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## Volunteer BSU Team Tackles Tough Job At Chilhowee

Six students from Middle Tennessee State University at Murfreesboro, Tennessee, arrived on the campus of Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy in Seymour last month in jeans and work clothes to tackle the job.

The six students, representing the Baptist Student Union of MTSU, were members of a volunteer work team who came to the academy to begin the renovation of the academy's oldest residence hall, the Stewart Dormitory. They were the first unit of a task force from Baptist churches in Tennessee who will be providing the muscle and materials to make Stewart Dorm ready for occupancy by students before the beginning of the fall term of school.

It was a week of work with no pay—volunteer labor—washing marble walls; wire-brushing ceilings; stripping wax from tile floors; removing doors from dormitory rooms, and removing coats and coats of paint from those doors; tearing out and replacing base molding—myriads of jobs to keep six college students “snowed under” for a week.

But these young people were the kind who could work their way through a mountain and come out on the other side with a smile, strumming a guitar, and singing a song.

And that's the way it went all week. Up early each morning for breakfast with the academy students, by class time the team captain, Larry Beasley, had the crew working at a steady pace. And the pace was maintained throughout the day.

Then came sharing time. Armed with

guitars and filled with the joys of living, the evenings were given over to sharing sessions in meetings with the Academy students which usually lasted from the end of the study hour till time for lights out in the dormitories.

There were other things: a trip to Gatlinburg for dinner; a tour of the foothills parkway and a trip through Little River Gorge in the Smoky Mountain National Park; time out to judge a Field Day event at the academy; and an occasional conference about what it's like to be a college student.

But the object in point was renovating a dormitory, and the first part of a massive volunteer undertaking was accomplished—with no pay!

Or was it?

As the team drove away from the campus a note was found, bearing the signatures of Larry, Courtney, Randy, Donnie, Myrna, and Connie, and saying:

“We can never express to you how very thankful we are that you allowed our team to be a part of your community this week. The Lord blessed us in so many ways. It always seems to work that way; we come to help and try to provide insights and we are the ones that receive the insights.

God bless you and keep you! We truly love you!

Because He Lives! The MTSU Baptist Student Union Team Numbers 6:24-26”

## Miss. Board Awards \$3.3 Million Bid To Rebuild Leveled Assembly

JACKSON, Miss.—A \$3.3 million construction bid for restoring Gulfshore Assembly in Pass Christian, Miss., hit by Hurricane Camille in Aug. 1969, was awarded during a called meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board here.

All but one of the assembly's buildings were destroyed during the hurricane, with the one left standing severely damaged. Construction is expected to take about 18 months, with complete cost expected to be about \$3.7 million, including the construction bid and other expenses. The new facility will conform to a hurricane-proof code in the area and will be built on pilings which will place it above the high tide level. It is to be constructed of steel-reinforced concrete, a board spokesman said.

The board made arrangements for moving “full speed ahead” on construction plans, including Gulfshore and an estimated \$750,000 Central Hills Baptist Retreat near Kosciusko in mid-Mississippi, now in first phase planning.

In other action, Harold Kitchings, president of the Mississippi board who has been named associate secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation and secretary-elect of the Foundation, effective June 1, turned the gavel over to the new president, Gene Triggs of Yazoo City, Miss. Triggs was formerly board vice president, and Kitchings has been pastor of First Baptist Church in Kosciusko. (BP)

## Three Tennesseans Included In Graduating Class Of 150

Three Tennesseans graduated from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in exercises recently. The three men were part of a graduating class of nearly 150 receiving degrees in music, theology, and religious broadcasting.

Richard Lee Peerey, Martin, received the Master of Divinity degree. He is a graduate of Mobile College and is serving as pastor of First Church, Danville, Va.

James Allen Watson, Chattanooga, received the Master of Church Music degree. He is a graduate of Belmont College and is serving as minister of music at First Church, Picayune, Miss.

A Bristol man, Philip Daniel Houser, was awarded the Master of Religious Education degree. Houser is a graduate of King College.

## F. G. Schwall Jr. Named To SBC Annuity Board Post

DALLAS—Frank G. Schwall Jr. of Richmond, Va., has been named assistant to the president of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) Annuity Board, effective July 1.



Schwall

The appointment of Schwall, 39, was announced at the board's headquarters here by President Darold H. Morgan.

Schwall is presently serving as annuity secretary for three Baptist state conventions—Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia.

Morgan said Schwall will coordinate insurance and retirement programs for students at the six SBC seminaries, and will

also handle special assignments as directed by the board president from time to time, particularly in the area of retirement guidance.

“We need to reach more effectively the seminary students. We can enlist them in the retirement and insurance protection benefits of the board while they have time to build adequate retirement income and before health conditions restrict their insurability,” Morgan said.

The Annuity Board provides for retirement and insurance plans for pastors and for other church-related vocational workers in SBC churches and agencies.

A native of Staten Island, New York, N.Y., Schwall is a graduate of the University of Richmond, a Baptist school, and of Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C. (BP)

# Minister Almost Robbed-- 'Pastorate Isn't Dull'

NASHVILLE — "There's nothing dull about being a pastor," says Bill Sherman, pastor of Woodmont Baptist Church here.

In the past four years the church's buildings have been struck twice by lightning, a major fire in 1974 resulted in \$400,000 damage, and the choir room was pilfered during a recent worship service.

But it will take some doing to top Sherman's latest experience as pastor of the Southern Baptist congregation.

On a recent Sunday evening two men, posing as detectives, walked in following the evening worship service and asked to speak to Sherman in his office.

Somewhat suspicious and noting the men had been drinking, Sherman took them to one side of the auditorium, in sight of some other church members. The two told him the church was going to be robbed. One produced what looked to be, Sherman said, a valid police identification with the Los Angeles, Calif., Police Department name on it. But the minister told the two they would have to be verified by Nashville Police. They left, "still looking over their shoulders," Sherman recalled.

Outside the building, unknown to Sherman until later, the two encountered vice squad and other Nashville Police who had been staked out near the church, during services, after receiving a tip that the two

planned to rob the church, as Sherman was told. A woman accomplice was picked up in a car a block away, reports said.

News accounts said the two ran, rather than halt as directed by police, and were shot as they crossed a neighboring yard to the rear of the church.

Sherman said he was told the method the men used was similar to that in a restaurant robbery a few nights earlier. Reports indicated the two were to be questioned concerning robberies of community churches in Reno and Azle, Tex., in recent weeks.

The Baptist minister said he and the Woodmont congregation were being "extra careful" about locking church doors. And, Sherman said, he would use "utmost discretion and care not to be lured off to a private place by such persons."

The church was robbed recently, he added, when a man pilfered choir members' belongings during a Sunday morning worship service. A choir member chased the robber who escaped. (BP)

## Devotional

### "The Gifts We Possess"

By Mary Hu McNabb

The journey from Midian to Horeb had been a tiring one. Warily Moses rose from the rock where he had been resting; a small lamb was wandering toward a dangerous precipice and must be rescued. As he gathered the lamb in his arms, something caught his attention. A bush was in flames, but, strangely, it was not consumed. Returning the lamb to its mother, he approached the mysterious bush for a closer look.

It was then that God made himself known to Moses. In fear and disbelief Moses listened as God revealed his plan to send him to Pharaoh to deliver the children of Israel from Egypt.

"Who? Me, Lord? Who am I to lead them out of Egypt? Why me? They'll want to know who sent me; what can I tell them? They won't believe a story about a voice from a bush that didn't burn up. They'll think 'Im crazy to claim that you appeared to me. I'll be the laughing stock of Egypt!"

"Besides, Lord, I've never been able to speak before a crowd. I get tongue-tied and the words just don't come out right. I end up saying all the wrong things. Are you sure you want ME to be the leader?"

But Moses went, "and it came about at the end of four hundred and thirty years, to the very day, that all the hosts of the Lord went out from the land of Egypt." (Exodus 12:41 NASB)

You want ME to work for you, Lord? I don't have the ability to teach or lead, and I don't have any musical talent. Others have a far more winsome personality than I. People would think me presumptuous if I said YOU wanted me to do something. My neighbor is so much more gifted than I. Ask him to do it. Besides, others know how much better a Christian he is than I. Is there REALLY something I can do for you, Lord?

"The gifts we possess differ as they are allotted to us by God's grace, and must be exercised accordingly. (Romans 12:6, NEB)

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## Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

For sometime now, I have wanted to write a book, entitled: "Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Preachers—But Were Afraid to Ask."

For example, there would be questions like this:

Does the preacher's family feel constantly exposed to public view? This may be answered with another question: Does a gold fish feel that he has enough privacy?

Do preachers bleed when they are cut. Yes. For verification, check with Deacon and Mrs. Cutquick Machete.

Do you think preachers should take an active part in politics? This is open to debate: But remember: "Ministers shouldn't meddle in politics" was probably first said by Pharoah to Moses.

What do preachers do with all their time? Do they actually have a two-hour day and a one-day work week? If so, the preacher must feel cheated when he takes off his two Sundays every summer. He only gets four hours vacation per year.

# Executive Committee, SBC Urged To Reconsider Budget Request

**MEMPHIS**—Trustees of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) Brotherhood Commission called on the denomination's Executive Committee to reconsider its recommendation to distribute \$3,920,000 in 1976-77 Cooperative Program challenge funds among only nine SBC agencies.

The trustees, meeting here, asked the Executive Committee, which meets Monday, June 14, prior to the 119th annual SBC meeting in Norfolk, June 15-17, to extend a share of the amount to all 19 agencies.

Elected "messengers" to the SBC will vote on a proposed \$55 million national Cooperative Program unified budget, including \$49 million in basic operating funds for all SBC causes, \$1,080,000 in capital needs funds, and the remaining \$4,920,000 in challenge funds.

The first phase of the challenge funds—\$1 million—would be divided proportionately for all SBC causes among all the agencies, with the remaining \$3.9 million going, in phase two, only to the Home and Foreign Mission Boards, the Radio and Television Commission and the six SBC theological seminaries.

"Southern Baptists view the Cooperative Program concept as an opportunity to give to everything that Baptists do," said Brotherhood Commission trustee Everett Lemay of Mt. Vernon, Ill., a Baptist preacher and former Executive Committee member.

Lemay, who was elected a commission trustee last year, contended the Executive Committee was attempting in the recommendation to designate to a few causes what Southern Baptists intended to give to all causes.

The Illinois preacher, who got unanimous endorsement of his proposal, said that during the last three years, in which the Southern Baptist Convention has distributed all gifts through the Cooperative Program on a percentage basis to all causes, giving has increased almost 50 percent.

"I'm also aware that giving through united funds in communities has generally declined when groups get special treatment or are permitted to raise funds of their own.

"In my opinion, this recommendation would deny Southern Baptists an opportunity to give to all Southern Baptist Convention causes and weaken the Cooperative Program concept."

Charles Harvey of Shreveport, La., chairman of the Executive Committee, and Porter Routh of Nashville, the committee's executive secretary, both said the Executive Committee "is always ready to study any recommendation by any agency."

Routh said, "No attempt is being made to prevent Southern Baptists from giving

to all causes." He said the overall proposal would distribute \$50 million (basic and phase one) among all causes, with only phase two selecting certain agencies on the basis of greatest unmet needs.

"And SBC messengers vote on any Cooperative Program budget six or seven months before any money is given. All church members would have full information about allocations by the SBC before giving any money," he said.

"The SBC's bylaws require that the Executive Committee recommend a definite amount of money for each agency, not a percentage," Harvey said.

"The amount to be recommended for the Brotherhood Commission reflects a 16 percent increase over the amount allocated for 1975-76," continued the Shreveport pastor. "This is given a priority in the first \$49 million of the budget.

"The possibility of getting the final \$3,920,000 in phase two of the challenge budget is not great, so the agencies were included which have the greatest unmet needs. If the Brotherhood desires to have some of its \$475,000 proposed allocation in phase two, rather than the basic budget, that could be considered.

Harvey's statement about the possibility of phase two not being reached refers to current estimates which indicate that the Cooperative Program, in 1975-76 would collect about \$47 million at the present giving pace.

That is well over basic and capital needs requirements of \$42,020,000 but short of the total \$51 million 1975-76 budget, which includes \$8,080,000 in challenge funds above the \$42,020,000.

To reach the full basic operating and capital needs and phase one of challenge funds in 1976-77, Southern Baptists would have to give \$51,080,000. The remaining \$3,920,000 in phase two may not be reached. (BP)

## Mid-America Graduates Four Tennesseans

Four Tennessee students were among the 24 students participating in graduation exercises at Mid-America Seminary in Memphis.

Receiving the Diploma in Christian Theology was Jerry Wade Davis, Bells. The Master of Theology degree was conferred upon David Rayburn Clark, Jackson; John Fredrick Keller, Bristol; and John David West, Knoxville.

Speaker for the graduation exercises was Jimmy Jackson, pastor, First Church, Merritt Island, Fla.

## Nominees Requested For Roy Harmon Athlete Award

**JEFFERSON CITY**—Baptist churches throughout Tennessee are being encouraged to nominate one of their outstanding members for the Roy Harmon Baptist Athlete Award, according to Fred Sorrells, chairman of the selection committee.

The award was established in 1973 by former athletes who played for the late Carson-Newman coach Roy Harmon. The award is presented annually to an outstanding high school Baptist athlete from Tennessee.

Nominations for the honor are made by the Baptist church to which the nominee belongs. Criteria for the award includes: being a member of a Tennessee Baptist church, supporting the total program of the church, being a Christian witness in the school and community and being an outstanding high school athlete.

Nominations should be sent to Fred Sorrells, chairman; Roy Harmon Award Committee; Jefferson City, Tenn. 37760. Nominations close June 30, 1976. The recipient of the award will have his name placed on a plaque in C-N's Holt Fieldhouse and receive a gold watch with the award logo on the face.



Pinson Church, Madison-Chester Association, held groundbreaking services for its \$100,000 building program, which will include an educational building and an addition to the sanctuary. The 5000 sq. ft. area will feature 13 classrooms, a library, and fellowship hall. Seating capacity of the sanctuary will be increased from 150 to 250. Pictured above from left to right are: (first row) Ed Milner, Pastor James Powers, and A. N. Bates, the church's oldest deacon. On the second row are Leo Smith, George Scarbrough, Earl Diggs, C. E. Croom, Sam Williams, and David Alexander. Alexander served as building committee chairman.

# Brotherhood Commission Reorganizes Staff

**MEMPHIS**—Trustees of the Brotherhood Commission approved a staff reorganization plan adding six new staff positions and a budget of \$1,582,000 for 1976-77 in a three-day semi-annual meeting here.

The new budget, up \$137,392 or 9 percent, was adopted on the heels of a report projecting a surplus in operating funds of \$106,000 for the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) agency by September 30.

Provided in the new budget are such new positions as a world missions conference director, a business section director, a Pioneer Royal Ambassador department director, a Baptist Men's consultant, and two editorial workers.

Glendon McCullough, executive director of the commission, called the action the first step in broadening and improving services for men and boys in 33 state Baptist conventions, 1196 Baptist associations, and 34,902 Southern Baptist churches across 50 states.

The commission reduced its program 15 months ago, cutting its staff by 25 percent, when it became strapped for funds.

Left with an overage even after paying off more than \$81,000 in debts, the trustees put \$79,000 of the surplus in a National 'Royal Ambassador Congress reserve, a periodicals subscription reserve, a periodicals promotion reserve and an early staff employment reserve.

McCullough credited the overage to a 16.45 percent increase in giving by Southern Baptists through the national Cooperative Program in the past seven months, increased sales of periodicals and merchandise, and a conservative spending policy.

The commission receives about one-third of its income from the Cooperative Program unified budget and the remainder from sales.

## Fine Sections In Staff Reorganization

The staff reorganization calls for five sections—business, service, program, ministries and communications, each headed by a director.

McCullough said Jack Childs, current director of the service division, will become director of the service section; Bob Banks, executive assistant, director of the program section; and Norman Godfrey, executive assistant, director of the ministries section. Roy Jennings, executive assistant, will become an administrative assistant to McCullough.

The agency will seek a director of the business section immediately, but leave the position of communications section director unfilled for the present, McCullough explained.

In the new program section is a Baptist Men's division, Royal Ambassador boys division, Brotherhood coordination, and periodicals promotion services.

The ministries section includes a lay renewal department, a world missions conference department, disaster relief, and special missions projects.

Financial development, public relations, and art services comprise the new communications section.

Banks will serve as director of the two divisions in the program section as well as section director for the time being, McCullough said.

The reorganization plan grew out of a study and recommendations by a long range planning committee which reported last year, he added. (BP)

## Awards To Highlight Southwestern Alumni Lunch

**NORFOLK, Va.**—Conferring of distinguished alumni awards and a status report on a "Eight by Eighty" fund raising drive will highlight the annual alumni luncheon of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. The annual fete will be held on Wednesday, June 16, during the Southern Baptist Convention.

The luncheon, scheduled to follow the morning convention session, will be held in the Holiday Inn in downtown Norfolk. The hotel is located across the street from the Scope Convention Center where the SBC will be meeting. Tickets for the luncheon may be purchased at the seminary booth to be located in the exhibit area.

Highlight of the alumni fete will be the presentation of the 1976 Distinguished Alumni Awards to Perry Crouch, retired executive secretary-treasurer of the North Carolina Baptist Convention; William Tanner, president of Oklahoma Baptist University; and to M. E. Williamson, retired pastor living in Waco, Texas.

Also to be presented will be a status report on the current drive to raise \$250,000 from among Southwestern Seminary alumni to match a \$250,000 challenge grant from the Mabee Foundation of Tulsa, Okla. The challenge grant drive is part of the seminary's current "Eight by Eighty" campaign to raise \$8 million by 1980.

Seminary president Robert E. Naylor will bring his annual "Report from the Hill." Alumni are also expected to elect new national alumni association officers.

## J. H. Buchanan, 89, Dies After Illness

**BIRMINGHAM**—Funeral services were held here for John Hall Buchanan, 89, long-time Southern Baptist pastor, denominational leader, and father of U. S. Rep. John H. Buchanan Jr. (R-Ala.). The senior Buchanan died here May 17 after an extended illness. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery, Birmingham.

The pastor emeritus of Southside Baptist Church here, was a former chairman of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee and former president of both the denomination's Foreign Mission Board and of the Alabama Baptist Convention. He had been a member of the denomination's Home Mission Board, of the Baptist Annuity Board and took a "leading part" in efforts to successfully pay the Southern Baptist Convention's debts in 1943, a friend said.

Buchanan, who also served on the executive boards of the Tennessee and Arkansas Baptist conventions, was a native of Blue Mountain, Miss. He held pastorates in Mississippi, Texas, Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, Virginia, and Alabama. Following his retirement as Southside Baptist Church's pastor in 1956, he served as chaplain of Birmingham Baptist Hospital.

While in Tennessee Buchanan was a trustee of Union University and Tennessee College for Women (which later merged into Belmont College).

Other survivors in addition to his son are his widow, Mrs. Ruby Lowrey Buchanan of Birmingham, three daughters, a brother and sister. (BP)

## Southern Names F. T. Jones Director Of Deferred Giving

**LOUISVILLE**—Fred T. Jones, director of deferred giving for Nova University in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., has been named director of deferred giving for The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here, effective June 7.

Jones, a Baptist layman, was director of deferred giving for the University of Miami, 1967-72. He holds the bachelor of business administration degree from the University of Miami and is an alumnus of the university's School of Law.

The appointment of Jones will expand estate-planning services offered by the seminary, according to Wesley M. Pattillo, vice-president for development.

Paul G. Kirkland, for 13 years executive director of Southern Seminary Foundation, will continue in that post, Pattillo said. (BP)

# 'Baptist Literature Board' Uses Non-denominational Materials

By Robert O'Brien

**NASHVILLE**—Curriculum materials—advertised as produced by Southern Baptists and for sale to Southern Baptist churches under the name of "Baptist Literature Board" (BLB)—were actually originated by Scripture Press, a non-denominational publishing house, Baptist Press has learned.

BLB, a small group of individual Southern Baptists, was organized in January, 1976, to give "dissatisfied" Southern Baptist churches "an option" to curriculum materials produced by the Sunday School Board, the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) publishing house.

The dissenting group's executive director, William A. Powell, also serves as president of "The Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship" (BFMF), an organization formed in 1973 primarily to defend one theory of Scripture inspiration—verbal inspiration—and ferret out "liberals" among Southern Baptists. BFMF was named after the SBC's 1963 doctrinal statement, "The Baptist Faith and Message."

In the February-March, 1976, issue of the Southern Baptist Journal, the BFMF publication, which he edits, Powell, said editorially, in reference to BLB, that his group's publishing venture makes it possible for Southern Baptists to purchase literature "prepared by Southern Baptists who are committed to the fact that the Bible, in its original form, is the infallible and verbally inspired word of God . . .

"This means," he continued, "that churches will not need to purchase literature produced by those outside our denomination . . . So now, once again, our churches can purchase good literature, produced from within our denomination, based upon the fact that God inspired every word of the Bible."

In a telephone interview from his office in Buchanan, Ga., near Atlanta, Powell told Baptist Press that it is valid for BLB to identify Scripture Press material as "produced by Southern Baptists" because Southern Baptist BLB editors have the right, under their contract, to make editorial changes in Scripture Press curriculum materials if they so desire.

He said BLB editor-in-chief, M. O. Owens Jr., pastor from Gastonia, N.C., and a BFMF director, and any other editors "take basic material that Scripture Press has and go through it and make it exactly like what we want and put our inserts in it and our name on it so that we can say we are responsible for producing this material."

The teacher and pupil quarterlies involved carry the Baptist Literature Board imprint, with no reference to Scripture Press, except

copyright information, in small type on the inside front cover, which refers to "SP Publications" and "SP Foundation." "SP" is not identified.

Title page copy describes the contents as "produced by Southern Baptists," although a Scripture Press spokesman said its writers come from a number of denominations and it has no Southern Baptists on its editorial staff.

In a line-by-line analysis of one of the quarterlies for June-July-Aug., 1976—"Living Today" for adult pupils—Baptist Press could discover no editorial changes between the BLB-imprinted edition and the edition which circulates under the Scripture Press name.

Owens was asked by Baptist Press to comment on editing of the quarterly in question and of the other age group quarterlies from Scripture Press with the BLB imprint.

"In the first two quarters," he said, "there has been very little change. We have read it and made suggestions for a change here and there—mostly just a few words" because of lack of time and manpower.

He said that when he gets more editorial help, he hopes to do "more editing though actually we have found very little in the Scripture Press material that has been objectionable, either from the standpoint of doctrine or polity."

The North Carolina pastor said he "regrets that in the publicity that Mr. Powell has put out about it" that he has used the phrase "produced by" Southern Baptists.

"What I have said and what I have really wanted the whole group to say was that the material was 'provided by.'"

For about 10 years, Scripture Press has provided what it calls a "denominational imprint ministry." It goes to a number of denominations and groups, including such organizations as Christian and Missionary Alliance, Salvation Army, a Church of God group, BLB and others, a Scripture Press spokesman said.

"In practice, manuscripts of all teacher and pupil manuals are sent to designated reviewers for page changes that will enhance denominational distinctives," according to an article in the Spring, 1976, issue of Horizons, Scripture Press marketing publication.

"If changes are approved by the Scripture Press editorial staff as not violating our Statement of Faith (which includes belief in verbal inspiration of the Bible), the changes are made for that denomination's editions," Horizon said.

Powell also told Baptist Press that BLB has made no attempt to hide the Scripture

Press connection and has mentioned it.

In 220 column inches of display advertising in its January, February-March, and April issues this year, the Southern Baptist Journal has advertised BLB's literature as "produced by Southern Baptist individuals . . ."

The ads failed to mention Scripture Press. So did 89 column inches of articles on BLB in the same issues. So did the BLB's initial news release in January, which described its formation.

Asked why the Journal's advertising, which included two full-page ads, omitted the Scripture Press connection, Powell said, "No reason other than space. We only have a certain amount of space. We felt we had more important things to say."

But later he commented, "It's altogether possible that I should have played that up more than I did. It was a matter of judgment on my part. I've never been involved in introducing of materials before."

As to why the BLB's initial news release omitted the Scripture Press information, Powell said, "I do not know of any reason why it was left out or why it should have been in. As you know, when you write a news release you don't tell everything."

Powell said the July-August, 1975, issue of the Southern Baptist Journal did mention Scripture Press in a reprinted article (which predated BLB's formation and therefore he made no mention of BLB in relation to Scripture Press).

The Journal reprinted the article from the July 4, 1975, issue of Christianity Today, a non-denominational evangelical publication. The long reprint was set in small type (about six point). In the article, which discussed Powell and the dissenting BFMF, author James Hefley said, in paragraph 11:

"He (Powell) envisions its (the curriculum Powell hoped eventually to provide) being published under a non-profit board friendly to BFMF. Scripture Press materials, published by an independent firm in Wheaton, Ill., would be used after being 'baptized, edited, and imprinted.'"

Powell also said BLB explains the Scripture Press connection in a BLB-produced brochure, "Literature and other Materials Available From the Baptist Literature Board," which he said BLB sends to churches. He said he doesn't know how many brochures have been distributed and that not all received it in advance of ordering.

He quoted the brochure as saying, in part, "Some of the quarterlies, books, materials and supplies will be written, edited and produced under the direct supervision of the BLB. And the amount of materials written and produced by the BLB will continue to increase in the months ahead."

In actuality, Powell told Baptist Press, "very few" materials have been produced solely by BLB as yet—and none of the curriculum materials which BLB makes

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# Third Year SBC To Use Closed Circuit TV

W. C. Woody of TimeRite Inc., approaches the giant Southern Baptist Convention with the same meticulous attention to detail that ABC's Roone Arledge might devote to Monday night football preparation.

Woody and his associates at TimeRite have been charged by the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee with producing convention activities for closed circuit television.

But this isn't your ordinary closed circuit television set. The screens are 24 x 32 feet and two of them will stand at either end of the convention floor.

The 1976 Norfolk convention will be the third year the Executive Committee has asked TimeRite to handle the program production for the huge image magnification system. It was done, successfully, at the 1974 Dallas convention and repeated in Miami in 1975.

"The Executive Committee leases the physical equipment, projector and screens for the image magnification system from a New York company," Woody said. "The TimeRite division of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission arranges, usually without cost, production equipment materials like cameras, projectors, and personnel to produce the convention on-stage activity for the magnification system.

"Everything that goes on the screen during convention activities—names, states, where delegates are from, etc.—is developed by TimeRite."

## Personnel To Wear Blue Smocks

All camera personnel wear blue smocks to indicate to the TimeRite people that an authorized person is operating the expensive camera, loaned to TimeRite for convention use.

"We'll be using a five camera pick up to project three or four images on a screen at once, from different angles, for a split screen effect. Where we know ahead of time the names and titles of people who will be involved in the convention (like Porter Routh and Jaroy Weber) and the words to songs, we will program them into the computer in advance.

"Then, when these men speak or a song leader announces the name of a song, we can push a button on a computer and the words will flash on the screen. It's the same way a football game's statistics and player lineups are produced for television.

"The director knows ahead of time he's going to have some known visuals and these can be programmed in advance. There will be certain personalities who will be deeply involved in the convention program and that part of the convention can be pre-programmed. When that happens the material can be brought on cue quickly and easily and flashed on the screen for the viewer."

Some of the material expected to be pre-programmed for messengers are agency

statistics and reports, visuals to illustrate reports, and other material.

Woody and his crew have arranged to obtain names of delegates who may rise with convention business from the sea of faces on the floor.

## Spotters To Use Walkie Talkies

"We'll have TimeRite 'spotters' with walkie talkies on the convention floor. If the camera can get the person, the spotter will get the name and home state and relay it to the writer at the central location so if the person's face is on the screen, the name and state are up there also.

"We want every messenger to know who is speaking by name and state and picture. That's what communication is all about."

Woody said the same procedure will be followed with emergency messages. Emergency messages will be flashed at certain times during activities but "we will not run them during an agency's report. We'll wait for an opportune time. However, they will be run frequently so people who need to be reached can be reached quickly."

If the whole thing sounds like a lot of work, it is. "Pre-convention planning begins in October and runs until convention time," Woody said. "We work on it about nine months out of the year—traveling to sites, arranging with manufacturers and suppliers for equipment, developing contacts for personnel, lights, staging. You don't just walk into a place and say 'well, here we are' and start setting up.

"What we're setting up is, literally, a television broadcasting station. But instead of being on the air, we're putting it on closed circuit for convention messengers."

Woody expects there will be "probably 30" people working in the control area during the convention.

"There'll be a lot of factors at a convention of this size. We'll try to be ready in advance for as many as we can. After all, communication is what it's all about," he said.

## Assistant Editor Named For Youth Section

NASHVILLE—David Chism began duties recently as assistant editor in the youth section of the Sunday School Department at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Chism is a graduate of Florence State (Ala.) University with a B.A. degree in English, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, with the M.R.E. degree. He has done additional study in English and education at the University of Alabama and the University of Mississippi.

A native of Mississippi, Chism came to the Sunday School Board from Union Gospel Press in Cleveland, Ohio, where he was an associate editor. Prior to that he taught English on the high school level in Mississippi schools.

## Christian Life Commission Names Two To Staff

NASHVILLE, Tennessee—John A. Wood and W. David Sapp have been elected to the staff of the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention and both assume their duties in June.

John A. Wood, 38, will become director of program development and will coordinate special projects on such issues as alcohol education and action, race relations, gambling, and world hunger. Wood, a native of Birmingham, will also be responsible for the Commission's summer and regional conferences on Christian social ethics.

Sapp, 28, will become director of organization for the commission. The Savannah, Georgia native's responsibilities include the development of the work of applied Christianity in various state organizations as well as with other Convention agencies and will be in charge of the Commission's specialized conferences related to applied Christianity.

Both Wood and Sapp will be involved in research and writing, as well as speaking.

Wood holds the doctor of philosophy degree from Baylor University and the bachelor of divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. He graduated with a bachelor of arts degree from the Columbia Bible College in Columbia, South Carolina.

Sapp holds the doctor of philosophy and master of divinity degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville. He earned his bachelor of arts degree from Mercer University in Macon, Georgia.

## Belmont Nursing Graduates Receive Diplomas, Pins

NASHVILLE—Fifty-four nursing students from Belmont College received diploma and nursing pins during a special ceremony in Massey Auditorium, according to Dorothy Scott, Nursing Department chairman.

The students had participated in Belmont's graduation, but were not presented diplomas at that time because they were required to take a three-week Maymester course to complete their nursing curriculum.

Alma Gault, associate professor emeritus of Vanderbilt University School of Nursing, was the main speaker for the evening ceremony. Gault, who has been involved in nursing and teaching nursing students, presented a message on "Nursing—Past, Present, and Future."

Belmont's president, Herbert C. Gabhart, presented the Florence Nightingale Award to Barbara H. Stock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Holton of Grifton, N.C.

Brenda Smith was given a special award by the class of 1975 in memory of Skip Head, a former nursing student who died early this year.

# Days Of Beginning

By Roy A. Helton

Professor Emeritus of Religion, Belmont College, Nashville, Tennessee

Basic Passages: Matthew 16:18; Luke 1:1-4; Acts 1:1-2

Focal Passages: Acts 1:1-2; 2:22-32

The lessons for June deal with "The Emergence of the Church." Attention will be given to conditions and developments in the New Testament Churches.

## The Church Founded Matt. 16:18

The New Testament witness is that Jesus is the founder of the church. Jesus had led his disciples in a series of withdrawals from his busy ministry in Galilee. Various motives have been assigned for these withdrawals: fear of Herod Antipas, a much needed rest, a sense of mission to Gentiles since each withdrawal took him into Gentile territory, for the purpose of preparing his disciples for their future witness to him. Each of these reasons may have a legitimate claim, but surely none greater than the opportunity for teaching his disciples. In the feeding of the five thousand at Bethsaida (Mark 6:45) Jesus taught them their absolute dependence upon himself as the life-sustaining sustenance (John 6:51) and when many had turned away at this revelation, Jesus asked the twelve whether they wished to leave, and Peter responded, "Lord to whom shall we go. You have the words of eternal life" (John 6:68). In the region of Tyre and Sidon in the pagan country of Phoenicia, Jesus taught his disciples that the sincere faith of a pagan would be honored by his Father (Matt. 15:21-28). This burdened Canaanite woman could not be brushed aside by the reluctance of the disciples to believe that God cared for her. The third withdrawal from Galilee brought Jesus into the region of the Decapolis which is constituted of ten Greek and Roman cities. Here he healed a deaf and dumb man (Mark 7:31-37) and demonstrated in the act that Gentiles need not be considered beyond the concern and reach of God because the Jews considered them too obstinate and dumb to bother about. At last they came to Caesarea Philippi where Jesus announced his intention of building a church which the gates of "Hades" could not prevail against (Matt. 16:18). This is the climaxing lesson which Jesus taught his disciples on those withdrawals. From that time on he began to show to the disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and be crucified, and that discipleship for them would be a matter of renouncing themselves, taking up the cross, and following him (Matt. 16:21, 24). At this time there was no organization of the

church, but the living material of which it was built was joined together through faith in Jesus Christ as the Savior of the world.

## The Church's Mission Personalized Acts 1:8

Many think of the Church's mission simply as a corporate command. In doing so they lose the sense of individual commitment and personal involvement. We get concerned about programs, and goals for the corporate group and forget that we as individuals have a personal responsibility to fulfill. The disciples asked what the timetable was for God's restoration of the kingdom to Israel (Acts 1:6). Jesus in effect replied, "That is not your business; your business is to wait for the power of the Holy Spirit and then witness to me from home clear around the world" (Acts 1:7-8).

## The Church Empowered Acts 2:1-4

The emphasis of these four verses is upon the fact that the church was empowered for her task of witnessing for Christ. The matter of speaking in tongues is secondary to Luke's purpose. His concern is to show that Jesus kept his promise to send the Spirit to empower them for their task. The presence of the Spirit in each believer in the church assures unity of mind and effort. It is instructive to note the use of "together" in the early chapters of Acts. Togetherness makes for strength in the church. It also makes for strength in the enemies of the church. Jesus gathered the believers together to wait for the coming of the Spirit (1:4); they were together with the women and Jesus' brothers in prayer when Peter explained that what had happened to Jesus was the fulfillment of prophecy (1:14); they were together when the Holy Spirit filled both the believers and the room where they were meeting (2:1); the multitudes came together in bewilderment when they saw and heard the results of the coming of the Holy Spirit (2:6); together the believers sold possessions to share with others (2:44); when the crowds saw a healed cripple clinging to Peter and John they ran together to Solomon's porch where Peter addressed them and called for repentance (3:11); the Jewish rulers gathered together to inquire by what power they had healed the cripple (4:5); when Peter and John had been released from a night in jail, the elders and scribes were gathered together

and threatened and warned them not to preach any more in the name of Jesus (4:5, 15, 18); Peter remarks that rulers were gathered together against God's holy child Jesus which resulted in fulfilling the purpose of God (4:27); the place where the disciples were gathered was shaken and they were filled with the Spirit and spoke the word with boldness (4:31); people from neighboring cities gathered together bringing the sick and sinful to be healed (5:16).

## The Church Given an Authoritative Word Acts 1:1-2; Luke 1:1-4

It is common knowledge among most Sunday School teachers that Luke wrote the Gospel which bears his name, and also the book of Acts. It is interesting and instructive to notice the opening verses of both these works. We are told (Luke 1:1-4) that Luke made careful research in order that he might give an accurate record of what Jesus had done and taught so as to convince his friend Theophilus of the validity of the claims of Jesus. In the opening sentence of Acts Luke states: "In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach . . ." (1:1). The implication is that his second book is going to deal with what Jesus continued to do and teach through work of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer. He sets this in the context of the church and shows how Jesus is continuing to teach and minister to the needs of people through the church as a witness to his redemptive work. The church has an authoritative message. The early disciples spoke and practiced it with boldness. Luke intended for us to see this and to continue it.

## The Church's Good News for All Men Acts 2:22-32

The church is not the source of the good news. It is the agent of its proclamation. The verses in this passage are the essence of early preaching. (1) This preaching made it clear that the cross was in the eternal purpose of God (v. 23). This emphasis is strong in Acts (3:18; 4:28; 13:29). This emphasis safeguards against the idea that the cross was an accident in the providence of God. It was a part of his eternal course. It was not a case of men defeating God, but a case of God defeating the ultimate consequence of sin through the death of Christ and the faith of the believer. There was nothing in the death of Jesus that changed the attitude of God toward man. It was the nature of God that prompted this act on behalf of sinful men. (2) Though the cross was in the eternal purpose of God, the perpetrators of the death of Christ are not guiltless in their act (2:23; 3:13; 4:10; 5:30). The number of references to their guilt shows how the early preachers viewed this crime. It proved for them, and for generations to follow, what sin can do. (3) The early church viewed the cross as the fulfillment of prophecy. The Jewish viewpoint was opposed to the idea (Continued on page 13)

# Revivals and Leadership . . .

## REVIVALS . . .

In Dyer Association, Trimble Church was led in revival by **Wallace Vaughan**. **Rollin Minton** and **Don Holland** were the singers. There were four professions of faith, several rededications. **Harold Burroughs** is pastor.

Second Church, Dyer Association, was led in revival by **Paul Kirkindall**. **Jessie Pruitt** led the music. There were 13 additions by baptism, five by letter, and several rededications. **Wallace Vaughan** is pastor.

Big Sandy First Church reported three professions of faith, three for baptism, four rededications during its recent revival. **Wade Trimmer** was the evangelist.

There were five rededications, one profession of faith, and one for baptism at Central Point Church, Western District Association, during a revival there. **Roy Auvenshine** was the evangelist.

Cottage Grove Church, Cottage Grove, reported one profession of faith, two for baptism, and one rededication during revival services. A team from Union University led the services. **Tommy Powell** was the preacher.

Fairview Church, Western Association, reported eight professions of faith, six for baptism, two additions by letter and 75 rededications during a revival led by **Jerry Glisson**.

There were 10 rededications and three additions by letter at a revival at Maplewood Church, Western District Association. **Carroll Owen** was the evangelist.

**Bill H. Smith** led revival services at New Bethel Church, Western District Association. There were eight rededications and 11 other decisions.

Point Pleasant Church, Buchanan, reported one profession of faith, one for baptism, and two rededications during its revival. **Paul Veazey** was evangelist.

Springhill Church, Paris, had revival with evangelist **Bob Hollas**. There were three professions of faith, three baptisms, one transfer of letter, and three rededications.

**Johnny T. Young**, Grace Church, Tullahoma, did the preaching in revival services at Dover Church, Shelbyville, which resulted in one profession of faith, several rededications. Others have made professions of faith since the revival. **Bob Johnson**, Mt. Lebanon Church, Lewisburg, led the singing. **David Wall** is pastor.

## LEADERSHIP . . .

Sneedville First Church called **Doug** and **Donna Westcott** as ministers of music and youth. He is a senior at Carson Newman College. **John Parrott Jr.** is pastor.

**L. G. Hutchens** resigned as assistant to the pastor at Broadway Church in Maryville, to accept the call as pastor of Louisville Church, Chilhowee Association. He has been serving as their interim pastor for five months. **Raymond Smith** is pastor at Broadway. The Maryville church called **David Elam Jr.**, a Carson Newman student, as summer youth director.

**Mike Bryan** accepted the call to serve as minister of music and youth at Meridian Church in Knoxville. **James Hutson** is pastor.

Beacon Church, Beech River Association, called **Charles Broadway** as pastor.

**John Lowe** resigned as pastor of Luray Church, Luray.

Alder Springs Church, LaFollette, called **Larry Carte** as pastor. He is a student at Cumberland College, Williamsburg, Ky.

Eagan Church, Eagan, called **William D. Henard** as pastor. **Henard** is a student at Cumberland College, Williamsburg, Ky.

**Charles Bingham** resigned as minister of music at Highland Heights Church in Memphis. He has accepted the call to serve in a similar capacity at First Church, Abilene, Tex.

**Allen Grant**, son of **Mr. and Mrs. George Grant**, members of Union Church in Memphis, accepted the call to serve as pastor of Sunset Church, Arlington. They have been without a pastor for 18 months.

**Wayne L. Benson** resigned as pastor of Haley's Grove Church in Crab Orchard, effective May 30. He was pastor of the church from 1963-65 and from 1972 until the present.

Emmanuel Church, Humboldt, called **Richard Holloman**, Prospect, Ky., as pastor. He accepted the call and is already on the new field of service. He served as pastor of New Liberty Church in Prospect. **Bob Elliott**, business manager of Union University, has been interim pastor at Emmanuel.

Cumberland City Church, Cumberland Association accepted the resignation of pastor **Charles Hunt**.

## Foreign Board Sends Aid For Typhoon Destruction

**RICHMOND**—Southern Baptist missionaries were rendering aid and the denomination's Foreign Mission Board released \$5000 for relief in the Philippines in the wake of two typhoons that separately struck the islands and Guam.

The board was awaiting further word on needs in Guam, where two Baptist churches were damaged, according to William R. Wakefield, the board's area secretary for Southeast Asia. Southern Baptist missionaries in both areas were reported safe, he said.

Many families were left homeless in both Guam and the Philippines, reports said. The typhoon that hit Guam did extensive damage throughout the island. A quonset hut used by the Korean congregation of Tamuning Baptist Church was blown down, and an estimated \$3000 damage was done to Calvary Baptist Church, according to Southern Baptist missionary J. Wesley Brizendine.

Homes of the missionaries in Guam had water damage but no serious destruction, he said. The Baptist Student Center in Guam was used as shelter for 25 students for three nights while they waited out the storm.

Nearly everything on the island except concrete buildings were destroyed, said Brizendine. Guam has been declared a disaster area and is receiving aid from the U.S. Government.

Brizendine estimated it would be two weeks before water was restored and two months before electricity service resumed.

A separate typhoon brought flash floods to the Philippines, where 18 inches of rain fell within a six-hour period, according to Southern Baptist missionary Robert N. Nash. The Pasig River, which runs through the heart of Manila, has been high but is now receding. The Pampanga Basin area in Central Luzon was also badly flooded.

"The thing that makes it so tragic is that it came so unexpectedly," Nash said. Many families have been left homeless in the lower areas. One of the churches near badly damaged areas, the Quezon City Baptist Church, is trying to feed and care for 250 families who have been left homeless, Nash said. (BP)

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# Pastor Sends 15,000 Letters Urging SBC Action On Abortion

**HALLETTSVILLE, Tex.**—Robert Holbrook, a pastor here, is so determined that the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) will go on record opposing abortion that he is sending 15,000 letters to SBC pastors and laymen, the "Houston Chronicle" reported.

The letter calls on Baptists to help launch a massive effort to get the upcoming annual session in Norfolk, June 15-17, to adopt a resolution opposing abortion, according to a report by Louis A. Moore, the "Chronicle's" religion editor.

Holbrook, who coordinates a group called "Baptists for Life, Inc.," told Moore the mailout is costing \$1700 and that numerous Baptists have contributed funds for the project.

The three-page letter charges that "certain of the news media and abortion advocates" have interpreted past SBC actions as supporting abortion, the "Chronicle" said.

"It is very serious to assert that the largest evangelical denomination, which is usually identified as conservative and Bible-believ-

ing, is associated on the abortion question with some of the most radical and liberal of social and theological groups in their support of the infamous Supreme Court decision of 1973, but that is the case," Holbrook's letter said.

"We need to adopt a new resolution on abortion at the upcoming convention in Norfolk," he says.

"When abortion is mentioned to certain convention leaders, they retreat behind the 'hard cases' and insist we be on record as supporting these 'tragic exceptions,' all the while ignoring that over 99 percent of the abortions are done simply because women do not want the baby," Holbrook's letter said.

"This gives liberals a perfect opportunity to paint Southern Baptists as being in support of a legal situation which will permit any kind of abortions," it continued.

## Holbrook Writes Abortion Resolution

Holbrook has written a resolution to accompany the letter, which he says is not as strong as he would like, but is as strong as the Norfolk convention is likely to accept.

He told Moore that he has backed away from a statement made last year (after his third unsuccessful attempt to get through a motion on abortion) that he would not present another one.

"I made that statement out of keen disappointment and frustration because the resolutions committee would not allow messengers to vote on the issue" because they said the SBC had already spoken on it, he elaborated to Baptist Press.

He feels the SBC resolution passed in 1971 and reaffirmed in 1974 is too ambiguous and "wide open."

In two "whereases," that resolution notes that "some advocate no abortion legislation, thus making the decision a purely private matter between a woman and her doctor" and "others advocate no legal abortion, or would permit abortion only if the life of the mother is threatened."

Then the 1971 resolution resolves "that this convention express the belief that society has a responsibility to affirm through the laws of the state a high view of the sanctity of human life, including fetal life, in order to protect those who cannot protect themselves. . . ."

It continues by calling on "Southern Baptists to work for legislation that will allow the possibility of abortion under such conditions as rape, incest, clear evidence of severe fetal deformity, and carefully ascertained evidence of the likelihood of damage to the emotional, mental and physical health of the mother."

He told Baptist Press that the situation

## Bolivar Man Receives Midwestern Seminary Degree

Eighty persons received degrees from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Mo. during commencement exercises recently.

David Chappell, Bolivar, received the diploma in theology. The graduates were presented by John C. Howell, academic dean. Albert McClellan, program planning secretary for the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, delivered the main address. Milton Ferguson, president of the seminary, presented the degrees.

has changed and that it is time for the SBC to rethink its position.

His proposed resolution, which he has already submitted to the SBC resolutions committee, says:

"Whereas Southern Baptists have historically held a high biblical view of the sanctity of human life, and

"Whereas, according to United States government figures, 99 percent of the abortions performed in America are for convenience and do not fall into the so-called 'hard case' category, and

"Whereas, the 1971 Southern Baptist Convention resolution rejected the concept of abortion being a purely private decision between a woman and her doctor, and

"Whereas, the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention has warned the churches that 'a society that relies on abortion as a primary means of birth control is likely to discover a decrease in the reverence for life and the appreciation of children' and 'the Christian's concern for the value of the defenseless fetus is not likely to advocate the removal of all legal protection surrounding the fetus' right to life,"

"Therefore, be it resolved that the SBC affirms that while we recognize that distress and unusual circumstances surrounding rape, incest and certain other pregnancies do exist for some Southern Baptists, we abhor the widespread practice of abortion, its commercialization and exploitation by irresponsible abortion advocates and that we further affirm that the Supreme Court decision of 1973 as stated and implemented is contrary to both biblical and traditional Christian views of the sanctity of life." (BP)

## 'Literature Board' Uses Non-denominational Materials

(Continued from page 5)

available, with its imprint, for pre-school age through adults, from Scripture Press, beginning in the June-July-August quarter.

"Some of the materials available from BLB," he quoted the brochure as saying, "will be produced by various other publishers and suppliers of good, doctrinally-sound and true-to-the-Bible materials."

The brochure, he said, mentions adaptation of Scripture Press materials, indicates BLB will also use other material outlets and comments that content is more important than who produces it.

He said the brochure says, "The BLB name and logo will appear on the materials that have been written or edited or produced by BLB. Of course, the names of other producers will be on the materials they have produced" (such as companion pieces to curriculum, some of which reveal Scripture Press as the source).

He conceded that some churches may have ordered material without access to or knowledge of the reprint or the brochure but noted that Southern Baptist Journal readers make up "the only list we've used in advertising."

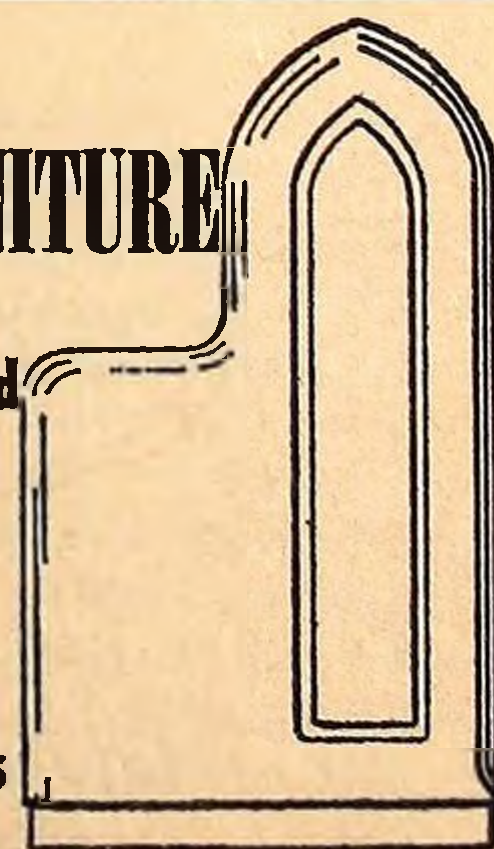
Owens, questioned about the visibility of the Scripture Press connection, said, "It is very possible" that the advance publicity did not magnify the relationship properly. "I would have done a little more to be sure it did, but I did not have anything to do with that part of it." (BP)

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# "Farewell" Becomes "Hello" For Guatemalan Baptists

By Robert E. LaFavre

**GUATEMALA CITY, Guatemala**—When the congregation of Gethsemani Baptist Church said a tearful farewell to their old "temple" they merely moved down the street to thrust the banner of Christ high above their destruction-ridden community.

The people of Gethsemani are in one of the hardest hit residential areas of this town which was struck by a devastating earthquake in early February. The old church building was destroyed.

A former drug addict was leading the singing when we walked into the church. An electric guitar given by a convert of one week was being strummed to provide accompaniment for the service. With me were Mr. and Mrs. A. Clark Scanlon, Southern Baptist missionaries, and Eloise (Mrs. Baker J.) Cauthen, former Southern Baptist missionary and wife of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's executive secretary.

We had made our way down a steep bank and into the temporary wood and tin building of the Gethsemani Baptist Church, on the new building site.

A few things had been salvaged from the old building—slatted pews, some chairs, a piano and 12 small panes of glass set into loosely fitting boards of rough-hewn timber.

For more than 15 minutes the congregation, which overflowed the building, sang heartily. A vivacious young lady led the congregation in a song and then sang a solo

*Note: LaFavre, associate editor of "The Christian Index," made a recent trip to Guatemala. This story, which appeared in the "Index," is a sequel to one written by Sarah (Mrs. A. Clark) Scanlon, Southern Baptist missionary.*

as her testimony. She beamed with the radiance of redeeming love.

Then the pastor spoke, "Our nation is suffering under a great tragedy. People all around us still cover their bodies with only a sheet. Whole blocks of our neighborhood have vanished. There are 20,000 orphans and over one million people homeless tonight. We need to help them in Christ's name."

Even as he spoke those words, I realized most everyone seated in the congregation had lost his home. Yet, the plea went out to help others.

Later the invitation was begun with the single note of a guitar joined by the jingle of a tamborine and voices raised together. Two young men came making their professions of faith while two others came in rededication.

As we made our way toward our places of rest for the night, I recalled the anguish of another Gethsemani and the prayer, "Not my will, but Thine be done."

This Guatemalan Baptist Church, which has learned to accept what has befallen it and seeks ways to help others, is so aptly named.

## Moon Assigned To Brotherhood Commission

**MEMPHIS**—Dan Y. Moon of San Jose, Calif., a home missions consultant for Asians and internationals, has been assigned to the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission to work in lay renewal and with Royal Ambassadors boys and Baptist Men's groups.

Under the agreement, approved by commission trustees, the commission will provide office space and secretarial help and the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board the salary and travel expenses.

Moon, 38, joined the Home Mission Board in 1969 and has worked mainly in California. He has helped start 22 Asian congregations in less than two years.

A graduate of Hankuk University of Foreign Studies in Seoul, Korea, Moon took graduate work in language art at California State before receiving his master's degree in religious education from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He's scheduled to receive a doctor of philosophy degree from California Graduate School of Theology in Glendale in June.

Oscar Romo, director of the language missions department of the mission board who assigned Moon to Memphis, said Moon also will be able to work with the many Asians moving to the Southern part of the United States. (BP)

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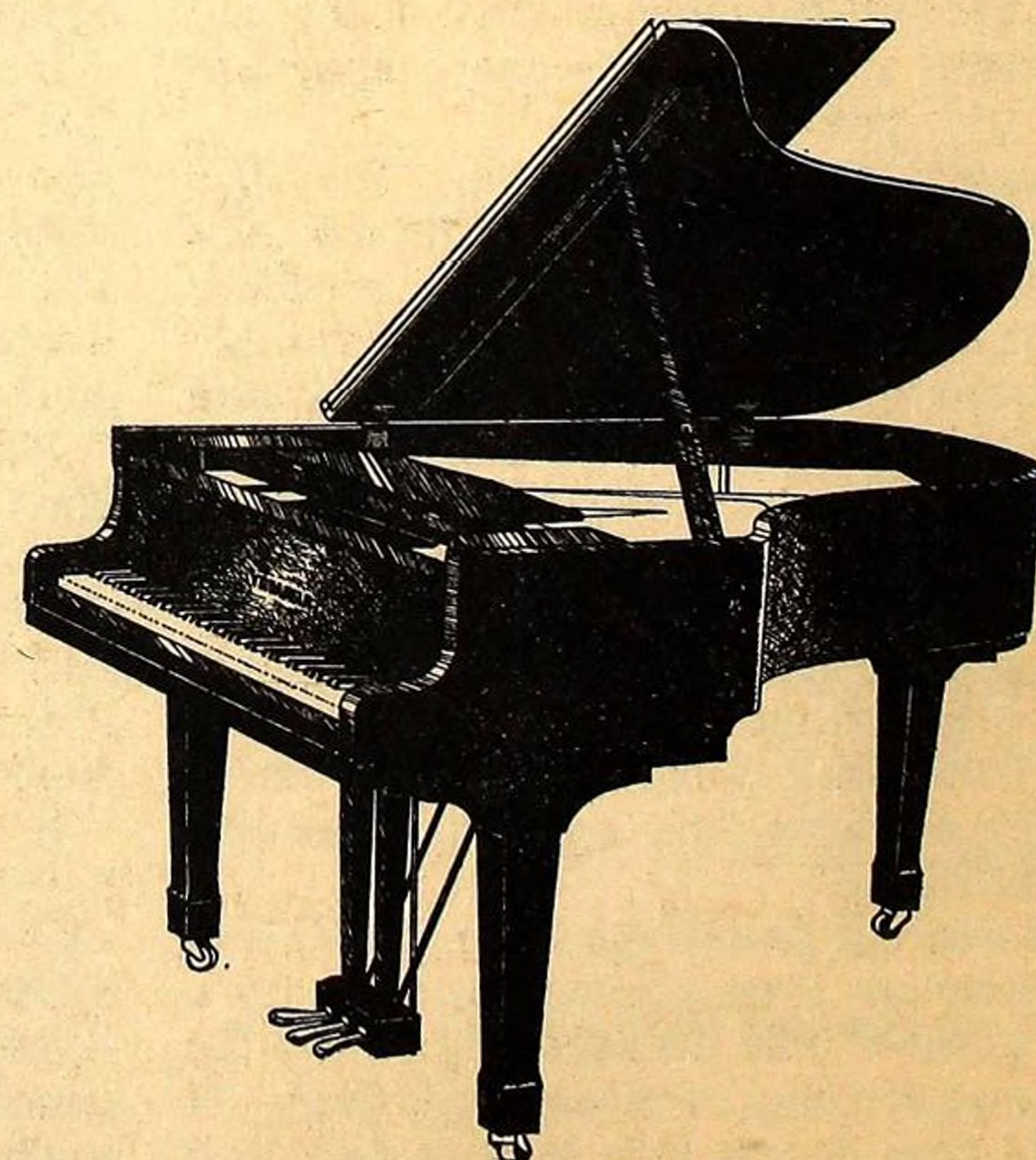
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# National Colloquium On Christian Education

## Set For June 9-12 At Williamsburg

WILLIAMSBURG, Va.—More than 800 leaders from all levels of Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) local, state and national leadership will arrive here June 9 for a four-day National Colloquium on Christian Education which will explore the challenges confronting Christian education in America's third century.

The Colloquium, sponsored by the SBC Education Commission in cooperation with the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools, will be held prior to the annual SBC and SBC-related meetings in Norfolk the following week.

At the heart of the Colloquium's entire program—which features outstanding lead-

ers from the fields of religion, education and government—lies a concern about the responsibility of schools to transmit Christian values, says Ben C. Fisher, Education Commission executive director-treasurer.

"The Colloquium will explore that responsibility to transmit Christian values and to reaffirm basic Biblical and theological presuppositions, the role of Christianity and Christian education in secular culture, and articulate the relationship of Baptist education to the local church," Fisher said.

Participants will deal with at least seven major issues: understanding the purpose of a Baptist school, educating to maintain a Christian witness in a secular culture, developing Christian citizenship, mutual support of educational institution and denomination, how Baptist schools are developing Christian leadership, financial necessities of education, and maintaining and developing responsible trusteeship.

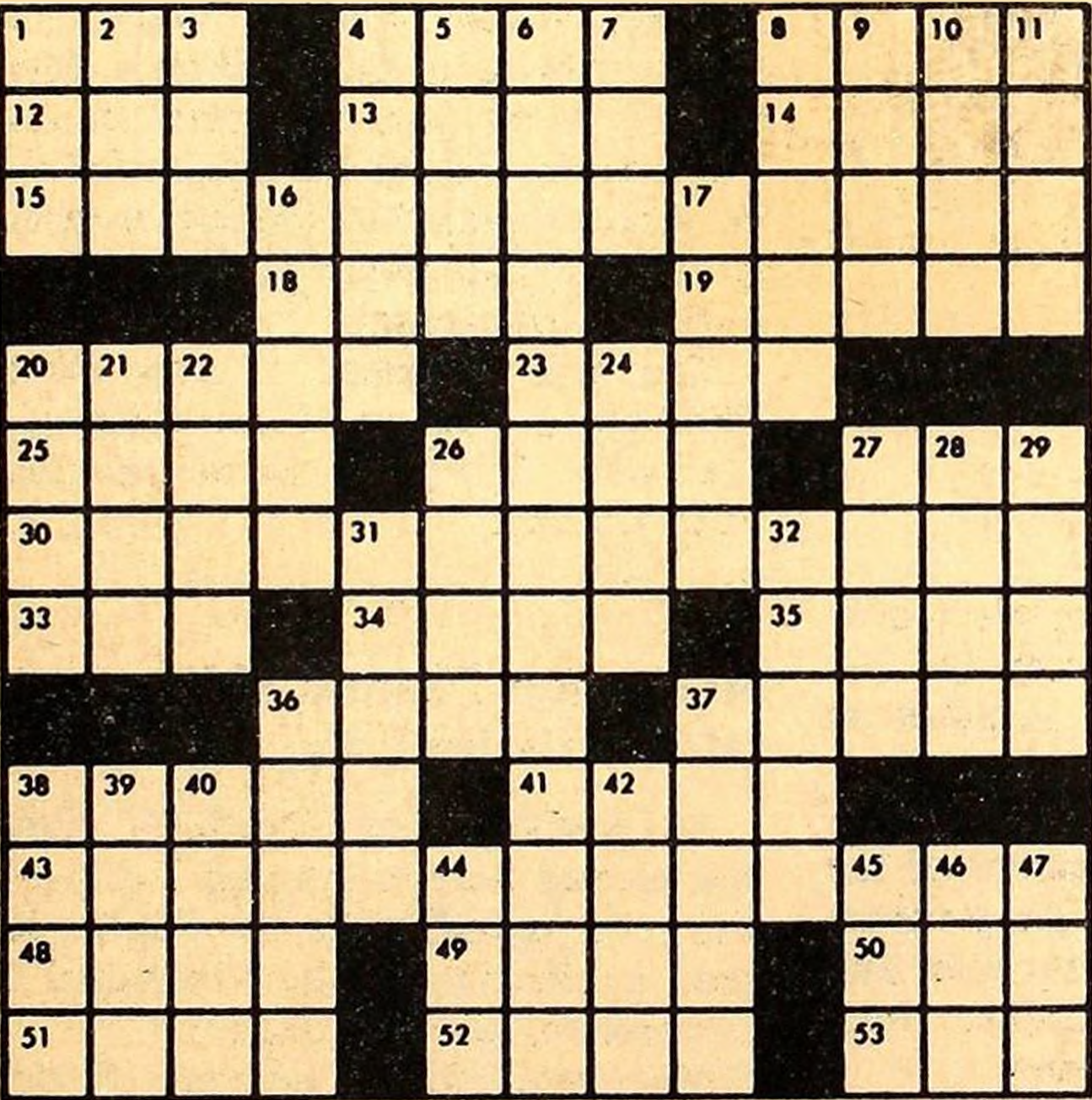
Besides a number of SBC leaders, including Baptist educators, pastors, SBC agency and state convention heads and 63 college and seminary presidents, the program features some prestigious names from outside SBC ranks.

They are Earl McGrath, former secretary of the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare and now senior educational advisor, Lilly Foundation, Indianapolis; Robert Gale, president of the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges, Washington; D. Elton Trueblood, professor at large, Earlham College, Richmond, Ind.; Oklahoma Governor David Boren; and Fred E. Harris, associate general secretary, United Methodist Board of Higher Education, Nashville, Tenn.

The Colloquium will launch a comprehensive, three-year study of Baptist education which will include workshops, seminars and regional meetings for administrators, faculty members, trustees, denominational leaders and pastors.

## Bible Puzzle Page

Answers On Page 13



### ACROSS

- 1 "for ye — tithe" (Matt. 23)
- 4 Legion (Mark 5:9)
- 8 Vainglory
- 12 "Stand in —" (Psa. 4)
- 13 First home
- 14 Word of Jesus (Mark 15:34)
- 15 "who draw back —" (Heb. 10)
- 18 Stupor: comb. form
- 19 Disparage
- 20 The Lord smote him (1 Sam. 25:38)
- 23 Period of time
- 25 Dye purple
- 26 Mountain lake
- 27 Narrow inlet
- 30 "an — — — in the world (1 Cor. 8)

- 33 New schools: abbr.
- 34 Little lads
- 35 Light tan
- 36 David played it (1 Sam. 16:23)
- 37 Biblical tribe
- 38 "Only — not ye" (Num. 14)
- 41 Device for heating liquids
- 43 Fire shall try it (1 Cor. 3:13; 3 words)
- 48 Motorist's need
- 49 Recorded proceedings
- 50 Honey maker
- 51 O. T. prophet: poss.
- 52 Blessed of the better (Heb. 7:7)
- 53 Aviation: abbr.

### CRYPTOVERSE

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- 6 "Grace, — — —" (Tit. 1)
- 7 Terminate
- 8 One of the Apostles
- 9 Chemical suffix
- 10 Moroccan
- 11 Pertaining to some trees
- 16 "fear came — —" (Acts 5)
- 17 Hypothetical structural unit
- 20 Jesus went there (Luke 7:11)
- 21 Conjunctions
- 22 Biographies: by shortening
- 24 Love god
- 26 Peter or Ivan
- 27 Affluent
- 28 Concerning
- 29 Son of Jakeh (Prov. 30:1)
- 31 European country
- 32 "— — a man" (Matt. 9)
- 36 Mount (Judg. 1:35)
- 37 Loop: poss. (anat.)
- 38 Network
- 39 A prudent man foresees it (Prov. 22:3)
- 40 Man in the Bible (1 Chron. 7:36)
- 42 Explosive: poss.
- 44 O. T. book: abbr.
- 45 African ruler
- 46 N. T. book: abbr.
- 47 Japanese game of forfeits

## Luther Rice Seminary Confers Degrees On 10 Tennesseans

Ten Tennessee men were awarded doctoral degrees from Luther Rice Seminary in Jacksonville, Fla., during commencement exercises recently.

Those receiving the Doctor of Religious Education degree were Raymond Lee Parker Jr., Chattanooga, and Roger C. Reeds, Nashville.

Three Chattanooga men were among eight receiving the Doctor of Ministries degree. The Chattanooga men included James Henry Walker, Claudius Septimus Knapp, and B. Carter Elmore. Others were Gilbert Adams, Erwin; Charles Douglas Earl, Strawberry Plains; Houston E. Inman, Pittsburg; Virgil R. Peters, Franklin; and Carl W. Quattlebaum, Memphis.

# Family Of 3 Graduated-- Then There Were Four

By Calvin Mercer

**WAKE FOREST**—"You've got to be kidding. You mean all three of you?"

That's how people react when they discover that Southern Baptist minister Mims Harth Fanning, his wife Madelene, and their daughter Sheryl were all graduated in commencement exercises at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary—a first for the school here.

"It was a big concern of mine because I had finished college 24 years earlier," said the 49-year-old pastor of Holly Springs (N.C.) Baptist Church.

"I didn't know at first how I was going to adjust to sitting in the same classroom with my 24-year-old daughter and other younger students."

But the family agreed the situation worked out well.

"Some might think I've just been tagging along after my parents, not wanting to cut the apron strings," said Sheryl, who has been music minister for Forestville Baptist Church here, "but I had planned to attend seminary long before they did. It just seemed it was in God's plan that we have these three years together."

"And it's been great having my father in class with me," she added. They have had at

least one class together each semester over the last three years. "Last semester we all met in my apartment for a meal each day," said Sheryl, "and we've supported each other all along."

Mrs. Fanning agreed, "We've undergirded each other financially, emotionally and in other ways, although at times it hasn't been easy. But we've made it and feel a tremendous sense of accomplishment."

The Fannings are from Walterboro, S.C., where he owned a farm supply business several years ago.

"After years of struggling with the Lord," he said, "I finally sold the business and moved to North Carolina to attend Southeastern and prepare for the ministry."

Sheryl and her father received master of divinity degrees while Mrs. Fanning was graduated from the school's certificate program for persons who do not hold college degrees. (BP)

## Jacksonians To Head New Organization At Union

Three Jacksonians have been elected to serve in special leadership roles for the newly organized Board of Associates at Union University.

Milburn Templeton, president, Madison Millwork Inc., was elected president of the organization in the charter night program held May 20. Baker Hubbard, surgeon, and Elizabeth Etheridge, retired teacher, were elected vice president and secretary.

The Board of Associates was created with 50 individuals from throughout West Tennessee and Arkansas joining. The Board is expected to enlarge its membership to approximately 100 in the next several months.

"The purpose of this group of men and women is to assist the college in a variety of ways," stated Robert E. Craig, Union president. "They will become conversant with all facets of the college life including administration, academics, student life and fiscal affairs."

"This information will help them in developing a climate of goodwill for the college and will enable them to serve as ambassadors of communication to various publics."

The Board of Associates is liaison and not control in nature. It possesses no legislative or administrative authority since these functions are vested in the Board of Trustees by the charter of the college.

Two committees were also selected. The executive committee is composed of Boyd Fleming, McCowat-Mercer Press, Jackson;

## Southwestern Graduates 280, 13 From Tennessee

The largest graduating class in the 68-year history of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary was awarded degrees and diplomas in recent ceremonies. Among the record 280 graduates, 13 were Tennessee natives.

Jaroy Weber, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, was the commencement speaker.

Representing Tennessee, those who earned the Master of Church Music degree included Olin Conner Jr., Ripley; Robert Leon Dotson Jr., Nashville; Daniel Roy South, Memphis; and David D. Taylor, Jefferson City. The Master of Religious Education degree was awarded to John Steven Hurt, Memphis; Ronald Gene Kurtz, Mt. Juliet; and Patricia Sue McCracken, Cleveland. Five persons received the Master of Divinity degree. They were Michael Len Escue, Nashville; Michael Wesley Owens, Bolivar; Joseph Wood, Cleveland; Bennie Woods, Memphis; and H. Gene Ray, Memphis. In addition, Ray was also named the first recipient of the W. Fred Swank Evangelism Award. It is given to the student who best exhibits the spirit of evangelism.

The sole recipient of the Doctor of Theology degree was Marvin Ray Gibson, Maryville. Gibson is pastor of Cleveland First Church.

## McGregor Named Editor Of Mississippi Paper

**JACKSON, Miss.**—Donald T. McGregor was elected here to succeed Joe Odle, who will retire as editor of the Baptist Record, news publication of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, effective Sept. 1.

McGregor, 52, a veteran of Southern Baptist journalism, joined the paper in September, 1974, as associate editor, after spending about one year as editor and publisher of a weekly newspaper in Kemp, Tex., a Dallas suburb.

Before that, McGregor was editor of the California Southern Baptist state newspaper for two years and associate editor of the Baptist Standard, newspaper of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, where he spent 15 years.

A native Texan, he is a graduate of Baylor University, Waco, and attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex. (BP)

Aubrey Reed, retired Jackson insurance executive; John V. Sneed, Farmers' Union Bank, Ripley; Jimmy Jones, Moser-Jones Furniture Co., Union City, and Memphians W. C. Bateman Jr., and Orelle Ledbetter.

Charles McDowell, Jackson insurance executive, and W. M. Gurley of Memphis were named to the membership committee.

## Louisiana Baptists Retire Debt On Baptist Building

**ALEXANDRIA, La.**—The Louisiana Baptist Convention's executive board celebrated complete retirement of the convention's debt on its state Baptist office building at a dinner meeting here.

The more than \$900,000 debt on the 15-year-old building was paid off five years ahead of schedule, reported Robert L. Lee, the convention's executive director. Lee was honored at the dinner for his 20 years in the convention's top administrative post. Lee first joined the convention in 1953 and has been top administrator since 1956. (BP)

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# Seminary Students Get \$1761 'Bill'

WAKE FOREST, N.C.—Students at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary here got a surprise "statement" for their 1975-76 tuition.

It came to \$1761.

After the initial shock, the students breathed easier because stamped in red across the balance due amount were the words: "Tuition Paid by the Cooperative Program, Southern Baptist Convention" (SBC).

According to President W. Randall Lolley, "the 'statement' underscores both the significant contribution of the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program to theological education at Southeastern and our profound gratitude."

More than 70 percent of the seminary's budget comes from the Cooperative Program, the unified missions support channel through which the denomination's churches support the SBC's worldwide program.

Students at the six SBC seminaries pay no tuition, although each is responsible for books, housing, food, and incidental expenses.

At Southeastern, the 1975-76 costs for teaching and administrative services were \$1961. Students in the master of divinity, master of religious education, master of theology, and certificate programs each paid

\$200 in matriculation fees, leaving the balance of \$1761.

"Payment of this amount by the Cooperative Program represents a crucial commitment to theological education by Southern Baptists," Lolley said. "This is unique among denominations and indicates a direct tie between the SBC's 34,902 churches and the seminaries. Not only do the churches send students to and receive graduates from the seminaries, they also furnish the basic financial resources." (BP)

## Cassette Tapes Of SBC To Be Available

For the second time, video cassettes of the Southern Baptist Convention will be available from the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission.

"This should be particularly helpful to churches and agencies who want to study the motions and activities of Convention business sessions more carefully," said Paul M. Stevens, Commission president.

"Those people who appear on the program will have an opportunity to have an exciting record of their appearance."

Stevens said the videotaping would begin Monday morning and cover all events, continuing throughout the final session Thursday night.

Those interested in obtaining duplicates of the videotapes may pick up order forms from the Radio and Television Commission booth in the Exhibit area.

## BIBLE PUZZLE PAGE ANSWERS

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### Day Of Beginning

(Continued from page 7)

that Jesus could be the fulfillment of the prophecies concerning the Messiah. They scoffed at the idea of a crucified Messiah. They pointed to Deut. 21:23 as proof that Jesus was an accursed man. Wherever Paul went, he had to prove that the Scriptures taught that the Messiah should die and rise from the dead (Acts 17:3). These words were addressed to the Jews at Thessalonica.

When he went to Berea Paul evidently preached the same thing, and this occasioned the searching of the Scriptures by the Bereans (Acts 17:11). (4) Peter presents the resurrection of Jesus as the final proof that Jesus was God's Messiah (Acts 2:24-32). This assurance that Jesus was the resurrected Messiah was no mere dogma with these early Christians. It grew out of their experience with Jesus after his crucifixion and resurrection. They were bewildered and forlorn after the crucifixion. But then they experienced the presence of the living Christ. That was a continued experience which they invited each of us as Christians to share. Let this be a day of beginning with you.

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# From Slavery To Sonship

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

Basic Passage: Galatians 3:1-4:31

Focal Passages: Galatians 3:2-3, 23-4:7

A group of slaves were delivered from their bondage in Egypt. They were given a set of laws through Moses for moral and civic guidance. In time, they were given an interpretation and application that put them under a new kind of slavery.

This new kind of slavery had become very irksome and burdensome—beyond words. To this slavery the teachers and leaders kept adding a multitude of tedious traditions. This augmented the bondage. It was more than they or their fathers were able to bear.

The Judaizers wanted to add the Jewish laws and rites to the requirements for salvation, even to the Gentiles. This would thwart the realization for sonship and its generous freedom. Even a child under law is like a servant or slave in status and experiences. Christ came to deliver from slavery to sonship. This means freedom indeed.

## REVERSING A GOOD BEGINNING— Galatians 3:2-3

The Galatians had begun in the Spirit. Now, they are reverting to the flesh. Paul

wants to know what has come over them to cause them to be so foolish as to follow this course. It appeared still more ridiculous for them to seek to perfect a spiritual process by resorting to fleshly activities, like circumcision.

## THE LAW LEADS TO CHRIST— Galatians 3:23-25

One of the purposes of the law is to direct toward Christ as inevitable. It is a tutor guiding us to faith in Christ as our only hope. The law fully applied shows the utter impossibility of salvation except in Jesus Christ. Sign boards point the way but do not become the way itself. Obviously then, the law had served its purpose as to salvation.

## SONSHIP THROUGH FAITH IN CHRIST—Galatians 3:26-29

Upon exercise of faith in Christ we become sons and children of God.

In baptism we put on the uniform of Christ as being identified with Him. It announces to the world that we have become His through faith. Baptism, like circumcision, is only a symbol of ownership. We become the possession of Christ by faith and also we become heirs.

Furthermore, when we are really in Christ by faith and we have put Him on in symbol by baptism, there are no more discriminating distinctions as male and female, bond and free, etc.

## REACHING FULL SONSHIP— Galatians 4:1-5

The child before coming of age is restricted and restrained like a servant or slave. He is under tutors even though he is lord and heir of all.

In the ripeness of time Christ came as a male of a woman under the law to deliver those under the law to the full freedom and adoption of a son.

## FULL SONSHIP—Galatians 4:6-7

God sends the Spirit of His Son into His adopted children or sons by whom they call God, Father. They are now in the status of full heirs to be treated as sons and not servants.

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# Laughs

A young couple was contemplating marriage and, as is appropriate under such circumstances, they were discussing problems which might arise in their union. The young man hesitantly said, "Dear, I'm not sure we should be married after all. I am anemic."

To which the girl replied, "Darling, that's all right. You go to your church and I'll go to mine."

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The little boy was terribly spoiled and had rarely left his mother's side in all his five years. So his parents naturally were concerned when he was sent to school for the first time. When he returned home his mother asked plaintively, "Did you cry at school today?"

"No," he replied, "but the teacher did."

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"If you collect this bill," said the insurance agent, "I'll give you a steady job."

To the agent's astonishment, the young man returned in half an hour with the money.

"How did you do it?" gasped the agent.

"I told him," said the young man, "that if he didn't pay me I would go to all his other creditors and tell them that he had paid me."

## Clover Creek Members Observe Church Anniversary

Members of the Clover Creek Church, Medon, celebrated the church's 150th anniversary recently.

The week of activities included a skit by the members, special music, guest speakers, a history day presentation, and an old-fashioned "squirrel stew." Former pastors who were special guests for the week included Harry Hargrove, Bob Benson, Buford Roane, Jack Carver, and Norvil Jones. Guest speakers included James Smith, pastor, Whiteville First Church, and Bob Agee, dean of religious affairs at Union University. Special singers included "The New Life Singers," Whiteville; "Proclamation" from Union University; "The Heismen Quartet," Corinth, Miss.; and "The Stakers Quartet," Walnut, Miss.

Randy Latch is pastor at Clover Creek.

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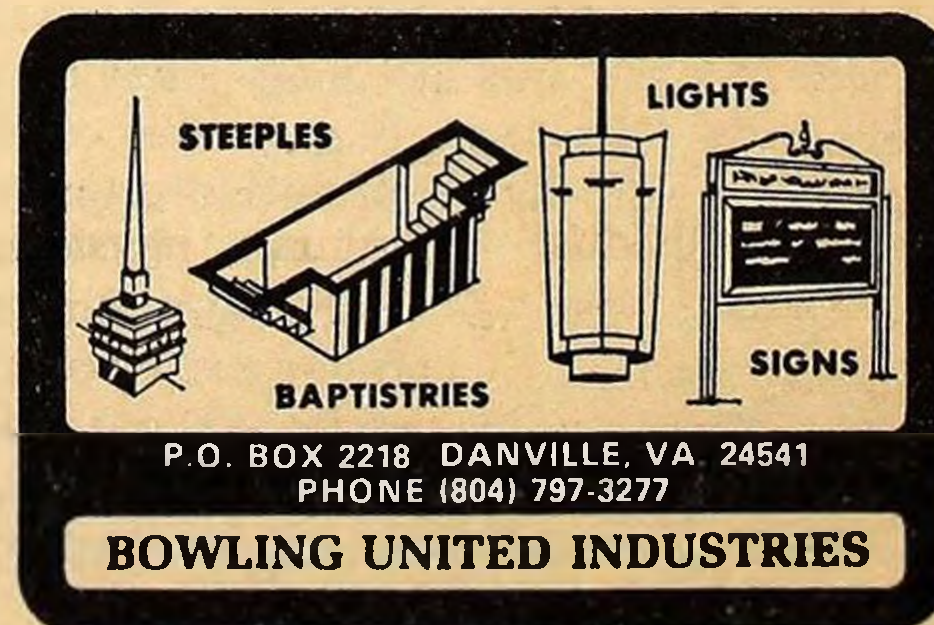
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# Family Living

By Dr. B. David Edens,  
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## Brutalizing in Childhood Linked With Criminality In Adulthood

Severe punishment in early childhood may make a youngster "more intimidatible" and therefore more susceptible to the influences of crime in later life, a study of 90 murderers suggests.

Dr. Sherbert H. Frazier Jr., psychiatrist at Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons, told the N.Y. State Assembly Select Committee on Child Abuse that the 90 murderers in his study had been "victims of remorseless brutality" in childhood. The killers had, as children, been heaved through glass doors, stripped, beaten and choked, even locked out, naked, in the snow by their parents.

Other recurring factors in the criminals' childhoods had been a stress on guns, sadism towards animals, and alcoholism in their families, his studies in Minnesota and Texas revealed.

Other studies of abused children made by Dr. Arthur H. Green, professor of psychiatry at Brooklyn's Downstate Medical Center, also linked abuse in childhood with later criminal acts.

It was noted that although Frazier's study dealt mainly with murderers from rural backgrounds, and Green's investigations involved city youngsters in trouble, for most the brutality of adults was a shared childhood experience.

Speaking at a seminar on child abuse in Honolulu, specialist C. Henry Kempe, urged that almost all child abuse cases be resolved by the courts. "The child belongs to himself. He is in the care of his parents. He should be represented by a lawyer who can say for him, 'I don't want to go home.'"

The Colorado pediatrician who originated the term "the battered child syndrome," feels that "the courts should be considered a safeguard—a protection rather than a punitive institution . . . What can be more important to a child than having a lawyer to defend his interest in what is literally a life and death situation?"

The number of child abuse cases reported are just the tip of the iceberg, reminded Kempe. Individual examining physicians might be less reluctant to report suspected cases of abuse if communities had on hand several qualified physicians ready and willing to testify in court as expert child abuse witnesses and the responsibility would thus be shared.

# HISTORICALLY

## FROM THE FILES

### 50 YEARS AGO

The Ooltewah Church was host to the Ocoee Baptist Institute in June 1926. Following the Sunday School hour, W. C. Smedley, Mrs. W. F. Robinson, and Pastor L. H. Sylar spoke. Sam E. Whitaker spoke to the laymen during the afternoon hours, and Walter Iler spoke to the young people.

Ralph B. White, Livingston wrote that he was resigning as pastor at Livingston to go to Shelby County Association in Kentucky.

### 20 YEARS AGO

J. G. Lott, pastor of Calvary Church in Memphis, reported that his church had had **Baptist and Reflector** in the budget for 15 years. "The paper has been especially good in its unifying influence and as one of the best agencies for keeping our people informed," he said.

Tennessee Baptists lost one of their most beloved pastors and leaders in the death of J. Gilliam Hughes of Memphis. He had served as pastor of Memphis Union Avenue Church, First Churches of Lebanon, Union City, and Kingsport. He had been president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, a member of the Executive Board, and trustee of Union University.

### 10 YEARS AGO

Frank S. Groner, administrator at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis was selected to receive the 1966 American Hospital Association's Distinguished Service Award. The award was to be presented at the annual meeting in August. Groner then became the first man to receive both the Distinguished Service Award and the Justin Ford Kimball Award.

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# From the Executive Secretary

By Ralph Norton

The entire Convention staff here in Brentwood joins me in expressing thanks to the approximately 90 new pastors and wives who attended the period of orientation planned for them here last week.



Norton

I, personally, feel that it was time well spent. After this brief time of getting to know each other and sharing information, I believe our staff will be able to serve more effectively the needs of both the pastor and the church he represents.

An awareness of the overall program of Tennessee Baptists is vital to a new pastor's ministry. One new pastor last week commented that he now knows more about the work in our state after the orientation period than he knew about the state in which he served several years prior to coming to Tennessee. We appreciated his testimony and congratulate him and his church for having taken the time to become informed. A mutual understanding of our work provides an excellent foundation for a satisfying ministry in which both the pastor and people reap benefits.

It is of great concern to me that there are many pastors across our state who have not had an opportunity to share some time with us here. We extend to each of them a genuine invitation to visit us at any time and allow us to share with them information about our programs and our interest in their field of service. We want to help any time in any way possible.

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# All In The Family

By O. S. Hawkins

Yes sir, you are a part of the family! Don't just sit there reading this article—get excited about that! If you have ever had that glorious experience of trusting Christ as your personal Lord and Savior, you have become a child of God. Upon those who know Christ and have been saved God puts the marks of sonship. What are these marks of sonship? What does God expect from those whom he has called to be sons and titled as his heirs? There are many marks of sonship but for the sake of brevity we shall allude to the most obvious three—regeneration, consecration and glorification.

**The first mark of sonship is regeneration.** Contrary to popular belief, we are not all God's children. True, we are all God's creation, but not all of us are, in the purest scriptural sense, his children (Rom. 8:14, 9:8; Gal. 3:26, 3:29; Eph. 2:19; John 1:12). Thus some transformation must take place causing us to become his child and not merely a part of his creation. This is, of course, the new birth. No one can grow up in Christ and into Christian maturity without first having been born into his family. "To as many as received him to them gave he power to become the sons of God . . ." (John 1:12).

This first mark of sonship paves the way to the second which is **consecration**. Dedication to a purpose! As his children we should be so consecrated that we literally shine as lights in a dark world (Phil. 2:14, 15).

Consecration should be a mark of sonship because God has given us the right to become his sons. This is what he is telling us in John 1:12. There are several Greek words translated by our word "power." One is **dunamis** from which we get "dynamite" and "dynamo." It is the power which manifests itself in mighty works (example: Rom. 1:16). Another word is **kratos** from which we get "autocrat," "plutocrat," "aristocrat," "democrat." It is the power manifesting itself in dominion or rule. Neither of these words is used in John 1:12. The word here is **exousia** which means authority or right. "As many as have received Christ to them God has given the right or the authority to become the sons of God."

You see, it is not true that all men are sons of God but all who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ **become** the sons of God. And that right that God has given me, to become his son, motivates me to dedicate myself to him as my Father.

The final mark of sonship is **glorification** (Rom. 8:14-17) and it awaits the resurrection and translation of saints when all God's children will gather in glory.

Think of that—you are going to be glori-

*Hawkins is pastor of First Baptist Church, Ada, Okla.*

fied together with Christ (Rom. 8:14-17)!

Are you a Christian? Then you are an heir of God and a joint heir with Christ. God's own son. You may be an earthly heir to an estate worth millions, but, friend, that is peanuts! That which Christ inherited, and inherits, you also inherit. You are rich! You are the son or the daughter of a King with an inheritance in heaven.

I am aware that the vast majority of people reading this article are God's children—forgiven, accepted, loved—what more do you want?

If you were a president or a king what more could you want? But you are even more than that—an heir of God—and the time has come that we should all start acting like it.

If I hear about a man who says "I am a child of God," and then he cuts the corner on a business deal I am ashamed of him. He, a child of God?

You, a child of God, and yet you are sharp, quick tempered and spiteful? You are not much like your Father.

You, a child of God? Child of God, and yet you lie and gossip? You are not much like your Father, either.

You, a child of God?

In a world that is so confused and hungry for good news it is time for those who are called by his name to begin acting like it.

People need to see the marks of sonship in your life day by day.

"You are a peculiar people, a royal priesthood, a chosen generation, zealous for good works!"—Reprinted from "The Baptist Messenger," (Okla.)

## Retired Pastors Group Formed In State

A group of retired pastors in the northwest area of Tennessee have formed a "Retired Ministers Fellowship," according to Vern Powers, director, Protection Plans, Tennessee Baptist Convention.

The organization is under the leadership of R. C. Ryan, a retired pastor living in Martin. Meetings are scheduled bi-monthly and will include informal fellowships and meetings.

Information on future meetings may be obtained from Ryan.

## NEW BOOKS

**I Love the Word Impossible**, by Ann Kiemel, Tyndale Co., 154 pp., \$5.95. Ann Kiemel believes that God specializes in the impossible. She shares her faith in Him.

**The Freedom of Godly Sons, Studies in Galatians**, by Homer A. Kent Jr., Baker Co., 190 pp., paperback \$2.95. A fresh look at the inexhaustible riches of Galatians.

## Foundation

### A Will—Long Or Short

By Jonas L. Stewart

The will of Charles Haskel Revson, the founder of Revlon Cosmetics, is reported to have contained thirty-six pages. He left a fortune of approximately \$200 million. Another person known to this writer has prepared a will of less than one page in which he says, "I leave all my earthly possessions to the Tennessee Baptist Foundation to administer at their discretion." His estate probably will not net more than \$5000.

The important thing is not the length of the will but the fact that each of these had a will. Both wills contained a charitable trust. Again, the size of the trust is not particularly significant, but the fact that each had interests in life that they wanted to support after death is interesting.

Those who love our Lord should want to see their testimony live on after men call them dead. A will that specifies a portion or all of one's estate is to be placed in trust with the Foundation means that one desires to continue this witness until Jesus comes again.

For information for you and/or your attorney on how to include a Christian testimony in your will, write Tennessee Baptist Foundation, Jonas L. Stewart, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, P. O. Box 347, Brentwood, Tennessee 37027.

## Board Elects Dan Martin As Editor Of News Service

**ATLANTA**—Dan Martin of Dallas, Tex., was approved by directors of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board here to join the board's staff as editor of the news service.

Directors also accepted the resignation of another staffer, Paul Stewart of the department of survey and special studies, who accepted the pastorate of First Baptist Church of Dumas, Ark.

Martin, 37, will work in the department of editorial services. He has been press director in the public relations department of the Baptist General Convention of Texas since 1973.

A graduate of Midwestern University in Wichita Falls, Tex., Martin began his newspaper career as a reporter for the Wichita Falls Times while a student. He has attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth. (BP)

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