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Coming Events

May 31-June 1—Family Enrichment Conference, Judson Baptist Church, Nashville.

June 7-11—GA Camp, Camp Linden, Linden.

June 10-11—Student Missions Orientation, Executive Board Building, Tennessee Baptist Convention, Brentwood.

June 11-13—National WMU Meeting for Baptist Young Women, Virginia Beach Convention Center, Norfolk.

June 13—Church Music Conference, First Church, Norfolk.

June 13-14—WMU Meeting, Chrysler Hall, Scope Convention Center, Norfolk.

June 13-14—Pastors' Conference, Norfolk Scope Convention Center.

June 13-14—Religious Education Association, Hotel Cavalier, Virginia Beach.

June 14-18—RA Camp, Camp Carson, Newport.

June 14-18—GA Camp, Camp Linden, Linden.

June 15-17—Southern Baptist Convention, Norfolk Scope Convention Center.

June 18, 19, 20—Father-Son Camp and Brotherhood Reunion, Camp Carson, Newport.

June 21-25—RA Camp, Camp Carson, Newport.

June 21-25—GA Camp, Camp Linden, Linden.

June 28-July 2—Acteen Camp, Camp Linden, Linden.

Tennessee Baptist Camps Available For Group Use

Churches with persons interested in attending camp this summer at either Camp Linden or Camp Carson, should contact the Business Office of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, according to James McDonald, manager.

Registration for summer weeks is now being accepted, and McDonald stated that there are several weeks still open. Additionally, there are vacancies for weekends in the fall at both camps. Churches willing to share the facilities and grounds with other churches may register a group, McDonald said.

The business manager also pointed out various improvements made at both camps during the past year. Construction on several buildings has been completed, sewerage and water treatment plants have been installed, and all roads have been paved.

Jerry Brown Named BSSB Consultant

NASHVILLE—The Church Administration Department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board recently named Jerry Brown consultant in the pastoral section.

He came to the board from Azle, Tex., where he served as executive director of Azle Pastoral Care Center. He has served as pastor of churches in Texas and Colorado and has taught school in New Mexico.

A native of New Mexico, Brown is a graduate of Baylor University, Waco, Tex., and of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth. He presently is a candidate for the Th.D. degree at Southwestern.

Tennessee Baptist Book Stores Receive Awards At Luncheon

NASHVILLE—Baptist Book Stores in Knoxville and Nashville received honors at the annual Baptist Book Stores Managers' luncheon held here recently.

Scott Tapp, manager of the Knoxville store, accepted the Keith C. Von Hagen Award for outstanding achievement for the Knoxville store.

The plaque awarded for the best dollar increase in sales was presented to James Yarborough, manager of the Nashville store.

Awards are presented annually by the book store division of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board to stores excelling in various areas the previous year.

Former Union President, Francis Wright, Dies

Francis E. Wright, former president of Union University, died May 15 in Jackson following a heart attack. He was 61.



Wright

Wright was president of Union from 1963-67 and since 1967 has served as president of Jackson State Community College in Jackson. Prior to becoming Union's president, he served as that institution's academic dean.

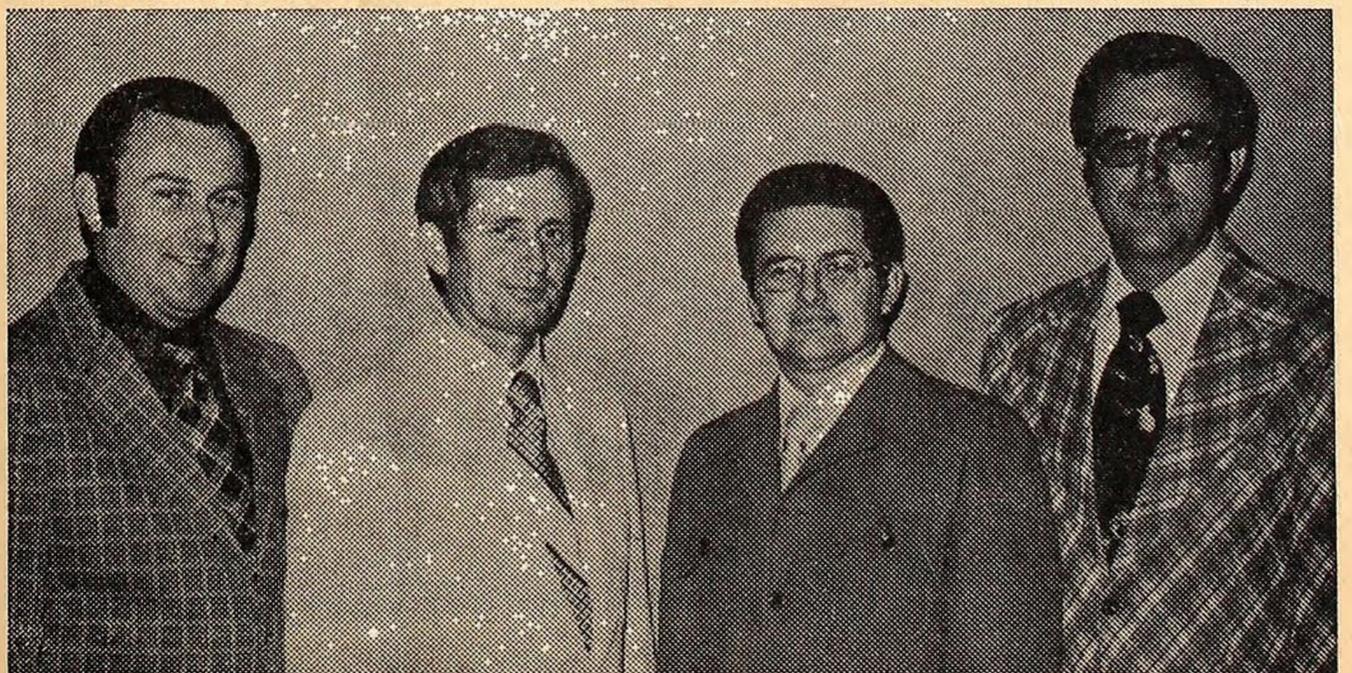
He was a graduate of Baylor University in Waco, Texas where he later served as dean of men. He earned the Master of Arts and Doctor of Education degrees from George Peabody College in Nashville.

Services were held May 18 at West Jackson Church. Milton Ferguson, president, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and David Q. Byrd, pastor of the church, officiated. Burial was at Ridgecrest Cemetery in Jackson.

On a denominational level, Wright served as a trustee of Midwestern. He was on the personnel and finance committee of his church.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mildred Cooper Wright of the home, one daughter, Mrs. Kay Stuve, Chico, Ca., and two grandchildren.

West Tennessee Baptist Pastors' Conference



New officers for the West Tennessee Baptist Pastors' Conference elected May 3, at Union University are left to right, James Smith, music director; Joe Layman, president; Murphy Martin, vice-president; Jerald Smith, pianist. Not pictured is Bill Smith, secretary-treasurer.

Home Board Names 37 Mission Personnel

ATLANTA—Directors of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, meeting here, approved appointment of 37 mission personnel, including 9 career missionaries, 14 missionary associates, 1 US-2 short term missionary, and 13 mission pastors to receive church pastoral aid.

Career missionary appointments include: Priscilla Ann Brodie of Franklinton, N. C., will serve as director of education for the General Baptist Convention of North Carolina (National Baptist) and will teach at Shaw University Divinity School in Raleigh.

David and Chris Coleman of Fort Worth, Tex., will serve as urban training director for Christian social ministries in Texas.

Nolen and Eliza Dunaway of Fort Worth will serve as catalytic language missionaries in Lancaster, Pa.

David and Joy Holden of Clinton, Iowa, will serve as associational director of missions in Iowa.

Wade and Bettye Thomas of Klamath Falls, Ore., will serve as director of associational missions for Harmony Association, Ventura, Calif.

Missionary associates include: Jose and Nancy Amaya will serve as pastor of Calvary Baptist Mission, Karnes City, Texas.

Hiram and Beatrice Duffer will serve as catalytic language missionaries in Puerto Rico.

Eloy and Lucia Felan will serve as pastor of Spanish Temple, Emporia, Kans.

Salome Gusman will serve as pastor of East Coleman (Spanish) Chapel, Coleman, Tex.

Cindy Hall will serve as a student intern in Christian social ministries in Louisville, Ky.

John Mark Hastey will assist Spanish churches in Sullivan City and Los Ebanos, Tex.

Rodney Lee Kissinger will serve as student intern while a student at Southwestern Seminary.

David and Eden Liu will serve as pastor of Chinese Mission in Atlanta, Ga.

Ernest and Nancy Rodriguez will serve as pastor of Mission Mensajera, Itasca, Tex.

The US-2 appointee is Diane Mackenzie of Wilmington, Del., who will serve in the First Spanish Baptist Church, Atlanta. (BP)



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Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

Madalyn Murray O'Hair recently threatened to resign as the unofficial leader of American atheists, stating that "the lack of support of other atheists proved too much."

Or too little, as the case may be.

Certainly it goes without saying that due to the position of her atheistic followers, all of her support was on very shaky ground.

And this presents an interesting question: Did Mrs. O'Hair discover that there are too many "non-practicing atheists"?

And what does an "inactive atheist" do? Does he decide that he is going to do nothing about believing nothing?

The truth is, it may be as difficult to corral an atheist as it is to corner the logic of his unbelief.

It has often been said that there are no atheists in foxholes. With Mrs. O'Hair's apparent difficulty in rallying her forces, it could be that the atheists do not choose to get into a hole with this sly fox.

Devotional

"A Usable Lamp"

By Mary Hu McNabb

"You are the light of the world." (Matthew 5:14 NASB)

"A dimly burning wick He will not extinguish." (Isaiah 42:3 NASB)

Two kerosene lamps sat on a shelf in my childhood home. When a summer storm left us without electricity they were brought out to provide welcome light. As long as there was an adequate supply of kerosene, they burned brightly, but when the wick no longer reached the fuel, they smoked, gave off an offensive odor, and eventually ceased to burn.

A few years ago I received as a gift a miniature lamp similar to those. It held only a small amount of oil and had to be replenished frequently. One day as I began to refill it, I noticed a single drop of oil clinging to the wick. Would it burn? I turned the wick high, relighted it, and watched as it blazed up brightly for a few moments but then began to flicker. Again I turned the wick higher and the flame revived, but only for a few seconds. Finally, it only smoldered regardless of how high I turned the wick, for all of the fuel had been consumed.

As I watched that tiny lamp struggle to burn, I was reminded of our efforts to accomplish those things which we feel are our God-given tasks. As long as our source of power comes from God, our light will burn steadily. When contact is interrupted and we begin to try to bear light in our own strength, we begin to flicker. There may be brief bursts of light as we resolve to "try harder," but they are short lived. Like the smoldering wick, we become offensive and cease to fulfill our intended purpose.

I am grateful for the promise that the dimly burning wick will not be extinguished. If we submit to having the charred edges trimmed away and being reunited with the source of power, we again become a usable lamp for shedding His light in a dark world.

Mrs. McNabb is outreach secretary at Two Rivers Church in Nashville. She has also served as a Sunday School teacher in the adult department. Her husband, Bob, is a social worker for the state Mental Health Dept.

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SBC Will Elect President, Hear Ford, Conduct Business

By Robert O'Brien

NORFOLK—In a year of presidential politics—USA-style and SBC-style—more than 16,000 Southern Baptists, meeting here June 15-17, will elect a new convention president and possibly hear the president of the United States.

Elected "messengers" to the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) annual meeting will also vote on a record-shattering \$55 million national Cooperative Program unified budget for 1976-77, survey the denomination's worldwide mission strategy for the last quarter of this century, and hear a report on the SBC Executive Committee.

A new president will assume the top elective position of the nation's largest Protestant body at the end of the jam-packed, three-day session. Jaroy Weber, pastor of Lubbock's 10,277-member First Baptist Church, who will preside at the SBC's 119th annual session, will step down after two one-year terms, the SBC's constitutional limit.

The tradition of presidential politics, SBC-style, dictates that candidates mount no overt campaigns for the office but emerge from nominations from the floor and a vote by messengers.

That milieu, common for SBC elections (SBC presidents are customarily voted a second term unopposed), may seem strange to outside observers in a national election year in which candidates scramble, USA-style, for the country's presidency.

Incumbent President Gerald Ford, now scrambling for the nomination of the Republican Party, had tentatively agreed to address the SBC's Tuesday evening session, June 15—subject to change—long before the current challenge by Ronald Reagan put his nomination in question. A final decision on the president's appearance will be made two or three weeks before the speaking date, according to a White House spokesman.

Ford To Speak As President, Not As Candidate

The SBC's committee on order of business asked Mr. Ford to come as the President—not a candidate—to speak non-politically in observance of the nation's Bicentennial.

However, some have felt that the invitation was not wise in an election year. Illinois Baptist Editor Robert J. Hastings, in a widely-circulated mailgram, asked the committee to withdraw the invitation to Mr. Ford because publicity he would get in Norfolk would not be fair to former Georgia Gov. Jimmy Carter, an active Southern Baptist layman and front-runner for the Democratic presidential nomination.

The committee declined, emphasizing Mr.

Ford's role as a President, not a candidate, and Hastings said he would pursue it no further. At least four Southern Baptist editors, since Hastings' letter, have declared editorially that the invitation should stand and that Southern Baptists should hear the president.

Governor Carter, himself, in an interview with World Mission Journal, published by the SBC Brotherhood Commission of which he is a trustee, said, "I have had no adverse reaction to that (Mr. Ford's invitation). I don't feel excluded by not being invited this year. I spoke to the Southern Baptist Convention when it met in Dallas in 1974 and introduced Gerald Ford (then vice president) at a Brotherhood Commission-sponsored prayer breakfast."

The \$55 million budget—\$4 million more than 1975-76—includes a \$49 million basic operating budget for 20 SBC and SBC-related national agencies and committees and the SBC operating budget. It also includes a \$1,080,000 capital needs figure and \$4,920,000 in challenge operating funds.

The challenge portion is broken into two phases of \$1 million and \$3.9 million.

\$909,000 Budget To Be Voted

Messengers will also vote on a \$909,000 1976-77 convention operating budget, which includes the cost of operating the annual SBC meeting, the SBC's contribution to the Baptist World Alliance and other items.

A 21-person missions challenge committee, mandated by Southern Baptists in 1974 to study the potential of the 12.7-million-member denomination's world wide missions advance during the last 25 years of the 20th Century, will deliver a 65-page report.

It will include 15 major recommendations, built around the first one urging a primary goal of taking the gospel of Jesus Christ to everyone in the world in the final quarter of the century. The recommendations will urge unprecedented inter-agency cooperation and a quantum financial leap by churches and state conventions to achieve objectives.

The SBC Home and Foreign Mission Boards, also asked by the SBC to study bold new plans for missions, will deliver lengthy reports, projecting missions growth, during the Norfolk meeting.

In another report, the Committee of Seven, which the SBC asked to study its

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1976 GOLDEN STATE MISSIONS OFFERING ALLOCATIONS

Program of Work	1975 Allocations	Suggested for 1976	Increase (Decrease)
Burney Love Gifts (Aid to children of Tenn. missionaries)	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	
Camps (Capital Needs—New buildings, permanent improvement of existing buildings)	65,000	70,000	\$ 5,000
Disaster Relief Fund	15,000	15,000	
Gifts to Missionaries (\$15.00 for each native Tennessee missionary at Christmas)	2,800	3,500	700
Graduate Scholarship Fund	1,000	1,000	
International Student Ministries	5,000	5,000	
Ministry to the Handicapped	8,000*	8,000	
Mission Center Ministries	2,500	1,500	(1,000)
Mission Lot and Building Fund	25,000	35,000	10,000
Negro Baptist Student Work	2,700	2,700	
Resort Missions	5,000	5,000	
Site Fund for Proposed Conference Center (yearly payment)	8,500	8,500	
Special Rural and Mountain Missions	17,500	17,500	
Student Scholarships	15,000**	15,000	
Student Summer Missions	10,000	10,000	
Summer Preachers Schools	10,000	10,000	
United Tennessee League, Inc.	40,000***	40,000	
Offering Promotion Expense	8,000	8,000	
Contingency Fund	3,000	1,300	(1,700)
Church-Related Vocations Students Scholarship Fund (Fd.)		2,000	2,000
WMU Budget Supplement—Metropolitan WMU Promotion		10,000	10,000
TOTALS	\$250,000	\$275,000	\$ 25,000

*Includes \$4,000 for support of an interpreter for the deaf at Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy (\$3,000 is the amount committed for 1976)

**Scholarships are: Mary Northington—\$6,000; Medical—\$500; Harrison-Chilhowee—\$3,500; Acteens Stuidact Scholarships—\$5,000.

***The last \$5,000 of the offering goal will go to this item.

The above budget was approved by the Executive Board in its May 11 meeting. It came as a recommendation from the Woman's Missionary Union Executive Board and the Administrative Committee of the Executive Board. This is the second year it has been prepared jointly.

National Seminar On Support Of Missions

By David Moore

The National Seminar on Support of Missions was held at Ridgecrest April 26-30. The first seminar in 1971 placed the primary emphasis on stewardship. Last year the seminar dealt with the biblical and theological base for support of missions.

The first two seminars produced two books. **Resource Unlimited** and **Mission Unlimited** which were the guidelines for the third seminar. As the first two seminars gave theory, the third was designed to put into practice what was learned.

Dr. Morris Ashcraft from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary set the pace for the meeting in his banquet address on Monday evening. He stated that "stewardship is a way of life—the Christian way of life." By elaborating Dr. Ashcraft stated that stewardship is just not giving money, it is giving all of life to Christ and seeking to honor God with all our possessions held in our trust.

Representatives from most SBC agencies and leaders from churches, associations and state were present. They were divided into five groups under various themes, such as: Church Programming, Education, Finances, People and Prayer. The task was for each

Moore is pastor of Lincova Hills Baptist Church, Nashville.

Kaleidoscope Registration Tops Expectations

VIRGINIA BEACH—More than 825 Baptist Young Women (BYW) had registered as of May 12 for Kaleidoscope '76, the first national meeting for Southern Baptist young women, 18-29, held by Woman's Missionary Union (WMU), national Southern Baptist Convention auxiliary.

Registration is still open for the event, which will convene in the Virginia Beach Convention Center, Friday evening, June 11, and run through Sunday morning, June 13, before merging with the WMU annual meeting, June 13-14, at the Norfolk Scope Convention Center.

Jane Hix, national BYW consultant for WMU in Birmingham, said that only a very limited amount of housing is still available for BYWs. However, those within driving distance who do not need hotel space are still welcome, she said.

All participants must register in advance and pay a \$5.00 fee. Registrants will be transported by bus from Virginia Beach to Norfolk for the WMU annual meeting. Hix estimated that 16 bus trips will be needed to move the BYWs to Norfolk.

Original plans for Kaleidoscope were based on a probable attendance of 500, Hix said. (BP)

group to come up with a practical application for support of missions through each theme.

Some final conclusions drawn from the seminar were that pastors hold the key to missions. Regardless to what our agencies, boards, state and associational leaders accomplish, nothing will happen until the pastors become mission-minded. The convention is still made up of local churches. Those churches produce the people called Southern Baptists. They are at the cutting edge of missions.

A second conclusion that we face is the danger of attempting too little. Southern Baptists like a challenge. We have been content to support foreign missions to the fullest. The seminar produced a challenge to every Southern Baptist that missions is action that reaches beyond your own in-group. Our churches are bases for missions, and they are made up of people just waiting to be asked to make a contribution to the Kingdom of God.

The Stewardship Commission is in the process of producing the results and findings of this seminar. The lasting results may never be felt convention wide, but for those that were there missions and stewardship has become a Christian way of life. Our prayer is that Southern Baptists everywhere will become good stewards as they recognize themselves as missionaries.

Belmont Offers Summer Kindergarten Workshop

A kindergarten workshop will be conducted at Belmont College June 14-18 for teachers and perspective teachers of preschoolers and kindergarten workers, according to Mrs. Frank Charton, chairman of elementary education in Belmont's Education Department.

Charton says the workshop will especially be helpful for church kindergarten workers.

Pherobe Thomas, a children's music specialist from New Orleans, La., will headline the group of experience program leaders. Assisting her will be: Norma Stearn, child guidance; David Driskill, science; Eleanor Schoenly, art; Kathleen Powell, puppets; and Mrs. David Johnson, language, arts, and puppets.

The workshop may be audited or taken for college credit (4½ quarter hours or 3 semester hours). The grading system will be pass-fail.

Another workshop "Student Teaching in Kindergarten" will be offered at two different dates—June 14-July 2, and July 5-24.

For additional information contact Charton in the Education Department at Belmont College.

One-Week Preachers' School Set At Belmont College

Belmont College will sponsor a one-week Preachers' School, June 28-July 2, according to Robert O. Byrd, professor of religion at Belmont and director of the one-week school.

Conference sessions begin at 10 a.m., June 28, and conclude after lunch July 2. Except for Monday, afternoons will be free for participants.

The 1977 January Bible Study Book, Romans, will be taught by Frank Staggs, professor, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Other sessions include "Ministering in Grief Situations," by Chaplain David Farmer, Baptist Hospital, Nashville; "Developing Leaders in the Churches," by Francis Martin, assistant professor, Belmont College; "Worship and Preaching Improvement," by Clyde Cutrer, assistant professor, Belmont College; and "Using Music Effectively in the Churches," by Doug Smith, associate professor of church music, Southern Baptist Seminary.

A special session for ministers' wives is planned for each morning. Registration fee is \$7.50 per person or \$10.00 per couple.

Additional information on the school is available from Byrd.

Sullivan To Teach At Boyce School In June

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—James L. Sullivan, retired president of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, will teach a course at the Boyce Bible School here June 8-11, according to Allen W. Graves, executive director of the Ministry Training Center of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. The Boyce School is part of the Center.

Sullivan's course will be entitled "How Southern Baptists Work Together." Information on this and other courses is available from the Boyce Bible School—the toll free number is (800) 626-5525; (502) 897-4693 in Kentucky.

Sullivan was president of the Sunday School Board from 1953-1974, before which he spent 21 years as a pastor. The well-known denominational leader currently serves as vice president of the Baptist World Alliance and chairman of the group's Division of Evangelism and Education. He is the author of several books.

"Dr. Sullivan's course has been scheduled the week preceding the Southern Baptist Convention," says Graves, "so that ministers planning to attend the convention in Norfolk, Va., might come to Louisville for this week of special study preceding the convention."

The Boyce Bible School is a division of Southern Seminary to provide theological education for those without the benefit of a college degree.

Dangers Of A Tailor-Made Religion

By Duke K. McCall

After a third of a century of committee meetings some impressions about the character of the Southern Baptist Convention ought to emerge. I have spent the time sitting, listening, and talking. I wonder what I saw?

I think I saw Southern Baptists change from custom-made religion to tailor-made religion. Once upon a time (before World War II) Southern Baptists were concentrated in the eighteen Southeastern states. We were very much alike culturally, educationally, and we constructed our church programs on that basis. We all sang "The Old Rugged Cross" before the offering and "Just As I Am" for the invitation.

After World War II we took our piety, our devotion to the Bible as the Word of God, and our sense of destiny as the people of God to folks in California and Oregon and Idaho and Massachusetts. This geographic dispersion coincided with the collapse of consensus culture in America. The latter was signaled by the death of the big national magazines whose articles had set the patterns and style of furniture, dress, and life for the entire country. The contemporary scene has a specialized magazine for almost every conceivable (and some inconceivable) human interest.

No wonder our custom-made religious literature suddenly appeared irrelevant and dated to parts of our constituency who wanted tailor-made materials. People began to question the value of the Training Union which had actually provided hundreds of thousands of Baptist young people their only experience in leadership development. Public schools began to provide television panel experience for youngsters whose parents had gotten the equivalent experience as Training Union group captains.

No wonder we turned from the single custom-made program for all churches to try to provide a variety of tailor-made programs for the specific interests and needs of different people. It was the right response at the right time. The psychological impact of this shift to a sort of tailor-made approach was unfortunate, however.

The average church member suddenly began to feel that not only everything in his church but also everything in his denomination should be tailor-made to him and his needs. Instead of seeing the options provided as an affirmation of the right of people to be different, we have complained that nobody has found a single program of Bible study or evangelism that is precisely right for us. The religious music that arose from the youth culture has grabbed

some and offended others, but both groups require the denomination to produce a hymnal tailored to their tastes. (The new Baptist Hymnal has something for all of us.)

As long as we had a custom-made denominational pattern, all of our churches and most of our people were alike or else assumed they ought to be alike. In retrospect I see this dramatically portrayed in my experience. I grew up in a sophisticated First Baptist Church of a major city and then became pastor of a half-time, open country church. I experienced no change in musical tastes, religious vocabulary, or church organizational pattern. That was forty years ago. In contrast, I have recently preached within the same week in a robe in a Baptist church with a divided chancel and also stood on the backend of a cotton wagon in shirt sleeves to proclaim the love of God. Everything was altered except the biblical message.

More devastating to our denominational program, however, than this diversity of life styles found in different communities is the changing life style of individuals as they march down the corridor of the years. As they and their family's needs change, they speak of the church as old-fashioned and irrelevant, unaware that other families are today where they used to be. They want the whole church restyled or else they drop out of the center of its life. Like an old suit which no longer fits, they discard their church relations. Sometimes they move to a new and different kind of church of the same or another denomination. Now I am a Baptist but I prefer to see a man active among the people of God somewhere rather than simply being a disgruntled, inactive Baptist. By moving he will probably lift the average level of both the church he leaves and one to which he goes.

Southern Baptists have heard the needs of people, and we have changed. But we cannot change enough to provide a tailor-made church style for everybody. We are going to have to decide who we are as the instrument of God and, despite our efforts to be flexible and make room for diversity, agree to some common areas of cooperation.

Let us get on with personal soul-winning, mass evangelism, tithing, layman-led Bible study, unabashed pride in our denominational agencies and programs, pastors with earned doctorates, bought doctorates, and honorary doctorates, and no diploma at all. Let us be congregational evangelicals who cooperate wherever we can and do our own thing the rest of the time. The world needs us and God will use us for Christ's sake.

McCall is president, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Richmond Dorms Available To Convention Travelers

The University of Richmond, founded in 1830 and the senior educational institution of Baptists in Virginia, announces plans to make available in its dormitory facilities and food services to persons traveling to and from Norfolk, Va., to attend the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. Meetings related to the Convention, the Woman's Missionary Union, and the Convention itself will be drawing travelers toward Norfolk from Friday, June 11, through Thursday, June 17.

Air-conditioned dormitories on the U of R campus, will be available to messengers, pastors, church and denominational leaders, and their families, from June 4-June 27. The rate of \$10 per person per day includes both room and board (three meals daily), and is based on double occupancy. Meals will be served cafeteria-style in the campus dining halls.

The University of Richmond is located in a residential section in the West End of the city of Richmond, not very far from the SBC Foreign Mission Board. Richmond, Va., provides its visitors with many items of historical interest and a central location for one-day trips to other state attractions. Richmond is 60 miles (an hour drive) from Jamestown, Yorktown, Williamsburg; 100 miles (2 hours) from Washington, D. C.; 125 miles (2½ hour drive) from the Skyline Drive and the mountains; and 100 miles (2 hour drive) from the Tidewater area of Hampton, Newport News, Norfolk-Portsmouth, and Virginia Beach. Tours of the University of Richmond campus may be arranged also.

A non-refundable holding fee of \$5 must accompany each request for reservations and will be applied to the total charge. **Persons or families should not arrive for these overnight accommodations unless prior reservations have been made.**

To make reservations or secure additional information, please contact:

M. Barrett Pollard
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University of Richmond, Va. 23173
Phone: 1-804-285-6316

Dawson Named President Of Baptist College

MARSHALL, Tex.—Jerry F. Dawson, a professor and dean at Southwest Texas State University, San Marcos, was elected president of East Texas Baptist College here.

Dawson, 42, will succeed Howard C. Bennett, Aug. 1. Bennett, president of the college since 1960, has reached retirement age. (BP)

SBC Will Elect President, Hear Ford, Conduct Business

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Executive Committee at the Executive Committee's request will bring its recommendations.

The Committee of Seven, chaired by C. R. Daley, editor of Kentucky Baptist state news publication, Western Recorder, will recommend bylaw changes clarifying the Executive Committee status. It will also recommend that its findings and suggestions be referred to the Executive Committee for consideration and response to the 1977 SBC meeting in Kansas City.

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

Besides resolutions, unpredictable in content, which could range from the charismatic movement to abortion, the messengers will hear agency reports, the president's address, the convention sermon and other inspirational messages and music, and conduct other business.

Decrease In Local Board Members Possible

That business will include one item which would require changing Article VI of the SBC constitution to decrease the number of local members serving as trustees of SBC boards and agencies. The change would alter the number of trustees from "the city or vicinity of the state in which the board is located" from 18 to 12. It would also reduce the number of local members from any one church from 5 to 3.

That grew out of a motion at the 1973 SBC which would have had the effect of abolishing local boards altogether and seeking wider representation. Last year, an Executive Committee recommendation to the convention that the figures be reduced from 18 to 16 and 5 to 4 was referred back for further study.

Kenneth Barnett, a New Mexico pastor formerly of Oklahoma, who made the original motion, told an Executive Committee hearing he would support the latest proposal.

The 1976 recommendation would also lower membership requirements for repre-

sentation on boards and agencies, allowing an additional member from each state with 250,000 Southern Baptists, instead of the current 500,000. Each state would also be allowed an additional representative for each additional 250,000, as the SBC constitution now stipulates.

Another suggested change, for commissions whose trustees are not determined by charter requirements, would reduce local members from 10 to 8 and representatives of the same church from 5 to 2.

Barnett's original motion grew out of a feeling that SBC boards and agencies need wider representation. The latest recommendation seeks to incorporate that feeling but not abolish local members because of the need of agencies to have members close by to assist with corporate work that a board made up only of distant members would find more difficult to accomplish.

Among other business, the SBC Sunday School Board will report that its trustees have reaffirmed the board's present method of allocating funds to state conventions for promotion of work.

Board trustees responded to a motion made at the SBC in Miami Beach last year by a North Carolina messenger "that the money being used by the Sunday School Board in its program of Cooperative Education and Promotion Work with state conventions be given to the Cooperative Program" unified budget of the Southern Bap-

Belmont College Faculty Members Receive Service Recognition

The Fred Wright Award was given to seven Belmont College faculty members April 30 during the college's commencement services.

A 20-year award was given to Virginia M. Chaney, professor of English.

Fifteen-year awards were given to Mrs. Peggy J. Clark, associate professor of business administration; and Mrs. Margaret Greenlee, assistant librarian, Williams Library.

Norma Baker, chairperson of the Behavioral Science Department; David Driskill, professor of physics; Archie Kliever, associate professor of music; and Betty Wiseman, assistant professor of health and physical education and girls basketball coach; received 10-year awards.

tist Convention rather than directly to state conventions.

But the board, which studied the historical position of the convention and surveyed state Baptist executive secretaries, forecast that state conventions would need "to withhold nearly \$2 million from the national level Cooperative Program in order to make up for this loss of money supplied by the Sunday School Board."

State officials unanimously agreed that the present system has not resulted in interference by the Sunday School Board or attempted domination by the agency, a board spokesman said. The trustee study indicated difficulties related to the motion, including problems with cooperative planning, programming, field services, and general correlation of work between the board and state conventions.



The Baptist Young Women of First Baptist Church, Ripley, under the direction of Mrs. Jimmy Fullen and Mrs. Steve Meadows were hostesses to the recent Big Hatchie Pastors' Conference. The wives of conference pastors were special guests along with Vice President of the Baptist World Alliance James L. Sullivan and Mrs. Sullivan, and Jonas L. Stewart, executive secretary of the Tennessee Baptist Foundation.

Front Row, L to R, are Mrs. Jimmy Fullen and Mrs. Steve Meadows, BYW leaders of First Church, Ripley. Also Mrs. Jerry Graves and Mrs. Sullivan. Back Row, L to R, are Jonas Stewart, Sullivan, and Jerry Graves, president of Big Hatchie Baptist Pastors' Conference.

The Healing Community

By Roy A. Helton

Professor Emeritus of Religion, Belmont College, Nashville, Tennessee

Basic Passages: Romans 14:13-15:6; Galatians 6:1-10

Focal Passages: Galatians 6:1-10

This is the sixth and final lesson on "The Christian Approach to Family Issues." The title of the present lesson expresses the cardinal thought running through all the lessons. "The Healing Community" begins in the home and climaxes in the church. If we do not learn the art of healing in the family unit we will hardly be able to apply it in the church and the community.

Safeguarding Others Rom. 14:13-15:6

The family or the community which fails to take proper steps for safeguarding its constituency is neglecting its responsibility and creating trouble for itself. The old maxim: "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" is applicable here. This attempt to safeguard must begin with the individual. Paul was speaking about a problem in the church fellowship in this passage. However, the principle on which he based his counsel is applicable to individuals in the Christian home. What Paul talked about was food which had been offered to pagan idols. Many Christians thought that this made the meat unfit for the Christian to eat. Others thought there was nothing wrong with the meat, and therefore, nothing wrong in eating it. They thought that if you gave in to that idea you would support the view that a pagan idol had power which it did not possess. Paul agreed with this viewpoint (I Cor. 8:4), but he urged those who had this enlightened view to consider the consciences of "the weak" (Romans 15:1). In principle he said that the strong should support the weak; regulate their conduct so as to give no offense to others (Rom. 14:21). Are there things in your family relationships which may need re-evaluating in the light of this principle? If we do not learn to discipline ourselves for the sake of the well-being of members of our family, we will not be able to do it in the church and the community. A so-called happiness which makes others unhappy is not Christian happiness. Christian freedom is not permission to trample the feelings of others.

Restoring the Fallen Gal. 6:1

The healing fellowship begins at home. How do you react when a child breaks an expensive piece of china, or spills paint on a beautiful carpet? In most instances the child will be frightened and upset because of his accident. What you do and say may do the child great harm and will certainly

tell something about you. It may reveal that you ignored the safeguards—you should not have given him the china in the first place, and you should not have allowed him to handle paint over a carpet. It may reveal that you lack sensitivity in a delicate situation. At this point the child needs comfort and instruction, not scolding or punishment.

What is the responsibility of the church to a person who has fallen? There are instructive words in this verse which can give us some answers. (1) The word "brethren" gives us a start. We have something in common with the person who falls, we are brothers in some sense. Whether the person is a member of the church fellowship or not, we are at least fellow sinners. This brother consciousness makes us aware of our common danger, and also includes a sense of responsibility for the other person's failure. We must ask, "What part have I had in the fall of this victim? Has my influence helped or hindered? Have I been willing to help the fallen to rise?" Many people have not made a comeback because no one acted as if they expected them to make a recovery. No one encouraged them by letting them know that they had faith in them. (2) A second instructive word in the verse is "overtaken." Paul knew human nature well. He understood that more often than not, a person did not deliberately set out to sin. He used a word which means to "slip up" such as slipping on an icy path. Satan always attacks in a moment of weakness. Who is the person most likely to be severely critical of the fallen? Usually it is those who are little above the fallen person. People who are weak at the same point of the erring one are frequently the severest critics of the wayward. Sometimes a declared sinner is more sympathetic and more helpful to a wounded person than a hard-hearted legal-minded Christian. The most charitable judge is likely to be the most truly righteous Christian. (3) The third instructive word is "restore." This word has been used for a physician removing a growth, or of one repairing something, or of setting a broken bone. What a judgment on much of our dealing with the erring. Too often as a church or as individuals we attempt to mend broken bones by the hammer and tongs method. We end up breaking the rest of the bones in the body! Dealing with the wayward should always be creative and redemptive. This can be done only in love

and the Spirit of Christ. Paul reminds us that but by the grace of God the fallen victim might well be us.

Bearing the Burden Gal. 6:2-5

It has been said that life is a solo and every man shall bear his own burden. But life is also a chorus in which we must bear one another's burdens. There is no contradiction between what Paul said in verse 2 and what he said in verse 5. The word used in verse two denotes a soldier's pack which each is responsible for bearing by virtue of the fact that he is a soldier. The word in verse 5 is used to describe a ship's cargo, or a donkey's load. No great distinction, however, is to be made between the two descriptions. The two statements simply assume the love which enslaves each member to bear the burdens of the rest and at the same time bear his own burden. This is a voluntary enslavement. These verses are concerned with the burden which arises from the failure to walk in the Spirit of Christ. What is paramount here is the principle of sharing. It begins on the lowest level of sharing the necessities of physical life and rises to the highest levels of spiritual and intellectual sharing. This should occasion no snobbishness, because when snobbishness arises deception has set in. We cannot measure ourselves by others. We cannot measure ourselves by ourselves. To do so is to learn nothing and to remain snobbish and deluded. Responsible Christian sharing keeps life green and growing. It prevents life from becoming dull and flat. The most precious thing the Christian has to share is himself. The world of burdened people is waiting for someone worthwhile to share themselves with them. The principle of sharing life works in strange ways. Like all precious gifts from God, the more we share it with others, the more we have left. To share life is to gain life, abundant life.

Doing Good to Others Gal. 6:6-10

Like sharing, doing good begins in the home. If a child is taught to share in his early years, he will likely be generous in later years. If he is taught to do good for others in the home, he will not find it difficult to do good in later life. These words are not mere platitudes. They state sober truth. Paul stated a grim truth (v. 7) when he pointed out that you cannot mock God. The word for "mocked" literally means "to turn up the nose." We cannot mock God and get by with it. We cannot violate the fundamental laws of moral and physical behavior and not pay the price for it. Violate the laws of good physical health and you will pay for it with a broken body. Violate the laws of wholesome mental development and you will pay for it with a pygmy-like ability to think. Disregard the cultivation of healthy emotional states and you will end up an emotional wreck.

The natural law of sowing and reaping is

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Leadership and Churches . . .

LEADERSHIP . . .

Mike Ballard, Birmingham, Ala., was called as minister of music and youth at Bruceton First Church. **Murphy Martin** is pastor.

Gerald Hale has resigned as minister of education and church administrator at Central Church, Chattanooga, to accept a similar position with Ridgecrest Church in Birmingham, Ala. In the same church, **Julian Clark** resigned as minister of youth to accept the call from First Church, Deerfield Beach, Fla., as minister of education and youth.

Omar Plank resigned as pastor of John's Memorial Church, McDonald. **James E. Graves** was called as pastor and is already on the field.

Charles Swafford is the new pastor at Lakeway Church, Harrison.

Don Laird resigned as interim pastor at Oak Grove Church, Hamilton County Association.

Sam Welch has accepted the call as interim pastor of Signal Hill Church, Chattanooga.

On the field full time as minister of music and youth at Pulaski First Church is **Leon Reed**. **Reed** comes to the position from Hendersonville. **Clarence K. Stewart** is pastor.

Larry Wilcoxson is the new pastor at Shores Church, Goodsprings. He comes from Lawrenceburg.

Charles Hicks is the new pastor at Fruitland Church, Humboldt. He was scheduled to be ordained by Nashway Church in Jackson.

Jesse Brown resigned as pastor of Old Bethlehem Church, Rutherford, to accept the Beech Grove Church in Madison-Chester Association.

Dotsonville Church, Woodlawn, called **Sam Dillingham** as pastor.

Sunday School Teachers, Officers Camp Canceled For May 28-29

The Sunday School Teachers and Officers camp scheduled for May 28-29 at Camp Carson has been canceled according to **Wendell Price**, state Sunday school director. It was necessary to cancel the camp because of low pre-registration.

The pre-registration fees for those who registered are being returned.

CHURCHES . . .

Members of the Fairfield Church, Morristown, held dedication services for a new building. **Lowell Young** is pastor.

Bethel Church, Morristown, held note-burning services on its sanctuary and educational building completed in 1966. Pastor **Jerry Lowrie** reported that the note for \$129,000 was paid off.

Members of Unity Church, Chilhowee Association, voted to present a new car to their pastor, **T. M. Cody**. **Cody** was away in revival during the business session and was unaware of the presentation.

In Chilhowee Association, Allegheny Church is building a new facility which will include an auditorium, four classrooms, and lounges. **Elzie Bryant** is pastor.

Everett Hills Church, Chilhowee Association, purchased property adjoining the church. **John H. Franklin** is pastor.

Bowmantown Church purchased additional land behind the church for future expansion. **David Tydings** is pastor.

New Lebanon Church, Greeneville, broke ground for new facilities recently. Participating in the ceremony were **Ralph Hobbs**, **Jack Campbell**, **Charles Doty**, **Don McNeese**, **Frank Murray**, **J. V. Carter**, **James Barkley**, and **J. B. Woolsey**. **Murray** is the contractor, and **Campbell** is pastor. Construction has already begun.

First Church, Smyrna, held dedication services for its new 600-seat sanctuary. Dedication speaker was **Herbert C. Gabhart**, interim pastor, during the construction. The new sanctuary was designed by Carter-Hayes Inc., Nashville, and constructed by

Trinity Church, Cumberland Association, called **John Farrar** as pastor.

LaFayette First Church called **Roy Huddleston Jr.** as pastor. He comes from the position of assistant pastor at Immanuel Church in Lebanon. A graduate of Belmont College, he attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Brush Creek Church, New Salem Association, called **James Eddie Haynes** as pastor. He was ordained to the gospel ministry by Prosperity Church, Wilson County Association.

Kenneth Holder resigned as pastor of Pilgrim Church, Maryville.

Smyrna Hardware & Lumber Company. In addition to the sanctuary, the new facility provides an audio control room, three classrooms, a bride's dressing room, baptismal dressing rooms, office of minister of music, and a choir room. **Thomas V. Wells** is now serving the church as interim pastor.

Miracle Church, Concord Association, held dedication services earlier this month for a new building. **Carl Scarlett** is pastor.

Gordonsville First Church observed the 20th anniversary of the church. Special activities highlighted the day. **Orlie J. Wood** is pastor.

Cottontown Church, Bledsoe Association, held dedication services for the new addition to the church. The project cost approximately \$13,000. **James W. Roland** is pastor.

North Fork Church members, New Duck River Association, voted to build a new church building. A two-acre tract was donated for the building. **Bill Smith** is the pastor.

Longview Church, New Duck River Association, organized a Brotherhood chapter and a Royal Ambassador chapter. **Bruce Smith** is pastor.

McLean Church, Memphis, organized June 6, 1926, is scheduled to observe the 50th anniversary of the church June 6. Former pastors **Herbert Gabhart** and **L. O. Barker**, will participate in the morning worship service. Following lunch in the fellowship hall, a service of remembrance will be the feature of the afternoon's activities in the chapel. **Jesse Newton** is interim pastor.

Carson Island Church, Maryville, called **Frank Martin** as pastor. He comes from Sweetwater.

W. H. Lodwick is serving as interim pastor at Immanuel Church, Chilhowee Association.

Hopewell Church, Maryville, called **Floyd A. Havens** as pastor. He had served the church previously.

Persia Church, Holston Valley Association, called **Wayne Mayes** as part-time director of music and youth. **Mayes** is a graduate of East Tennessee State University and teaches music in the Hamblen County School System. **Charles Dickerson** is pastor.

REVIVALS . . .

Trinity Church, Knoxville, was in revival services with **Carl Scarlett**, pastor, Miracle Church, Lavergne, serving as evangelist. There were 14 professions of faith, three additions by letter, and many rededications. The pastor, **Bill Edmonds**, baptized **Edd Savage** who is 81 years of age, and **Hugh Jones** who is 82 years of age. **Mrs. Savage**, 67, was also baptized. **Dale Savage** led the music.

Steve Playl, pastor of Shellsford Church, McMinnville, was the evangelist in revival services at Fall City Church, Central Association. There were 12 professions of faith and several other decisions. **Charles Stillwell** is pastor.

Bruceton First Church held revival services and reported 22 professions of faith, five additions by letter, and one addition by statement. **Joe McGehee** was evangelist. **Murphy Martin** is pastor.

Jerry Glisson led revival services for Dyer First Church. **John Ellzey** was director of music. There were eight for baptism, two additions by letter, and numerous other decisions. **H. R. Migdon** is pastor.

There were 16 professions of faith, two additions by letter, and many rededications during revival services at Loudon First Church. The evangelist was **Creed McCoy**, pastor, Valley Grove Church, Knoxville; and the music evangelist was **Bill Blankenship**, minister of music and education at Dickson First Church. **Ben Philbeck Jr.** serves the church as interim pastor.

Spring revival was closed at John Sevier Church, Knoxville, with the observances of baptism and the Lord's Supper. Seven were baptized, three came on professions of faith, and one by letter. Five others came by letter during the week of services. **Ted Huckaby** is pastor.

There were 22 professions of faith, 35 rededications, 13 baptisms, one addition by letter, and one called to full time Christian service during revival services at Piedmont Church, Jefferson Association. **John Humphrey** and **Paul Griz** led the services. **James Royston** is pastor.

Mike Christian led revival services at Lakeview Church, Shiloh Association. There was one addition, one profession of faith, and a number of rededications. **John H. Hutcherson** is pastor.

Revival services were held at McConnell Church, Beulah Association with **Bill Coleman** serving as evangelist. **Bill Thomasson**, minister of music at South Fulton Church, served as music director. There were 17 professions of faith, one addition by letter, and a number of rededications. **James Castleman** is pastor.

WMU Initiates Acteen Scholarship, Four Girls First Recipients

Four Tennessee girls were recipients of this year's Studiact Scholarships for Acteens from the Tennessee Woman's Missionary Union. This is the first year for the scholarships to be awarded.

The state WMU now offers scholarships to Acteens who have attained recognition

in Studiact, the Acteen individual achievement plan. Funds for the scholarships come jointly from the Golden State Missions Offering and Baptist colleges, according to **Mary Jane Nethery**, state WMU executive secretary-treasurer.

Scholarships are awarded a year at a time with \$500 given for queen regent in service and service aide, \$400 for queen regent in service, and \$200 for service aide, independent of other levels.

The recipient may reapply subsequent years up to three years.

This year's recipients included: **Patti Irby**, Paris, \$400 to attend Union University; **Tammy Fann**, Smyrna, \$400 to attend Belmont College; **Anna Rose Leonard**, Kingsport, \$400 to attend Carson-Newman College; and **Deborah Moser**, Lebanon, \$500 to attend Belmont College.

Irby is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Irby and is a member of Temple Church. **Fann** is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hayes A. Fann and is a member of Smyrna First Church. **Leonard** is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter P. Leonard and is a member of Zion Church, Fairview, Va. **Moser** is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shanon Moser and is member of Immanuel Church.



Patti Irby, center, Paris, was awarded a \$400 Acteen studiact scholarship at the Acteens Summit Meeting held at Union University. Shown with **Irby** are **Mrs. Jewell Jennings**, left, state WMU president, and **Mary Jane Nethery**, right, secretary-treasurer of the state WMU.



The 1976 Acteen studiact scholarship winners who received awards at the Acteens Summit Meeting held at Pigeon Forge First Church included, left to right, **Tammy Fann**, Smyrna; **Anna Rose Leonard**, Kingsport; and **Deborah Moser**, Lebanon. Shown with the girls are **Mary Jane Nethery**, second from left, executive secretary-treasurer of the state WMU, and **Mrs. Jewell Jennings**, state WMU president, second from right.

A youth team from Glendale Church in Bowling Green, Ky., held week-end revival services at Shellsford Church in McMinnville. There were three professions of faith and several rededications. **Sing Oldham** was the evangelist, and **Ken Harris** was the song leader. **Stephen Playl** is pastor.

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FMB Appoints Missionaries, Hears Financial Reports

RICHMOND—The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board appointed 20 missionaries and appropriated \$113,700 for world relief during its May meeting here.

The board also heard a report from its executive secretary, Baker J. Cauthen, who spoke of an encouraging financial outlook and "bold, new plans" for the future which

will be presented to the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) annual meeting in Norfolk in June.

Cauthen expressed gratitude for a 16.45 percent gain in receipts through SBC national Cooperative Program unified budget during the first six months of the convention's fiscal year.

Topped Goal By \$2 Million

He also noted that the 1975 Lottie Moon Christmas offering for foreign missions totaled \$26,169,421—more than \$2 million over the goal set by Woman's Missionary Union (WMU), which promotes the annual offering in Southern Baptist churches.

Of the \$113,700 appropriated for relief, \$75,000 will go to Bangladesh to rehabilitate families and for food distribution and "food for work" programs. An agricultural project at Kasane, Botswana, will receive \$22,000; \$10,000 will go for earthquake relief efforts in Italy; and \$6,700 will purchase a truck for hauling grain and other relief supplies in Kenya.

The board also endorsed plans for a 550-mile "Run for Health, Love and Life," Sept. 3-Oct. 11, 1976, from Georgia to Virginia, by Orvil W. Reid, emeritus missionary to Mexico. Reid, 58, will jog from Home Mission Board headquarters in Atlanta to Foreign Mission Board headquarters in Richmond. Earlier, the Home Mission Board's directors also endorsed the jog.

Richard M. Styles, the board's public relations consultant, reported special plans to accommodate the expected large numbers of visitors to board headquarters this year. A tour of the building, including special displays, audio-visual presentations and opportunities to meet furloughing missionaries, will be featured.

The increase in visitors is expected because of the large numbers of Baptists who will be traveling to Virginia for the Southern Baptist Convention in Norfolk and during the bicentennial emphasis. The theme for the tour program is "FMB '76: A Bicentennial Look at Foreign Missions, Past, Present, and Future."

Couples Appointed

Ten couples were appointed to serve in 10 countries.

Appointed were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur (Art) L. Bunce from Minnesota and Oklahoma, assigned to Bangladesh; Mr. and Mrs. Wayne B. Deckert, California and Missouri, to Japan; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas (Tom) E. Halsell Jr., Indiana and Texas, to Senegal; and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry W. McAtee, South Carolina and Kentucky, to Jordan.

Born in Evansville, Ind., Halsell grew up in Memphis, Tenn. He was graduated from the University of Houston, (Tex.) with the bachelor of arts degree. He also attended Houston Baptist College (now University) and Spurgeon's College, London, England.

Also, Dr. and Mrs. Harold E. Mitchell, Arkansas, to East Africa; Mr. and Mrs. Michael (Mike) C. Murphy, Texas, to Guatemala; Mr. and Mrs. Ted O. Stanton, Arkansas, to Argentina; Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Conrad (Toby) Tobias, Minnesota and Missouri, to Costa Rica; and Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Turner, Kentucky, to Zambia.

Mitchell, a native of Pine Bluff, Ark., was graduated from the University of Tennessee College of Dentistry, Memphis, with the doctor of dental science degree. He also attended Henderson State College, Arkadelphia, Ark., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Dr. and Mrs. J. David Crossley from Tennessee and Washington, D.C., were employed as special project personnel assigned to Rhodesia.

They are currently living in East Ridge, Tenn., where he is director of dental services at the Orange Grove Center for the Retarded in Chattanooga and she is Bayside Baptist Church day care center director in Harrison. They attend East Ridge (Tenn.) Baptist Church.

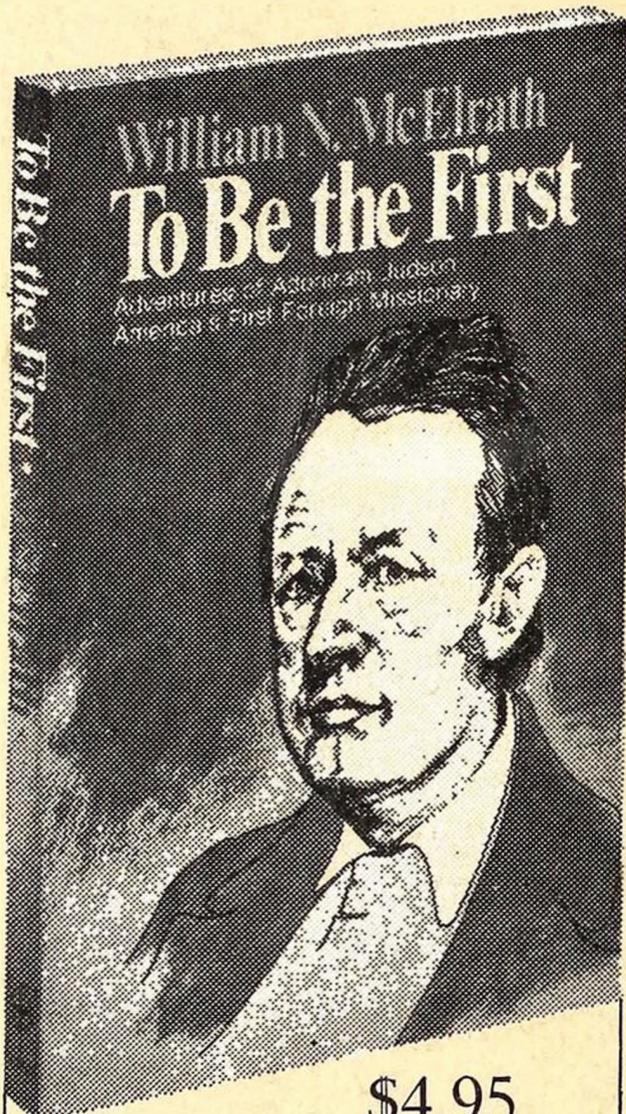
A native of Knoxville, he was graduated from the University of Tennessee there, with the bachelor of science degree and the University of Tennessee College of Dentistry, Memphis, with the doctor of dental science degree.

Mrs. Crossley, the former Paula Hyde, was born in Washington, D.C. She also lived in Chattanooga, Harrison, Knoxville, and Hamilton County, while growing up.

Medical Receptorship Awarded

John N. Strange Jr., a student at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson, was awarded a medical receptorship. The medical receptorship program, sponsored by the board, offers short-term overseas experience for qualified medical students.

In commenting further on SBC financial receipts, Cauthen said, "We have experienced a very unusual kind of blessing from the Lord in being able to press forward. But sometimes it's staggering to me when I stop to remember that the Bible says, 'Unto whom much is given of him much is required.' We stand with a great expectation of responsibility."



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Missionary Seriously Injured In Accident

NAIROBI, Kenya—Southern Baptist missionary Hal B. Boone, remains hospitalized here after receiving serious injuries in a car accident near Voi, Kenya, on May 3.

A son, Dan, was also in the car, but was not seriously injured.

Boone, a physician, is under the care of Kenyan physicians for a crushed thoracic vertebra and some spinal damage. He is paralyzed from the waist down.

Three missionary doctors are consulting on the case. Treatment, but no surgery, is

being recommended at this time.

Boone, who has worked with mobile clinics in Kenya, was expecting to transfer to Ghana soon. He was currently working in evangelism.

The son of a Baptist minister, he was born in Elm Mott, Tex., and grew up in several Texas towns. He and his wife, the former Patricia Held of Owensboro, Ky., have six children, five of whom are grown. One daughter, Cathy (Mrs. Dan) Shellenberg, is a missionary in Kenya. (BP)

Mrs. Shea Celebrates 100th Birthday

Mrs. Robert Emmett Shea (Miss Babe), a member of Pocahontas First Church since 1894, celebrated her 100th birthday in April.



Mrs. R. E. Shea

She was honored recently during the Harde-man County Sesquicentennial as the oldest lady in the county. A daughter of the late Charles Thomas and Martha Hudson Newland, she was born April 5, 1876, in the Rock Hill community near Middleton, and was given the name Nancy Rose.

She still takes an active interest in current events and claims history and politics as her main hobby. Weather permitting, she attends church services faithfully.

Her children honored her at a reception. She has three daughters and a son, two granddaughters, one grandson, and nine great grandchildren. She lost another grandson in World War II.

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- 1 Mineral springs
- 4 Ephesian goddess (Acts 19:34)
- 9 Female saint: abbr.
- 12 "but the — — — is not bound" (2 Tim. 2)
- 14 Writer's need
- 15 The ox knows his (Isa. 1:3)
- 16 "not in —" (Rom. 13)
- 18 Harvest
- 19 Aeronautical engineers: abbr.
- 20 Son of Bela (Num. 26:40)
- 21 Medical men: abbr.
- 22 Corners
- 24 Suffix denoting plant genus: pl.
- 26 Sell
- 27 Babylon (Rev. 18:10; poss.)

- 29 They came at even (Ex. 16:13)
- 32 Kind of fabric
- 33 Let loose
- 34 Feign
- 35 Agent: abbr.
- 36 Slow driver
- 38 Mash
- 41 Mouth: comb. form
- 43 — and tuck
- 44 "years of the —" (Lev. 25)
- 45 Decorated
- 47 Place in the Bible (Josh. 19:33)
- 48 Guido's highest note
- 49 "The — — likewise" (Tit. 2)
- 51 New York Central, et al: abbr.
- 52 Broken down (Joel 1:17)
- 53 Social Security Service: abbr.

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- 1 Used to kill James (Acts 12:2)
- 2 "the — of an endless life" (Heb. 7)
- 3 Wild water buffaloes
- 4 Region (1 Ki. 4:11)
- 5 Stipulation
- 6 Concurred
- 7 "the — of thunder" (Rev. 6)
- 8 Stir
- 9 Try them (1 John 4:1)
- 10 Time of tribulation (Rev. 2:10; 2 words)
- 11 European country: abbr.
- 13 Place: abbr.
- 17 Tantalum: symbol
- 19 Alders
- 22 Porter (Ezra 10:24)
- 23 Hard: comb. form
- 25 Compass reading: abbr.
- 26 Seven: Roman
- 28 Place (Num. 33:45)
- 29 European heron
- 30 They are not so (Psa. 1:4)
- 31 "that I left — —" (2 Tim. 4)
- 32 Sandpiper
- 34 Kind of monkey
- 37 Russian lake
- 38 Hand parts (Mark 14:65)
- 39 Mixed with myrrh (John 19:39)
- 40 Famous Quaker: poss.
- 42 Father of Shuppim (1 Chron. 7:12)
- 44 Sligo: abbr.
- 45 Eastern Church veil
- 46 Apprehend
- 47 Expressions of incredulity
- 50 Elevator sign: abbr.

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a safeguard to persons whose lives are controlled by Christ. A Christ-controlled life is a life disciplined in accord with the law written deep in the very nature of the universe. What one does to life, life does back to him. We reap in proportion, and we reap in kind (v. 8). We can not fail (v. 9). We may be tempted to give up doing good because it appears a hopeless task, but God made the law of sowing and reaping, and no work of his is a failure. Be a part of the healing community. There will always be a need for people like you.

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Baptists Thanked For Relief Efforts

RICHMOND—Officials of the United States Department of State have thanked the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board for the immediacy of its response to the Guatemalan earthquake disaster.

"We are especially pleased your organization is geared to provide an immediate response, with personnel who are culturally sensitive, proficient in the language, and accustomed to provide medical assistance under difficult conditions, with a minimum of distraction from the chaos around them," Paul Bell wrote James G. Harris, board president.

During the early hours after the earthquake hit, Southern Baptist missionaries had begun to purchase food for distribution, notes Bell, the State Department's liaison officer for private and voluntary organization.

A shipment of medical supplies arranged by Franklin T. Fowler, the board's medical consultant, was sent during the first week of the disaster. Six Spanish-speaking doctors and a Spanish-speaking nurse were also sent by the board.

A report to President Gerald R. Ford from Daniel Parker, administrator of the State Department's Agency for International Development (AID), said that in the hours after the quake, "virtually all immediate relief assistance was limited to that available locally."

"Thus the rapidity of your staff's (the board's) response was crucial," Bell pointed out. "It is in the 48 hours immediately following a disaster that medical help, food and temporary shelter are of such great importance."

Parker lists the board along with other voluntary agencies who "have provided and are providing generous and effective support as they put to quick use long and practical experience in dealing with disasters."

The board has appropriated a total of \$397,000 for relief and reconstruction efforts in Guatemala. Reconstruction crews of Baptist laymen from Illinois, Louisiana, Texas, Alabama, Arkansas and Georgia—totaling 117 men—have aided in rebuilding churches. Along with Guatemalans, the crew members have also helped tear down dangerously cracked and crumbling buildings to clear the sites for construction of new buildings.

Crews from California, Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia and Oklahoma are scheduled to help with reconstruction efforts in the future. In addition to medical personnel

and reconstruction crews, Texas Baptists also sent 35 Spanish-speaking evangelists to aid in meeting the spiritual needs of the people. The Baptist conventions of Costa Rica and Honduras also sent Spanish-speaking evangelists.

Bell also lauded the efforts of board staff members, especially Fowler, W. Eugene Grubbs, disaster relief coordinator and consultant for laymen overseas, and W. L. (Wimpy) Smith, assistant disaster relief coordinator and consultant for laymen overseas. (BP)

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:

The February 19 issue of the **Baptist and Reflector** came to my desk during the middle of our response to the Guatemala disaster and just prior to my departure for a relief survey trip to Eastern and Central Africa.

Therefore, page 4 caught my attention immediately with reference to **Resolution No. 4 on Hunger** and particularly to **Response to World Hunger 'Our Master's Money'**.

Dr. John McGinnis, pastor of Bell Avenue Baptist Church, Knoxville, is to be commended for his creative and visionary approach to response to world hunger in which he had led the congregation of Bell Avenue and to which the congregation has responded. I await with deep interest the results of this unique approach.

However, a statement is made in paragraph 2 of the story which needs some clarification and interpretation. The statement is made:

"The Foreign Mission Board is prepared to distribute food to starving people one hundred cents per every dollar. No cost of administration will be deducted from funds sent for food."

The second sentence of the quote cannot be underscored too strongly. Time and time again, emphasis must be given to the fact that one hundred cents of every dollar designated for relief and disaster response goes overseas.

However, the statement concerning distribution of food to starving people does need interpretation. Often we do distribute food to starving people. But we must do this through approaches which help the starving to maintain their human dignity. There are cases in which relief funds are used to attempt to head off hunger, such as drilling of wells for irrigation, assistance with up-grading seed and increasing production, guidance in achieving better farming methods and again making more food available, teaching nutrition so that children who may not be starving will not suffer from severe protein deficiency and thus severe brain damage. In other words, we want to share in long-range preventive measures as well as response to the already hungry. We are doing both.

For example, \$1,673,842 was given by Southern Baptists during 1975 for assistance in alleviation of hunger needs and response to cataclysmic disasters. One man gave \$50. (Gifts of from \$5 to \$10,000 have been received.) The gentleman made inquiry about how his \$50 gift may have been spent.

Tennesseans Receive Degrees At Southeastern Ceremonies

Three Tennesseans were awarded degrees at recent commencement ceremonies on the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary campus.

George Dean Darnell, Dresden; John Lee Hinkle, Cleveland; and Roderick N. Lawson, Kingston, were awarded the master of divinity degree.

Southeastern Seminary, celebrating its 25th year, graduated 193 students, the largest in its history.

The commencement sermon was given by Cecil Ray, general secretary-treasurer of the North Carolina Baptist Convention. The charge to the graduates was given by Garland A. Hendricks, professor of church-community development.

It could have gone in many directions. If it went to Bangladesh, it could have fed 50 people for 10 days; or it may have helped to feed a family of 6 to 8 for several months while the family planted and harvested a crop of rice. Again, it might have been added to eleven other gifts of \$50 each and provided housing for a family.

If it went to the Tonga area of Rhodesia, it provided 10 percent of the cost of digging a well where drought often strikes and where cholera, parasites, and other water-polluted diseases take their toll.

The above examples represent only two areas where relief funds worked last year. Assistance was given in a total of 19 countries. Among them were Ethiopia, Zambia, South Vietnam, Thailand, Angola, Portugal, Honduras, Botswana, etc.

According to all information I can gather, the needs are worse in 1976 than they were in 1975 and they will be worse in 1977 than in 1976.

No one can predict the natural cataclysmic disasters which may occur or where the next political upheaval (war) will break out with the ensuing physical dimension of human suffering which results from each.

Although many are striving toward solutions, no one was willing to listen several years ago to the prophets who were speaking concerning the earth's food dilemma.

The price of petrochemical fertilizer which is needed for miracle grains continues to rise. Distribution problems continue to grow. Populations continue to climb upward.

Therefore, the needs will be greater. Southern Baptists need to recognize that they cannot meet all the hunger and disaster-related needs of the world, but they can meet some. They are under moral obligation to the Creator of the human race and to the human race itself to do all they can.

The Foreign Mission Board staff and Southern Baptist missionaries stand indebted to Southern Baptists for their continuing prayers, their financial support for foreign missions through the Cooperative Program and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, and for their sacrificial support and assistance in saying in a tangible way to a hungry world "God loves you."

Sincerely,
Wm. Eugene Grubbs
Coordinator
Hunger Relief and Disaster Response

**BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR
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SBC Mission Day Camp Slated For Norfolk

NORFOLK—While their parents conduct the business of the 119th annual Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) here, June 15-17, children in grades 1-6 may attend a three-day mission day camp sponsored by the SBC Brotherhood Commission.

The third annual SBC Mission Day Camp, to be held at Lafayette Park, will provide mission games, crafts, nature studies, and field trips, and feature Southern Baptist home and foreign missionaries.

The camp will open on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings prior to convention sessions and will adjourn at the close of the afternoon sessions on Tuesday and Thursday and the morning session on Wednesday.

Children attending the mission day camp are scheduled to take field trips to Yorktown and the Norfolk Zoo.

Registration fee for the mission day camp is \$4 per day or \$10 for three days. The maximum fee for any one family regardless of the number of children is \$20 for the three-day session. The fee includes insurance, supplies, field trips, two noon meals and transportation between the convention

center and the day camp site.

Frank Black, director of the Crusader Royal Ambassador department of the Brotherhood Commission, and Lloyd Jackson, Virginia Brotherhood director, will co-direct the camp. Other leadership for the camp will come from local churches and Virginia Royal Ambassador camp staff.

Black said last year's attendance of 360 children in Miami Beach is an indication of the popularity of the day camp with both children and parents.

"The mission day camp offers children a unique opportunity to meet and talk with missionaries and learn about missions in an outdoor setting," Black said.

Parents who wish to pre-register their children for the mission camp should send their name and address, and names and ages of children to: SBC Day Camp, Brotherhood Commission, 1548 Poplar, Memphis, Tenn. 38104. All registration fees will be collected at the convention center. (BP)

Alabama Man Becomes Millionth Patient At Baptist

Marvin C. Thomasson, 71, a cardiac patient from Brooklyn, Ala., became the one millionth patient to enter Baptist Hospital in Nashville on Monday, May 10. Thomasson was honored with a special plaque commemorating the occasion.

The hospital traces its beginning to the year 1918 and the old Protestant Hospital. Ownership of the hospital was transferred to the Tennessee Baptist Convention in April 1948. It has grown from 200 beds to its present 600-bed capacity.

Baptist is Nashville's largest hospital with more than 65,000 inpatient admissions and emergency room visits recorded each year.

Open Minds: Subject Of June Baptist Hour

Open minds may be God's way of reaching his children asserts James L. Pleitz in the June "Baptist Hour" sermons.

Pleitz, pastor of First Church, Pensacola, Fla., is the summer Baptist Hour speaker. Herschel H. Hobbs, regular speaker, will return from vacation in July.

In the June 6 "Baptist Hour" sermon titled "Christ and the Seeker," Pleitz reminds "We need to keep our minds open. God is still revealing great truths to those who have not closed their hearts to him."

The June Baptist Hour sermons also include "A Glimpse Inside Heaven," a Father's Day sermon in which God is described as the perfect father, loving and accessible and caring, and the June 27 sermon, "Christ, the Christian, and Our Country."

In this sermon, approaching the July 4 Bicentennial celebration, Pleitz reminds listeners the nation has problems. "It is sick," Pleitz says, "but it is not sick unto death. The Christian can have a part in making it well."

"The Baptist Hour," produced and syndicated by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, is heard on 396 radio stations across the country. The half-hour program also features music by "The Centurymen."

Southern Baptist Women Set Flag Day Celebration

NORFOLK—The Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) will celebrate Flag Day, June 14, with a public call to prayer here during activities preceding the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) annual meeting, and with prayer sessions in churches across the nation.

WMU, the SBC auxiliary, has proclaimed June 14 as a "Day of Prayer, Fasting, and Humiliation" in observance of the nation's Bicentennial celebration.

The Norfolk observance will be part of the WMU national annual meeting, June 13-14, in Chrysler Hall, Norfolk Scope Convention Center. The SBC meets, June 15-17, at the Scope.

The WMU audience, an estimated 2,500, will move to Scope Plaza at noon to be joined by other convention goers, for the Flag Day ceremony.

Kenneth Chafin, pastor of South Main Baptist Church, Houston, Tex., will lead the 12 noon commemoration. The WMU processional will travel from Chrysler Hall to the Scope Plaza area.

Major Ronald Carl will lead the Tactical Air Command Band of nearby Langley Air Force Base in patriotic celebration. Carmela Scott, soloist, Fourth Baptist Church, Portsmouth, Va., will sing the Star Spangled Banner as U. S. flags are raised.

Chafin will direct the call to prayer and the congregational reading of a responsive prayer.

Meanwhile, WMU organizations in churches across the nation will be having smaller scale prayer sessions as part of WMU's salute to the U. S. Bicentennial.

Local organizations and churches may rely on a printed program available through WMU office, Birmingham, for the "Day of Prayer, Fasting, and Humiliation" observance.

The pamphlet, written by Robert E. Burks, chairman of the department of religion, Anderson (S. C.) College, contains scriptural references for the special day, suggested prayers, hymns, and devotionals.

"Litany of Confession and Forgiveness," found in the pamphlet, is a guideline for a responsive reading similar to the Scope Plaza observance's responsive prayer, a WMU spokeswoman said.

The special emphasis of the "Day of Prayer, Fasting, and Humiliation" attempts to activate participants to minister to the needs and concerns of other people, she said. (BP)

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One Way For All Men

By Dr. W. R. White
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Basic Passage: Galatians 2
Focal Passages: Galatians 2:9-16, 20-21

The universal lostness of all at some point of time is the saddest of all facts. The most delightful of all truths is that there is one way of salvation which is taught in the gospel. Provision has been made for all men. The way for all and each is the same. It is by and through Jesus Christ and His finished work of love and grace.

There is a diversity and friction which is universal. Yet, a point of unity is available in Christ. The unity of the Deity is revealed in the Bible and the logic of things. In fact, there is a oneness of essence. There is a unity in human origin, affinity and nature. As we have observed, there is a unity in lostness.

The Judaizers tried to complicate the way of salvation, but the Holy Spirit through Paul and others prevented this complication and tragedy.

A FORTUNATE UNITY— Galatians 2:9-10

James, Peter and John gave the new, dynamic convert to Christianity the right hand of fellowship. We refer to the incomparable Paul. This was most significant even though serious problems arose soon thereafter. The unity stood up; yet, it was seriously threatened at times.

FALTERING PETER REBUKED— Galatians 2:11-16

Due to a basic weakness and great pressure from some Jews, Peter faltered in some behavior inconsistent with a position which he had taken.

Paul rebuked him to his face and publicly because he was compromising the whole situation. Obviously, Paul did accept the idea that Peter was head of the church. In any case, he put him in his place in a hurry with no seeming hesitation.

It gave Paul a good chance to set forth the true gospel in clear terms. He affirmed strong justification by faith in Christ alone. He showed how inconsistent it is to make the gospel a patchwork justification of law and faith. Law has its place in the divine scheme but not as an integral part of salvation itself. Like a mirror, it shows our need of salvation but it cannot cleanse or justify. Only by grace through faith in Jesus Christ can this be done. Yes, it can be a chart to lead us to Christ but only by Christ's work and not the works of the law can we be really justified.

LIVING BY FAITH—Galatians 2:20

Paul makes it clear that he was dead to self and the law as a way of salvation. It is wholly by faith in Jesus Christ. Faith is the root; victorious living is the fruit. The letter killeth, but the Spirit giveth life instead.

Laughs

Just before the minister was to deliver his evening sermon, an usher handed him a note. The preacher announced that someone had left a car locked with the lights on in the parking lot. He added wryly, "The implication seems to be that the battery may run down before I do."

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On his first visit to the psychiatrist the nervous young man explained that his family made him seek help because he preferred cotton socks to woolen ones.

"That's no reason for you to see me," retorted the physician. "In fact, I myself prefer cotton socks."

"Really?" the happy patient exclaimed. "Do you like yours with oil and vinegar or just a squeeze of lemon?"

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Weary father commenting to his wife about their four-year-old child: "Talk, talk, talk. Thank heavens in a few years he'll be a teenager and we won't be able to communicate with him."

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A small town is usually divided by a railroad, a main street, two churches and a lot of opinions.

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Family Living

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The "Business" Of Marriage

In his recent book *The Business of Living* Jack H. Grossman devotes several chapters to the "business" of marriage.

He defines his concept of the "business" of marriage as "a continual mutual investment venture of two people who want and expect from this union certain unique dividends they cannot attain through any other relationship. Probably the most difficult and complicated relationship to manage, marriage requires emotional, intellectual, physical/sexual, and financial investments."

To develop what Grossman calls "a mutually profitable venture," he believes both parties have to give serious thought to four vital issues:

First, they must decide what dividends they want from their union. That is, what they want and need from their partner which they couldn't achieve on their own or through some other marital relationship.

Second, they must analyze what specific investments will be required from them in order to yield these dividends. In addition, they must be willing to commit themselves to making these investments.

Third, they have to make every effort to protect and capitalize on their investments. In business language, Grossman is saying that you not only have to make the sale but you have to conscientiously maintain and service your accounts.

Fourth, each partner must accept and appreciate the fact that marriage does not destroy the other partner's individuality or "space." Both partners are unique human beings.

Getting married is easy, says Grossman, staying married is not. As a marriage counselor, the author says he finds the following 3 attitudes expressed (verbally or in action) in **problem marriages**.

"1. My spouse is a possession who must be controlled and kept in her or his place. 2. My spouse is a competitor or adversary whom I must conquer. 3. I need to make sacrifices and give up my individuality when I am married."

Concludes Grossman: "Any one or combination of these assumptions can prove disastrous in building and developing a mutually profitable marital partnership."

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FROM THE FILES

50 YEARS AGO

It was reported there were 441 subscribers to the Baptist And Reflector in Nashville. Other Tennessee towns with more than 100 subscribers were Knoxville with 286; Memphis, 242; and Chattanooga, 167.

Tennessee won the R. A. Banner at the WMU Convention in Houston for having the greatest percent increase in new organizations.

20 YEARS AGO

Under the Mailbag column P. F. Langston, pastor of Shelby Avenue Church, Nashville, wrote: "The Baptist And Reflector has meant so much to our church life since we included it in our church budget. It is like a paid visitor going into each home to inform and inspire when the pastor cannot go."

Three Tennessee students, all Carson-Newman graduates, were to receive the Master of Religious degree at the Carver School of Missions and Social Work in Louisville, Ky. They were Betty Donahue and Barbara McCall, both of Knoxville; and Mary Shipe of Blaine.

10 YEARS AGO

Ten college students selected by the Sunday School Dept., TBC, to serve as summer missionaries were Karen Weyler, UT, Knoxville; Ann Ward, UT, Martin; Martha Jane Mallory and Barbara Jackson, both of Austin Peay; Linda Williams, Memphis State; Donna Peoples, East Tennessee State; Jo Anne Stamps, Carson-Newman; and Carolyn Dempsey, Belmont.

NEW BOOKS

A History of Religious Educators, by Elmer L. Towns as editor, Baker Co., 350 pp., \$8.95. A helpful resource book which contains chapters on twenty-six of the men most influential on the course of Christian education.

More Power to You, by Lee Hastings Bristol Jr., Word Co., 128 pp., \$4.95. The book contains Guides to Growth, as the author provides helpful suggestions on how to find meaning and new strength for living today.

Prewett To Serve As TREA President

The Tennessee Religious Education Association, in its spring meeting at Montgomery Bell State Park, elected Thurman Prewett as president of the organization. Prewett is director of education and promotion in Shelby County Association.

Elected to the post of president-elect was Matt Nevels, director of education and promotion, Hamilton County Association. Jack Barron, minister of education at Donelson First Church, will serve as program vice president. Russell Oldham, minister of education, Clarksville First Church, was elected enlistment vice-president; and Mrs. Paul Fox, minister of education, Gallatin First Church, was elected secretary-treasurer.

The fall meeting of the organization will be held Nov. 15, 1976 in Jackson, prior to the annual meeting of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Centurymen Chorus Auditions Open In June

Annual auditions for The Centurymen male chorus have been scheduled for June 22 at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Conference Center and July 20 at the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission in Fort Worth.

"All voice categories are eligible for audition," said J. Malcolm Edwards, Centurymen manager. "We have immediate openings available for first tenors and basses."

The auditions at Ridgecrest will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. The July 20 auditions at the Southern Baptist Radio-TV Commission will be held from 2 to 5:30 p.m. Both dates fall on a Tuesday.

"The Centurymen" is a men's singing group gathered by the Southern Baptist Radio-TV Commission in Fort Worth to provide music for its syndicated radio programs.

The men are ministers of music in Southern Baptist churches from 24 states. They were organized in 1969 and are featured regularly on "The Baptist Hour," a program heard on 377 radio stations throughout the United States and in several foreign countries.

They also are heard nationally on their own radio show, "Nightsong," produced and syndicated by the Commission and aired five nights a week on 45 radio stations across the country. The singing group has appeared on national television and produced several long-playing albums, released on the CHM recording label.

Buryl Red of New York, religious composer and music consultant for the Radio-TV Commission, is director of "The Centurymen."

"Only men who are vocationally involved in church music are eligible for membership," said Edwards.

Tax Aid For Transcendental Meditation Tops \$300,000

SILVER SPRINGS, Maryland — More than \$300,000 in federal, state, and local public funds has been used in the last four years to teach or promote Transcendental Meditation (TM), according to figures released today by Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

Americans United and other plaintiffs brought suit in a federal court in New Jersey on February 25 to halt the teaching and promotion of TM in five New Jersey high schools at federal expense. The suit charges that TM contains substantial elements of Hindu religion and therefore may not constitutionally be taught in public institutions at public expense.

According to Americans United staff members Edd Doerr and Albert Menendez, the Hindu religious elements in TM include guru Maharishi Mahesh Yogi's theoretical explanation of the basis and purposes of TM, the religious ceremony used to initiate new meditators into the practice of TM, the practice of TM as taught by Maharishi, which is analogous in various ways to a Christian sacrament, and the goals of TM, which include "god consciousness" and "unity" with "Being," the Hindu concept of Oversoul.

The publicly funded TM programs are found in schools, colleges, drug and alcohol abuse programs, and nursing homes.

Among the publicly funded programs are the following:

Federal funds: \$200,000 to the National Institute of Alcohol and Alcohol Abuse to study the effects of TM on alcoholics; \$40,712 to the state of New Jersey, used for TM instruction in five high schools; \$10,000 to the Juneau, Alaska, Department of Health and Social Services for high school student drug prevention programs; \$5,600 to the Federal Correctional In-

stitution in Milan, Michigan, for a drug program; \$21,540 to the Transcendental Meditation World Plan Executive Council to train teachers for high school TM programs.

State: \$8,000 in a Massachusetts grant to train high school teachers and students; \$11,350 in Michigan State funds for TM instruction fees for a selected group of students; \$7,919 in California State funds for an alcoholic treatment program.

In addition, Transcendental Meditation is being taught in 54 public and private colleges and 61 community colleges and adult education centers.

"We are not questioning the measureable physiological or subjective psychological benefits that may result from meditation," Americans United's Menendez and Doerr say, "but we believe that public tax support for programs containing so many religious elements is incompatible with the constitutional principle of separation of church and state. If TM, a variation of Hinduism, can be taught or promoted at public expense, then public funds could be used to aid or promote any other religion, and every citizen's right to support only the religious institutions of his free choice would be destroyed." (C/SNS)

Lottie Moon Offering Tops Goal; \$26 Million Given

RICHMOND—Southern Baptists' Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions topped \$26 million, exceeding its 1975 goal by over \$2 million and surpassing the previous year's total by almost \$3 million.

When the April tabulations were completed, closing the 1975 offering books, \$26,169,421 had been given. The 1975 goal, set by the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union (WMU), was \$24 million.

The annual offering, given through Southern Baptist churches following the denomination's December Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, is promoted and sponsored by WMU, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC).

The 1975 total is a 12 percent increase over the 1974 offering which totaled \$23,234,094. It is the highest total ever recorded for the offering since its beginning in 1888 when \$3,315 was given.

The Lottie Moon Offering, along with the SBC's national Cooperative Program unified budget, accounts for the SBC Foreign Mission Board's total operating budget. Each of these efforts supplies about half of the resources for foreign missions.

State Coordinators Named For Christian Service Corps

ATLANTA—In preparation for volunteer involvement in Bold Mission Thrust efforts, the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board has named four state coordinators for the Christian Service Corps.

Coordinators for Tennessee are: Paul Pratt of Clinton; Sandra Shankle of Cottage Grove; Mrs. Fred S. Rolater of Murfreesboro; Mrs. Robert H. Gay of Lawrenceburg; and W. Paul Hall, Brentwood.

Bold Mission Thrust is a special emphasis the objectives of which are to "let every person in our land have an opportunity to hear and accept the gospel of Jesus Christ and to share in the witness and ministry of a New Testament fellowship of believers."

Christian Service Corps, a volunteer arm of the HMB, provides mission opportunities for persons willing to give from two weeks to a year. CSC workers serve without pay and provide their own transportation to the field.

Most assignments are in the newer areas of the Southern Baptist Convention—the Northeast, North Central states, Midwest, Far West and Pacific Northwest. Types of work include vacation Bible schools, migrant work, weekday ministries, survey, construction and music work. Volunteers serve especially in meeting needs which cannot be met by missionary personnel alone.

Some persons who could consider service include school teachers and college students out for the summer, retired persons or anyone who receives as much as two weeks of vacation. Long-term volunteers may receive aid in obtaining secular employment.

The state coordinators will serve as contact persons available to promote CSC and speak to churches and associations about current opportunities.

Tennessee coordinators may be reached through the state director of missions, Leslie Baumgartner, Tennessee Baptist Convention, P.O. Box 347, Brentwood, TN 37207, or through the Christian Service Corps, 1350 Spring St., N.W., Atlanta, GA 30309.

Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, commented, "We praise God for his great blessing upon the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Offering, and we thank Woman's Missionary Union, pastors, the Brotherhood and all church members and organizations whose prayers, efforts, and love have made this offering possible." (BP)

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Services Held In Athens For Pastor David McNabb

David M. McNabb, 68, pastor of Pope Avenue Church in Athens since 1973, died at his home in Athens recently.

Services were held at the church with Barnard Courtney, Monroe County, officiating. Burial was at Corinth Cemetery in Loudon.

A native of Monroe County, McNabb was ordained to the gospel ministry in 1942.

He is survived by his widow, Josephine Moody McNabb, two sons, Charles M., Miami, Fla., and Harold, Athens; and three daughters, Mrs. Lola Jones, Cincinnati, Ohio, Mrs. Jessie Katy Mullins, California, and Mrs. Mary Jo Ward, Hammond, Ind.