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## New SBC President Sullivan Discusses Potential, Problems

By Nancy Carter

James L. Sullivan, newly elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention, compares the convention to an elephant pulling a toy wagon.

He affirms that Baptists have great potential and, rather than pulling the small wagon, "we could be pulling a log train."

The former president of the Sunday School Board of the SBC, Nashville, for 21 years, feels Baptists can make an even greater contribution to the Christian faith than they have in the past.

"I don't think we realize the possibilities we have as a denomination. Even though you can look at what we accomplish and are amazed that we do so much, you can also look at what we could accomplish."

Speaking at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary a few days before the election, Sullivan said he has not made any specific goals for the presidency "because I have no yen to be president whatsoever," adding he would do nothing to further his election, but that he could not refuse it, "because I owe Southern Baptists so much."

At Southern Seminary, Sullivan taught a course on "How Southern Baptists Work Together," a fitting course to be taught by the man who is now president.

The Southern Seminary alumnus said that he wanted young men and women studying at the seminary to know that "If there are things they feel need improving or correct-

ing in the Southern Baptist Convention, here is the way to go about bringing it to pass." He said he has great faith in the convention.

"It is not a closed-shop operation, planned and operated by a few people at the top of the denomination, but it is a grass root operation, where anybody in it, if he has a suggestion, is welcomed and he will be heard."

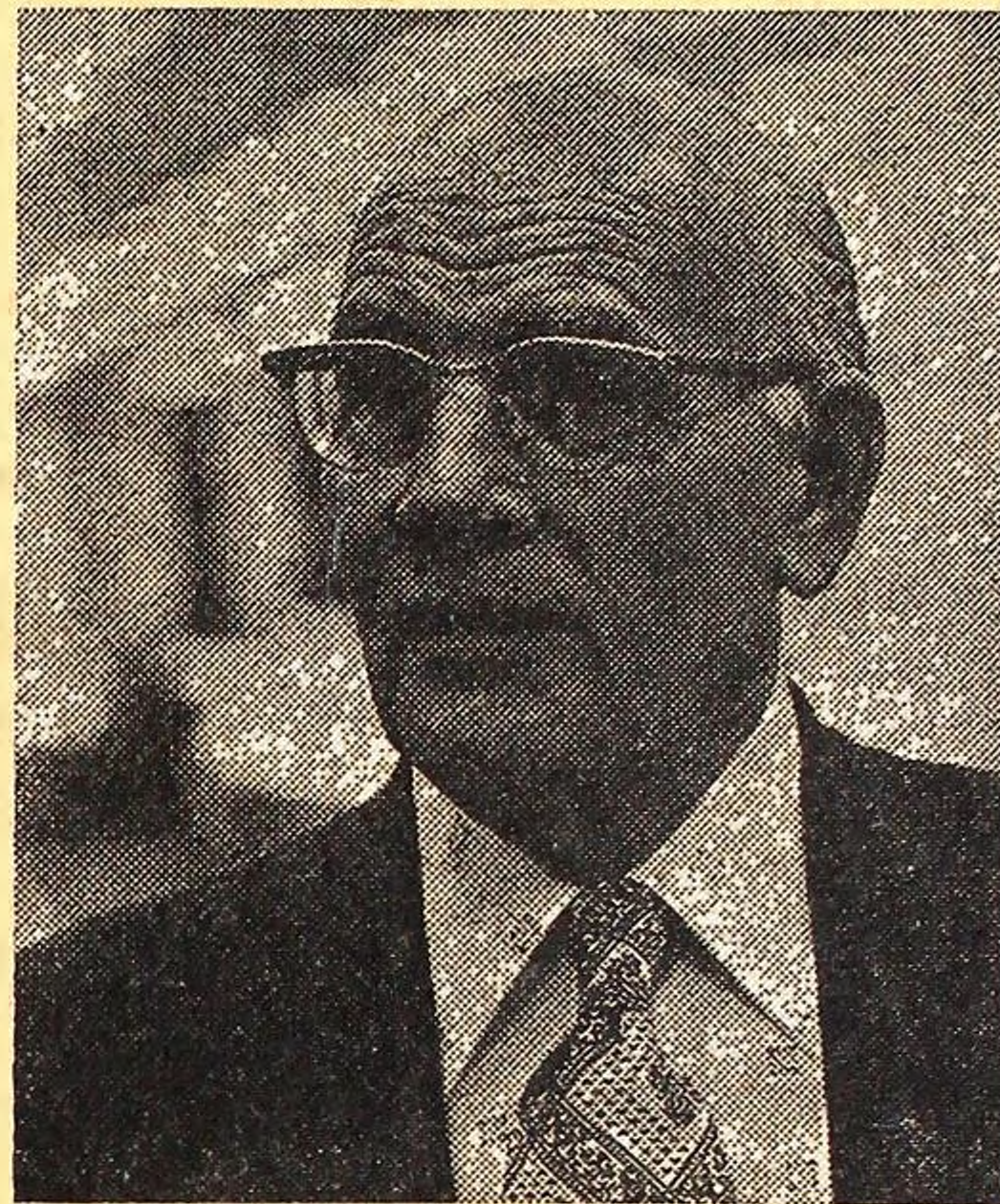
Sullivan stated it is his desire for Baptists to grow toward spiritual maturity in the coming years.

"We have not helped our people grow in the spiritual strength that they ought to grow in. There is too much childishness and not enough childlikeness," he said, noting this is a chronic concern of all denominations.

"We have too many people who have not grown out of the milk diet, as Paul referred to it, and gotten onto the meat diet. They're still on the bottle when they ought to be on T-bone steak. If we don't lead our people into spiritual maturity, it handicaps us in stewardship and our witness is neutralized to a certain extent."

Sullivan said he believes strongly in the creativity, individuality and diversity of Southern Baptists, adding there is no way 12 million Southern Baptists will see everything in exactly the same light.

However, he added fragmentation is dan-



James L. Sullivan

gerous because constant arguing "neutralizes our efforts and paralyzes our energies." He acknowledged he believes the Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship is a fragmenting movement, "but I also think it is an extreme movement, and in time extremism always destroys itself."

As former president of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Sullivan said he believes it is unwise for Baptists to use non-Baptist Sunday School material. He was referring to the recent disclosure that the Baptist Literature Board (whose executive director, William A. Powell, also serves as president of the Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship) is publishing material which has been written by non-Baptists.

"If there is anything history has proven, it has proven you cannot build strong Baptist churches with either anti-denominational or non-denominational literature because part of the denominational process is the teaching of our distinctive beliefs, nature, history and work."

Sullivan said he strongly believes Southern Baptists are not becoming more liberal or "modernist."

"If people are really modernists in the sense that they no longer believe the Bible, they no longer believe Christ is divine and heaven is real, they will leave Baptist ranks in a hurry. You don't have to deal with them, they will depart from us, because they can't feel at home in the conservative stance that we have."



SBC photo by Warren Johnson

**PASTORS' CONFERENCE OFFICERS**—New officers of the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference are (l to r) Mike Todd, pastor of Bluff Park Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala., treasurer; Jerry Vines, pastor of Dauphin Way Baptist Church, Mobile, Ala., president; and Bailey Smith, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Okla., vice president. Election of the officers was conducted during the organization's annual meeting in Norfolk, Va., June 14.



# Regulation Of Tongues

By Herschel H. Hobbs

*"If any man speak in an unknown tongue, let it be by two, or at the most by three, and that by course; and let one interpret."—I Corinthians 14:27*

Keep in mind that the word "unknown" is not in the Greek text. So a **tongue**, or **language**. In contrast to the mad-house atmosphere seen in verse 23, Paul seeks to regulate the use of tongues in a public worship service.

As noted previously, interpreters differ as to the meaning of tongues: a heavenly language or a language spoken by some group on earth. I see it as the latter, the ability given to some to speak a language other than one's own without having studied it.

Paul says that only two, and not more than three, should speak in tongues in a given service. They should not monopolize the service. They should speak "by course" or one at a time. Each tongue should be interpreted to those who do not understand the language being spoken. This made for an orderly service.

At the same time Paul says that if no interpreter is present, the tongue-talkers should "keep silence in the church" (v. 28). If they want to exercise their gift in such a

situation, they should do so in silence (mentally?). Thus they will do so within themselves and to God. Whatever the language spoken, God would understand it. Tongue-speaking should be for a useful purpose, not merely a useless display to those not understanding it.

## WMU Votes Record Budget, Begins Magazine Campaign

**NORFOLK** — Woman's Missionary Union's Executive Board, in a brief session during the national annual meeting of the 1.1 million-member women's auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, adopted a record budget and launched a magazine subscription campaign.

The 1976-77 national WMU budget will be \$3,850,762, an increase of \$332,232. WMU earns its operating revenue through the sale of magazines and other literature.



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## 'PLANTED'

By Caroline Henderson

"Blessed is the man . . . (whose) delight is in the law of the Lord. . . . He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringing forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper" (Ps. 1:1-3).

**Planted!** He is not in his location by chance. He is in the place chosen for him by the divine Horticulturist. The circumstances may seem barren, unattractive, frustrating. But he can know that, until he is moved, or until his present circumstances are changed by the Owner, **THIS** is the right place for him.

He is by rivers of water. The stream may be hidden underground, but his spiritual roots reach into it for strength and refreshment. His green leaf and his ripening fruit attest his spiritual growth. They proclaim the beauty of the life which is "hid with Christ in God" (Col. 3:3).

"Lord, why did you plant me here? The desert around me is dreary. Frustrations, like flying sand, Sting my face and my heart and my mind.

It's so uncongenial!  
Lord, why did you plant me here?"

"My child, in this barren place Is just where I need you right now.

It is in this very place  
Where, rooted and grounded in Christ,  
I need your life to reach out  
And nurture another with shade  
And sweet fruit.

It is in this very place that today  
I can best live My life through you.

Let your roots reach down and down  
And here in this unlikely place  
Find the living waters.

Open up thyself to Me  
In prayer and meditation,  
And through My word  
You will find My life flowing into thee,  
And even here within these adverse circumstances  
Thou wilt learn victory."

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## Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

In this important bicentennial year of our nation, as we celebrate July 4, 1976, let it be clearly said that we also hold "these other truths to be self-evident":

After 200 years, this is a good question: Are we growing up or growing down?

As the television commercial for a well-known vitamin asks: "Are we getting better or just getting older?"

The United States is the only nation with a known birthday, but along with the birthday greetings there should come the reminder that freedom and responsibility are like Siamese twins—if they are separated, they die.

The great concerns of life for all Americans must be more than watching their weight, watching the clock, and looking for a parking space.

And any illusion about God's being especially on our side ought to be replaced by the more pressing concern of whether or not we are on "God's side."

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# "The 'Decoration' Of Independence"

By Ray K. Hodge

That's what he said alright: "the 'decoration' of independence." Those who heard him understood that he meant the "declaration" of independence, but that's not what he said. In his lazy diction it just came out that way.

The old man spoke of something treasured and significant for all Americans. Unintentionally, however, his mispronunciation suggested a new dimension in that element of our privileged citizenship that we call independence.

The founding fathers were so bold as to declare their independence. Those patriots and others who followed worked and fought to win and to preserve what they had declared as their right. Multitudes of sacrifices and lives were expended in achieving that independence. Unrelenting vigilance and sacrifice have been necessary to preserve and extend that freedom and to enlarge upon it.

In every life, freedom must be desired and pursued if it is to be attained. In every age, independence must be guarded and extended to all. In the face of ever-present threats, independence needs to be given its rightful place. It deserves to be extended its due.

Independence needs to be "decorated." It merits rich ornamentation. It deserves the rich attire and ceremony of the prized possession it is. In being so draped in splendor, all those not having it may see its worth and those having it may be properly grateful and understandably protective.

We've taken too much for granted in our free land. What we enjoy here is not available in most other places. It wasn't always that way here. The independence we enjoy is a rarity, and it needs to be "decorated." It's time we had a "decoration" of independence.

There are so many threats to our independence and freedom, both from within and outside our country, that their values should be realized and displayed. Ours is not a faultless land, indeed. But in a day when millions of people are denied leaving their countries by concrete walls, mined and electrified borders, armed guards, and fear of retaliation to their relatives, the United States has attracted millions of illegal aliens, who have entered the country any way possible. We may take our independence for granted, but multitudes from other lands have seen its alluring luster and have risked their lives to find it.

Let's put the royal robes on independence. Let's adorn it. Let's "decorate" it.

How may we do this? How can independence be "decorated?"

1. By recognizing its source.

Independence will show its luster when we realize that the only real freedom comes

from God. We are creatures of God. We are loved by God. And to God we are "somebody" too, whose persons, independence, and rights we must recognize, extend, and preserve.

2. By completing its implications.

Independence will reveal its beauty when we see and pursue it to completion. This can be done as we work through the implications of independence for ourselves and for others. These implications will lead to self-fulfillment, so each of us may develop and utilize his full potential. These implications will lead to service to all humanity, to extend available benefits to all. A mature understanding of independence will recognize responsibilities all humanity has for its kind.

3. By a self-limitation of freedom.

Independence will display its glamor when those enjoying it will deny themselves somewhat. We are more likely to retain our freedom when we restrict its expressions. This can be done by our self-imposition of limitation on products, services, and rights, in order to assure that others are included in the democratic processes of citizenship. In so sharing freedom's benefits lies the best assurance of retaining its benefits for ourselves.

4. By participation in citizenship.

Independence will project its grandeur when we work to support those principles and forces which extend freedom to us. Freedom depends on the broad participation of citizens in the democratic processes through community service and involvement,

tax paying, office holding, service on juries, and voting. And this participation should rest upon the foundation of personal integrity and justice for all.

5. By fighting to defend freedom.

Independence may be "decorated" by a love for it, a love which is willing to defend it even to the point of death. Freedom's possession and preservation have never been cheap. Nothing short of this kind of devotion is adequate to assure freedom.

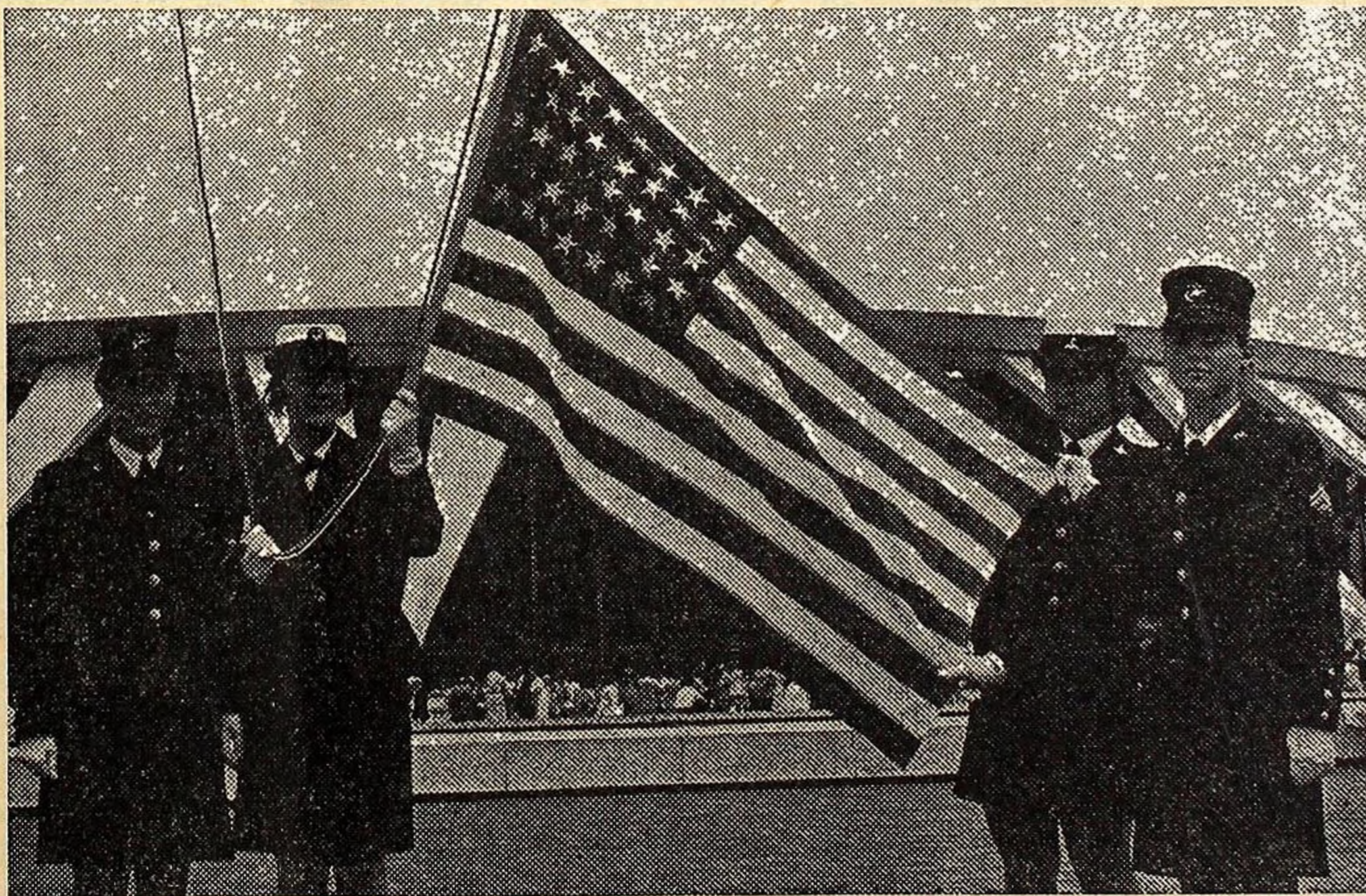
6. By living to preserve freedom.

Better still, independence can best be adorned by a willingness to live for it instead of to die for it.

Many have been willing to die in battle for their country's preservation. However, its greatest threat is not from an outside foe, but from inside apathy and decay. Too few are willing to see and to defend against this threat. Many who willingly take up arms to defend may become the chief threat to freedom's continuation, because of their lack of integrity and morality, and because of their noninvolvement in the democratic processes.

Independence will shine brighter when our citizens are willing to live lives which will best assure individual, community, and national health and strength.

"Decorating" independence, that's what we should do. We have been quite willing to insist on the benefits and privileges due us from the Declaration of Independence. Those benefits and privileges can now be best assured to all of us if Americans will display a "decoration" of independence.



SBC photo by J. C. Durham

**OLD GLORY**—A crowd which swelled to 5000 observed the raising of 15 historic flags by Marine women, WAVES, and members of Acteens, the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union organization for teenage girls. The observance was a part of the annual WMU meeting in Norfolk, Va.

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## Our Convention's New President—A Unifying Person

By Richard N. Owen

Southern Baptists at Norfolk tapped James L. Sullivan as their new President. Thereby they affirmed determination not to be sidetracked, but to carry out the commands of their Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. This they did in electing such a unifying person as Dr. Sullivan by an overwhelming vote on the first ballot.

They put to silence pre-convention publicity that forecast dominance by extremists leading toward divisiveness of the Convention and exhaustion of its energies in doctrinal differences and disputations. The 1976 Convention in this act was simply reaffirming the intent expressed by the first Convention 131 years ago at Augusta, Ga.

When the Southern Baptist Convention was created, messengers from the churches constituting it clearly stated its aim. We read it in minutes of that original body of 1845 as, "the purpose of eliciting, combining and directing the energies of the Baptist Denomination of Christians for the propagation of the Gospel, any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding".

Millions of us didn't get to Norfolk. But we have been greatly heartened by the choice registered there by the messengers who did have the privilege to be present and to elect Dr. Sullivan. On every hand there have been praises for this choice, and the voicing of the hope that we may be in the dawning of a new day for Southern Baptists, and for our land—a new day of spiritual and moral renewal.

Dr. Sullivan is the kind of person who draws others to the

Cause he so ably advocates. He has shown marked ability to interpret Baptists to Baptists. This has been through his knowledge of history and its application to the present. He has demonstrated skill in interpreting Baptists to non-Baptists. This through smashing the false stereotypes so often displayed of Baptists in the press and news media, and by giving voice to Baptists' real beliefs, practices and to the nature of the power they represent.

He is a gifted writer, a convincing speaker, and a delightfully, friendly person with whom one instantly feels at home. He did not come by his abilities and his wisdom easily nor cheaply. He won them through hard preparation and earnest dedication. He lives in no ivory tower. He has struggled with difficult problems day by day and solved them through faithfulness to the Saviour whom he loves with great devotion. He knows what the questions really are. He seeks the true answers.

We are grateful for this gifted son of Mississippi. We are proud that he has added to his rich gifts through his great experiences in Tennessee, where more than half of his maturity has been spent. All Southern Baptists should be better because of his dedication to serving them in Christ's Cause.

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## Historic Word From Baptist Educators

By Jack Harwell

One of the most significant actions taken by Southern Baptists in many years took place prior to the convention in historic Williamsburg, Va., about 50 miles from Norfolk.

About 900 Southern Baptists representing almost every aspect of educational life carried on by Baptists gathered in a Bicentennial National Colloquium on Baptist Higher Education.

Baptists from 33 state Baptist conventions and about 75 colleges, universities and seminaries joined hands in making "Reaffirmations" to their Baptist constituency.

If fully carried out, these "Reaffirmations" pledge to the world in unmistakable terms that Baptist educational leaders intend to make their schools as distinctively Christian as they are academically superior.

During the Williamsburg gathering, Ben Fisher of the Southern Baptist Education Commission reminded 900 Baptist educators of the classic definition of "an educated person", as spelled out by renowned scholar J. Howell Conant.

Fisher said: "An educated person is one who can do four things: think clearly, communicate effectively, make relevant judgments and discriminate among values."

"Discriminate among values" has been a neglected goal in many Christian institutions in recent years. Thankful we are that Baptist educators have come together during bicentennial 1976 to rededicate themselves and their institutions to resurrecting this foundational target in Baptist schools.

George Capps of the SBC Education Commission recently pointed out that the great mass of Baptist young men who went to foreign mission fields after World War II are now just a decade or so away from retirement. Given the decade of college-seminary-experience preparation needed to equip a new missionary, he asked the burning question: "Where will Baptist missionaries come from to replace this generation retiring in a decade, if we don't begin today to train hundreds more?"

Many of these missionaries will answer God's call to service in Baptist homes and Baptist churches. And many will answer God's call at Baptist colleges, universities and seminaries. "Reaffirmations" will help to bring those decisions to fruition.

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## Two Churches Robbed Of Money, Equipment

Two Nashville churches were robbed of stereo and sound equipment and money in episodes occurring within a three-day period recently.

Two men robbed the Hermitage Hills Church of approximately \$30 in Vacation Bible School funds and petty cash. Police said that the men, one armed with a tire tool, broke into the church through the rear door at night and surprised the pastor, George Becvar.

The pastor was unharmed but was confined to his office until the men could escape.

In the second incident, the Belmont Heights Church was robbed of four stereo speakers and sound equipment during a night robbery. According to a church spokesman, no money is kept at the church overnight. No one was at the church, and the robbery was discovered the next day. There were no signs of forced entry on the outside of the building, but all the office doors had been forced open.

## Festival Draws 4000 To Washington Cathedral

WASHINGTON—More than 4000 people, the largest ever to participate in worship at the Washington Cathedral, according to reports, took part in a Southern Baptist-sponsored "Bicentennial Festival of Praise" here.

The two-and-one-half-hour festival of choirs, congregational singing, a recital of American organ music, and a concert on the Cathedral's carillon was conceived by the Baptist Convention of Maryland as a climax to its music enlargement campaign, a convention spokesman said.

Cooperating in the festival were the Baptist Conventions of Pennsylvania-South Jersey, New York, District of Columbia, Virginia and Georgia, the church music department of the Baptist Sunday School Board and the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, the spokesman said.

Greetings to the Baptists were brought by Dean of the Cathedral Francis B. Sayre Jr.

A 1000-voice choir, the Centurymen (Radio-TV Commission's national chorus of Southern Baptist ministers of music), and Georgia's Sons of Jubal, a singing ministers of music chorus, were among highlights. Choirs came from as far as Colorado and Mississippi to participate.

To climax the event, the 4000 participants sang the festival anthem, "Let Christ's Freedom Ring," also the event's theme. The anthem was composed by William J. Reynolds, who heads the church music department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville. (BP)

## Acteens And GA Camp Dates Open At Camp Carson

There are a few spaces available if reservations are made soon, for the following weeks:

Acteens	July 5-9
GA	July 19-23
GA	July 23-30

Information and reservation forms were sent to WMU directors early in the year, according to Beulah Peoples, WMU promotion director.

## Campers Light Fires In Bicentennial Event

RIDGECREST, N.C.—More than a hundred girls here are making plans to start a fire on the night of America's Bicentennial celebration.

And that fire will be only one of hundreds of fires that will light the sky across America July 4th.

The girls are campers and staffers at Camp Crestridge for Girls, located on the 1900-acre grounds of Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center in the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

The campfire will be a part of the camp's participation in a unique Bicentennial event encouraged by the American Camping Association and Christian Camping International.

According to Camp Crestridge director Arvine Bell, members of the ACA and CCI will combine efforts in the coast to coast fire-lighting celebration.

Matches will be struck and put to the wood at 10 p.m. nationwide.

## Clyde Tilley To Write Uniform Sunday School Series

Clyde Tilley, chairman of the Department of Religion, Union University, will write the Uniform Series Sunday School lessons for Baptist And Reflector, beginning July 1.



Tilley

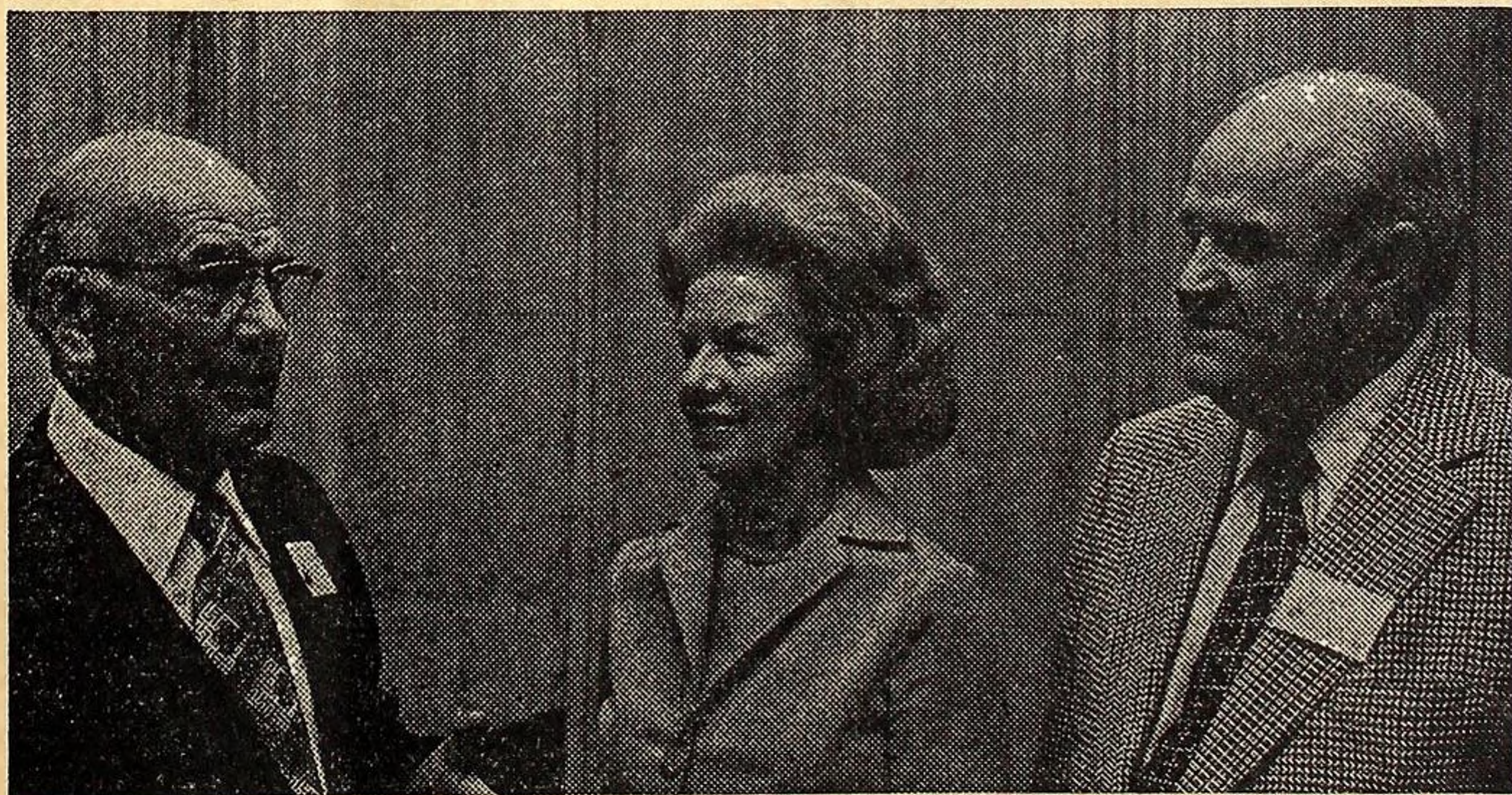
A native of Sweetwater, Tex., Tilley is a graduate of Carson-Newman College, and received the bachelor of divinity and doctor of philosophy degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Additionally he was awarded the master of arts degree from Memphis State

University.

He has served as pastor of churches in Texas, Kentucky, and Tennessee and participated in a preaching tour to Brazil in 1972.

## Ten Technicians Graduate From Gaza Baptist Hospital

GAZA—Ten technicians have completed their courses of study in paramedical technology at the Gaza Baptist Hospital. They received pins and certificates in a recent graduation ceremony. Of the 10, seven are laboratory technicians who completed the two years of study taught by a missionary using American college textbooks. They passed an examination based on questions used for the national registry examination for medical technologists in the United States. The other three operating room technicians studied in an 18-month course taught by a member of the hospital staff and a missionary.

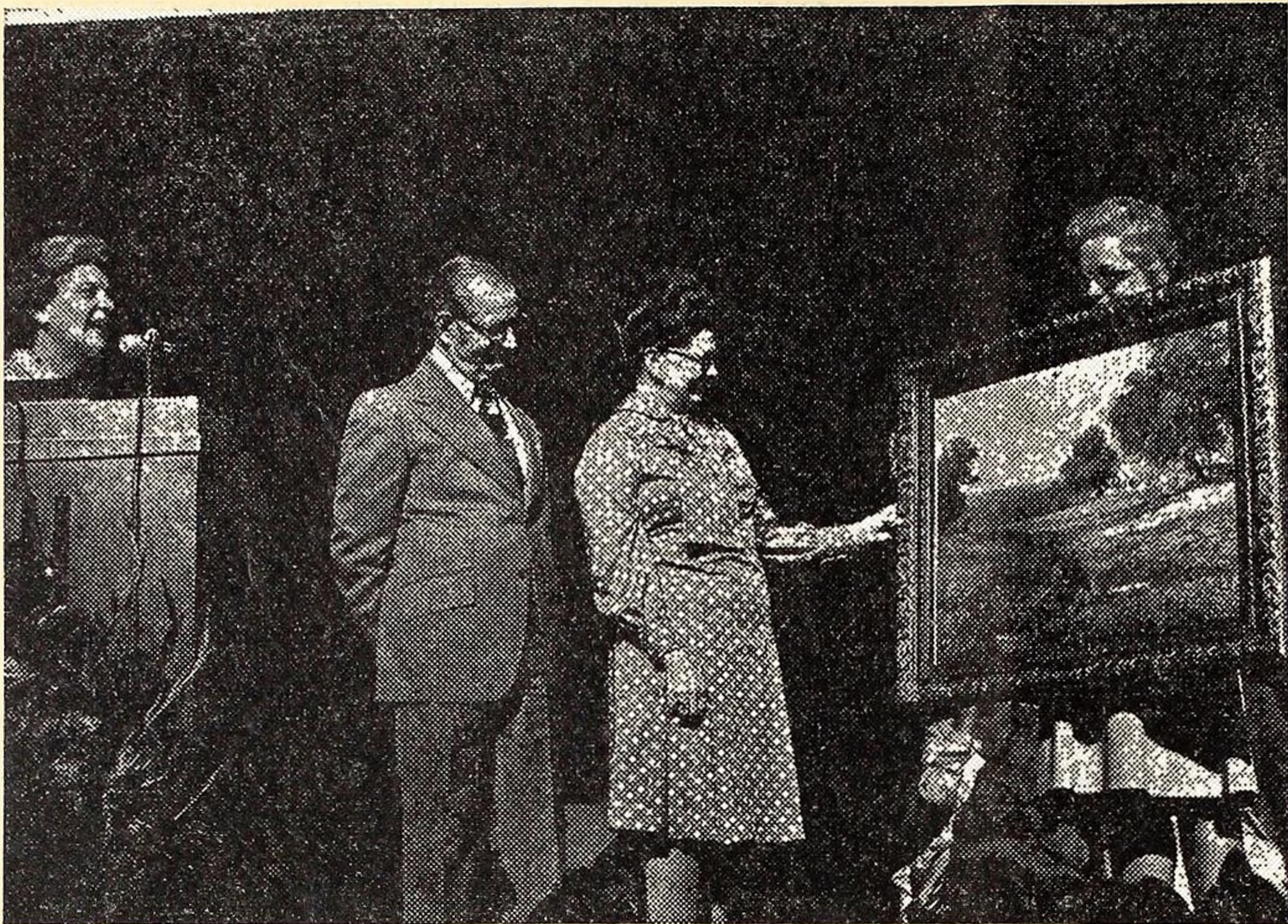


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**NEW SBC OFFICERS**—New Southern Baptist Convention officers selected during the annual meeting in Norfolk, Va., are (l to r) James L. Sullivan, retired president of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, president; Mrs. Carl Bates of First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N.C., second vice-president; and Dotson Nelson, pastor of Mountain Brook Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala., first vice-president.



# SCENES AT SBC AT NORFOLK 1976



SBC photo by Warren Johnson

**RUTLEDGE HONORED BY WMU**—Arthur B. Rutledge, retiring December 31, 1976 as executive director-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, was honored at the annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union in Norfolk with the presentation of an oil painting. The presentation was made to Rutledge and his wife by Mrs. A. Harrison Gregory, president of the WMU, and Carolyn Weatherford, executive director of the WMU.



SBC photo by Ken Lawson

**BALLOT SORTING MACHINE**—Martin Bradley, secretary of the research services department at the Sunday School Board, manned the ballot sorting machine at the Southern Baptist Convention in Norfolk. This machine aided messengers in quick ballot counting during business sessions.



SBC photo by Warren Johnson

**AN AFTERNOON TO RELAX**—Participants in Kaleidoscope '76, a national meeting for young adult women sponsored by Woman's Missionary Union, took an afternoon off from their meetings to attend a fish fry. In line is Jane Hix (right), BYW consultant for WMU and coordinator of the meeting. Kaleidoscope, held in Virginia Beach Dome June 11-13, was attended by 800 women from 28 states.



SBC photo by Floyd Craig

**SBC PASTORS' CONFERENCE**—Adrian Rogers, president of the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference and pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., addressed a crowd of approximately 6000 persons during the Sunday evening session in the Norfolk Scope Convention Center.



# New Worlds For Christ

By Clyde Tilley

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Focal Passages: Acts 1:6-8; II Cor. 5:16-20

The congregation sang exuberantly:

"Were the whole realm of nature mine  
That were a present far too small.  
Love so amazing, so divine  
Demands my soul, my life, my all."

It's easy to be exuberant about something so hypothetical as our willingness to give to Christ a world we don't possess. The fact of the matter is that we aren't usually very generous in giving Him what we do possess.

There is a sense in which the world is not ours to give. Yet there is also a sense in which the world is among those demands that Christ makes upon His church. Central to Christ's mandate to His church is a task that is world embracing. There are worlds to be conquered—an external world that demands an extensive ministry of outreach and an internal world that demands an intensive ministry of in-reach, a ministry of reconciliation.

## The Extensive Ministry of the Church (Acts 1:6-8, RSV)

The last question Jesus' disciples asked Him before His ascension into heaven must have been something of a disappointment to Jesus: "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" (v. 6). During His earthly ministry Jesus' teaching had centered almost exclusively on the kingdom of God. His post-resurrection appearances had further reinforced this theme through His continued "speaking of the kingdom of God" (Acts 1:3). Yet their question reflects two misunderstandings of the nature of the kingdom. (1) The words "at this time" indicate their expectation of a temporal, earthly, territorial kingdom to be established immediately. By having their attention thus diverted, they were blind to the present reality of His spiritual kingdom, coming in His person, secured in His death, and reinforced by the power of His resurrection. (2) The words "to Israel" reflect their expectation of a nationalistic kingdom for Jews only. They held such a narrow view of the kingdom at the expense of failing to recognize the open, universal character of His kingdom for all people.

Jesus' reply to these slow disciples is polite but forthright: "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority" (v. 7). He neither affirms nor denies the eventual establishment of such a kingdom. He simply relegates such concerns to the sphere where

they belong—to the domain of God's authority.

God's "authority" (eksousia) (v. 7) and our "power" (dunamis) (v. 8) presents an interesting study in contrasts. The King James Version obscures the contrast by translating both words "power." However, the point is that matters pertaining to the coming fruition of God's kingdom and of our faith belong to the authority of God. Yet God has seen fit to dispense by means of His authority a power to His disciples which will enable them to engage successfully in their present God-appointed task—that of being witnesses. Is it still not the case with many of us that we would rather encroach upon the domain of God's authority by theorizing and speculating about what grand schemes the future holds rather than responsibly using the power of the Spirit that God has given to us for witness and service?

The reception of power which verse 8 mentions refers to the church's pentecostal experience (Acts 2). Following this gift of power, Christ's disciples are to be witnesses. "You shall be my witnesses" is not a command but a statement of fact. The scope of their witness is outlined deliberately: (1) "in Jerusalem," beginning where they were; (2) "and in all Judea," the outlying areas; (3) "and Samaria," the focus of their most intense prejudice, the place they were most likely to overlook; (4) "and to the end of the earth." With these words their narrow, nationalistic understanding of the kingdom had been shattered and superceded by Jesus' teaching of an expanding universal kingdom.

## The Intensive Ministry of the Church (II Cor. 5:16-20 RSV)

Christ's demands require not only that we include **all men** in our witness but that we pervade **all of man**, every facet of his life, in our sweeping proclamation of the gospel. There are two words that sum up the fullness of God's redeeming grace which we are called to proclaim:

The first word is regeneration (v. 17). To be in Christ means to be a new creation, a creation that is so new that it involves the passing away of the old. It may be said that God is creator twice. The Bible opens with the account of that creation which we have marred and abused by our sin. The second work of creation is His remaking of all things in Christ by adequately dealing with the sin problem. It is this work that Jesus refers to as the new birth in John 3. This is, in contrast to the first work of generation, a work of regeneration—an intensive project indeed of divine activity.

The second word is reconciliation (vv. 18-20). To reconcile means to bring back together again that which has come to be separated. This is descriptive of man's relationship to God—broken and restored. Some form of the verb "to reconcile" is used five times in three verses to make two major points:

The first major point concerns the divine initiation, i.e., that reconciliation is something that God has done and is doing: "all this is from God who through Christ reconciled us to himself . . . . God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself . . ." (vv. 18-19). We are neither to see a loving son dying to placate and persuade an embittered father to forgive the sinner, nor are we to see a God of cold justice imposing a death upon an unwilling son in order to be able to show mercy. Instead we must see Father and Son acting as a loving unity in order to reveal fully this love to erring man that he may know that he is welcome home again.

The second point concerns human instrumentality, i.e., that God exercised His sovereign initiative in such a way as to use His church in this reconciling work. He "gave us the ministry of reconciliation" (v. 18) and "entrusted to us the message of reconciliation" (v. 19). The message of reconciliation is proclaiming the good news of a restored relationship; the ministry of reconciliation is implementing the work of a restored relationship. This relationship needs to be restored in both its vertical (God to man) and horizontal (man to man) dimensions. This is no small task to which God has called us. It merits the dignity of the title, "ambassadors for Christ" (v. 20). We are the ones who must urge others "in Christ's stead" (i.e., just as Jesus would do if He were here bodily), "Be reconciled to God!"

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## CHURCHES . . .

Members of Central Church, Knoxville, voted to begin construction on a new building at a cost of \$682,000. Groundbreaking ceremonies were held at which time the old cornerstone was opened. **Bill Bruster** is pastor at Central.

Pinson Church voted to remodel the sanctuary and build an educational building. Cost of the project is expected to be \$100,000. Groundbreaking ceremonies were held earlier with former pastor **Frank Kemper** preaching the message. **James H. Powers** is pastor.

Parran's Chapel Church, Hardeman County, had groundbreaking ceremonies for a building which will house the pastor's study, kitchen, and educational space.

Over 400 persons were present for dedication services of the sanctuary of Bear Cove Church, Sparta. Groundbreaking ceremonies were held in March 1974. The new structure contains a sanctuary, kitchen, dining space, and recreational area built for approximately \$194,000. Members of the building committee included **Larry Frasier**, **Bill Boruff**, **Cloray Collins**, **Leslie Lollar**, **Loyd Lewallen**, **Edna Dobson**, **Clarice Stewart**, **Betty Frasier**, **Mary Ruth Miller**, and **Norma Kirby**. Contractors were **Herman Swindell** and **Joe Broyles**. **Cosby Dobson** is pastor.

Counce First Church is building an addition onto the present facility. The addition will include two classrooms, fellowship hall, and kitchen.

Hopewell Church, Savannah, voted to proceed with construction on a building which will include educational space, fellowship hall, renovation of the present auditorium, paved parking area, and a baptistry. Total cost of the project is estimated at \$150,000.

Members of Apison Church, Hamilton County, observed the 120th anniversary of the church with special services and dinner on the ground. **Leroy Spinks** is pastor.

Dedication services for the new 850-seat sanctuary were held at Morris Hill Church, Chattanooga. **Royce Powell** is pastor.

**Terry Shannon**, chairman of the building committee at Ridgecrest Church, Chattanooga, announced that the church held dedication services for a 300-seat sanctuary. The original structure was destroyed by fire in September 1975. **James Collums** is pastor.

Huron Church, Beech River Association,

## LEADERSHIP . . .

**W. Michael Willard** is the new associate minister at Signal Mountain Church in Signal Mountain. A native of North Carolina, he is a cum laude graduate of Wake Forest University. He comes to Tennessee from Long Run Church in Vevay, Ind., where he was pastor.

**Jerry Jordan** has assumed the pastorate of Fellowship Church, Memphis. He was at Cloudland Church in Georgia, and is a graduate of Tennessee Temple.

A Union University graduate, **Gary Williams**, has been called as minister of music and education at Whitten Memorial Church in Memphis.

**Arlis F. Grice** has accepted the call to serve as pastor at Trinity Church in Memphis. He comes to the position from Suburban Church in New Orleans. He attended Blue Mountain College and graduated from Memphis Baptist College. He also attended New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

**Clella Abington**, daughter of **Reverend and Mrs. Roger Abington**, is serving as summer youth director at Lincoya Hills Church in Nashville. She has been attending Murray State University in Kentucky, but will attend Belmont College this fall. **David Moore** is pastor at Lincoya Hills.

**Carlys Scates**, minister of music and youth at Jackson First Church, was called to First Church, Brandon, Fla., to serve as minister of music. **R. Trevis Otey** is pastor of the Jackson Church.

**Martin Lunsford** is the new pastor at Adams Chapel Church in Weakley Association. He comes from New Hope Church in Paris.

**Leonard Dunlap** resigned as pastor of Old Chilhowee Church, Chilhowee Association.

built a 12 x 24 ft. room for Sunday School classes. **James Dennison** is pastor.

Construction is underway on the kitchen and activities building for Walnut Grove Church, Kenton.

New Sunday School rooms are being constructed at Laneview Church, Kenton, according to pastor **Larry Byassee**. The church also purchased an organ.

Members of China Grove Church, Kenton, are adding a kitchen to the church. **J. O. Smothers** is pastor.

## PEOPLE . . .

**Mrs. Thomas Walker**, pianist and organist at Eldad Church, Gibson Association for 31 years, died recently. She was also a Sunday School teacher and had served as pianist for Gibson Association Woman's Missionary Union. Services were held in the chapel of Hunt Funeral Home, Trenton. **Lewis Sewell** of Oxford, Miss., and **Jerry Hughes**, pastor at Eldad, officiated. Burial was in Gibson Cemetery. She is survived by her husband, **Thomas**, of Gibson; a son, **Max Walker**, pastor, Newbern First Church; and one brother.

Clarksville First Church licensed **Jim Henry** to the gospel ministry recently. He plans to attend seminary this fall. **John David Laida** is pastor of the Clarksville church.

New Hope Church, Concord Association, ordained **Randy Sledge** to the gospel ministry. **Robert Dowdy** is pastor.

**Harold Sorrells**, pastor at Lockeland Church, Nashville, for 15 years, resigned to accept the call as pastor of Grace Church, Sumter, S.C. Members of the church honored him at special homecoming services and presented a silver service and monetary gift to the family.

Forty-Five Church, Moscow, called **Mike Nolen** as pastor. He is already on the field and was ordained to the gospel ministry by the church.

**Jim Tomlinson** is the new pastor at Rossville Church, Fayette Association. The church members are building a home for their pastor in the near future.

**Kenneth R. Hartley**, chairman of the Division of Fine Arts and the Department of Music, Union University, is serving as interim minister of music at Highland Heights Church in Memphis. **Hartley** is professor of music and director of choral activities. **Bruce Coyle** is pastor at Highland Heights.

Brentwood Church, Brentwood, called **Gary Gibson** as interim youth and activities director. He has been serving on the staff at Vanderbilt University and plans to join the faculty at Belmont College this fall. **Bill Wilson** is pastor at Brentwood.

Liberty Hill Church, McKenzie, called **James Taylor** as pastor. He is already on the field.

Camden First Church called **Jim Jenkins** as associate pastor and youth, education, and activities director.



# Ministers' Wives Elect Officers, View Roles

By Ruth Fowler

**NORFOLK**—Election of officers and a look at the different roles of ministers' wives highlighted the 21st annual Ministers' Wives Conference held here.

The 1977 officers elected last year were installed. This year's president, Mrs. Robert L. Franklin of Cairo, Ga., president, presented the gavel to incoming president Mrs. John Lawrence of Raleigh, N.C.

Officers elected for 1978 included Mrs. Landrum Leavell, New Orleans, La., president; Mrs. Harold Zwald, Atlanta, vice president; Mrs. Thomas Brandon, Sherman, Tex., recording secretary; and Mrs. Alton McEachern of Greensboro, N.C., corresponding secretary.

A Bicentennial drama depicted the life of an early pioneer minister's wife, Martha Stearns Marshall.

Concluding the program was a slide presentation depicting ministers' wives in their modern day-to-day jobs, ranging from an airplane pilot to an insurance company executive to a hospital chaplain to a church staff member.

In the reports of the year's work a statistical analysis of the lifestyle of a minister's wife was shared.

This survey showed that a majority of the pastors' wives live within a mile of the church, in church-owned parsonages and have two to three children. The majority of the wives noted their husband's income was barely sufficient for the family needs.

The wives saw themselves as part of a team in their husband's ministry and more than two-thirds saw themselves as a Christian with the same responsibilities as any other Christian.

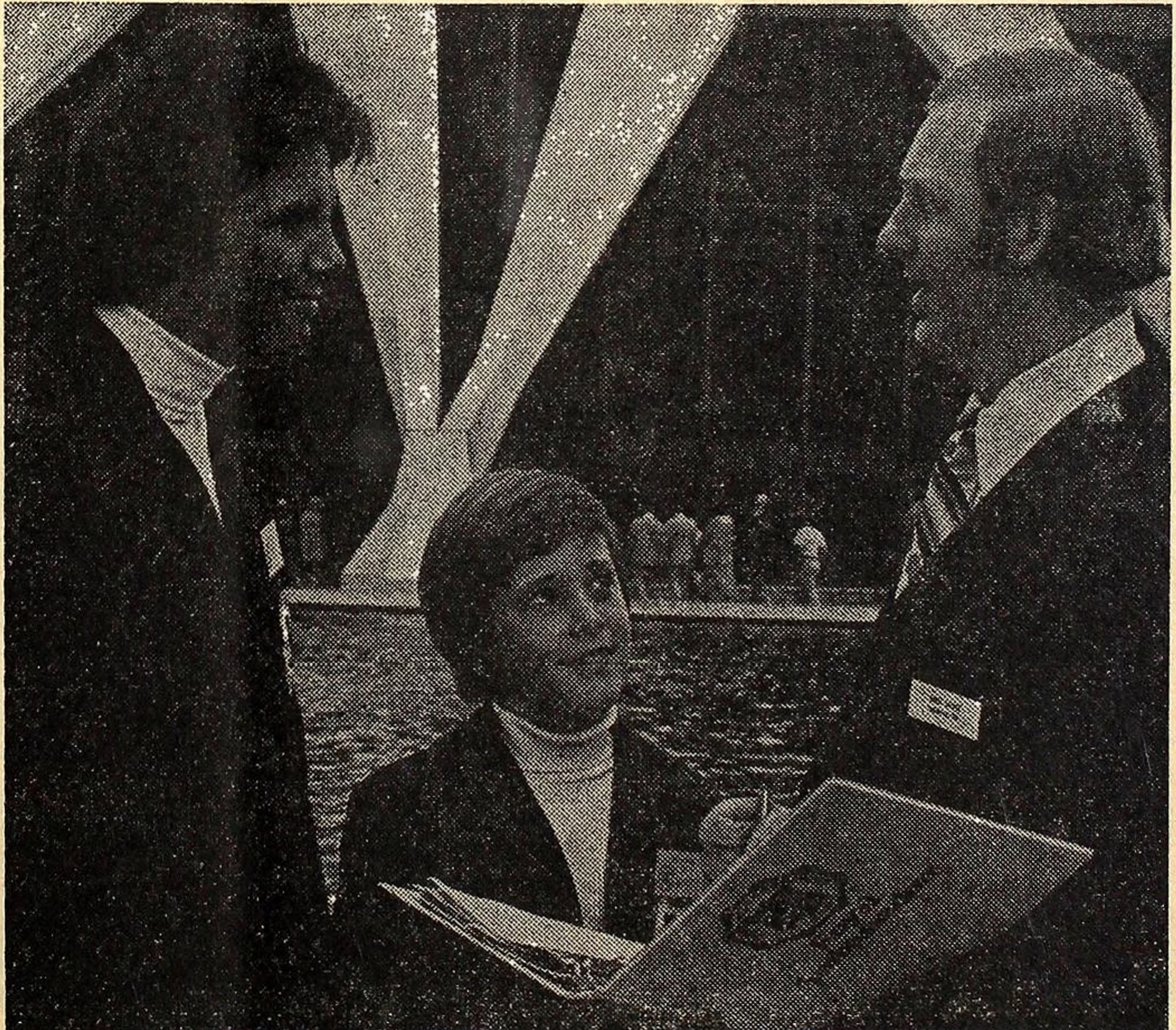
The three main disadvantages listed were not enough time for family, few close friends and inadequate finances. But an overwhelming 89.4 per cent said they found being a pastor's wife satisfying and fulfilling.

The next meeting of the ministers' wives conference will be in Kansas City in conjunction with the 1977 Southern Baptist Convention. (BP)



SBC photo by Warren Johnson

**NEW WMU OFFICERS**—Elected as officers of the Woman's Missionary Union at the annual meeting in Norfolk were Mrs. A. Harrison Gregory (left), Danville, Va., president; and Mrs. William Ellis (right), Shelbyville, Ky., recording secretary. With them is Carolyn Weatherford, executive director of the WMU.



**SBC PAGES**—Royal Ambassadors Lee Porter II, extreme left, and Lane Porter, both of Brentwood served as pages to the annual business session of the Southern Baptist Convention June 14-17 in Norfolk. Lee was a page for the SBC Information Booth. They were two of 15 Royal Ambassadors who served as pages in Norfolk. They received their instructions from Mike Davis, editor of "Probe", RA magazine of the SBC Brotherhood Commission, Memphis.

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# Ford Urges Restoration Of Personal Integrity

By Stan Haste

**NORFOLK**—President Gerald Ford told messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention here that Americans cannot take pride in their government until personal integrity is restored in public officials.

In thinly-veiled references to the resignation of former President Nixon and to the current sex scandals in Congress, Ford

declared that "the American people, particularly our young people, cannot be expected to take pride—or even to participate—in a system of government that is defiled and dishonored—whether in the White House or in the halls of Congress."

Ford, who was interrupted by applause 16 times during a 15-minute address to the audience of 10,500 messengers in Norfolk's Scope, drew his longest applause when he challenged Southern Baptists to avoid "situation ethics" and adopt instead the view that "there is a difference" between right and wrong.

Besides the 10,500 in the main, another 2500 viewed the president via closed circuit TV in Scope's Chrysler Hall.

Ford's appearance here was the first for an incumbent President in the 131-year history of the SBC. It came at a time when a prominent Southern Baptist layman, Jimmy Carter, is practically assured of being the Democratic Party's presidential nominee.

In his introductory remarks, the President took note of the fact that the last time he spoke to a Southern Baptist audience he was introduced by the former Georgia governor. That was two years ago in Dallas at a breakfast sponsored by the SBC Brotherhood Commission, a body which Carter currently serves as a director.

Ford said that on that occasion Carter had been "very considerate, very generous in his remarks, and very friendly. Today," he went on, "I would like to return that compliment."

The President also paid tribute to Baptists' missionary spirit, devotion to the Bible, and efforts in the fields of health and education.

At the same time he noted that his oldest son, Mike, currently a divinity student at Gordon-Conwell Seminary in Massachusetts, was graduated four years ago from Wake Forest University, a Baptist school in North Carolina.

The President, an Episcopalian, acknowledged that Baptists have "jealously guarded" separation of church and state, but said nevertheless that "private morality and public service can—and must—go hand in hand."

Ford cited the contributions of Baptists in the life of the nation, noting in particular Roger Williams, who founded the colony of Rhode Island and helped form the first Baptist congregation in America.

Two more recent Southern Baptists were also mentioned by Ford. Billy Graham was called "one of today's most influential Christian evangelists and one of the most admired men of our times." Ford characterized Brooks Hays, former SBC president and former congressman from Arkansas, as "a man of courage and conviction, a man of towering moral strength."

The presidential visit was marred by stringent security measures required by the Secret Service and by the fact that thousands of Southern Baptists were unable to get inside the Norfolk Scope. Only the first 10,500 registered messengers were allowed access to the hall during both morning and afternoon sessions Tuesday because of limited seating capacity.

Just minutes before Ford's arrival, convention president Jaroy Weber, of Lubbock, Tex., drew applause from the messengers when he assured them things would return to normal as soon as the President departed. (BP)

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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OFFICERS**—New officers of the Southern Baptist Convention's executive committee are (l to r) Mrs. Claude Kirkpatrick, a voice teacher from Baton Rouge, La., recording secretary; Rufus B. Sprayberry, pastor of First Baptist Church, Vernon, Tex., vice chairman; William Ches Smith III, pastor of First Baptist Church, Tifton, Ga., chairman; and Porter Routh of Nashville, Tenn., executive secretary-treasurer.



# Directors Of Missions Explore Identity Problems

By Charlie Warren

**NORFOLK**—The Southern Baptist Conference of directors of associational missions elected officers at its annual meeting here and heard several speakers suggest ways to deal with identity problems facing associations of Baptist churches.

The two-day conference, held prior to the Southern Baptist Convention, also hon-

ored Arthur B. Rutledge, retiring executive director of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, for his contribution to associational missions.

President for 1976-77 will be John A. Brown, director of missions of the Norfolk Baptist Association. Other officers will be Tom S. Roote Jr. of Birmingham, president-elect; George E. Arthur of Dexter, Mo., secretary; Robert C. Helmich of Muskogee, Okla., treasurer; and D. E. Strahan of Madison, Wis., newsletter editor.

Speaking to the directors of missions, William G. Tanner, president of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, predicted that associations would grow in importance as the Southern Baptist Convention continues to grow.

"The association is the only major channel through which most Southern Baptists see the denomination at close range and in which they participate directly," Tanner said. "The times and your position will not allow either low aims or minimal use of one's life and commitment. We've got to take a stand."

Kenneth Chafin, pastor of South Main Baptist Church, Houston, Tex., advised the group about the pastors with whom they work:

"I hope you can get over the idea that you should gather around you only pastors that you are comfortable with. There aren't any pastors you don't need."

"Go for the pastor who wants all the churches to be strengthened," he continued. "A weakening of one church weakens all the churches."

David Haney, director of lay ministries for the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission, suggested they "share the Good News through evangelism" and "be the Good News through ministry."

"If the church is going to be renewed, it will be through a renewed laity who become life-style evangelists—on the job, in the marketplace, the bowling alleys, the service stations and across the back fences," he said.

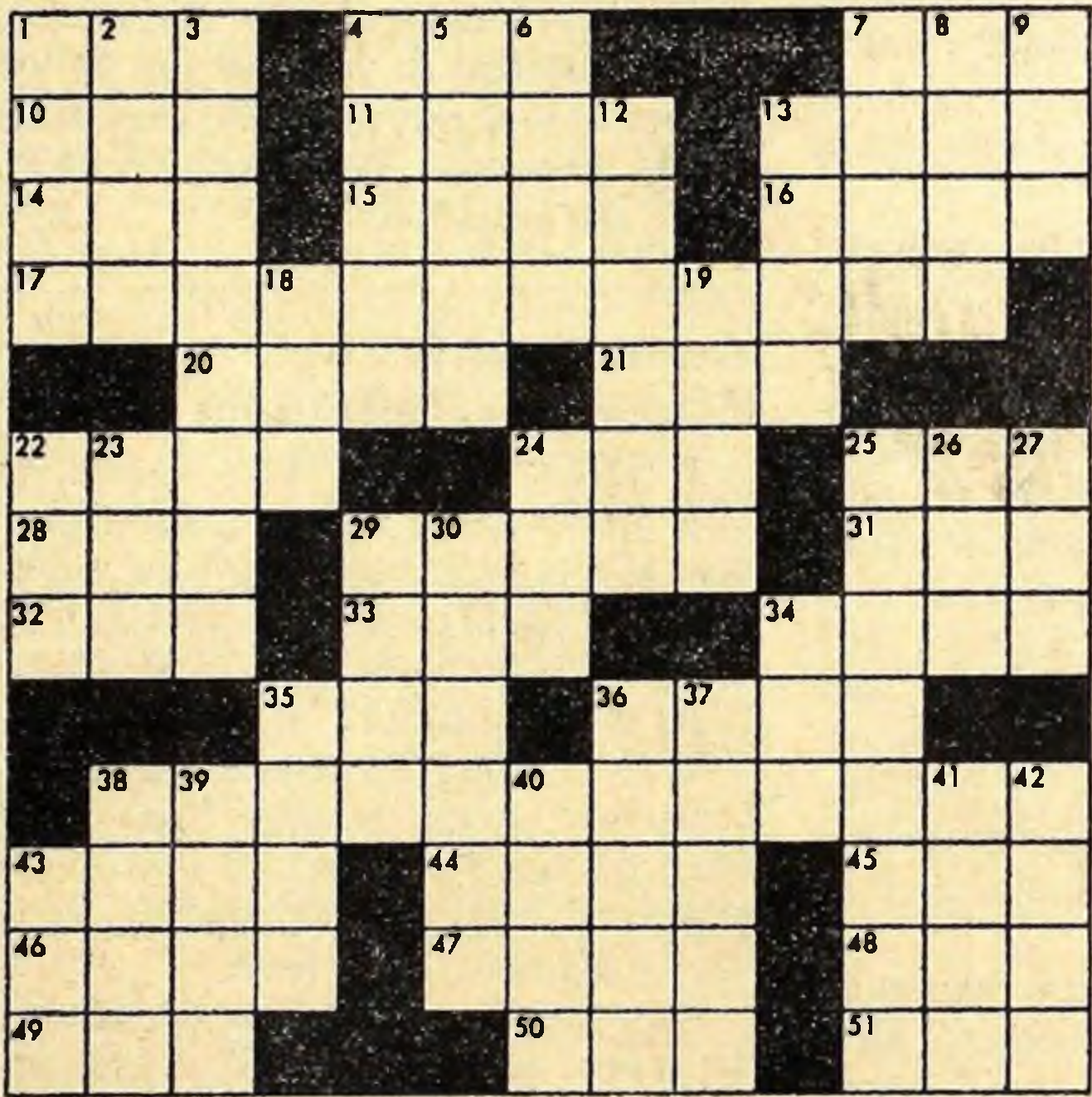
The group also heard addresses by Russell Bennett, director of field education at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.; Frederick E. Roach, president of Centennial Homes, Inc., of Dallas; and Richard G. Bryant of Miami, immediate past president of the directors of missions.

"The distinguishing characteristic of an association ought not to be its polished administrative structure but its keen sense of the likeness of our Redeemer," Bennett said. "God help us not to define our association as an organization but as a fellowship of churches in the name of Jesus Christ."

In his presidential address to his colleagues, Bryant challenged them to recommit themselves first to the local pastors and secondly to the deacons in the churches. (BP)

## Bible Puzzle Page

Answers On Page 13



### ACROSS

- 1 "— of me" (Psa. 2)
- 4 Without lawful issue: L., abbr.
- 7 Attack
- 10 Haggard novel
- 11 Body of traditions
- 13 Lying in a manger (Luke 2:16)
- 14 Skin erythema dose: abbr.
- 15 Stratford's river
- 16 European river
- 17 Pitched in Gilgal (Josh. 4:20; 2 words)
- 20 Israel's Golda
- 21 Contraction
- 22 Hoodlum: slang
- 24 "his — like morsels" (Psa. 147)
- 25 N.T. book: abbr.
- 28 Calendar abbr.

- 29 "and his — with madness" (Zec. 12)
- 31 Man in the Bible (1 Chron. 7:38)
- 32 Stadium sound
- 33 "and — is hungry" (1 Cor. 11)
- 34 New military establishments: abbr.
- 35 Deed
- 36 "But — — another law" (Rom. 7)
- 38 "Then the Jews — —" (John 10)
- 43 Zimri's father (Num. 25:14)
- 44 Feminine name
- 45 Victorian, for one
- 46 "both soul and body in —" (Matt. 10)
- 47 Common or proper

### CRYPTOVERSE

TPF OMFWF WSRHJSQ NSA CZFJTW JC  
ZMFWF JC GPSTVCJPS NSA WRWFH WRJY  
OPFB

Today's Cryptoverse clue: P equals O

- 48 Intention
- 49 Wing
- 50 Esau's color (Gen. 25:25)
- 51 Ribbed fabric

### DOWN

- 1 Aide: abbr.
- 2 "I — you a mystery" (1 Cor. 15)
- 3 Wilderness (Deut. 2:26)
- 4 Servant
- 5 "A — of hospitality" (Tit. 1)
- 6 Cons' complement
- 7 Built
- 8 Ancient Laconian clans
- 9 Jujube
- 12 "if sinners — thee" (Prov. 1)
- 13 Not one was broken (John 19:36)
- 18 Cover
- 19 "who is — all" (Rom. 9)
- 22 Where Aaron died (Deut. 32:50)
- 23 Wood sorrel
- 24 Chemical suffix
- 25 "he — — Damascus" (Acts 9)
- 26 Iron or copper
- 27 Notes of the scale
- 29 Place of the foundation (Luke 6:48)
- 30 Moving curling stone
- 34 Recent: comb. form
- 35 Abyssinian gazelle
- 36 "had an — of blood" (Mark 5)
- 37 Agree
- 38 Liang
- 39 Large jar
- 40 Remember them (Gal. 2:10)
- 41 Lake or canal
- 42 Coarse hominy
- 43 Urial



# Baptist Missionaries Stay As Some Americans Flee Lebanon

**BEIRUT, Lebanon**—Southern Baptist missionaries are staying in Lebanon in spite of U.S. President Gerald R. Ford's advice to all Americans to evacuate the war-torn nation.

A cable from missionary James K. Ragland, received at Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board headquarters after the kidnapping of U.S. Ambassador to Lebanon Francis Meloy Jr., reported, "All well, busy, hopeful." Following news of the murder of the ambassador, Ragland cabled that Southern Baptist missionaries would remain in Beirut.

On orders from President Ford, the U.S. Embassy has already evacuated some of the nearly 2000 Americans who were remaining in Lebanon.

Ford's suggestion for Americans to leave followed the slaying of the ambassador, his economic counselor and his Lebanese chauffeur.

Among the first to be evacuated, according to reports, were 116 Americans rescued along with 147 Britons and other Europeans who were transported by U.S. Navy landing

craft three miles out to sea, put aboard the Navy transport USS Spiegel Grove and taken to Athens.

"The main reason the missionaries are remaining is out of a sense of mission, of obligation to Lebanon, and of love for the Lebanese people," explained J. D. Hughey, Foreign Mission Board area secretary for Europe and the Middle East.

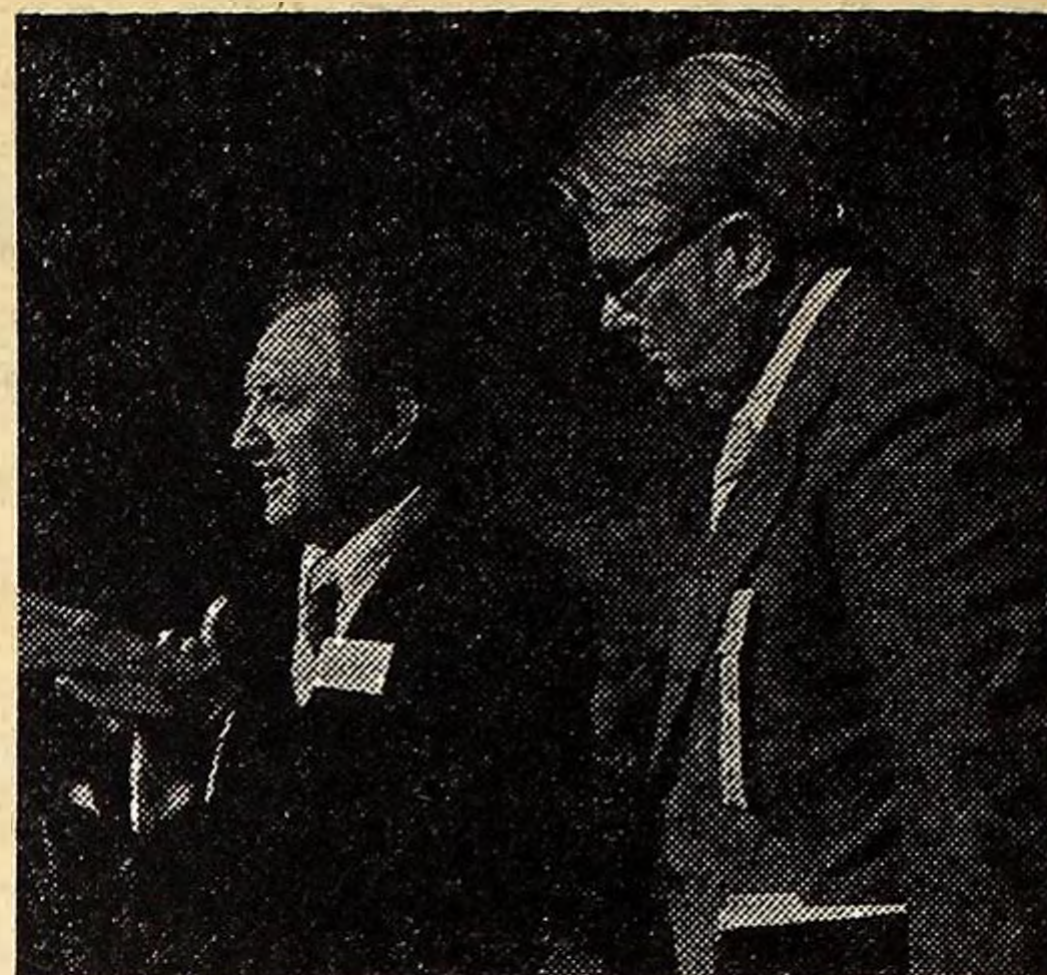
"The situation in Beirut does not look hopeful, but with missionaries and other people there who are hopeful we cannot help but be also."

The only reported casualty among the Southern Baptist missionary family was a slight injury to Miss Emma Cooke's hand when her house was hit, probably by a mortar shell, Hughey said.

Beirut's Arab Baptist Theological Seminary completed its session May 14. The Beirut Baptist school, now temporarily closed, has remained open much of the time. It is expected to open soon, according to Finlay M. Graham, Southern Baptist missionary on furlough who recently returned to the United States from Lebanon.

"The activities of the missionaries and Lebanese Baptists have been limited, but what they have done has great significance," said Hughey. "We are thankful that the witness by Baptists and other Christians has continued during this time of national crisis and sorrow."

Southern Baptist missionaries remaining in Lebanon are Dr. and Mrs. Ragland; Miss Cooke; Miss Mabel Summers; and Dr. and Mrs. David W. King and their two children, Jonathan and Jeanne. The Finlay Grahams left May 18 on a four-month furlough. The W. O. (Bill) Hern family left June 12 for a month in Cairo, Egypt, where he is serving as the fraternal representative of Southern Baptists. (BP)



SBC photo by Floyd Craig

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**—Porter Routh (r), executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention's executive committee, was recognized during the SBC's annual meeting in Norfolk for 25 years of service in that position. SBC president Jaroy Weber presented Routh with a citation to mark the occasion.

## Deans Search For Educational Solutions

**WILLIAMSBURG, Va.**—Deans and faculty members of Baptist institutions, gathered at a breakfast meeting here, were asked to form an organization designed to help each other find solutions to problems that could threaten to force them out of business.

Mrs. Dorothy K. Routh, an educational consultant from Atlanta, Ga., addressed the breakfast which was part of the Baptist-sponsored National Colloquium on Christian Education held here.

Mrs. Routh said she was optimistic about the future of Baptist sponsored schools, but cautioned the educators about some problem trends they will have to face in the future.

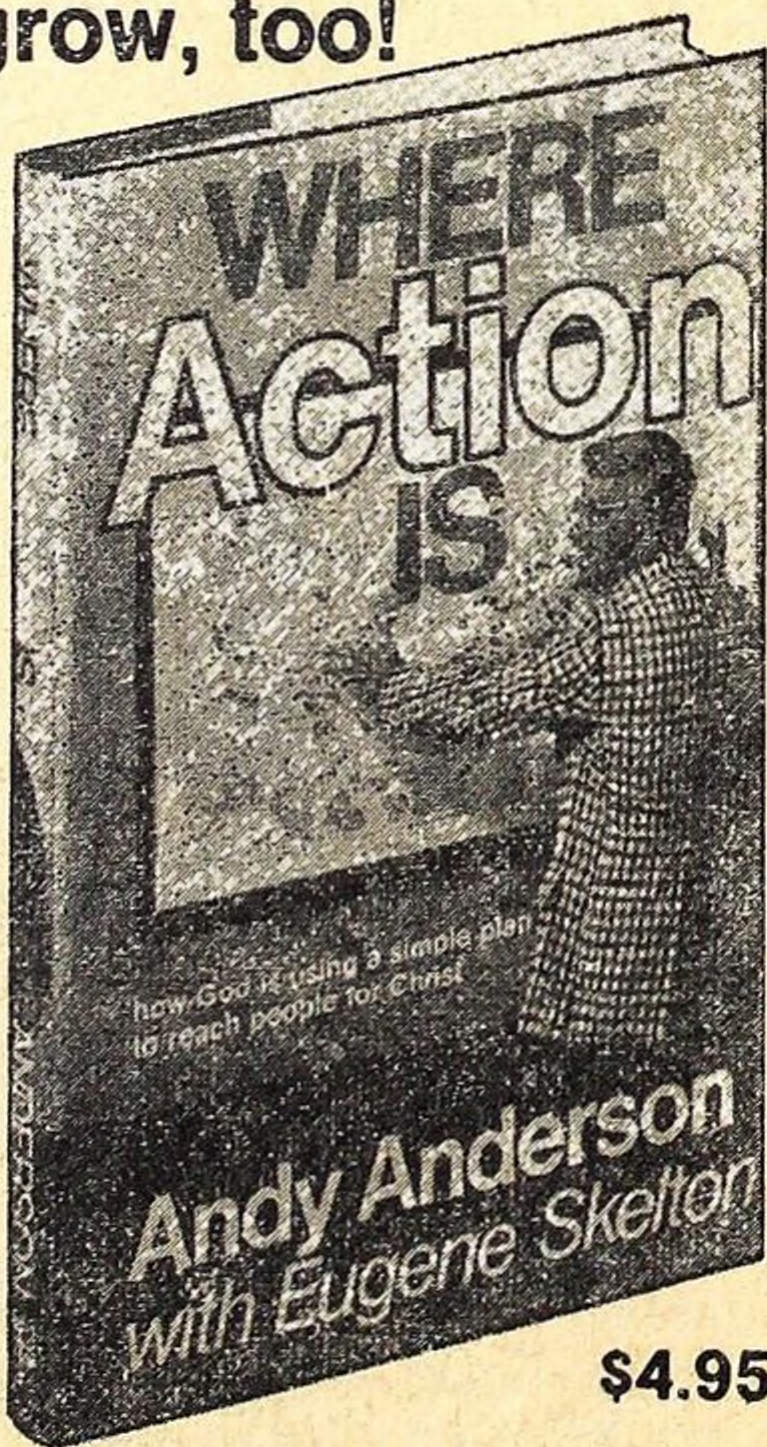
She mentioned the rapidly rising cost of providing a college education, the declining economic advantage currently facing college graduates as compared to non-college graduates and the projected decline in enrollments.

These and other common problems could be overcome by collaboration and mutual sharing, according to Mrs. Routh. By working together, the various educators could lend assistance to each other and discover many innovations which would strengthen Baptist educational institutions.

About nine small groups, assigned to discuss the possibility of collaboration, all agreed that such a collective effort should be initiated. It was suggested that a task force be assigned to explore options for such collaboration.

The dean's group also elected new officers for the next year. Jerry L. Surratt of Wingate College, Wingate, N.C., was elected president. Vice-president will be Jim E. Tanner of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tex. Charles Martin of Mississippi College, Clinton, is the new secretary. (BP)

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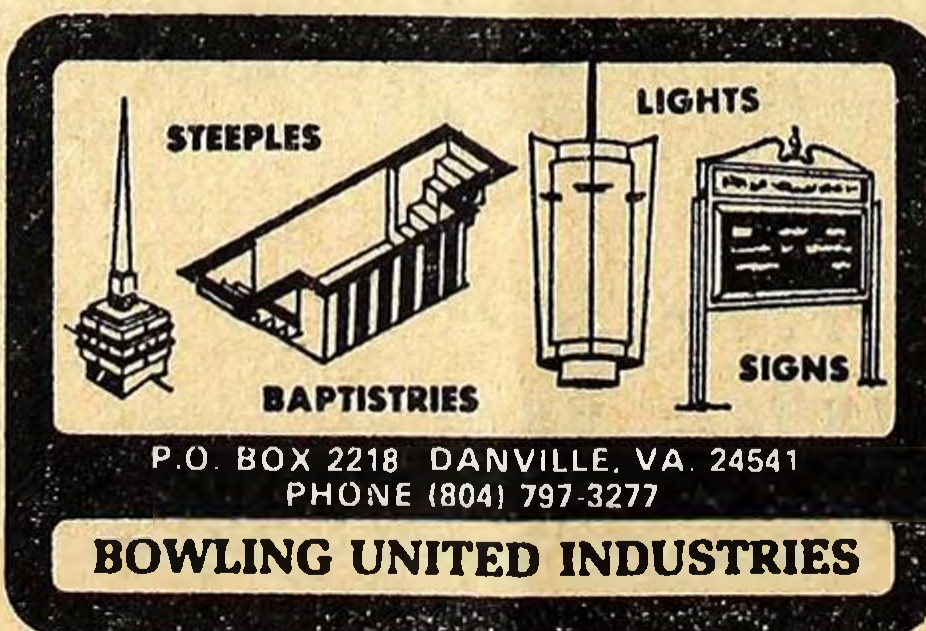
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# Raikes' Letter Dated Jan. 1774 To Ill. Historical Collection

By R. J. Hastings

**SPRINGFIELD, Ill.**—A handwritten letter, signed by Robert Raikes, founder of the modern Sunday school movement, dated two years before the birth of the United States, has been added to the Baptist manuscript collection of the Illinois State Historical Library here.

The letter was written Jan. 15, 1774, from Raikes' home in England, and was addressed to Luke Gardiner, Esq., Dublin, Ireland. Although much of the handwriting is dim, Raikes commented on the political conditions in Ireland and mentioned a letter he had read in "The Globe Journal", a newspaper of that day, written by Gardiner.

Raikes also describes a visit to Cambridge University, where he had a part in electing a Mr. Bennington as professor of chemistry.

The Raikes letter is one of 21 autographs given the Illinois Baptist State Association by the late Rev. Bernie Smith of Harrisburg, in memory of his mother. Smith's hobby was collecting autographs of well-known persons.

The presentation was made by Vernon Wasson of Pinckneyville, chairman of the State Association's historical committee, and received on behalf of the library by state historian William K. Alderfer.

The Illinois State Library serves as custodian for Baptist records and manuscripts, which are available for research by the general public.

Other items in the Smith collection include:

A handwritten note, dated March 12, 1889, by clergyman Phillips Brooks, best-known as the author of the carol, "O Little Town of Bethlehem"; a signed photo of David Livingstone, missionary statesman and explorer; an undated note written by English evangelist George Whitefield; a receipt dated Dec. 18, 1883, in which T. DeWitt Talmadge acknowledges payment of \$300 for his lecture, "Replies to Ingersollism" (evidently a reference to Robert G. Ingersoll, Illinois attorney and public figure, noted for his atheism); also a six-page handwritten document, which is apparently an excerpt from a diary or a personal testimony of faith, the earliest date being December 12, 1640, signature illegible; a handwritten note

signed by John Newton, English hymn writer, dated November 11, 1800.

Also included are letters signed by evangelists D. L. Moody and Gypsy Smith, famed English pastor C. H. Spurgeon, and Charles M. Sheldon, the author of "In His Steps."

The Smith collection also includes a sermon outline, written in longhand, used by Henry Ward Beecher on Sunday night, March 19, 1882, at Plymouth Church in Brooklyn, N.Y. His sister, Harriet Beecher Stowe, wrote "Uncle Tom's Cabin." (BP)

## Upcoming Music Retreats Announced By Charton

Two retreats will be held in Tennessee this summer for ministers of music, according to Frank Charton, director, Church Music Dept., Tennessee Baptist Convention.

The retreat, for full-time ministers of music, will be held Aug. 19-21 at Montgomery Bell Park. Warren Angell, formerly of Oklahoma Baptist University, and Louis O. Ball, Carson-Newman College, have been engaged to direct choral reading, conducting, and technique periods.

Volunteer and part-time music leaders are scheduled to meet at Camp Linden, Sept. 10-11. Charton stated that this retreat is designed to meet music needs of small and medium churches. Music reading, problem discussion, choir music from the hymnal, accompaniment, service planning, and other subjects will be explored.

Information on the retreats may be obtained from the Church Music Dept., TBC.



A team of music students meets with Frank Charton, director, Church Music Dept., Tennessee Baptist Convention, to plan their summer work activities at various camps and schools of music throughout the state this summer. The mission team includes, left to right: Stuart Terry, Paducah, Ky.; Faith Turney, Clarksville; Sandra Gerlach, Arlington, Va.; Doug Gordon, Tunnel Hill, Ga.; Peter Martin, Pleasant Hill; Ben Sims, Atlanta, Ga.; and Paula Snodderly, Crossville.

## New Orleans Adds Two To Faculty

**NEW ORLEANS**—Billy E. Simmons and Carlton Winberry were named to the faculty of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary by its trustees in special session here.

Simmons, to become associate professor of New Testament and Greek at the seminary, is currently professor of religion at East Texas Baptist College in Marshall.

Winberry, who will assume responsibilities as assistant professor of New Testament and Greek, is associate professor of religion for Baptist College at Charleston, in Charleston, S.C.

Both Simmons and Winberry are graduates of the doctor of theology programs at New Orleans Seminary. (BP)

## BIBLE PUZZLE PAGE ANSWERS

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# The Cry For Freedom

By Dr. W. R. White  
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Basic Passage: Exodus 1-2  
Focal Passages: Exodus 1:7-14, 22; 2:10, 23, 25

By a very unique turn of Providence the enslavement of Joseph wrought the rescue of Israel from starvation and gave him a new and delightful home in Egypt.

By another change of events and situations, they became enslaved in an unbearable bondage. Their lot became an excruciating one. They cried to God!

There is an inherent love for freedom in the breast of man. It may not be freedom at its best to which he always turns. He settles for a while for a partial and modified form of liberation. This has been true particularly when he has turned to a new kind of totalitarianism as in Russia and China. The new order has given him some more security and some more economic liberation than he enjoyed under the old despotism.

In what we term the "free world," in

most cases he has demanded much more freedom and would not be satisfied with any less. A large measure of individual and religious freedom is demanded.

## AN IRONICAL CHANGE OF FORTUNE —Exodus 1:7-14, 22

A new dynasty of rulers came to reign over Egypt. The new Pharaoh knew not Joseph.

The unusual prosperity and increasing population frightened him. He saw dangerous possibilities for the future.

He imposed a burdensome bondage on the people. Rigorous labor assignments of an almost impossible nature were given them.

In order to reduce them to a harmless minority, the Egyptians were to throw every son born to Hebrew mothers into the river. The daughters were to be spared.

## THE RESCUE OF A PROSPECTIVE LEADER—Exodus 2:10, 23, 25

Seemingly by chance the daughter of Pharaoh rescued a baby from a specially devised, tiny boat from the Nile.

She assigned his care unwittingly to his own mother as servant for care and rearing.

The child grew and was very precocious. The princess named him Moses because she had drawn him out of the water.

The mother environment was more influential than his court environment. Thus he was unwittingly prepared for the role which Jehovah had in mind for him. He was to become the greatest leader and law giver, in some aspects, of all time.

The Lord heard the agonizing cry of his people and took it under full consideration.

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# Pastor Cites Importance Of Church Musicians

By Stan Hastey

NORFOLK—A Virginia pastor told Southern Baptist church musicians here that all ministers are equally important, "the Pastors' Conference notwithstanding."

Citing the apostle Paul's comments in Ephesians on the variety of the gifts of ministry, Richard E. Myers, pastor of the University Baptist Church of Charlottesville, Va., noted that while "thousands of Southern Baptist ministers have flooded this area for our annual camp meeting under concrete tents . . . there is not any one group of us that outranks the other."

Myers, who spoke on "The Church Musician as Minister," defined ministry as "the divine-human summarization of life as a symphony of redemption." Christians, he said, are called to "incarnational discipleship."

He told the musicians that their ministry should be rendered with personal integrity, as a Christian example, and "without regard for acclaim."

The annual Church Music Conference, held at Norfolk's First Baptist Church, also heard an original musical drama reviewing highlights of sacred music among Baptists during the nation's two centuries of history.

Produced by Thad Roberts, minister of music at South Main Baptist Church, Houston, Tex., "Singing Baptists" was premiered before a packed house which witnessed a wide variety of musical expression, ranging from Negro spirituals to gospel rock. Also featured was a congregational exercise in "lining out" a Psalm tune, a method of singing responsively in the seventeenth century before musical scores were published.

In another session, the musicians heard an hour-long concert by The Centurymen, conducted by New York composer Buryl Red and featuring soloist Carmela Scott.

In business actions, the 300 registrants were introduced to three vice presidents previously chosen by mail ballot. The Church Music Conference is divided into three divisions, each entitled to a vice president. They are: Education Division—Max Lyall, professor of music, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif.; Local Church Division—Jim Ashworth, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Ponca City, Okla.; and Denominational Division—Allen R. Brown, state music secretary, Baptist General Association of Virginia.

Serving his second year of a two-year term as president of the group is Paul Bobbitt of Jacksonville, who heads the church music department of the Florida Baptist Convention. President-elect is James C. McKinney, dean of the school of church music, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex. (BP)

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# Family Living

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## Obsession With Child's Future Will Weaken Present Parenting

Don't punish your youngster today for not being the person you want him to become, a social psychologist cautions middle-class parents.

Instead of worrying about what your child's current behavior will mean to his future, get to know the thoughts, feelings and pressures he's experiencing now, Howard W. Polsky, prof. at Columbia Univ. School of Social Work, recently advised parents.

Parents' fear for their children's future often serves as an obstacle to intelligent handling of present problems, noted the educator.

Kids reject guidance based on parents' image of what a success-bound child should be, he reminded. Admonitions such as "keep this up and you'll never get to college" or "nobody will hire you for a good job with hair like that" are nagging based on projection into the future, not guidance tailored to help a youngster with the problems he is facing every day.

Children want and need help from their parents, stressed Polsky, but to be helpful, the guidance must be relevant. There is too much "discipline" based on the assumption that the child is the problem. It's up to adults to provide the support and perspective a child needs to deal with the inevitable problems of growing up.

Encourage youngsters to express their thoughts, feelings and opinions freely and avoid blanket generalizations and shocked condemnation when they say things you don't like hearing, advises the social psychologist. Question, disagree and argue, by all means, but above all, keep listening . . . and the youngster will keep talking. Enforce necessary regulations firmly and confidently.

Don't shrink from unpleasantness of heated argument, urges Polsky. As long as parents listen as well as talk, kids prefer "confrontation" and benefit from it.

"It takes time and a certain kind of emotional involvement to sit down and 'slug it out' verbally with young people, but I think youngsters want it. They are tired of the masking going on."

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# HISTORICALLY

## FROM THE FILES

### 50 YEARS AGO

Miss Ruth Banks, a graduate of Hume-Fogg High School in Nashville and Carson-Newman College was secured to help with the editorial work of the **Baptist And Reflector**. While attending C-N she was assistant registrar and president of the B.Y.P.U.

Madisonville First Church ordained N. W. Ellis to the full work of the gospel ministry. He was to serve the church as pastor in its new building.

### 25 YEARS AGO

Knox County Association announced plans to celebrate its 150th anniversary in October. The association was organized at Beaver Dam Church, Dec. 25, 1802. In 1951 the association was made up of 117 churches, making it the largest association in the state.

Gaye McGlothlen had just celebrated his second anniversary as pastor of Immanuel Church in Nashville.

### 10 YEARS AGO

Herbert C. Gabhart, president of Belmont College, was elected president of the 37-member Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools.

Knoxville Grace Church called Marion R. Epps as minister of music and education. Alfred T. Royer was pastor.

# From the Executive Secretary

By Ralph Norton

The 131st year meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Norfolk, Virginia, broke previous records for attendance by registering over 18,000 messengers. Historic Virginia, appropriately chosen for this bi-centennial year, not only hosted the Convention, but provided facilities for related meetings held prior to the annual session. Never before has such a small area been called upon to house such a large number of Baptists, which, including visitors, totalled more than 25,000.



Norton

The significance of the attendance figure is that it speaks of the importance which Baptists place in the future of our denomination. Representatives across our convention from all areas of our work came to attend meetings that dealt with ways of meeting the challenges which face Baptists today. Pastors, educational leaders, WMU, church musicians, evangelists, directors of missions and representatives from our educational institutions met to discuss their individual programs. A deep sense of responsibility on the part of all concerned was proof of the seriousness with which they face their task. It would be impossible to project the far-reaching impact of these meetings as they relate to Baptist life as we face America's third century, but we have confidence in our leaders and believe Baptists can meet the challenge adequately.

Of unusual significance was the first National Colloquium on Christian Education. The more than 900 persons attending took a look at the purpose, processes and potential of Christian education. Dr. George Capps, Director of Denominational Relations for the Education Commission, had these words to say concerning the colloquium: "For the next three years we will be talking about our opportunities in Christian education . . . studying ways of improving what we are doing . . . seeking to implement the challenge developed at the colloquium." We believe the efforts put forth to bring this program to our people will bring results of lasting importance to the total life of Baptists.

Elected to serve as president of the convention was Dr. James L. Sullivan. Former president of the Baptist Sunday School Board, he has the respect of Baptists throughout the convention and we are honored to have him as our leader. He will lead us with dignity and ability and we pledge him our prayer support.

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# Weber Urges SBC To Vote For Men Of Principle

By Roy Jennings

**NORFOLK**—Jaroy Weber, outgoing president of the Southern Baptist Convention, urged Southern Baptist messengers here to go to the polls and vote for men who can lead the nation to follow Christian principles.

"We must be willing to become involved at every level of government by encouraging some of our most capable businessmen, educators, and religious leaders to run for public office," said Weber, pastor of First Baptist Church, Lubbock, Tex., in his Presidential address.

"Then, we who are Christians must give ballot support to men who can lead our nation back to those Christian principles expressed in that motto, 'in God we trust'."

While Weber did not mention a specific presidential candidate, former Georgia governor Jimmy Carter, an active Southern Baptist, is a leading candidate for the Democratic nomination for president.

President Gerald Ford, who has addressed Southern Baptist gatherings before, was scheduled to speak to the messengers Tuesday afternoon on a patriotic theme.

Weber told the messengers that love for their country was a healthy dimension of responsible citizenship and that patriotism was neither out-of-date or inappropriate.

"But patriotism involves more than shooting fireworks on the Fourth of July, singing the national anthem and prominently displaying the flag," he said.

## Patriotism Means Involvement

"True patriotism demands praise for the country and, if necessary, disagreement with it. Patriotism must be expressed in responsible involvement and in compassion and prayer for a nation."

Using the subject, "Let the Church Stand Up," Weber reminded the Baptists that their forefathers, only a handful in number and a ridiculed people, made a great contribution to the religious liberties the nation enjoys now.

Citing Roger Williams, Isaac Backus, and John Leland by name, Weber lauded the struggles of early Baptist leaders for the adoption of the First Amendment to the Constitution guaranteeing religious liberty for all.

Weber also praised Southern Baptists for their growth in recent years as a denomination to almost 13 million members in almost 35,000 churches in 50 states.

The SBC president attributed the growth to faithfulness of Southern Baptists to the Bible, an emphasis upon the joy of the Spirit-filled life, better training methods in evangelism and a bold missions emphasis.

As to the future, Weber recommended that Southern Baptists "remain on a compass heading of evangelism and missions.

"This is a time of world hunger, inflation, credibility gaps, loose morals, bad government, divorce, and drunkenness, but our greatest problems are spiritual and our greatest contributions can be through the church presenting Christ as the answer and solution to all man's needs.

"We must not be a denomination running around treating superficial conditions when the real need is for open heart surgery," he added.

## Need for Christian Homes

Another contribution Southern Baptists can make is to take a stand for stronger Christian homes, President Weber said. He amplified his suggestion this way:

"The home must stand to speak of the biblical principles governing marriage, family, and sex. . . (It) must be taught by the example of parents. Our Baptist churches must speak to the spiritual needs of the home. The home must be penetrated with Christian influence by the church.

"We have been content too long with getting a family into a church building on Sunday with too little concern in getting the powerful presence of God into the home and life of the family members every day of the week.

"Too many of us practice a form of religion on Sunday and leave every vestige of worship out of our lives the rest of the week."

Weber also advised Southern Baptists to give more attention to the problem of divorce and teenage drinking.

"Faithful and obedient churches cannot stand by irresponsibly to leave these crying evils unchecked," he said.

Weber concluded his presidential address with a plea for Baptists to give their best to church and state, to God and humanity, requesting that as a demonstration of this commitment, the messengers sing together the patriotic melody, "God Bless America." (BP)

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## Southwestern Alumni Elect Lavonn Brown President

**NORFOLK**—Alumni of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth elected Lavonn Brown, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Norman, Okla., as new president of the 30,000-member alumni association.

The association also recognized three distinguished alumni and heard a report on the status of an \$8 million fund drive.

Distinguished alumni awards were presented to W. Perry Crouch, retired executive secretary-treasurer of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention; William Tanner, president, Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Okla.; and M. E. Williamson, retired pastor, living in Waco, Tex.

A goal to raise \$250,000 from the alumni for a proposed physical fitness center had surpassed the halfway mark with \$180,000 already in hand, it was announced. The special drive is in response to a challenge grant made by the Mabree Foundation, Tulsa, Okla. Terms of the grant require alumni to raise \$250,000 by Aug. 15 of this year in order to receive the full grant from the foundation.

The drive is a part of the seminary's "Eight by Eighty" campaign to raise \$8 million by the year 1980. It was also announced that 20 per cent of that goal, or \$1,675,000 had already been secured.

Other officers elected were Cecil Sherman, pastor, Baptist Church, Asheville, N.C., president-elect, and John Seelig, vice president for administrative affairs at Southwestern Seminary, secretary.

## David Bunch To Head Midwestern Alumni

**NORFOLK**—David Bunch, area director for the Iowa Baptist Association, was elected president of the Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary alumni association here Wednesday.

To serve with Bunch will be Sanford Beckett, associate pastor of First Baptist Church of Hattiesburg, Miss., vice president, and Arthur McGinnis, pastor of Pearl Street Baptist Church, Paola, Kans., secretary-treasurer.

The 108 alumni attending the luncheon heard seminary President Milton Ferguson report on the election of John Howell as academic dean, construction of new classroom facilities, and successful funding of the B.A. Sizemore Memorial Lectureship in Biblical Studies.