will conclude the agenda.

Wayne E. Todd, director, Church Library Dept., Baptist Sunday School Board, will speak at the banquet.

Conferences slated for new library workers will be led by Mrs. Joe Gresham, director of library services, Temple Church, Memphis; Anderson; and Frances Lee, Nashville First Church library staff.

Advanced classification and cataloging will be explored for conferees by Harold Bass, Union University library. James Rose, Church Library Dept., BSSB, will discuss "The Media Center Serving a Church." Helen Brown, Murfreesboro, and Margaret McCarty, Memphis, will discuss promotion, publicity, and administration. The final con-



Todd

Thomas C. Wyatt Dies, First Chaplain At ETBH

A former Tennessee pastor and the first chaplain of East Tennessee Baptist Hospital, Thomas C. Wyatt, died Feb. 13 in Petersburg, FL. The 90-year-old Baptist leader died at his home.

Wyatt served as pastor at McCalla Avenue Church in Knoxville from 1931-44. While he was pastor there, 500 new members were added.

After he resigned from the church, he did fund raising for Baptist Hospital. The hospital's chapel is named Graves-Wyatt Chapel. Following his retirement, he moved to Florida and served in churches there. His five brothers, who were all ministers, came to Knoxville in 1931.

Services were held for Wyatt on Feb. 17 at McCalla Avenue Church with burial in Woodlawn Cemetery. He is survived by his widow Mrs. Nellie Leyden Wyatt, and a daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Wyatt Kennedy, Knoxville.

ference offered, "Using Audiovisuals in Religious Education," will be led by James Whaley, assistant to the executive secretary, Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Special interest sessions will include associational church library officers, the media magazine—its value and use; memorial gifts—receiving and recording; the CAVE plan and Broadman book services; and media selection with a purpose.

Presenting individual meditations at the sessions will be: R. Trevis Otey, pastor, Jackson First Church; Wanda Lineberry, Church Library Dept., BSSB; David Byrd, pastor, West Jackson Church; and Rose.

Charles McGlocklin, Memphis Bookstore, will present new material in the printed media.

The election of officers will be held Thursday evening, according to Anderson.

The banquet on Friday evening will carry a bicentennial theme and will be emceed by Ed Tarpley, president, Tennessee Baptist Library Convention. A brief skit will be presented by members of Temple Church in Memphis.

Pre-registration for the State Library Convention should be made through the Church Training Dept., TBC, Brentwood, 37027.

'Heavenly Friendship'

By Mrs. Dot Stewart

"Oh, the comfort, the inexpressible comfort of feeling safe with a person, having neither to weigh thoughts nor measure words, but pouring them all right out, just as they are, chaff and grain together, certain that a faithful hand will take and sift them, keep what is worth keeping, and then with the breath of kindness blow the rest away."



Stewart

A friend of mine sent me a note some years ago with these words included. Since that time

they have been taped into the back of my Bible. I have read them over and over again and with each reading, receive a fresh sense of gratitude for having a friend like that. There is a great balm, a healing for the innermost being, when you can openly and honestly share your feelings and thoughts with another person. This is a very rare earthly relationship and one should count themselves most fortunate if they have such a friend—someone who knows and understands you, someone who truly cares about you and loves you on your bad days as well as on your good days.

If this close friendship can mean so much between two people here on earth, think what a personal relationship with your Heavenly Father can mean. The most perfect earthly friendship is but a glimpse of the comfort, strength, and eternal joy that comes from having a friend like Jesus Christ. He loves as no one else can love. He knows you as no one else can know you. He is concerned as no one else is concerned, He who can comfort and sustain as no one else can is our High Priest and intercedes for us by name at the throne of the Heavenly Father. What multiplied joy to know that the Lord Jesus Christ is a friend of mine. He cares about me and is concerned with all the details, large and small that make up my busy days. This is beyond my comprehension, but I believe His Word and I trust His promise that, "When you go through deep waters and great trouble, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown! When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up—the flames will not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, your Saviour, the Holy One of Israel . . . you are precious

Note: Dot Stewart is a charter member of Two Rivers Church in Nashville where she has served as the pastor's secretary for 10 years. Additionally, she is a Sunday School teacher of adult women.

to me and honored, and I love you. Don't be afraid, for I am with you . . ." (Isaiah 43:1-4).

Even the strongest earthly friendships sometimes fail, sometimes are weakened or broken by circumstances, by distance, by death, but a redeeming friendship with Jesus Christ is forever. I am reminded again of this blessed assurance by the words of one of my favorite hymns:

"Just when I need him, Jesus is near,
Just when I falter, just when I fear;
Ready to help me, ready to cheer,
Just when I need him most.

Just when I need him, he is my all,
Answering when upon him I call;
Tenderly watching lest I should fall,
Just when I need him most."

Pulpit To Pen

By Jim Griffith

A large trailer truck was speeding from California to the east coast with a load of prunes.

Suddenly, on an isolated stretch of interstate highway, the truck hit a slick spot in the road, skidded, jackknifed and flipped over.

Fortunately, the driver was unhurt, but cases of prunes were ripped open and scattered over the highway.

Five blackbirds, flying over, saw the scene below, and swooped down to fill their stomachs with prunes. They then flew to a nearby water pump where they perched on the handle. Soon the first blackbird took off, circled, and struck the ground with a thud.

One by one, the birds flew from their perch on the handle, and in rapid succession crashed to earth.

There's a moral to this story that is well worth remembering. It is simply this: Don't fly off the handle when you are full of prunes.

NOTICE!

No pictures are being returned unless a self-addressed stamped envelope is sent with the picture. This is due to the increase in postal rates.

Children And Toys

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things."—I Corinthians 13:1

In verse 9 Paul says that in their present state his readers both knew and preached in part—a little here and a little there—as opposed to the whole. But when they achieve adulthood (perfect) in their Christian experience, those things which are in part will be rendered inoperative or will vanish in favor of the whole.

That their present state is that of babes in Christ is evident in verse 11 (see 3:1). The word rendered "child" means one from infancy to very young childhood. Such a child's language is only a cry. It has very little understanding. It does not think or reason but emotes. But when such becomes a man or adult, he puts away the things of a child—his ways or things. "Put away" renders the perfect tense of the verb to render inoperative. He puts such away for good. It is one thing for a child to play with toys. But such is not fitting for a man.

What Paul is saying is that the Corinthians debating over their spiritual gifts are like children fussing over their toys. This is especially true of miracles and tongues, the ecstatic gifts. Such are not evidence of spiritual adulthood but of childhood. Such things belong to the childhood stage of Christianity. In its infancy ecstatic gifts were needed to prove that God was in the Christian movement. Such are not necessary today, since almost two thousand years of Christian history prove that it is of God. It is not a case of whether or not God can work miracles, but of how He chooses to work. The work of grace in one's life is itself a miracle. All healing is of God. I believe in faith-healing but not in so-called faith-healers who use this as a stock in trade for personal profit.

So Paul says that what some people regard as the **summa cum laude** stage of Christianity is really the "toys" of immature Christians. The adult stage of Christian development is evidenced by love.

Union University Athlete Dies

Aaron Boddie, 19, freshman transfer student from Florence, AL, collapsed Monday afternoon, Feb. 16, while engaged in a basketball scrimmage. A member of the team, he was not yet eligible to play during the current season because of his mid-year transfer from Alabama A & M.

After his collapse, emergency treatment was given, an ambulance took him to the Jackson Madison County General Hospital where he died a short time later. Cause of death was heart seizure, according to attending physicians.

He was a member of St. Marks Baptist Church in Florence.

Deacons/Pastors To View Roles At Memphis Conference



Cothen



King



Treadway



Owen



Barry

Grady Cothen, president of the Baptist Sunday School Board, will deliver two major addresses to attendants at the Tennessee State Conference for Deacon Chairmen and Pastors, March 19-20 at the Highland Heights Church in Memphis.

According to Johnny Hall, state Church Training director, the sessions will begin following registration at 6 p.m. Friday and conclude at noon on Saturday. Wives are encouraged to attend, Hall said.

A former pastor in Tennessee, Oklahoma,

and Alabama, Cothen served as president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary before assuming the presidential post at the Sunday School Board in February 1975. In other leadership roles, he served as president of Oklahoma Baptist University and was executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California.

Carroll C. Owen, president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention and pastor of Paris First Church will bring the Bible study at the two sessions.

Highland Heights minister of music Charles Bingaman will bring the special music.

Conferences will be offered in six subject areas with participants to choose three in which to participate.

Conference leaders scheduled include: Roger Abington, pastor, Goodlettsville First Church; Herman L. King, retired, Baptist Sunday School Board and a deacon chairman; Charles Treadway, Church Administration Dept., BSSB; James Barry, Church Administration Dept., BSSB; Raymond Langlois, pastor, Judson Church, Nashville; and Reverend and Mrs. Roy Babb, pastor, Edgefield Church, Nashville.

A special feature of the conference will be testimonies from three Tennesseans regarding the work of the deacon. Jack May, pastor, Broadmoor Church, Memphis, will speak on what God expects of a pastor in working with a deacon. Marvin King, a deacon at Lamar Heights Church in the same city, will voice the responsibilities of working with a pastor. A deacon's wife, Mrs. George Grafton, Graceland Church, will share her testimony on the various phases of being a deacon's wife.

Subject areas to be studied during the conferences include: Planning A Year's Work For Deacons In Churches; Leadership Skills For Deacon Chairmen; Deacon Projects For Ministering To Families; Deacon Projects For Proclaiming The Gospel; Planning And Conducting Effective Deacon Meetings; and The Ministry Of The Deacon's Wife And The Pastor's Wife.

Hall stated that persons interested in attending should pre-register with the Church Training Dept., Tennessee Baptist Convention, Brentwood, 37027.



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VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE

High School Sophomore (Kentucky): I don't know where to begin choosing a career I'd like. Since the eighth grade I have been trying to find a career that interests me. We've talked in Training Union about God's will. I hope his will for me is something I like.

ALICE: You are wise thinking about your career choice early. It is not necessary to make the choice early but knowledge about many careers will help you make an intelligent choice when the time comes. Some persons know what they want to do when they graduate from high school, but many persons decide during college years.

There are at least four steps you can take now: (1) Learn about yourself—your interests, abilities, and personality; (2) Seek guidance from your church leaders, teachers, parents, and friends; (3) Be informed about occupations which interest you; (4) Be aware of God's desire for you.

Your school guidance counselor probably has tests which you can take to help you understand yourself better. Adults as well as your friends can help you know the kind of person you are. Active participation in Sunday School class, Church Training group, and other organizations can help you know your strengths and weaknesses.

Prepare folders to collect information about jobs which have strong appeal for you. Talk with persons who are doing these jobs, and visit them on the job if possible. Have your questions ready. You might even tape your interview.

God will use all these things to give you impressions of needs which your God-given talents equip you to meet. God created you and endowed you with your talents and interests to meet certain needs. You can be sure that you will find true satisfaction and happiness when you develop these talents and use them as God leads you day-by-day.

EDITORIAL

Presidential Politics, A La Southern Baptists

Every other year about this time speculation begins concerning who will be chosen president of the Southern Baptist Convention. This is one of those years since President Jaroy Weber completes two years of service which is the constitutional limit.

The process by which the Southern Baptist Convention president is elected is interesting. The fact is there is no approved process beyond the provisions of the constitution and in such a situation anything can happen and often does. Ideally, the Holy Spirit reveals his choice for one to fill this important place. Those messengers who believe the Holy Spirit is directing them in this matter nominate candidates for president. It is assumed the Holy Spirit then directs convention messengers to elect God's choice.

Appearances indicate such a spiritual approach for electing a convention president is not always followed. Signs suggest the election resembles more closely the American political process than it does a Holy Spirit directed plan. Preconvention planning and campaigning sometimes take place. State evangelism conferences and the Southern Baptist pastors' conferences serve as primaries and exposure opportunities for aspiring candidates. Strategy also includes careful planning in creating a popular image for a candidate including his orthodoxy and his ability to fill the office.

The Holy Spirit might work in such a process but it would be in spite of it instead of because of it.

Theoretically, every Southern Baptist has the same opportunity and chance to be chosen for denominational office. Practically it does not work that way. It is a matter of image and popularity. Else, why is it that those with big churches, wide exposure and great oratory are always chosen?

Check the Southern Baptist Convention annual and see if any other kind of candidate has ever been elected. Even the two laymen presidents in recent history, Brooks Hays and Owen Cooper, have national and international recognition in politics and business.

It is reasonable to consider what is needed in a convention president before putting up names. The office should choose the person, not the person the office.

Here is a limited list of qualifications one should possess

before being considered for presidency of the Southern Baptist Convention. They are not listed in the order of their importance.

- A proven and experienced leader. Only those whose commitment to the Lord, to the scriptures and to Baptist ideals is known and proven should be considered. Hands should not be laid too quickly on anyone for the ministry nor for influential denominational office. The charisma of popular preachers is not as important as experience and maturity of proven leaders.
- One who has no ax to grind. He should not be the darling of the ultra-conservatives nor the champions of the less-conservatives. A would-be crusader should depend upon the truth of his convictions and not upon the prestige of his denominational office. He is the leader of all Southern Baptists, not the hero of any special interest group.
- One of impeccable integrity. Only one who had rather be right than convention president is worthy of consideration. If he wants the office, he probably should not have it. The responsibility to make certain appointments and other powers of the president's office demand one who makes appointments on the basis of ability instead of availability or friendship.
- One who is cooperative and in sympathy with the main thrusts of Southern Baptists. To see places for improvements in the denomination and to work for these is admirable. That's how Southern Baptists got where they are today. To be antagonistic and obstinate is another matter. Blind loyalty to the denomination is irresponsible but nit-picking is petty and should be beneath the dignity of one filling an influential Baptist office.
- One who is a fair presider and an able parliamentarian. The tone and spirit of any meeting depend largely upon the presider. To be firm but fair is a necessity in a business session of 15,000 messengers. Maybe along with the gavel the incoming president should be presented a copy of Robert's Rules of Order and an asbestos suit. He'll need both in conducting a business meeting of Southern Baptists.

Let's consider these and other qualifications before choosing a convention president.—**Chauncy R. Daley**, editor, "Western Recorder," KY.

Belmont Fine Arts Department To Interview Prospective Students

Faculty members and students from the Department of Fine Arts of Belmont College will be at First Baptist Church, Knoxville, on Friday and Saturday, March 12-13, to interview prospective students and hold auditions for entrance and scholarships. The schedule for the two days is as follows:

Friday, March 12, interviews and auditions 3-5 p.m. and 8-10 p.m. with a concert at 7:00 p.m. Interviews and auditions will be held from 9-12 a.m. on Saturday.

The concert at 7:00 p.m. Friday is open to the public. Faculty members participating include Mrs. Sherry Kelly, soprano; Mrs.

Linda Ford, pianist; Richard LaMar, pianist; Boyd Martin, violist; and Jerry Warren, tenor. Students participating are Patricia Perry, Mezzo-soprano from Princeton, KY; Andra Bradley, Mezzo-soprano from Nashville; Larry McFatter, pianist, Nashville; Douglas Jones, guitarist from Louisville, KY; and Jeff Binford, organist from Brownsville.

The Department of Fine Arts of Belmont College offers majors in music, speech, and drama. Music programs include majors in performance, church music, music education, and music therapy under the Bachelor

Wright Named President of Child Care Administrators

BROWNSVILLE, TX—Charles Wright, administrator of Texas Baptist Children's Home, Round Rock, was elected president of Child Care Executives of Southern Baptists at the group's annual meeting here.

Other officers include Parker McClen-don, an administrator for the Baptist Child Care Homes of North Carolina, first vice president; Tom Collier, executive director of Alabama Baptist Child Care Home, secretary-treasurer. (BP)

of Music degree. Speech, drama, and a general music major are available under the Bachelor of Arts degree.

Baptist Relief Continues In Guatemala Quake Area

GUATEMALA CITY—Two construction crews, including 34 Baptist laymen from Florida, 15 Baptist men from Louisiana, and 12 Spanish-speaking Baptist preachers from Texas, are making an impact on both physical and spiritual needs in earthquake-torn Guatemala.

Meanwhile, reports indicate that the death toll among Guatemalan Baptists has reached 20, says A. Clark Scanlon, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's field representative for Middle America. Totals may reach even higher when word is received from outlying villages.

W. Eugene Grubbs, the board's disaster response coordinator, has flown to Guatemala to help evaluate the long-range needs of the Central American nation and determine how Southern Baptists can assist in long-term rehabilitation. Grubbs was accompanied by Bob Harper, photographer and art editor for "The Commission" magazine.

The Florida laymen have spent two weeks tearing down and reconstructing partially destroyed buildings. Their primary target has been the rebuilding of Baptist churches and homes of pastors.

The Spanish-speaking Texas preachers are providing an evangelistic witness for Baptists, paralleling efforts to assist with physical needs, according to W. L. (Wimpy) Smith, the board's associate disaster response coordinator.

"Many physical possessions of Guatemalans have crumbled," Smith said, "so they're turning to spiritual values."

The Texas preachers are holding evangelistic meetings and are using opportunities for personal evangelism.

The construction crew from Louisiana, scheduled to go to Guatemala March 13 through 27, includes seven masons, three electricians and three carpenters. They will go to outlying areas, live in tents, eat rice, beans and corn prepared by a local cook, and concentrate their efforts on rebuilding churches and homes. Several team members will be Spanish-speaking.

Harold E. Hurst, Southern Baptist missionary to Panama, will also travel to Guatemala in March to assist Baptist missionaries there in relief efforts.

All Baptist supplies—including a jeep, several hundred tents, 100 sets of tools, staple food and medical supplies—have been received and are being used.

Tents are being distributed to homeless Guatemalan families by Guatemalan Baptist young people. The young people demonstrate how to set the tents up, and then leave them with the needy family.

Guatemalan Baptist pastors are continuing a food distribution program, delivering packages of beans, rice and corn to families they determine have the greatest need for food.

The Foreign Mission Board is waiting for Grubbs to return with a report before specifying additional long-range relief and rehabilitation plans. Grubbs will have exact estimates of damage to churches and pastors' homes.

Smith anticipates that during the remainder of the year about 20 additional 15-member construction teams could be used in Guatemala. Teams will be coordinated through Baptist Men's departments of State Baptist conventions. (BP)

Enrollment Figures Bound At Southwestern Seminary

The largest spring enrollment in the history of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary was reached in Fort Worth with the total number of students registering 2813. Included in the figures are 128 from Tennessee.

According to L. L. Collins, director of admissions and registrar, the present figure is up 20 percent from last spring's enrollment of 2343. Also reported was a record 1975-76 accumulative enrollment of 3470 which included an unprecedented 1360 new students.

C. E. Carlson Dies Of Heart Attack

DUNDEE, FL—C. Emanuel Carlson, for 17 years executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in Washington, DC, died here suddenly of a heart attack, February 23. Burial was at Winter Haven, FL.

Carlson, who would have been 70 years old on March 2, was recognized by both religious and political circles in the United States, Canada and Europe as an authority in the field of religious liberty.

As head of the Baptist agency in the nation's capital, Carlson was often sought out by government authorities for solutions to difficult problems in church-state relations.

Carlson succeeded J. M. Dawson in 1954 and served until his retirement in 1971. Under his leadership the Baptist Joint Committee developed a department of information services, a program of denominational services, and a section on research services to provide Baptists in the United States a responsible and dependable service from Washington.

During his tenure with the Baptist Joint Committee, Carlson sought to shift the Baptist emphasis on separation of church and state from a polemical stance to that of educational dialogue. He strongly felt that the Baptist approach to religious liberty and to public affairs should have a solid biblical base rather than merely reflecting the political viewpoints of a national constitution.

Carlson is survived by his wife, the former Lucille Byllemos, who lives in Dundee, FL; a daughter, a son, and eight grandchildren. (BP)



(BP) photo by Charlie Warren

CHAOS IN GUATEMALA CITY—Confusion was the norm in Guatemala City's hard-hit zone three following February's killer earthquake. Southern Baptists, through their Foreign Mission Board, were there ministering to the needy.

As We Change Centuries, What The Future May Hold

The following is the fourth 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.

Soothsayers, sorcerers, witches, fortune tellers, spiritualists, astrologers, devil worshipers have through the centuries claimed power to foresee and describe future events. Our science-minded generation pays little attention to them. They are not to be confused with the biblical "forthtellers" through whom God spoke.

The Old Testament prophets' messages were neither altogether pessimistic nor optimistic; they were realistic: sin must be punished; yet beyond penalty would be forgiveness and restoration. God's justice is matched by his love—and neither will fail. Fortunately, the future is veiled, lest we become reckless if it be bright, desperate if it be dark. The brief look we've had of the dark and the bright days of our early history as Baptists is surely enough to convince that God's hand for good has been upon us, even though the clouds at times have been dark and threatening.

I've just been leafing through Adrian Berry's *The Next Ten Thousand Years*. It is not science fiction and the author disclaims any supernatural prophetic insight. He undertakes to present the other side of dark predictions of Earth as a wasteland, all life having been destroyed by atomic fission. His assumption is that there will never be such total havoc. Such being the resilience and vitality of the human race, if only a handful survive, given time they will rebuild population and civilization, hopefully after a fairer pattern than before. He takes no account of the possible return of Christ to rebuild Earth in fairer form than at first—the fascinating picture the author of *The Revelation* envisions of the reconstituted planet as the "new heaven and earth."

In the meantime, we may well speculate what our world will be like just twenty-five years from now. A nuclear holocaust is an actual possibility. There are now stockpiles of atomic bombs on both sides of the oceans sufficient to destroy existing civilization. Of that there is no doubt. Another World War will certainly be the last. Even barring this disaster, petroleum will be well nigh exhausted, and unless new sources of energy are found we'll be on foot and on bicycles. If population doubles as predicted, we and the rest of the world may be faced with famine. If the crime rate continues to race, life and property may be unsafe anywhere. Schools may be so overcrowded that our children will be shortchanged in education.

But these possibilities do not have to become realities! There are already signs of

an awakened citizenry, aware of the perils and willing to pay the price to avert them. From the President of the United States to the county constable, from the scientist in the laboratory to the garbage collector, from the executive in the corporation office to the clerk in the corner grocery store, from the greatest to the smallest of us in all walks of life, there can be an awakening to responsibility and action that will forestall anticipated disasters. The motto of the Three Musketeers can be ours: "All for each and each for all."

How do our Baptist churches fit into the picture? Much and in every way! We are at the grass roots where the people are. We Southern Baptists may well claim by the year 2001 not fewer than 25 million members in at least 5000 churches. "To whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required."

Of this our history assures us: changed persons are necessary to bring about changed conditions. Entrusted to us is "the power of God unto salvation." To whom is our saving witness intended? "To everyone

HEW Orders Review Of Marijuana Study

CARBONDALE, IL—The Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) has reportedly directed the National Institute of Drug Abuse (NIDA) to re-examine a Southern Illinois University proposal to test effects of marijuana on male sexual response.

The proposed experiment has received opposition from a number of sources including some Carbondale clergymen. Pastor Ben Glinn of the Lantana Baptist Church here appeared on NBC TV news expressing his arguments against the project.

Also, the First Baptist Church, DeSoto, approved a resolution asking that the project be dropped.

Quoting the Associated Press, the "Illinois Baptist" said a spokesman for HEW Secretary David Mathews, a Southern Baptist layman, reported NIDA has been asked to see if the research proposal meets government criteria.

The basic project includes showing pornographic films to men subjects to test their sexual responses after using marijuana. Harris Rubin, an SIU school of medicine psychologist, had obtained a \$121,000 grant for the two-year study.

One portion of the grant application has come under criticism. It states: "The nature and rationale of this research project has been described to local public officials and clergymen and has been discussed in the local media including 'call-in' radio and TV programs without receiving any serious objection." (BP)

who believes." What will be the result of this saving witness? "If any man be in Christ he is a new creature; old things are passed away, all things have become new" (2 Cor. 5:17). The worst is transformed into the best!

By every consideration of God's grace in Christ, by reason of every victory won through sacrifice and suffering by our forefathers, we Baptists are called on to shape the future as they shaped the past! And we can do it through Christ who strengthens us!

Baptist History Writing Contest In Progress

Response to the "Baptist History Writing Contest," begun on May 1, 1975, as a Bicentennial project of the Historical Commission, SBC, has been most encouraging. Entries must be postmarked no later than April 30, 1976. To obtain details and an application blank, write the Historical Commission, SBC, 127 9th Ave., N., Nashville, Tennessee 37234.

The categories of eligible entries are: (A) Books dealing with the history of Baptist subjects, such as institutions, persons, issues, events, or periods; (B) Histories of local churches and associations; and (C) Unpublished manuscripts (3000-5000 words) dealing with the same kinds of Baptist historical subjects as in category A.

Winners will be announced at the annual meeting of the Historical Commission, SBC, and Southern Baptist Historical Society at the University of Richmond in Richmond, Virginia, June 10-11. First place winners will receive plaques and cash awards (category A—\$175, B—\$150, C—\$100).

The Norman W. Cox Award for the best article published by the Historical Commission in 1975 will also be given at the annual meeting in Richmond.



PRESS OFFICERS—New officers for the Southern Baptist Press Association are (from left) Hudson Baggett, editor of the "Alabama Baptist," president; Jack U. Harwell, editor of "The Christian Index," president-elect; R. G. Puckett, editor of the "Maryland Baptist," secretary-treasurer. The association met recently in San Francisco and is the organization of Southern Baptist state paper editors. (BP) Photo

Jesus Demonstrates Total Commitment

By Roy A. Helton
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Basic Passage: Matthew 19:1 to 21:5

Focal Passages: Matthew 19:1-2; 20:17-28

Matthew 19:1-2 is the fourth in a series of summaries with which Matthew marks the conclusion of a major portion of his work. Three have preceded (7:28-29; 11:1; 13:53) and one will follow (26:1). This section (19:3-25:46) will make clear the demands of Jesus on his disciples, and reveal the rewards for faithfulness. It will also portray Jesus as the supreme example of faithfulness to a commitment on behalf of others. In characteristic form Matthew shows Jesus' ministry as combining teaching and healing. He further indicates that this ministry was available to pagan and Jew alike. This is shown by Jesus' presence in Perea and Decapolis, a noted Graeco-Roman section of the land.

Jesus' Commitment To The Ultimate Good 20:17-19

Jesus acknowledged Peter's confession of him as Messiah at Caesarea Philippi, and there was joy among his disciples (Matt. 16:13-19). Their joy turned to shock when Jesus told them plainly that he must go to Jerusalem and be delivered into the hands of unscrupulous leaders, be crucified, and be raised again (Matt. 16:21-23). Some time later in Galilee, after the Transfiguration experience, Jesus once again warned them that he was marked for death at the hands of sinful men (Matt. 17:22-23). The shock at Caesarea Philippi now turned to grief. On his departure from Galilee Jesus once again heralded the sad tidings to his faithful followers. He was so concerned that they understand, that he took them aside and explained in some detail what was awaiting him at Jerusalem (Matt. 20:17-19). This convincing announcement charged the atmosphere with tenseness and foreboding. The disciples were dumbfounded and afraid, and did not know how to respond to this latest revelation. Mark (10:32-34) says that Jesus was walking by himself. Perhaps the disciples lagged behind because they did not know what to say about this decisive step which Jesus had taken toward inescapable tragedy.

Look closely at the dimension of this suffering to which Jesus was so unflinchingly marching. Its scope is almost beyond imagination. He was "betrayed" by one of his own into the hands of headstrong, flinthearted religious bigots. He was deeply wounded by the sharp arrows of disloyalty on the part of

disciples and friends he dearly loved. He was treated with rank injustice by both religious and civil courts. He was condemned to death, and eventually crudely mocked and subjected to indignity and humiliation, and deliberate insult. Beyond all the mental and emotional agony, he would endure a heartless Roman scourging, and finally the most torturous death devised by man—crucifixion. But look deeper into this coming human tragedy through Jesus' steadfast commitment to the ultimate good. He did not leave the disciples to ponder the perfidy of wicked men. He pointed them to the grand design of a loving Father who would raise him up. Beyond the cross was the crown; beyond defeat there was victory; beyond death there was life.

How far do we dare commit ourselves to a course of action which involves certain disloyalty and even betrayal by our friends and relatives? We too often choose to remain uncommitted to an explosive cause. We use the old cliché, "I don't want to get involved." This is not commitment. It is often downright denial of our Lord.

Disciples' Request For Power And Prestige 20:20-24

The human desire for power and prestige is starkly portrayed by the action of James and John. Mark (10:35-45) states that it is James and John themselves who make this request of Jesus. Matthew, who writes several years later than Mark, says that it was the mother of the two boys. Perhaps this is because that by the time of Matthew's writing the twelve had been vested with glowing halos by the early Christians, and they could not think of them as making such request. Whatever the case we learn some things from this story. In the first place, we learn that the disciples had missed the point of Jesus' teaching about the kingdom of God. He tried hard to get them to understand that the kingdom was the rule of God, the reign of God in the lives of his willing subjects. These two men had clung to the popular idea that there would be a literal, earthly kingdom with places of power and prestige up for grabs. They did not understand that there is a price tag on such coveted positions. When Jesus asked if they were able to drink of the cup and to be baptized with the baptism which would be his, the two men did not hesitate to answer,

"We are able." Did they understand that the cup and the baptism meant passing through the dark waters of suffering and sorrow? Did they link the cup and the baptism with what Jesus had said about his going to Jerusalem? Perhaps they did. If so they show great courage and strong faith. Jesus answered the strong resolve of these two stalwarts by saying in effect, "I have nothing to do with conferring honors in God's kingdom. They are prepared by my Father for whom he wills." We may never know why some men are given ten talents and why another is given only two. We often ask why have some men such gift of natural ability and others do not? Why do some appear born to rule while others seem born to serve? Whatever the answer, it is God who gives to men their potential. Use well his gift.

We join in with the ten (v. 24) in criticizing the two brothers, but are we free from the shortsightedness and selfishness which they manifested? Do we not love the leading pulpits, the chairmanship of an important board, the presidency of a great corporation, the office of some important political position? Is our answer, "We are able," a piece of rash confidence in our ability to succeed in any endeavor we wish? Since the days of the Renaissance those words have almost been the motto of the Western world. We boast of our ability to overcome physical sickness, and correct mental disorders. We glibly chant the new names for and explanations of our sins. We talk of ways of averting wars and forget the dark perversities of man and thus drift ever closer to complete annihilation of man. We overrate our own strength and forget that we are strong only when we acknowledge our weakness and rely on God's strength.

The Standard Of True Greatness 20:25-28

It has been said that the world's standard of greatness is like a pyramid—with the great man standing at the top, and most people scrambling to reach the next higher level where there are fewer equals and more subordinates. Jesus inverted the pyramid: the nearer to the peak, the greater the weight of the burden, and the more people are carried in love. What are the questions which the pagan asks about a prospective position? "How much salary does it pay? What opportunities does it offer for advancement? How much vacation does it offer? How will it affect my social standing?" The Christian must learn to ask new questions. "Is this an honorable job? Can I truly follow Jesus in this job? Will I be able to serve people?"

The worldly minded may ask, "Well, what's the use of being the 'top dog' if you can't have the biggest bone?" Jesus wants greatness for his followers, but he wants true greatness. He knows that the conditions for this kind of greatness were fixed from the foundation of the world. Jesus thought of his own mission as a redemptive mission. He came to give his life to free others. This is total commitment.

Leadership And People . . .

PEOPLE . . .

Ray Cook was ordained as a deacon at McEwen First Church. **Thomas Drake** is pastor.

Dr. and Mrs. A. E. Lacy, members of Brook Hollow Church, Nashville, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary recently. **John Daley** is their pastor.

Haleys Grove Church, Crab Orchard, licensed **Bobby Barker** to the gospel ministry. **Wayne L. Benson** is pastor.

William L. Swafford, pastor, Elizabethton First Church, celebrated his 25th anniversary in the ministry recently. He was licensed to preach in February 1951 by Second Church, Columbia, and later was ordained by the Highland Park Church.

Midway Church, Duck River Association, ordained **Pete Green** as a deacon. **Hoyt Jennings**, director of missions for the association, preached the ordination sermon. **William H. Sullivan** is pastor.

Harmony Church, Haywood Association, ordained **Freddie Garrett**, **Coffman Morris**, **Floyd Qualls**, and **John Freels** as deacons. **Adrian Knipper** is pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Shelton, members of Highland Heights Church in Memphis, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Feb. 7. **Bruce Coyle** is their pastor.

Paul David Deavers Jr. was ordained to the gospel ministry last month by Immanuel Church, McEwen. He has been called as pastor of Oak Grove Missionary Church, located near McEwen. The ordination council consisted of 20 ordained pastors and deacons. **Carl B. Allen**, Immanuel Church, Murfreesboro, was the ordination speaker. The candidate was questioned by **Foy Phillips**, pastor at McEwen. **Neal Petty**, the candidate's father-in-law, led the ordination prayer.

Former Tennessee pastor **Harlan B. Williams**, a first-year student at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, was called as pastor of Jerusalem Church, Bush, LA. While in Tennessee he served as pastor of Allons Church; Wolf Creek Church, Spring City; Rucker Church, Murfreesboro; Dodson Branch Church, Cookeville; and associate pastor of Big Spring Church, Cleveland. He is a graduate of Belmont College.

Arthur B. Griffin, pastor of the Belmont Heights Church, Knoxville, will observe his 20th anniversary as pastor on Sunday, March 7. An anniversary banquet in his honor will be held Saturday night, March 6 at 6:30 at the church. **Griffin** is finishing his 42nd year in the ministry. He is former pastor of Calvary Church, Erwin, Bluff City Church, and Woodlawn Church, Bristol.

LEADERSHIP . . .

Pleasant Hill Church #1 reported that Pastor **Wayne Perkins** surrendered to full-time church ministry. He plans to terminate his position with the Peoples Bank in Dresden and will move into the full-time field in the near future. The church is in the process of constructing a parsonage.

Dwight Porter was called by Parkview Church, Jackson, as director of music and youth activities. He served formerly in the same position with Dixie Hills Church, Bolivar. **Alvin Gilliland** is pastor at Parkview.

Bolivar First Church called **Ricky Dickerson** as youth director. A freshman at Union University, he is the son of **Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dickerson** of Bolivar. He is preparing for a full-time church-related vocation in music and youth.

In Holston Valley Association, Bethel Church called **Larry Horne** of Kingsport as pastor.

Hickory Cove's pastor, **Basil Jones**, Rogersville, has terminated his secular job to be full time in the ministry at his church.

Chip Bishop has been called as minister of youth by Broadway Church in Knoxville. The son of **Mr. and Mrs. Jack C. Bishop** of Summerville, SC, he is a student at Carson-Newman College majoring in philosophy and religion. **Marion Barnett** is pastor at Broadway.

CHURCHES . . .

Harmony Church, Haywood Association, has completed improvements to the church including remodeling the front of the structure, erecting a steeple, and adding a kitchen. Also a new department for married young adults has been organized. Pastor **Adrian Knipper** reported that the church voted to pay off the final debt on the facilities.

Gallatin Road Church, Nashville Association, celebrated the victory of a note burning service recently. The note burning symbolized the paying off of the debt on the building which was constructed in 1963. All committee persons who were involved in the building project were recognized. **Lee Porter** is serving as interim pastor.

SBC REGISTRATION CARDS

Registration cards for the Southern Baptist Convention, June 15-17, 1976, in Norfolk, Virginia, are available at the office of **Wallace E. Anderson**, Tennessee Baptist Convention, P.O. Box 347, Brentwood, Tennessee, 37027.

Evangelism Director Announces Retirement

Ralph Norton, executive secretary-treasurer, Tennessee Baptist Convention, announced the retirement of **F. M. Dowell**, director of Evangelism, effective Dec. 31, 1976.

Dowell has served as department director since Feb. 1, 1956. Prior to that time he served as a pastor in Tennessee. Churches he led included Athens First, Cleveland First, Madison First, Monterey First, Sparta First, and Bishopville in Heiskell.

From 1952-63 he was a trustee for Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Early in his career he was a part-time worker in Sunday School and Training Union Departments of the Tennessee Baptist Convention and worked part-time under the late executive secretary **John D. Freeman**.

Dowell is a member of Belmont Heights Church in Nashville.

Winfrey Succeeds Cox As Belmont PR Director

Mrs. **Patsey Pritchett Winfrey**, assistant editor, pastoral ministries, Church Administration Dept., Baptist Sunday School Board, has been appointed public relations director for Belmont College. She has already assumed her new position, according to **Herbert C. Gabhart**, president of the college.



Winfrey

A former Belmont student, she succeeds **James H. Cox**, who was named associate editor of the **Western Recorder**, Baptist state paper for Kentucky.

She has written for numerous Baptist and secular publications and has also written Sunday School curriculum and stories for children's publications.

Other than her work with the Sunday School Board, she was fashion copywriter for a Knoxville department store, and served as part-time educational director at Calvary Church there.

She and her husband, **Buford**, are members of Immanuel Church in Nashville.

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SBC's Greatest Days Ahead, Weber Says

By Theo Sommerkamp

NASHVILLE—The denomination's "return to conservatism theologically" indicates its greatest days lie in the future, the president of the Southern Baptist Convention said here.

The conservative theological stance was one of several items listed by Jaroy Weber, pastor of First Baptist Church, Lubbock, TX, in his presidential forecast.

Speaking to a gathering of denominational leaders from across the nation, Weber also referred to a willingness to "challenge old axioms," to the continuing growth of the SBC's Cooperative Program unified budget, and to the record numbers of students in SBC seminaries.

Weber disassociated himself from the doomsayers. Dire predictions of the nation's future because of the population explosion, air pollution, and the possibility of a nuclear holocaust, he declared, do not darken his optimistic outlook.

The Bicentennial does not receive adequate emphasis from Southern Baptists because of their concerns over state-church issues related to its observance, Weber continued.

The SBC president praised the Baptist Sunday School Board for announcing it will publish a book-by-book study of the Bible. This, according to Weber, "will cut off criticism from the independents."

He lauded the Foreign and Home Mission Boards for their outreach overseas and in the U.S.

Weber's address came at the Cooperative Program Fellowship Luncheon, attended by about 350 leaders of state conventions and state and SBC agencies. The luncheon, sponsored by the SBC Stewardship Commission, occurs during the semi-annual meeting of the SBC Executive Committee.

"The greatest assets we have today," Weber said, "are our preachers. The greatest tools we have are our teachers," who educate students at the six SBC seminaries. The record enrolments at the seminaries also demonstrate the bright picture ahead for Southern Baptists, he said.

"We are great enough to challenge old axioms," he went on. "We don't have to do things the way we did them 25 or 50 years ago. We are a growing people. We have new approaches to communicating the gospel."

Weber said he felt Baptists may have overreacted to the church-state questions raised in the Bicentennial observance. "We,

as a denomination, are neglecting our opportunity to be a part of the Bicentennial," he chided.

"The gospel Baptists have preached has had an impact on our nation. Also, what happens in America has an effect on our denomination," he continued.

"I also say 'Hallelujah' for the Cooperative Program," Weber added. "Its increase is a response to the spiritual growth of our people." The Cooperative Program is the financial plan for supporting all phases of state, national, and worldwide ministries of Southern Baptists.

Weber disagreed with the word "renewal," often used to describe what denominations and churches are striving for. "Renewal suggests a return to something we had before. Education and science do not have 'renewals.' They have something 'new.'"

He said there is a need "to return to biblical preaching today as never before. You build a New Testament church by preaching the Bible Sunday after Sunday."

The denomination is "taking on bold new concepts, and great things are ahead," Weber declared. (BP)

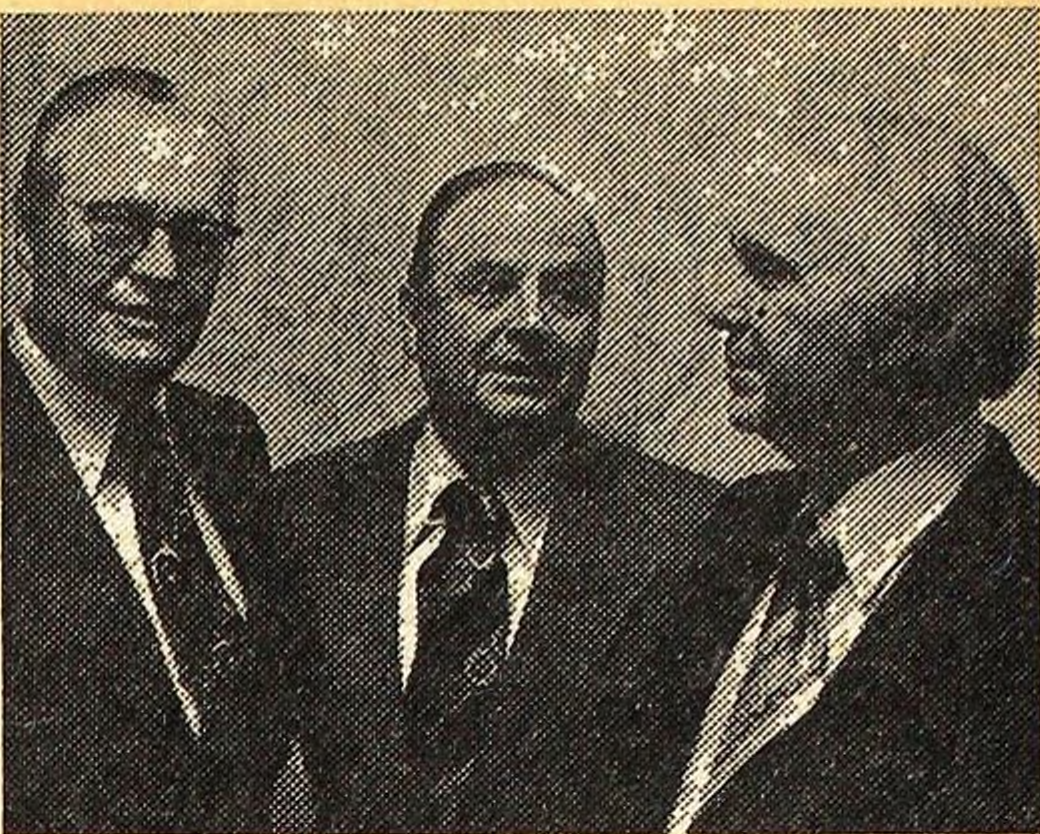
Scholarship Awards Upped For Speakers' Tourney

Officials at Union University, Carson-Newman College, and Belmont College have announced an increase in the scholarships made available to participants in the State Youth Speakers' Tournament held in Brentwood each year.

Previously the three schools have granted a \$100 scholarship to each of the eight regional winners in the tournament. This year the scholarships will be increased to \$250 per winner.

Also increased was the first place winner scholarship, formerly \$200 and now \$500. The winner of this scholarship represents Tennessee at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly.

The State Youth Speakers' Tournament is sponsored by the Church Training Dept. of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.



EXECUTIVES' OFFICERS—Officers for 1976-77 of the State Executive Secretaries Association of the Southern Baptist Convention are (from left) E. Harmon Moore, executive secretary of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana, president; James Landes, executive director of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, vice president; and Joe L. Ingram, executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, secretary. The association met recently in San Francisco. (BP) Photo

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Home Mission Board Projects Doubling Missionary Force

NASHVILLE—The number of Southern Baptist home missionaries needed by the year 2000 will almost double if present trends and strategies continue, according to a projection report presented by the board's executive director here.

The report, tentatively projecting the board's human and financial resources to the year 2000, also identifies "itinerate" or "volunteer" missionaries as a viable and valuable force for home missions, that could increase from 20,000 in 1974 to more than 50,000 by the century's end.

The tentative projections are part of an overall report on "Home Mission Board Planning for the Future—1976." The report includes more detailed plans and goals through 1979, a review of board planning and decisions during the past decade, major trends and their implications through 1979, and 14 mission guidelines previously approved by the board.

The report was compiled in response to directions from the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Dallas in June, 1974. The SBC instructed the Home and Foreign Mission Boards to "review thoroughly their present mission plans, consider the implementation of bold new plans where needed," and present the plans to the SBC Executive Committee in February, 1976, and to the SBC "with such recommendations as they deem advisable" in June, 1976.

Rutledge noted that the order for new plans and projecting for future needs came at a good time for the Home Mission Board, "since we were already involved in such study at the time."

Projections to the year 2000, Rutledge said, have not been formally adopted by the Home Mission Board, but were prepared as an indication of what might be expected in the final quarter of this century.

Projecting financial needs from year end 1975 to 2000 with a 1.5 percent per year increase in missionaries, the report says a 4 percent per year inflation rate could push budget needs from \$21.39 million in 1975 to \$110.7 million in 2000. At a 7 percent per year inflation rate, the figures would go from \$21.39 million to \$225.06 million by 2000. A 4 percent inflation rate, however, would mean that financial needs and income might be comparable, if the missionary force increased about 1.5 percent annually.

Projected income to the year 2000 for the home board, came to \$102.9 million, less than the 7 percent inflation rate, and even less than the financial needs at 6 or 5 percent inflation rates, \$178.5 million and \$140.5 million, respectively.

The financial projections were made, Rutledge noted, from past trends of the board's three main sources of income—the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program unified budget, the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, and other income.

Board plans, the report notes, continue to place evangelism as top priority, with urban centers to receive the "major thrust" of its work.

Board planning includes the use of com-

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puter technology that provides evangelism and church indexes that list statistical breakdowns county by county across the United States.

Officials say the computer information is accurate enough to determine the potential for evangelism and church growth or establishment of new work by Southern Baptists, thereby enabling concentration on areas of the greatest need.

A 14-point statement of "mission guidelines" adopted in 1966 and included in the board's report, notes the evangelism and urban centers priorities.

The board's "Directions '79" study stresses the pluralistic nature of American society, general regional migration, cultural diversity of the central cities, social-economic transitions and social segmentation in the suburbs, and specialized migration in the rural areas.

The "Directions" document cites movement toward high density living, scientism and humanism, perpetuation of racial-cultural heritages, general religious unrest or awakening, new signs in Southern Baptist life, shifting roles in the denominational structure and increased complexity of maturing religious institutions.

The mission guidelines statement cites the desire to "communicate and cooperate with other denominations . . . where there is no sacrifice of principles or weakening of basic (Baptist) beliefs and practices."

Concern was cited for welfare, rehabilitation, education and race relations and relating these to "public and private agencies working in these areas, avoiding duplication of efforts. . . . We shall try to cooperate without sacrifice or violation of the principle of religious liberty." (BP)

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Foreign Mission Board Looks 25 Years Ahead

NASHVILLE—Emphasizing an overarching objective of preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ to every person in the world, the Southern Baptist Convention's Foreign Mission Board presented plans here for the next 25 years.

The report, presented to the SBC Executive Committee, will be voted on by the Southern Baptist Convention at its annual meeting, June 15-17, in Norfolk.

To reach the overall objective, the board's plans envision, by the year 2000, at least a 100 percent increase in the number of missionaries, a 50 percent increase in the number of countries in which missionaries serve, and an accelerated tempo of volunteer lay involvement overseas.

Missionary numbers would increase from over 2600 now to more than 5000, countries where missionaries serve from 81 to 125, and volunteers from 3000 to 10,000 per year by the end of the century.

The report stresses that the Foreign Mission Board regards the concept of the career missionary as basic, while recognizing the valuable contributions of short term and volunteer personnel.

Highlights of the board's plans include proposals to greatly expand efforts in evangelism, especially in urban areas and among students and other young people. An appendix to the report outlines a four-phase plan for major city evangelization, including preparation, penetration and saturation, campaigns, and follow-up.

The report, which grew out of a mandate from the SBC in 1974 in Dallas that the Home and Foreign Mission Boards implement "bold new plans" for missions advance, also projects vastly increased use of mass media to play a vital role in mission efforts.

That would include increased use of radio, television and publications, according to the report, which also cites the need to take advantage of the technological revolution by using such things as satellites and computers as "servants of Christian missions."

Another emphasis of the report involved increased and more effective leadership training for national Baptists through strengthened seminaries, theological training by extension, and lay leadership on the board's far-flung mission fields.

The report speaks to the need for a continuation of joint efforts between missionaries and national Baptist leadership in planning and implementing this training.

Accentuated attention to human need—through health care, disease prevention, benevolent and social ministries and vigorous and prompt attention to world hunger and disasters—is also highlighted in the report.

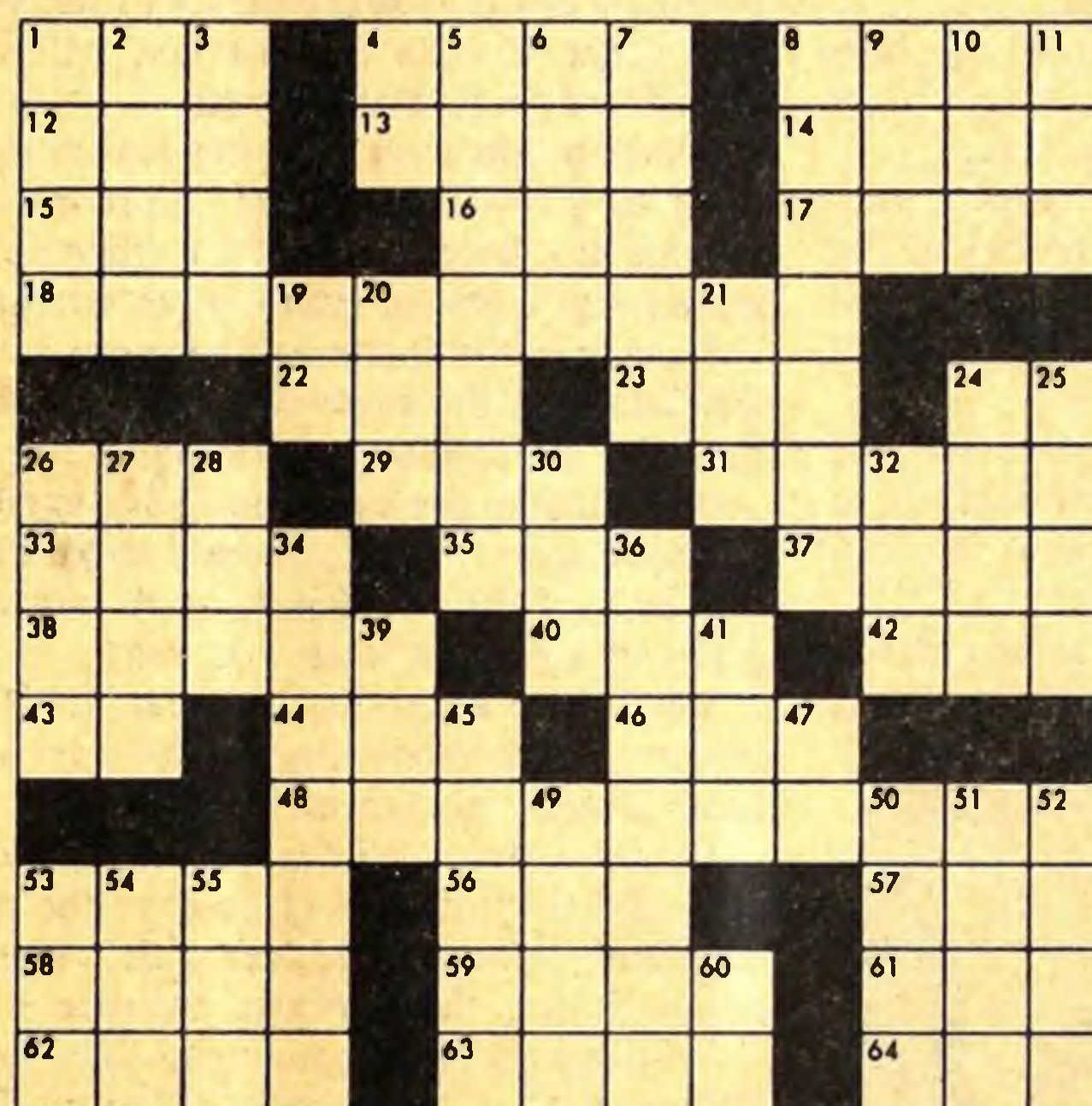
The Foreign Mission Board also expressed a commitment to church development and projected a tenfold increase in the number of churches on foreign mission fields from

some 7339 in 1975 to some 73,400 by 2000. The report also calls for corresponding increases in baptisms, which numbered 70,712, in 1975.

In presenting the report to members and visitors at the Executive Committee meeting, Baker J. Cauthen, the board's executive secretary, reminded his listeners that the worldwide missions projects of Southern Baptists "will be no bargain basement affair—it will cost money." (BP)

Bible Puzzle Page

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DOWN

- 1 Zoar (Gen. 14:2)
- 2 Priest
(2 Chron. 31:15)
- 3 Extinct bird
- 4 Compass point: abbr.
- 5 The Word of God
(Rev. 19:13; 2 words)
- 6 Employed
- 7 Choir member
- 8 "a — in vile
raiment" (Jas. 2)
- 9 Annex
- 10 Town (Neh. 11:35)
- 11 Address abbr.
- 19 Italian river
- 20 Patch
- 21 "and sat under
an —" (Judg. 6)
- 24 Ponder the feet's
(Prov. 4:26)
- 25 Biblical pronoun
- 26 Domicile
- 27 Portent
- 28 Peter or John: abbr.
- 30 Day of the week:
abbr.
- 32 Negative
- 34 "upon — of the
sea" (Rev. 13)
- 36 Ruth sat beside them
(Ruth 2:14)
- 39 Curve
- 41 Alteration: abbr.
- 45 Abraham planted one
(Gen. 21:33)
- 47 Old Japanese coin
- 49 Chemical suffix: pl.
- 50 Stone
- 51 Trace
- 52 Red-backed sand-
piper
- 53 Sin is the transgres-
sion of it (1 John 3:4)
- 54 Candenut
- 55 "shall confess me
before —" (Luke 12)
- 60 Exist

ACROSS

- 1 It was not lawful to
carry it (John 5:9)
- 4 "ye — up the
kingdom" (Matt. 23)
- 8 Victory symbol
- 12 Nigerian people
- 13 They took oil
(Matt. 25:4)
- 14 Repute
- 15 Guided
- 16 Japanese money
- 17 — and ends
- 18 "I have set before
thee — — —" (Rev. 3)
- 22 Trappist cheese
- 23 It was to be slain
(Ex. 29:20)
- 24 Liquid measure:
abbr.
- 26 Man in the Bible
(1 Chron. 7:37)
- 29 Picas
- 31 River (Josh. 16:8)

33 Neglect

- 35 Corn part
(Mark 4:28)
- 37 Kind of book or case
- 38 Sheepmaster
(2 Ki. 3:4)
- 40 Beverage
- 42 Article
- 43 Letter
- 44 Work: comb. form
- 46 Priestly garment
- 48 Search them
(John 5:39)
- 53 Cross word
(Mark 15:34)
- 56 "access by — Spirit"
(Eph. 2)
- 57 Calendar abbr.
- 58 Famous last word
- 59 Speech part
- 61 Greek letter
- 62 Magician's need
- 63 Being
- 64 African antelope

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Governor Against Death Penalty

By Bracey Campbell

Gov. Ray Blanton and a delegation from the Tennessee General Assembly are at odds over use of the state's death penalty.

Blanton has pledged not to use the state's capital punishment law during his four-year term.

However, more than one-third of the 99 members of the House of Representatives have asked the Democratic governor to alter his position and allow the death penalty to be used.

"Murder cannot be tolerated in our society," Rep. David Copeland, R-Chattanooga, said in a letter signed by the delegation and forwarded to Blanton.

Copeland said the response from the lawmakers was triggered by the recent murders of two young Nashville policemen.

"The legislature enacted the capital punishment law in the response to wishes of the majority of Tennesseans who are convinced that its use is a deterrent to crime," said Copeland.

"Our system of criminal justice will be further damaged by your determination to prevent the application of capital punishment," said Copeland.

Blanton has not responded to the letter. But on a number of occasions since taking

office 15 months ago, the governor has expressed the opinion that the death penalty is not a deterrent to crime.

The Adamsville native said the death penalty has never been applied to all segments of the population equally. Blanton said the death penalty, when used, was carried out only against the poor and minority members of society.

In other legislative developments, the governor won a partial victory with the approval in the Senate and House of a full-cent sales tax increase for the coming fiscal year.

The sales tax hike was one of two proposed by Blanton at the outset of the session. The other, a state income tax, will not be considered before next year.

Blanton contends that the legislature will have to put its stamp of approval on an income tax before he leaves office to offset increasing costs of state government.

However, the income tax is seen by many legislators as the most unfavorable with the majority of Tennessee citizens.

The income tax question is expected to be a major issue as all 99 seats in the House and half of the 33 Senate spots are up for grabs in elections later this year.

Legislative attempts to defeat the Blanton income tax proposal during the next session have already surfaced.

Lt. Gov. John Wilder, D-Somerville, said a special committee will go over the administration's operating budget with a fine-tooth comb during the summer months.

Wilder said he is convinced that "at least 10 per cent" of the proposed Blanton budget could be cut without doing away with vital services.

"We've been doing this to a degree this year, but we can do better," he said. "Hopefully, by next year we can come up with a way to get a handle on the budget."

Wilder and House Speaker Ned Ray McWherter, D-Dresden, are at odds over the probabilities of the legislature increasing the tax load in the next few years.

McWherter said the one-cent sales tax hike approval would dry up additional revenue proposals during future sessions.

"The budget is going to have to be built around existing revenues," he said. "There are just not going to be more tax increases for a few years."

Wilder said he is not convinced that the legislature will be able to avoid additional tax measures over the next few years.

The Senate speaker also suggested that the state would be better served if the legislature returned to the system of approving a new budget every other year instead of annually.

"I believe we would be better off if we had one session for the budget and one session for legislation," he said.

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Every day we continue to receive letters stating that our subscribers are not getting their **Baptist And Reflector** on time. In fact, many report that it is a week to two weeks late arriving. We stated in our issue of Feb. 12 that we believed that the lateness in getting the papers delivered to our subscribers had been cleared up. This was true for only one week, Feb. 5, in areas which we checked.

We have talked with the Nashville postal authorities, and they tell us that the papers are placed in the Nashville Post Office on time, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The postal authorities suggested to our printer a new method of sacking the mail for the Feb. 5 mailout. This was done that week and every week since. However, we find that it only worked that particular week even though it has been handled that way each week since. None of us understand, including the Nashville Post Office, why the paper went through only that one week.

We appreciate the patience on your part and the efforts on the part of the Nashville postal authorities in trying to get the **Baptist And Reflector** delivered to you on schedule. Please be assured of our interest in making it possible for our readers to receive their paper as it should be. We are constantly in touch with the local post office and the post offices in the towns from where our complaints are coming. We urge you to work with us and pray that this matter will soon be cleared up for good. Every complaint which comes to our attention is taken up with the post office. We are always saddened when one of our subscribers notifies us that he did not get his paper that week.—E.L.



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by Hugh Van Eaton

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Committee Of Seven Reports On SBC Executive Committee

NASHVILLE—A Committee of Seven appointed two years ago to study the Southern Baptist Executive Committee and a possible name change for the SBC released a report here making 12 suggestions and five recommendations concerning the Executive Committee.

The committee, chaired by C. R. Daley of Middletown, KY, editor of the "Western Recorder," Kentucky Baptist state paper, completed the first part of its study last year. The 1975 session of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC), meeting in Miami Beach, approved a committee recommendation that no name change be considered for the 12.7-million-member denomination.

After requesting and receiving an additional year to complete its study of the Executive Committee, the Committee of Seven conducted extensive interviews and research into the operation of the Executive Committee.

Basically, the study suggests such things as broadening the base of selection of Executive Committee (EC) members, broadening scope and depth in pre and post election orientation of EC members, increasing involvement of EC members in the EC's decision making process, improving communications and cooperation between the EC and agencies, involving all the EC members in studying agency budget requests, keeping the authority of the EC in "healthy tension" with the authority of convention-elected trustees of agencies, clarifying what the EC's "ad interim" status means, and clarifying what authority the EC has to look into the affairs of an agency.

Additionally, the Committee of Seven made several recommendations for changes in SBC Bylaw Nine, which deals with the relationship of the Executive Committee to the convention and its agencies.

Structure Essentially Sound

In a seven-point "affirmative appraisal" of the Executive Committee, the Committee of Seven also noted that the EC's organizational structure "is essentially sound," and that the EC is "indispensable in the life of the Southern Baptist Convention," that it is "blessed with highly capable and committed professional staff members" who "sincerely execute their assignments and attempt to be fair and impartial toward all agencies," that it "is endeavoring to perform faithfully the functions assigned to it by the convention," and that it exercises a policy of openness to concerned constituents.

It will recommend to the 1976 convention in Norfolk, June 15-17, that the study be referred to the Executive Committee for consideration and that it bring a report on its response to the 1977 SBC meeting in Kansas City.

The committee suggested that ways "be devised for the EC staff and members and agency staffs and trustees to be more intimately acquainted with the work of each other." It noted that "agencies feel their situations are not always understood by members of the Executive Committee. They believe that Executive Committee members should be familiar with the particular program and problems of each agency. Executive Committee members, on the other hand, sometimes feel they do not have adequate information to respond intelligently to proposals related to the agencies."

Commenting that "the one most far-reaching responsibility of the Executive Committee is the recommendation of allocations for all convention agencies receiving Cooperative Program funds," the Committee of Seven suggested that the whole EC, rather than just its program subcommittee, hear such requests. It also recommended revision in subcommittee names to make their function more clear.

On the question of authority, the Committee of Seven said, "The Southern Baptist Convention began and remains a voluntary association of churches. However, as such a group increases in size and complexity, its center of power tends to shift from 'grass roots' constituents to officially elected board members and to staff personnel."

"By virtue of its assignments the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee is powerful. It needs and does have authority commensurate with its responsibilities."

Caution Against Centralization

"Caution should be taken," the committee said, "to prevent even an unconscious trend toward undue centralization of authority in Southern Baptist organizational life. The usurpation of undue authority by the Ex-

ecutive Committee over the agencies would be disastrous.

"At the same time, the agencies should recognize the need for the convention to exercise reasonable review of their affairs. The authority of the Executive Committee should be kept in healthy tension with the authority of convention-elected trustees of the agencies."

Several other suggestions also dealt with clarifications which would interpret EC authority versus agency authority.

Bylaw Nine (5) (a) states that the EC is to "act for the Convention ad interim on all matters not otherwise provided for . . ." The Committee of Seven noted that "acting for the Convention ad interim" is not "being the Convention ad interim" and called for clarification of this point.

The committee also commented that a fine line exists on "where the authority derived from the principle of trusteeship and the Convention-assigned responsibility of the Executive Committee meet. Some tension at this point is almost inevitable and is not altogether undesirable. Such a polity furnishes checks and balances necessary to preserve the freedom and the autonomy in Southern Baptist life."

The committee noted "considerable concern among the agencies over possible recommendations of the Executive Committee which might alter the programs of or even abolish an agency. Some early proposals of the study Committee of 15 (which unsuccessfully either recommended certain agencies case of transfer duties to the EC) have suggested this."

It called for clarifications of various parts of Bylaw Nine in such areas as the role of the Executive Committee and the trustees of convention agencies, its advisory capacity and its authority and power. Among revisions, the most drastic, Daley said, involves Bylaw Nine (5) (i). The effect of the wording changes, Daley said, "Would tone down the investigative powers of the Executive Committee and reassert the authority of agency trustees, while still recognizing the Executive Committee's responsibility to study the affairs of the agencies and make recommendations to the convention." (BP)

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The Promise Of His Coming

By Dr. W. R. White
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Basic Passage: Matthew 24:1-41

Focal Passages: Matthew 24:1-6, 15-18, 36-39

There is no doubt but that the second coming of Christ is the focal event of His future here on earth. This "blessed hope" has been so cherished—yet so abused by sensationalists. This can be understood by the very nature of the event.

The Bible gives it great emphasis. This is true of both the Old and New Testament. The people of Israel confused the prophecies of the second coming with the first coming. This confused them when His first coming was in such meekness and simplicity. The glory and power of the second coming was misapplied to the first in their interpretation.

This puzzled, confused, troubled, distraught world set before us today produces a pessimistic outlook for too many. Perhaps everything is headed for complete and final

disaster so many feel. No, it is headed for a great climax—Christ is coming!

Jesus discusses the fall of Jerusalem, the second coming and the end of the world in Matthew 24 and 25. There is some overlapping because there are similar features associated with all of them.

A THREEFOLD QUESTION RAISED— Matthew 24:1-3

The disciples called the attention of Jesus to the magnificent temple. Jesus must have shaken them as He prophesied the complete destruction of the temple. They viewed the temple from the Mount of Olives as Jesus answered their questions. His sensational statement had provoked.

When shall these things come to pass?

What is the sign of thy coming and the end of the world? The fall of Jerusalem would have many associated events suggestive of things that would be related to His coming and the end of the world.

TIMELY PRECAUTIONS GIVEN BY JESUS—Matthew 24:4-6

Jesus knew that many sensational interpretations and speculations would arise in the future about these matters. He knew that Satan would spread confusion and deception concerning them.

He tried to prepare them and us for such developments. He warned that there would arise false Christs seeking to impersonate Him. He sought to alert all for such an occurrence.

He knew that great world wars and exciting rumors would spread over the world, frightening the people into false ideas and emotions. He cautioned that these would not necessarily mean His coming or the end were immediate. In fact, the time would not have arrived when such first appeared.

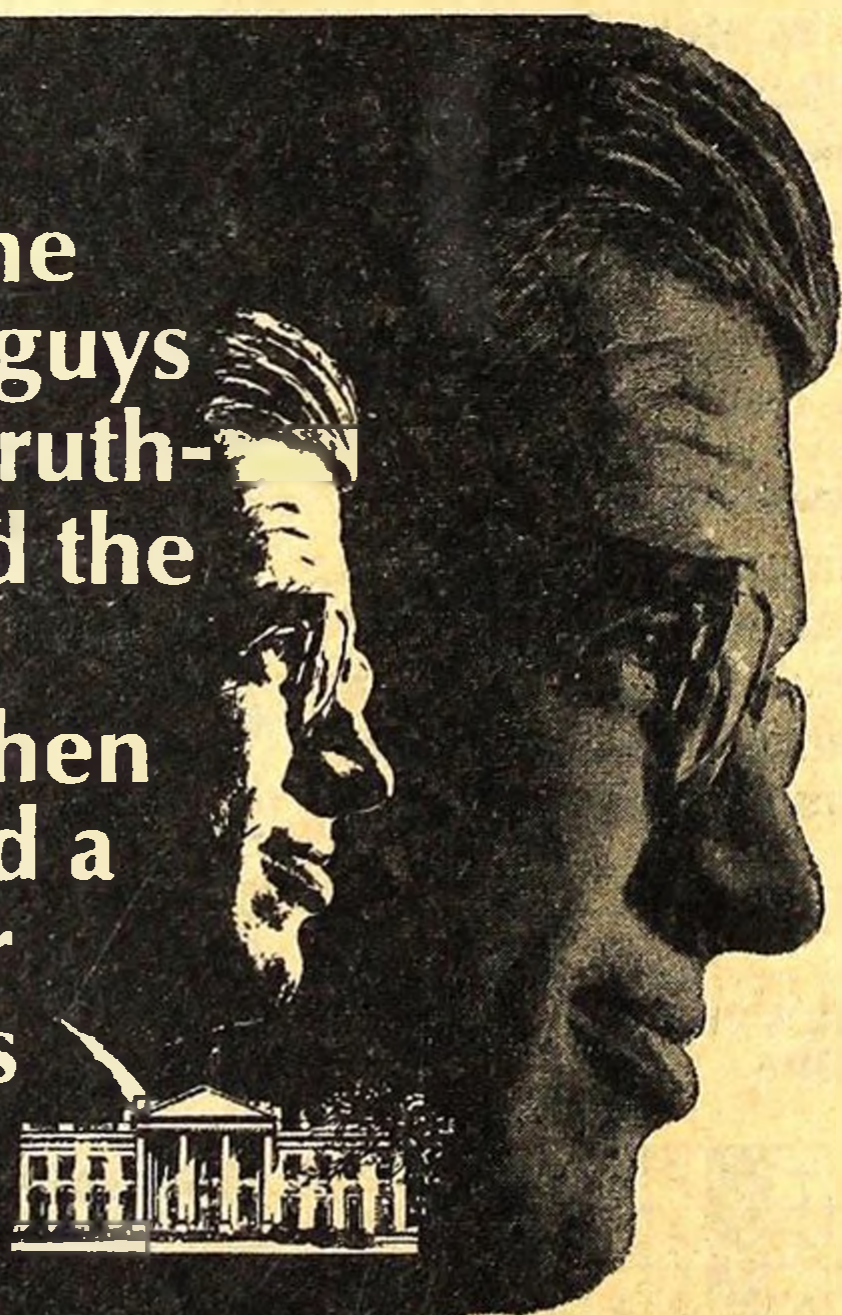
THE TIME IS GOD'S SECRET—Matthew 24:36-39

The world will be absorbed in its work and excitements, unaware of its impending nearness. It will be business as usual like it was in the days of Noah.

Eternal vigilance and hourly readiness is our safeguard and responsibility. Rather, this is to be our joy and privilege. There will be a devout remnant watching and waiting. They are children of the days and will not be caught napping. Are you in that number?

During the apostolic era the disciples stood on a tip toe of expectancy for the return of Christ to earth. He did not return in visible presence but this expectancy, along with His inner presence, transformed their lives and galvanized their faithfulness.

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Girls Put No Trust in Lady Luck Or In Themselves, Study Finds

When boys succeed at a task they take full credit for success. When they fail they tend to blame bad luck, an experiment involving 96 white, middle-class fourth-graders suggests. In contrast, girls generally face a tough test with low self-confidence, attribute poor performance to low ability and a high score to a miracle, the study by John G. Nicholls of Victoria Univ. indicated in **Human Behavior**.

The more importance attached to the project, the higher the minimum standards the 4th grade males set for themselves. When achievement on a "practice" test was below expectation, they retained self-confidence and put more effort into the real test. When that performance was disappointing, they cavalierly wrote it off to bad luck.

Girls, on the other hand, were more relaxed when the outcome of the project was described as unimportant but had low self-confidence and expectations anyway. However well they did on the practice test, they remained apprehensive.

All in all, girls are in desperate need of an ego boost, while boys must be liberated from unrealistic appraisal of their abilities and their habit of using Lady Luck as a scapegoat.

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50 YEARS AGO

College president R. J. Bateman called on Baptists to return to "evangelism as the one answer to our great denominational questions." He urged pastors to get back to the evangelistic message "or it seems that the program is beginning to end." He called evangelism a "pre-eminent call that pastors nowhere can escape." He said that if Southern Baptists fail in evangelism then all of our strivings will go for naught.

Special guests at Temple Church in Memphis were Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Knight of First Church, Baton Rouge, LA.

20 YEARS AGO

Gallatin Road Church, Nashville, completed a \$30,000 educational building and was planning for a new auditorium. W. W. Harrison was pastor.

Nashville Riverside Church ordained Everett Shannon as a deacon. Ernest B. Myers was pastor.

10 YEARS AGO

Walker Memorial Church in Franklin was completing an educational unit at a cost of \$40,000. Denny Burchett was pastor, and the building committee chairman was V. J. Martin.

Dyersburg First Church organized its third mission into a church. It was Second Church with 128 members.

From the Executive Secretary

By Ralph Norton

As this issue of the **Baptist And Reflector** goes to press, organizations of Woman's Missionary Union are involved in plans for observance of the Home Missions Week of Prayer, March 7-14.



Norton

I can think of no other time in Southern Baptist history when an observance such as this can so significantly affect the thinking and actions of Baptists across our convention. The theme of "A New Birth of Freedom" relates to our spiritual freedom, but entwined in its full meaning is the political freedom which is being celebrated during this bicentennial year.

The emphasis of the program is the freedom which we enjoy from spiritual bondage. As we ponder this blessing which comes to many of us, we become increasingly aware of the needs of thousands in our homeland who have not experienced this joy. All across our convention are areas of work without sufficient witness. The Home Mission Board has pushed forward new frontiers which continue to need our prayer and financial support. This was brought closer to me recently when many of us were privileged to visit some language mission churches while attending a meeting in San Francisco. The testimony from pastors of these churches which we heard many times was their deep appreciation for the support the Home Mission Board had given to them. This, in turn, reflects on the financial support which each Southern Baptist has given to the work of our Home Mission Board.

As we become involved in this time of study and prayer, may we make a generous gift to be used in the further evangelization of our home land. Tennessee Baptists, I am sure, will exceed their goal of \$675,000.00.

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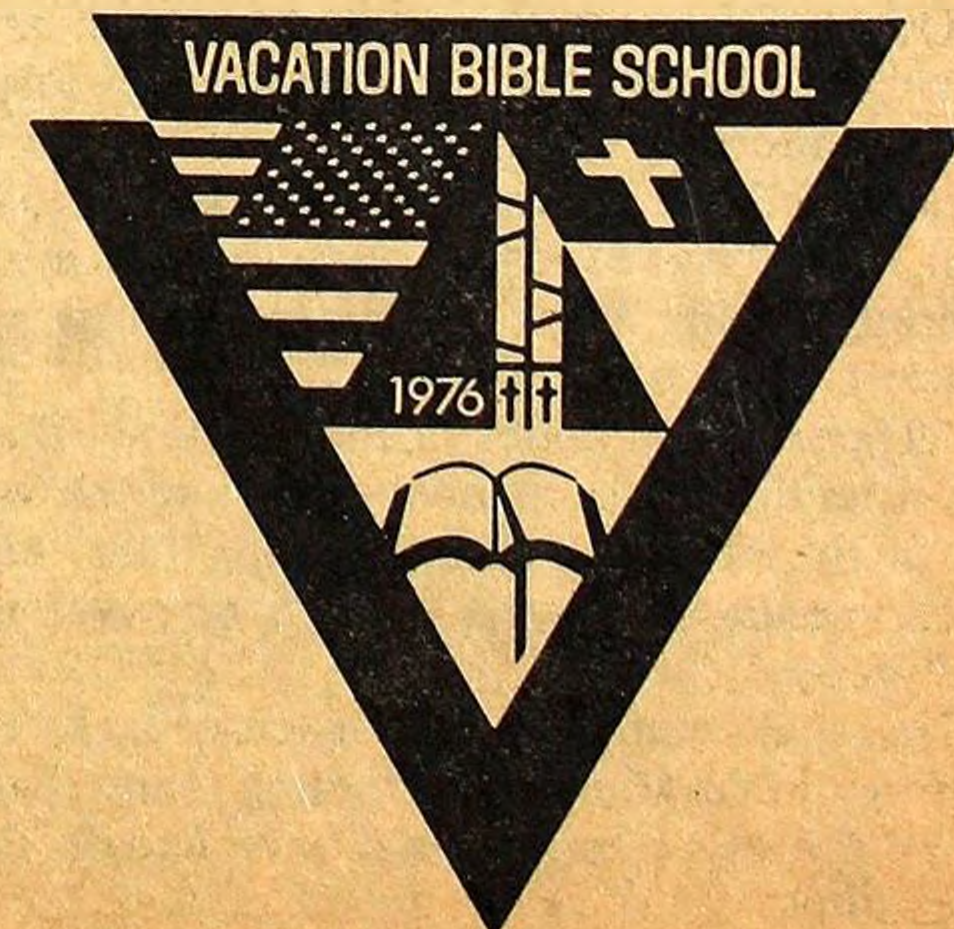
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Avoid Destructive Orthodoxy Fights, Graves Advises

By Robert O'Brien

SAN FRANCISCO—There's nothing ahead but brightness for the 12.7-million-member Southern Baptist Convention if it doesn't get involved in a destructive orthodoxy fight, a veteran Southern Baptist seminary president told the Southern Baptist Press Association here.

Harold A. Graves, president of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in nearby Mill Valley, CA, reflected what he has seen in 41 years as a pastor and denominational leader and what he sees in the future of the nation's largest Protestant body.

Graves, who will retire as the Golden Gate president in July, 1977, after 25 years in the post, cited several encouraging factors in denominational life.

They include a "new wholesome emphasis" on Bible-based evangelism, continued financial support of SBC causes, increasing response of young people reflected in rising seminary enrollments, and a growing openness in methods and programming.

But, among things which disturb him, Graves said, is a demand on the part of some Southern Baptists for specific orthodoxy statements. "We deny that we are a creedal people," he said, "but many turn right around and ask for a creed."

He said certain ultra-conservative elements demand that statements on theology and doctrine be expressed in certain code words which allow for no flexibility of expression and generate controversy.

"If we want to destroy a great evangelical denomination," said Graves, who affirmed his own conservative theological stance, "let us get into a controversy over orthodoxy."

Commenting on theological controversies of the past, Graves noted that if both sides of the debates "had spent some time trying to find out what the other was saying, we might have been spared that controversy. They spent too much time reacting to what they thought the other was saying."

Other disturbing things, Graves said, are transitory pastorates, acceptance of false measurements of success, unnecessary church-building sprees across the denomination, the "trade school concept of ministerial training," and a large percentage of inactive church members.

"There's no major denomination that consistently has such poor preaching as we do in the pulpit," he said, noting that that phenomenon is related to high turnover in pastorates.

He said many pastors excuse lack of sermon preparation by reminding themselves of all the other things they have had to do as pastors.

"But if you're not ready when it's 11 a.m. on Sunday morning—no matter what else you've done that week—you've failed," he declared. "Not many of our pastors believe that."

Elaborating on what he called the "trade school concept of ministerial training," Graves said too many pastors are "more concerned about the job next Sunday than about developing theological depth."

"Next Sunday is important," he said, "but we want to develop pastors who produce sermons not parrot them and men who can produce creative programs, not copy them."

On inactive church members, Graves noted, "I don't have much to say about nearly 13 million Southern Baptists when I realize how many of them don't amount to very much. I believe that in California, alone, we have one million Baptists who have left their church membership somewhere else and have dropped out of active church participation."

Graves, looking back on Southern Baptist growth and impact around the world, sounded an optimistic note about the denomination's future growth and impact as its pluralistic elements in 50 states and 82 countries learn to recognize diversity as a strength. (BP)

Baptists To Examine Prayer During Doctrine Week

Southern Baptists' freedom to personally approach God through prayer is the subject of this year's Baptist Doctrine Week, April 19-23. The annual study of a major Christian doctrine is sponsored by the Church Training Dept. of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Study during the week is intended to make Baptists more aware of the struggle by Christians in the past to have the freedom to publicly practice personal, direct access to God. Also included in the topics for discussion will be Baptists who have intellectual knowledge of the doctrine, but do not pray regularly.

Johnny Hall, state Church Training director, encouraged churches in Tennessee to set aside the week of April 19-23, or another date if the previous one conflicts. "Just as hundreds of Baptists look forward to January Bible Study every year, we believe a study of our doctrine as taught in the Book will become just as popular," Hall said. Baptist Doctrine Week is recommended for the first week in April each year, but especially for this year's bicentennial, the date of April 19-23 has been selected.

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'I Love My Church'

By Jonas L. Stewart

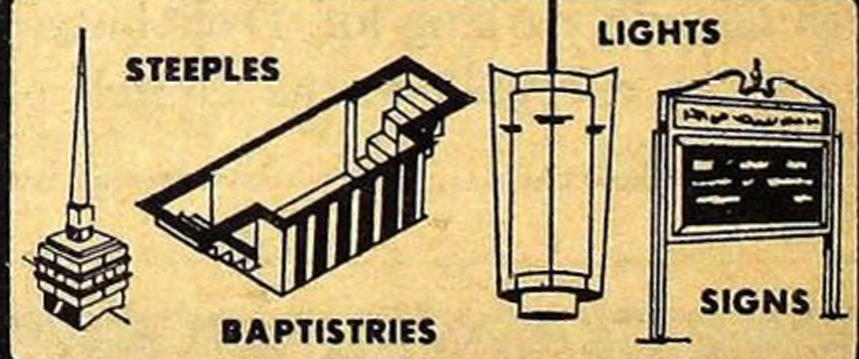
He had grown old but not without having lived a full and useful life. The Lord had blessed him with a wonderful family and financial security.

He was not afraid to die nor did he dread the infirmity of age. God had guided him all the days of his life. Why should he not trust the Lord for things yet to be?

There were some thoughts that disturbed his peace of mind. Soon the Grim Reaper would remove his name from the roll of the church through which the Lord had nourished him in good times and bad. His testimony for Christ would be no more. No longer could he tell others about the saving power of God through his Lord Jesus Christ. He said, "I love my church. It hurts to think of leaving it forever."

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