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## Belmont Celebrates Silver Anniversary

The president of Belmont College reviewed the college's history on the evening of March 13 at its 25th anniversary celebration and mentioned a six-fold purpose for the days ahead.

Herbert C. Gabhart told the more than 800 persons gathered for a dinner in the college's gymnasium, "This college must clearly define its purpose, its reason-to-be, its aims and goals. It cannot meander lazily down the routine paths of higher education.

"It must decide what it wishes to accomplish and once that is determined there must be a clear statement of that definition of purpose, a wide publication of that purpose, and a strong commitment to that purpose," said Gabhart.

"This college is alive and doing well because of faith in the promises of God," he continued. "It will not long endure without an increase in faith. We have God's promises. He will not turn a deaf ear to those who call upon Him."

Gabhart then cited a six-fold purpose for Belmont's future.

- There must be a commitment to academic excellence when all truth is sought, proclaimed, and practiced.

- There must be a strong individual commitment to the Christian faith.

- There must be an unparalleled commitment to the importance of individual and corporate moral and ethical values.

- There must be a strong emphasis upon the perpetuation of one of the greatest of all learning experiences, teacher-student confrontation.

- A college like Belmont has the ability and dispatch to make a foster innovative and practical educational approaches to our modern complex society in which there are opportunities calling for adoption.

- There must be ever present a strong voice in the private college crying out against regimentation of thought, action or leisure time.

F. M. Dowell Jr., one of the original six trustees, spoke on "I Saw a College Born," and reminisced about Belmont's first quarter of a century. He said that on May 7, 1951, the college was called Cumberland-Belmont; but on May 31, the six trustees agreed to call the new Baptist school Belmont College.

"We did not have a president for the college, and we asked W. F. Jones, then president of Union University, Jackson, to serve as acting president."

Jones served as Belmont's acting president from March 13, 1951, when Belmont

was established, until May 31, 1952.

On Aug. 8, 1952, R. Kelly White, then pastor of West Palm Beach, Fla., and former pastor of Belmont Heights Church, Nashville, was elected president, Dowell told the group. White served until July 31, 1959. The second and present president, Gabhart, has now served 17 years.

Four of the six original trustees were honored during the banquet. Dowell, Homer A. Cate, Andrew Tanner and G. Frank Cole were seated at the honored guest table and each was presented with a silver commemorative plate.

Mrs. Henry Huey and Mrs. J. R. Kysar, widows of the two other trustees, also received silver plates.

The alumni association presented a large birthday cake baked by Debbie Davis, an alumna. It was decorated with the names of Belmont's former and present trustee chairmen.

Special music was presented by Belmont's

## Middle Tennessee Pastors To Hear Robert Dale

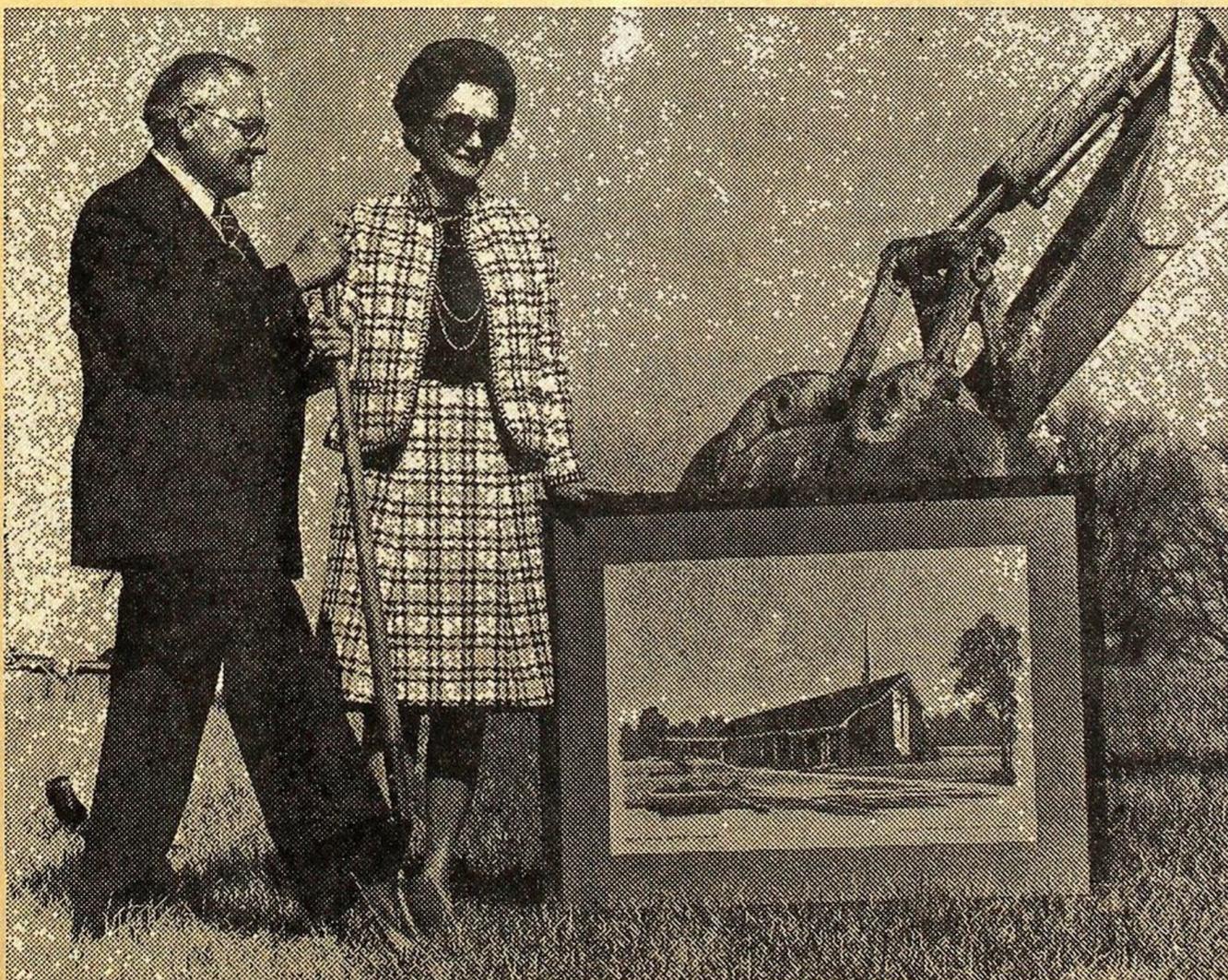
The Middle Tennessee Baptist Pastor's Conference is scheduled to meet Monday, April 5, at 11 a.m. in the Business Administration Building at Belmont College, according to J. L. Ford, president of the conference.

The program will consist of special music by Jerry Warren, chairman of the Department of Fine Arts and a group of students from the department. Robert Dale, Church Administration Dept., Baptist Sunday School Board, will speak on "Happiness in the Parsonage."

Following the program, pastors and their wives will attend a luncheon provided by the college.

Chorale, Reasons, and Band. The reigning Miss Tower, Pamela Johnson, sang.

During Belmont's first year of operation (1951-52) the enrollment was 136 students. The enrollment for 1975-76 is 1116. The faculty and staff has grown from 29 in the beginning to 95.



Groundbreaking ceremonies were held this month at Tulip Grove Church in Old Hickory for new facilities. The 14-month-old church has let the contract to the CTC Construction Co., Inc., for the sum of \$314,450. James F. Scalf and Associates are the architects. The building committee consists of chairman Berdenia Wright, pictured above with pastor John Kurtz, Don Davis, Martha Kurtz, Robert Irby, Roger Johnson, James Fowler, and Harvey Thomas. Completion of the auditorium, fellowship hall, pre-school annex and office complex is expected in November.

# Unity In Diversity

By Herschel H. Hobbs

*"Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit."*—1 Corinthians 12:4

The church in Corinth had diversity, but it did not have unity. So Paul shows that the two should be evident in the relationship of Christians. This he does in verses 4-6.

Note that the same Greek word is translated as "diversities" and "differences." These are kindred ideas. "Gifts" renders a word (*charismatōn*) which is related to the word for grace (*charis*). The former word connotes the result of the latter. "Grace" basically means a gift. So the result of God's grace in Christians is "gifts"—meaning the various abilities to be used in the Lord's service.

In verse 5 "administrations" (*diakonion*) means ministries or ministrations. "Operations" (*energematōn*) means works. "Work-eth" (v.6) is a kindred word. Note the word "energy" in the Greek words. The various gifts for ministry and work differ, but each is necessary for a well-rounded service of the church. Raymond B. Brown (*Broadman Bible Commentary*) comments, "The Spirit gives gifts. The Lord offers service. God gives power."

But in their diversity there is also a

unity as seen in the source of them. Note Spirit, Lord, God. "Spirit," of course, refers to the Holy Spirit. "Lord" refers to Jesus. God is God the Father. So the triune (three in one) God is seen in Father, Son, and Spirit. Paul concludes that in each case it is God who works "all in all." This phrase reads, literally, "the all things as a whole in every single thing." So as in a mechanical device every single thing works for the good and accomplishment of the whole. In the case of an engine the power is furnished by the fuel. In the Christian relationship the power is of God.

Therefore, as the triune God functions as a unit, so should Christians function as a unit. Each one makes his contribution through his peculiar gift. Failure on the part of one impairs the effectiveness of the whole. But faithfulness on the part of each enhances the service of all. No Christian should isolate himself from other Christians or work in opposition to them. Diversity? Yes, But unity. It is only thus that the Lord's people can live and work together.

# Look At The Flowers

By Joe Holbert

Jesus was aware of the beauty that surrounded Him. He often used the beauty of nature to relate a spiritual truth. In the midst of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus glanced down and said, "See the wild flowers . . ." and proceeded to share with his listeners how God cared for them. If we will keep our spiritual eyes open, we can discover some profound truths in God's creation.

A friend who grows orchids told me that each orchid pod has a minimum of 60 million seeds inside. What potential! But something is more incredible! When Christians, who have Christ living in them sow the seeds of the Gospel—it bears fruit and Christ becomes real to them! The Psalmist reminds us, "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing bearing his precious seed with him."

Another way of propagating new plants is through cuttings. I have some rose cuttings in my office. In the warmth of my office the green leaves have burst forth with new life. Lost men and women must be surrounded with the warmth of God's love exemplified in the lives of the Redeemed. It is not enough that new life is begun. The rose bush must have sunshine and moisture to produce beautiful roses.

What are the elements that make a beautiful life? Study of God's Word, communion with the Father in prayer and fellowship with other Christians, are necessary in the life of a growing Christian. Are you a growing Christian?

I have a shamrock plant that a friend in Florida gave to me. The original Shamrock tuber was brought to this country from Ireland more than thirty years ago. Through this dear lady's generosity in sharing her plants—there are shamrocks all over the United States. We have been singing about this in the song, "PASS IT ON." Let's practice it!

We have heard a great deal recently about talking to plants . . . the next time you are near one, pause and listen . . . it may have something to say to you!

*Note: Holbert is minister of education at Leewood Church in Memphis. A graduate of Baylor University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, he has served churches in Alabama and Florida.*

## Pulpit To Hear

By Jim Griffith

A new gadget for transmitting the human voice has been developed by two researchers, using a tiny ear microphone to pick up vibrations from vocal cords traveling along an internal cranial passage.

Of all the inventions produced today, did we really need a new way of sounding off?

But if nothing else, it is obviously a new twist on the old practice of putting a bug in someone's ear.

Still, there is some question as to the practicality of having sound from one's vocal cords pass through one's own ears. Already there are too many who only listen to themselves.

True, the news story described this as an amazing system which enables people to talk through their ears. However, talking by other means than the mouth is not particularly new when you consider the people who have been talking through their hats for years.

And yet, there is one distinct advantage to this invention: A person may continue to speak with his foot in his mouth.



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# SBC Aging Home Executives Vote To Expand Organization

**DALLAS**—The Southern Baptist Association of Executives of Homes for the Aging voted here to expand its organization to be more effective in meeting the needs of growing numbers of older persons.

The group instructed its incoming officers to recommend needed changes in its organizational structure and constitution that would open the organization to all Southern Baptists who have full-time responsibilities in any ministry to the aging.

The move for expansion comes in conjunction with a new emphasis on aging services generated by the Southern Baptist Conference on Aging, which met in 1974. One of the major thrusts of the conference was to initiate the involvement of churches, associations, and state conventions in providing programs and care for the aging at a local level.

The aging home executives felt that bringing together all interested persons in one organization can greatly strengthen efforts for better care of Baptist older persons.

Albert McClellan, associate executive secretary and director of program planning for the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee, keynoted the two-day meeting.

McClellan, who directed planning for the 1974 aging conference, reported on positive results of the meeting.

He cited an increased awareness by Baptists at all levels of the needs of older people; the establishment of a department of family ministries by the Sunday School Board, which has in its plans a magazine for senior adults; the addition of courses on gerontology in Southern Baptist seminaries; more articles in Baptist publications on the needs of older persons; and the establishment of a group from the SBC Inter-Agency Council to help coordinate efforts of institutions and agencies involved in ministries to the aging.

"But even though a lot is being done," McClellan told the group, "we aren't where we want to be."

He outlined some goals that Southern Baptists, under the leadership of such groups as aging home executives, should be striving for: to be mutually supportive with other community groups in caring for the aging; to increase our sensitivity to the aging as individuals with specific needs; to dispel the theory that the aging are obsolescent; and to hold more church-related conferences and seminars to help the aging face what it means to be retired.

The executive group, which met in the facilities of Buckner Baptist Benevolences' Trew-Ryburn Aging Complex in Dallas, elected Furman Kenney, administrator of

the Virginia Baptist Home for the Aging, Newport News, VA, as president.

Other officers are: first vice president, R. L. Herring, administrator, Buckner Trew-Ryburn Homes for the Aging, Dallas; second vice president, Arnold Cadell, administrator, Baptist Convalescent Center, Newport, KY; and secretary-treasurer, James L. Barber, assistant director, department of Christian social ministries, SBC Home Mission Board, Atlanta.

W. L. Howse III, the director of the Hurt Gerontology Center, Virginia Baptist Homes, Culpeper, VA, was asked to serve as a consultant to the officers for proposed changes in the organization and for future programming and activities. (BP)

## Nursery Facilities Set For Norfolk SBC Meet

**NORFOLK**—Care for pre-school children from outside the Tidewater area will be provided during the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC), June 14-17, at the Talbot Park Baptist Church, 6919 Granby St., Norfolk.

The facilities will be open 45 minutes prior to each session until 45 minutes after each session concludes.

The fee will be \$2.00 per session for the first child and \$1.00 for each additional child in the same family. There will be an additional charge of 50 cents for each child if the church furnishes lunch and an extra charge for children picked up late.

The committee requests identification be placed on each child.

Provisions will be provided for all children pre-registered. The committee requests that reservations be made early and should be sent to Mrs. Hunter Colgin, 8541 Lawson Ave., Norfolk, VA, 23503. (BP)

## Youth To Explore Horizons At Christian Career Meet



Langlois



Rose



Magill

A Christian Career Conference, sponsored by the Church Training Dept., TBC, will be held April 30-May 2 at Camp Linden.

Designed for young people in Tennessee Baptist churches, the conference will be composed of messages, meditations, and sessions on various careers. Theme for the weekend is "Horizons."

Morton Rose, Baptist Sunday School Board, will bring the opening message Friday evening dealing with the Biblical meaning of calling and the living out of discipleship. He will also lead the celebration and commitment service Sunday morning.

H. Raymond Langlois, pastor of Judson Church, Nashville, will bring the opening message Saturday morning helping each conferee take a look at self and help answer such questions as "How Does Who I Am Relate to What I Do?" and "Does God Really Call Me To Be Myself?" Mrs. Alice Magill, consultant in vocational guidance, Baptist Sunday School Board, will lead a

conference on testing.

Four color clusters will run simultaneously with activities planned to give help in exploring church vocations, testing, exploring mission horizons, and discovering your gifts.

A musical group from Union University called "Proclamation" will present entertainment for the banquet on Friday evening. Each of our three Baptist colleges will be presented on Saturday evening. An additional feature this year will be a fellowship on Saturday evening where each of the youth present will have an opportunity to share his talent.

Registration begins on Friday afternoon, April 30, at 3:00. The opening session will be a banquet at 7:00 p.m. Friday. The conference will close with the noon meal on Sunday. Registration should be made through the Church Training Department, Post Office Box 347, Brentwood, TN, 37027

## Remember The Missionary On Furlough

We often hear a plea to the churches for the pastor's salary, but very little is said about our home and foreign missionaries. They, too, are on a limited income. We must remember the home or foreign missionaries who speak in our churches. Missionaries don't come home on furlough to spend all of their time on vacation; they, too, need a change of activity and surroundings.

A missionary is very much like a pastor in that he is happier when he is ministering to people, wherever he is. Missionaries want to continue telling the people about God's wonderful love and are grateful for an opportunity to speak to churches and various church groups. This gives them a chance to share what the missionaries do in the places where they are sent by the Home or Foreign Boards of our Southern Baptist Convention.

These opportunities of hearing and talking with our missionaries help our church people understand what our missionaries are doing in trying to reach a lost world for Christ. It also helps our church people to understand the need to support them with their prayers and money.

So many of us would have liked to have gone to the mission field, but after much prayer, we realized that God did not have that in mind for us. He wanted us to be willing to follow Him in whatever place of service we might be. God does not call every one to be a home or foreign missionary, but He does call each of us to minister to others wherever we are. This is truly happening as many of our church people are leading our youth and preparing them; so that when God calls them in their youth or even in later years to serve as home or foreign missionaries, they will answer God's call.

We have observed situations where missionaries were on furlough and invited to speak in our churches. Many times the missionary travelled more than a hundred miles for his engagement. He gladly accepted the invitation and did his best. But, he was not even paid the expenses he incurred. The missionary said nothing, but he went back home after giving his time and realized a drain on his small finances.

It puts the missionary and missions in an unfavorable position to have to bring up such matters with the church or the person inviting him for an engagement. Whether the missionary comes from across town or several miles away, the individual inviting him should be conscious of his expenditures and make some arrangements to care for them.

Our missionaries on furlough need to dress as an average Baptist would dress in his community and have enough clothes to appear presentable when invited to participate in any church service. Since they do not always wear the same type of clothes when they return for furlough as they wore on their field of service, it becomes necessary to buy other clothing to suit the climate.

Many churches provide for the visiting missionary, but oftentimes it is unintentionally forgotten. As the pastor sometimes finds it necessary to neglect his family to care for his flock, the missionary also finds himself neglecting his family to fulfill engagements. As Baptists who care, let us try to be aware of the needs of those who minister to us in the name of the Lord.

Since we can not all go as missionaries, we can support those who go with our prayers and money. We must never forget that it is God who makes it possible for us to have the

## The Authority Of The Pastor

It is clear from both the Bible and practical experience that the pastor has the most important role of any individual in the congregation. This is as it should be. Yet, he should not be the monarch or dictator.

Unfortunately a few pastors today seem to believe that the congregation should receive any proposal they make virtually without understanding or discussion. They would like for their suggestions to be adopted without question.

The New Testament, however, views the local body of believers as the final authority. In his instruction for dealing with a disorderly or unruly church member Christ said "And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it to the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be under thee as a heathen man and a publican." (Matt. 18:17).

Jesus emphasized the equality of church members: ". . . ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister: And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant." (Matt. 20:25-27)

Paul, the greatest of all the apostles, and the one who organized more churches than any other, did not dominate the affairs of the churches. He passed on to the congregation the message which God gave him but left them to make their own decisions, even when they were making mistakes.

In Acts 14:23, the word translated "ordain," (KJV), means in the Greek "to vote by stretching out the hand." Hence, the verse might read "And when they (the congregation) had elected (by stretching out their hand) elders in every church. . ." This verse is another indication of the authority of the local church.

By virtue of his call from God and his election by the local church the pastor is to be the leader. He is to provide general guidance for the church and to be the spiritual instructor of the congregation.

One of the words used to describe the office of pastor is "elder." Originally, the term referred to the older men. But later became to be used in an official sense to designate all of those with experience who were worthy of respect.

Paul emphasized the fact that a church is to respect their pastor as he said "Let the elders that rule (do their duties) well be counted worthy of double honour, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine." (I Tim. 5:17)

The pastor is instructed to feed the congregation and the members are told to pray for him. (See Acts 20:28-31, and Heb. 13:7). This is an essential and inseparable relationship.

From a practical standpoint greater involvement and commitment is achieved when a large number of members are involved in the decision-making process of a church. While more time and effort may be required of the pastor, the final achievement will be far greater.

Ideally, both the pastor and the congregation will seek and follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit. Complete unanimity will be evident and no one will be concerned over the authority of another. When God has complete control the church will advance.—J. Everett Sneed, editor, "Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine."

income which we have, and that He expects us to cheerfully be good stewards of it.—EL

# Committee Urges Bold Advance Into 21st Century

**NASHVILLE**—A 21-person committee, mandated by Southern Baptists in 1974 to study the potential of the 12.7-million-member denomination's worldwide missions advance during the last 25 years of the 20th Century, presented 15 major recommendations to the SBC Executive Committee here.

The report will be voted on at the SBC annual meeting, June 14-15, in Norfolk.

The Missions Challenge Committee responded to an SBC request to study how the denomination's two mission boards and other agencies can work together to meet world needs in the final quarter of the century.

It did so by calling for accelerated cooperation of the agencies of the nation's largest Protestant denomination to achieve an accelerated level of missionary outreach.

The committee built the 15 recommendations around the first recommendation which urged the convention to set "as its primary missions challenge that every person in the world hear the gospel of Christ in the next 25 years."

In the presentation of this message, the committee said, the biblical faith should be "magnified so that all men, women and children can understand the claim Jesus Christ has on their lives."

Before launching into specific recommendations on inter-agency action to meet escalating world needs, the committee recommended that the convention "reaffirm the place and responsibility of the local church in missions." It urged that "all the agencies of the convention be called upon to reinforce this place by magnifying and promoting the biblical concept of missions, the importance of missions education and the power inherent in the interdependence and cooperation of the churches."

## Enlist Members As Stewards

Realizing that financial support will make or break the ambitious plan of SBC missions advance into the 21st Century, the committee asked the convention to call on the denomination's 34,902 churches in 50 states "to teach the biblical revelation of Christian stewardship and develop plans and programs designed to enlist every member in the stewardship of possessions through the church."

Specifically that includes challenging members to increase contributions, with the tithe (one-tenth of income) as the minimum goal, challenging churches to increase the percentage of their giving through the SBC Cooperative Program unified budget annually with a 50-50 division as a goal, and challenging state conventions to work toward a 50-50 division of Cooperative Program funds, after appropriate expenses, with SBC causes.

As part of the overall effort the commit-

tee asked the convention to request the SBC Stewardship Commission, already active in Cooperative Program promotion, "to work with the state conventions to develop aggressive, sacrificial and bold promotional plans" to achieve objectives. Additionally, it urged pastors to "teach, preach, practice and lead their churches in the achievement of these worthy objectives."

Points of agency cooperation include the following:

—The Home and Foreign Mission Boards, with assistance of other appropriate SBC agencies, were urged to "undertake seriously the creative addition of new patterns of work that will help accomplish the objective of every person hearing the gospel in the next 25 years."

The committee urged that in development of these patterns "full emphasis be placed upon the Bible in the communication of missions, upon research as a fundamental necessity for missions, upon cooperation as a way of magnifying the missions witness of the church, and upon doctrinal integrity as a way of preserving the faith."

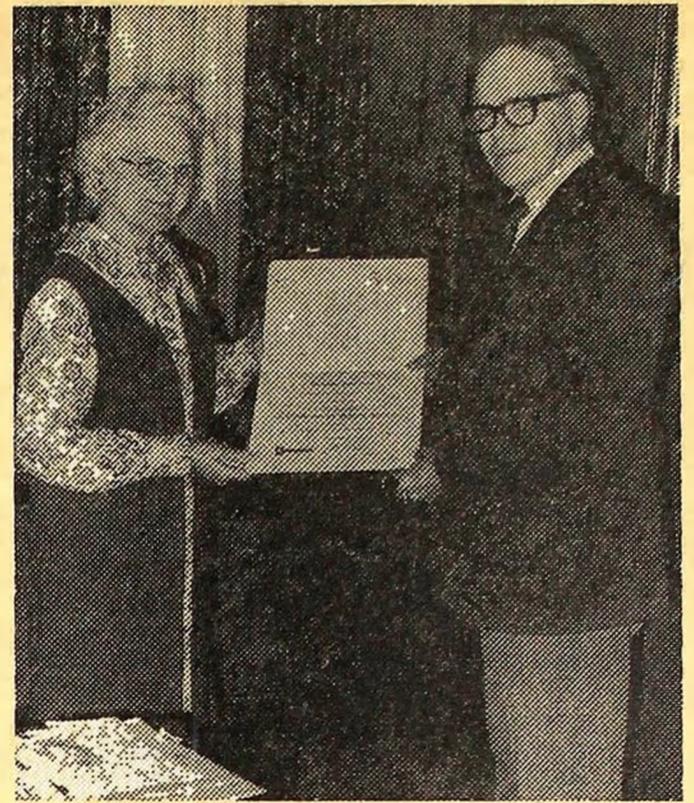
## Report Called For

—The two missions boards, Woman's Missionary Union, the Brotherhood Commission and the Sunday School Board were asked to report to the convention in one year on two assignments.

The committee requested the five agencies "to work together to discover and implement the best ways for strengthening the biblical understanding of missions in the minds of all Southern Baptists" and "to discover and implement plans for a broader based missions education to reach all the members of the churches."

—The two mission boards also were asked:

1. "To develop as many ways as possible for long and short term involvement of persons in direct mission work in the modern setting" and, in cooperation with other agencies, "to enlist and guide lay persons with practical and spiritual gifts and callings in all phases of mission work, especially in such areas as publications, radio and TV, medical work, education, etc."
2. "To work with other agencies to facilitate the use of their special skills in mission work, recognizing the leadership responsibility of the two boards."
3. "To work together with the other appropriate agencies in developing a ministry and witness with foreigners sojourning in our land, with seamen who call at our ports, with international students in our colleges and universities and with internationals along the borders of our nation."



**NASHVILLE**—Thurman Allred, consultant in the church administration department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, presents a Retirement Certificate to Gertrude Hale, who served 34 years as director of Watauga associational missions in Elizabethton.

## Strengthen Programs

—The six SBC theological seminaries, in cooperation with the two missions boards, were asked "to review and strengthen the academic and clinical programs for the training of those dedicated to missions service."

—The Executive Committee was asked to work with the two mission boards, WMU, Brotherhood Commission, Stewardship Commission, Sunday School Board and the seminaries "to secure full implementation of these recommendations," and "to coordinate denominational missions goals and action plans looking toward the 21st Century." The Executive Committee was asked to report for the groups "periodically for the next five years on progress made in achievement of missions."

Other recommendations urged convention emphasis on themes for reaching out through bold mission thrusts and encouraged SBC seminaries, colleges, teachers, pastors, assemblies, encampments and conference centers to get behind the effort in various ways.

The Missions Challenge Committee grew out of a recommendation by the Committee of 15, a now-defunct study committee of the Executive Committee which studied SBC agencies. The Missions Challenge Committee became a convention committee when the 1974 SBC accepted the Executive Committee's recommendation that it be formed.

The same recommendation asked the two mission boards to study bold new plans for missions. The two agencies also made lengthy reports to the Executive Committee. Those reports also will go to the convention in June in Norfolk.

# Southern Baptist Convention

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## Tuesday Morning, June 15

- 8:45 Music For Inspiration—Virginia Baptist Male Chorale, Allen R. Brown, director, Richmond, Virginia
- 9:15 Call to Order
- 9:20 Congregational Singing—William J. Reynolds, director, Nashville, Tennessee
- 9:25 Report of Registration and Constituting of Convention—W. Fred Kendall, Nashville, Tennessee
- 9:30 Report of Committee on Order of Business—R. G. Puckett, chairman, Baltimore, Maryland
- 9:40 Recognition of Fraternal Messengers  
Recognition of Local Committees
- 9:50 Introduction of Virginia Governor—William J. Cumbie of Fairfax, Virginia, president, Baptist General Association of Virginia  
Welcome Address—Governor Mills E. Godwin Jr., Richmond, Virginia
- 10:10 Announcement of Committee on Committees, Committee on Resolutions, Committee on Tellers
- 10:15 Solo—Nettie Beth Weber, Flat Rock, North Carolina
- 10:20 President's Address—Jaroy Weber, Lubbock, Texas
- 11:00 Congregational Singing—William J. Reynolds
- 11:05 Executive Committee Report (First Section)—Porter Routh, Nashville, Tennessee
- 11:45 Miscellaneous Business
- 12:10 Introduction of Resolutions
- 12:35 Benediction—Bruce M. Morgan, pastor, First Baptist Church, Griffin, Georgia

## Tuesday Afternoon, June 15

- 2:00 Music For Inspiration—"Freedom 76," First Baptist Church, Lubbock, Texas, Ron Lowry, minister of music
- 2:30 Congregational Singing—Allen R. Brown, Richmond, Virginia
- 2:35 "The Church and Biblical Authority"—James L. Sullivan, Nashville, Tennessee
- 2:55 Election of Officers
- 3:20 Address—Gerald R. Ford, President of the United States
- 3:50 Executive Committee Report (Final Section)—Porter Routh, Nashville, Tennessee
- 4:00 "Looking To The Third Century With Confidence"—Ben C. Fisher, executive director, Education Commission, Nashville, Tennessee
- 4:15 Election of Officers
- 4:25 Miscellaneous Business  
Introduction of Resolutions
- 4:45 Benediction—Joe Whitt, pastor, First Baptist Church, Aliceville, Alabama

## Tuesday Evening, June 15

- 6:30 Music For Inspiration—The Centurymen, Buryl Red, New York City, musical director
- 7:00 Congregational Singing—Ron Lowry, Lubbock, Texas
- 7:05 "Let The Church Stand Up In Today's World"—Bailey Smith, pastor, First Baptist Church, Dell City, Oklahoma
- 7:25 "Christ's Freedom Rings: Past, Present, Future"—Lynn E. May, executive secretary, Historical Commission, Nashville, Tennessee
- 7:45 Miscellaneous Business
- 8:10 Congregational Singing—Ron Lowry
- 8:15 Southern Baptist Seminaries
- 8:45 "Born To Serve": The Cooperative Program Forum—Conrad Johnston, chairman, Salem, Virginia
- 9:30 Benediction—Earl H. Wilson, pastor, City View Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tennessee

## Wednesday Morning, June 16

- 8:45 Music For Inspiration—"Cooperative Program" (Youth Choir) First Baptist Church, Sheridan, AR, Mrs. Delbert Taylor, director
- 9:15 Congregational Singing—Gary M. Horton, Alexandria, Virginia
- 9:20 "The Church In The Redemption Of The Family"—Alton McEachern, pastor, First Baptist Church, Greensboro, North Carolina
- 9:40 Election of Officers
- 9:50 Committee on Resolutions (First Report)
- 10:20 Committee on Committees Report  
Committee on Boards Report
- 10:30 Report of Committee to Study the SBC  
Executive Committee—C. R. Daley, Middletown, Kentucky, chairman
- 11:00 Congregational Singing—Gary M. Horton
- 11:05 Special Music—James R. Davis, Tulsa, Oklahoma
- 11:10 Convention Sermon—Warren Hultgren, pastor, First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma  
Alternate: Charles G. Fuller, pastor, First Baptist Church, Roanoke, Virginia
- 11:40 Miscellaneous Business  
(Consideration of constitutional changes and other matters)  
Election of Officers
- 12:30 Benediction—Dan Rainbolt, pastor, Susquehanna Baptist Church, Independence, Missouri

(No Afternoon Session)

## Wednesday Evening, June 16

- 6:30 Music For Inspiration—Tidewater Area Baptist Choir, Jerry P. Huling, Norfolk, Virginia, director
- 7:00 Congregational Singing—Clinton Nichols, New Orleans, Louisiana
- 7:05 "The Church And Religious Liberty"—Charles G. Fuller, pastor, First Baptist Church, Roanoke, Virginia
- 7:25 Recognition Of Past Presidents
- 7:35 "Applying The Gospel"—Foy Valentine, executive secretary, Christian Life Commission, Nashville, Tennessee
- 7:45 "Publish And Conceal Not"—Committee on State Baptist Papers, H. Franklin Paschall, Nashville, Tennessee, chairman
- 7:55 Missions Challenge Committee Report—Warren Hultgren, Tulsa, Oklahoma, chairman
- 8:40 Congregational Singing—Clinton Nichols
- 8:45 "Total Mission Thrust, Now!"—Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia
- 9:30 Benediction—Morris Chapman, pastor, First Baptist Church, Albuquerque, New Mexico

## Thursday Morning, June 17

- 8:45 Music For Inspiration—"Jubilate," University Baptist Church, Charlottesville, Virginia, Carl Beard, minister of music
- 9:15 Congregational Singing—Paul Bobbitt, Jacksonville, Florida
- 9:20 "The Church And National Righteousness"—Foy Valentine, executive secretary, Christian Life Commission, Nashville, Tennessee
- 9:40 Sunday School Board—Grady C. Cothen, president, Nashville, Tennessee
- 10:10 Committee on Resolutions (Final Report)
- 10:30 Baptist World Alliance—Robert Denny, executive director, Washington, D.C.
- 10:40 Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs—James Woods, executive director, Washington, D.C.
- 10:50 Southern Baptist Foundation—Kendall Berry, executive secretary, Nashville, Tennessee

- 11:00 Miscellaneous Business
- 11:15 Congregational Singing—Paul Bobbitt
- 11:20 "Magnificent Obsession"—Harold A. Carter, pastor, New Shiloh Baptist Church, Baltimore, Maryland
- 12:00 Benediction—Charles Jolly, pastor, Madison Baptist Church, Madison, New Jersey

## Thursday Afternoon, June 17

- 1:30 Music For Inspiration—Evangelistic Singers
- 2:30 Congregational Singing—Lowell Leistner, Orlando, Florida
- 2:35 "The Church And A Clean America"—H. Edwin Young, pastor, First Baptist Church, Columbia, South Carolina
- 2:55 Annuity Board—Darold H. Morgan, president, Dallas, Texas
- 3:15 American Bible Society
- 3:20 Radio-TV Commission Report—Paul M. Stevens, president, Fort Worth, Texas
- 3:35 Stewardship Commission—A. R. Fagan, executive director, Nashville, Tennessee
- 3:45 Denominational Calendar
- 3:50 Commission on American Baptist Theological Seminary
- 3:55 Congregational Singing—Lowell Leistner
- 4:00 Special Music—Debbie and Otis Stroup, Glen Burnie, Maryland
- 4:05 "Let The Church Stand Up With A Clear Voice To Its Youth"—Chester E. Swor, Jackson, Mississippi
- 4:40 Benediction—Laverne Inzer, missionary, Carlin, Nevada

## Thursday Evening, June 17

- 6:30 "Stearns & Co." Historical Musical drama by Hyde Park Baptist Church, Austin, Texas, Joe Carrell, director
- 7:30 Congregational Singing—William J. Reynolds, Nashville, Tennessee
- 7:35 "The Church And Personal Integrity"—Walter P. Shurden, professor, church history, Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tennessee
- 7:55 "Teach Missions: To Know, To Grow"—Carolyn Weatherford, executive director, Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham, Alabama
- 8:10 Congregational Singing—William J. Reynolds
- 8:15 "Men And Boys In Missions"—Glendon McCullough, executive director, Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, Tennessee
- 8:30 Congregational Singing—William J. Reynolds  
Presentation of Officers
- 8:40 Home Mission Board—Arthur Rutledge, executive director, Atlanta, Georgia
- 9:30 "And The March Goes On"—Carl E. Bates, pastor, First Baptist Church, Charlotte, North Carolina
- 10:00 Ringing of The Liberty Bell  
Passing of President's Gavel
- 10:15 Benediction—New President, Southern Baptist Convention

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# Ready For The Lord's Return

By Roy A. Helton

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**Basic Passage: Matthew 24**

**Focal Passage: Matthew 24:36-51**

The Lord's return is an important teaching in the New Testament. Matthew 24 and 25 forms the most extensive discussion of the subject in the New Testament. Unfortunately the discussion is intertwined with a discussion of the fall of Jerusalem in A.D. 70. It is difficult, if not impossible, to outline the passage in such a way as to distinguish between Jesus' discussion of Jerusalem, and his discussion of his return and the end of the age. This attempt will consider 24:1-25 as dealing primarily with the fall of Jerusalem, and 24:26-51 as referring to Jesus' return and the end of the age.

## Jesus' Answer About the Fall of Jerusalem 24:1-25

The Jews took great pride in the temple which Herod the Great had built for them. It was indeed a magnificent edifice and they could justly be proud of it. When Jesus responded to their praise of the building by announcing that it would be totally destroyed, the disciples were shocked. Not until they had reached the solitude of the Mount of Olives did they recover enough to ask him questions. The disciples, and Jewish people in general, associated violence and turbulence with the end of the age. Putting these two events together they asked, "Tell us, when will these things be and what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?" (v. 3). It appears that Jesus answered the question about "these things" (the fall of the temple) first. In his answer he warned the disciples about trusting false messiahs (deliverers) in any crisis (vv. 4-8). Notice that Jesus does not say that when war follows war and nation rises against nation that the end is near. He says, "the end is not yet." Jesus then warned of the danger of defection in the face of persecution (vv. 9-14). This warning is equally applicable to the crisis of the fall of Jerusalem, or of the end of the age. The early Christians did endure persecution, many did defect in their faith, but there were those who did endure and prove their salvation by their continued witness to Jesus.

After this warning and encouragement, Jesus made a clear announcement of the destruction of Jerusalem (vv. 15-25). The "abomination of desolation" (v. 15) is a term applied by the Jews first of all to Antiochus (IV), King of Syria, who set up the statue of Zeus in the Jewish temple

in 168 B.C. The term was often reinterpreted in succeeding years to apply to any similar act of desecration of the temple such as that of the Roman general, Pompey, in 63 B.C. and to Caligula (Emperor of Rome, 37-41 A.D.) who sought to set up his image in the temple. It is probable that Matthew applies it to Titus, the Roman conqueror of Jerusalem. In any event the verses which follow do not describe the return of Christ, but describe circumstances surrounding the fall of Jerusalem. If it be interpreted to mean the return of Christ, what difference does it make whether one flees to the mountain or stays where he is (v. 16)? What difference does it make whether one goes to get his coat? Whether a woman is pregnant (v. 19), whether it occurs on a Sabbath (v. 20)? This section describes well the conditions surrounding the destruction of Jerusalem. Matthew remarks that unless the days had been shortened, no flesh would have been saved (v. 22).

## Signs of Jesus' Coming Are Universal 24:26-35

Signs surrounding the coming of Christ and the end of the age will be universal in nature and no one will have a monopoly on seeing and interpreting them (v. 27). They will be as public as lightning. When Jesus comes there will be no mistaking him. No one needs hidden knowledge to recognize the full advent of the kingdom of God. The signs will be moral and spiritual in nature.

## Proper Preparation For His Coming 24:36-51

It is difficult to reach any other conclusion than that Matthew reflects the thinking of his day (v. 34) in concluding that Christ's coming would occur relatively soon. It appears that Jesus did not share that thinking (v. 36), but left the whole matter of the calendar of events in the hands of his Father. This is not to turn to negativism. It is to give the positive approach to life. It is to cause us to rest in faith that God knows beyond the half wisdom of the good man, and the wild schemings of the curious and the evil. We must respect our human ignorance and become aware that we cannot predict one day what will take place the next in the most important happenings in human existence. It is by the mercy

of God that we do not know what tomorrow will bring. Life is so constituted that we must live by venture. We would lose the zest of living, and be robbed of the courage that comes through faith if we could see the road ahead.

Since we cannot see the future, Jesus warns us to be ready for his presence (parousia) at all times (v. 42). He uses the story of Noah and the flood as an illustration from history (vv. 37-39).

## Watch Therefore

Matthew (24:42-44) points out the necessity of constant vigilance in this brief parable. A man must live with open eyes. It is easy to miss God's script on earth or in the sky. We can be so intent on making a living that we forget to make a life. We must look for more than trains at the "Stop, Look, and Listen" signs at life's crossings. Matthew closes this section with what could be called the parable of Good and Bad Servants (vv. 45-51). Notice that the good servant is one who is faithful (aware of the commitment to responsibility he has made), wise (second in judgment and foresight), ready (not beguiled by the delay of his master, but alert for his return). The bad servant is just the opposite, and because of his deficiency in these qualities he becomes embroiled with those under his care and fails to carry out his commitment to his master. The man who assumes that Christ is "gone for good" and simply follows his own will finds himself with nothing more to do in the end than grind his teeth in agony.

## Children's Worship Leaders To Attend Conference

Two state Sunday School leaders and two members of the Baptist Sunday School Board will lead in a conference for workers with children's worship hours, April 12-13 at Arlington Church, Knoxville.

Al Brewer and Leon Castle, both children's work consultants at the Board, will join Ray Evette and Wendell Price, TBC, to discuss children's philosophy of worship, worship demonstrations, children and conversion, age group sessions, and use of music and the Bible in worship.

Individual conferences for Bible Learners, Bible Discoverers, and Bible Searchers will be offered to teachers meeting special needs of bus children.

The sessions will begin at 7 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday nights and conclude at 9:30. Consultants will be available for instruction on individual basis, if requested by the churches.

According to Price, pre-registration is requested to be made through the state Sunday School Dept.

# Churches and Leadership . . .

## Coming Events

### CHURCHES . . .

House of Prayer Church, Columbia, held groundbreaking ceremonies for a new sanctuary. The structure, which will be 32' x 60', will seat 200. **Paul Stewart**, Columbia, is the contractor. Cost of construction is estimated at \$20,000. **J. B. Sisk** is pastor.

Members of Pond Hill Church, Athens, announced that their pastor, **Virgil Turbyfill**, has moved onto the church field and will become pastor full time.

Short Creek Church, Athens, has started construction on 10 Sunday School rooms, a fellowship hall, library, pastor's study, baptistry, and choir loft. The building will be carpeted throughout. **Glenn Crabtree** is pastor.

Willingham Memorial Church, Beulah Association, voted to support missions by giving five percent to the Cooperative Program and one percent to associational missions. These percentages represent a 100 percent increase for the church in mission giving. **James Lumpkin** is pastor.

Mt. Carmel Church, Christiana, has started Sunday night services. **Frank Mes-sick** is pastor.

Patterson Church, Rockvale, has completed construction on a new fellowship hall. **Harry Grogan** is pastor.

Recent action was taken by the membership of Westside Church, Dyersburg, to change the name of the church to Victory Baptist Church. **T. R. Wilson** is pastor.

The Roan Park Baptist Mission, Watauga Association, was constituted into a Southern Baptist church on Sunday, March 7. Originally a mission of Little Mountain Church, the mission has grown from six charter members to present figures of 48 in Sunday School, 36 in Church Training, and 25 attending Wednesday night services. The mission constructed a building in 1970 at a cost of \$24,000. **Billy Harrell** was called officially as pastor of the mission in June 1975. In addition to the regular services, the church sponsors a resort ministry during the summer months at Roan Mountain State Park. The congregation is giving 10 percent of its offering to the Cooperative Program and three percent to association missions. **Leslie Baumgartner**, director, Missions Dept., TBC, gave the organizational message at the constitution.

### LEADERSHIP . . .

Central View Church, Knoxville, called **David Murrill** as pastor.

**Roy Hamock** is the new pastor at Mount Harmony Church, Heiskell.

**Mrs. S. E. Trentham**, nursery coordinator and director of the day nursery at Maryville First Church for the past 17 years, resigned this month. She and her husband will be moving to Jackson. **J. William Harbin** is pastor at Maryville.

**Lloyd Denham** is the new pastor at New Blackwell Church, Grainger County Association. He is a graduate of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Calvary Church, Mooresburg, called **Frankie Oler** as pastor. He has been serving the church as interim pastor.

**Gene Bowlin** accepted the call to serve as pastor of Noeton Church, Bean Station.

Oak Grove Church, Washburn, called **Ernest Coffman** as pastor. He was ordained by Avondale Church in Grainger County Association.

**David Murrell** was called as pastor of Village Church, Maryville. The church also ordained him.

**James Shutt**, pastor at Hillcrest Church since 1969, has resigned to accept the call of Flintville Church. He is already on the new field.

**Roy Gilley** has accepted the call of Chandler Church, Mt. Juliet. He is a teacher in the Madison area, and served Chandler as pastor several years ago.

**Jerry Randol** has begun his ministry as pastor at Cedar Creek Church, Lebanon. He came to the position from Poplar Grove Church in Stone Association.

The new pastor at Fairview Church, Lebanon, is **Larry Bullard**. He comes from First Church, Lexington, Ala., and attended Athens College and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

**Ernest Jones** resigned as pastor at La-Guardo Church in Lebanon and will be residing in Joelton. He has served as pastor there since March 1970.

April 1-2—Library Convention, West Jackson Church, Jackson.

April 2-4—State Student Spring Conference, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

April 2-4—Baptist Business/Career Women Conference, Pigeon Forge.

April 4—Committee on Committees, Executive Board Building, Tennessee Baptist Convention, Brentwood.

April 9-10—State Junior High Music Festivals, Fairfield Glade.

April 9-10—State Junior High Music Festivals, Paris Landing State Park.

April 11—Cooperative Program Day.

April 12-13—Children's Worship Conferences, Arlington Baptist Church, Knoxville.

April 15-17—Acteens Summit Meeting, Pigeon Forge.

April 16-17—RA Congress, East Ridge Baptist Church, Chattanooga.

April 19-23—Baptist Doctrine Week.

April 23-25—Acteens Summit Meeting, Union University, Jackson.

April 30-May 2—Christian Career Conference, Camp Linden.

### Union University To Hold Bicentennial Celebration Day

Union University will hold a Bicentennial Celebration Day, April 2, which will feature patriotic music, flag raising ceremony and an address by U.S. Congressman Ed Jones.

The celebration will begin at 10 a.m. in the G. M. Savage Memorial Chapel with the flag raising activities to be held outside the chapel at 11 a.m.

Union, recognized earlier as an official bicentennial campus by the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration, will receive the appropriate plaque and certificates for this honor during the ceremonies. In addition, a flag flown recently over the U.S. Capitol will be presented by Congressman Jones and be raised by city and county officials.

The Union University music department will present instrumental and vocal musical arrangements focusing upon the bicentennial theme.

Other program personalities include several political, religious and civic leaders as well as faculty members, trustees and representatives of the student government association.

# Kaleidoscope '76 Set For Baptist Young Women

**VIRGINIA BEACH, Va.**—The first national gathering of Baptist Young Women (BYW), which meets at the Virginia Beach Convention Center here, June 11-13, will offer a kaleidoscopic view of options for young women to be involved in missions.

The meeting, called Kaleidoscope '76, will actually continue through June 14, merging with the national annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union (WMU), auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC), which meets June 13-14 in the Scope Convention Center, Norfolk. BYW's will be transported by bus to the WMU sessions.

Both meetings precede the annual sessions of the SBC, June 15-17, in the Scope Convention Center.

WMU is sponsoring Kaleidoscope for Baptist Young Women, ages 18-29, to appeal to college students, young homemakers, young career women and those who combine these roles, according to Jane Hix, BYW consultant at the WMU national office, Birmingham.

Miss Hix, who suggested that pastors' wives in the 18-29 age bracket might attend Kaleidoscope as part of the travels to the SBC meeting, said BYW's should pre-register by sending a \$5.00 fee to the WMU office in Birmingham.

Each session will begin with a theme interpretation designed by two BYW members, Judy Abercrombie of Irving, Tex., and Janis Pulis of Dallas, both members of Cliff Temple Baptist Church.

A major address or panel presentation in each segment of the program will be followed by small discussion groups with trained leaders. Every participant will have a chance to respond with ideas on how young women today can express their missions concern.

On Friday evening, C. Anne Davis, assistant professor of social work education at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., will speak on "The Inward Turn."

Saturday morning's first major presentation is trilogy on "Views that are Unique" between Carolyn Weatherford, executive director of Woman's Missionary Union; Beverly Hammack, assistant director of Christian social ministries department of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta; and Vickey Brasington, who served as a missionary in South America and now lives in Richmond, Va., where her husband is secretary for Western South America at the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

A second presentation Saturday morning will be a panel discussion, "Adding Color and Love," featuring Ann Daniel, maternity

services director, Sellers Home, New Orleans, and Jack and Phyllis Merritt, home missionaries in Albuquerque, N.Mex.

Families are invited to join the BYW's in a Virginia coast style fish fry in Red Wing Park Saturday afternoon.

"Fabric of Freedom," Bicentennial musical drama of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, will be performed Saturday at 8:00 p.m., in a session open to the public. Lyrics and direction are by Ed Seabough and music by Bill Cates, both of the Home Mission Board staff.

On Sunday morning, Keith Parks, director of the mission support division of the Foreign Mission Board, and Wendell Belew, director of the missions division of the Home Mission Board, will present a symposium of missions service opportunities entitled "The Outward Turn."

Mrs. A. Harrison Gregory of Danville, Va., president of Woman's Missionary Union, will deliver the closing address, "I Draw Courage for My Own," assisted by Ms. Abercrombie.

Music director for the BYW meeting will be Betsy Orr Price, a BYW in Abilene, Tex., who formerly sang with Spring Street Singers. Pianist will be Mrs. Jasper Morris, Norfolk.

BYW's will be featured in the WMU annual meeting sessions which follow Sunday afternoon through Monday evening. (BP)

## Southern Baptists Lead Contributors To The ABS

**NEW YORK**—For the 12th consecutive year, the Southern Baptist Convention has led the list of more than 75 denominations which contribute annually to the work of the American Bible Society (ABS).

Gifts received from Southern Baptist churches totaled \$238,554.11 in 1975, accounting for 16 percent of the total \$1,453,920 received from churches in the last year. Missouri Synod Lutherans ranked second with \$161,401, and United Methodists third, with \$132,592. No other group gave \$100,000 or more.

Over \$200,000 of the amount received from Southern Baptists came from local churches who included ABS in their budgets or took up special offerings on Bible Sunday.

Total Southern Baptist support in 1975, however, dropped from the all-time record Southern Baptists set in 1974, when their contributions totaled \$254,803.

Southern Baptist gifts helped finance Bible Society translation, publication, and distribution both in the United States and in 150 countries and territories abroad. Millions of ABS Scriptures were channeled into Baptist foreign mission work and Baptist work in the United States.

Of the more than 8.5 million customized Scriptures ABS published for denominations in 1975, 2,259,000 were produced for Southern Baptist churches and agencies. In recent years ABS has published special Scripture editions for use by Southern Baptists in the January Bible Study.

## Rooms For Norfolk SBC Going "At Rapid Pace"

**NORFOLK**—The housing bureau for the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) annual meeting here in June said room reservations "are being made at a rapid pace," according to Paul Mims, Norfolk pastor and member of the SBC local arrangements committee.

"Of the 6373 rooms available," Mims said "5628 have already been booked," as of March 2, although housing bureau spokesman said they are continuing efforts to increase the total number of rooms.

"Those who have made reservations are advised to send payment of one night's lodging to the hotel from which they have received a confirmation," Mims said. "The reason for this is that this is a resort area and the rooms will be at a premium in the summer."

He said bus transportation "will be provided at a nominal cost from all of the hotels each hour to the Norfolk Scope Convention Center. The travel time from Virginia Beach to downtown Norfolk is ap-

proximately 30 minutes."

Besides hotels, Mims said 22 condominium apartments, with one to three rooms are available at a price of \$35 to \$60 per night, with a minimum of five nights.

He said several ocean front houses, with two to six bedrooms, are available and rent from \$200 to \$625 per week and that several campgrounds are available for those who will bring campers.

"Although Williamsburg, Va., is 45 miles away from Norfolk, some may want to stay in this historic city," Mims said. "The housing bureau has some 250 rooms there which can be held until April 1."

"In the evenings," he said, "convention proceedings will be transmitted by closed circuit television to the Virginia Beach Convention Center where a large screen will be erected. Persons staying in Virginia Beach who do not want to return to the Scope Convention Center for the evening session may go to the Virginia Beach Dome, which is close to the resort hotels." (BP)

# July 1978 Dates Set For Baptist Youth Conference

**HONG KONG**—The ninth Baptist Youth World Conference will meet July 19-23, 1978, in Hong Kong.

Robert S. Denny, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance (BWA), made the announcement of dates after what he termed "positive, cooperative, and enthusiastic" meetings in January here with representatives of the Baptist Convention of Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Tourist Association, and the Hong Kong Hotel Association.

He said that the expected 5000 conference participants can be accommodated in a variety of housing, ranging from hotels to dormitories and private homes.

Betty L. Smith, BWA conference coordinator, said that the conference program will feature small group discussions in the mornings, educational and sightseeing opportunities in the afternoons, and a mass meeting in Hong Kong Stadium in the evenings. The stadium has a capacity of 28,451, with covered seating for 6003.

The announcement of Hong Kong arrangements followed planning both in Hong Kong and at a November meeting of the

Executive Committee of the BWA World Youth Committee. Bruce A. Rich of Forest Park, Illinois USA, is the committee member serving as general program chairman for the youth conference. He is general director of the church ministries department, North American Baptist General Conference.

Preliminary program plans have been sent to committee members throughout the world for reaction. Another meeting of the Executive Committee is set for March 19-20.

Baptists in Hong Kong have elected Daniel C. W. Tse, president of Hong Kong Baptist College, as chairman of the local arrangements committee. Steering committee members include Norman B. Cheung, head of an accounting and auditing firm; Leung Tak-Sun, pastor of Tai Po Baptist Church; Yeung Sek-Kwong, an automobile firm executive; and Chung Yan-Kwong, executive secretary of the Baptist Convention of Hong Kong.

Denny said that Hong Kong is an excellent place for the international youth conference for several reasons.

"Many people think the next forward

surge of Christianity is likely to come from Asia, the home of the second largest group of Baptists in the world," Denny said. BWA statistics list 1,404,399 Baptists in Asia and Oceania.

"Baptists of Hong Kong are well known through their churches, schools, and hospitals," Denny said. David Y. K. Wong, an architectural engineer of Hong Kong, is president of the Baptist World Alliance.

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# Foreign Board Appoints 7; Allots \$320,000 For Relief

**RICHMOND**—The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board appointed seven missionaries in its March meeting here and responded again to relief needs around the world with relief appropriations totaling \$320,000.

Of the relief funds, \$297,000 will go to Guatemala for reconstruction efforts following February's earthquake; \$10,000 will be used in Christian social ministries for the people of Honduras; \$10,000 for special projects in refugee work in Thailand; and \$3000 to meet various human needs in Hong Kong.

The board also heard a report from its executive secretary, Baker J. Cauthen, who commended Southern Baptists for their support of the work of their missionaries overseas.

Cauthen expressed appreciation for reports from Nashville of a 14.77 percent increase in receipts through the Southern Baptist Convention's national Cooperative Program unified budget from October through February over the same period last year.

Reminding those present that the books on the denomination's 1975 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions would remain open through April, Cauthen said he was encouraged by the \$20,358,878 collected so far. This amount is "well ahead" of the receipts collected at the same point last year, he said.

Cauthen also expressed gratitude for the continuing response of Baptists to relief of human suffering around the world. He cited Guatemala as an example. In two months, the board has appropriated \$397,000 for that Central American nation.

Of the \$297,000 March appropriation to Guatemala, \$176,000 will help rebuild Baptist churches and pastors' homes, \$100,000 will help 200 other Guatemalan families reconstruct their homes, \$15,000 will rebuild a public health clinic, \$5000 will repair Guatemala City's Baptist Seminary and \$1000 will repair the damage to the Baptist Bookstore.

The board approved an additional \$7000 from regular Foreign Mission Board funds for special evangelism projects in Guatemala which will parallel Baptist reconstruction efforts there.

Seven missionaries were appointed to serve in four countries. Southern Baptists now have more than 2600 missionaries in 82 countries.

Appointed as career missionaries were Mr. and Mrs. Rodney E. (Rod) Batie from Colorado and Texas, assigned to Ivory Coast; Mr. and Mrs. Danny L. Broskie, Virginia, to Costa Rica; and Mr. and Mrs. James M. (Jim) Richardson, Virginia and Missouri, to East Africa.

Employed as a missionary associate was Jean (Mrs. Grover Forrest) Teague from North Carolina, assigned to Jordan.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Estes, former Southern Baptist missionaries to Switzerland who resigned in 1965, were reappointed to Spain.

A medical receptorship, and arrangement in which the board provides short-term overseas opportunities for qualified medical students, was awarded to Susan Cox, a student at the Bowman Gray School of Medicine, Winston-Salem, N.C. (BP)

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- 1 "angel — in the midst" (Rev. 14)
- 2 It shall be green (Jer. 17:8)
- 3 English title
- 4 High priest (Acts 4:6)
- 5 It cost a great sum (Acts 22:28)
- 6 Edible root
- 7 Threshing debris
- 8 "by faith, not —" (2 Cor. 5)
- 9 Lion sound
- 10 Migrant worker
- 11 Unite
- 19 Deface
- 20 "is — for the kingdom (Luke 9)
- 23 Station: abbr.
- 24 Girl of song
- 25 Swiss river
- 27 Cousin: by shortening
- 29 Unrefined metal
- 30 "and — greedily after the error" (Jude)
- 31 North polar distance: abbr.
- 33 Abstain
- 35 "For in this —" (2 Cor. 5:2)
- 38 Judah's firstborn (Gen. 38:7; poss.)
- 40 City (Gen. 36:39)
- 43 For the camels (Gen. 24:32)
- 45 Girl of Song
- 46 Temple
- 47 In toward
- 48 It rained from heaven (Luke 17:29)
- 49 Biblical weed
- 50 Twice in 1 John 1:9
- 51 Container
- 54 Angeles or Alamos

#### ACROSS

- 1 "is come out to seek a —" (1 Sam. 26)
- 5 Federal agency: abbr.
- 8 Part of the hill (Luke 4:29)
- 12 Deficient
- 13 Stadium cheer
- 14 It was made heavy (2 Chron. 10:14)
- 15 "received the linen —" (1 Ki. 10)
- 16 Baseball abbr.
- 17 Aforementioned
- 18 "and his ministers a — —" (Heb. 1)
- 21 Deplorable
- 22 Fruit
- 23 Health resort
- 26 Fabulous bird
- 28 "a — in the flesh" (2 Cor. 12)
- 32 Spree
- 34 Derisive grimace
- 36 Snare
- 37 "and these three — in one" (1 John 5)
- 39 O. T. book: abbr.
- 41 Remnant
- 42 Religious titles: abbr.
- 44 Hebrew tribe
- 46 "Christ the —" (1 Cor. 15)
- 51 First miracle site (John 2:11)
- 52 Spanish river
- 53 Catch
- 55 Against
- 56 Macaw
- 57 European river
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# Seminary Dean To Speak At Family Enrichment Meet

John Howell, dean of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., will deliver two major addresses to attendants at the Tennessee State Conference for Family Enrichment, May 31-June 1 at Judson Church in Nashville.

The sessions will begin at 7 p.m. on Monday and conclude after the evening session on Tuesday. The conference, sponsored by the Church Training Dept., Tennessee Baptist Convention, is for every member of a family.

Studies will be offered in various subject areas with participants to choose one in which to participate. Study leaders scheduled include Joe Hinkle, Linda Lawson, Don Mattingly, Richard Waggener, and Fred Heifner, all from the Baptist Sunday School Board; Mrs. Robert Parris, Nashville, and Mrs. Jesse Meek, retired, Sunday School Dept., TBC.

Additionally, workshops will be held with participants to choose one in which to participate. Leaders will include Waggener; Bill Mays, chaplain, Baptist Hospital in Nashville; Hinkle; Mrs. Wendell Price, Nashville; and Mike Dawson, pastor, Dalewood Church, Nashville.

Studies to be offered include: Dynamics of Family Happiness; Life as a Single

Adult; Discipline in the Christian Home; Days of Daze; Thuds and Thrills; My Family; People Who Help My Family; and Having Fun at Home.

Workshop courses will include: Developing Family Care and Counseling Skills; Marriage Enrichment Experiences for Couples; Christian Sex Education for Parents; and Ministering to Parents Without Partners.

## SBC Evangelists Set Norfolk Meet

**NORFOLK**—The Conference of Southern Baptists Evangelists will meet here 1 p.m.-4 p.m., Wednesday, June 16, between sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) annual meeting.

The annual program, in Chrysler Hall of the Scope Convention Center will feature addresses by evangelists Manley Beasley of San Antonio, Tex.; Dudley Hall of Fort Worth, Tex.; and Jerry Spencer of Memphis, Tenn., and by Oscar Thompson, assistant professor of evangelism at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. (BP)

## Study Of Church Vocations Offered To Students

High school students in East Tennessee will have an opportunity to attend a church vocations conference at Carson-Newman College, April 9-10, according to Donald Mitchell, director of church relations and extension for the college.

The sessions will include Friday night entertainment and group devotions and Saturday sessions on topics of interest.

Program participants include college faculty from the religion, philosophy, psychology, and speech departments. Additionally, Alice Magill, Baptist Sunday School Board, and Calvin Metcalf, pastor, Fountain City Central Church, will speak.

Registration will begin on Friday, April 9, at 3 p.m. Interested parties should contact Mitchell at the college.

## \$4 Million Kickoff Campaign Dinner Held At Belmont

Some 200 Baptist pastors and directors of associational missions in Middle Tennessee were guests of Belmont College, Nashville, March 16, for a fund-raising kickoff dinner.

The goal for the campaign is \$4 million. Nashville Association's goal is \$1,225,000 with the other associations having a goal of \$1,225,000. The balance of the goal expected to come from special gifts, foundations, corporations, and individuals. The money received from this campaign is to be used to erect a student center at Belmont, and to retire indebtedness incurred to replace the facilities destroyed by fire Dec. 30, 1972.

Gaye L. McGlothlen, retired pastor of Nashville's Immanuel Church, Harold Gregory, retired director of associational missions for the Nashville Baptist Association, and steering committees in 25 Middle Tennessee Baptist Associations are directing the campaign efforts. McGlothlen is serving as church campaign division chairman.

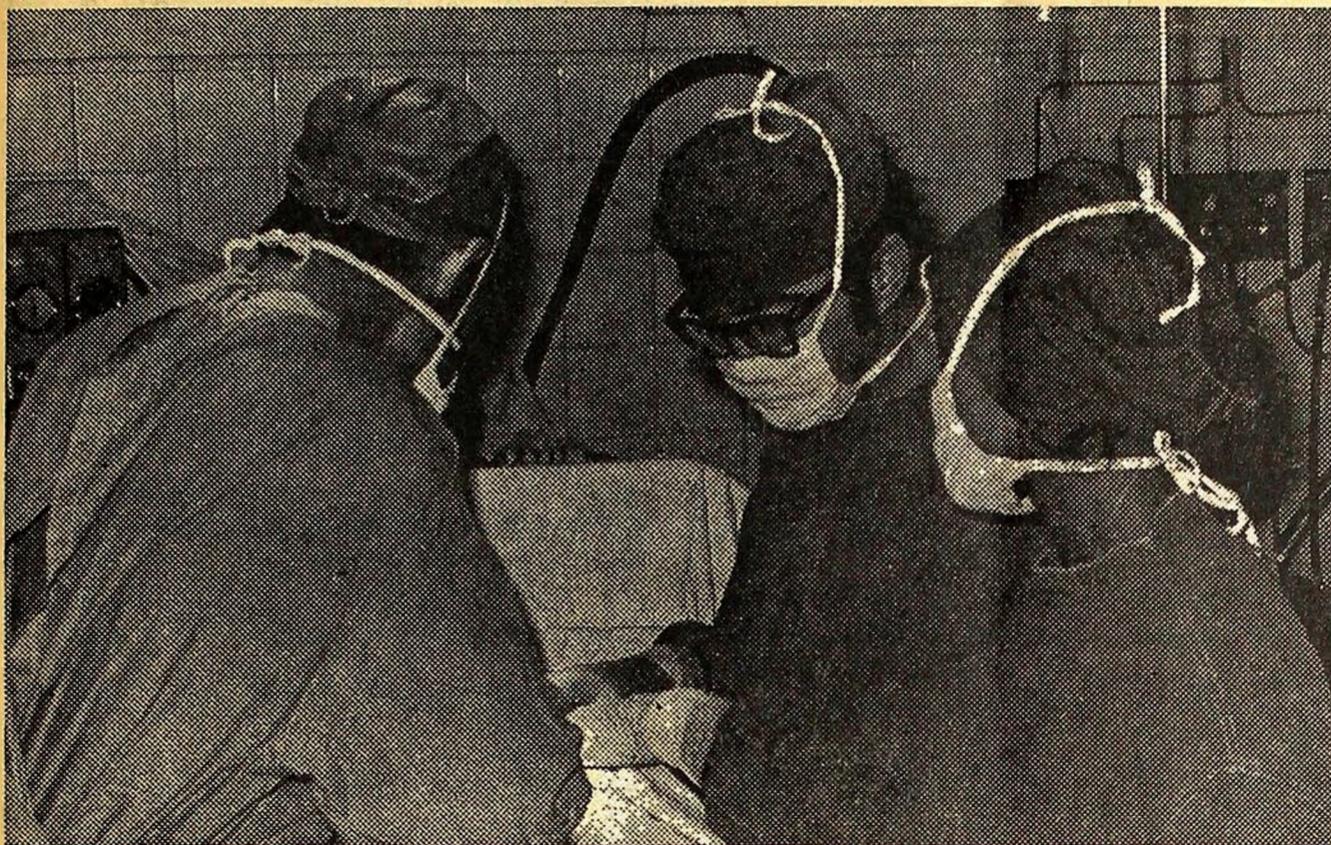
Members of the Nashville Baptist Association steering committee include: Mike Dawson, pastor, Dalewood Church, Nashville; Norris Hite, pastor, First Church, Old Hickory; Bob Johnson, pastor, Saturn Drive Church, Nashville; Raymond Langlois, pastor, Judson Church, Nashville; John Langlois, pastor, Harpeth Heights Church, Nashville; Ray McCall, pastor, Glenwood Church, Nashville; Don McCoy, pastor, First Church, Dickson; Bob Norman, pastor, Belmont Heights Church, Nashville; David Renaker, pastor, Riverside Church, Nashville; Bill Sherman, pastor, Woodmont Church, Nashville; Bill Wilson, pastor, Brentwood Church, Brentwood; and Robert Woody, pastor, Bluegrass Church, Hendersonville.



(Southern Seminary photo)

J. William Harbin (left), pastor of First Church, Maryville, and Bill Sherman, pastor of Woodmont Church, Nashville, were among 25 Doctor of Ministry supervisors who recently met at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., to prepare for their work with D.Min. students in this area. Field Supervisors are chosen on the basis of acquired professional competence in their areas of ministry. Willis Bennett (right), director of advanced professional studies for Southern Seminary, led the recent conference.

# American Surgeon Operates In Thai Mission Hospital



(FMB Photo) by Maxine Stewart

**AMERICAN DOCTOR DONATES SERVICES IN THAILAND:** Dr. Dan Merck (center) operates on a Thai patient at the Baptist Mission Hospital during his two-week stay in Bangkok, Thailand. He not only performed six to seven operations daily, but also worked in the outpatient clinic and made hospital rounds each morning, according to Southern Baptist Missionary Maxine (Mrs. Robert R.) Stewart. Dr. Merck is the chief of General Surgery at Baptist Medical Center of Princeton Hospital, Birmingham, Ala.

**BANGKLA, Thailand**—"You do not start to live or really know what happiness is all about until you begin to give of yourself," said Dr. Dan Merck, chief of General Surgery at Baptist Medical Center of Princeton Hospital, Birmingham, Ala., during his recent visit here.

That is what he has done on two different occasions as he has given of his time and talents to patients at the Baptist Mission Hospital in Bangkok, Thailand, according to Maxine (Mrs. Robert R.) Stewart, Southern Baptist missionary to Thailand.

"Dr. Merck has made a real impact here with his ability, his love for the Lord, and his love and concern for people," Mrs. Stewart reports.

The last time he came, he arrived on Sunday afternoon and that night assisted Dr. John Tatom, a Southern Baptist surgical missionary, in operating on a Thai farmer who had been gored by four water buffaloes. He worked until after midnight that night and several other nights during his two-week stay.

He performed an average of six to seven operations daily, made hospital rounds each morning, and worked in the outpatient clinic. His services allowed Dr. Tatom and two Thai doctors to have some vacation time.

Dr. Merck worked at the hospital for

three weeks in 1974. Bobby Stewart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Stewart, served as his translator. Stewart gave Dr. Merck a refresher course in the Thai vocabulary before he came back this year. His efforts to learn the language and to relate to the Thai staff paid off, according to Mrs. Stewart. He was able to function in the

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operating room with little or no assistance from missionary interpreters.

In addition to being chief of surgery, Dr. Merck is director of Medical Education and a clinical associate professor in the University of Alabama School of Medicine, Department of Surgery. He is also medical consultant for the State of Alabama Vocational Rehabilitation Services and acts as medical advisor for the Social Security Disability Unit.

He is involved in community affairs and in the Dawson Memorial Baptist Church in Birmingham.

According to his own philosophy, Dr. Merck must "really know what happiness is all about."

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# Meeting Christ In The Needs Of Persons

By Dr. W. R. White  
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Basic Passage: Matthew 25:31-46  
Focal Passage: Matthew 25:31-46

There is such a thing as meeting Christ and not knowing it. In regeneration, we know it. In prayer and Bible study, we usually know it. In service, we do not know every time. We can meet Christ on the sick bed or in prison; we can give Him drink and food without knowing it.

Christ identifies Himself with the needy of every kind but especially His needy brethren after the flesh and spirit.

All who meet human need do not touch Christ or minister to Him. They must do it for the glory of God, love and service to Christ.

In the great assize described in our scripture, the people were divided in nature like sheep from the goats. They were divided by choice—some were on the right side of Christ and some were on the left. They were divided in service—some ministered to others and some did not. At least they did not minister for the right motive.

## CHRIST IS THE REVEALING FOCUS OF SEPARATION—Matthew 25:31-32a

Christ shall sit on the throne of His glory when He comes again. All the nations shall be gathered before Him. In His presence will be revealed the status and record of all the nations. The focal concern will be their relationship to Him. This relationship may be direct through union with Him or may be indirect through our service to His brethren. This risen one will judge all men in righteousness.

## SEPARATED ACCORDING TO NATURE—Matthew 25:32b-33

Shepherds had a way of dividing the sheep from the goats or vice-versa. In other words, they were divided into separate flocks or herds.

There is a sense in which sheep have a characteristic nature different and more

desirable than that of goats. Occasionally, some of each group behave in a similar way, but there is a basic fundamental difference expressing itself ultimately in contrasting ways.

## SEPARATION IN REACTIONS— Matthew 25:34-46

According to James, if faith is the saving type it will reveal itself in compassion. The demons and unsaved people have another kind of faith. Saving faith is associated with repentance and a surrendering commitment. It shows its existence and genuineness by good works.

John emphasizes that we know that we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren. Also, we that are begotten of the Lord will love those who are also begotten of Him.

Our reaction to the needs of the least of Christ's brethren will reveal our true inner man—whether or not we are new creations in Christ Jesus.

Christ will not forget our unremembered acts of kindness even though we may forget.

If men choose an alternative to Christ in this life, then they will have the consequences of eternity without Him and His blessings. If we could have a choice of rejecting the sun, we should expect outer darkness as a result of making the choice of rejecting the sun.

On the other hand, if we choose Christ sincerely and wholeheartedly in this life, we will have eternal well-being in the world to come.

## C-N Fund Campaign Reaches Halfway Mark

The first phase of Carson-Newman College's 125th anniversary development fund campaign to raise over \$2 million has reached the halfway mark with \$1,036,000 in cash and pledges, according to general chairman Floyd C. Delaney.

The campaign began in May 1975. Trustees, faculty, administration, and campaign leaders have provided over \$425,000 in pledges and gifts.

## Bible Societies Publish New Chinese Translation

NEW YORK—The American Bible Society (ABS) has announced the publication by the United Bible Societies of a new translation of the New Testament in contemporary Mandarin Chinese—Today's Chinese Version.

Translation work on the Old Testament has already begun. Publication of the complete Bible in the Today's Chinese Version is expected by the end of the decade.

The new translation has been designed primarily for evangelism among non-Christian youth, ages 15-25. "It avoids as much as possible using a technical and ecclesiastical vocabulary comprehensible only to Christians and the theologically educated," an ABS spokesman said. "Instead Today's Chinese Version tries to express accurately the meaning of the original Greek in everyday Mandarin Chinese understandable to Chinese-speaking people throughout the world.

"Emphasis has also been placed upon a fluent oral style, since more people will hear the translation read aloud than will read it for themselves," he said. "It's already being broadcast by radio to Chinese communities throughout Asia, including mainland China. The new translation can be quickly transposed into the new simplified script used on the Chinese mainland should opportunities for distribution there suddenly open up."

Today's Chinese Version is the first new Chinese translation published by the Bible Societies since 1919, when they released the Union Version, the standard Biblical text used in Chinese Protestant churches. "It is not designed to replace the widely revered Union Version in church worship, but rather to assist evangelism among non-Christians," the spokesman said.

The new translation is based upon the same principles of common-language translation employed in "Good News for Modern Man," (the New Testament in the Today's English Version) which the American Bible Society published in 1966. The English "Good News for Modern Man" has been phenomenally popular. Its total circulation passed the 50,000,000 mark in late 1975.

Work on Today's Chinese Version began in September 1971. The translating team has consisted of several Chinese whose work was reviewed by other scholars, stylists, and 70 church leaders from many different denominations. (BP)

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# Family Living

By Dr. B. David Edens,  
Director, Marriage and Family Program  
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## Gifted Women See Earning As Fulfillment

Income-producing work tends to be the central satisfaction in the lives of gifted women, whether they have children or not. This was one of the findings of a unique 50-year follow-up of a group of 430 intellectually gifted teenagers invited to participate in a long-term study originated by Dr. Lewis Terman, creator of the IQ test.

The degree of contentment the gifted women found in family, childrearing, friendships, cultural stimulation and community service appeared to depend on the emotional richness of their own childhoods, Dr. Pauline Sears of Stanford Univ., who conducted the follow-up, reported.

"Those who were satisfied rated their own parents' marriage as happier than average, were close to their parents, were encouraged to be independent and had a high degree of self-confidence as children. I think this shows what a warm emotional climate in a home can mean to children when they grow up. Coming from such a background, they are more likely to find their own children satisfying."

The follow-up showed that the women who remained single or were divorced were far more likely to come from homes in which the parents' marriage was seen as less than happy, noted the Stanford psychologist. Nevertheless, the unmarried gifted women were found to have more fulfilling lives than those of unmarried, nongifted women. It is probable that intellect makes the difference, she suggested.

The gifted women, no matter what their educational level, tended to end up in jobs with more interest, challenge and responsibility than the routine, dead-end occupations that await non-gifted women.

Also, "it may well be that the coping mechanisms which enable the gifted woman to adapt flexibly to a variety of conditions, and in whatever condition to find good satisfactions, are related to the intelligence they bring to their life situations."

Among the 430 women, all in the upper

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## FROM THE FILES

### 50 YEARS AGO

T. W. Gayer, former secretary of stewardship for Tennessee, wrote reporting that Pineville Church in Pineville, LA, where he was pastor, had completed a house of worship. Dedication ceremonies were scheduled.

The WMS at Clarksville was celebrating its 44th anniversary, having been organized Mar. 7, 1882. From the minutes of the organizational meeting, it was noted that one of the little girls present at the first meeting became Mrs. Peay, the wife of the governor. Her mother had served as treasurer for years, and she served as treasurer prior to moving to Nashville with her husband.

### 20 YEARS AGO

Authorization was made for a 76-bed addition to Nashville's Baptist Hospital.

"Too many church members think the gospel is something to go to the church to hear, but fail to see it is something to go from the church to tell."

### 10 YEARS AGO

J. Norman Rummage died. He had served for nearly 50 years as a deacon at Trezevant First Church.

Cecile Smith retired from the Baptist Sunday School Board after more than 30 years of service. She was clerk for Nashville Baptist Association and active at First Church.

1% of the population intellectually and all now near retirement age, an impressive 67% had college degrees, compared with the 8% typical of the non-gifted population in this age group.

## Youth Choirs Possible In Russia, Baptist Reports

WASHINGTON—Two Russian Baptist visitors said here that increased church attendance by children and teenagers in the Soviet Union has made youth choirs possible.

"For the first time, we are able to have an all-Moscow youth choir," said Ilia Orlov during a visit to the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's annual Language Missions Leadership Conference here.

Orlov, a preacher and organist at the Moscow Baptist Church, is also assistant director of the international department of the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists, the Baptist body in the Soviet Union officially recognized by the government.

Visitors to the churches in the Soviet Union reportedly have seen an increasing number of young people in attendance in Soviet Baptist churches over the years. It has been illegal for children to join the church under the age of 18. But, according to observers, it apparently has not been illegal for children to attend, although there may have been pressure against attendance.

Orlov also noted that some 600,000 Russian Baptists added 6000 new converts last year—"1000 more than the previous year."

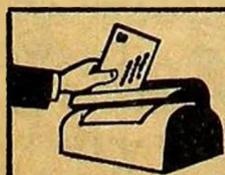
Another Russian, diplomat Oleg Yermishkin of the Soviet Embassy, said, "Even though I am an atheist and you are Christian, we can both attempt to bring happiness to the world's people and work toward a common objective of peace. For we know if there is a war—between our countries especially—the whole world will be destroyed.

"Our goals, your goals, human goals can be achieved only in a time of peace."

Another diplomat, Rosargentina Pinel, a Honduran Christian, said, "I am a Christian saved by the grace of God and my mission, besides that of being a diplomat, is to share the Christian gospel."

Conferees, who heard reports on ministries to ethnics and deaf persons in the U.S., also visited 12 embassies "to learn firsthand about the culture of other countries," said Oscar Romo, language missions director for the Home Mission Board.

They took gifts to the embassies, including a copy of the New Testament in Today's English Version, a copy of the Bible in the language of the country and a copy of "The Human Touch," pictorial book on the work of the HMB. (BP)



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# Christian Home Week Curriculum Announced

NASHVILLE—The curriculum for this year's Christian Home Week, May 2-9, will be the 1976 Family Enrichment Series, according to Joseph W. Hinkle, secretary of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's family ministry department.

The Family Enrichment Series provides books designed to help families meet the practical needs of everyday living, both individually and in relationships with others. Although these books are designed for group study primarily, individual study will greatly benefit Christian family members, adds Hinkle.

Available at Baptist Book Stores, the Series offers seven new books for family ministries.

For the first time, a book designed especially for preschoolers (four- and five-year-olds) is available called "Having Fun At Home."

Also a first is the book entitled "Life As A Single Adult" which helps single young adults face their needs and wants realistically.

## Hear James L. Pleitz On "The Baptist Hour"

A Florida pastor who strongly believes in radio and television as a method of communicating the gospel will be the summer replacement on "The Baptist Hour."

James L. Pleitz, pastor, First Baptist Church, Pensacola, Fla., will be "The Baptist Hour" speaker in April, May and June.

Herschel H. Hobbs, of Oklahoma City, regular speaker, will return to the radio pulpit in July.

Pleitz, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention Pastors Conference, also is past chairman of the board of trustees of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, which produces and syndicates the show. "The Baptist Hour" is heard nationally on 367 radio stations. Check your local radio for time of program.

Pleitz series of April sermons are titled "A Sure Cure For The Blues," "The Magnetism of the Cross," "What A Difference A Day Makes" and "The Thomas Instinct."

"We are drawn to the cross," Pleitz says, "because it demonstrates God's great love for the world. The cross is a symbol of God's confidence in us. From the beginning God felt we would respond to the sacrificial love of Christ."

The day Pleitz is describing in the April 18 sermon is Christ's resurrection day.

"The church did not create the resurrection," he says. "The resurrection created the church as a dynamic force in the world. Christ's resurrection completely changed the lives of the disciples and today we, too, can experience a resurrection to courageous living."

ly. This book is geared for ages 18-29.

Other books in the Series include "Circle of Love: Dynamics of Family Happiness," offering suggestions for families to grow in areas of marriage, parenting and family life; "Thuds and Thrills (or How To Survive Your Friends)" for senior high school youth, ages 15-17; "Days of Daze" for junior high youth, ages 12-14; "My Family: A Good Neighbor" for older children, age 9-11; and "People Who Help My Family" for younger children, ages 6-8.

Teacher's editions are available for both children's books and the preschool book.

"Although the Series will serve as the curriculum for Christian Home Week, the books are designed to be used by churches anytime during the year," says Hinkle.

"In celebration of Christian Home Week, Southern Baptist churches are encouraged to conduct a Family Enrichment Conference for their church families."

In preparation for Christian Home Week, every pastor in the Southern Baptist Convention has been sent a "Christian Home Week Promotion Kit." The kit includes a 16-page booklet which provides pastors with how-to-do-it steps in planning, promoting and conducting a Family Enrichment Conference; order forms for the 1976 Family Enrichment Series; and "Home Life" magazine, published by the Sunday School Board.

Churches can provide families with enrichment throughout the year by providing a subscription to "Home Life," states Hinkle.

Pastors who did not receive a copy of the promotion kit or who want extra copies may obtain them by contacting the Family Ministry Department, Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee 37234.

## 'Retirement' Doesn't Slow Down Agnes Pylant

BOLIVAR, Mo.—Agnes Durant Pylant, still going strong at nearly 76 after 14 years of "retirement," will receive an honorary doctorate in church recreation from Southwest Baptist College here.

Mrs. Pylant, who retired in 1962 as the first head of the church recreation department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, is still active in leading conference, clinics and workshops on church recreation and senior adult work and serves in a part-time capacity at First Baptist Church, Palmetto, Fla.

## Foundation

### They Wait Like Buzzards

By Jonas L. Stewart  
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

The old man lived alone with a long-time physical handicap. His companion of many years had died several years before. A cousin lived nearby and saw that his needs were met.

The cousin communicated with our office to tell of the old man's interest in conserving his estate. Related to us were these words, "My nephews have never lifted a finger to do anything for me. They never come to see me. They just wait like buzzards to pick my estate to pieces when I die. I don't want them to waste my money and do away with my farm."

The cousins said, "We don't need nor do we want his assets. He has well paid us for anything we have done for him. We want to help him get plans made to create a trust. He is interested in Christian education."

We worked with the old man (this is what he calls himself) as he got his will prepared. He is leaving his entire estate to the Tennessee Baptist Foundation in trust. We have nothing to do with it for his lifetime, but upon his death it will be placed in trust to remain until Jesus comes, paying out income year after year to support one of our Baptist institutions.

For information on preparing a Christian will to conserve your estate and support the Lord's work until He comes, write Tennessee Baptist Foundation, Jonas L. Stewart, executive secretary-treasurer, P.O. Box 347, Brentwood, Tennessee 37027.

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