

# Baptist And Reflector

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## Groundbreaking Held For Baptist Retirement Village

The first Baptist retirement facility in Tennessee was officially launched with a groundbreaking ceremony in the Bellevue area of Davidson County on Tuesday, Oct. 5.

Leon Ruben, councilman from the 35th district, extended a welcome to a representative group of community and religious leaders.

William J. Gregg of Retirement Housing Services introduced Carroll Owen, president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, Ralph Norton, executive secretary-treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, representatives from the First Tennessee National Bank, Third National Bank, LeRoy Norton of First American National Bank, Ann Eden, director of consumer affairs for the state of Tennessee, and John Steen, editor of "Mature Living".

Gene Kerr, executive director of the Tennessee Baptist Service Corp., which will sponsor and manage the retirement village on behalf of Tennessee Baptists, presented J. Ralph McIntyre, chairman of the Tennessee Baptist Service Corp., board of directors, who spoke briefly.

Harry M. Rowland, also of Retirement Housing Services, led in a dedication service.

The Deer Lake Retirement Village will be constructed on a 19 acre plot and will consist of 150 duplex and triplex units which will be sold to prospective residents at a cost of \$20,000 to \$31,000 per unit.

The Deer Lake facility will be a planned Christian community with adequate security measures and constructive community activities conducive to creative living.



(FMB photo by James E. Legg)

**FIVE THOUSANDTH VISITOR TO FOREIGN MISSION BOARD**—Eugene Whitlow, editor of the "Baptist New Mexican," is welcomed by Baker J. Cauthen, executive director of the Foreign Mission Board, as the 5000th person to visit the Foreign Mission Board this year. Whitlow was attending a meeting of state Baptist paper editors at the board. He was given special recognition during the weekly chapel service for board employees. The 5000 visitors this year are twice the normal number of annual visitors according to Richard M. Styles, the board's public relations consultant.



(“Nashville Banner” photo)

Gene Kerr, left, executive director of the Tennessee Baptist Service Corp., looks over plans for the new Deer Lake Retirement Village which will be constructed on a 19 acre plot in the Bellevue area of Davidson County. With Kerr are William J. Gregg, center, Retirement Housing Services, and J. Ralph McIntyre, chairman of the TBSC board of directors. Groundbreaking ceremonies were held Oct. 5 in Nashville.

## Messengers Vote West Main Church Into Association

Messengers to Salem Association, meeting in annual session, voted the West Main Church, Alexandria, into the membership of the association. F. M. Dowell, director, Evangelism Dept., TBC, serves as interim pastor of the church.

In other business, Terry Wilkerson, pastor, Dowelltown Church, was elected moderator to succeed Bobby Zumbro, pastor, Woodbury Church. Other officers elected included Bill Palmiter, pastor, Smithville First Church, vice moderator; Cecil Hayes, member, Wolf Creek Church, treasurer; and Jerry Spurlock, member, Indian Creek Church, clerk.

The 1977 meetings are scheduled to be held Sept. 20-21 at Covenant Chapel, Smithville, and Upper Helton Church, Alexandria, according to director of missions Cannie Leonard.



# Baptized For The Dead

By Herschel H. Hobbs

*"Or else what shall they do which are baptized for the dead, if the dead rise not at all?"—I Corinthians 15:29*

This verse has been variously interpreted—there are more than fifty suggested meanings. Perhaps the earliest reference to the sense of this verse was that of Tertullian who lived more than a century after Paul wrote these words. He refers to certain heretics who believed in baptismal regeneration, and who understood Paul to mean that they should be baptized in place of dead lost people that they might be saved. Today Mormons follow such a practice. A Mormon guide in Salt Lake City said he had been baptized over thirty-five times. However, this reads into Paul's words a practice which developed long after his day.

"They which are baptized" means the ones being baptized. As a present participle some read it as repeated baptism. But it may also read "the ones from time to time who are baptized" (See this idea in Acts 2:47. They were not saved repeatedly, but from time to time some were saved once-and-for-all.)

Others see "dead" as referring to dead works. But since the word for "dead" is masculine gender this cannot be true. It must refer to people. It could mean physi-

cally or spiritually dead (Matt. 28:4; John 5:25).

Another key word is "for" (*huper*). This preposition can mean over, for, on behalf of, as a substitute for. Some see this as being baptized over lost dead ones, but it is akin to the practice mentioned by Tertullian. A. T. Robertson refutes this by noting that *huper* is never used in the New Testament in the purely local sense, like "over" (A Grammar of the Greek New Testament, p. 632). He also notes that with the ablative case, as here, it may mean "concerning." He accepts this meaning here.

Now this brings us to the symbolic meaning of baptism (Rom. 6:3). Here "into" most likely means "with respect to." In baptism we symbolize what Christ did for our salvation (death, burial, resurrection) and what He does in the believer. He dies to his old life; it is buried; and he rises to a new life in Christ. This is symbolic, not sacramental.

It seems, therefore, that Paul means that if there be no resurrection the symbolism of baptism (immersion in water and emersion from water) is without meaning. Even baptism speaks of the fact of and the believer's faith in the resurrection. (See Herschel H. Hobbs, Messages on the Resurrection, out of print, pp. 50-54, for a fuller treatment of this.)



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## Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

An old mountaineer had been saved at a revival meeting and he was so enthusiastic that he was witnessing to all of his friends including one crusty old codger who was determined to remain outside the fold.

"Jed," pleaded the newborn Christian, "why don't you give yourself to the Lord? Don't it soften your heart to know the Lord loves you?"

Surprised, Jed replied: "You aim to tell me that the Lord loves me when he don't even know me?"

The friend thought for a second. "Jed," he said, "it's a whole lot easier for the Lord to love you without knowing you than it would be if he knowed you like I know you."

But the good news is our Lord knows us and loves us. And in so doing, God teaches us a wonderful lesson: There is only one thing you can do with some people—ornery and otherwise—and that is to love them.

## Christian Service

By Mrs. Roy Bunch

In reading the Bible and thinking of real Christian service, my mind turns back to younger years when my great-grandmother guided little fingers to embroidery and knit and to quilt. A "lady" should know how to do all these things for her family and her friends, and so we worked at it. Along with the lessons were the fascinating stories of coming across Illinois in a wagon, the first automobile she ever saw, and when they first "got electric lights".

She sewed and cooked for everyone, and thought nothing of "going down the road a piece" to help a neighbor deliver a child or help with sickness or sit up all night with the dead.

Her faith was as simple as a child's. If someone died, it was the will of the Lord. If things went well, it was the Lord's blessing. No matter what happened, good or bad, she thought of it as the Lord's way of turning you in His direction.

When she died peacefully at ninety-six, I would not say she was considered an "active" church member. That is, she did not teach a class or serve on a committee, but she followed "the will of the Lord", and served her fellowman as simply and completely as she knew how. So, I must say she was an "active" Christian. Sometimes I wonder why the two cannot always be the same. Perhaps we get so wrapped up in committees, in programs, and in projects that we lose sight of the purpose behind the whole thing—service and love for our fellowman.

Now don't misunderstand—I think we should serve on committees, teach a class, sing in the choir and all the other things we do within the church as long as we also do the things we should do outside the church. It makes me feel that instead of working so hard to "bring" the message, perhaps I should work a little harder to "be" the message. How about you?

*Mrs. Bunch is the wife of Roy D. Bunch, vocational rehabilitation counselor for the State of Tennessee, Board of Education. They are members of First Church in Smyrna.*

## BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR

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# 'Christ's Church Alive' Is Student Convention Theme

Highland Heights Church, Memphis, will host the 48th annual Baptist Student Union Convention, Oct. 29-31, according to Glenn Yarbrough, director, Student Department, Tennessee Baptist Convention. Wendell Harris, state BSU director from Middle



Maston

Tennessee State University, will preside at the convention sessions.

T. B. Maston, professor emeritus of Christian Ethics, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, will lead the Bible study at the opening of each session. He will also speak to the church in the worship service on Sunday morning.

Harry Hollis, director of Family and Special Moral Concerns, Christian Life Commission, Southern Baptist Convention, and Nathan Porter, pastor, First Church, Arkadelphia, Ark., will be the two featured speakers. Their messages will

ville, will present a dramatic feature at each session and share her testimony.

Don Madaris, Brentwood Church, Brentwood; John Hendrix, Baptist Sunday School Board; and Liberty, a musical group directed by Paul Lee, will lead in a "carousel" type presentation. Madaris will lead the music using arrangements of BSU choirs in the specials. A 19-member choral group from Mobile, Ala., will be in concert on Saturday night when the Memphis area will be invited to attend. Two handbell choirs will also perform.

## Bryan White Completes Five Service Awards

Bryan Thomas White, Dandridge, has completed five service aide awards in the areas of ministry, application, witness, and education in the Royal Ambassador program. The award required 750 hours of work and is a part of the RA program for boys ages 15-17.

White was the recipient of the "Service Aide National Award" from the Brotherhood Commission and \$1200 in scholarship money for any of the three Baptist colleges in Tennessee.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. White, Dandridge. He is a member of Piedmont Church, Dandridge, and a member of the James Gibson RA chapter. His counselor is Quinton Eslinger.

## Protection Plans

# New Church Medical Rates To Be Effective January 1

For the first time in two years, the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has announced a new rate adjustment for its church medical insurance plan.

Darold H. Morgan, Board president, said an across-the-board increase of 35 percent will go into effect Jan. 1, 1977.

The rate adjustment stems from climbing medical costs and an increased percentage of claims.

"Considering the inflationary economic experience we've seen in recent years," Morgan said, "we believe our premium rate history has been commendable. We regret the increase, but we still believe we have done well in view of the economy."

Last rate adjustment for the plan occurred in October, 1974.

Besides the new rate adjustment, the Board also plans to age-rate its medical coverage according to five-year segments as indicated below:

### PLAN 251

AGE	EMPLOYEE	EMPLOYEE + 1	EMPLOYEE + 2
Under 29	\$20.87	\$ 51.09	\$ 69.09
30-34	22.37	54.26	73.62
35-39	24.83	59.50	81.08
40-44	27.93	62.05	86.43
45-49	33.63	66.16	95.70
50-64	55.32	101.83	115.28

### PLAN 254

AGE	EMPLOYEE	EMPLOYEE + 1	EMPLOYEE + 2
Under 29	\$24.73	\$ 59.26	\$ 80.76
30-34	26.53	63.07	86.18
35-39	29.49	69.34	95.13
40-44	33.19	73.20	102.35
45-49	40.04	79.72	115.05
50-64	66.04	121.72	137.74

Since Jan. 1, 1973, the Annuity Board has administered the church medical plan through Aetna Life Insurance Company.

Approximately 7500 Southern Baptist ministers and salaried church employees in and outside the U.S. participate in the plan.

develop the theme of the convention, "Christ's Church Alive."

The Tennessee Student Mission report will be given on Sunday morning by Bill Henry, associate, Student Dept. Students who served as missionaries during the past summer will assist in the presentation.

Kay DeKalb, entertainer-musician, Nash-

## East Tennessee Pastors Meet This Week

The East Tennessee Baptist Pastors' Conference will be held Oct. 14 at Jefferson City First Church, beginning at 10 a.m.

Program speakers scheduled include Brooks Hays, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and Millard Berquist, president-emeritus, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and visiting professor, Chair of Southern Baptist Studies, Carson-Newman College.

The pastors will be guests of Carson-Newman for lunch.



## Report of Committee on Boards 1976-77

The Committee on Boards of the Tennessee Baptist Convention presents the following nominations for terms expiring 1979, and vacancies created by men who have left the state, resigned, passed away, or moved from one grand division to another.

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#### Term Expiring 1977

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### TENNESSEE BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES

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6. Bob Mowrey, Nashville
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9. Ronald Young, Memphis

#### Term Expiring 1978

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4. Mrs. Carmen Keathley, Memphis
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4. Howard Hooper, Nashville
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6. Frank C. Ingraham, Franklin
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9. Harold D. Smith, Cleveland

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3. Roy C. Flowers, Nashville
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5. Joseph McGehee, Lewisburg
6. Virgil Moore, Columbia
7. Josephine Pile, Nashville
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11. George West III, Brentwood

#### Term Expiring 1978

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3. Jim Henry, Nashville
4. Carlyle Jennings, Murfreesboro
5. Don B. McCoy, Dickson
6. Jack A. Oman, Brentwood
7. Reuben L. Trussell, Fayetteville
8. M. L. Barrett, Nashville
9. Roland Kimberlin, Bruceton
10. Lowell Smith, Cookeville
11. Herman Jacobs, Nashville

#### Term Expiring 1977

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4. Henry Horrell, Nashville
5. Ed Kennedy, Nashville
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9. Gordon Stoker, Nashville
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2. Gerald Bland, Wartburg
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4. Clayton Dekle, Knoxville
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8. James P. Crutchfield, New Tazewell
9. Vance Walker, Maryville
10. John Wallace, Morristown
11. Theron H. Hodges, Pigeon Forge

#### Term Expiring 1978

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3. Bill Bruster, Knoxville
4. J. C. Chapman, Kingsport
5. Floyd Delaney, Chattanooga
6. H. D. McNeeley, Kingsport
7. Chester Parker, Johnson City
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11. Ben Stokely, Newport

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6. David McConnell, Newport
7. Robert McCray, Dandridge
8. Carl Ownby, Sevierville
9. William Purdue, Kingsport
10. Melvin Harris, Nashville
11. Lonas Tarr, Jefferson City

### UNION UNIVERSITY

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6. Mack Forrester, Ridgely
7. Argyle Graves, Milan
8. Thomas N. Hale, Camden
9. Waymon G. Jones, Memphis
10. John McRee, Memphis
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12. Mrs. W. R. Roberts, Memphis
13. Don Stephenson, Jackson
14. Charles Sullivan, Memphis
15. James L. Thomas, Jackson
16. R. G. Jordan, Henderson

#### Term Expiring 1978

1. Lewis D. Ferrell, Memphis
2. Charles D. Foresythe, Selmer
3. George Harvey, Jackson
4. George W. Hill, Huntingdon
5. George B. Jones, Memphis
6. Ben Langford, Jackson
7. Thomas D. Lillard, Jackson
8. Malcolm McDow, Memphis
9. R. Trevis Otey, Jackson
10. Jesse M. Price, Sr., Somerville
11. M. H. Sandidge, Memphis
12. James E. Threlkeld, Memphis
13. Joe H. Walker, Jr., Ripley
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#### Term Expiring 1977

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5. Donald Storhter, Johnson City
6. A. Sidney Waits, Memphis
7. Robert Lemay, Columbia

### Term Expiring 1977

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4. Mrs. H. B. Ellison, Knoxville
5. Mrs. Lanier Ferguson, Memphis
6. Morris Frank, Smyrna
7. Don Dills, Dyersburg

### BAPTIST HOSPITAL, NASHVILLE

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3. Tom Hltch, Columbia
4. Stirton Oman, Sr., Nashville
5. Lem Stevens, Nashville
6. Henry Thomas, Lawrenceburg
7. Donnie Wells, Dickson
8. Courtney Wilson, Hendersonville
9. Elmer Woolard, Lebanon

#### Term Expiring 1978

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2. Frank Cole, Jr., Nashville
3. Eugene Cotey, Murfreesboro
4. Chalmers Cowan, Nashville
5. James Brakefield, Nashville
6. Robert W. Lashbrook, Nashville
7. Lewis E. Moore, Nashville
8. Howard Smith, Gatlinburg
9. James Winters, Nashville

#### Term Expiring 1977

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3. Thomas Jarrell, Nashville
4. W. Fred Kendall, Sr., Nashville
5. Albert Maloney, Nashville
6. Walton Smith, Clarksville
7. James L. Sullivan, Nashville
8. Devaughn Woods, Nashville
9. Fred D. Wright, Nashville

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#### Term Expiring 1978

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3. Hugh Wilson, Niota

#### Term Expiring 1977

1. Ralph McIntyre, Chattanooga
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5. Ed Litton, Knoxville
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3. Virgil Gentry, Knoxville
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8. John Riddle, Jefferson City
9. John B. Waters, Jr., Sevierville

#### Term Expiring 1977

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4. Glenn Morris, Knoxville
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7. Joe Stacker, Knoxville
8. Horace Wells, Clinton
9. Earl Wilson, Knoxville

### TENNESSEE BAPTIST SERVICE CORPORATION

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5. Marvin Robertson, Bolivar
6. Mrs. Sam Welland, Brentwood

#### Term Expiring 1978

1. Harley Fite, Jefferson City
2. Ed Meier, Memphis
3. David E. Stewart, Brownsville
4. Hamilton Traylor, Maryville
5. Leonard Wedel, Franklin
6. Amon Swanger, Chattanooga



# Cambodian Finds Christ In Thai Refugee Camp

By Irma Duke

**RICHMOND**—Savoeun Nuon loved to collect Christian pamphlets as a child in Cambodia even though he understood little of what he read.

Today he is a Christian, a member of the Derbyshire Baptist Church here, and loves to witness for Christ.

Many things have changed in Nuon's life in the year-and-a-half since he fled Cambodia—his home, his job and his relationship to the same God he read about as a child.

In Cambodia, Nuon was the chief of veterinary services at Pailin City. Because of his position, he said, he and his family had no trouble leaving Cambodia. Their lives were not threatened at all.

Up until the time he left, he said, "It seemed to me I was sinking in a very big ocean, but thank goodness I felt I saw something floating nearby, coming to help me."

And his help came with Southern Baptist missionary Ronald C. Hill and Kuch Kong, a Cambodian pastor, whom he met in Klang Yai refugee camp in Thailand.

"I praise the Lord for the opportunity to know him (Kuch Kong) and Ron Hill, too." On the morning following their arrival at the camp, "Ron Hill came immediately to our needs," he explained. Hill brought them food and clothing and told them about Jesus Christ.

Kuch Kong arrived at the refugee camp at the same time Nuon and his family did and gave them a Bible. The refugees could not leave the camp, so they had much time they could spend in Bible study and singing.

## Wife, Sister-In-Law Accept Christ

Nuon, his wife and his sister-in-law, became believers in Christ there and were baptized in a nearby river. "I invited Christ

into my wretched heart . . . I dare to say I am a newborn now," Nuon exclaimed.

Nuon and his family left the Thailand refugee camp in September, 1975, to go to Ft. Chaffee, Ark., where they awaited sponsorship. Nuon worked as an interpreter with Doug Kellum, former Southern Baptist missionary journeyman to Vietnam, who served as a caseworker at Ft. Chaffee. It was through him Nuon and his family found out about Richmond and the Derbyshire Baptist Church. They moved here in December, 1975.

Derbyshire Church found an apartment for Nuon, his wife, sister-in-law, cousin and two children. The church is still paying his rent, but he is taking care of all other living expenses.

Members of the church have helped them with English, budgeting, shopping and cooking. Mrs. Nuon said that grocery shopping has not been too hard because oriental foods are plentiful in Richmond and be-

cause they like American food, too. English has been a small problem, but Nuon is helping teach the rest of the family.

"I try to teach my family new words everyday," he said.

Nuon has had several jobs, but in September he will become a full-time biologist in the department of pharmacology at A. H. Robbins, where he will be able to use much of his training. He graduated from the College of Veterinary Medicine in Cambodia in 1969 and has done some post-graduate work in Holland, on dairy cattle husbandry.

Credit for his new job goes to God, Nuon said. "I will accept any kind of job. I believe God will lead my life.

"These days I'm very fond of the Bible," he said. "As I do not want to keep everything closed, I love to share God's message to everyone I meet." (BP)

*Irma Duke is a staff writer for the press office of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.*

## 'Swiss Cheese' Gets A Nibble

**MEMPHIS**—When a Baptist professor of New Testament from Ruschlikon, Switzerland, Gunter Wagner, drove through this mid-South metropolis with his wife, Doris, recently, they were in a borrowed automobile equipped with a Citizen's Band radio.

Other CB'ers, out on the road, kept trying to get them to answer calls. "What's your 'handle?'" a female voice asked, expecting to hear some radio name.

Mrs. Wagner, accompanying her husband during his sabbatical leave as a research scholar at Harvard University, thought frantically and finally replied: "This is 'Swiss Cheese'."

The caller's voice came in again, loud and clear: "Then who is that rat with you?"

Welcome to the USA, Dr. Wagner. (BP)

## SBC Ends Fiscal Year With \$86.3 Million

**NASHVILLE**—The Southern Baptist Convention ended the 1975-76 fiscal year here September 30 with almost \$86.3 million in total receipts from churches—including over \$46.7 million for the SBC's national Cooperative Program unified budget.

The Cooperative Program figure, \$46,725,721, exceeds the basic operating and capital needs budgets for agencies administering the SBC's worldwide missions program by more than \$4.6 million. But it was \$4.2 million short of a "challenge" goal to meet unfunded mission needs.

The 1975-76 budget included a \$41 million basic operating budget, \$1,080,000 capital needs budget, and \$8,920,000 in challenge funds for a total of \$51 million. At the beginning of October, Southern Baptists began shooting for a 1976-77 budget of \$55 million, which includes \$49 million in basic operating needs, \$1,080,000 in capital needs, and \$4,920,000 in challenge funds.

The total receipts, \$86,286,334, included the Cooperative Program figure and an additional \$39,560,613 in funds designated to specific causes. The Cooperative Program figure is undesignated.

Overall percentages showed a 13.65 percent increase in the Cooperative Program amount over the \$41.1 million received by the end of the 1974-75 fiscal year, and a 12.42 percent increase in total contributions over the \$76.7 million received last year. Designated gifts alone showed an 11 percent increase over \$35.6 million received last year.

A rough breakdown of SBC giving in all 34,902 churches, indicates that the Cooperative Program figure of over \$46.7 million represents about one-third of the amount received from churches by 33 state conventions, covering all 50 states. That figure, in turn, represents between 8 and 9 percent of the amount actually given in the churches.

During September, the final month of the fiscal year, Cooperative Program receipts totaled \$3,647,284, a 15 percent increase over last September; designated contributions totaled \$570,991, a 15.74 percent increase over last September; and total gifts amounted to \$4,218,275, a 15.10 percent increase. (BP)



# Church Struggles To Balance Ministry Within, Without

By Jim Newton

**MEMPHIS**—Should a church primarily seek to win others to Christ and help Christians grow in the faith through worship and Bible study?

Or, should it seek primarily to minister to the needs of persons outside the four walls of the church through a world missions program?

Members of Second Baptist Church here have declared the church must do both. According to pastor James W. Hatley, if it fails to do either or both, the church will miss its mission and purpose.

Three years ago, Second Baptist adopted the report of its long range planning committee using a process suggested by the Baptist Sunday School Board's church administration department: "It shall be the purpose of this church to witness to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, to maintain worship services, to give instruction in Christian doctrines and to minister in the name of Christ to human need wherever it is found," the church stated. "For this purpose the church is open to all persons."

A missions survey of members of the church confirmed the congregation's concern for the entire city, with 96 percent of survey respondents saying the church should seek to minister to the rich and poor, black and white, imprisoned and needy in the greater Memphis area. However, they were split on whether the church should "minister first to our fellow church members, and then to non-members and the needy." Of members responding, 48 percent disagreed, 44 percent agreed.

## Church Members Involved in Many Projects

In recent years, however, the church members have been involved in as many as 50 different community mission action projects. They employed Maurice Graham, a graduate of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., to coordinate the church's mission program as director of church and community missions. Among ministries the church is involved in are:

—An extensive ministry to the mentally retarded at Arlington Development Center, a state mental institution; a "Love in Action" Bible study and worship program for the mentally retarded; a Vacation Bible School for the mentally retarded; a "grandmothers to the mentally retarded" program; and volunteer involvement in the Memphis Association of Retarded Children (MARC) and a halfway house for the mentally retarded.

—Heavy involvement in the volunteer programs at Shelby County Jail and Penal Farm, nearby Fort Pillow State Prison, a local transition center and pre-release program for prisoners, and a first-offender parole program; a ministry to the aging at

Mary Galloway and Rest Haven nursing homes;

—Involvement in numerous other community and social service organizations such as a local runaway house for teenagers, suicide prevention programs, the Mallory Heights Baptist Mission, Beale Street Day Care Center, Tennessee Home for Incurables, tutoring programs and several other ministry projects.

Under Graham's direction, missions committee members coordinate the areas of (1) race relations and the poor, (2) adult rehabilitation and alcoholics; (3) youth rehabilitation and drug addiction, (4) internationals and language groups, (5) the aging and the sick, (6) the mentally retarded; (7) mental health and suicide prevention, (8) missions education.

## Mission Thrust Came From Concerned Christians

Mac Bailey, vice president of United Inns, Inc., and chairman of the church's missions committee, said, however, that the great missions thrust of the church was not through the missions committee, but through individual efforts of concerned Christians in the church.

The congregation, in its early history, had many struggles in discovering its mission. In 1963, about 400 members of Bellevue Baptist Church split off from the larger downtown congregation and organized Second Baptist. They called Brooks Ramsey as their first pastor. The church began to grow rapidly, moving to its beautiful, tree-covered location in a wealthy East Memphis section and reaching a peak membership of 1800 members in 1969.

Ramsey dealt with the question of racial justice in Memphis. In 1969, he became involved in the Memphis Sanitation Workers Strike and preached a strong sermon following the assassination of Martin Luther King. The deacons voted to recommend that the church fire the pastor. Instead, the church

voted to give Ramsey a vote of confidence, and to fire the entire deacon body and re-elect new deacons. But more than 300 members left between 1969 and 1970, and another hundred left the next year. Some split off to form another church and others left who were unhappy over the race issue stance, according to reports.

Soon after Hatley came as pastor, he sought to lead the church to understand what the church is, what its mission is, what community it is seeking to reach, what its objectives are and how it should accomplish them. The long range planning committee that presented its report in 1973 suggested seven objectives which were adopted by the church.

## Pastor's Seven Objectives

Briefly, those seven objectives are: to worship, to witness and proclaim the gospel to the whole world, to meet the needs of all persons, to help Christian disciples grow through education, to provide programs for the total membership, to cooperate with other churches, denominations and groups, and "to search experimentally for new and innovative ways to function as the church of Jesus Christ."

Hatley said the most unique objective is the last one—to search experimentally for new and innovative ways to function as the church. Examples are numerous, he said, but one project was a series of four quarterly training sessions for the parents of and workers with mentally retarded persons in 16 counties in western Tennessee.

The church has also been involved in interfaith relations services and dialogues; Hatley is the only Southern Baptist on the board of directors of Memphis' Metropolitan Interfaith Association (MIFA) and has taught Bible at a Catholic convent and girls' school.

Another ministry is an Easter project, "The Way of the Cross," in which people in the surrounding area are invited to the church during Passion Week to take a walking tour of the church grounds and participate in a dramatization of seven events in the last week in the life of Christ. Community response has been tremendous, Hatley said, with as many as 5000 persons participating.

Bill Cockroft, president of Cockroft Lumber Co., and chairman of the deacons, described the church as a community of believers who want to be involved.

"Many people think the church should be confined to prayer and Bible study and preaching, but I feel the church should be a recharging place for laymen so they can get involved in the world," Cockroft said. (BP)

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# Alive In Christ

By W. Clyde Tilley  
Acting Chairman, Department of Religion  
Union University, Jackson, Tennessee

Basic Passage: Romans 6  
Focal Passage: Romans 6:12-23

The heartbeat of Christ's reconciling work is grace, not law. With this shift from Jewish law to God's grace the question is inevitable: Shall we therefore continue in sin? The question is raised twice in Romans 6 (vv. 1,15) and both times receives an emphatic negative answer. The question arises only because it is often not clear what it means to be **alive in Christ!**

## From Death to Life (6:12-14 RSV)

Christians are described as "men who have been brought from death to life" (v. 13). Since this is descriptive of the actual state of affairs in the life of God's people, the question about sinning because of grace can never be answered in the affirmative. Sin is that to which we are made dead; righteousness is that to which we are made alive. Baptism vividly portrays both truths. Because of this double, interlocking truth Christians are urged not to let sin reign in their bodies. Bodily members (or organs) will be yielded as instruments (or tools) in someone's service. They will be either "instruments of wickedness" or "instruments of righteousness". Paul asserts that because of grace and not in spite of grace, "sin will have no dominion over you" (v. 14). Upon the basis of this indicative assertion, he urges the imperative command that we yield ourselves to God as instruments of his righteousness. This Christian command is simply to bring our lives into consistency with what is in reality the truth about our lives.

## From Sin to Obedience (6:15-19 RSV)

Someone is likely to object: "But this freedom from bondage to sin is nothing but a new bondage." And this is precisely Paul's point! "If you yield yourselves to **anyone** as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of **sin** . . . or of **obedience** . . ." (v. 16). Bondage is not ultimately in conflict with freedom since everyone is in bondage to something or someone. Freedom is seen in our **choosing** of that to which we are to become enslaved. And genuine freedom is found (1) when we choose that which liberates us to do what we want most and (2) when we want most that which is not self-defeating.

To be alive in Christ is not to avoid the obligation of obedience but to be empowered for a life of obedience we genuinely want.

Paul's teaching here is perfectly in accord with Christ's teaching that the righteousness of the citizens of his kingdom must surpass the righteousness of the champions of the law, the Pharisees (Matthew 5:20). This agreement with Christ's teaching is seen in at least three ways in these verses: (1) Paul uses a strangely redundant phrase "obedient slaves . . . of obedience" in contrast to "obedient slaves . . . of sin" (v. 16). The former slavery leads to righteousness whereas the latter leads to death. (2) The obedience of the new life is "an obedience from the heart" (v. 17) rather than a revoking of the requirement of obedience. After all, which is a greater grace, one that can save in spite of disobedience or one that can make obedience a joyful fulfilling experience? (3) That to which God's people are obedient is the same "standard of teaching to which you were (previously) committed" (v. 17). This is surely to be taken as referring to the **moral** requirements of the law rather than to the **ceremonial**. The moral demands of the law are not lowered in the new life of righteousness. They are maintained, elevated, and placed within our reach by extending our reach through God's enabling power. This is the truth of sanctification which is mentioned in verse 19. Justification (God's declaring us to be righteous) apart from sanctification (God's work by which we actually become righteous) could be interpreted as removing the standards. But in the light of sanctification, God's progressive work within us, the new life can never mean anything less than obedience. God's righteousness is not only passively imputed; it is actively imparted.

Paul's final appeal is that his Christian readers be both as zealous and as deliberate in their commitment to the new righteousness as they previously had been to their old unrighteousness (v. 19).

## From Wages to Gift (6:20-23 RSV)

One is not only always a slave to something. He is also at the same time free from something. To be a slave of sin is to be free of righteousness. To become free from sin is to become a slave of God (vv. 20,22). One can never be free with regard to both or a slave with regard to both. This is reminiscent of Jesus' teaching that "no one can serve two masters. . . . You cannot

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serve God and mammon" (Matthew 6:24).

Service to either master has its own appropriate pay day. To serve sin entails the wages which are death (vv. 16,21,23). To serve God and his righteousness entails the progressive achievement of righteousness (v. 16) by means of sanctification (v. 22) and its ultimate end, eternal life (vv. 22-23). We will do well to note two things in this connection: (1) Eternal life is not just an unending quantity of life for the future; it is also an exciting quality of life beginning in the present. (2) Eternal life is not **wages** to be earned, as is the case of death in return for sin. It is a **gift** to be received. Paul makes this deliberate shift in terminology because gifts are appropriate to grace whereas wages are appropriate to works.

The life in Christ to which we are made alive is a life of obedience and has the very quality of eternity about it. As a gift, it is not like an object to be complacently clung to (e.g., a gift like a piano), but a lifelong experience to be enjoyed and expressed (e.g., a gift like a series of piano lessons) and to which open and continuous response must be made.



# Our People and Our Churches . . .

## LEADERSHIP . . .

**L. C. Maples** resigned as minister of music at Oak Street Church, Maryville. He served the Oak Street Church for four years and has served a total of 70 years in the field of music.

Village Church, Maryville, called **David L. Aultom** as pastor. He is already on the field.

Old Chilhowee Church, Seymour, called **Dwayne Leming** as pastor. He comes from Lakeside Church in Vonore.

**David R. Allison** resigned as pastor of Centenary Church, Maryville.

**William Vanderford** is the new minister of education at Broadway Church, Knoxville. He is a graduate of Stetson University where he received the bachelor and master of arts degrees and is a recent graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary where he earned the master of religious education degree in social work. While in Louisville, he worked with the Long Run Baptist Association. **Marion C. Barnett** is pastor at Broadway Church.



**Vanderford**

The new pastor at Dalemere Church, Nashville, is **Thomas R. Steagald**. The church celebrated its 47th anniversary last month.

Members of East Athens Church, Athens, called **Jim Malone** as minister of music and youth. **Malone** is a graduate of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary. **Bob Peek** is pastor of the church.

**Edsel Bone** resigned from Frayser Church, Shelby Association, to enter full time music evangelism.

**Woodrow Burt** resigned as assistant to the pastor at Raleigh Church, Memphis, to accept a position with Hannibal-LaGrange College.

**Carey Bates** is the new minister of youth at Cherokee Church, Memphis.

Bethel Church, Route 3, Corryton, called **L. B. Herrell** as pastor. He is already on the church field.

## REVIVALS . . .

**Matt Tomlin**, pastor of Selmer First Church, preached during revival services at Kenton First Church. **Bill Thomasson**, minister of music at Kenton First, and his wife, **Pat**, led the singing. There were eight professions of faith, three additions by letter, and 15 rededications. **Hoyt Wilson** is pastor at Kenton.

Recent revival services at Hillcrest Church, Clarksville, resulted in 12 professions of faith, seven additions by baptism, two additions by letter, two backsliders reclaimed, and 86 other decisions. **Thomas J. Tichenor**, Mt. Healthy, Ohio, was the evangelist. The church music director led the singing, and **Marvin E. Hines** is pastor of the church.

John Sevier Church, Knoxville, completed fall revival services with 12 professions of faith and five additions by letter. Two decisions for full time Christian service were registered. **Charles Jackson**, minister of music at the church, led the singing. **Henry Linginfelter**, Alcoa, was the evangelist. **Ted Huckaby** is pastor.

Fairview Church, Western District Association, held revival services with evangelist **Jim Tate**. There were nine professions of faith, eight baptisms, and two additions by letter.

Pine Hill Church, Lake City, called **W. L. Thomas** to full time ministry.

**Moss Beets** resigned as pastor of Laurel Branch Church, Briceville.

**Jerry Harris** resigned as minister of activities at Clarksville First Church to accept the call of First Church, Hendersonville, Ky., where he will serve as minister of Christian activities.

**Bill Northcutt** is the new pastor at Bradford Church, Bradford.

**Dennis Pulley** has accepted the call to serve as pastor of White Hall Church, Trenton.

Lorraine Church, Michie, called **John Anderson** as pastor.

**Tom Burdon** resigned as pastor of Michie First Church.

## PEOPLE . . .

Members of Brownsville Zion Church voted for the rotation of deacons system. **R. K. Bennett**, **Gene Jackson**, **Pete Stewart**, **Maurice Tritt**, **Wayne Tritt**, and **Billy Wright** were ordained as deacons. **J. D. May** is pastor.

Brainerd Hills Church, Chattanooga, licensed **Dean Gross** to the gospel ministry. Ordained as deacons were **Charlie W. Blankenship**, **William Case**, **H. A. Dyer**, and **Terry Townsend**. **Ray Mayfield**, interim pastor, led the services.

Audubon Park Church, Memphis, ordained **Tommy Craig**, **David Kolb**, **Dean Martin**, and **David Northcut** as deacons. **A. J. Northcut** led the prayer of ordination, and the pastor, **Howard S. Kolb**, spoke on the subject, "Who Are the Deacons."

**Joe Kamarad** was named programmer-systems assistant in the Systems Dept., Baptist Sunday School Board. A native of Lawrenceburg, he holds a B.S. degree in computer science from Tennessee Technological University.

**Lewis Fortner** resigned as pastor of Stonewall Church, Knoxville.

**John Wren**, pastor of Calvary Church in Tulsa, Okla., has accepted the call to be pastor of Maryville First Church. He will assume the new duties the end of October. A native of South Carolina, he attended Gardner-Webb Junior College and graduated from Limestone College. He is also a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and Luther Rice Seminary. He has served churches in South Carolina, Texas, and Oklahoma.

In Bradley Association, **Byron Ball** has resigned as music director for Hopewell Church.

**Bill May** is the new associate pastor at Big Spring Church, Bradley Association.

**J. W. Rymer** resigned as pastor of Center Point Church, Charleston.

**Clyde Crook** resigned as pastor of East Cleveland Church, Cleveland.

**Dennis Robison** resigned as pastor of Happy Valley Church, Tallassee.

**John Estes** resigned as pastor of Second Church, Maryville.



#### Term Expiring 1977

1. Sam Hodges, Nashville
2. Gaye McGlothlen, Nashville
3. Kenneth Ross, Nashville
4. Ralph McIntyre, Chattanooga
5. Clarence Stewart, Pulaski
6. L. B. Jennings, Tullahoma

#### COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

##### Term Expiring 1979

1. Billie Friel, Mt. Juliet
2. Raymond Boston, Humboldt
3. Howard Olive, Maryville
4. Bob Peek, Athens
5. W. O. Thomason, Joelton

##### Term Expiring 1978

1. Mike G. Davis, Dresden
2. Herschel R. Lindsey, Gibson
3. James E. Lee, Lawrenceburg
4. Damon Patterson, Corryton
5. Harlan F. Reynolds, LaFollette

##### Term Expiring 1977

1. Melvin Faulkner, Erwin—temp. chm.
2. Alvin Gilliland, Jackson
3. Glenn Hester, Clarksville
4. Kenneth Story, Germantown
5. Joe Mayberry, Huntland

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES FOR 1976-77

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##### Term Expiring 1979

1. Herman Ellis, Rutledge
2. Doyle Suits, Cleveland
3. H. K. Sorrell, Brownsville
4. Fred Wood, Memphis
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##### Term Expiring 1978

1. Joe McGehee, Lewisburg, temp. chm.
2. Michael L. Prowse, Springfield
3. William Q. Williamson, Madison
4. Allen Grant, Bells
- 5.

#### Term Expiring 1977

1. James Lindsay, Elizabethton
2. Doug Sager, Alcoa
3. Leslie Kenny, Nashville
4. Robert Mowery, Nashville
5. Denzel Dukes, Milan

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##### Term Expiring 1979

1. Mrs. Kelter Mullins, Johnson City
2. Wayne Provence, Morris
3. P. O. Davidson, Memphis
4. A. E. Slover, Covington
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##### Term Expiring 1978

1. B. H. McKay, Knoxville
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4. Dennis Plank, Greenbrier
5. Raymond Vaughn, Dresden

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##### Term Expiring 1979

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4. H. D. Standifer, Tullahoma
5. Leroy Summers, Memphis

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1. John Franklin, Maryville
2. Elmer Piper, Chattanooga
3. J. R. Covington, Manchester
4. Harry W. Hargrove, Mercer
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3. Robert J. Norman, Nashville
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##### Term Expiring 1979

1. Lester Turner, Corryton
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3. W. Fred Kendall, Nashville
4. Larry Corder, Ripley
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##### Term Expiring 1978

1. Grady Byrd, Johnson City
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3. John Harrison, Greenfield
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##### Term Expiring 1977

1. George Williams, Clinton
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4. Robert Benson, Jackson
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##### Term Expiring 1979

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##### Term Expiring 1978

1. Jack McEwen, Chattanooga
2. Robert Sanders, Knoxville, temp. chm.
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4. Joe Mayberry, Huntland
5. Jim Comer, Moscow

##### Term Expiring 1977

1. Wiley T. Rutledge, Johnson City
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3. Omer Painter, Blountville
4. Trevis Otey, Jackson
5. James Roberts, Memphis

#### Term Expiring 1978

1. Richard Allison, Knoxville
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3. James Daniels, Dyersburg
4. Calvin Moore, Jackson
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##### Term Expiring 1977

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2. John Kurtz, Mt. Juliet
3. John Langlois, Nashville
4. Kenneth Richey, White Pine
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5. Lee Prince, Memphis

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2. Kelter Mullins, Erwin
3. Bill Fox, New Johnsonville
4. Levi Parrish, Jr., Brownsville
5. T. C. Thurman, Troy

##### Term Expiring 1977

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3. Courtney Wilson, Hendersonville
4. David Byrd, Jackson, temp. chm.
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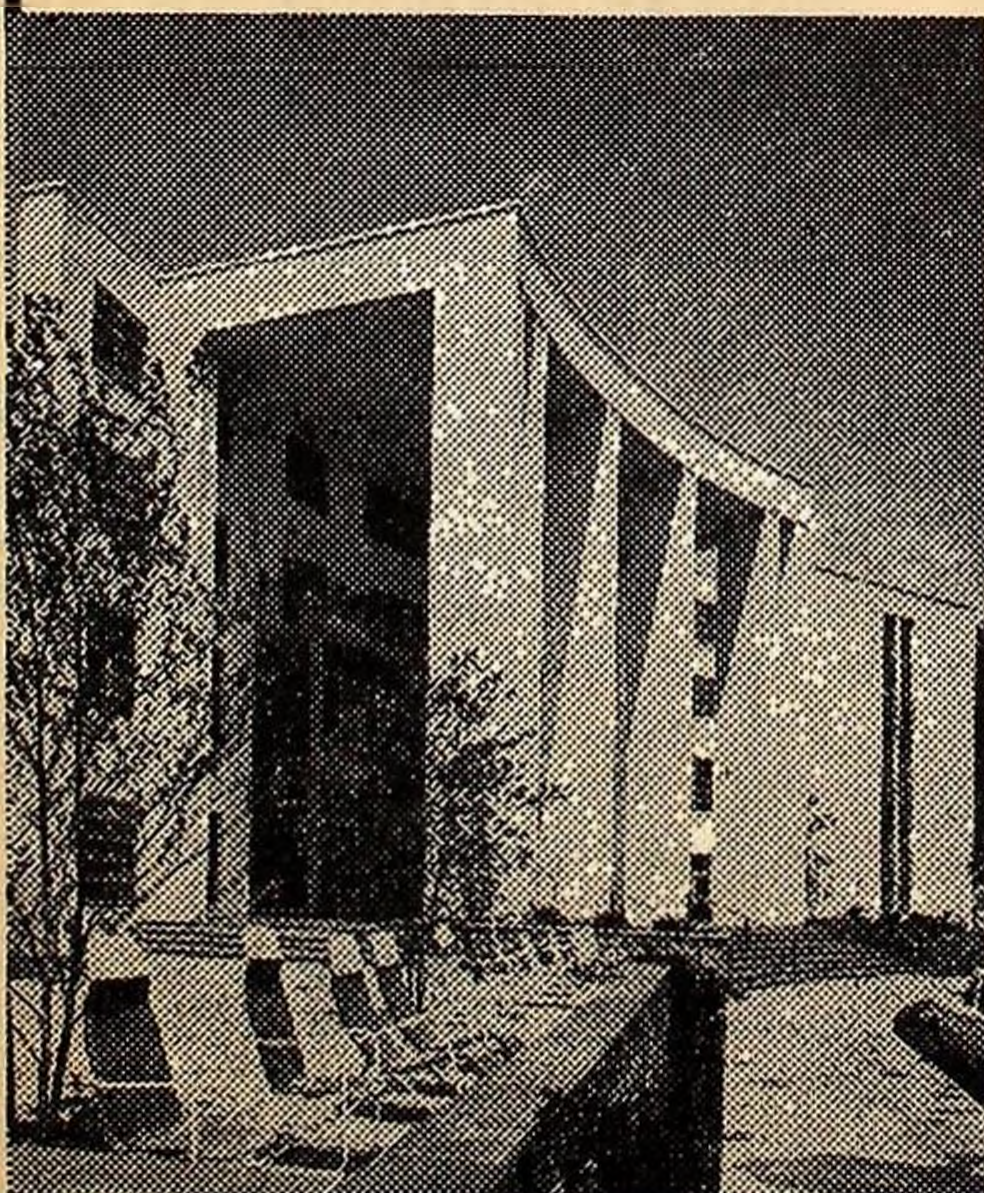
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# Foreign Fields Request 1330 New Missionaries

**RICHMOND**—Southern Baptist missionaries in 84 countries have submitted requests to the Foreign Mission Board for 1330 new missionaries to reinforce, replace and begin new work in 1977. The most pressing need is for more “preacher” missionaries, according to board officials.

The requests topped last year’s number by more than 100. Of the 1217 missionaries requested for 1976, only 194 had been appointed at the end of September, according to Louis R. Cobbs, secretary of the board’s department of missionary personnel.

Of the 1330 requests for 1977, 42 percent were for general evangelists—a “preacher” missionary who works with pastors, trains church leaders, plants churches and mission points, helps established churches grow, and promotes church and denominational programs. General evangelism is one of 45 job categories for 1977.

Other top priorities include requests for 36 physicians, 34 nurses, nine dentists, 16 secondary education teachers, and 14 college teachers.

“The emphasis on general evangelists is consistent with the traditional thrust of the Foreign Mission Board and with the bold strategy of advance projected for the next

25 years,” Cobbs said, referring to the board’s goal to double the missionary force during the next 25 years. “Some missions have not been able to make bold plans for the next 25 years due to the immediacy of personnel needs at hand,” Cobbs said.

The success of the general evangelist allows the work of the specialist missionary to be effective, according to Cobbs. He said it also makes possible the missionary associate and missionary journeyman programs.

### Increase Asked For General Evangelists

Winston Crawley, director of the board’s overseas division, has encouraged the board’s mission support division to develop a strategy for reaching prospective general evangelists. He called for at least a 50 percent increase during the coming year.

According to Crawley, certain areas are more critical than others. “In recent years, East Asia has been reinforced with fewer missionary evangelists than any other area,” Crawley said.

Over the past few years, East Asia (Hong Kong, Okinawa, Japan, Korea and Taiwan) has received only about five couples appointed for general evangelism—the least of any of the board’s eight administrative areas.

Citing an example, George H. Hays, secretary for East Asia, said, “There have been no new missionaries appointed for Korea in two years and this is one of the most responsive areas of the world. The number of churches organized and the number of professions of faith recorded in Korea has been phenomenal.

“Out of the first six requests from the Korea Mission, four are for general evangelists. The freedom to evangelize Korea is almost without limit for the general evangelist. Each evangelist missionary helps develop pastors and church leaders in 30 or 40 churches.”

Hays related that eight cities in Japan with populations of more than 200,000 are without a Southern Baptist missionary’s presence to assist in evangelism and church development. Japan has requested eight couples to work in general evangelism, but Hays said the missionaries limited the requests to eight only because they didn’t think it was realistic to ask for more than that.

“The Pete Gillespies, the only Southern Baptist missionaries in Osaka, Japan, are due for retirement this year, leaving a city of 5 million people without any Southern Baptist missionary living within the city limits,” Hays said.

### 50 Missionaries Needed In Thailand

The top three requests in Taiwan are for general evangelists, including a request for

## Laughs

Don: “What did the baldheaded man say when he received a comb for his birthday?”

Bill: “I don’t know. You tell me.”

Don: “He said, ‘Thank you very much. I’ll never part with it.’”

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A guy with a green thumb is an amateur gardener but a fellow with a purple thumb is an amateur carpenter.

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A woman reported a crook stole \$50 worth of groceries from her car. Took it right out of the glove compartment.

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The tall youngster, standing six feet ten inches, applied for a lifeguard’s job.

“Can you swim?” was the first question.

“No,” the boy replied, “but I can wade just about any place.”

an urban evangelist in the industrial city of Kaohsiung, where tens of thousands of people are concentrated in high rise apartment complexes.

William R. Wakefield, secretary for Southeast Asia, recently reported an overall responsiveness to the gospel in his area and a sense of urgency on the part of missionaries to reach the area while there is such keen opportunity.

“In Thailand, the country immediately surrounded by countries that have recently became Communist, there is a focus by both nationals and missionaries on the opportunity afforded by the threat to the country by communist aggression,” Wakefield said.

The missionaries in Thailand have requested 50 new missionaries for the next four years, according to Wakefield. “Their desire is to reach this country while it is still possible to do so,” he commented.

In addition to the need for evangelistic workers, other needs such as those for medical personnel are also acute.

H. Cornell Goerner, secretary for West Africa, says the most urgent need in his area is for a missionary doctor to serve at the Baptist Medical Center in Nalerigu, Ghana.

“It is a three-doctor hospital, but there have been times during recent years that we’ve had only one physician there,” Goerner said. “Ideally, we would have three missionary doctors assigned so when one is on furlough, two remain to carry the workload. If we don’t get a doctor soon, we may face the possibility of closing the hospital.”

Goerner also said West Africa urgently needs general evangelists. In Senegal, where Baptist work is concentrated in Dakar, a city of one million people, requests have come for four general evangelists this year. (BP)

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# Pastors To Discuss Leadership Skills

NASHVILLE—Helping pastors turn past experience into leadership strengths for the future will be one of the primary objectives of a special seminar here Nov. 8-12.

The Improving Pastoral Leadership Skills Seminar, coordinated by the church administration department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, has been planned especially for pastors with six or more years' experience.

The five-day seminar, the first of its kind, will be held in the board's Church Program Training Center.

"The pastor's greatest information source for personal growth is his own experience," explains Ernest E. Mosley, supervisor of the church administration department's pastoral section. "Yet most of us fail to get insights from our experiences because we are unable to back off and look at them."

The leadership skills seminar, says Mosley, "is designed to help pastors look at their six or more years of pastoral experience and get insights that will help them do a better job in the years ahead."

Participants will have the opportunity to discuss individual situations during the seminar, which will cover such topics as motivating people in Christian service, understanding and handling conflict and working with people in the context of the church.

Time management, planning and delegation of responsibility also will be discussed.

The featured guest for the seminar will be

Lee Prince, pastor of Union Avenue Baptist Church, Memphis.

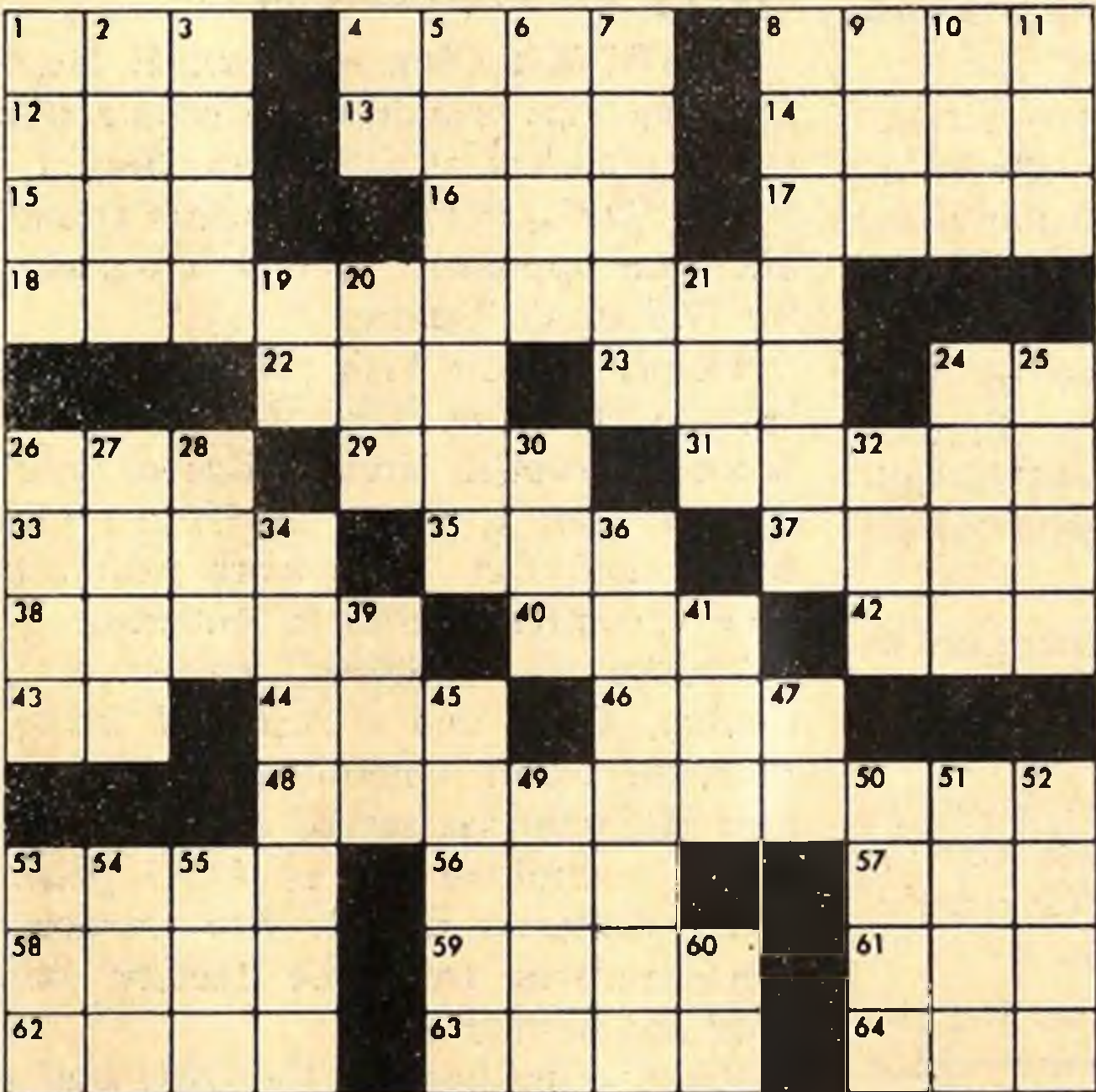
Seminar director will be Bruce Grubbs, consultant in the church administration department's pastoral section. Walter Bennett, John Ishee and Fred McGehee, also church

administration department consultants, also will be included in the program.

Persons interested in attending the seminar should write to the Church Program Training Center, 127 Ninth Ave., North, Nashville, Tenn. 37234.

## Bible Puzzle Page

### Answers On Page 13



#### DOWN

- 1 Sin offering (Lev. 9:15)
- 2 "God is —" (Rom. 11)
- 3 Per —
- 4 School subject: abbr.
- 5 Prince of Persia (Esth. 1:14)
- 6 "excess of —" (1 Pet. 4)
- 7 Discolor
- 8 "for — — was spread abroad" (Mark 6)
- 9 Lyric poem
- 10 American poet
- 11 Member of a fraternal order
- 19 Italian river
- 20 Make lace
- 21 Heraldic metals
- 24 Fluid rock
- 25 Watchword: poss.
- 26 "as filthy —" (Isa. 64)
- 27 Heraldic border
- 28 Direction: abbr.
- 30 Died in Canaan (Num. 26:19; poss.)
- 32 Timber tree of Burma
- 34 "out of the — —" (Luke 17)
- 36 Assignment
- 39 French coin
- 41 To the — degree
- 45 Unclean thing (Lev. 11:30)
- 47 Printer's measure
- 49 Man in the Bible (Neh. 3:2)
- 50 Like a flame of fire (Rev. 2:18)
- 51 Granular snow
- 52 Biblical pronoun
- 53 "— to your faith virtue" (2 Pet. 1)
- 54 Dove sound
- 55 Number of days (Acts 25:6)
- 60 Neon: symbol

#### ACROSS


- 1 Prophet (1 Sam. 22:5)
- 4 Norms
- 8 Less than charity (1 Cor. 13:13)
- 12 Sash
- 13 Eliminate
- 14 It is nothing (1 Cor. 8:4)
- 15 Pub offering
- 16 Large bird
- 17 Look for
- 18 It was in the flesh (Gal. 4:14)
- 22 Cereal grain
- 23 Former federal agency: abbr.
- 24 Military man: abbr.
- 26 Light of foot (2 Sam. 2:18)
- 29 Article
- 31 Sully
- 33 Florence's river
- 35 Broken (Jer. 48:25)
- 37 Begrudge: obs.
- 38 Secluded valleys
- 40 It brings death (Jas. 1:15)
- 42 Fuel
- 43 Direction: abbr.
- 44 Goddess of the dawn
- 46 Female saint: abbr.
- 48 Everlasting (Matt. 25:46)
- 53 Official acts
- 56 Pierre's friend
- 57 Yes: by altering
- 58 "a — of the work" (Jas. 1)
- 59 City (Josh. 19:38)
- 61 Garden dweller
- 62 Contraction
- 63 "divided by —" (Amos 7)
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# Missions Is Hot Topic For Readers Today

With about 2500 Southern Baptists currently subscribing to the Round Table Book Club, predictions soar to 3000 for the first year's memberships.

The Round Table Book Club is a marketing plan for books on missions operated by Baptist Book Stores at the request of Woman's Missionary Union. WMU is promoting the missions reading club as part of its 1976-79 emphasis on teaching missions.

"The Round Table Book Club is going to be a success," explained E. Odell Crowe, Operations Department manager, Baptist Book Store Division of the Sunday School Board.

"The Round Table Book Club is succeeding through the combined efforts of Women's Missionary Union and the Book Store Division to provide missions books for churchwide readership."

"We see this as being a way to offer missions education to the entire church," explained Adrienne Bonham, WMU's editor of Baptist Women and Baptist Young Women products.

About half of all current subscribers to Round Table Book Club are church libraries, according to Bonham.

"The volume of church library subscriptions is indicative of the probable churchwide use of Round Table Book Club selections," continued Bonham.

The first quarter's selections on Bangladesh, Ecuador, and witnessing were mailed before October with minor problems. Advance cards indicating the current quarterly choices were not released for the first quarter. The next mailing, before January, will be preempted by cards, which will allow

members to shop delivery if they do not want the books.

**Reaching All**, edited by Paul E. Little; **How Can I Find You, God**, by Marjorie Holmes; and **All Were Meant To Be**, by Letha Scanzoni and Nancy Hardesty will be the upcoming three choices for Round Table Book Club reading for the January, February, March quarter.

## OBU Names Interim President; Hultgren Heads Search

**SHAWNEE, Okla.**—William E. Neptune, academic vice president, has been appointed acting president at Oklahoma Baptist University (OBU) here and a search committee has been appointed to find a replacement for William G. Tanner.

Tanner, OBU's 11th president, who will become executive director-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta, Jan. 1, joined the Home Mission Board staff, Oct. 1, to work with retiring chief executive, Arthur B. Rutledge.

Warren C. Hultgren, pastor of First Church, Tulsa, and a trustee of OBU, will chair the search committee. It is the third time Hultgren has served as chairman of a search committee for an OBU president. Other members include five trustees and representatives from the faculty, student body and alumni.

Neptune has been on the OBU staff since 1954. He has served as assistant professor, associate professor, and professor of chemistry. He was named dean of liberal arts in 1961 and appointed academic vice president in 1973.

## Taft Mission Constituted Into First Church

Taft Baptist Mission, William Carey Association, was constituted into a Southern Baptist Church last month. The church had been under the guidance of Brogan Avenue Church, Fayetteville.

The council of ordained pastors and deacons elected Edward Lee, pastor of Brogan Avenue Church, as moderator, and William Suddarth, pastor of Cash Point Church, as clerk. The message was delivered by Robert Mizell, director of missions, New Duck River Association.

Members selected the name of Taft First Church, and Ray Winsett was called as pastor. There are 47 charter members, and the church building contains a seating capacity of 210 and five Sunday School rooms. Members also purchased a five-room parsonage.

## Tennessean Elected President

## Medical-Dental Fellowship Organizes; Names Officers

**ATLANTA**—The Baptist Medical-Dental Fellowship was organized here as Baptist physicians and dentists from across the nation formally adopted a constitution, elected officers and carried on a first business session. The organizational meeting followed several meetings of a steering committee.

The fellowship—currently made up of Southern Baptist physicians, dentists, medical students and dental students—will welcome other physicians and dentists who accept Southern Baptist practice and beliefs, a fellowship spokesman said.

Purposes of the fellowship include providing Christian professional fellowship; additional opportunities for sharing, worshiping, ministering and witnessing; opportunities for educational experiences; and additional opportunities for expanded Christian service through mission support of home and foreign efforts, disaster relief and personal involvement in mission service "as members are led by the Holy Spirit," a spokesman said.

Local chapters in communities, regions and states will be established in order to carry out the purposes and intents of the fellowship.

Officers elected include Dr. John McCall, physician from Memphis, Tenn., president; Dr. Joe Pipkin, dentist, Orlando, Fla., vice president; Dr. Tim Pennell, physician, Winston Salem, N. C., program chairman; Dr. J. V. Jefford, physician, Spartanburg, S. C., membership chairman; Dr. Franklin T. Fowler, medical consultant for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Va., service chairman; Dr. John Bryan, physician, Bluefield, W. Va., finance chairman; and Harold E. Hurst, associate medical consultant for the Foreign Mission Board, as executive secretary.

## Baptist Film Center Moves To Memphis

The Baptist Film Center in Jackson, Miss., has moved to Memphis in order to improve delivery through the mail.

The new address is 3349 Winbrook, P.O. Box 161121, Memphis, TN 38116.

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# Baptist Couple Hears 'Call Of The Caribbean'

By Teresa Shields

**RICHMOND**—December 1977 may not seem like an exciting date to some people but to Lamber and Denise Mills, it is the time on which their sights are set. By that time they will be on their way home—to their Caribbean island.

After completing his master of divinity degree at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Mills will become full time pastor of Central Baptist Church on Antigua in the Leeward islands of the West Indies.

Mrs. Mills will have completed the religious education diploma and will be assisting her husband in the church there.

"This is a perfect example of a missionary working himself out of a job," Mills commented. "Shelby A. Smith, the Southern Baptist missionary there, was my pastor when I accepted the call to the ministry.

"I was assistant pastor there for awhile. Then, I decided to come to the states to school. First I went to Oklahoma Baptist University and now I am at New Orleans. When I get back, I will be pastor, and Shelby will move on to other mission-related responsibilities."

Central Baptist Church is the largest Baptist Church on Antigua. It has a membership of over 300, yet Sunday morning attendance might run as high as 800, according to Mills.

"This is just opposite from churches in the states. We had an average attendance of 770 at the first of this year. The auditorium will hold 800. When I was there it was filled every Sunday, but I just couldn't bring myself to believe there were 700 or 800 people in the audience."

Mills continued, "Everytime I hear from the church, something new has been added,

new buildings or a primary school or something like that. Our church is really growing. From it, four other missions have been started. One is now a full time church—Villa Baptist Church."

Central Baptist Church has a radio ministry where tapes from the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, Fort Worth, are played as public service broadcasts. A 30-minute television show on the island's only television station also gives the church members more opportunities to share Christ.

"All of the Radio-TV work is financially supported by the Foreign Mission Board," Mills explained. "But it is done through the mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries) and the local church. So, even like with the Baptist Hour, at the end of the program it will say, 'This has been brought to you by Baptists in your area.' I think that's real good because it lets people know who Baptists are. It's not just some people in the United States, but it's the people from the church over on the hill. It's something they can relate more to."

Although Mills became a Christian before he ever heard of Southern Baptists, he and a group of believers with the help of a missionary from another denomination organized a Baptist church.

"We called it Antioch Baptist Church," he related. "We didn't know much about Baptists, but some had heard of them. They knew Baptists met on Sunday mornings at 11:00, so we started meeting then, too.

"I was saved when a man came to St. Kitts, where I grew up, and started holding Bible classes. I went because it was new and something different. This man had no formal Bible training, but he held these classes and scores of people came and were saved. Then we were baptized and formed a church. Later some missionaries started coming to teach the people there more."

Mills then moved to the neighboring island of Antigua where he became involved with Central Baptist Church. After two years of college in Oklahoma, Mills went back and was pastor of Central Church while the Smiths were on furlough. Earlier this year Mills went back for three months while the Smiths were on special furlough. He brought a wife back to the states with him. He and Denise were married in March 1976.

"Denise and I plan to go back home, God willing, to work in the Central Baptist Church when we finish seminary," Mills concluded. "The work there is very promising. We think it will be the focal point in Southern Baptist missions in the Eastern Caribbean." (BP)

## Church Closes In Laos; Warns Thai Christians

**CHACHEUNGSAO, Thailand**—The Laotian government has followed through on its warning that a Baptist church here would be closed.

The church held its final services, including communion, the day before the government's deadline date for closing, according to Maxine (Mrs. Robert) Stewart, Southern Baptist missionary press representative. "The next morning government officials took over the building for other purposes," Stewart reported.

"This move on the part of the government is not unexpected," commented William R. Wakefield, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's area secretary for Southeast Asia. "It is in keeping with patterns set by the Communists in China," he added.

But for Christians, he said, "It is a signal that we need to redouble our efforts in prayer on behalf of our Christian brothers and sisters in Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam."

The Laotian church leaders sent word to Thai Christians to take note that such tragedy could easily come to them, and that they should seize the opportunity to witness for their faith while there is freedom, Stewart reported. (BP)

## Committee For World Meeting Of Baptist Men Named

A five man steering committee planning the World Conference of Baptist Men in 1978 expects 5000 men from 50 countries to come to Indianapolis, USA, for the conference, the second of its kind.

The meeting is scheduled April 5-9, 1978, said Stephen S. Steeves of Moncton, Canada, chairman of the sponsoring Baptist World Alliance Men's Department.

The steering committee chairman is Lee B. Satterfield of Altavista, Virginia, USA, an optometrist. He is chairman of the North American Baptist Men's Fellowship.

Other committee members, also of the USA, include: W. Burton Andrews of Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, executive director, American Baptist Men; Cyprian Belle of Brooklyn, New York, vice president, Progressive National Baptist Layman's Auxiliary; Walter Cade Jr. of Kansas City, Missouri, president, National Baptist Convention, Inc., Laymen's Movement; and Owen Cooper of Yazoo City, Mississippi, secretary, BWA Men's Department and past president, Southern Baptist Convention.

### BIBLE PUZZLE PAGE ANSWERS

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"The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy" (Psa. 145:8).

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# Members Of Christ's Body

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**Basic Passages:** I Corinthians 12:12-26; Ephesians 4:11-16

**Focal Passages:** I Corinthians 12:12-21; Ephesians 4:11-13

Paul is thinking here of an organism and not an organization. The Holy Spirit led the apostle to represent this many sided nature and also the unity of the body of Christ. It is not something of a mechanical and technical entity but is vital and has an ingrown coordination.

He shows how each part is involved by each other part.

The body of Christ is a spiritual growth. It is not a human building or structure.

We are baptized into it by the Holy Spirit when we are born again.

The local church is the structural expression of the body of Christ. It should be patterned after criteria set down in the New

Testament. Succession after the reproduction in kind is the idea.

## **ONENESS IN MULTIPLICITY—** I Corinthians 12:12

There are many parts or members in the human body but there is only one entity. Each part should feel itself to be a member of the whole. It should function according to its purpose with the whole body. There has to be great diversity but there can be unity in action.

## **BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE BODY OF CHRIST—I Corinthians 12:13**

We are not naturally in the body of Christ. We do not join the body of Christ by a formal act ourselves.

We receive Christ by faith and the Holy Spirit baptizes us into the body of Christ when we give ourselves to Him.

We publicly identify ourselves with the local church or the visible expression of the body of Christ by immersion in water. In New Testament times this was obviously true. For centuries it was taken for granted by all significant groups of Christians.

## **THE ANALYSIS OF THE BODY OF CHRIST—I Corinthians 12:14-21**

The human body is so marvelously constructed. Each member is so well located and suited to its function. The eye cannot be replaced by the hand and vice versa. One member cannot take over the function of all the rest of the members. Just to think of it sounds so absurd.

There is a distinct place and function for each member of the body. This is true of the body of Christ.

In our churches we are having too few doing too much and too many doing too little. This lopsided situation is too apparent.

## **MATURING MISSIONS OF THE MEMBERS—Ephesians 4:11-13**

Paul enumerates and specifies the functioning groups which are to build up the body of Christ into perfect Christlike maturity.

They are apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. These are somewhat the over-all leaders. Each and all of these are to be backed and assisted by the lay membership. The idea is each for all and all for each.

## South Americans Form New Baptist Union

**COCHABAMBA, Bolivia** — Representatives of 10 Baptist groups in Latin America formed a Latin American Baptist Union during a constitution assembly here in September.

The assembly produced a constitution and proclamations that call for evangelization of South America and the world, cooperation and fellowship among South American Baptists, and fraternal relations with missionary representatives from Baptists outside the continent.

Joao Falcao Sobrinho, general secretary of the Baptist Convention of Brazil, was elected president of the newly formed Union Bautista Latino Americana (UBLA). He had served as "coordinator" for an initial UBLA planning meeting in September 1975 at Lima, Peru.

Other officers elected were Paul H. Eustache V., Venezuela, and Luis Pozo Burdiles, Chile, vice presidents; and Jose Caballero Montafio, Bolivia, and Emigdio Veizaga, Bolivia, secretaries.

V. Carney Hargroves, president of the Baptist World Alliance from 1970-75, represented the Baptist World Alliance (BWA) at the UBLA organization meeting. Both the BWA and the UBLA constitutions state that close relations will be maintained between such organizations.

Hargroves reported enthusiasm among Baptist nationals and missionaries for the UBLA and for Baptist work in South America.

And he noted that a spirit of unity is evident in proclamations issued by the constitution assembly, each prefaced by the phrase "Let us Unite." (BP)

## Precious Promises

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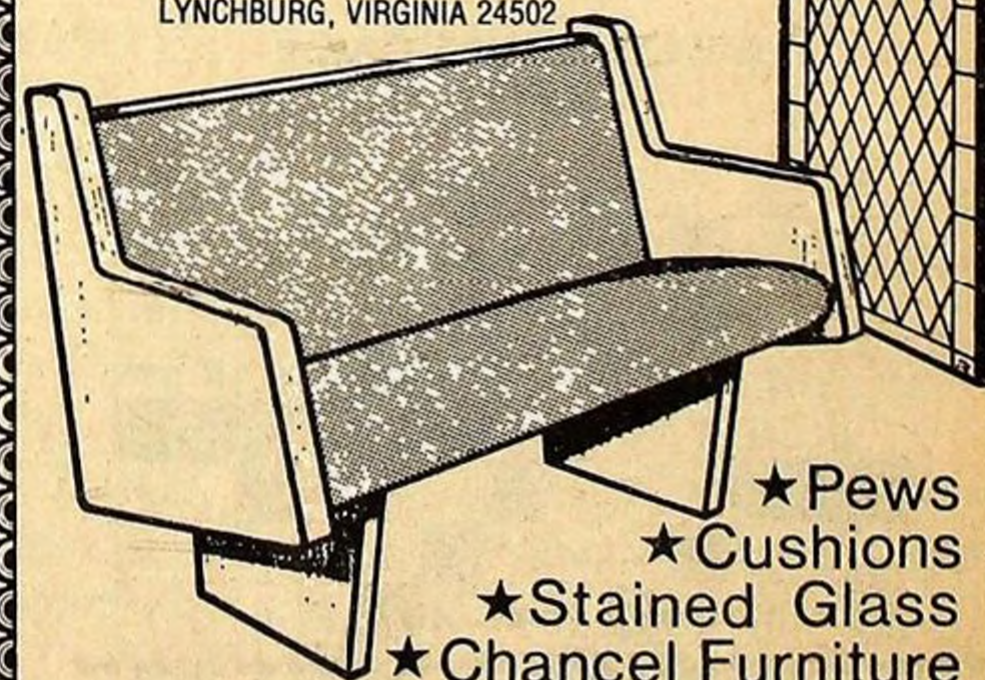
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# Family Living

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## FAMILY PET PLAYS UNIQUE ROLE IN CHILD'S MORAL, EMOTIONAL GROWTH

At different periods, the family pet may serve as therapist, teacher, special friend and civilizer in the life of the family child. The two functions a pet should never have to assume are that of a toy—and that of a disciplinary aid, warns writer, critic and animal-protector Cleveland Amory.

"Parents should never tell the child that if he or she doesn't feed or care for a pet, nobody else will," the head of The Fund for Animals stresses in a **Family Circle** interview. "By doing this, they lower the value of the animal in the child's mind. They seem to be saying 'this animal is not entitled to anything unless it comes from you'."

The youngster must see that parents value the animal as a fellow creature deserving of care, respect and affection.

Remember that a pet is the first being in the child's experience who is below him in status, reminds Amory. "The youngster can learn a great deal about responsibility from that. The pet offers an important chance to become civilized and socialized. After all, the mark of a civilized person is how he treats those beneath him in the social scale."

Children who are knowingly cruel to animals are showing a particularly serious symptom of emotional or mental disorder, most experts feel. Sometimes a youngster is "passing along" the treatment he or she has received from others. Sometimes there are compulsions at work that indicate trouble inside—and ahead.

In any case, deliberate mistreatment of living things must be regarded as a sign that something is going wrong. The family should not postpone seeking help.

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# HISTORICALLY

## FROM THE FILES

### 50 YEARS AGO

Under the editorial column, "Whenever Baptists think themselves together on what constitutes a Baptist body, they will have solved one of the greatest and most divisive questions."

The church at Dresden laid the cornerstone for the new building. Pastor G. T. Mayo and superintendent F. Y. Fuqua were in charge of the program.

### 25 YEARS AGO

The last of the charter members of Dyer First Church, Mrs. Ellen Halliburton McCaslin, died at the age of 89. A special day at the church had been observed in her honor just a few months earlier.

In 1951 it was estimated that America spent six times as much for liquor as for religion.

### 10 YEARS AGO

Belmont College broke ground on a new \$900,000 auditorium and fine arts building. Construction was expected to be completed within a year on the two-level brick building.

Highland Chapel, mission of Pulaski First Church, was constituted into a church. There were 131 charter members. Hoyt Wilson was pastor.

**AWARD-WINNING BOOK** — "We Were There" was named second place winner in national contest sponsored by SBC Historical Commission. Tells the story of Baptists in Illinois in first-person, anecdotal style. Described by one reviewer as "oral history at its best." Albert McClellan says, "I recommend it to people who don't like history books. It breathes, it talks, it runs. It makes the past present. In short, it lives." Interviews and text by Robert J. Hastings. \$4.99 plus .36 postage. Illinois Baptist State Association, Box 3486, Springfield, Il. 62708.

# From the Executive Secretary

By Ralph Norton

On behalf of Baptists across the state, I want to express sincere appreciation to Mrs. Eura R. Lannom for the superb job she has



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done as acting editor of the **Baptist And Reflector** during the past three years. Her overwhelming desire to place in our homes each week an informative and interesting news-journal, coupled with her fine spirit of cooperation, has won for her the respect which she so richly deserves. She will continue to serve on the staff with Alvin C.

Shackleford, newly-elected editor, who assumes responsibility on November 1.

Tennessee Baptists are fortunate to have a man of Rev. Shackleford's training and experience as our new editor. We look forward with eager anticipation to his association with us and extend to him, his wife and two lovely daughters, our best wishes as they make the move to Nashville. Continue to pray for this important area of our ministry and for Rev. Shackleford and the entire **Baptist And Reflector** staff.

## Tennessee To Host Two Seminars For Secretaries

Two certification seminars for church secretaries will be offered in Tennessee as a part of the Southern Baptist Convention Church Secretary's Personal Enrichment Program. A total of 16 regional certification seminars will be offered across the convention during 1976-77.

Designed for the church secretary who wants to improve job performance, the program is a project coordinated by the Church Administration Dept., Baptist Sunday School Board. The seminars will focus on various aspects of secretarial skills and examine the secretary's role in the church's ministry.

The Tennessee seminars will be held Oct. 25-29 in Gatlinburg and Jan. 17-21 in Nashville.

An additional advanced certification seminar will be offered for secretaries who have completed requirements for the basic certification. This will be held March 21-25 in Nashville.

Interested persons should contact the Church Administration Dept., BSSB, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville 37234.



# Reconciliation Meeting Held By Bengali Baptists

**FARIDPUR, Bangladesh**—Baptists from three Baptist unions within Bangladesh gathered here recently for a Baptist Congress hosted by Faridpur Baptist Church as a part of the Baptist World Alliance sponsored study on reconciliation in Jesus Christ.

According to Guinevere (Mrs. James E.) Young, Southern Baptist missionary press representative, about 145 delegates from the Bangladesh Baptist Association, the Bangladesh Baptist Union and the Garo Baptist Union attended.

Guest speaker was Cal Guy of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex. Guy is spending his sabbatical counseling with missionaries and nationals in Bangladesh in the field of evangelism and as interim pastor of a Baptist church in Jurbise, Belgium. Guy has made two trips to Bangladesh and will make a third at the conclusion of the Belgium pastorate.

Other special guests included missionaries from New Zealand, Australia, Britain and the United States, plus Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Harris and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Satterfield. Both Harris and Satterfield are representatives of the Baptist World Alliance.

Each Baptist union shared its history with the others. The entire group was challenged to closer fellowship through additional meetings and to a "togetherness-thrust" toward bringing Bangladesh to Christ, Mrs. Young said.

## Dezearn Succeeds Jones As Holston Valley Moderator

Jerry Dezearn, pastor, McPheeters Bend Church, Holston Valley Association, was elected moderator of that association during its recent annual meeting. Dezearn succeeds Basil Jones, pastor, Hickory Cove Church, in the position.

Other officers elected included Clay Frazier, pastor, Oak Grove Church, vice moderator; Bob Horton, a member of Shepards Chapel, treasurer; and Becky Underwood, a member of First Church, clerk.

The 1977 sessions are scheduled to be held Sept. 22-23 at Church Hill First Church, War Creek Church, and West View Church.

## Foundation

## What Can One Man Do?

By Jonas L. Stewart  
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Benjamin Franklin lived during the eighteenth century but he could have been a powerful influence in any century. He was the one who originated the statement, "A penny saved is a penny earned." This was not just a philosophy with him. His pennies are still earning after men have called him dead for 185 years.

Franklin is reported to have left at his death an amount equal to about \$5000 each to the cities of Boston and Philadelphia. The money was to be held in trust for 200 years. In the year 1991 it may be used. The two cities administered the trusts differently and the final distribution will not be the same. It has been estimated that the accumulated interest on the money in the Boston trust will have increased the amount to three and one-half million dollars. More than \$300,000 was paid out in 1891 as directed by the will.

Hundreds of Tennessee Baptists have caught the same vision. They are placing funds in trust with the Tennessee Baptist Foundation, directing that only the income be used for some designated program for our Lord. The original amount remains in trust until Jesus comes, adding support to the church, institution or mission cause they have loved and supported during their earthly life. Like Benjamin Franklin, they reach across the centuries to bless lives that are yet to be.

For information about how to accomplish the above in your will or by a living trust write Tennessee Baptist Foundation, Dr. Jonas L. Stewart, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, P.O. Box 347, Brentwood, Tennessee 37027.

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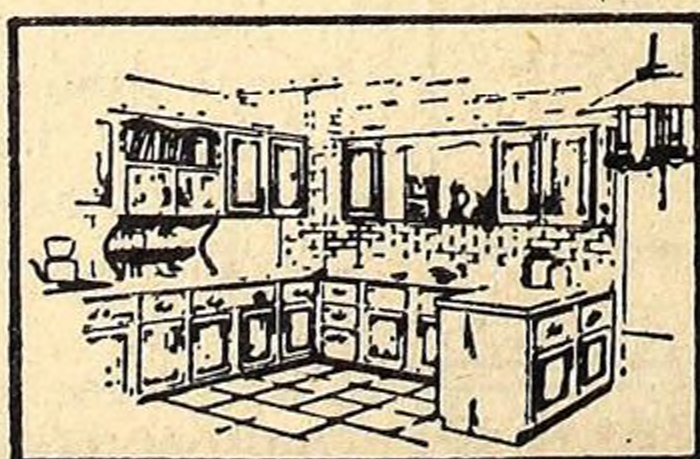
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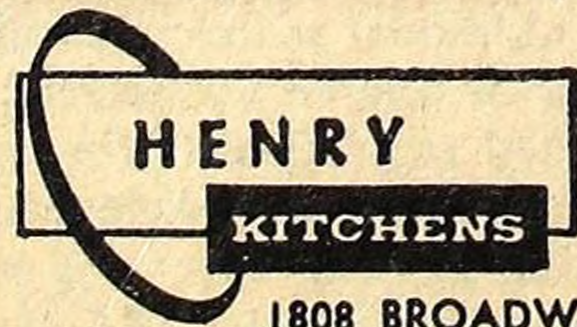
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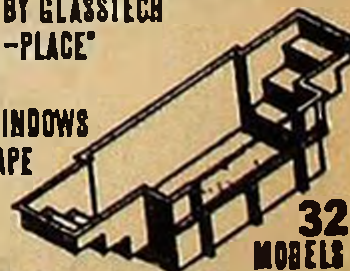
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