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## A PAPER FOR ONLY PENNIES!

Many of our readers began reading the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR in their youth. Yesterday's youth, who were brought up reading the Baptist state paper, are today's church and denominational leaders.

Photo by Bobble Durham

# Decency And Order

By Herschel H. Hobbs

*"Let all things be done decently and in order."—I Corinthians 14:40*

This is the concluding statement by Paul in dealing with the charismatic problem in the church in Corinth. In verse 36 he uses irony, asking if his readers thought that God's word came from them or did it come only to them. Did they think they were the source of divine truth or its only recipients? Then in verse 37 Paul challenged them to recognize his apostolic authority. Proof on one being a true Spirit-controlled prophet will be that he acknowledges that Paul writes the commandments of the Lord (v.37).

In verse 38 there is a play on words in Greek as in English: note "ignorant . . . ignorant." The Greek reads *agnoei, agnoeitai*. If one does not recognize that he writes the Lord's Commandments, then he shows his ignorance of such things. This proves that he is not a true prophet.

Then in verse 39 he urges his readers to be zealous (covet) to prophesy or preach the gospel. He does not say to be zealous in tongue-speaking, showing the value of

the former over the latter. He does say not to forbid one having the latter gift from exercising it. But it should be done properly in form and purpose.

"All things" (v.40) is a Greek word without the definite article, so each thing severally. This refers immediately to prophecy and tongues. But it could include all spiritual gifts. "Decently" renders a word meaning in good fashion. "Order" translates a word used of the orderly living up of troops. So these gifts should be exercised in a manner that will avoid confusion and will be most effective.

The gifts of the Spirit are for a purpose—serving God. They should not be used selfishly but for God's glory.

# 'Opportunities Of Motherhood'

By Marilyn Tallant Friel

Laura crawled today! She's not proficient yet, but her fat little arms and legs awkwardly moved toward that much wanted



Friel

doll. I wouldn't have missed that moment for anything. The memory of it will long be imprinted upon my mind. That beautiful little smile of accomplishment will never be forgotten.

I feel so fortunate to be the wife of a Christian husband and mother of two little girls. Contrary to what the world is telling me, I am pursuing

one of the most worthy vocations a woman can choose. Although the media and women "in the know" are telling me that my life is dull and boring, I find it exciting, full of endless opportunities, and challenging beyond belief. I cannot see the end result of my efforts, but I know that my children are benefitting from the love, time, and guidance I am giving them each day. As a woman, I realize that I have the ability to mark and influence lives. I want the mark I make to be constructive, wholesome, and spiritual.

Recently our three-year-old asked me how we were going to get to heaven to see God. She suggested a tall, tall ladder. I am so thankful I could be there to answer her question. What a wonderful opportunity to instruct my little one about the ways of the Lord. Deut. 6:5-7 tells us that we are to instruct our children about loving the Lord all day long as we go about living:

"And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

"And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:

"And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."

What a wonderful opportunity wives and mothers have! I'm so thankful that as many women today struggle to find a place for themselves in our world, I have found my place as a Christian wife and mother.

*Mrs. Friel is the wife of Billie Friel, pastor of Mt. Juliet First Church.*

## Pulpit To Pews

By Jim Griffith

As surely as the printed word appears on the page, typographical errors will be found in any publication.

Although the editors take special care to prevent them, these errors crop up in both amusing and confusing ways.

For example, there was the newspaper story that came out concerning a doctor who treated a wealthy person injured in an automobile accident. The story read as follows: "The doctor felt of the patient's **purse** and decided to operate."

Then, there was the society editor who wrote in glowing terms of a young bride: "Her dainty feet were encased in shoes that might be taken for fairy boots." In print, the description came out: "Her **dirty** feet were encased in shoes that might be taken for **ferry** boats."

Sometimes, however, the errors come close to presenting a pertinent truth, as in the church bulletin which read: "The church needs more dedicated laymen and laywomen and fewer unconcerned **lagmen** and **lagwomen**."



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**BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR  
Brings You News First**

# Spreading The Gospel Demands Resoluteness By Baptists

By O. M. Dangeau

The "heartbeat" of Southern Baptists today can be felt in the approval by messengers in Norfolk of a plan that will give every person in the world the opportunity to hear the Christian Gospel in the next 25 years.

Southern Baptists certainly must realize that if this is to come to pass, it must be through the same spirit of cooperation that was displayed in promoting the Cooperative Program, for the Cooperative Program is the channel through which mission support must flow if every person is to have the opportunity to hear the Gospel.

The Tuesday evening session of the Southern Baptist Convention was highlighted by a 40-minute multimedia presentation. The presentation featured the Centurymen singing group in a simulated 1925 church service setting. From that setting, the Biblical basis and historical accomplishments of Baptists were traced from

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the birth of the Cooperative Program unified budget 51 years ago.

The program, projected on a huge screen in Scope Convention Center, Chrysler Hall, and the City Auditorium in Virginia Beach, was produced by the Radio and Television Commission at the request of the Stewardship Commission.

The presentation, "Born To Serve" was financed cooperatively by state conventions and SBC agencies, and climaxed the Cooperative Program's 50th anniversary celebration.

The script for the tremendous presentation was written by Jesse Fletcher, pastor of Knoxville's First Baptist Church and former director of the Mission Support Division of the Foreign Mission Board. Fletcher's years of mission involvement and many hours of study and research were evident in the dramatic presentation describing how cooperation has caused the tremendous growth of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The production is being made into a 16 mm film by the Stewardship Commission

and will be available for showing in the churches throughout the Southern Baptist Convention early in August.

From the beginning our convention had limped along with the society style of finance—everybody for himself! "Old-timers" can remember how it was before the Cooperative Program—each institution, agency, and program of work appealed directly to the churches for funds. The boards and agencies which could afford it hired fund-raising representatives to travel to the churches asking for special offerings for a specific cause. Supporting these representatives took much of the money raised and left small amounts to be used for the causes intended. The amount raised depended not so much on the worthiness of the cause, as on the ability of the fund-raiser, or the aroused emotions of the congregation at the moment.

The adoption of the Cooperative Program in 1925 as the method of budgeting was a great day which started Southern Baptists on an advancement that has not ceased.

God grant now that the words and votes of approval for spreading the Gospel to every person in the world be put into action by every Southern Baptist. Now is the time. This is the hour.

## Music Business Internship Offered To College Seniors

Belmont College's music business program and a Nashville talent agency are sponsoring Belmont's first music business internship in the United States, according to Robert Mulloy, associate professor of music business and director of music business at Belmont, and Tandy Rice, chief executive officer of Top Billing Inc.

The internship will provide "on the job" training for qualified students who are interested in making the music business their career.

Interns and participating companies will provide avenues of future permanent placement for more competent Belmont music business students.

A student may receive from 12 to 15 hours by participating in the Music Business industry as an intern. However, only those students who have been approved by the Placement and Internship Committee, Music Business Council, and Mulloy, may participate. Students may apply to an internship after their junior year.



Groundbreaking ceremonies were held recently at Morrison First Church for an educational building. The two story will contain a fellowship hall and classrooms. Future plans call for enlargement of the sanctuary. Pictured above from left to right are pastor Ralph E. Hoover, Earl Barr, chairman of building committee, J. B. Casey, Robert Mullican, and Lynn Bouldin, members of the building committee.

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# TESTIMONIES

## Stronger Denomination Comes From Reading State Paper

By Marguerite Skinner Babb

The **Baptist And Reflector** has been a Christian influence on my life as long as I can remember. My parents read and discussed its contents in our home just as they did our daily newspaper. I can remember how excited we were when there was an article in it by my grandfather, J. E. Skinner. Those articles were read to us, word-for-word.



Babb

"The Young South" became my favorite column when I could read for myself. Since this dates me, I might as well confess that the "Fifty Years Ago" and "Twenty-five Years Ago" columns have special meaning now since I remember many of the persons and events they recall.

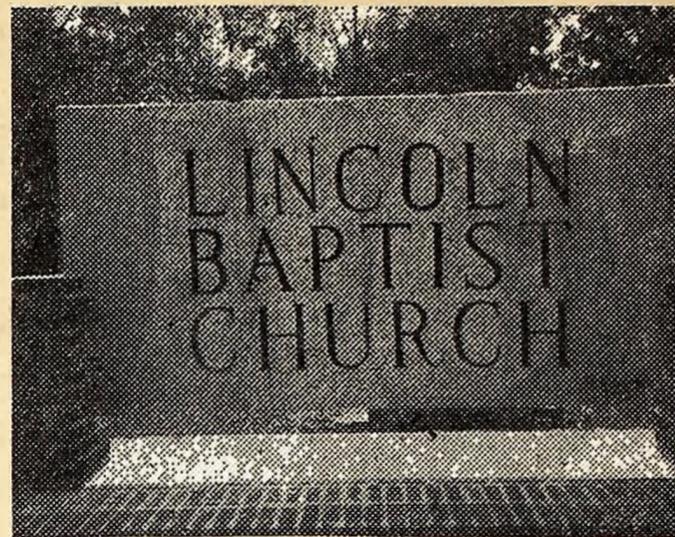
You can understand my shock when I first learned that the **Baptist And Reflector** did not go into every Baptist home in our state. Like so many other things we take for granted, I really began to appreciate the paper more when I suddenly stopped receiving it after I married. My husband and I had to subscribe to it ourselves then. But it was perhaps at that time, in an effort to promote subscriptions to it, that I began to really evaluate the scope of its

influence on Baptist life.

Church members would be better informed if they regularly read the **Baptist And Reflector**. Not only would they know about Tennessee Baptists, their programs and meetings, but Convention-wide programs and emphases as well—including foreign missions. An increased understanding of these world-wide concerns would result in more involvement by church members, better cooperation, more effective service, deeper loyalties, and a stronger denomination.

I am grateful for the continuing Christian influence of this great paper and wish it were read in every Baptist home in Tennessee.

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Members of Lincoln Church, Fayetteville, erected a church sign commemorating the 20th anniversary of the church and the 200th anniversary of America. The sign, erected on July 4, was provided at a cost of approximately \$1100. Serving on the special committee were chairman Stacey Posey, Troy Hammons, Newsom Monks, Eddie Posey, and Virgil Simms. Don Schultz is pastor.

SUNDAY IS  
BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR DAY

### Brittingham Resigns Work In East Tenn. To Enter Seminary

Jerry Brittingham, director of social and religious activities, Carson-Newman College, resigned effective August 1. He plans to enter Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary.

Brittingham was the initial director of the Smoky Shadows Conference Center, Pigeon Forge, for the past three years while serving at C-N.

Carl Mays of Gatlinburg has been named the new director/coordinator of Smoky Shadows according to Charles Conner, president of the center. Mays has a Master's Degree in Religious Education from New Orleans Baptist Seminary and has served on church staffs in Louisiana, Georgia, and Tennessee.

Departments of the Tennessee Baptist Convention use the conference center for many of their meetings in the East Tennessee area.

## Cooperative Program Runs 14.34% Ahead After 10 Months

NASHVILLE—With two months to go in the 1975-76 fiscal year, the Southern Baptist Convention's Cooperative Program unified budget has reached the \$39,217,028 level—14.34 percent, or more than \$4.9 million, ahead of the same point in the 1974-75 year.

Total contributions from some 34,902 churches across 50 states amounted to \$77,671,460. That figure, which is 12.8 percent ahead of last year, includes the \$39,217,028 Cooperative Program figure and another \$38,454,432 in designated contributions.

According to projections by Billy D. Malesovas, director of financial planning and assistant to the treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee, the 14.34 percent pace would result in about \$47 million in Cooperative Program contributions by the end of the fiscal year.

That amount would exceed needs of the Cooperative Program's basic operating and capital needs budget of \$42,080,000, but fall short of the total \$51 million goal for 1975-76. The total goal includes \$8,920,000 in challenge funds to meet worldwide missions needs of Southern Baptists above basic operating and capital needs.

For the month of July alone, the Cooperative Program collected \$4,090,000—a 20.62 percent increase over July of 1975. Total contributions in July amounted to \$5,136,686, a 24.29 percent increase over last July. The total contributions figure includes the \$4,090,000 Cooperative Program figure and \$1,046,686 in designated contributions. (BP)

# TESTIMONIES

## Reading Baptist Paper Was Inherent Tradition In Family

By Mrs. Douglas J. Ginn

I cannot remember when the **Baptist And Reflector** did not lay under the Bible on my mother's living room table. She was an avid reader.

In the early years of my life we did not have many periodicals coming into our home, so we eagerly looked forward to the arrival of the **Baptist And Reflector** each week.

For a number of years the paper carried a column, "The Young South", written by Mrs. O. L. Hailey who called herself "Aunt Polly". Before I could read the stories in the column my mother would read them to me. Later I learned to read them myself. When I came to a big word that I did not understand, I would spell out the word and my mother would explain it to me.

Many of the stories were missionary stories so the names, "Lottie Moon", "William Carey" and others were familiar names to me early in my life.

My father and mother often discussed the editorial page and the submitted articles in the paper in my presence. I listened carefully and soon learned that many of the writers departed from the motto of the paper, "Speaking the Truth in Love", and often the discussions became quite

bitter. The anti-missionary and other dissenting voices sowed discord, hatred, and jealousy throughout the state, and the paper became heavily involved.

Dr. Edgar Folk came to the relief of the paper about that time. He was a wise, gracious gentleman and soon "poured oil on the troubled waters."

Dr. John D. Freeman, Dr. O. W. Taylor, and Dr. Richard Owen were able editors of the paper. These men were faithful in giving their readers news from all over the Baptist world. Also varying viewpoints on current issues were freely discussed. Because of this training which I received from reading the **Baptist And Reflector** in my early life, I believe, I can give you the reasons for "why I am a Baptist" and "why I do not think one church is as good as another".

Horace Greeley said, "The best use of a journal is to print the largest practical amount of important truth—truth which tends to make mankind wiser, and thus happier."

I agree.

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## Saw Challenge Of Missions In Pages Of B&R

By Mrs. M. K. Cobble

The **Baptist And Reflector** has been in my regular reading diet for 42 years.

I came to Tennessee from another state and another denomination as well. Having married a Baptist preacher, I naturally began reading the state's Baptist paper.

First, through the pages of **Baptist And Reflector** I became acquainted with the geography of the state, the cities, the villages and the locations of Tennessee Baptist institutions.

Second, the programs and services of the Tennessee Baptist Convention were interpreted to me.

Third, I learned the names of the leaders in the Convention. As I had opportunity to meet these leaders, I found they were my friends. Each one contributed to my continuing Christian growth. How greatly I enjoyed the trips across the state into Baptist churches, homes, and associational meetings through the writings of Drs. Freeman, Taylor, Pope, Kendall, and Miss Mary Northington as they shared their experiences in the **Baptist And Reflector**.

The needs in Tennessee and around the world challenged me to a life of service for Christ. I feel I was prepared for many opportunities of service in local churches, associations and the state through the information and inspiration of our wonderful state paper.

Do you want to get into the mainstream of Tennessee Baptist life? Read the **Baptist And Reflector**.

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## Baptist And Reflector Is Good Stewardship

By Stephen L. Playl

Every dollar which comes into our churches through the general budget fund must be divided many ways in order to carry out the purpose for which Christ established His Church. In setting priorities and considering how to get the best use from our dollars, we should consider the need for our people to have the news-journal of our Tennessee Baptist Convention at their fingertips.



Playl

There are several good reasons why the members of all our churches need to have available the information contained in the **Baptist And Reflector**. There is no other publi-

cation—anywhere, at any price—that reports the activities of organizations supported by Tennessee Baptists, plus provides help in understanding the scriptures. It also offers devotional inspiration, fellowship through information about the way God is blessing our sister churches, Bible puzzles, clean jokes, etc.

All this is especially good for new members—in fact for lay people in all size churches.

And it is all available at a per copy cost of about one-third the cost of a daily newspaper. To me, that's good stewardship, and I am sincerely delighted that Shellsford Church has added **Baptist And Reflector** to its budget.

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## Old Ocoee Church Vandalized

Old Ocoee Church, a small rural church near Benton, was damaged extensively by vandals June 29.

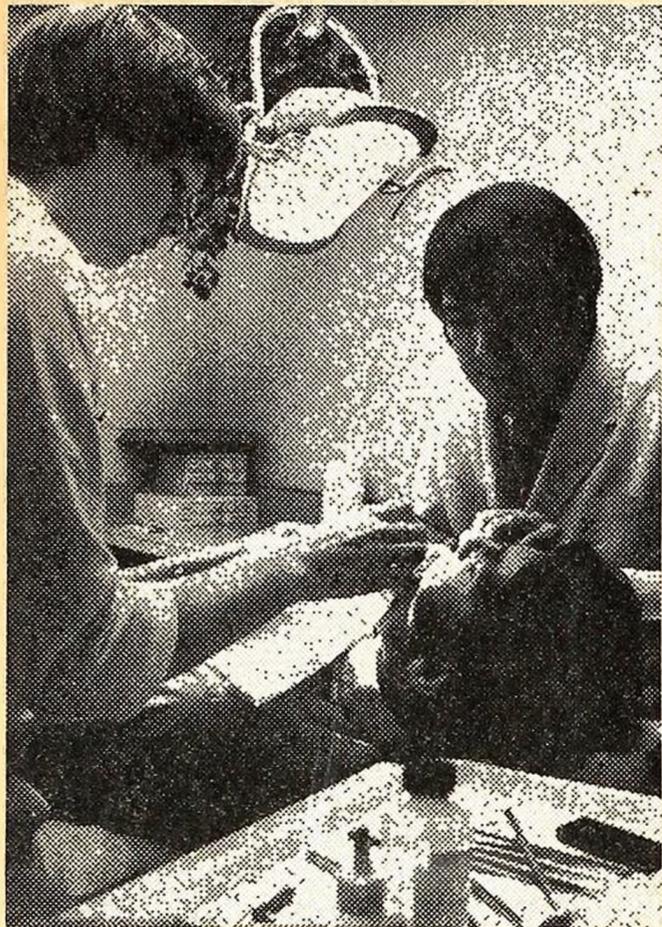
It appeared that the vandals using a large hammer or instrument began on the left side, proceeded around the church building knocking out all window panes. Damage was done to the masonry work also.

So far police have not been able to find a motive for the vandalism.

The men of the church have repaired the building, and services were not interrupted, according to pastor Johnny Hood.

# 'Why A Dentist?--Just To Support The Lord's Work'

By Larry Jerden



(BP) Photo by Larry Jerden,  
WORLD MISSION JOURNAL

**MISSION-MINDED DENTIST**—Dr. Morris Frank, a dentist in Smyrna, Tenn., has found his call as a layman in missions support. A veteran of one volunteer assignment in Africa, the multi involved layman promotes missions with speaking engagements, giving money and going himself. "My dentistry," he explains, "is to support my Christian work."

**SMYRNA, Tenn.**—Spend only a few moments with Dr. Morris Frank, a dentist here, and you quickly learn the most important facet of his diversified lifestyle is dedication to Jesus Christ.

As the 40-year-old Baptist layman treats patients in his new two-story office building near this Middle Tennessee town's hospital, he easily brings his Christian life into almost any conversation because he's always involved in several aspects of church life.

As vice-president and president-elect of Tennessee Baptists' Brotherhood, he will be statewide president in 1976-77. He's an active Gideon; a trustee of Harrison-Chilhowee Academy, a Tennessee Baptist Convention institution; on the board of the United Tennessee League, a Christian antialcohol and drug organization; an active campaigner against pornography; and is constantly invited to speak in churches.

As a deacon at Smyrna's First Baptist Church, he has held numerous leadership posts. But "right now," he declared between patients, "my call is to missions support

... I believe I can do more good promoting missions in churches here than I could practicing dentistry and evangelism in one spot on the mission field."

In fact, though, Dr. Frank has already been on the foreign mission field. A 1972 trip to Rhodesia gave him a month-long dose of treating dental patients in that African nation, and it only reinforced his determination to serve overseas again. "I treated about 650 people, most of whom had never seen a dentist before."

Had he known of the opportunity for dentists to serve on the mission field when he was graduated from the University of Tennessee College of Dentistry in Memphis, he and Betty, his wife, would probably have volunteered, the dentist said. "By the time I heard about it, my family was too far underway and things just weren't moving in that direction."

## A Lesson Exists For Laymen

To Dr. Frank, a lesson exists for laymen. "I think a prime responsibility of laymen is to make young people aware of mission opportunities," he declared. "As laymen, we need to take young people to missions conferences, to Glorieta (N.M.) and Ridgecrest (N.C.) (Baptist conference centers), etc. We can usually tell when they are about ready to make a decision like that, and that's when we need to take them."

"You might wonder why I got so materialistic," he continued, waving an arm at the modern-looking office facility. "With this, I hope in 10 years to be able to go to the mission field . . . That'll give us a good 15 years to serve on the field."

Whether that particular plan comes to fruition, however, won't determine Dr. Frank's missionary service of one sort or another.

"I would like to serve somewhere on a short-term basis every year," he declared. "I know several dentists who do. Some go to the same place every year and others to different locations."

In the meantime, he promotes missions at home.

"It seems like I've shown my slides of missions in Rhodesia 400 times," he declared. A layman telling about missions may be more effective than even the testimony of a "real-live" missionary, Dr. Frank feels. "When I talk about missions to other laymen, they believe me," he explained.

"You know, I feel there has been a great upsurge in missions support on the part of laymen," he reflected. "But I've also seen some downturn on the part of

some pastors. They get all caught up in the 'us and ours' syndrome and they lose their concern for missions."

In promoting missions, Dr. Frank is sold on the value of the short-term as well as career approach. "I think the most valuable contribution a layman can make is to go on a short-term assignment and then come back and tell others about it," he said. "The real value is when you return . . . and tell other laymen; they listen."

Dr. Frank is involved in Christian projects at home that cut across denominational lines, but when it comes to Southern Baptists' overseas mission, he is convinced it should be done through the denomination's Foreign Mission Board. He also feels a "primary call right now to promote and support state missions more than any other."

In his quest for missions involvement, Dr. Frank sees every opportunity as demanding his full energies. He has little time for titles and jobs that don't also mean service.

## Titles Should Not Be For Honor

"I can't see having titles just for the honor," he said. "I think our Brotherhood officers at state and regional levels should work. And I think the same thing about trustees of our Baptist institutions," he commented. "I feel too often the institutions seek board members more on the basis of their ability to help financially than on the basis of spirituality. I think we can have both."

While the geographic span of the dentist's mission effort is great, many of his efforts begin right in Smyrna. A silent form of witness permeates his office.

"The most read item in our waiting room is the Gideon Bible," he noted, reflecting that he didn't think it was because the reader was about to see the dentist. "We don't keep any magazines with liquor ads in them. If people want to read those, they can go to another dentist."

He also has Christian literature intermingled with the other magazines. And devotionals are part of the office routine.

For at least 10 years, Dr. Frank has been involved in fighting pornography in his town. He belongs to an organization that keeps tab on the literature sold on local book racks, and, with some success, has kept the worst off them.

"But you can't talk about supporting missions or fighting pornography or any other kind of work for the Lord without prayer," he cautioned. "I believe strongly in the role of Christians in politics, for instance, and as part of that I have joined with some others who believe in praying that God will raise up Christian leaders and purge the bad ones."

"Why am I a dentist?" he reflected. "Why, I just do that to support the Lord's work." (BP)

*Adapted from August 1976 "World Mission Journal."*

# Doers Of The Word

By W. Clyde Tilley

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Basic Passage: James 1:22-2:20

Focal Passage: James 2:1-7, 14-20

## The Doing of the Word (1:22-25)

In our recent study about the Ethiopian eunuch we saw the possibility of reading the word without understanding it. In the lesson for today, we confront the danger of hearing the word without doing it. The problem person here is not the one who makes no effort to hear the word; it is the person who, having heard, is content to be a hearer only, stopping short of doing what he has heard. The word of God is likened to a mirror into which a person may look and then either forget the reflected image or appropriately alter his appearance. The contrast is between a forgetful hearer and a persevering doer.

James apparently means to identify, at least for present purposes, the "word" (vv. 23-24) with the "law" (v. 25). Although making a strong stress upon the doing of the law, James is not a legalist, for the law is for him "the perfect law of liberty," a law by which one is freed or emancipated in his very obedience to it.

Hearing the word without doing it can become a source of self-deception. In our own time when religious practice is so oriented to the church building and to the listening pew, there is a special danger of deceiving ourselves. We often feel that we have discharged our duties to God and the church simply because we have heard the word.

## The Deception of the Heart (1:26-2:13)

Hearing without doing is an occasion for deceiving oneself. In the following verses, James gives a series of unequal examples. These are areas where people are often loath to do what they have heard. In connection with the first of these examples he reiterates his notion of self-deception by saying that the guilty party "deceived his heart." It would seem to be equally applicable to all three examples.

1. **Unbridled tongue** (1:26). This first example has to do with the misuse of the tongue and the abuse of the powers of human speech. Many people who regard themselves as good stewards have undoubtedly never thought of their stewardship as embracing the power of speech. No gift that we have possesses greater potential for both good and evil. The proper use of speech requires our utmost

discipline which should be assisted by the sombre reminder that someday we must give an account for every idle word (Matthew 12:36). Later in his epistle James gives a more detailed exhortation concerning the use of the tongue (3:1-12).

2. **Impure religion** (1:27). Although expressed positively in terms of pure religion, the dangers and deception of impure religion are all too obvious in the context. Pure religion is described in terms of two of its characteristics: visiting afflicted orphans and widows and keeping oneself unstained by the world.

One may well wonder why James chose to single out these two aspects of religious practice. It is presumably because they illustrate two basic poles that are essential to the maintaining of a wholesome religion: social involvement and personal purity. The first aspect—visiting orphans and widows—illustrates social involvement. The second aspect—keeping oneself unstained—illustrates personal purity. Not only must these two aspects be maintained, they must be maintained in proper balance. In a sense they appear to work against each other. How can one get involved in the needs of the world without threatening to contaminate himself in the process? Because of this inherent danger some have sought to withdraw from social involvement in the interest of keeping themselves pure. Others have sacrificed the emphasis on personal purity and piety by total involvement in the machinery of social change. The answer to this problem is not to be found in a choice between the two poles ("either-or") but in a delicate balance between them ("both-and") with all of the risks that this involves. One of the most promising strategies for this balance can be seen in the Christian's rhythm between worship and service (or work).

3. **Discriminating partiality** (2:1-13). James addressed himself to a human tendency to discriminate either for or against people upon the basis of certain external and superficial conditions. Presumably this tendency was manifesting itself in the life of the early church especially with regard to the rich and the poor. The rich were often offered seats of honor, whereas the poor were seated in obscure places. It is

one of the ironies of our modern church life that people, because of superficial distinctions, are sometimes still not only relegated to inferior seating but barred from the sanctuary altogether. Such show of partiality among those who claim to be children of God, who is no respecter of persons, is an exercise both in hearing without doing and in self-deception. The situation for James' readers is especially ironic in the light of the fact that most often it was the rich who mistreated Christians and it was poor whom God had chosen.

Having referred to the perfect law of liberty he now cites the "royal law" (v. 8, RSV), the law of neighbor-love.

## The Deadness of Faith (2:14-20)

Faith comes by hearing (Romans 10:17). However, the faith that comes by hearing without doing is not saving faith for "faith without works is dead" (v. 20). James' teaching at this point, with its practical and active bent, provides a helpful supplement to Paul's emphasis upon salvation by grace through faith apart from works (e.g., Ephesians 2:8-9).

Some would even contend that James is in conflict with Paul at this point. Remembering two things should help us in reconciling the two teachings. First, it is two different kinds of situations that Paul and James are addressing themselves. The emphasis in Paul's proclamation of the gospel had been dictated by his battle with the Judaizers who wanted to supplement God's grace with a requirement of obedience to the ceremonial law. In response to the Judaizers, there must be an uncompromising affirmation of grace through faith. James is presumably in confrontation with an opposing tendency called anti-nomianism which belittles the importance of moral righteousness since everything depends upon grace.

Secondly, Paul and James appear to be using the word "faith" in different ways. The fallacy of assuming that because the same word is being used then the same reality is being referred to is frequently committed among us. For Paul, faith is a much broader concept that includes the works (or, as he prefers to call them, the fruit) that always follow as a result of saving faith. James uses faith in a narrower sense of mental assent to the truth of a proposition (cf. the devil's faith in v. 19) and so feels it necessary to mention works separately. It may be illustrated by two uses of the word "tree". One person using it in its broad sense (Paul) may include in his image of a tree, the trunk, the foliage, the root system, and the fruit. Another person's image, while using the same word in its narrower sense (James), may include only the trunk and foliage. The second person may thus feel obliged to refer to the fruit by mentioning it separately. This is what James is doing with works.

# Our People and Our Churches . . .

## LEADERSHIP . . .

Tulip Grove Church, Old Hickory, called **Don S. Burnett** as associate pastor in charge of music and youth. **Burnett** is placement consultant in Personnel, Baptist Sunday School Board. A native of Oklahoma, he is a graduate of Belmont College and attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He served as pastor in Tennessee for nine years before coming to the Board, and has also served as director of music and youth.

Good Hope Church, Big Spring, called **John Henry** as pastor.

**John King** retired as pastor of Fulton Church, Big Hatchie Association.

**Thomas R. LeQuire** resigned as pastor of Friendly Hill Church, Chilhowee Association. The church called **Herman Byrd**, and he is already on the field.

**Jerry Davis** completed his pastorate at Southside Church in Humboldt. He has moved to First Church, Forsyth, Mont.

**Charles Dennis** resigned as pastor of Bradford First Church. He is on the field at Loudon First Church.

**Jerry Powell**, pastor at White Hall Church, Trenton, resigned to accept the pastorate of Prospect Church, Hollow Rock.

**William Cantrell** resigned as pastor of Banner Church, Gatlinburg.

**Edward Parton** resigned as pastor at Conner Heights Church, Pigeon Forge. The church called **Lewis Miller** as pastor.

**Larry Loveday** resigned as pastor of Covemont Church, Sevierville.

**Milburn White** resigned as pastor at Laurel Grove Church, Sevierville. The church called **Jerry Tarwater** as pastor. He was ordained recently by Second Church, Sevierville.

Roaring Fork Church, Gatlinburg, called **Clyde Martin** as pastor. A native of North Carolina, he has served churches in Tennessee and Georgia.

**Ted Carver** resigned as pastor at Shady Grove Church, Sevierville.

Pope Avenue Church, Athens, called **Milford Fulbright** as pastor.

**Steve Burton** is serving as summer youth worker at Crieviewood Church in Nashville. He is working with children, as well as youth.

**Basil V. Franklin**, associate pastor at Spring Creek Road Church, Chattanooga,

## PEOPLE . . .

**Frances Hill** was honored on the occasion of her 25th anniversary as secretary of Lewisburg First Church. She was presented a plaque from the membership by chairman of deacons **Edgar Stegall**. Following the worship service, a reception was held in her honor. The pastor, **Joe McGehee** presented **Hill** with a special bulletin written by pastors **Leonard Sanderson, Carl Allen, Grant Jones, L. M. Huff, R. N. Sanders,** and **McGehee**. She was also presented with a watch, a monetary gift, and a folio of letters.

**Clyde Hall**, Church Training Dept., Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, was elected secretary-treasurer of the Eastern Baptist Religious Education Association at its 31st annual meeting held at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center. Representatives from Southern Baptist churches in 13 states participated. The association is comprised of workers in the field of religious education.

**Grover Porter** has accepted a position on the faculty of the School of Business at Belmont College as professor of accounting and coordinator of the accounting program. **Porter** comes to Belmont from the University of Mississippi where he served as professor of accounting and chairman of the Department of Accounting.

resigned to accept the call to serve as pastor of Burning Bush Church in Ringgold, Ga. The resignation is effective, Sept. 5.

**David Hale**, minister of music at Clinton First Church, resigned to accept a teaching and administrative position at Clear Creek Baptist School in Pineville, Ky. **Hale** will become chairman of the music department at the institution. His wife, **Becky**, was also hired to be on the faculty.

**Orville McMahan** is the new pastor at Dixie Hills Church, Hardeman County Association.

West Shiloh Church, Shiloh Association, called **Jim Carnes** as minister of music and youth. He is from Eldorado, Ark. and is a student at Union University. He is already on the field.

**Howard Robbins**, pastor of Batley Church, Clinton, resigned.

**Jerry Holbrook** accepted the call to serve as pastor of Wolf Valley Church, Clinton.

**Harvey Evans** resigned as pastor of Johnson's Grove Church, Beulah Association.

In Weakley County, Liberty Church

## REVIVALS . . .

**Harold Gregory** served as evangelist for revival services at New Hope Church, Judson Association. **Leon Tidwell** led the music. There were six professions of faith, five for baptism, two additions by letter, and several rededications. **John Tidwell** is pastor.

Olive Hill Church, Shiloh Association, held revival services resulting in 11 professions of faith, one addition by statement, and 31 rededications. **Dick Boyd**, Fairview Church, Paris, was the evangelist. **John Lowe** is pastor.

Saulsbury Church, Hardeman County Association, was in revival with **John Humphrey** as evangelist and **Paul Griz** as minister of music. There were five additions by baptism, four other professions of faith, 35 rededications. **Leon Crider** is pastor.

Friendship Church, Culleoka, was led in revival by a lay team from Highland Park Church, Columbia. There were 10 professions of faith. **C. L. McClellan** is pastor.

There were 15 professions of faith and several additions by letter during revival services at Washington Pike Church, Knoxville. **David Walker** was the evangelist, and **Hugh Livingston Jr.**, the church's minister of music, led the music. **Robert Sharp** is pastor.

Short Creek Church, McMinn Association, reported six professions of faith, one coming for baptism, and over 20 rededications during its lay revival. **Jimmy Baker** led in the services. **Glenn Crabtree** is pastor.

Zion Hill Church, McMinn Association, had two professions of faith during its recent lay revival. **Cecil McDonald** is pastor.

In Chilhowee Association, **Obie Campbell** led revival services for Miller's Cove Church. There were two additions by letter. **Kenneth Sullivan** is pastor.

called **Wilkey Jones** as pastor. He comes from Decaturville.

Mack's Grove Church, Dresden, called **George Smith** as interim pastor.

**Charles Wainscott** resigned as pastor of of Palmersville Church in Palmersville.

**Houston Baggett** resigned as pastor of Lighthouse Church, Soddy. **Ray Connors** is serving as interim pastor.

**Frank Bowman** was called as pastor of Oak Grove Church, Hamilton County Association. He is already on the field, coming from Main Street Church, Doglestown, Penn.

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# Veteran Pastor And Evangelist Oscar Davis Honored



**VIEWS 1928 BIBLE LESSONS.** Oscar Davis, right, retired Cookeville, Tenn., minister and Ralph Duncan view test papers Davis used at the Clear Creek Baptist School in 1928—two years before Duncan was born. The retired pastor-missionary reports that he still often quotes remarks made by his professors at the Pineville, Ky., theological school for adults. Duncan, director of development at the Baptist school is a former pastor of the Stephens Street Baptist Church, Cookeville.

**PINEVILLE, Ky.**—A Cookeville, Tenn., retired minister who in 1928 enrolled at the Clear Creek Baptist School, here, has been named, "Alumnus of the Month" by the theological school.

Oscar Davis, veteran pastor, evangelist and missionary, whose ministerial career spans 50 years, began preparation for the Baptist ministry in summer sessions at Clear Creek when the school was only two years old. He reports that during 1928-1933, numerous Kentucky mountain preachers, whose ages ranged from 20 to 70, were students at the infant "seminary in the mountains." Tuition, room and board cost only \$30 a student per term, and the full amount was donated by churches and individuals for the students.

While attending summer sessions at Clear

Creek, Davis was a full time pastor of churches at Williamsburg, Highsplint and Cumberland, Ky. During that time he baptized 420 new converts and one summer afternoon he baptized 62 people in the Cumberland River in Harlan County. Fifteen men from his congregations became Baptist ministers.

## Preached On Faith

Davis said, "When I became pastor of the church at Cumberland it was on a faith proposition. The depression was on in all its fury. Only a few dollars reached the church collection plate each week. I was told by the deacons of the church that they could not promise the pastor a salary but they would provide him a place to live and something for him and his family to eat."

"I remember saying to them, 'I have wished for something that would challenge all the faith I have, and I believe this is it.'"

"They moved me to the church community a few days later. And the church did give me some remuneration! I recall that one week the church paid me \$7.50. The congregation soon prospered and in about two years those folks helped me get a new Plymouth sedan by furnishing three-fourths of its purchase price. That church, and other churches I have served, loved me and provided for me and my family. How they did it, especially in those lean depression years, is a mystery that only the Lord can explain," Davis reports.

## Came To Tennessee

While serving the Mt. Harmony Baptist Church, Athens, Tenn., in 1958, Davis received the Mountain Minister of the Year Award from the Kentucky school.

The venerable minister retired as superintendent of missions of the Stone Baptist Association, Cookeville, Tenn., in 1967. During his tenure with the Stone association he led in the organization of the Washington Avenue, Eastwood, and Bangham Heights Baptist Churches, at Cookeville, which he regards as highlights of his ministry in Tennessee.

Now retired, but regularly filling pulpits as a guest minister, Davis finds time for his highly productive hobby, raising a prize vegetable garden. He and Mrs. Davis reside on Fisk Road, Cookeville.

## Staff Added At Carson-Newman College

Four professors and two admissions counselors are joining the faculty of Carson-Newman College this fall, according to academic dean Roy A. Dobyns.

Teaching in the chemistry department will be assistant professor P. Douglas Armstrong. Joe C. Ray has been named band director and assistant professor of music. James E. Youngblood will be instructor of physical education and assistant football coach; and Kenneth W. Younger will join the psychology department as assistant professor. Melanie Evans and David Farmer were named as admissions counselors. Both Evans and Farmer are 1976 graduates of C-N.

## New Orleans Seminary Names Three To Faculty

Jerry Breazeale, Fred Moseley, and Leroy Yarbrough were elected to the faculty of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary by special action of the Board of Trustees.

Breazeale, former pastor of First Church, Bogalusa, La., will be the first faculty member in the newly reorganized School of Christian Training. The school will provide certification for ministers who have not completed college level degree programs.

Moseley, assistant executive director-treasurer of the Home Mission Board, was named as visiting professor and acting director of the School of Christian Training.

Yarbrough, executive editor of Crescendo Music Inc., Dallas, will become assistant professor of choral conducting.

## Search Committee Named To Seek C-N President

**JEFFERSON CITY**—William J. Purdue, chairman of the Carson-Newman College Board of Trustees, has named a search committee to select a successor for C-N President John A. Fincher, who will retire Aug. 31, 1977.

Chairing the committee will be Jack H. McEwen, pastor from Chattanooga.

Also serving on the search committee are Jodie H. Brown, businesswoman, Erwin; R. Clyde Fox, businessman, Oliver Springs; Joe R. Haynes, attorney, Knoxville; Robert D. McCray, pastor, Dandridge; and Harry D. McNeeley, business executive, Kingsport.

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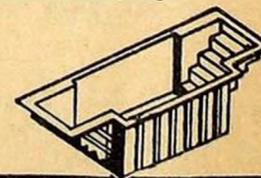
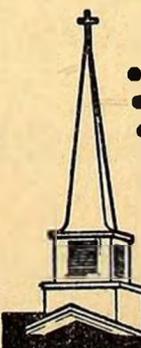
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# Paschall Reports On Baptist State Papers

## Southern Baptist Convention At Norfolk, Virginia - 1976

Your Committee on Baptist State Papers which reported to the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami Beach, Florida last year, was "continued for another year to work with editors in strengthening the ministry and increasing the appeal and impact of

Baptist State Papers." During this year, the Committee has explored the possibilities of a readership survey. It seems that the findings of this survey would be very helpful in reaching the goals which we have set for our papers.

Southern Baptists are deeply concerned with the Gospel—God's good news in Jesus Christ. Baptist State Papers are committed to news—news which has its meaning in the Gospel. This news is reported and interpreted in terms of churches, persons, ideas, and events.

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Your Committee therefore recommends:

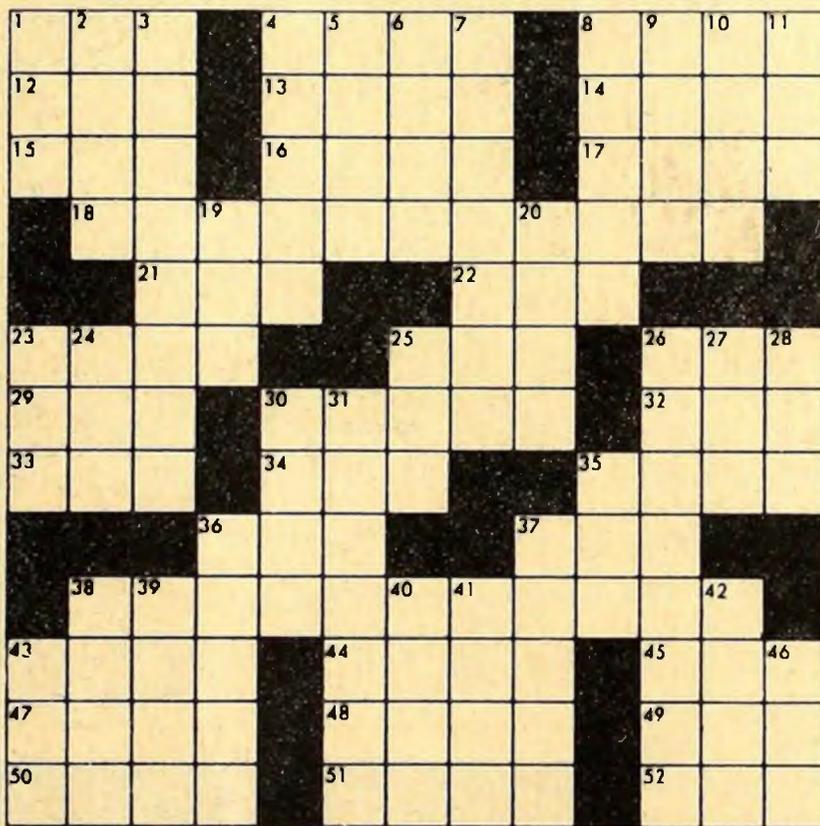
- (1) that we reaffirm our minimum circulation goal of 2,000,000 by 1980;
- (2) that we rejoice in last year's increase of circulation by 12,391 and look forward to a greater increase this year;
- (3) that we encourage Southern Baptists at the Association, State, and convention-wide levels to give active and vigorous support of all good efforts to increase circulation;
- (4) that we encourage Baptist Churches to include Baptist State Papers in their budgets and, when feasible, to make the weekly church bulletin a part of the Baptist State Paper;
- (5) that this Committee be continued in order to complete work on the readership survey with a view of "strengthening the ministry and increasing the appeal and impact of our papers."

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## Bible Puzzle Page

Answers On Page 13



### ACROSS

- 1 "make bare the —" (Isa. 47)
- 4 "lay — upon the hope" (Heb. 6)
- 8 Adventurous
- 12 Oklahoma town
- 13 Miss Adams
- 14 Feminine name
- 15 Division: abbr.
- 16 Commandment (Prov. 6:23)
- 17 Eyre
- 18 "for the — — — is holy" (1 Cor. 3)
- 21 True air speed: abbr.
- 22 We should not serve it (Rom. 6:6)
- 23 When they went out (1 Ki. 20:16)
- 25 Address for a knight
- 26 God sent his forth (Gal. 4:4)

- 29 European salamander
- 30 Crucial
- 32 Flightless bird
- 33 "— that is in the land" (Isa. 7)
- 34 Lip
- 35 Garden of God (Ezek. 28:13)
- 36 Unit for measurement of pain
- 37 Greek letter
- 38 "These all — — —" (Heb. 11)
- 43 Fashion
- 44 Car part: by shortening
- 45 Frigate bird: var.
- 47 Naomi's grandson (Ruth 4:17)
- 48 Italian: comb. form
- 49 Make a choice
- 50 Nickname for Elizabeth

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- 51 First-rate
- 52 Born

### DOWN

- 1 "The — cannot leave" (Gen. 44)
- 2 Eliminate
- 3 "they — — — and Barnabas" (Gal. 2)
- 4 God made some (1 Cor. 12:28)
- 5 Ancient Teutonic holding
- 6 Caustic solid
- 7 A natural accumulation
- 8 He must (1 Cor. 15:25)
- 9 Choir member
- 10 Winter vehicle
- 11 Shelter: abbr.
- 19 The great one is humble (Isa. 2:9)
- 20 Came down from heaven (2 Ki. 1:14)
- 23 Where Jesse came (1 Sam. 22:9)
- 24 Spanish cheer
- 25 Aggregate
- 26 Barrabas' crime (Luke 23:19)
- 27 Noun suffix denoting mass
- 28 Member of a religious order
- 30 Father of the Aro-dites (Num. 26:17)
- 31 Paul's country (Acts 21:39)
- 35 Son of Benjamin (Gen. 46:21)
- 36 "due reward of our —" (Luke 23)
- 37 Wire rope
- 38 Adobe
- 39 March date
- 40 Treaty organization: abbr.
- 41 Frances: by shortening
- 42 Christ is ours (1 Tim. 1:1)
- 43 Gang
- 46 Blind impulse

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## Baptist Missionaries Leave Uganda Safely

LIMURU, Kenya—Two Southern Baptist missionary couples who temporarily evacuated Uganda in mid-July have said they will stay in Kenya indefinitely. All Southern Baptist missionaries are now out of Uganda.

Mr. and Mrs. James L. Rice and Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. Garvin left Uganda due to the increased tension in the political situation. They hope to return to Uganda as soon as it is advisable.

A third missionary family assigned to Uganda was not in the country at the time of the evacuation. The G. Webster Carrolls were returning to Uganda from furlough but stopped in Kenya to join the Rices and Garvins.

With the Garvins were their two youngest children. Three older children were already in Kenya attending school and another is in the United States. The Garvins are Texans. He is from Jones County, and she, from Callahan County. The Rices are from Christiansburg, Va. Carroll is from Bluefield, W. Va., and his wife is from Lakeland, Fla. They have two children.

In Uganda the Garvins were engaged in evangelism, working in a Baptist Bible School. Rice was business manager and treasurer of the organization of Southern Baptist missionaries. Carroll has served as a missionary advisor working with evangelism and membership training in local churches. (BP)

### BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR Brings You News First



Groundbreaking ceremonies were held recently at Franklin First Church. Pictured above, left to right, are John McGraw, chairman of the building committee; Mrs. Ivy Holt; Ollie Billings; Miss Ruth Corn, who gave a portion of the property to the church; Ed Moody; pastor Virgil Peters; Mrs. Clara Dotson; and E. B. Sellers. Turning the first shovel of dirt for the structure was Jerry Clower, Southern Baptist entertainer. The new building, which will be constructed at the west end of the church structure, will cost approximately \$235,000. It will seat 665.

# Choral Work Honors Arthur B. Rutledge

GLORIETA, N.M.—Arthur B. Rutledge, executive director-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board (HMB), was honored here with the premiere performance of a musical presentation written as a tribute to him.

"Go Then and Be a Witness," a 30-minute choral work was created by lyricist Ed Seabough of Atlanta and composer Buryl Red of New York, N.Y., from scriptures selected by Rutledge. He will retire Dec. 31, after 11 years as the board's chief executive and will be succeeded by William G. Tanner, president of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee.

The 93-voice sanctuary choir of the First Church, Oklahoma City, directed by Jim VanHemert, received a standing ovation from more than 1600 persons at the opening session of Home Missions Week at Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist Conference Center.

Seabough explained the tribute to Rutledge: "We wanted something that would live on after Dr. Rutledge retires, just as we feel his ministry will live on. Through the scriptures he has chosen we sensed the very heartbeat of a man concerned for persons who need the gospel of Christ and the ministry of love."

The musical's eight songs are tied together with narrations that directly quote scripture. Seabough said he and Red sought to depart from the upbeat music they have created in the past to a more serious, complicated choral work. It weaves text

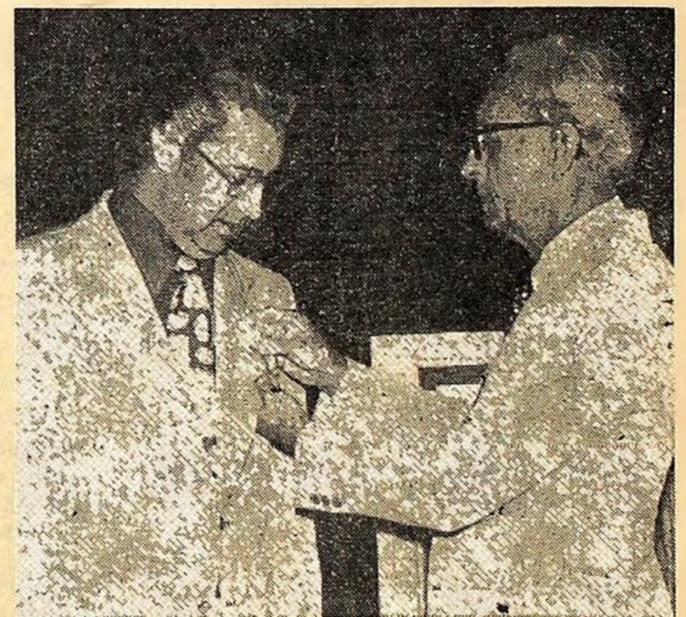
and music to create a missions message, likened by several listeners to Rutledge's character in its depth and missions concern.

"This is a choral work which creates its own urgency for fulfilling the missions task," James Sapp, director of the HMB's communications division, told the audience.

Dr. and Mrs. Rutledge were presented to the audience at the musical's close, and he indicated his pleasure. "The choral work makes a strong presentation of missions, and I fully believe many of these songs will live for years." The musical will be published in January by BR Productions Co., New York City.

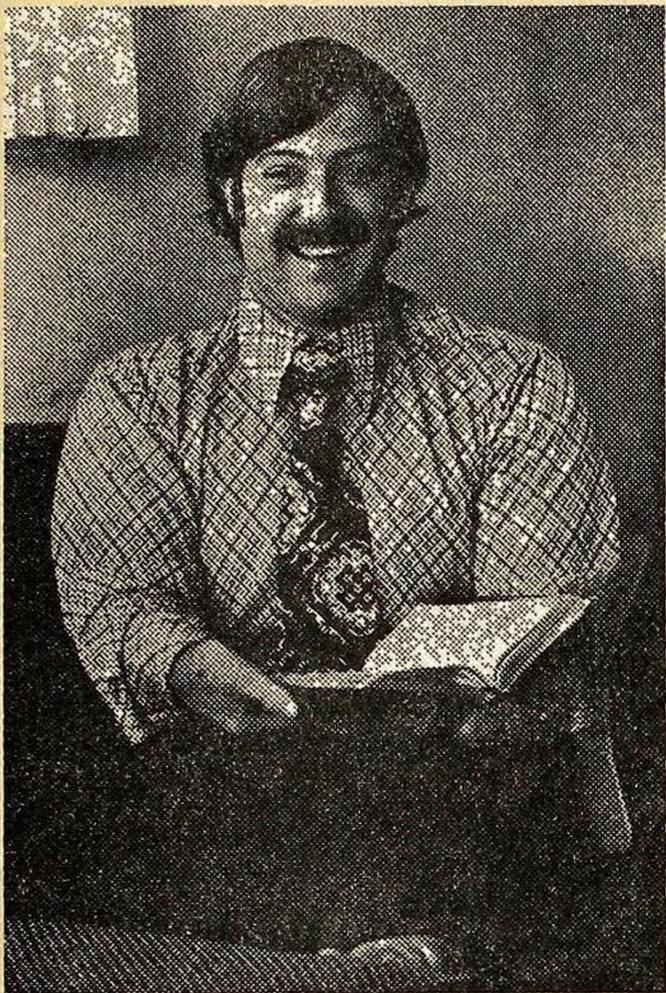
Red and Seabough have had longtime associations with Baptist home missions. Seabough, the HMB's director of personnel recruitment services, wrote the lyrics for two previous missions musical—"Joy" and "Fabric of Freedom."

Red, head of BR Productions, was formerly director of music at Manhattan Baptist Church and choral director of the television program, "Spring Street, USA," produced by the HMB's evangelism section in cooperation with the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission. Red also directs The Centurymen, 100 Southern Baptist ministers of music widely known as a concert and recording group. (BP)



James Dorris, chairman of deacons at McMinnville First Church, pins a "Great Day" button on pastor Harold White. The special day was observed when members of McMinnville First Church held first services in the new sanctuary. Special speakers during the week of dedication services included Herbert Gabhart, Belmont College president; H. Franklin Paschall, pastor, Nashville First Church; Bill Sherman, pastor, Nashville Woodmont Church; and Ralph Norton, executive secretary-treasurer, Tennessee Baptist Convention.

# God Gave 'Birth Blessings,' Says Handicapped Student



(BP) Photo

**"HANDICAPPED? NOT ME."**—Jerry Powell, a victim of birth defects, drives a van, and likes to paint and hike. California Baptist College junior says God gave him "birth blessings."

**RIVERSIDE, Calif.**—Jerry Powell has stumps for legs, partial arms and only four fingers.

A victim of severe birth defects, the California Baptist College (CBC) junior insists he wasn't "just born this way." Rather, God has given him "birth blessings" not defects,

says the 26-year-old religion major from Vallejo, Calif.

"There's no reason to feel sorry for me," Powell advises. "If the barrier of fear, pity and misunderstanding is broken, then everything works out fine. I've found that showing people I can do whatever I want breaks this barrier."

Powell says he became a Christian about four years ago and had already made many adjustments prior to receiving Christ into his life. Still, Christ has made a difference, the CBC student says. "As I got into God's word, fellowshiped with other brothers and sisters in Christ, and got involved in anything and everything I could do for the church, I started to grow as a person and Christian.

"God has blessed me with such a strong, stubborn will, that if I come across something I can't do at that time, I say I'm going to do it," Powell admits.

That has been the Monroe, La., native's philosophy, he says, since childhood. He was the fourth of six children—five "normal." And his parents, Ellis and Nelma Powell, never allowed Jerry to be treated differently. He climbed trees, and still enjoys hiking and other sports. As a child he was a neighborhood bully—"to prove myself," he reflects.

Nelma Powell won a five-year, hard-fought battle to get her son into regular classes with non-handicapped children. He attended a school for the handicapped through fourth grade but was finally allowed

into a normal school on a trial basis and has attended regular classes ever since. Powell was graduated from Napa (Calif.) College with an associate of arts degree before entering CBC.

At CBC he has joined a convalescent ministry in which he sings, preaches and witnesses. He creates colorful chapel posters that portray the day's program at CBC, as he enjoys painting and sculpturing. He once considered art as a profession. Powell has also served as a summer missionary, working in camps and Vacation Bible School, keeping a pace that would tire many non-handicapped persons, friends note.

He has a wheelchair, which he uses only when he has to and "often as a ladder." If everyone was four feet tall, "I'd just throw the wheelchair away," he quips. He feels the same about artificial legs. "They're a hindrance." Putting them on is like "trying to prove I'm like everyone else," he says.

He scoots around on the stumps of his arms and legs and is able to drive specially equipped vehicles, like his van.

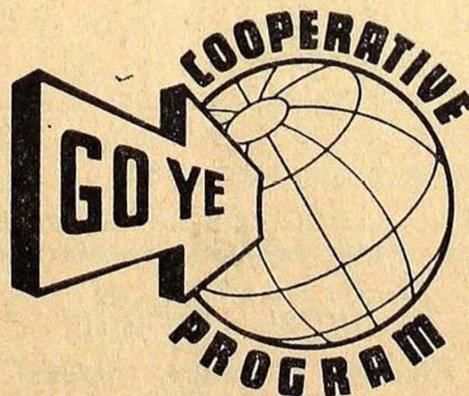
"I believe everyone has a purpose in life and that we can all be used in some way. Possibly through work with handicapped people, I can help prove this to them," Powell says.

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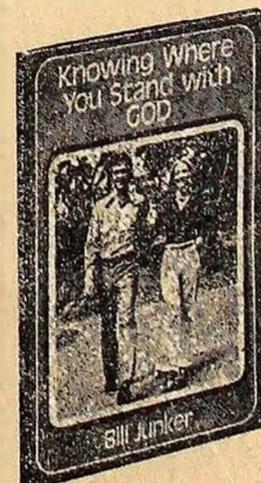
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Basic Passages: Judges 2; 1 Kings 11  
Focal Passages: Judges 2:7, 10-16; I Kings 11:1-4

Israel had a very checkered career. However, it appears worse than it actually was. They appear to have had one decline after another in rapid succession. In reality, they had a number of good and great eras, but so much history is recorded in such a short space that it appears worse than it was. However, the eras of disobedience and apostasy are too frequent and very disappointing.

One of the great eras was during the time Joshua and immediately following—during the leadership of contemporary elders who followed him.

If we were to condense any country's history into such a compact record, it would be very similar in appearance. Human nature is pretty much the same in all countries. Some do better when there is a high standard. However, due to the higher standards, we judge them more severely.

## JOSHUA'S SUPERB LEADERSHIP — Judges 2:7, 10

It is amazing what an influence strong leadership has—whether good or bad.

Joshua was not only a good man, but he was very courageous and judicious. He did not have an easy time but his overall success for good was great.

The momentum of his career continued, aided by the elders whom he had trained.

In time a completely new generation came on the scene and reversed the good trend. They knew not God. They either forgot or discounted a glorious past. They yielded to a prone to wander and the impact of heathen neighbors.

## THE SITUATION GREW FROM BAD TO WORSE—Judges 2:11-16

The people of Israel not only turned from the living God who had delivered their fathers and had brought them so victoriously out of Egypt but turned to false gods who had done nothing for their ancestors or them.

The word "evil" is used in two senses here. When applied to Israel's conduct it means "sinful" or "wicked;" when it refers to God's causing "evil" to Israel it means "defeat" or "disaster."

Israel sinned woefully against God. It began to reoccur in a series of cycles—not only in the times of the judges but in the era of the kings. It came to be too much of a habit.

The Lord's wrath was aroused. He made them fall before their enemies. He had to chastise them drastically.

## Camp Staffers Complete Work At Carson, Linden

The Business Office, Tennessee Baptist Convention, released the names of those who have served on the staffs of Camp Linden and Camp Carson this summer.

Those who have worked all summer at Camp Linden include: Jeffrey M. Carter and Robbie T. Robison, both from Nashville; Bobby Hollars, Ronnie Jackson, and Rosemary Brim, from Franklin; Lena Hensley, Lorene S. Nix, and Glenda Richardson, from Linden; Rosemary Hunter, Springfield; Gerald Hyatt and John F. Miller, both from Clarksville; Robert M. Peacock from Jackson; Thomas R. Steiner, Waynesboro; and Anita L. Waits, Memphis.

Members of the staff who worked part of the summer were: John L. Hall, Jim Maxwell, Randy Thomas, and Richard Hurlley, all from Nashville; Lerry Adkins, Linden; Don A. DeVore, Waynesboro; Nelda S. Frazier, Lawrenceburg; David Willis, Franklin; Mark Cooper, Brentwood; Lorri Faudi, Murfreesboro; Richard Pearson, Clarksville; James Woods, Memphis; Kenneth Casey, Chattanooga; James W. Swatzell, Afton.

Staff members who worked all summer at Camp Carson were: Phil C. Cantrell, Keith M. Deere, and Cecelia W. Temple, Nashville; Ricky D. Cooper, Johnny R. Jackson, Geoffrey P. Jones, and Rodney C. Waller, Franklin; Hulda M. Gray, Mayme F. Holt, Echo F. McMahan, Marilyn White, and Lola Wood, all from Newport; Jennifer Laster, Whitesburg; Mollie Phillips, Jackson; Joe Powell, Monterey; Mark B. Scott, Brentwood; and Anthony E. Hopkins, England.

Larry Jones, Newport; and Johnny Franklin, Kingsport, were on the staff part-time.

They seem to think that they were sacrosanct and were immune or that false gods would actually protect them.

## SOLOMON SETS BAD EXAMPLE— I Kings 11:1-4

Solomon began marrying strange women right and left. They had their false gods and spurious beliefs. All of this corrupted Israel very much.

The Lord had warned that intermarriage would result in God's people turning their hearts away from the Lord.

Solomon had seven hundred wives, princesses and three hundred concubines. He kept them in spite of Jehovah's solemn warning. Not even Solomon could withstand their influence. He was turned away from the Lord in his old days.

Even though he had an era of magnificent success, he missed the chance of having the high place in Israel's history and affection which David had made for himself. In spite of one great colossal blunder, David repented sorely and filled a unique place in God's plan of the ages.

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# Family Living

By Dr. B. David Edens,  
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## Unrealistic Expectations Of Marriage

In *A Guide to Successful Marriage*, Drs. Albert Ellis and Robert Harper, both outspoken marriage counselors, write: "Most couples who enter marriage today expect two main things from their relationship: regular sex satisfaction and the enjoyments of secure and intimate companionship and love. They normally get neither.

Why are couples not getting what they want from marriage? A major reason is their unrealistic expectations. Speaking of the two main things people want, the authors comment: "These two goals are not only intimately related to each other but to the general personality patterns and life expectations of the married partners."

They add that "People go into marriage (or premarital affairs) with a basic set of assumptions, beliefs, attitudes, or philosophies of living. If their basic assumptions are objective, open-minded, and rational, their behavior, both in and out of marriage, will likewise tend to be reasonable and undisturbed. If, as is alas! usually the case in our society, either (or both) marriage partners' basic beliefs are prejudiced, unrealistic, and illogical, his and her marital behavior will also tend to be unreasonable and disturbed."

The situation tends to become highly charged in the close interpersonal relationship of marriage because in their continuous interaction the erratic or negative behavior of one partner triggers similar behavior on the part of the other. Soon a vicious circle develops, making it most difficult to break out of the pattern.

Most people in our culture, then, enter engagement and marriage with their full share of irrational ideas and neurotic behavior. They are relatively blind to both their own and their mate's disturbances. When they finally see these neurotic manifestations, they stubbornly refuse to accept them. Instead, they blame the other for being trouble and pity themselves for having to live with such a troubled person. They thus help intensify both their own and their partner's original neuroses; and the net result is a marriage that is a veritable hotbed of emotional upsets.

# HISTORICALLY

## FROM THE FILES

### 50 YEARS AGO

Under the editorial column, John D. Freeman stated, "Anything short of complete renunciation of sin and a complete surrender to God will never bring about harmony between our Lord and a sinner."

A feature was written on the ministry of M. H. Wattlington of Fountain City. At 80 years of age, he had been in the ministry 56 years and still preaching. He had been a subscriber to the Baptist state paper since it was the "Tennessee Baptist", edited by J. R. Graves.

### 25 YEARS AGO

Trustees of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary elected Duke K. McCall of Nashville as president of the seminary. He succeeded Ellis A. Fuller who had died the previous year.

J. C. Parrish was the new pastor at Carthage First Church.

### 10 YEARS AGO

Sara Hay, Rockvale; Elaine Keller, Maryville; Carol Ann Martin, Humboldt; and Gwyn Vaughn, Shelbyville were awarded endowed scholarships from the Golden State Missions offering. The scholarships were named for Mary Northington, former executive secretary of the Tennessee WMU.

Morris Lee was the new pastor at Fairfield Church, Centerville.

# From the Executive Secretary

By Ralph Norton

Allow me this opportunity to point out some unusual expenses incurred by pastors which do not affect the average church member.



Norton

One is that of the pastor's travel. Most pastors travel between 20,000 to 30,000 miles each year in their ministerial work. It is not fair for car expense to be counted as salary since this amount is not used for a pastor or his family. IRS allows 15¢ per mile up to 15,000 miles and 10¢ per mile thereafter for a minister's travel. This might be a good guideline to follow when considering the amount of car allowance to provide for a pastor.

Another unusual expense is the self-employment tax for social security. A pastor must pay all of this tax, whereas the layman only pays the employee's part. This tax alone can cost up to \$1000 each year.

A pastor encounters the rising costs of medical care as does the average layman, but often without the benefit of a sound insurance program. Churches who are not now providing adequate health insurance should look into this situation and resolve to correct it.

A disturbing situation in our state is the matter of participation in the Southern Baptist Convention annuity program. Our churches usually participate in Plan "A" which requires payments of \$33.34 per month from the church and \$16.67 per month from the state convention. However, the Board suggests that the churches contribute 10% of the total support of the pastor (salary and housing), and all above \$33.34 per month would go into Plan "B" and help to build a more adequate retirement. Many of our churches are making progress in upgrading the retirement program, but others have not begun to give this matter the attention it needs. Let me again urge our churches to include this in the budget for the coming year.

Of course the pastor has needs which other church members have. He, too, must pay for food, housing, clothes, education, etc., and fight the battle of inflation along with everyone else. My plea is that a pastor's needs be studied and every effort possible made to adequately supply these needs while he is on the field of service and also make provision for these needs during his retirement years.

HOUSEPARENTS NEEDED at Franklin Home, Tennessee Baptist Children's Home. If interested contact Bob Nelson or Cliff McClendon at 615-794-6648.

**Belmont Trustees To Attend Workshop Aug. 13-14**

Trustees of Belmont College in Nashville will attend a workshop on the campus, Aug. 13-14, according to college president Herbert Gabhart.

The trustees and their wives will spend the weekend at Wright Hall on the campus.

The workshop will begin Friday night with dinner in Belmont's atrium. Gordon Blackwell, president, Furman University, Greenville, S.C., will speak on "The Purpose of the Church-Related College." Other speakers for the workshop will include Jack C. Massey, president, Hospital Corp. of America; George E. Capps, director of denominational relations, Education Commission, SBC; Ben Fisher, executive director-treasurer, Education Commission, SBC; and Ralph Norton, executive secretary, Tennessee Baptist Convention. Trustee president Henry Horrell will discuss the



importance, needs, and problems of Christian education.

**Baptist Missionaries Stay As U. S. Evacuates Beirut**

BEIRUT—Southern Baptist missionaries stationed here were not among the 300 Americans and other foreigners evacuated from Lebanon by the U.S. Navy in late July.

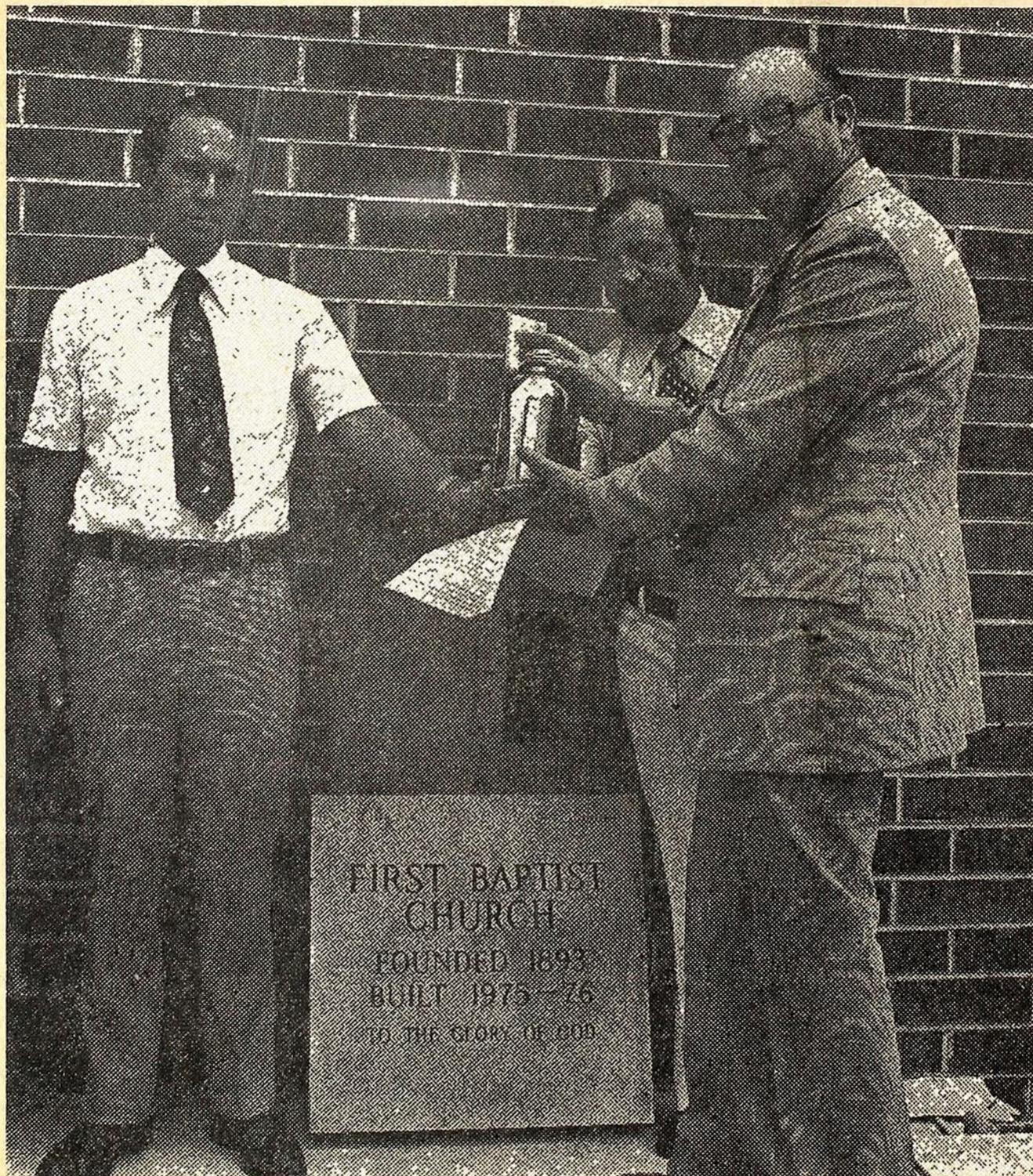
The James K. Raglands, Emma Cooke and Mabel Summers elected to stay in the city to continue Baptist work. The four missionaries remained unharmed, according to reports.

Finlay H. Graham, Southern Baptist missionary to Beirut currently on leave in Jordan, telephoned the Raglands July 29 and relayed the information to the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board headquarters in Richmond, Va.

The Beirut Baptist School, which is staffed by missionaries and national teachers, graduated 30 students during the week of the evacuation.

The only major damage to Baptist property reported in the heavy fighting in the city has been to the Arab Baptist Seminary and to the home of a missionary family who was not in the country at the time. (BP)

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Members of Whitwell First Church held special services recently in observance of the church's new building. The congregation assembled for the laying of the cornerstone. Shown placing the Bible and articles pertaining to the history of the church are, left to right, Jerry Ridge, building committee chairman; Donald Roberson, co-chairman; and pastor William Jackson.

**Belmont's High Basketball Scorer's Wife Dies**

Mrs. Joan Spinks Barnes, 41, was killed in a one car accident July 26 in Montgomery, Ala., when the car she was driving ran off a rain slick road and skidded into a tree. A daughter, JoEllen, who was the only other occupant in the Barnes' car, escaped without serious injury.

A native of Montgomery, Mrs. Barnes was the wife of Robert Barnes, an all-star player, who holds six of Belmont College's basketball records. He is manager of Goodyear Service Store in Montgomery.

Mrs. Barnes was secretary to the late L. G. Frey, secretary of the Missions Department, Tennessee Baptist Convention while her husband was a student at Belmont. He graduated in 1956.

Survivors in addition to her husband and daughter include two sons, Robert Jr., and Paul S. Barnes; another daughter, Julie, all who live at home, 409 Arrowhead Dr., Montgomery, AL 36109.

Services were held July 28 at Leak Memorial Chapel, Montgomery.

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