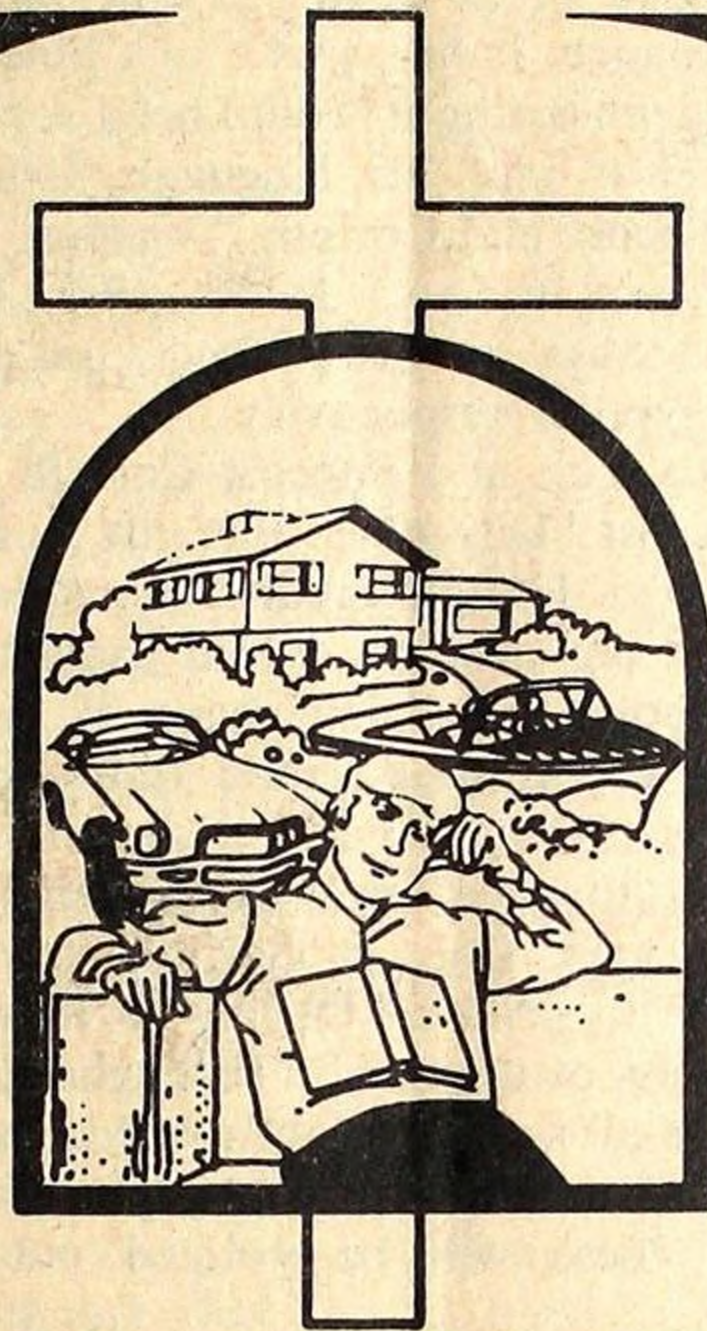


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The 'Unknown' (?) Tongue

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"He that speaketh in an unknown tongue."—I Corinthians 14:2a

Before going further into chapter 14 it is well to consider the nature of "tongues." "Tongue" renders the word *glōssa* which, according to its context, may mean the organ of speech or the language spoken. We use "tongue" in these senses: for instance, the mother tongue or the English tongue. The English word "glossolalia" does not appear in the New Testament. The word means "tongue-talking" or "speaking in tongues."

At Pentecost (Acts 2) the word *glōssa* definitely refers to the ability to speak a language other than one's own without having studied it. It was a gift of the Holy Spirit to enable the Christians to preach the gospel to those present from outside Palestine who did not speak Aramaic (Acts 2:9-11). Many interpreters distinguish between tongues at Pentecost and at Corinth. They see the latter as an ecstatic utterance in a language known only to God, a heavenly language. The point is made that interpreters were needed at Corinth but not at Pentecost. But this ignores the fact that at Pentecost each person heard in his own language or dialect. Hence no need for an

interpreter. However, at Corinth this gift was being used in an audience of people who spoke Greek as well as other languages. For instance, if one spoke in Chinese those not understanding it would need someone to interpret it into his language. Other than at Pentecost and Corinth "tongues" is mentioned only in Acts 10:46; 19:6. It could be that these groups praised God in Latin and Egyptian respectively.

Other than at Pentecost Corinth was the other most likely place this gift would have been given. Being a great commercial center people from over the world came to trade. They spoke varied languages. If they were won to Christ they would return home as evangelists of the gospel.

I see "tongues" at Pentecost and Corinth as the same. Only at Corinth they abused this gift in prideful display as they did all other gifts of the Spirit. Throughout chapter 14 we shall see that Paul's words make better sense in terms of languages spoken on earth. These will be pointed out in due course.

The word "unknown" in this chapter always appears in italics, showing that it is not in the Greek text (vv. 2, 4, 13, 14, 19, 27). The Bible knows nothing about an "unknown" tongue.

In the temple of Aphrodite above Corinth and at the nearby Oracle of Delphi women in an ecstatic state uttered gibberish. So some at Corinth may have pretended to have this gift who did not. Those having it abused it in prideful display.

However one may regard tongues at Corinth, there is no similarity between this gift and modern "tongues." It was a language of some sort. Skilled linguists have studied recordings of modern "tongues" and find no characteristics which relate it to language.

A. T. Robertson (*Word Pictures*, Vol. IV., p. 170) says, "It was not mere gibberish or jargon like the modern tongues, but in a real language that could be understood by one familiar with that tongue as was seen on the great day of Pentecost when people who spoke different languages were present. In Corinth, where no such variety of people existed [?], it required an interpreter . . . Hence Paul placed this gift lowest of all. It created wonder, but did little real good. This is the error of the Irvingites and others who have tried to reproduce this early gift of the Holy Spirit which was clearly for a special emergency and which was not designed [as a norm] to help spread the gospel among men."

If the ability to speak a foreign language without having studied it were given today, why not to foreign missionaries?

The Blind Among Us

By Sarah Patterson



Patterson

Today, in our tattered old family Bible I came across a yellowed sheet of newspaper dated November 13, 1945. There was a picture of a young lady and her seeing eye dog. She was to lecture that night at the Goodwin Institute.

Our church family was stunned recently when parents of a deaf teenage son learned that he would soon be blind. The added handicap seemed more than the parents could bear. Each morning as I go to my work I pass an attractive lady and her seeing eye dog out for a walk. As I round the town square I usually see a friend going to his business, his white cane tapping along the sidewalk. I try to imagine waking each day to a gray world—no sunlight, blue skies, flowers, or greening trees.

Among my friends and acquaintances are sixteen individuals who are totally or partially blind. No doubt you could name as many in your community. Blindness coming to a once sighted person is perhaps the most traumatic of human experiences. We respond sympathetically to help these; however, there are many about us who have a more serious and terrifying blindness. As every Christian knows, spiritual blindness means being blind to the meaning of life and without hope. Often this condition is not easily detected.

Physical blindness was common in Jesus' day. On many occasions he gave sight to blind eyes; He never bestowed sight without considering the deeper need of spiritual enlightenment. As we minister to those about us, let us be sensitive to the Holy Spirit who enables us to discern the spiritually blind.

Our Bicentennial Year could be noted for its great strides in soul winning and renewal. With every Christian praying, paying, and working it can be done! Recompense would be immeasurable;

"If ye know these things, happy are ye if you do them."

(John 13:17 KJV)

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A Plea To Churches For The Pastor's Salary

By Ralph Duncan

Most Baptist churches need a full time pastor located in their community. But he has to live! Christian people are as responsible to meet their pastor's money needs as he is to provide the church's spiritual ministry.

I Corinthians 9:13-14 says, "Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar? Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel."

When a pastor assumes the responsibilities of church leadership he must keep an automobile that will start when necessary. He also needs to dress presentably enough to make a positive impression in public places.

He must provide schooling and medical care for himself and his family. If he does not have maximum hospitalization and other insurance, he is flirting with disaster.

Many pastors I know provide their churches' official transportation. Constantly they go, go, go on church business, visiting, witnessing, recruiting and attending meetings.

A few years ago a highly respected city mission superintendent said to me, "About the only way a church in my city will give a pastor a raise is when they call a new pastor on the field."

Fringe Benefits Important

Sometimes fringe benefits, such as paid vacations, hospitalization, life insurance, and retirement benefits will equal one-half of industrial workers' incomes. Thus, fringe benefits would likewise be a significant part of a pastor's income!

I know a pastor who for four years, making severe sacrifices, served a small, but fast growing, Southern Baptist Convention church in a "pioneer area." Strangely, many new members of the church for two years were opposed by older church leaders in a strong attempt to give the pastor a salary increase. (At that time the church had a \$2000 monthly balance in its general fund.) But that same church raised their new pastor's annual salary \$2000. The increase helped . . . the new pastor. But it took the former pastor two years to recover from dollar losses he had incurred while serving that church.

Occasionally some churches go far above others in their efforts to provide for their pastor and his family. However, even these may become slack and what previously was

an adequate income may become only existence wages.

Hal D. Bennett, long-time Baptist minister, said, "Some churches . . . don't really intend to deprive their pastor. They don't plan to force him into debt. They don't deliberately set out to make him so money-conscious that he has to look around for a place to serve, 'where I am more appreciated.' They don't meet his needs because they can hardly believe such day-to-day obligations exist for one of God's special men." But the needs do exist! And unless many churches immediately come to the financial rescue of their pastors, it is this writer's opinion that several hundred Baptist pastors will be forced to leave the full time pastorate within the next twelve months.

Many Pastors' Salaries Cut

Facing the financial facts of life seldom is easy for an individual or a church. And for a church to admit failure to provide an adequate salary for its pastor is a painful lesson in humility for its leaders. But it's better for church leaders to be humbled

Pulpit To Kneel

By Jim Griffith

A 37-year-old Baptist evangelist from Marshall, Texas, is crawling on his knees down Interstate 20 toward Washington, 1,000 miles away, to "call our nation back to her knees before God."

It is encouraging to have somebody going to Washington on his knees—and a "middle of the roader," at that.

Furthermore, this minister may have the answer to fuel conservation, depending, of course, on how many miles he gets to a kneecap.

He is going to great pains to underscore the old but true saying: "We are going to have to crawl before we can walk."

And the preacher is also reminding us of a great truth. We can go forward on our knees, for one on his knees will get there—slowly but surely.

This much is certain: old-fashioned knee-action prayer would go a long way toward smoothing out many bumps on the road of life.

than for God's man to suffer and annually take cuts in his salary.

That's what I said . . . cuts in salary! A church that has not given its pastor a raise of at least twenty percent during the past two-three years has cut the man's wages due to the continuing rise of inflation.

Church leaders, if you are concerned about your pastor's welfare, appoint a committee that will honestly evaluate his needs. Determine his annual income and compare it to the income of respected leaders in the church. Try to get an accurate estimate of the number of miles your pastor drives his car per year on church business. Then, accept the hard fact that it costs the pastor at least 12¢ per mile for the mileage he expends on church business. (I know numerous pastors who drive 20,000 miles per year on church business, but it is a rare and fortunate minister who receives \$2400 per year car allowance above his basic salary.)

When the study is completed, several options are open to the church. The most obvious one: give the pastor a raise! Other alternatives include two churches being served by one pastor. Or a non-resident student pastor may be the best possible compromise.

A long held axiom in Baptist life should still hold true. Namely, that when Baptist people recognize a need they become concerned about it and do something about it. Some churches recently have done positive soul searching in respect to their pastor's salary. Has yours?

Nominations Requested For State Brotherhood Officers

Please send us your nominations for State Officers for 1977. We will begin to enlist these men in June of this year for presentation at our meeting Sept. 24-25 in Brentwood.

The State is divided into 29 Divisions. We need the following officers for each division:

Regional Vice-President
Royal Ambassador Leader
Lay Witness Leader
Mission Leader
Pastor Advisor

Please seriously consider the qualifications for a State Officer:

1. A strong commitment to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.
2. Loyalty to his own local church.
3. A willingness to be trained in every phase of the work which includes Royal Ambassadors, Missions, and Personal Witnessing.

We need your nominations by May 1.

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Compromise Budget Largest In State's History

By Bracey Campbell

Tennessee's General Assembly spent more than two months considering Gov. Ray Blanton's record \$2.4 billion budget request before approving it in nearly original form.

The compromise budget—largest in the state's history—will be funded by a one-cent sales tax increase to become effective April 1.

The governor was not expected to make major alterations in the budget document—through use of his line item veto—before signing it into law.

State Finance Commissioner William Jones said the administration felt the legislature had passed a reasonable budget. Jones said he did not expect the governor to make many "if any" changes in the major piece of legislation approved by the final half of the 89th General Assembly.

The session was shorter and less complicated than other recent legislative rounds. Observers said the difference in this year's session, particularly in contrast with 1975, was due largely to lack of conflict between the lawmakers and the Blanton administration.

Blanton—other than the sales tax increase and a proposal to implement a state income tax which was scuttled—did not propose other major bills.

In 1975, when Blanton confronted the legislature for the first time, he offered a

large legislative package containing numerous bills dealing with politically-sensitive issues.

Blanton focused his efforts during the just-concluded session on the cent sales tax hike—increasing the state rate to 4.5 per cent—in hopes of improving what he described as a serious revenue problem.

Blanton, who campaigned two years ago on a promise of holding the line on spending and taxes, said he will be forced to offer the income tax proposal to the 90th General Assembly, convening in January.

Projects originated in the legislature left in the compromise budget included:

- \$100,000 for state fairs.
- \$115,000 for public libraries.
- \$150,000 for a hemophilia program.
- \$400,000 for a newborn infant program.
- \$560,000 for a convocation center at Tennessee State University.
- \$25,000 for a study of the state's blackbird problems.
- \$1 million for additional judicial and attorney general posts.
- \$750,000 for a state tuition grant program.
- \$37,500 for children's museums.

The lawmakers, in the closing hours of the session, also gave final agreement and forwarded to the governor a bill setting an August referendum on whether a constitutional convention should be called to study possible changes in the state's guiding document.

The referendum bill prohibits the consideration of a state income tax—a factor expected to prompt Blanton to veto the bill.

Dandridge First Members Observe 190th Anniversary

Members of Dandridge First Church celebrated the church's 190th anniversary on March 28.

Guest speakers for the day were Jack P. Lowndes, executive secretary of the New York Baptist Convention and a former pastor, and Earl A. Northern, former pastor.

A special feature was the presentation of the church history by Mrs. Albert Sperber. According to pastor Robert McCray, detailed records of the church organization have been preserved from the founding in 1786.

Special music for the day was provided by the church choir under the direction of Michael Bundon.

Nashville Baptists Elect New Missions Director

Luther B. Dyer, pastor, Wayside Church, Miami, Fla., has been elected director of missions for Nashville Baptist Association. The Florida pastor, who will assume his new duties April 15, succeeds Harold Gregory who retired Dec. 31, 1975 after 36 years of service.

A native of Oklahoma, Dyer attended Tulsa University and is a graduate of East Central State College in Ada, Okla. He received a master of arts degree from both Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and George Williams University.

In addition to serving as pastor of the Florida church, Dyer has served churches in Oklahoma and Missouri. From 1965-71 he was secretary of evangelism for the Missouri Baptist Convention and has been active in state work.

East Tennessee Pastors To Meet In Athens

The East Tennessee Baptist Pastors' Conference will meet at Athens First Church on April 15 from 10 a.m. until 2:45 p.m.

Robert Nuermberger, a Christian psychologist and director of the Christian Counseling Service in Chattanooga, will discuss ministers' problems and lead a discussion period. Jack McEwen, pastor, Chattanooga First Church, will share a reading plan for busy pastors and bring a message.

Knoxville's Broadway Church pastor, Marion Barnett, will emphasize our Baptist heritage in America, and Harold Smith, pastor, Cleveland Westwood Church, will bring the devotional message.

A Knoxville layman, Steve Jones, will point out tax advantages for ministers and discuss the pastorum or personal home considerations. He is a member of West Hills Church and a former professional baseball player.

Lunch will be served at the church, according to Ansell Baker, pastor.

East Tenn. Preachers' School Changed To June 28-July 2

The dates for the East Tennessee Baptist Preachers' School have been changed to June 28-July 2. It will be held on Carson-Newman College campus. The school was originally set for June 14-16, but it conflicts with the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Norfolk, Va.

The school is for pastors and their wives. Reservations should be sent immediately to J. Donald Mitchell, Church Relations Office, Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, TN 37760.

Floridian New BSU Director At Columbia State



Alexander

James M. Alexander, Gainesville, Fla., has been elected director of the Baptist Student Union, serving the students of Columbia State Community College, Columbia. Ralph Norton, executive secretary-treasurer, Tennessee Baptist Convention, announced that Alexander is scheduled to begin his duties in Columbia in late

April.

Alexander, 31, has been associate pastor, Parkview Church, Gainesville, since he received his master of divinity degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1974.

The Baptist Student Union, Columbia, is a cooperative project of the Maury Baptist Association and the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

State Acteens Prepare For 1976 Summit Meetings

The first of two statewide Acteens Summit Meetings will be held April 15-17 at Pigeon Forge, according to Louise Sparkman, state Acteens director.

The second conference will be held at Union University in Jackson, April 23-25. Churches may elect to send their Acteens to either location, according to Sparkman, but registration should be made through the state WMU office. A full slate of missionaries, denominational leaders, and lay persons will be on both programs. The theme will be "God Has Something To Say."

Registration at Pigeon Forge First Church will begin at 2 p.m. on April 15. The first session will begin at 7:20 p.m.

Featured on the Pigeon Forge program will be charm and modeling teacher Marge Caldwell, from Houston, Tex.; home missionary Lillian Isaacs, Knoxville pastor Jesse Fletcher, and music associate Don Madaris.

Isaacs is under appointment by the Home Mission Board's Christian Social Ministries Dept., serving as a literacy field worker. Prior to this appointment she served with her husband in Fairbanks, Alaska under the joint direction of the Alaska Baptist Convention and the Home Mission Board's Church Extension Dept.

Caldwell Returns To State

Caldwell, who has appeared in Tennessee numerous times, has spoken on over 400 college and high school campuses in the past five years. She has been a marriage counselor for 12 years and works with young people in drug addiction and related problems. She is also an author and is host of a 30-minute weekly radio show in Houston.

Fletcher, director of the Foreign Mission Board's mission support division until 1975, is now pastor of the 3500 member Knoxville First Church. During his 15 years at the board, Fletcher also served as associate secretary of missionary personnel and secretary of missionary personnel. He witnessed the missionary force double from about 1300 to 2600. Also under his leadership, the missionary journeyman program was begun, the extended missionary orientation program was initiated, the first data processing equipment was utilized at the board, the Department of Promotion and Furlough Ministries was organized, and the board's press office became the Richmond bureau of Baptist Press. He has written

many articles, several motion picture scripts, and six books.

Madaris is associate in the Church Music Dept. and director of church recreation, Tennessee Baptist Convention. A member of the Volunteer State Chorale, he has sung with the Buryl Red Singers and the Broadman Singers. He was an original member of the Spring Street Singers. A graduate of Belmont College, he also attended Oklahoma Baptist University.

Isaacs will also be on the program at Union University along with Madaris, and Foreign Mission Board executive secretary Baker James Cauthen, former missionary Paul Grossman, Gaza medical missionary Mrs. Roy McGlamery, Korea missionaries Betty and Albert Gammage, and Tennessee Baptist Women's director Nan Owens.

Jackson Acteens Must Register

Registration at Union will begin at 2 p.m. on April 23. The first session will begin at 7:20 p.m.

Sparkman stressed that girls in the Jackson area who plan to attend the summit meeting at Union University, must still send in proper registration to the state WMU office. This applies even if the girl plans to commute and not utilize motel facilities, she said.

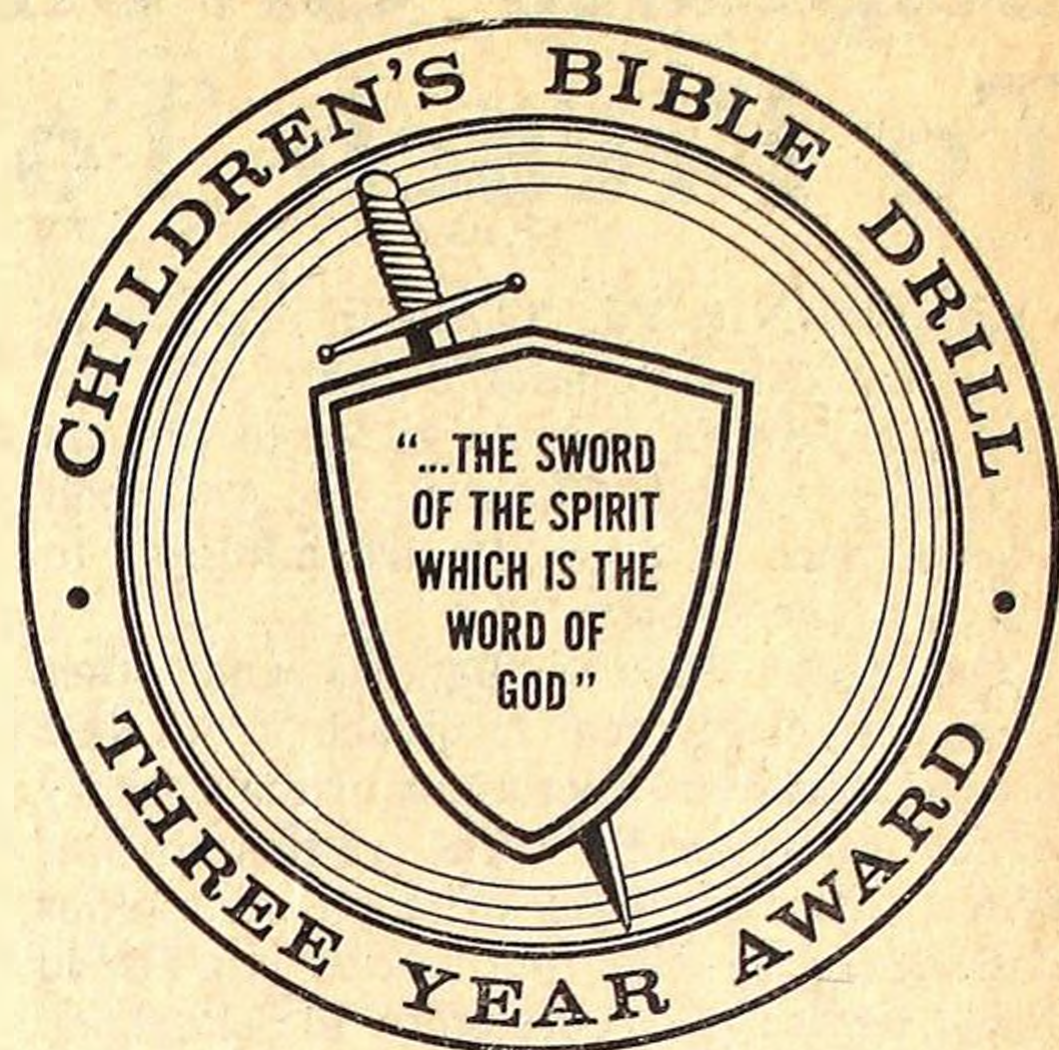
As executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, Cauthen has called for a growth in missionary personnel and finances and geographical expansion during the decade of the 70's. He has been in denominational work since age 16, when he was called to his first pastorate. Before becoming executive secretary, he was the board's secretary for the Orient, missionary to China, missions professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and pastor of rural and city churches.

The Grossmans were missionaries to Dakar, Senegal until Jan. 1975. He was director of activities at the Baptist Center, and she taught classes in English and sewing. They served previously in Liberia.

Other missionaries will lead conferences and serve on panels. "Something Special," a musical group from Carson-Newman College will perform at Pigeon Forge. Bringing the special musical presentation at Union University will be the chapel choir and ensemble from Jackson First Church.

A special recognition service will be held at both meetings for all girls who have attained various queen level steps. Decision services will also be held.

New Award Designed For Children's Bible Drill Winners



A new plaque is being presented to children, ages 9-11, who win state awards in the Children's Bible Drill for three years. The plaque is red, white, and blue and centered on a wooden background.

Tennessee boys and girls who have been state winners in the Children's Bible Drill of the Tennessee Baptist Convention for three years, are eligible to receive a special award, according to Helen Kennedy, director, children's work, Church Training Dept.

The award, being used for the first time this year, is a wooden plaque centered with a red, white, and blue medal and inscription. In past years, a gold ribbon has been awarded to those who received state honors three consecutive years.

According to Kennedy, any child ages 9-11 may be a state winner if he/she advances to the state tournament and finishes with four or less mistakes in the state Bible drill.

She stressed that leaders with children need to be working now with the boys and girls for this year's drill. Churches should obtain information on church and associational drills from the Church Training Dept., TBC. The state drill will be held in June.

Roberts Named BSSB Information Assistant

NASHVILLE—Sharon Roberts, editorial assistant since November 1972, in the Sunday School Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, has been named information assistant in the board's office of public relations.

A native of Texas, Roberts holds the bachelor of arts degree from Nashville's Belmont College. She has written several articles for the "Sunday School Lesson Illustrator."

Baptists Given Liberty To Preach To Soldiers

RICHMOND, Va., 1775—In response to an appeal from Virginia Baptists, the Virginia Convention sent an order to officers of troops fighting England for American independence to allow Baptist ministers to preach to the soldiers.

The order allowed Baptists and other "dissenting clergymen" to preach "from time to time as various operations of the military service may permit." The resolution was passed "for the ease of such scrupulous consciences as may not choose to attend divine service as celebrated by the chaplain" of the state church.

In their petition to the Virginia Convention the Baptists pointed out that many of their number already had enlisted and many more were likely to follow.

These Baptists wanted their ministers to preach and to minister to them during the campaigns, so the Convention was asked to allow Baptist ministers Elijah Craig, Lewis Craig, Jeremiah Walker, and John Williams "to preach to the troops at convenient times without molestation or abuse."

As the Baptist pastors recommended for appointment to the troops "have a strong attachment to American liberty" as well as soundness in principles of religion and usefulness in the work of the ministry, the Convention was invited to examine them thoroughly to prove their qualifications.

The petition explained that Baptists had carefully considered "what part might be most prudent for Baptists" in the revolution. It was agreed that "in some cases it is lawful to go to war" and that military resistance against Great Britain was justified because of their "unjust invasion, tyrannical oppression, and repeated hostilities against America." The petition added that the question of enlistment by Baptists was decided individually, however.

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Baptists had been falsely accused of disloyalty because they threatened to take their appeal for freedom of worship to the king. The measure was to be only a last resort, however, after Baptists had exhausted every hope of just treatment from the colonies.

Baptists threw their full weight into the fight against England, hopeful that out of the struggle for civil liberties would come freedom of religion. (BP)

Young Adult Age-Group Consultant Named

NASHVILLE—Mark C. Fowler recently was named by the Baptist Sunday School Board's Sunday School Department as a young adult consultant.

Fowler came to the board from Champaign, Ill., where he served as pastor of Temple Church. Prior to that time, he held the positions of minister of education at Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky., and minister of youth at Memorial Drive Baptist Church, Houston, Tex.

A native of Texas, Fowler graduated from Houston Baptist University. He received the M. Div. degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

B. A. Sizemore Jr. Dies In Head-on Auto Crash

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—A head-on automobile collision here took the life of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary professor Burlan A. Sizemore Jr., 42, and seriously injured four members of his family. The accident occurred on Sunday afternoon, March 21.

Sizemore and his family were on a four-lane road about two miles from the seminary, where he was professor of Old Testament interpretation and Hebrew. Their car was hit by one driven by a 16-year-old youth, who was apparently drag racing, a seminary spokesman said. The youth's condition was not known.

The Sizemore's daughter, Rebecca, 11, was "critically injured, with partial paralysis," the spokesman noted, while the other family members, including Sizemore's widow, Dorothy, Cynthia, 17, and Burlan, 16, were "seriously injured." The four were in North Kansas City Memorial Hospital. An older daughter, Sherry, 19, was traveling in Europe. His mother also survives.

A native of Centerville, Mo., Sizemore was previously on the faculty of Georgetown (Ky.) College, coming to Midwestern in 1968. He had been an instructor at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, from which he was graduated with the bachelor of divinity and doctor of theology degrees. He was graduated also from Southwest Baptist College and William Jewell College in Bolivar and Liberty, Mo., respectively. Sizemore would have been 43 years old on May 6. (BP)

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The Basis Of Judgment

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Basic Passage: Matthew 25

Focal Passage: Matthew 25:31-46

There is a saying that something is "as certain as death and taxes." We might well add "judgment" to the list. The writer of Hebrews put it this way: "It is appointed for men to die once, and after this comes judgment" (Heb. 9:27 NASV). As Paul put it, "We shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ" (Rom. 14:10).

Preparation for Judgment 25:1-13

A wedding outranked all other festivities in Palestinian life. The bride and groom were exempt from certain religious duties. Scribes forsook the duty and privilege of studying the Law to attend the event. Neighbors and friends joined in the happy occasion. Jesus used this unique occasion as the basis of a parable to stress the point of preparation for judgment which would accompany his return. We must not think that the mistake of the foolish maidens was sleeping; they all slept, wise and foolish, but the wise made the preparation of extra oil before they went to sleep. Nor must we condemn the wise for not sharing their oil with the foolish. Spiritual preparedness cannot be quickly shared. If we draw upon observation and experience we can readily see this truth. We are individuals. Our faith in Christ is an individual experience. Can one who has experienced the long discipline of Christian courage suddenly give it to one who has lived all his life in cowardly comfort? Can a Christian who has developed spiritual insight from years of prayer and personal devotion to God, suddenly hand it over on demand to one who has long been careless about his relation to God? There are some things in life that cannot be borrowed, nor can they be gained at the last minute. Life lies ahead, how far ahead we do not know, but of one thing we can be sure, judgment will come. Are you prepared?

Use of Abilities In The Face Of Judgment 25:14-30

The assumption that there is complete equality among men is foolish. Jesus knew this and clearly taught that men differ in gifts and capacities for development and responsibilities. The slightest observation of life will convince one that men vastly differ in abilities. Set out to build a great cathedral and a variety of talent will be needed; the architect, the carpenter, the stonemason, the ironworker, the glassworker, and many others will share the responsibility of building the edifice. But regardless of the gifts which each may possess, all are bondservants and fellow workers. What each man sees in his task

will depend on whether he recognizes himself as a servant and fellow worker, or as an individual with no responsibility to the completed task. A visitor walked among the workers who were building St. Paul's Cathedral. He asked a worker what he was doing, to which the man replied, "I am cutting boards sixteen feet long." When the question was put to another, he replied that he was cutting stones to a certain shape and size. A third responded that he was making a certain amount of money. When a fourth man was queried, he reflected a moment and then replied, "I am helping Sir Christopher Wren build St. Paul's Cathedral." We must see ourselves as a part of a team.

One-Talent Man

To the center of stage comes the one-talent man, the character for whom the story was told. There are more one and two-talent people in the world than there are five-talent people. Inventors, creators, poets, statesmen, and great preachers are few by comparison. The one-talent man is in peculiar danger because he is a one-talent person. He is tempted to ask, "What can I do with this meager gift?" He is likely to do the very thing that the man in this parable is said to have done—hide his talent in the ground (the favorite hiding place for treasures in that day). Three lessons may be learned from this one-talent man's actions. (1) He thought of himself as insignificant and of no use; consequently he removed himself from all activity and responsibility. But he must give an account of his life and investment. (2) He blamed God for his failure: "I knew thee that thou art a hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown" (v. 24). Mediocre men frequently feel their mediocrity and resent it. Often they use the escape valve of criticism of God and fellowman. (3) He was afraid (v. 25). He did not view life as a venture. He would risk nothing in the investment of what had been given him. He lacked faith in God.

Good And Faithful Servants

God is not a law-enforcement agent seeking to catch men in their delinquency. He is glad to reward people who accept responsibility and work for results. The venture of faith and endeavor will eventually be rewarded. These men were prompt, they "went at once" to put their master's investment in them to work (v. 16). They did not succumb to daydreams or to nightmares. They went to work. They were faithful (v. 21) and they were rewarded

(v. 29). They were not afraid of work; they let leisure take no more time than was due it. They were aware that the Master would call them to account.

The Standard Of Judgment 25:31-40

This is one of the most awesome scenes in the Bible. It matches the picture of the great White Throne judgment in Revelation 20. This is an event which involves all nations. It is futile to speculate about whether this simply refers to Gentile Nations, or to the Jews. It is clear that an event which involves the whole world is envisioned. Jesus is considered as King of the World. Matthew now presents him as judge. The standard of judgment is clear—"What have you done?" It is not what did you believe? What did you teach? What did you profess? But it is, "What did you do?" What we have done, or what we have failed to do, is judgment upon us for good or evil.

When the criterion of doing is posed as the basis for judgment, questions will arise. Is salvation the result of good works? No, but such deeds must give expression to the love of God shed abroad in Christian hearts. Faith cannot be demonstrated by words. It takes deeds to prove its reality. Is prayer of no concern? one may ask. Certainly, for only by prayer can the grace of love in us be fed. Is my good life of no avail? another may ask. Unquestionably it is of utmost importance, for "good deeds" which spring from wrong motives are worthless. Does it, then, make no difference what I believe? It matters much, because love springs from faith that God loves us, and wishes us to love. From that sea of faces before the throne, your turn, and my turn will come to answer, "What have you done?"

The Finality Of Judgment 25:41-46

What surprises are in store as we stand before the judgment seat. Both the good and the bad were surprised at the ultimate meaning of their life's activities (vv. 38, 44). Those who loved and served were so deeply involved in love that it never occurred to them that their daily deeds were personal service to the king, or that what they had done was worthy of reward. The unloving were equally surprised that their callous attitude, their perfunctory performance of their religion, their deliberate separation from Jesus in their daily deeds turned out to be a condemnation of them. The identity of Christ with men is hard to believe, even for the saint. It was splendid insight on the part of Philip to see in Jesus his identity with the Suffering Servant (Isa. 53:4; Acts 8:35). Christ is lowly as he goes incognito in the poor and the imprisoned. The first startling fact which Saul of Tarsus learned from his Damascus road experience was that Jesus was identified with the poor, persecuted people whom Saul was seeking to destroy (Acts 22:7). It takes faith to believe that daily life issues in such finality: "eternal punishment," "eternal life." The outcome rests with what you do with and for Jesus.

Our People and Our Churches . . .

PEOPLE . . .

Russell Bradley Jones, professor of Bible emeritus at Carson-Newman College, was the featured speaker for the annual Russell Bradley Jones Lecture at C-N. **Jones** has been active in Southern Baptist work since 1914. He served several years as pastor of Central Church in Chattanooga and was on the executive committees of both the Tennessee and Maryland Baptist Conventions. The lecture is sponsored by the J. L. Campbell Ministerial Association of the school.

Fred T. Evans was honored by members of Immanuel Church in Lebanon recently. A tea was held at the church during the afternoon, and at the evening service **Evans** gave a review of his 50 years in the pastorate. The occasion was his 85th birthday. **Donald Owens** is pastor at Immanuel.

Mrs. Rick Toomey has been employed as part-time Baptist Student Union director at Tennessee Wesleyan College, according to **Glenn Yarbrough**, director, Student Dept., TBC. She is a graduate of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and East Tennessee State University.

Perry D. Rogers was ordained to the gospel ministry by Temple Church, Paris. He has been called as pastor of Fairview Church near Dover. **Jim Tate**, evangelist from Milan, preached the ordination sermon. **Richard Skidmore** is pastor at Temple Church. **Robert G. Morris** is church clerk.

Paul Ridgway, 24-year-old instructor of piano and music history at Carson-Newman College, was the first place winner of the



Ridgway

Concerto Contest for Young Performers sponsored by the Memphis Symphony Orchestra Women's Guild recently. In addition to receiving first place, **Ridgway** was invited to appear in a guest performance with the Memphis Symphony Orchestra. He played the first movement of Beethoven's Concerto in E-Flat, the "Emperor." **Ridgway**, who is serving his first year on the C-N faculty, and accompanist for the Tennessee Baptist Chorale, received his musical training at Northwestern University where he was a scholarship student. During the summers, he served as a student mission worker for the Home Mission Board.

Newport First Church ordained **Von Ray Murrell** and **Roger Catron** as deacons. **Stan Rushing** is pastor.

CHURCHES . . .

Rover Church, New Duck River Association, held note-burning ceremonies recently. The church remodeled the auditorium and paid off an \$18,000 note in 22 months. **Nat Puckett** was chairman of the building committee, and **Hugh Elmore** is chairman of deacons and finance committee. **David Wall** serves as pastor of the church.

Calvary Church, Oak Ridge, held note-burning services for payment of a fellowship hall, kitchen, and gymnasium facilities. The building was completed last fall at a cost of \$65,000. The note of \$15,000 was made for three years and was paid within five months. The church is now debt free, according to pastor **Don Long**, but plans are being made to remodel the sanctuary. Active in the project were treasurer **L. P. Edwards**, trustee **Luther Acres**, chairman of deacons **Roy Gilbert**, and trustee **Craig Waldroup**.

Hilldale Church, Clarksville, held groundbreaking ceremonies for an activities building which will provide space for an additional 500 persons in Sunday School. The facilities will include a gymnasium. Cost of construction is estimated at \$250,000. **E. Lee Griggs** is pastor.

Members of Poplar Heights Church, Jackson, surprised their pastor, **Douglas Brewer**, and his family on the occasion of his anniversary as pastor of the church. During "Pastor Appreciation Week," the church brought food, gifts, and other expressions of love. Special services were held at the end of the week.

David Whaley was ordained to the gospel ministry by Humboldt First Church on Sunday night, March 28. **Raymond Boston**, pastor, delivered the ordination message. Also participating on the program were the candidate's father, **Glenn Whaley**, pastor of Shiloh Church in Seymour, and **Norman Baker**, pastor, Waynesboro First Church. **Whaley** is minister of music and youth at the church. He is a graduate of Belmont College and attended New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Barren Fork Church, Central Association, ordained pastor **David Carden** to the gospel ministry. Ordained at the church as a deacon was **Sterling Rigby**.

Forest Hill Church, East Tennessee Association, ordained **David Wilds** and **Gordon Denton** as deacons. **Larry Wells** is pastor.

Trenton First Church celebrated the final payment on its debt for the sanctuary and educational wing with a note-burning ceremony. Special guests were **O. Wyndell Jones**, pastor of Highland Church, Florence, Ala., and **W. T. Spencer**, pastor, Underwood Church, Florence, Ala. Both men are former pastors of the church. Architect for the project was **Richard Awsumb**, and **Hugh Ward** was contractor. **Robert E. Brown Jr.** is pastor at Trenton. **H. L. Currie** served as chairman of the building committee.

Wallace Memorial Church, Knoxville, completed a "Together We Build" building fund program. Three goals included in the campaign were: a victory goal of \$225,000, a challenge goal of \$275,000, and a Hallelujah goal of \$350,000. The church exceeded all three goals in one week, pledging more than \$360,000 over and above the regular church budget for the next three years. The fund raising program was developed by the Stewardship Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. **Robert Capra** served as consultant from the Commission for the church. Ground was broken last month for a new multi-purpose building which will include a gymnasium, Sunday School rooms, kitchen, and activity rooms. **James McCluskey** is pastor.

Porter's Creek Church, Hardeman County Association, plans construction of an educational building, well, and rest rooms. A Royal Ambassador chapter has been organized at the church.

Fernwood Church members, Nolachucky Association, entered their new church building recently. One year ago, the church had 58 in Sunday School, the last Sunday in the old building there were 145 in Sunday School, and in the new building on the first Sunday, there were 254 in Sunday School. **Charles Smith** is pastor.

Cedar Creek Church, Nolachucky Association, voted to build a new building. The brick veneer structure will be 40 x 82 ft. and will be built at a cost of over \$100,000. **Frank Whittaker** is pastor.

Dutch Bottom Church, East Tennessee Association, reported that construction will begin this spring on a new home for the pastor. **Jim Stump** is pastor.

Newport First Church will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the church, April 9-11. Members have approved plans, appropriated funds, and signed a contract for the building for Southside Mission. **Stan Rushing** is pastor.

Plans Finalizing For Summer BSU Student Missions Program



Carter



Love



Harris



Mitchell

For 10 weeks this summer, 36 members of the Baptist Student Union will be engaged in mission opportunities in many parts of the world. According to Glenn Yarbrough, director of the Student Department, Tennessee Baptist Convention, BSUs on 36 college and university campuses in the state will participate in organizing and supporting these missions.

The Student Missions Program, promoted by the Student Department, works with the Foreign and Home Mission Boards, associations, and churches in determining areas of need. Career missionaries direct these students.

Four To Foreign Missions

Four students will work in foreign mission areas. Carolyn Carter, Memphis nursing student who attends UT Center for Health Sciences, will serve in Baptist Hospital, Gaza. She will do general nursing in the woman's surgical ward.

Jo Love, a graduate student living in Murfreesboro and attending Middle Tennessee State University, will be camp counselor and teacher at the Baptist Village Camp near Tel Aviv, in Israel.

Wendell Harris, senior at MTSU, will work in the Youth Center, Nagasaki, Japan, teaching English classes and special youth programs. His home is in Shelbyville.

Tommy Mitchell, Mt. Juliet, music major at Austin Peay State University, will be one of five American men to serve in the music field in Malaysia Singapore area. The other men have been appointed by other state mission programs. They will lead in musical programs, youth fellowships, Vacation Bible Schools, youth revivals.

22 To Work In Other States

Twenty-two students will work in states of the SBC while 10 students will remain in Tennessee. They will be serving in inner-city programs, resort missions, construction work, and other areas.

A group of students will work at the Agape-In Coffee House on Hampton Beach, N.H., under the supervision of Bill Jenkins, pastor of Screven Baptist Church, Portsmouth. These are Nancy Fitch, Morriston, a student at MTSU; Jerry Nash,

Buchanan, student at the University of Tennessee at Martin; Bob Oliver, Carson-Newman College, student from Gainesville, Fla.; and Carolyn Phillips, Fairfield, Ohio, attending Union University.

Melinda Bean, C-NC student from Nashville, will work in the Myrtle Beach Resort area. Her supervisor will be a former US-2 missionary. She will work with a team of four students establishing worship services in hotels, and arranging various recreational activities. She will also work with local churches coordinating their youth groups.

Becky Curtis, Brownsville, a student at UT-Martin, will direct day-camps, vesper services, recreation and mission surveys in the Bay Area, Mich. A similar beach ministry will be in Tennessee at the Reelfoot Lake area. Mr. and Mrs. Edd Diden, students at Tennessee Tech, will work there under the supervision of the Beulah Baptist Association's missions director, Robert L. Armour.

Carol Livengood, Seymour, a student at UT-Knoxville, will work in the Northern Plains Baptist Convention in South Dakota, assisting in Bible schools, youth camps, surveys and backyard Bible clubs. Lee Allen Gaskin, Maryville College, will be in the Kansas-Nebraska area working in general missions. She lives in Birmingham, Ala.

Judy Smith, Union University, will work with the Woman's Missionary Union, New Mexico Baptist Convention, in their camps, serving as song leader and recreation director for the Girls in Action and the Acteens organizations.

Inner-City Program Launched

Two students from Chattanooga attending UT there, will work in the Chicago area. Each will have a multiple ministry through the churches and their missions in an inner-city program. Teresa Anderson will be with a team of students using puppets, films, and music from a stage of a United Parcel van, recently equipped for this type performance.

Michael Welch will have day-care center responsibilities in several Chicago churches, supervised by the director of missions, Illinois Baptist State Association, Harold E. Cameron.

Two UT-Knoxville students, Margaret Lawrence and Sally Shearon, will be in the California Baptist Convention area doing inner-city work. Lawrence is from Greenville, S.C., and Shearon lives in Paris.

Three girls will go to the Louisville, Ky., inner-city program. Jan Hughes, daughter of Milt Hughes, Nashville, and Abby Jo Turner of Crossville, are students in Knoxville. Betty Jo Arthur is from Ocoee. She attends Cleveland State Community College.

Martin Pierce, Tennessee Tech student from Memphis, will work in an inner-city missions program in Baltimore, Md. Five students will go to Buffalo, N.Y., to work in a construction project in the Baptist encampment grounds for the New York Baptist Convention. They are: Polly Andrews, Chattanooga, UT student; J. B. Hays, Portland, MTSU student; Anita Randolph, Goodlettsville, Tennessee Tech students; and two Austin Peay State University students, John Smith, Drew, Miss., and Paul Bunger, Clarksville.

Return To Western Heights

Two teams of students will work in Knoxville and Nashville. Four will be at Western Heights Community Center, Knoxville, working under the supervision of Tom Everett, director, of the center. This will be the fifth year that the Tennessee BSU program has appointed workers to that center. Those going are: Debra McWhorter, APSU, Clarksville; Richard Marsh, Baltimore, Md., Union; John Medearis, Hixson, UT-Chattanooga; and Cheryl Peters, Manchester, Vanderbilt University.

A team of four will assist Eastland Church, Nashville, in a week day recreation for community children. J. L. Ford is pastor. Two of these students attend Carson-Newman College, Ridge Cullum, Knoxville, and Rebecca Ownby, Johnson City. Mike Adcock, Strawberry Plains, attends Walters State Community College; and Allicia Thurmond, Dyersburg, attends Dyersburg State Community College.

The Student Missions Program of the Tennessee Baptist Convention is financed completely by the campus BSU. Students on campuses work during the school year raising the money for this program. A total of \$32,800 will be required for expenses. Students receive no remuneration. They are cared for by the host church or association. Their travel expenses are cared for by the amounts raised on the campus, Yarbrough said.

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BWA Relief Extends Outreach

By Carl W. Tiller

Baptist World Relief, the relief and development arm of the Baptist World Alliance (BWA), gave \$254,800 in assistance to people and churches in 40 projects in 1975, and anticipates a larger outreach in 1976.

The projects met emergency needs in famines, earthquakes, droughts, and floods, assisted refugees, and developed religious programs in depressed areas. Church construction, Bible printing, and pastoral training were inter-church aid projects.

All relief and development expenditures are based on contributions received. The program thus depends on gifts from churches, individuals, member bodies, and foundations. About 45 member conventions of the BWA participated in the 1975 program.

Goals in most divisions of the work were met, except for developmental efforts. Only \$32,000 passed through BWA books for this phase, for which \$298,000 had been envisioned. Some of the developmental grants which had been budgeted were arranged with BWA help, but the money went directly from donors to the field, bypassing BWA accounts. Further, developmental projects apparently held less interest for donors who prefer to designate the purpose of their gifts.

Total Baptist participation in relief projects is several times the \$254,800 figure. Many conventions administer relief through their own mission stations, and others give assistance directly to Baptist groups in the area of need. Such was the case on many developmental projects approved and publicized by the BWA.

Baptist World Relief is a channel through

which Christians can participate in a program with these features:

* Christian. Help is given "in Jesus' name."

* Non-discriminatory toward the suffering. Assistance is given in meeting hunger needs or relief after a disaster without regard to religion, ethnic background, caste, or other such classifications. The BWA forbids the program to be used as a political tool.

* Outreach to the ends of the world. Baptist World Relief has the capacity to reach into places beyond the mission fields of any one convention.

* Assured delivery. Because the BWA normally uses local Baptist organizations to administer relief and development, donors may be assured that their gifts reach the intended recipients.

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Carl W. Tiller is an associate secretary of the Baptist World Alliance.

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Board Announces New Career Guidance Section

NASHVILLE — The Southern Baptist Convention's Sunday School Board has announced establishment of a new career guidance section in response to widespread demands for more aid to pastors and other church staff members.

The new section, implemented "to intensify the board's ongoing work in this area," reflects one of the board's major corporate priorities said board President Grady C. Cothen.

The development of the section by the board's trustees was prompted by requests from a multitude of church and denominational spokesmen.

The section's "mission and ministry is to pastors and other church staff members and their families," said Bob Dale, section supervisor in the board's church administration department.

"We will minister to them throughout their entire ministry career so that they may gain greater effectiveness and fulfillment in their work," he said.

In essence, the section will be involved in four areas of work which have experienced minimum attention by the SBC in the past. These involve guidance and assistance, assessment and counseling, vocational support and resource development for church vocations workers.

According to Dale, the plan of support includes discovering those persons called to Christian ministry through vocational guidance, which involves nurturing and guiding church vocations workers throughout their ministry careers. The second phase calls for strengthening these workers through career assessment.

Thirdly, the section will encourage this group through coordination of a total pastoral support system, including family, economic, emotional and denominational support. The coordination of a nation-wide clinical counseling/referral network is also included.

"We are currently working to develop a list of referral sources which can provide local clinical counseling with a religious values foundation," says Dale. "We will

establish a national referral network allowing us to tell pastors and other church staff members where to receive aid with their problems in their local areas. This service includes clinical, family and vocational counseling."

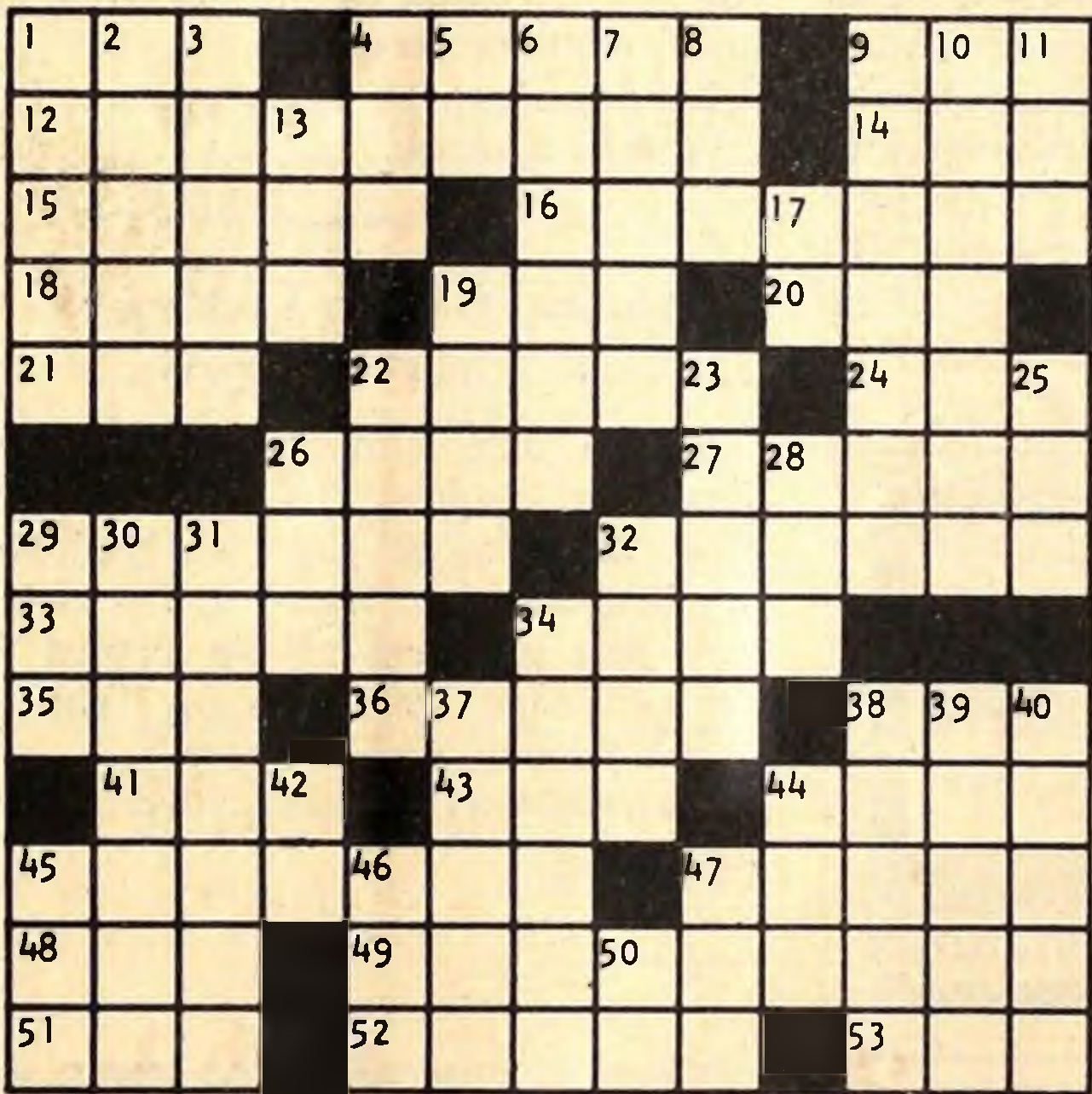
The fourth purpose of the section is to provide a ministry research service designed to secure and compile research data regarding various aspects of ministry.

Dale concludes that the pastor's greatest asset is the support of his family.

"The pastor's wife is his most important human resource in helping him cope with problems," he adds. "Along these lines, the section will encourage wives to be involved in pastoral career development and career assessment experiences at the board." (BP)

Bible Puzzle Page

Answers On Page 13



ACROSS

- 1 "But the — of the Lord" (2 Pet. 3)
- 4 One suffered it (Acts 7:24)
- 9 Leaves: abbr.
- 12 Coppersmith (2 Tim. 4:14)
- 14 Moray
- 15 Multiplied by
- 16 "continuing — in prayer" (Rom. 12)
- 18 Balanced
- 19 Female deer
- 20 Biblical verb
- 21 Lawmaking body: abbr.
- 22 Location of the church (Rom. 16:5)
- 24 Pistachio, for one
- 26 Pulls along
- 27 Son of Zopah (1 Chron. 7:37)

- 29 Something seen
- 32 They were filled with it (Acts 3:10)
- 33 Questioned
- 34 "the — of God" (Phil. 2)
- 35 Containing sulphur: comb. form
- 36 Word before book or teller
- 38 Motor torpedo boat: abbr.
- 41 Military men: abbr.
- 43 Gardener's need
- 44 "and take it by the —" (Ex. 4)
- 45 Lysias (Acts 24:22)
- 47 Smithy
- 48 Arikara
- 49 "firstfruits of his —" (Jas. 1)
- 51 Ancient
- 52 Place of battle (Num. 21:33)
- 53 Time periods: abbr.

DOWN

- 1 Points in time
- 2 "presented her —" (Acts 9)
- 3 Arabian country
- 4 Existed
- 5 Hospital employee: abbr.
- 6 Kind of woman (Prov. 30:23)
- 7 Nearly extinct goose (Hawaiian: poss.)
- 8 Unit of weight: abbr.
- 9 "for I have — by experience (Gen. 30)
- 10 "drew a bow at a —" (1 Ki. 22)
- 11 Searchlight: abbr.
- 13 Guest: comb. form
- 17 Tantalum: symbol
- 19 Elevator sign
- 22 Gangsters: slang
- 23 Black
- 25 Sailor
- 26 "and — the kine" (1 Sam. 6)
- 28 Being
- 29 Large tub
- 30 Abraham's son (Gen. 16:16)
- 31 "The mountains — like rams" (Psa. 114)
- 32 Used for clothing
- 34 Oklahoman
- 37 — base
- 38 "Forbidding to —" (1 Tim. 4)
- 39 Animal
- 40 "being reviled, we —" (1 Cor. 4)
- 42 Thoroughfare: abbr.
- 44 King (1 Chron. 18:9)
- 45 Settlement in early Scottish law
- 46 Expert
- 47 Federal tax included: abbr.
- 50 Of age: abbr. (L.)

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"Bold Believers in Giving" will also direct a major effort toward increased giving to missions through the Cooperative Program and the association.

Sunday, April 11, 1976, will be observed Convention-wide as Cooperative Program Day. Plan to use this day to inform church members of the importance of the Cooperative Program and some of the ministries being accomplished through it. Challenge every church member to a renewed boldness in personal commitment to world missions. Pray for our missionaries who are sharing the gospel around the world. Pray for your church to become burdened for a worthy mission thrust in 1976. Pray for increased giving in your church for world missions through the Cooperative Program and for increased support of your associational missions program.

Sunday, April 11, is Cooperative Program Day in Tennessee.

Historical Group To Hear James L. Sullivan April 5

The Middle Tennessee Chapter of the Tennessee Baptist Historical Society will meet at Belmont College, Nashville, for lunch, dutch treat, April 5. James L. Sullivan, past president of the Baptist Sunday School Board, will speak on "The History of the Sunday School Board."

Interested persons are invited to attend the meeting.

Knoxville Dedicates New Baptist Book Store

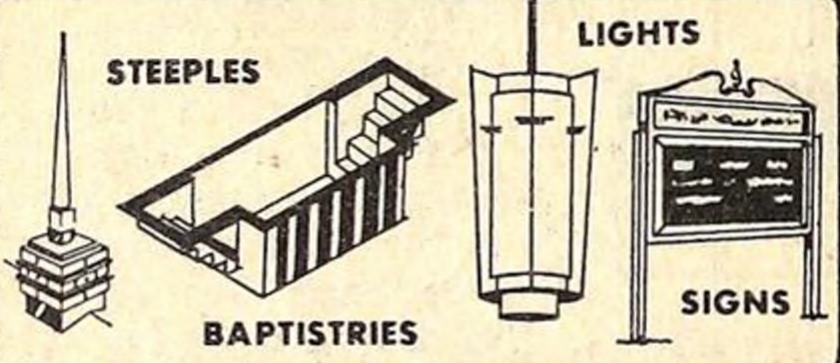
Dedication services for the Knoxville Baptist Book Store will be at 11:00 a.m., April 9. The store recently moved from its location on Gay Street to its new one at 404 Merchants Road.

Giving the dedicatory message will be Grady Cothen, president of the Baptist Sunday School Board. The book store is one of 60 in the chain of Baptist Book Stores owned and operated by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Edward H. Watson, a trustee of the board and a resident of Knoxville will give the dedicatory prayer. Scripture will be read by Clarence Jet, superintendent of missions for the Knox County Baptist Association. Others on program will be Scott Tapp, manager of the Store; Jay O. Turner, manager of the Board's Southeastern Region; and William S. Graham, director of the Board's Book Store Division.

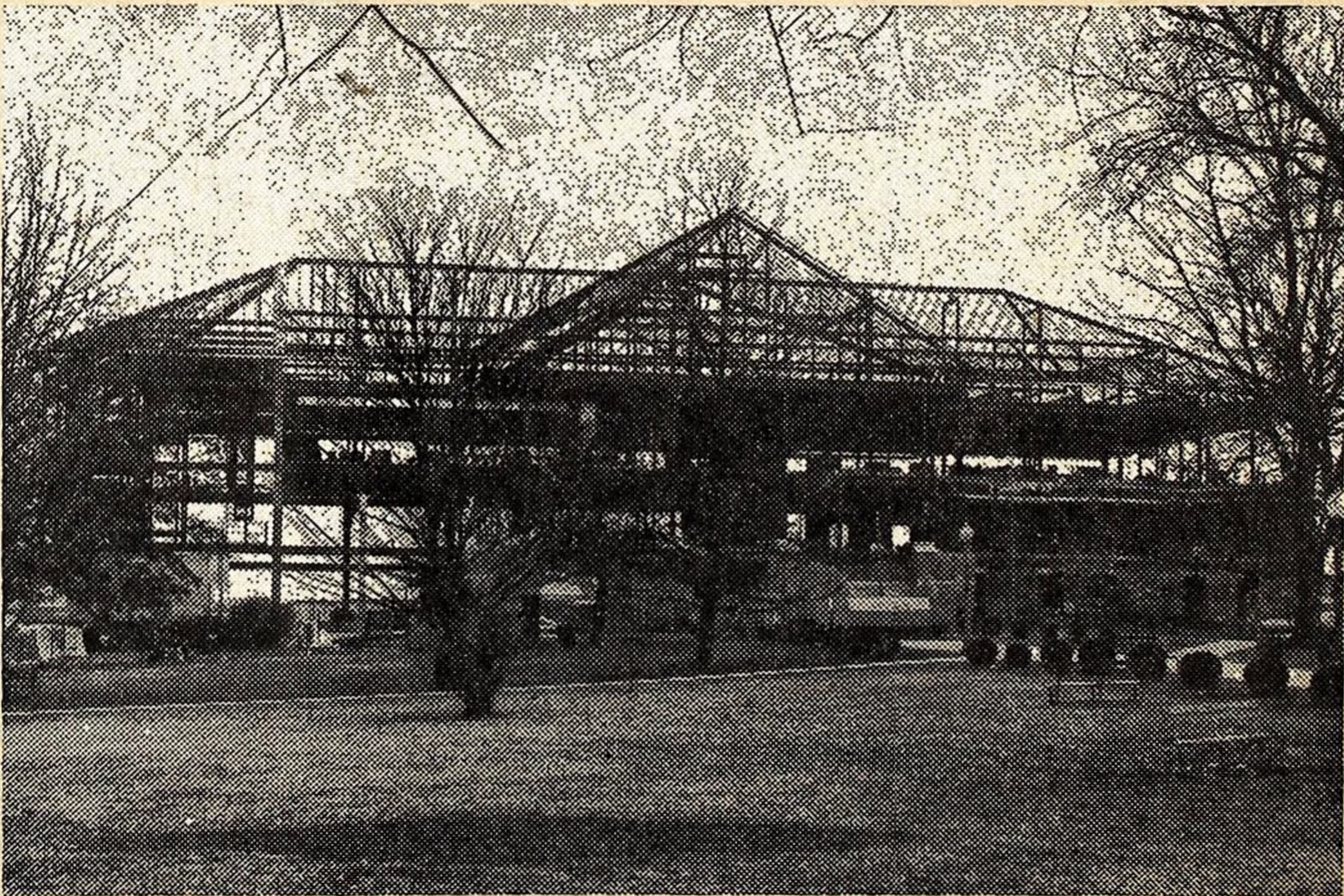
The Knoxville store is the second new Baptist Book Store to be dedicated in 1976, the 50th year of operation of the book store chain. This store originally belonged to J. R. Black from whom the Sunday School Board purchased it in 1945.

Black continued as manager until 1949 when Belle Lazenby became manager. She retired in 1970 and Neal Clary managed the store for the next two years. The present manager is Scott Tapp.



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The Henderson Humanities Building on the Carson-Newman College campus is beginning to take shape. Construction of the new facility is expected to be completed this fall. To be housed in Henderson are the departments of religion, English, philosophy, speech and drama, and foreign language. Also included in the new structure will be a multipurpose auditorium seating 510.

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State Trooper To Speak At RA Congress, April 16

The 1976 Congress for Royal Ambassadors in Tennessee will be held April 16-17 at East Ridge Church, Chattanooga.



Bowman

Among the featured speakers will be K. J. Bowman, state highway patrolman from Union, W.Va., Carl Hall, missionary to Kenya, and Orvil Reid, missionary to Mexico.

Bowman, a West Virginia state trooper, will speak on "Jesus Christ for Every Day." The trooper has served in the U.S. Air Force and has been with the Department of Safety for 20 years.

The 1976 Congress is sponsored by Hamilton County Baptist Association in cooperation with the Brotherhood Dept., Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Registration for the conference will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Friday at the church. The final session will begin at 7 a.m. on Saturday.

Reid and his wife have been serving as missionaries to Tuxtla Gutierrez, Mexico

where he was field evangelist for the south-east part of the country. Prior to their service there, they served in Guadalajara for nearly 30 years as city missionaries. In addition to speaking on the program, Reid will perform various feats of strength for the RA's. These will include allowing a truck to run over him, resisting two horses, two cars, and 32 men trying to pull his clasped hands apart.

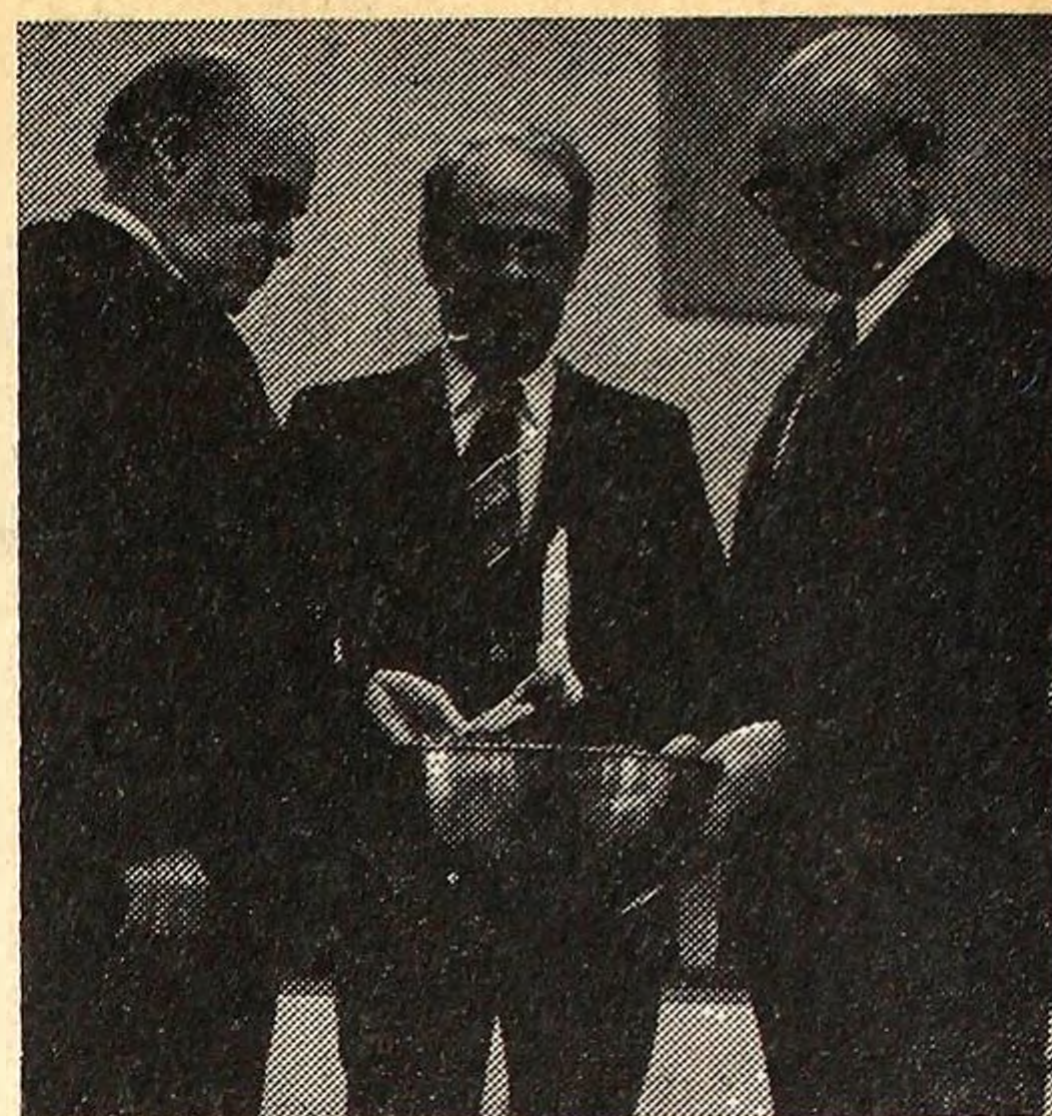
Hall will speak to the boys about his work in Kenya. A recent drought there has caused the death of 90 percent of the cattle in some sections of the country. According to Hall, cattle are the center and source of life for the Maasai people with whom he works.

The RA's will take an offering at the Congress for use toward digging wells in Kenya. The offering goal is \$10,000.

Other activities at the Congress will include advancement project displays, a parade, RA Speakout, pinewood derby, campcraft rodeo, mission conferences, and recreation.

Installation of new officers and presentation of awards will be held Saturday at 9 a.m.

The steering committee for the RA Congress is chaired by Matt Nevels, Hamilton County Baptist Association, and Max Thomas, a layman for Chattanooga. The 1975-76 president is Lamar Thomas, Chattanooga Central Church.



Trenton First Church celebrated the final payment on its debt for the sanctuary and educational wing with a note-burning ceremony last month. Pictured above, left to right are: Ralph Lawler, former chairman of the deacon body; Paul Powell, present chairman, and A. M. Anderson, also a former chairman. (See "Churches" on page 8.)

Baptist Religion Professors Pick Meredith Man As Prexy

NASHVILLE—Bernard Cochran, religion professor at Meredith College, a Baptist school in Raleigh, N.C., was elected president of the Association of Baptist Professors of Religion (ABPR), during their annual meeting here.

The Association, comprised of Baptists who teach philosophy and/or religion in colleges and universities, also elected Joe O. Lewis, chairman of the department of religion at Georgetown (Ky.) College, as vice president. And they re-elected W. Thomas Sawyer, academic dean at Truett-McConnell College in Cleveland, Ga., as secretary-treasurer. The group, hosted by the Southern Baptist Education Commission here, will observe its 50th anniversary next year. (BP)

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"He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love" (1 John 4:8).

'Delivered Up To Be Crucified'

By Dr. W. R. White
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Basic Passage: Matthew 26:1-56

Focal Passages: Matthew 26:1-2, 26-28, 38-42, 51-54

The crisis has ripened. A tragic confrontation has arrived. The circumstances have developed to a final issue. It all seems to be very logical from a human point of view.

However, according to Peter's sermon on the Day of Pentecost, instead of Christ's enemies having triumphed, they have unwittingly become a help in serving God's larger plans for our redemption and the triumph of Jesus Christ.

God has often used the wrath of man to praise Him. He can turn the evil designs of wicked man into serving His ends.

This does not lessen the guilt of wicked men. They wilfully pursue vicious processes with ungodly motives and are not aware of the ultimate results that will follow. Judas served a purpose and plan but he had no good intentions in mind. He made his own choices with selfish designs.

CHRIST FORETELLS HIS DEATH—Matthew 26:1-2

Jesus Christ makes every effort to prepare His disciples for the tragic events ahead. After reaching a peak of popularity, events turn the tide against our Lord. His disciples are evidently puzzled and perplexed by the rapid change.

Jesus is not surprised but with great poise foresees and foretells what is to come—even His tragic death.

JESUS EXPLAINS PURPOSE OF HIS DEATH—Matthew 26:26-28

In instituting the Lord's Supper following the Passover, Jesus explains the purpose of His death. In fact, Jesus illustrates the necessity of His death for their ransom and redemption.

A wrong conception of the purpose of the Messiah has influenced the thinking of his disciples and all the peoples of Israel too much. It is very tenacious. The redemption aspects are very slow to take hold even of Christ's followers. Jesus is very much aware of the motives of His mission and is seeking to alert His disciples in every way.

THE BATTLE IN THE GARDEN—Matthew 26:38-42

In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus has a fierce battle. It is not due to any lack of willingness in His spirit but to the realism of incarnation. The flesh is weak and recoils. Christ Jesus inquires if there is any al-

ternative to this bitter cup, but places the Father's will first. His disciples yield to the strains of the testing ordeals of those days and fall asleep. They fail to keep vigil with their Lord. Jesus comes through fully submissive to the Father's will.

JESUS SUBMITS TO THE WAY OF THE CROSS—Matthew 26:51-54

One disciple, Peter, tries to resist the mob brought by Judas for the apprehension of Jesus. In fact, he wields a sword. Jesus rebukes him and repairs the damage. He announced the principle that he who follows the way of the sword will perish with the sword.

He makes it clear that His Father could dispatch legions of angels to deliver Him if He were so minded. But that would thwart the fulfillment of Scripture that predicts His redemptive death.

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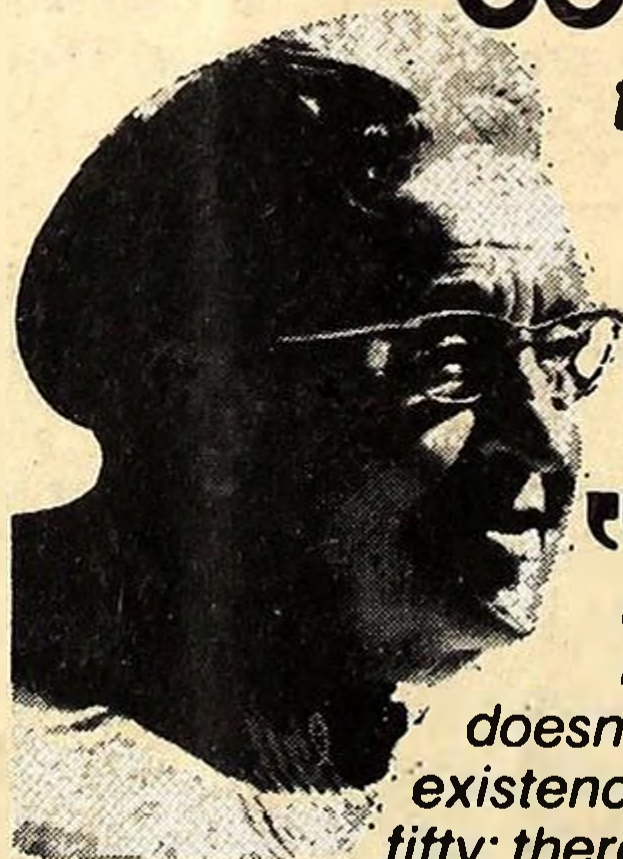
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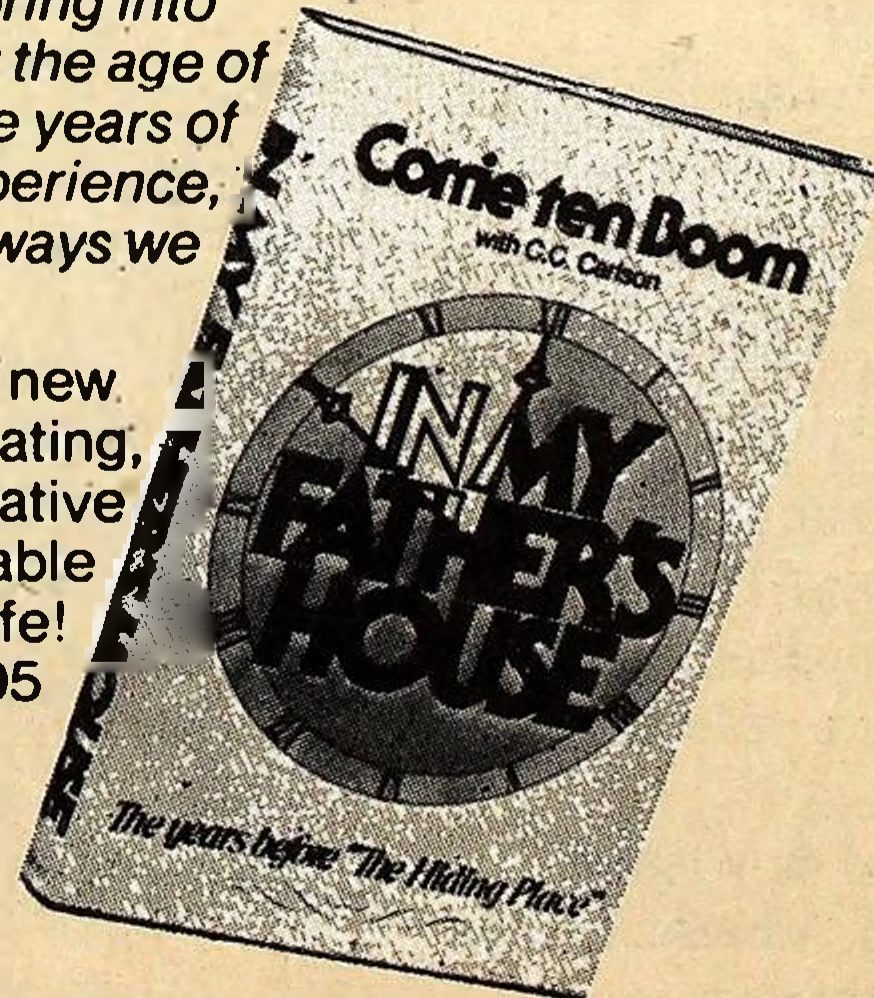
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Parent Is The Best Educational Toy Of All

A parent is the best educational toy for the young child, according to a "N.Y. Times" round-up of professional opinion on the value of educational playthings. Contrary to the dark hints of toy manufacturers, children's mental development doesn't hinge on parents' choice of toys. The quality of preschoolers' total development does, however, depend on the quality of their lives with their parents.

The experts interviewed agreed that many of the highly advertised and high priced "educational toys" on the market:

- Play on parents' anxiety over their child's future school success and place undue potentially inhibiting emphasis on cognitive skills.

- Are over-priced and uninspired adaptations of equipment, games and puzzles that have been around for years.

- Tend to consist of ingredients that could be assembled much more cheaply by the parent from existing household supplies or from hardware, stationery and gardening stores.

Manufacturers' claims that the use of certain toys sharpens hand-eye coordination and other perceptual skills amused the experts, who observed that just about everything a child does in the course of everyday living develops these traits—if he/she is not squelched by impatient, over-particular parents. Doing real things with real tools in the company of a parent is the basic "educational" experience.

Intellectual development is interlocked with physical, social and emotional growth. Parents who work along with their kids at ordinary routines, meeting mistakes with patience and good humor, fanning curiosity and fostering the will to try, are helping their youngsters develop "readiness" as packaged "educational" playthings never could.

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50 YEARS AGO

A feature story focused on the efforts of the members of West Shiloh Church near Adamsville to keep their church alive during hard times. In 1918 the church had had 10 members and no pastor. Through prayer of the members, by 1925 they reported 100 members, mission organizations, and A. M. Overton serving as pastor.

John N. Irwin resigned as pastor at Dunlap.

20 YEARS AGO

Murfreesboro First Church reached their goal of \$100,000 in cash and pledges for the construction of new facilities. Groundbreaking was to be held on the 113th anniversary of the church, June 9.

Grace Church, Nashville, ordained Belmont College student Raymond Langlois, to the gospel ministry.

10 YEARS AGO

Hudson Baggett, professor of religion at Samford University, was named editor of the "Alabama Baptist," weekly newspaper of the Alabama Baptist State Convention.

Giles County Association held dedication services and open house at its new missionary home and associational offices. Participating in the program were Clarence K. Stewart, Phil Jewett, James Shutt, Lloyd Hickman, R. E. Wilsford, Hoyt Wilson, K. M. Franklin, James Jolly, Elmer Howell, and Leslie Baumgarner.

Caudill Praises Academy

Like so many fine pastors who have retired, R. Paul Caudill, native Tar Heel who was pastor of First Church, Memphis, Tenn., for 31 years, is proving to be a great blessing to many people in his retirement years. He maintains a home at Vilas near Boone and has helped two churches in that area—Cove Creek and Bethel—put in their budget three Baptist publications—the "Commission," "Home Missions," and the "Biblical Recorder." He is proud of this and wonders if many churches of that size are sending all three to every home.

And now he is in Honolulu serving as interim pastor at the Central Baptist Church. In a recent article on the Hawaii Baptist Academy, he wrote: "Honolulu represents the most diversified ethnic culture to be found in the world. It is the crossroads to the Orient . . . the melting pot of both the Occident and the Orient."

He said students trained at the academy may come to influence, in a marked degree, the future cultures of the world. He says every teacher is a Christian and the faculty and staff are predominantly Southern Baptist.

"If I had a million dollars to devote to the cause of Christian education, I believe I would invest the principal part of it in Hawaii Baptist Academy," Caudill said in the article. The school has 700 students—kindergarten through high school. He says this "may one day become the most influential base of witness (for Baptists) in all the Pacific."—Reprinted from **The Biblical Recorder**, J. Marse Grant, editor.

Editor's Note: We join with Editor Grant in saying that Caudill is proving to be a blessing in his retirement years. When he came to Memphis, he immediately urged First Baptist Church to put the "BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR" in its budget. He supported the paper throughout his 31 years as pastor there. He has served several years as a member of our Board of Directors and continues to serve well in this capacity.—EL

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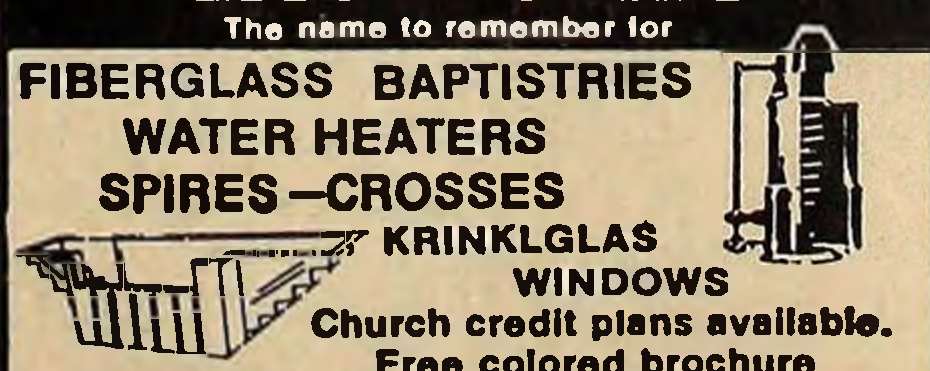
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HMB Directors Name President; Hear From Search Committee

By Toby Druin

SILVER SPRING, Md.—Southern Baptist Home Mission Board (HMB) directors, meeting for the first time in the Washington, D.C. area, elected a new president and appointed 45 missionaries here.

They also got a preliminary report from the committee seeking a new executive director for the agency, including a hint that the committee might have a recommendation before the July, 1976, target date.

The directors, in their annual spring meeting, reaffirmed the statement titled "Baptist Faith and Message" as the board's guideline for employment of staff and missionaries.

The statement was approved by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1963 and has been reaffirmed in subsequent conventions.

Tommy Jones, pastor of Vineville Baptist Church, Macon, Ga., was elected president of the board of directors, succeeding Russell H. Dilday, Jr., who had completed his second one-year term, the maximum under HMB bylaws. Jones, a native of Kentucky, is a graduate of Wayland Baptist College, Plainview, Tex., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth.

Other Officers Elected

Other officers elected include Mrs. I. W. Bowen III of Forsyth, Ga., first vice-president; James Richard Maples, pastor of First Baptist Church, El Paso, Tex., second vice-president; Mrs. Sidney K. Kingry, Atlanta, recording secretary; and Mrs. W. B. Blount, Winder, Ga., assistant recording secretary.

Lloyd Elder of Texas gave a preliminary report from the seven-member search committee named last October to seek a nominee for executive director of the HMB. Arthur B. Rutledge, who has headed the HMB in that position since 1965, will retire at the end of 1976.

Elder, reporting in the place of Oklahoma City pastor and search committee chairman Gene Garrison, who was ill and unable to attend the meeting, hinted that the committee might call a special meeting of the directors to present their choice before the July target date. The next meeting of the full board is scheduled July 19-21 in Atlanta.

The committee, Elder said, is "experiencing an unusual sense of God's leadership" as it sifts through the many recommendations that have come in from all over the convention.

"Today we do not have a nominee. And

no one has been eliminated," he said, "but we have a sense God is leading us to the right man."

Elder, assistant to the executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, said the group had not received "undue pressure" from any area.

"We are right now at the point where we need your greatest concern and most sincere prayer," he added.

Missionaries appointed included two career missionaries, 14 missionary associates, seven missionary pastors and 22 US-2 missionaries.

Interest Rate Increased

In other significant action, the directors raised the interest rate on HMB loans to churches to 9.5 percent, approved Dayton, Ohio, as the site of the 1978 spring meeting, and passed a resolution encouraging support of the American Bible Society, the World Home Bible League and use of the scriptures both produce.

The directors approved Lyndon W. Collings for the new post of assistant to the director of the board's missions section. The position recently was created by eliminating the department of survey and special studies.

Collings has served as assistant director of the department of church extension since coming to the HMB from Indiana in 1973.

A native of Normandy, Ky., Collings is a graduate of Georgetown (Ky.) College and The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

The directors met outside the Atlanta area in a continuing plan to move the spring meeting around the nation to give more Baptists opportunity to see them in action.

The meeting here was held in three churches—Columbia Baptist Church, Falls Church, Va.; First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Va.; and First Baptist Church, Silver Spring, Md. (BP)

Big Emory Pastors Led In Conference

Walter Bennett, consultant, Church Administration Dept., Baptist Sunday School Board, led a pastoral ministries workshop for pastors in Big Emory Association.

The sessions, conducted at Trenton Street Church in Harriman, focused on areas of personal planning, leadership, motivation, and self-evaluation. Twenty-five persons were enrolled.

Baptist Computer Users Elect Officers, Hear Report

Two Tennesseans were elected to top posts in the Southern Baptist Computer Users Association during its fourth annual meeting in Dallas.

Lynn E. May Jr., executive secretary of the SBC Historical Commission, was elected president; and Martha Grove, director of accounting, Tennessee Baptist Convention, Brentwood, was elected secretary-treasurer.

Other officers elected included O. Max Burns, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, program vice president; and Ernest Hamilton, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary membership vice president.

During the meeting, the group heard a feasibility study on the first profile master list of Southern Baptist churches and established a quarterly newsletter. "We are working toward a mailing list that would be adaptable for many uses," said Bettie Maries Stevens, outgoing president and a data processing specialist for the Florida Baptist Convention.

Don Hull, Radio and Television Commission, Fort Worth, will edit the association's newsletter.

Callaway Honored By Archaeological Institute

LOUISVILLE—Joseph A. Callaway, professor of Biblical archaeology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here, has been named a research professor during his 1976-77 sabbatical leave at the Albright Institute of Archaeological Research in Jerusalem, according to a seminary spokesman.

The Albright Institute, named for the famed Johns Hopkins University professor who was the leading American Biblical archaeologist of this century, is the primary archaeological expedition headquarters for the American scholarly community. The Institute was founded by the well-known American Schools for Oriental Research, of which Southern Baptist Seminary is a member.

Callaway, a member of the Southern Baptist Seminary faculty since 1958, has conducted an excavation at the site of the ancient city of Ai since 1964 under a \$100,000 grant from the Smithsonian Institution and additional grants from the American Schools of Oriental Research. The Ai project is a cooperative venture of Southern Baptist Seminary, the Harvard Semitic Museum and several other schools.

The Albright Collection, personal library of the world-famous archaeologist, is now part of the collection of Southern Seminary's library on the Louisville campus. (BP)

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