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## Southeastern Seminary Accepts \$100,000 Challenge Gift

WAKE FOREST, N.C.—Three gifts to Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary—including one of \$100,000 to endow a professorship of evangelism—were announced during the school's board of trustees meeting here.

The \$100,000 gift made anonymously by a North Carolina family, a seminary spokesman said, was accepted by the trustees as a challenge gift, to be matched \$2.00 for \$1.00 to endow the professorship.

The other two gifts for \$10,130 and \$6085 were from First Baptist Church, Pensacola, Fla., in cooperation with the Florida Bar Association, and from the Harold C. and Francine C. Fechner Charitable Trust, respectively.

Trustees voted to establish a J. Nixon Daniel Scholarship Fund in memory of the Pensacola churchman and lawyer who was a Southeastern trustee from 1966 until his

death in 1975. An existing scholarship fund of \$7515 was merged with the Pensacola gift, the Southeastern spokesman said.

The Fechner Trust gift was made in the name of the St. Louis, Mo., couple and will assist in endowing the seminary's Carver-Barnes lectures.

Authorization was granted for the seminary to confer an "associate degree," previously designated the "certificate in theology." The degree, the spokesman said, will be awarded to persons who complete an approved two-year course of study.

Further, trustees approved the creation of a development council for the Baptist school. A council of 30 business persons from Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, the District of Columbia and the Northeast, will assist in the seminary's institutional development program, the spokesman said. (BP)

## James Canady Accepts Post In Middle East Ministry

James A. Canaday, pastor of Central Church, Johnson City, for the past 16 years, has resigned effective Mar. 15. Canaday has been appointed by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention to serve as minister of an English-speaking community in Jidda, Saudi Arabia. He plans to leave for the new field of service some time in April.

A graduate of Carson-Newman College, he received the master of theology degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has been very active in denominational work serving as a trustee of Carson-Newman, a trustee of Baptist Memorial Hospital, a trustee of Union University, and a trustee of the Tennessee Baptist Foundation. Currently he is on the administrative committee of the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. He has served on the arrangements committee and the committee on boards for the state convention. He was also a member of the board of the Foreign Mission Board.

Other pastorates he served included: Calvary Church, Jackson; Lawrenceburg First Church; Manchester First Church; and Stevenson First Church (Ala.).

Canaday is married to the former Emma Ellen Boggs, who will serve with him in Saudi Arabia.

## Golden Gate Adds Piano And Voice Teachers

MILL VALLEY, Calif.—Polly Thomas Bostic and Jeanne Kostelic have joined the church music staff of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary as teacher of piano.

Mrs. Bostic, a native of Tampa, Fla., received the bachelor of music degree from Stetson University, DeLand, Fla., where she was president of Phi Beta Honorary Music Fraternity. She has been staff accompanist for The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and for the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex.

Mrs. Kostelic, of Corte Madera, is teaching voice. She received the bachelor of arts and bachelor of music degrees from the University of Montana, Missoula, the master of music degree from Dominican College, San Rafael, and has done additional graduate work at the University of Washington, Seattle.



Fellowship Church, Milan, held a groundbreaking service on property purchased a year ago on New Gibson Road, Milan. Pictured from left: Kenneth Sparkman, director of Missions, Gibson Association; Vivian Herbold, oldest member; Russell Hight, chairman of the building committee; Lewis Stavely, building foreman; Edward E. Marbury, pastor; and Carol Ann Hight, youngest member.

Fellowship Church was organized Dec. 8, 1974 and petitioned for membership in Gibson Co. Association in 1975. They were welcomed as a member church this year. Their building site consists of four acres with a 218-foot frontage.



# The Creator—Christ

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made."—John 1:3

The Bible pictures the entire God-head as involved in the act of creation. But "by [through] him" says that Christ was the intermediate agent in it (see Col. 1:16-17; Heb. 1:2).

"Were made" renders the Greek verb "to become" or "to come into being." Here it means that something which did not exist came into being, the natural universe. Christ "always was" but the universe came into being. In the Greek text "All things through him" precedes the verb. "All things" is the subject of the verb. And "through him" or "through him alone" is emphatic.

The Greek word for "all things" is *panta*. When used with the definite article it refers to all things as a whole; cosmically, "the universe as a whole" (Col. 1:17b). Without the definite article, as here, it means all things severally. Here it means "every single part of the universe." Christ created the universe from atoms to multiplied solar systems: "Every single part of the universe through him came into being".

To emphasize this John adds another strong thought. Literally, "And apart from him there came into being not even one thing which has come into being." "Came into being" is an aorist tense stating an

historical fact. "Has come into being" is a perfect tense of completeness and finality. The universe stands created with no more creative work to be done. Having finished his creative work God continues to work in providential care and redemption (John 5:17, "worketh" and "work" means to keep on doing so).

Colossians 1:16 reads, literally, "Because in the sphere of him alone the universe as a whole was created . . . the universe as a whole through him and unto him stands created" (my bold). So Christ is the sphere in which creation took place. He is the intermediate Agent in the creative act. And he is the goal toward which all creation moves. He is the Source, Agent, and Goal of all creation.

Thus Paul joins with John in praising the Creator-Christ. Certainly we should do no less.



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Evolutional

## Freedom Of Mind And Heart

By June McEwen

Spiritual freedom, political freedom and religious liberty are related conditions but they are not synonymous nor necessarily concomitant conditions. Paul in Roman chains or Bonhoeffer in a Nazi prison suffered both from denial of political freedom and religious liberty, but no two men were ever more free in mind and in the spiritual realm.

Paul abided by Roman law willingly, appealing to Caesar for trial on charges of treason against Rome for preaching Christ. Bonhoeffer submitted to prison and to death because his spiritual allegiance went beyond the political organization operating the government of Germany.

In the United States of America today we are unaware of and often ungrateful for this trilogy of the blessings of freedom to which we are heir. Too many Americans fail to exercise these rights which have been dearly bought and bequeathed to us.

Do we exercise spiritual freedom by disciplined, regular, and thoughtful attention to growing in wisdom and understanding of the gospels and of the full impact these teachings should have on our thoughts and actions? Do we regularly exercise our political freedom not only to vote but also to guarantee political rights to others, by standing up for all groups and individuals—especially those whose views differ from ours?

Do we maintain a stance of exercising our religious liberties by practice and participation in our own expression of the church of Jesus Christ? Do we remain vigilant in concern and action on the behalf of all people to have the liberty to practice (or to not practice) religion, knowing that they and we are accountable only to God?

Jesus said, "Know the truth and the truth shall make you free." Knowing the truth of Christ guarantees true spiritual freedom. He also said, "Render to Caesar. . ." indicating our obligation to the political government of our society, but he also admonished us to "render to God, the things that are God's." We are to know the truth, to be spiritually free and we are obligated to government.

Our English forebearers handed us a laboriously achieved political liberty which they claimed as the right of every man. Our American founding fathers established this government on the strong basis that government has no right to interfere in a man's relationship with God. As Americans, and as Christians, we have an obligation to seize our liberties, to not only say but to demonstrate with our lives that "In God We Trust". When we do these things, we will have availed ourselves of three great blessings: spiritual freedom, political freedom, and religious liberty. What better way to celebrate the two hundredth anniversary of the founding of these United States.

## Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

A pastor friend sent me this church advertisement which was left under his windshield wiper while he was parked in a shopping center: "ANNOUNCING SKY HIGH DAY. FREE HELICOPTER RIDE FOR VISITORS IN SUNDAY SCHOOL."

If nothing else, here is one preacher who will try anything to get his Sunday School program off the ground.

And all things considered, this should be a successful program. Where the church is concerned, there are many people who want a free ride.

I can just hear the Sunday School director announcing: "the Whirly-bird Class was the winner of the high attendance award for last Sunday."

This, of course, would go right along with the appropriate slogan: "Watch our Sunday School Attendance Soar to New Heights!"

However, let it be clearly understood that if Bible study for every person is the aim of the campaign, Sunday School attendance is something to get up in the air about!



# Millington Center: 'A Home Away From Home'

By Tim Nicholas

**MILLINGTON, Tenn.**—Two years ago, a Navy enlisted man entered the Service Personnel Center near Memphis Naval Air Station here seeking counseling on how to find a wife.

About a year later, he was married to a girl he met at a social gathering at a Baptist church.

Such "services" are not the norm for the Baptist-sponsored serviceman's center, but for the layman directing the center—retired Navy Commander Willis (Chip) Reding—it was all in the line of duty.

The young man had been on a bus running from the base near Millington to Memphis when he saw the center's sign and yelled for the drive to stop. He told Reding he'd been pounding the streets all that day, lonely—afraid to tell a chaplain what he wanted because he thought he'd laugh.

Reding promised not to laugh and counseled him. The young man not only eventually found a wife but also accepted Christ as his Savior.

Not many servicemen can say they found a wife through the Baptist servicemen's center, but many of the 15,000 stationed at the Naval Air Station can say they have found free peanut butter-and-jelly sandwiches, lemonade and family counseling there.

## Baptist Sponsored

Sponsored by the Shelby Baptist Asso-

ciation, Tennessee Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, the center offers a variety of ministries designed to be a "home away from home" for the servicemen and their families.

Steve Ketrick, for instance, a native of Tulsa, Okla., who works in the base legal office, said the center "helps keep me out of trouble."

Everyone who enters the center, located only about 200 yards off base, is clicked onto a calculator and given an introduction and an invitation to tour the facilities. The Christian witness is low key.

"Our idea was that we would have a low-key spiritual aspect here," noted Reding, "that we wouldn't hustle them off to the back room for a profession of faith."

"We do try, however, to be alert to the leadership of the Holy Spirit for counseling," he continued.

The center gets 99 percent enlisted men, "and the ones who come are usually interested in spiritual things," he said. "These past few years the lower pay grades have been getting more pay, so more are getting married. This invited problems in finance and in maturity. Being a long way from home also helps the problems add up."

Reding tries to make his counseling spiritual, explaining that the way to make it as a family is to have a relationship to the Lord. He has recorded 216 professions of faith since the center opened.

Nearly every time someone has made a decision, Reding says, the person had some

influence on his life that led him to the center.

"One Bible verse I think is pertinent to the ministry here is John 6:44, where Jesus says 'No man cometh to me, except the Father which has sent me draw him!'"

## Lopez And Thomason Assist

Linday Lopez, a retired Army serviceman who gave up a job as a sheet metal worker in Clarksville, Tenn., is Reding's assistant.

Also assisting is Billy Thomason, a clerk accountant for the city of Memphis who also serves as minister of outreach for Fairlawn Baptist Church. Thomason earned a diploma in theology from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and hopes to go into mission work when he retires in a year.

After more than two years of working with the center, he said, "it's enriched my life seeing God work through servicemen. Before I came here I thought they were all 'out in the world.' I found there were plenty of fine Christians in the service."

Servicemen walk up and down Navy Road, where the center is located, at all hours. Some see the signs and walk in. Some see tract racks and hastily retreat. Others sit on the sofa and plunk a guitar, drift to the television room, or challenge the winner of the Ping Pong game.

The signs outside the center offer only one clue as to its nature—the words "the agape place for military." Agape is a Greek word indicating the kind of love God has for people.

Besides providing a physical center for off duty hours, the center offers evening Bible studies led by a Navy man planning to enter the ministry and acts as a link between associational churches and the men in the barracks.

It also advertises wholesome entertainment and spreads the word about churches with a special interest in service personnel, such as McLean Baptist Church, which has a bunk residence for the men where they can sleep on Saturday nights, rap sessions, Bible study, breakfast makings, and Sunday morning services.

John Sexton, a serviceman from Pine County, Minn., reflected on what brings in people to the center.

"I like to stop in every once in a while. There isn't a lot of pressure like on base," he said. "It just kind of looks like a Christian place." (BP)



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**CENTER**—Retired Navy Commander Willis (Chip) Reding runs a "home away from home" for sailors and officers at the Baptist-sponsored serviceman's center at Millington, Tenn., near the U.S. Naval Air Station. It is sponsored by the Home Mission Board and Shelby Baptist Association.

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# The One Hundred And Second Session of the TENNESSEE BAPTIST CONVENTION

**November 16-18, 1976 — West Jackson Baptist Church — Jackson, Tennessee — Host Pastor: David Byrd**

## **Tuesday Morning, November 16**

**Theme: "WE HOLD THESE TRUTHS"**

- 9:30- 9:35 Call to order .....Carroll Owen
- Invocation .....William Suddarth
- 9:35- 9:40 Report of Credentials
- Committee .....Frank Kemper
- 9:40- 9:50 Report of Committee on
- Arrangements .....Richard Wakefield
- 9:50-10:00 Worship in Song
- 10:00-10:15 Devotional .....William Blevins
- 10:15-10:25 Welcome .....David Byrd
- 10:25-10:35 President's Announcements .....Carroll Owen
- 10:35-11:00 Presentation of Budget .....Ralph Norton
- 11:00-11:05 Congregational Singing
- 11:05-11:15 Choral Worship .....Adult Choir,
- West Jackson Bapt. Church
- 11:15-11:45 Convention Sermon .....F. M. Dowell
- 11:45 Benediction .....Yancy Wharton

Ken Alexander, Song Leader; Mrs. James McElroy, Organist;  
Robert Matthews, Pianist.

## **Tuesday Afternoon, November 16**

**Theme: "WE HOLD THESE TRUTHS"**

- 2:00- 2:05 Invocation .....Herschell Woodburn
- Worship in Song
- 2:05- 2:20 Devotional .....William Blevins
- 2:20- 2:45 Recognition of new pastors and
- church staff members .....Ralph Norton
- 2:45- 2:50 Congregational Singing
- 2:50- 3:50 Business Session
- Report of Constitution &
- Bylaws Committee .....David Byrd
- Report of Committee on
- Boards .....Robert Hammer
- Report of Committee on
- Committees .....Robert McCray
- 3:50- 4:00 Special Music
- 4:00- 4:40 Message .....J. H. Taylor
- 4:40 Benediction .....Bob Carroll

Doyle Jennings, Song Leader; Mrs. Phyllis Taylor, Organist;  
Larry Ballard, Pianist.

## **Tuesday Evening, November 16**

**Theme: "WE HOLD THESE TRUTHS"**

- 6:45- 7:00 Pre-Session Music
- 7:00- 7:05 Invocation .....Marlon Smothers
- Worship in Song
- 7:05- 7:15 Tennessee Baptist Chorale .....Louis O. Ball
- 7:15- 7:30 Devotional .....William Blevins
- REPORTS FROM AGENCIES
- 7:30- 7:40 Tennessee Baptist Foundation ...Jonas Stewart
- 7:40- 7:50 Baptist and Reflector .....Alvin Shackleford
- REPORTS FROM CENTRAL
- ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENTS
- 7:50- 8:00 Cooperative Program &
- Stewardship .....O. M. Dangeau
- 8:00- 8:10 Protection Plans .....Vern Powers
- 8:10- 8:20 Church Ministers Information...J. William Harbin
- REPORTS FROM CHURCH
- MINISTRIES DEPARTMENTS
- 8:20- 8:30 Missions .....Leslie Baumgartner
- 8:30- 8:40 Student .....Glenn Yarbrough
- 8:40- 8:50 Special Music .....FBC, Adult Choir, Paris
- 8:50- 9:20 President's Address .....Carroll Owen
- 9:20 Benediction .....Billy Moorefield

Wayne Dorris, Song Leader; Mrs. George Webb, Organist;  
Paul Ridgeway, Pianist.

## **Wednesday Morning, November 17**

**Theme: "WE HOLD THESE TRUTHS"**

- 9:00- 9:05 Invocation .....John R. Walker
- Worship in Song

- 9:05- 9:20 Devotional .....William Blevins
- 9:20-10:00 Report of the Executive
- Board .....John Churchman
- 10:00-10:10 Report of the Treasurer .....Ralph Norton
- 10:10-10:20 Adoption of the Budget
- 10:20-10:35 Election of Officers
- 10:35-10:40 Congregational Singing
- 10:40-10:50 Recognition of Fraternal
- Representatives .....Carroll Owen
- 10:50-11:00 Special Music .....Milton Gresham
- 11:00-11:30 Message .....Fred Steelman
- 11:30 Benediction .....James R. Jones

Terry Turney, Song Leader; Mrs. Ruth Patrick, Organist;  
Mrs. Judith Dodson, Pianist.

## **Wednesday Afternoon, November 17**

**Theme: "WE HOLD THESE TRUTHS"**

- 2:30- 2:40 Invocation .....Wilburn Nelson
- Worship in Song
- 2:40- 2:55 Devotional .....William Blevins
- 2:55- 3:00 Committee on
- Arrangements .....Richard Wakefield
- 3:00- 3:20 Election of Officers—continued
- 3:20- 3:40 Miscellaneous Business
- 3:40- 3:50 Memorial Service .....Matt Tomlin
- 3:50- 4:00 Special Music .....Don Martin
- 4:00- 4:30 Message .....Mike Dawson
- 4:30 Benediction .....Robert Armour

Steve Smith, Song Leader; Mrs. W. E. Jones, Organist;  
Mrs. Paul Clark, Pianist.

## **Wednesday Evening, November 17**

**Theme: "WE HOLD THESE TRUTHS"**

- 6:45- 7:00 Pre-Session Music .....Union University Band
- 7:00- 7:05 Presentation of colors and pledges
- 7:05- 7:10 Invocation .....Jim Dusek
- Worship in Song
- 7:10- 7:25 Devotional .....William Blevins
- 7:25- 8:25 Recognition of Retirees
- F. M. Dowell, Evangelism
- Roy Gilleland, Brotherhood
- Mary Anderson, Church Training
- 8:25- 8:45 Union University Singers, Ken Hartley, Director
- 8:45- 9:25 Message .....John Buchanan
- 9:25 Benediction .....Bob Wilson

Larry Nelson, Song Leader; Max Pugh, Organist; Alan Reed, Pianist.

## **Thursday Morning, November 18**

**Theme: "WE HOLD THESE TRUTHS"**

- 9:00- 9:05 Invocation .....Dennis Pulley
- Worship in Song
- 9:05- 9:20 Devotional .....William Blevins
- 9:20-10:20 TENNESSEE BAPTISTS MINISTERING
- THROUGH INSTITUTIONS
- Schools—15 minutes
- Children's Homes—15 minutes
- Hospitals—15 minutes
- Tennessee Service Corporation—15 minutes
- 10:20-10:35 Committee Reports
- Committee on Resolutions .....George Horton
- Committee on Audits .....Clarence Edmonds
- 10:35-10:45 Sunday School .....Wendell Price
- 10:45-10:55 Woman's Missionary
- Union .....Mary Jane Nethery
- 10:55-11:05 Church Music .....Frank Charton
- 11:05-11:10 United Tennessee League .....Phil Padgett
- 11:10-11:15 American Bible Society
- 11:15-11:25 Special Music .....Donnie Adams
- 11:25-11:55 Message .....Jack May
- 11:55 Benediction .....H. Lowrey Haynie

Calbert Bowden, Song Leader; Mrs. James McElroy, Organist;  
David Whaley, Pianist.



# 'To Die Was To Win' For 16-Year-Old Bristol Youth

By Teresa Shields

**CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va.** — Sixteen-year-old R. Thomas Brown died quietly in his room at the University of Virginia (UVA) Hospital here.

In February, his doctor had found it necessary to amputate his left leg. The Bristol, Tenn., teenager, had osteogenic sarcoma, a kind of bone cancer.

People who had contact with him said he was an "encourager," or "son of encouragement" like the biblical missionary Barnabas. And, they say, his death should be counted as the same—an encouragement.

"Tom had the possibility of being a great athlete," said W. Joseph Owen III, Richmond, Va., lawyer and former president of the UVA Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) that "adopted" Tom.

"He had played center and linebacker on the Bristol high school football team and had also played outfielder on the baseball team. And he was good.

"He told me after his operation that he had been putting athletics first in his life. He said the Lord had taken that away from him. But he wasn't bitter. He saw it as a lesson that he should put the Lord first. He even decided he should take up singing. He said singing praises was the least he could do for his Lord."

A few days before his death, Tom explained, "If I had one thing I could tell a person it would be to trust in the Lord and turn his whole life over to Him. If he does

that, well, he will come out on top no matter what happens."

Tom, a member of Euclid Avenue Baptist Church in Bristol, told about his conversion experience.

"I accepted Christ at the age of seven," the teenager related, "but it wasn't until about a year ago that I turned it all over to the Lord. And when I did I had inside me a peace that I had never known. It's marvelous and it's inexplicable. It's a miracle that no man can ever explain.

## Brown Called "A Square"

"Since that time a lot of my friends at school and people I meet say that I'm a square. I just say, 'Let me tell you about this square that the Lord saved.'"

But, not all those Tom met thought he was a square. The story of his faith and courage spread across the nation and the world, according to his mother, Nancy (Mrs. Robert M.) Brown.

"He received letters from people he didn't know and that had never met him," she explained. "They all expressed how just hearing about Tom had encouraged them in their faith. Some told how he had led them to turn it all over to the Lord."

Elizabeth Thompson, member of Euclid Avenue Baptist, wrote, "Tom, we praise God for your witness throughout the past months. Your earthly ministry thus far has been dynamic and far-reaching in effect."

Fellow classmate Kathy McReynolds sent Tom a letter explaining, "You have meant so much to me. I just really couldn't put it into words. Your courage and faith have been such a great example to all of us. I really wish you knew how many lives have been changed because of what they saw in you.

"Your life has made me realize that the only thing that really matters in life is knowing the Lord," Kathy wrote.

Her letter and many others like it Tom received didn't really surprise him that much.

In his words, "I've learned to live with pain and suffering. . . I know if I stay strong, it's not hard to just put the Lord Number One in my life. And then, He's just gotta shine through. It's the Lord people see, not Tom Brown."

Mark Newlen, UVA basketball player and FCA member, was contacted by some people who knew about Tom when the youth was first brought to Charlottesville for treatment.

"When I heard about this young Christian athlete who was going to have his leg removed because of cancer I wanted to go see him," Newlen explained.

"But I was scared because I didn't know what to say. I went anyway to try to cheer him up.

"When I first went in, Tom sat up and said, 'Hi, come on in, sit down and let's talk.' When I went home that night, he had cheered me up instead of me cheering him up.

"Tom taught me more in the eight months I knew him," Newlen shared, "than anyone else I've ever met in my life. He loved Christ with all his heart, mind, soul and strength. His life is a perfect example of 'it's not how long you live but how you live that is of utmost importance.'

"Christ's love which manifested itself in Tom's life will live on in the hearts of those who knew him the rest of their lives."

The encouragement Tom gave to those who knew him well, those who met him for the first time and those who only heard about him, could be summed up in the statement of a fellow classmate and ball-player:

"To put it bluntly, I have more respect for you than I have ever had for anyone else I have ever known personally, or have even heard of. You are a winner, RTB. . ."

For about 15 minutes, during an interview at UVA Hospital, the haze and fog of the pain-killing drugs lifted as Tom talked about his faith. Then grogginess settled back over him. He died the next evening—Oct. 13.

For the young encourager and those he encouraged, to die was to win. (BP)

## My Only Regret: I Never Told Her

By Jean Lester

"The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want." Psalms 23:1 As a teller in a bank years ago, I opened an old, colored lady's passbook to enter her deposit, a few dollars and cents left after paying her expenses, and saw written in her handwriting, "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want". As I looked at her, the words really took on a new meaning for me.

After months of illness and the summer months spent in a hospital, Joan, our only child, died. My husband and I had been married ten years, and now again we were childless and heavily in debt. Fortunately, the undertaker in our small community knew and trusted us.

Months later a wonderful thing happened. My husband who was thirty-four years of age was saved. We began to serve the Lord and to tithe our small incomes. The Lord blessed the other ninety percent; and, in time, we had our debts paid and owned our own home again.

Always during those years which I waited on the dear old black lady, I would turn to the front page of her passbook to read the words: "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want". My regret now is that I never revealed to her that I read the words she had written, and that it was an inspiration to me. I now realize it was truly her testimony as she relied on the great promise, "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want".

*Jean Lester and her husband are active members of Holston Memorial Church, Strawberry Plains, Tenn. She is the sister of Vern Duncan, pastor of New Bethel Church, Harrison.*



# Japan Baptist Convention Nears Goal; Sets Others

**RICHMOND**—With the goal of becoming self-supporting almost obtained, the Japan Baptist Convention is now looking toward other major objectives.

Shuichi Matsumura, a former vice president of the Baptist World Alliance and chairman-elect of the Japan Convention, said the convention set a goal five years ago to become self-supporting by January 1977. Except for the convention's seminary, that goal will soon be achieved, according to George H. Hays, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's area secretary for East Asia.

Now Japanese Baptists are looking in other areas of their work. One goal is to strengthen present churches. Radicalism and the student movements weakened the churches during the late 60's and early 70's, Matsumura said during a visit to the Foreign Mission Board headquarters here. He noted that the average attendance for Baptist churches throughout Japan is 40.

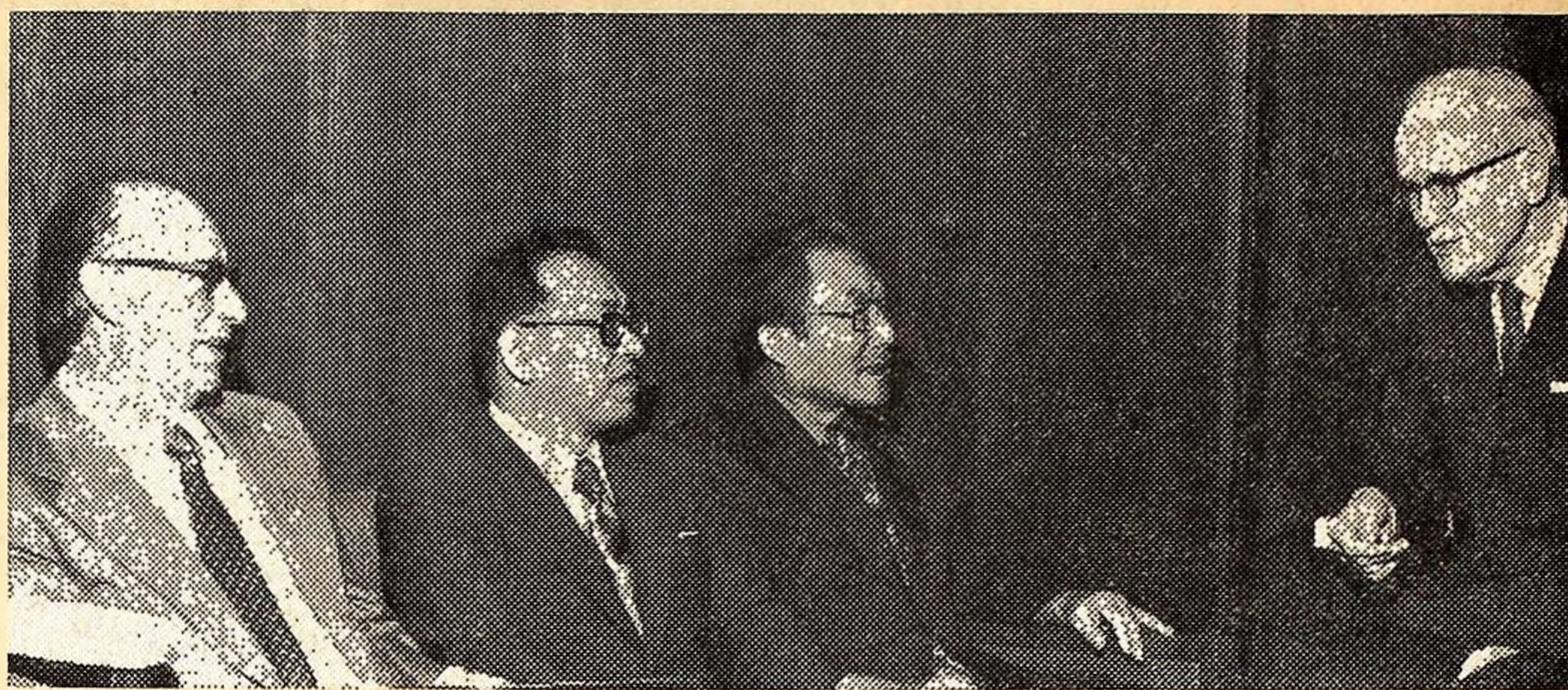
Another main concern involves strengthening the seminary. Yoshikazu Nakajima, executive secretary of the Japan Convention, said during the visit that he fears a shortage of pastors in his country.

With Hays serving as an interpreter, Nakajima estimated that half of Japan's pastors are 40 years old or older and will be retiring before new ones will be trained. At the end of his term as executive secretary, Nakajima will return to the church he served in Osaka for 12 years before he became a convention official.

Another goal—part of the reason for the Japanese leaders' Richmond visit—is to build a closer relationship with Southern Baptists and the Foreign Mission Board.

As the convention nears self-support, the Japan Convention will not break its relationship with Southern Baptists but confirm "a new working relationship," Matsumura said. The relationship is no longer as much financial as it is two groups of Christians continuing to work together to spread the gospel, he explained.

The Japanese leaders came to emphasize their convention's willingness to work together and to thank Southern Baptists for their support and assistance in the past.



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**JAPANESE BAPTISTS EXPRESS APPRECIATION**—Two prominent Japanese Baptist leaders visited Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board headquarters in Richmond, Va., recently to express gratitude for the support and assistance the Japan Baptist Convention has been receiving. Shuichi Matsumura (center right), a former vice president of the Baptist World Alliance and chairman-elect of the Japan convention and Yoshikazu Nakajima (center left), executive secretary of the Japan convention, told Baker J. Cauthen (right), the board's executive secretary, that their convention was becoming self-supporting but they wanted to continue a close relationship with Southern Baptists and the Foreign Mission Board. George H. Hays (left), the board's area secretary for East Asia, served as an interpreter for the Japanese pastors while they were at the board.

Nakajima said he thought personal representation from his convention was the only way to truly express gratitude.

"I came to express appreciation for your support and assistance with finances and personnel in the postwar period," he said. "We (the Japan Convention) have been working very hard to become adults," Nakajima continued. While children are growing up, he explained, their parents seem to be constantly giving but receiving very little. Then, when the children are grown, they begin to give just as they have been given to.

"Japanese churches have been receiving and American churches have been giving," he said. Now, as the Japan Convention becomes self-supporting, its role will change. It will be able to do more giving.

Matsumura expressed his appreciation to the board during its meeting here.

Both Nakajima and Matsumura said that Christianity had brought more than a Savior to Japan. They said it had had an impact on the way of life, especially in areas of

equality for men and women and in education. Matsumura said it had brought an overall freeing spirit, and Nakajima added that it had caused an international consciousness and a breakdown of provincialism.

As a pastor for 38 years, Matsumura thinks secularism and indifference are the greatest barriers to the gospel in Japan. He said there is a lack of interest in spiritual things. The people are very realistic-thinking people and it is hard for them to think and grasp spiritual concepts, he said.

The old religions—Buddhism and Shintoism—are the greatest barriers to Christianity, according to Nakajima. He said there is something in Japanese consciousness that makes it hard for the gospel to penetrate.

The Japan Baptist Convention was formed in 1947 with 16 churches and more than 1000 members, according to "Japan Advances," written by W. Maxfield Garrett, deceased Southern Baptist missionary to Japan, (Convention Press, 1956).

The convention today has 175 churches and more than 23,628 church members, according to Hays.

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# Together Under God

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**Basic Passages: Romans 10:1-13; 11**

**Focal Passages: Romans 10:5-13; 11:33-36**

This lesson concludes a series of six lessons on "The Meaning of Reconciliation." Romans 1-11 has given us an opportunity to examine this great doctrine from the standpoint of many of its facets. The present lesson is a fitting conclusion for the series because, in a real sense, it comprises a summary of the doctrine of reconciliation. The significance of the word "together" in our topic captures what it means to be reconciled. The two dimensions of reconciliation are given attention in our focal passage: reconciled to God and reconciled to man.

## The Togetherness of God and Man (10:5-11)

It has sometimes been observed that there are two approaches to righteousness: the impossible way and the possible way. Both are mentioned here. "The righteousness which is based on the law" (v. 5) is the **impossible way** because adherents of this righteousness "shall live by it," i.e., without being supplemented by anything else such as mercy, forgiveness, etc. The choice of this way binds a person to keep the whole law as his source of salvation (Galatians 5:3). This is a reference to Leviticus 18:5, and the idea that adherents of the law shall **live by the law** provides an interesting contrast with the truth that "the just (the righteous) shall **live by faith**," a verse which Paul also frequently quotes from Habakkuk 2:4.

"The righteousness based on faith" is the **possible way** and constitutes the good news (the gospel) which Paul proclaims. It is the effective means of reconciliation or togetherness with God. This righteousness has a twofold message: a negative one and a positive one. The **negative** message (vv. 6-7) is that one cannot attain to Christ and his righteousness by doing some great thing like ascending into the heavens or descending into the abyss. This word of faith is near at hand and need not be procured by means of some difficult errand. Its effects are imminent; its availability is immediate. Paul makes this point by quoting from Deuteronomy 30:12-13.

Some people stumble at the simplicity of the gospel. Like Naaman the leper we frequently need the rebuke from his servants: "If the prophet had commanded you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much rather, then, when he says to

you, 'Wash, and be clean?' " (II Kings 5:13).

The **positive** message of this righteousness based on faith (vv. 8-11) is the good news of its nearness which makes all these moral errands and ceremonial gymnastics of "ascending" and "descending" unnecessary. Verse 8 is a continuation of the Deuteronomy passage (30:14). This righteousness is as near as the sinner's lips and heart. It is as near as the **heart** because one must only **believe** with the heart in order to attain it. It is urgent that we observe that this saving belief is with the heart, not with the head. So often, saving faith has simply been interpreted as our mental assent to the truth of certain statements about Christ that leaves the life unaffected. To the contrary, saving faith is a matter of the heart which stresses the inward and all-encompassing character of this faith. The "heart" in the Bible is not a physical organ or blood pump. It is a way of referring to the very center or core of a person's being. This is where faith must be exercised and if the center is effected, so will the circumference and the entire circle of a person's existence.

The word of faith is as near as the **lips** because one must also **confess** Christ in order to fulfill it. The "lips" of confession here must not be literalized any more than the "heart" of belief. If so, the deaf mute could never be saved. This is the Bible's way of saying that that which begins as an innermost experience of surrender must express itself outwardly. Acceptable ways of "confessing with the lips" are to be found by appearing before the congregation at the time of invitation, following Christ in baptism, living a transformed life, and speaking a word of witness for Christ. There is no shame or disappointment for those who respond to Christ in this way. Because of this demand of confession, there can be no "secret discipleship" that does not eventually and soon declare itself publicly.

## The Togetherness of Jew and Gentile (10:12-13; 11:33-36)

Up to this point we have observed the togetherness of God and man that comes about through Christ's reconciling work and expresses itself in the ready availability of righteousness through belief and confession. Now we must observe the manward togetherness that results from our condition of being reconciled to God and expressed

itself in the oneness of Jew and Gentile. We must view this togetherness from the standpoint of both its universal application and its historical uniqueness.

Because the gap had been bridged between God and man, the gap had also been bridged between man and man (vv. 12-13). Both bridges are a part of God's reconciling work. The chasm that had previously existed between Jew and Gentile no longer exists. There is now "no distinction" since they have "the same Lord". This Lord of all bestows his riches indiscriminately upon all who call upon him. To reinforce Paul's point, he cites Joel 2:32 where the "whosoever" denotes the universal application of this righteousness to all who claim it in faith. The full impact of Christ's reconciliation means that every racial, sexual, social, and economic barrier that separates mankind in the twentieth century must be discounted and removed just as the barrier was removed between Jew and Gentile in the first century.

The removal of this barrier between Jew and Gentile has also to be viewed from the standpoint of its historical uniqueness (11:33-36). These verses comprise a resounding climax to this unit of material contained in Romans 9-11. Here Paul has been dealing with the inclusion of Gentiles in this faith-righteousness in the light of the self-exclusion of the Jews as a people. He expresses his faith in the ultimate inclusion of the Jews as well, showing how God purposes it and uses the inclusion of the Gentiles to effect it. Just as Paul had affirmed the universal bestowal and distribution of God's riches earlier (10:12), he now marvels at the depth and unsearchableness of these same riches when viewed from the perspective of his eternal plan (11:33). With paraphrases from Isaiah 40:13-14 and Job 35:7 and 41:11 he strengthens his exclamation of praise (vv. 34, 35). A grand benediction crowns these words of praise: "For from him (the source) and through him (the medium) and to him (the goal) are all things. To him be **glory forever**"—the destination toward which all things through Christ are moving!

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## LEADERSHIP . . .

Pilgrim Church, Maryville, called **Dale Saunders** as pastor.

**O. P. Byrd** resigned as pastor of High Street Church, LaFollette.

**Ed Crawley** is serving as interim minister of music at Highland Heights Church, Memphis. A native of Dallas, he attended Louisiana College and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has served the Urbandale Church of Dallas and then for 12 years was minister of music at Dyersburg First Church. **Bruce Coyle** is pastor.

Judson Church, Nashville, called **Barbara McGehee** to serve as preschool coordinator and **Larry Smith** to serve as assistant minister of music. Both are on the field. **Raymond Langlois** is pastor.

**Ed Ketner** is the new minister of outreach for Clarksville First Church. **Ketner** has served as pastor in Tennessee, Virginia, Kentucky, Indiana, and North Carolina. In his new position he will assist the pastor in outreach. **John David Laida** is pastor at Clarksville.

**Harold Burroughs** resigned as pastor of Trimble First Church, and **Norman Williams** resigned as music director of the same church.

**Stephen Sorrell** was called as minister of music and youth at Zion Church, Haywood Association. He is a student at Union University and the son of **H. K. Sorrell**, pastor of Brownsville Church.

Candies Creek Church, Bradley Association, called **Byron Ball** as music and youth director.

**James Smith** resigned as pastor of Whiteville Church, Hardeman County Association.

**Danny O'Guin** is the new pastor of Clifton First Church.

**Tom Madden**, director, Convention Ministries Division, Tennessee Baptist Convention, is serving as interim pastor of Huntland Church, Duck River Association.

**Paul Bowser** resigned as pastor of Paynes Church, Duck River Association.

**Neal Foster** resigned as pastor of Southside Church, Winchester. He served the church for six years.

**Bill Ball** resigned as music director of East Commerce Church, Lewisburg.

## PEOPLE . . .

Rockwood First Church ordained **Don Edwards** and **Edwin Hill** as deacons. Pastor **Robert Campbell** delivered the charge to the church and to the candidates.

**W. James Coile**, **Archle Kliever**, **Kenneth C. Krause**, and **C. Richard Roselle** are scheduled to be ordained as deacons by Nashville First Church Nov. 21. **H. Franklin Paschall** is pastor.

Bolivar First Church called **George C. Johnson Jr.** as pastor. He accepted the call and will begin service on Nov. 1. A native of Alabama, he is the son of a Baptist minister. He is a graduate of William Carey College and received the master of theology degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He comes from Longview Church in Belden, Miss.

**Vance Rushing** announced his resignation from Poplar Springs Church, Gibson County Association.

**Bob Johnston** is now on the field as pastor of Latham's Chapel, Milan.

**Bill Williams** resigned as pastor of Mt. Pisgah Church, Bradford. He has accepted the call to Howse Church, Atwood.

**Jim Reynolds**, the new pastor at Oakwood Church, Milan, is now on the field.

**Robert G. Byrd** is the new youth director at Erwin First Church. He is a graduate of Carson-Newman College and a native of Concord. **Melvin Faulkner** is pastor at Erwin.

Piney Flats Church, Piney Flats, called **Elmer Tate** as pastor. A native of Kingsport, he is a graduate of East Tennessee State University and has a bachelor of law degree from LaSalle University. A former pastor of Temple Church, Athens, Ga., he comes to Piney Flats from College Park Church in Greenville, S.C.

**Paul G. Gabinet**, Elizabethton, was called as interim minister of music and youth at Cherokee Church, Jonesboro. **Gabinet** is the admissions director and assistant to the president of Washington College Academy. **James Cambron** is pastor at Cherokee.

**Joe Wall** resigned from the pastorate of Lovelace Church, Fall Branch.

Southside Church, Savannah, called **J. T. Drace**, Finley, as pastor.

**David Homan** resigned as pastor of Edgewood Church, Alpha Association.

Woodland Church, Jackson, ordained **Charlie Lipe** to the gospel ministry. **Jerald Smith** is pastor.

East Brainerd Church, Chattanooga, ordained **Everett Gilley** and **Ervin Kelsay** as deacons. **Thomas C. Townsend** preached the ordination sermon.

**Coy Wayne Tilley** was ordained as a deacon at Southside Church, Martin. **David Bayer**, former assistant pastor, brought the message.

Woodland Church, Jackson, ordained **Larry Barnes**, **Steve Horton**, **Tommy Latham**, and **Richard Statham** as deacons. **Jerald Smith** is pastor.

**James C. Hargrove** was ordained to the gospel ministry by Highland Church, Pulaski, at the request of Elkton Church, Elkton, where he was called as pastor. **Marvin L. Cochran**, pastor, Highland Church, Giles County Association, preached the ordination sermon. **Robert Earl Wilsford**, director of missions for the association, gave the charge to the candidate. **Thurman Young**, pastor of Grace Church, Tullahoma, gave the charge to the church. **Edgar Dunnivant** presented the Bible and led in prayer.

A former staffer at Eudora Church, Memphis, **Jere L. Phillips**, has assumed responsibilities as associate pastor and youth minister at New Orleans First Church. **Phillips**, a Union University graduate, is enrolled currently in the master of divinity program at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. While in Tennessee he also served as pastor of Fulton Church, Fulton.

Pulaski ordained **David Rose** as a deacon. **Clarence K. Stewart** is pastor.

Central Church, Martin, ordained **Garry Phillips** as a deacon. **James Humphreys Jr.**, director of missions, Weakley County Association, preached the ordination sermon. **J. Victor Brown** is pastor.

**Bob Skeen** was ordained recently as a deacon at Black Oak Heights Church, Knoxville. **J. C. Parrott** is pastor.

Springfield Church, Springfield, ordained **Trent Randolph** as a deacon. **Randolph** is a third generation Baptist deacon, preceded by his father, **Winston Randolph**, and his grandfather, **Robert Randolph**. Both the father and grandfather participated in the service. **John D. Adams** is pastor at Springfield.



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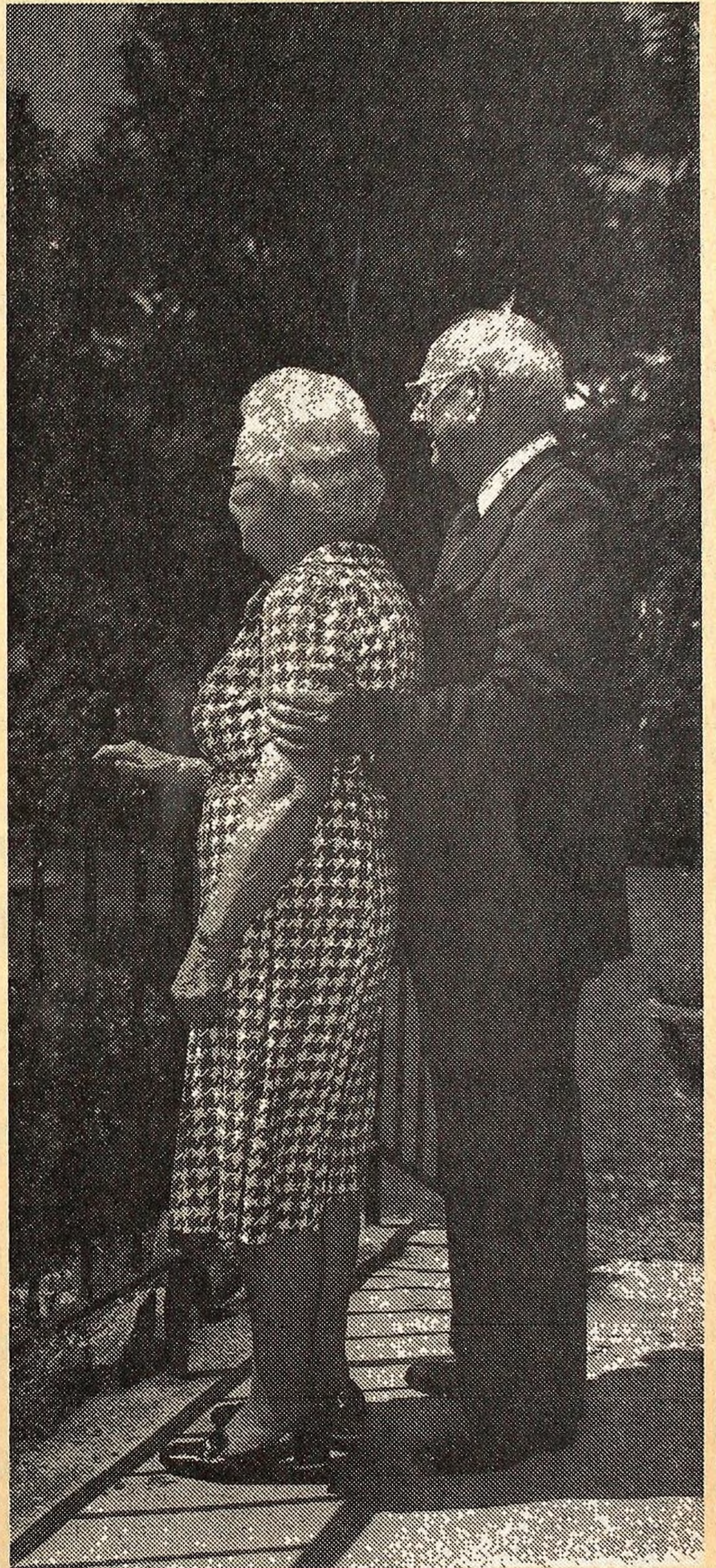
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# Bluefield College Urged To Avoid Federal Funds

**BLUEFIELD, Va.**—A member of the board of trustees of Bluefield College here urged the Baptist school's governing body to avoid "courting federal funds" for the construction of badly-needed college facilities.

Citing the current turmoil within the Baptist College at Charleston (S.C.) and the South Carolina Baptist Convention because of federal funding guidelines, Charles B. Nunn said, "Bluefield College has consistently refused federal funds for construction but has allowed individual students to receive funds from the federal government." Nunn voiced no objection to federal aid to individuals who need help to meet the needs of college education.

Recently, a South Carolina Baptist committee charged that changes made by the Baptist College at Charleston to comply with federal guidelines against sectarian teaching and worship have made "it impossible to carry out the purposes of the college as it relates to the South Carolina Baptist Convention."

The Government Funds Evaluation Committee said "continual monitoring of college activities" by the U.S. Department of

Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) "creates an intolerable atmosphere for the operation of a Christian college."

Nunn, pastor of Bluefield's First Baptist Church, speaking at the trustees' semianual meeting, characterized the Virginia Baptist state convention as Bluefield College's "strongest asset."

"Bluefield College," he continued, "was begun by Virginia Baptists. Bluefield College has always sought to maintain a clear identity to Virginia Baptists."

"The Baptist College at Charleston is in deep trouble," Nunn continued. "We don't need any federal interference in operating this school. The Baptist College at Charleston has HEW personnel sitting in classrooms evaluating classes in terms of sectarian or non-sectarian instruction."

"We must maintain this posture of not receiving or courting federal funds," Nunn urged. "If the small, evangelical Christian college is to maintain a growing, vital relationship . . . it must maintain a strong commitment and identity to state Baptists," Nunn concluded.

Meanwhile in Columbia, S.C., attorney

## Chapman Grove Pastor Named Hiwassee Moderator

E. R. Gamble, pastor, Chapman Grove Church, Hiwassee Association, was elected moderator of the association at its annual meeting recently.

Elected to serve with Gamble were: vice moderator Caloway Nichols, pastor, Concord Church; treasurer Nancy Roberts, and clerk Ruth Culvahouse, both members of Ten Mile Church.

Pisgah Church will host the 1977 sessions of the associational meeting, Sept. 23-24.

Preston Callison, who spoke for the South Carolina Baptist Convention's Government Funds Evaluation Committee, said dependence on government funds by Baptist colleges poses "a long-range threat to the usefulness of the institutions as a part of our missions program."

Callison, addressing the convention's general board in annual session, urged college trustees and the convention to "exercise restraint" in expansion of institutions in response to government programs.

"There is grave danger that Christian colleges may lose their unique value to the denomination and to the state as a result of the trend toward secularization," Callison's committee report said. (BP)

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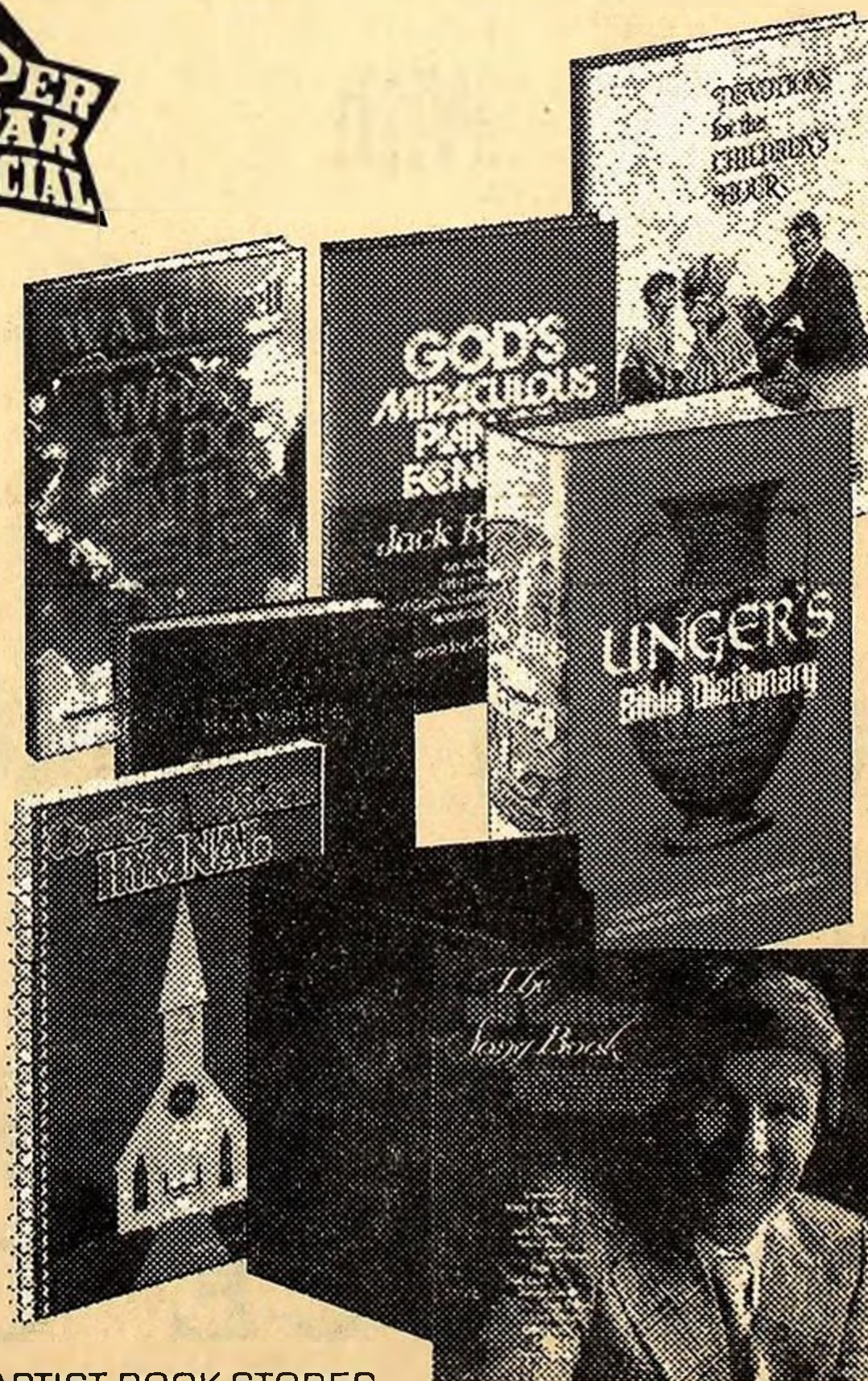
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# Hobbs, Johnson Named To Head \$10 Million Seminary Campaign

LOUISVILLE—Herschel H. Hobbs, pastor emeritus of First Baptist Church of Oklahoma City, and Wallace E. Johnson, recently retired vice chairman of the board of Holiday Inns, Inc., were named as co-chairmen of a \$10 million endowment and

capital needs campaign of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here.

Seminary president Duke K. McCall, who announced the appointment, indicated that the financial campaign would officially begin in the spring of 1977, the 100th anniversary

of the seminary's move to Louisville. Its theme will be "Resources for Excellence."

Hobbs, a former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, is best known as the speaker for 18 years on "The Baptist Hour," a radio program produced by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission and heard on several hundred stations throughout the United States and abroad.

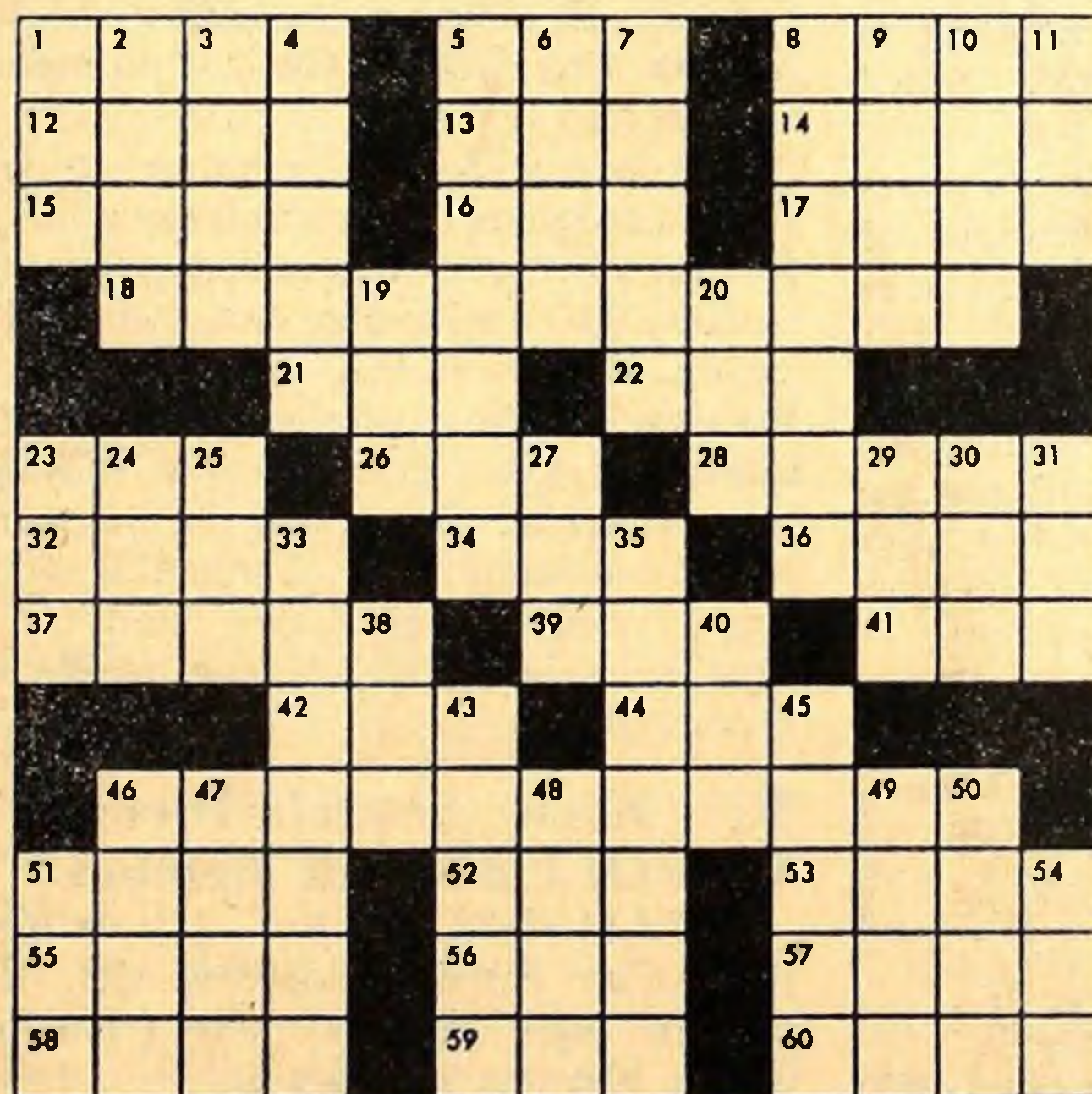
The retired pastor has been active in a number of denominational and civic responsibilities, including vice president of the Baptist World Alliance. He is a graduate of Howard College and Southern Baptist Seminary.

Johnson, co-founder of the Holiday Inn chain, is also chairman of the board of Medicenters of America, Inc., a health-care facility chain based in Memphis. An active Baptist deacon, he was named Lay Churchman of the Year in 1965 by Religious Heritage of America, Inc. He has also served on the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Southern Baptist Seminary, with a total enrollment of more than 2400 students last year, is the largest private institution of higher education in the state of Kentucky, and the largest seminary of any denomination in the eastern United States. (BP)

## Bible Puzzle Page

### Answers On Page 13



#### ACROSS

- 1 They take the prey (Isa. 33:23)
- 5 Built by Shamed (1 Chron. 8:12)
- 8 Grave
- 12 A keeper of sheep (Gen. 4:2)
- 13 Prefix meaning single
- 14 Sheep genus
- 15 Judged according to works (Rev. 20:12)
- 16 Dilute
- 17 Surfeit
- 18 "— is not above" (Matt. 10)
- 21 Sports official: abbr.
- 22 Gardener's tool
- 23 The Lord's is perfect (Psa. 19:7)
- 26 Recent

- 28 Folly was with him (1 Sam. 25:25)
- 32 Where the Anakims were from (Josh. 11:21)
- 34 Male gypsy
- 36 Over the offerings (2 Chron. 31:14)
- 37 Girl's name: poss.
- 39 The light of the body (Luke 11:34)
- 41 Consumed
- 42 Bird sound
- 44 Word with wood or board
- 46 "the — in Shiloh" (1 Sam. 14)
- 51 Taro
- 52 It was on the east (Gen. 12:8)
- 53 Mimics
- 55 Neglect
- 56 Enclosure: abbr.

- 57 David's clothing (1 Chron. 15:27)
- 58 Competent
- 59 Mature
- 60 Scantling

#### DOWN

- 1 He was with David (1 Sam. 20:35)
- 2 Countenance
- 3 Tower of — (Neh. 3:1)
- 4 Servant of the younger (Rom. 9:12)
- 5 A friction match
- 6 Burden
- 7 It was made between the two walls (Isa. 22:11)
- 8 "slow —" (Jas. 1)
- 9 Elliptical
- 10 Half a farthing
- 11 Academic degree: abbr.
- 19 Cub scout group
- 20 Charged particle
- 23 O. T. book: abbr.
- 24 Literary collection
- 25 "ye fight and —" (Jas. 4)
- 27 Misfortune
- 29 Large snake
- 30 Craft
- 31 Protecting shelter
- 33 "sailed close —" (Acts 27)
- 35 "So they weighed for —" (Zech. 11)
- 38 Earth
- 40 Inventor Whitney
- 43 Son of Nun (Num. 13:8)
- 45 Time periods
- 46 Dear
- 47 The Ishmaelite (1 Chron. 27:30)
- 48 Torment
- 49 "without —" (2 Pet. 3)
- 50 Tibbu: var.
- 51 West Indian district
- 54 Skin erythema dose: abbr.

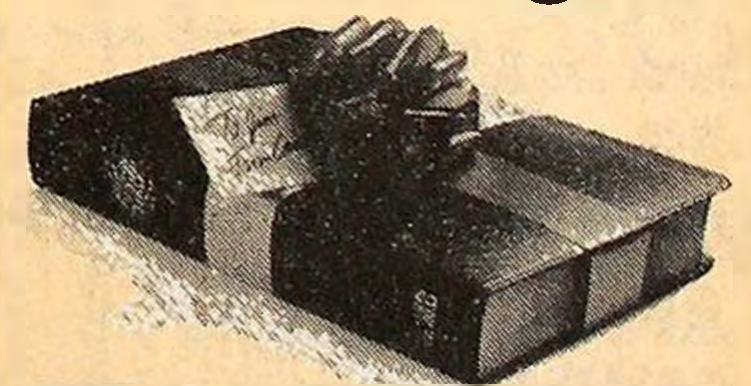
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# National Advisory Panel Slated For Acteens

**BIRMINGHAM** — The Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) has instigated plans for an Acteens National Advisory Panel to be composed of six exceptional high school students in the WMU's Acteens missions program for girls.

"The Acteens National Advisory Panel will give visibility to the organization and will highlight opportunities for older Acteens in missions," said Beverly Sutton, WMU Acteens consultant.

Panel members will serve the dual purpose of planning for national Acteens programs and officially representing Acteens when possible.

## Robert Gamble Elected Association Moderator

The pastor of Pleasant Heights Church, Maury Association, Robert Gamble, was elected moderator of that association recently. He succeeds Robert E. LeMay, pastor of Rock Springs Church. Two other officers, both reelected, included vice moderator Jim Dusek, associate pastor at Columbia First Church; and clerk Sid Richey, a member of Columbia First Church.

Mt. Pleasant First Church and Pleasant Heights Church are slated to host the 1977 meetings on Oct. 12-13.

The advisory panel will be chosen from a slate of Acteens nationwide who have submitted applications and who have met the requirements established by WMU.

Charter members of WMU's Acteens National Advisory Panel will be chosen prior to Feb. 1, 1977, and will serve until Dec. 1, 1977, when a second slate of panel members will be selected.

Other responsibilities of the panel will be serving as hostesses for WMU's annual meeting, June 11-14, 1977, in Kansas City, Mo., and perhaps writing for "Accent", WMU's magazine for girls, grades 7-12.

"We will be involving the older Acteens who are sharp girls actively participating in missions and our 'Studiact' activities," added Sutton.

Six panel members and three alternates will be chosen from the applications of Acteens who must face rigid requirements for panel consideration.

"Our premise is that girls can plan, without undue guidance, to give suggestions for overall Acteens programming and for the format and content of 'Accent' (which contains application forms for the advisory panel in its October issue.)" (BP)

## Letter To The Editor

October 25, 1976  
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Dear Editor:

As a member of an average size Baptist congregation affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention, I would like to express my displeasure concerning the article "Ministers' Wives Call For Better Understanding" in last week's **Baptist And Reflector**. There are two sides to this problem! My main objections are to the statements concerning finances and calling our pastors during evenings and Saturdays.

Preachers are not the only profession that feels inadequately paid. As a public school teacher, I find that many professionals (including preachers) with less education and less experience take home a much larger salary than I do. I feel teaching children to be my mission in life and would hope that most ministers of the gospel feel God's call for their work. I personally know few Baptist ministers who have as low a salary as 'the median income of their church members'. (Quote from the article)

As for calling the pastor at night and on Saturdays—when are we supposed to call them? Church leaders are generally the busy people; the doers of the community; persons with fulltime jobs. I doubt if the local Board of Education would find it fitting for me to leave my classroom to consult with my pastor concerning my problems as WMU Director of our church.

I am thankful the sentiments expressed in this article are not those of my pastor and his wife.

Sincerely,  
Barbara H. Mayfield  
(Mrs. Jimmy F. Mayfield)

## Joint Committee Elects Black Pastor, Plans Tax Conference

**WASHINGTON** — The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs elected a black pastor as its chairman and voted to sponsor a religious liberty conference on the taxation of churches in its semiannual meeting here.

Charles G. Adams, pastor of the Hartford Avenue Baptist Church of the Progressive National Baptist Convention Inc., Detroit, was elected chairman. He succeeds Arthur B. Rutledge, executive director-treasurer of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC), Atlanta.

Other officers elected were Elizabeth J. Miller, secretary, division of social ministries, American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A., first vice-chairman; Carolyn Weatherford, executive director, SBC Woman's Missionary Union, second vice-chairman; and K. D. Hurley, executive secretary, Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, secretary.

The Baptist Joint Committee last sponsored a religious liberty conference in 1972. Fifteen such conferences have been held.

The 1977 conference, Oct. 3-5 in Washington, D.C., will deal with "Taxation and the Free Exercise of Religion." In 1960, the subject of the conference was "Churches and American Tax Policy." Government policy on taxation of churches is again a rising problem and a new study of the issue is needed, in the opinion of the committee. (BP)

## Mrs. Maude Scofield Dies; Wife Of FMB Staff Member

**WILLIAMSBURG, Va.**—Maude Bowers (Mrs. Fon H.) Scofield, died Oct. 22 in Eastern State Hospital here from pneumonia. She was 70 years old.

Mrs. Scofield's husband is an associate secretary in the department of communications at the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's headquarters in Richmond, Va.

The funeral was held Oct. 27 at the Laburnum Chapel of the Woody Funeral Home in Richmond. Burial was in Richmond's Woodlawn Cemetery.

Mrs. Scofield was employed as a secretary to her husband at the board from 1950 to 1965. Scofield came to the board in 1948 as director of audiovisual services. In 1972, he assumed the directorship of program and product development, a responsibility which he still holds.

## McCommon Succeeds Alexander As Crockett Moderator

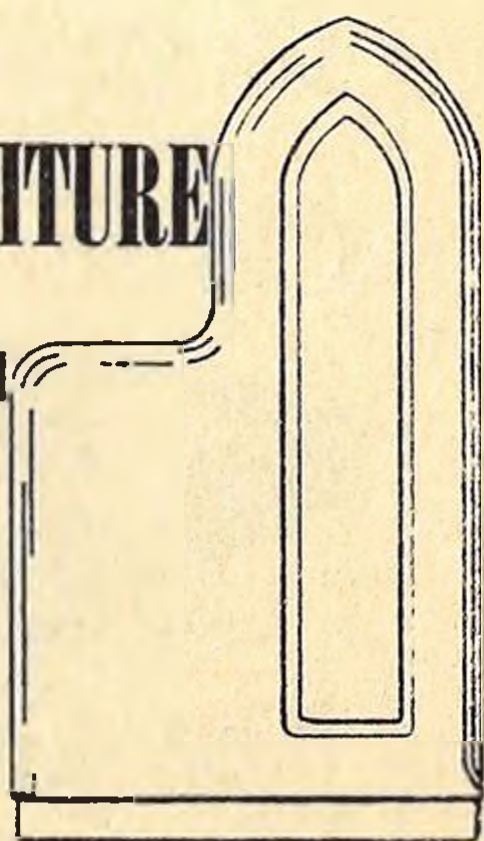
John McCommon, pastor, Friendship First Church, is the new moderator for Crockett Association by vote of messengers to the annual meeting of the association. McCommon succeeds V. Gayle Alexander, pastor of Alamo First Church.

Jim Wooten, pastor, Gadsden First Church, was elected vice moderator. The 1977 sessions will be held at Oct. 13-14 at Three Way and Walnut Hill Churches.

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# Seven Baptist Missionaries Honored For Years Of Service

**RICHMOND**—"The sunset ought to be as beautiful as the sunrise," commented Southern Baptist missionary Orvil W. Reid on his retirement.

Reid, 68, had seen several sunrises and sunsets on a 550-mile run for world hunger relief, during which he performed feats of physical strength and preached to churches and other groups en route.

He completed the run, begun Sept. 3, the same day he and Mrs. Reid and five other missionaries were honored in a recognition service at the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board (FMB) headquarters here, Oct. 11.

Baker J. Cauthen, the board's executive director, said of the occasion, "It may be even more glorious than an appointment service."

He said the missionaries had gone the full length of their service on the mission field "in season, out of season, in fair weather, in stormy weather."

"Then the time comes for them to move their base of activity off the mission field

back to this land," he added. "We call it retiring, becoming emeritus. Actually it's simply relocation. . . They never cease to be missionaries."

Each of the missionaries let it be known they aren't stopping because they are retiring but, as Jennie (Mrs. Coleman) Clarke said, they are "re-treading."

The Clarkes, who served in Hawaii and Japan 26 years, have moved to Atlanta where they will be working with Japanese people. According to Mrs. Clarke, there are more than 1000 Japanese living in Atlanta.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Lunsford will make their retirement home in Plainview, Tex., after more than 36 years in South Brazil. He has already accepted a position as interim pastor for a church there.

Georgia Mae Ogburn doesn't plan to slow down either. "My initials spell 'Go' and that's what I will be doing," she said. She already has speaking engagements lined up through April. She served as a missionary to Chile for 36 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Orvil W. Reid are retiring from missionary service in Mexico where they served for 38 years and 33 years, respectively. Now they are planning a trip to Africa for an eight-month FMB-sponsored project.

Each of the missionaries said it was hard to choose an outstanding experience on the field. All spoke of the gratitude and pleasure they felt in seeing Baptist nationals taking their places. Each of the retiring missionaries told of joy they received in seeing how the Holy Spirit has worked in the hearts of the people—young and old.

"The richest person in the world is a retiring missionary," said Reid. He explained that it was not because of monetary reasons but due to meaningful experiences a missionary has had on the field.

After each missionary gave a brief testimony, they were presented certificates, "love gifts," and service pins. A reception in their honor followed the recognition program. (BP)

## Record Budget Projected At Golden Gate Seminary

**MILL VALLEY, Calif.**—A record 1977-78 budget request of \$1,120,084 was projected by the executive committee of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary's trustees meeting here.

In their fall meeting, which coincided with the school's annual Founder's Day, the trustees were informed of an all-time enrollment high of 400, which is 10 percent more than the school's then-record fall enrollment figure last year.

The 1977-78 budget request is an increase of \$51,584 over 1976-77, which will set a new high for Golden Gate by the Southern Baptist national Cooperative Program unified budget, a school spokesman said.

Elected to the seminary's Development Council were Clifford Bascom of Ventura, Calif., H. J. Flanders Jr. of Waco, Tex. and Mrs. J. E. Connally of Abilene, Tex.

A highlight of Founder's Day activities at Golden Gate was the installation address of academic dean W. Morgan Patterson, who was installed by trustees' chairman Charles W. Carter of Jackson, Miss.

Patterson began duties at Golden Gate on Aug. 1, and came to the school from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, where he was director of graduate studies in the School of Theology and was the David T. Porter Professor of Church History. (BP)

## Baptist And Reflector Receives New Budgets

Two Tennessee Baptist churches have placed the **Baptist And Reflector** in their budgets.

The associations, churches and pastors are: East Tennessee Association, **Point Pleasant Church**, Randall Joines; Shiloh Association, **Ramer Church**, Jetta Forsythe.

One additional Tennessee Baptist Church is receiving the **Baptist And Reflector** through the Trial Plan.

The association, church and pastor is: Nolachucky Association, **Catherine Nenny Church**, Richard M. Long.

## Pastors Announce Study On Book Of Romans

The Knoxville Baptist Pastors' Conference is scheduled to host a preview study of the book of Romans on Monday, Nov. 22 at Knoxville First Church. The study will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude at 4 p.m.

Jesse Fletcher, pastor of the Knoxville church, will teach the preview study.

Persons coming from outside Knoxville should make reservations with Knoxville First Church, 510 W. Main, according to James R. Stroud, program chairman. There is no registration fee.

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# Marketplace Religion

By Dr. W. R. White  
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Basic Passages: Isaiah 1:10-17; James 1:22-27  
Focal Passages: Isaiah 1:10-17; James 1:22-27

Man has devised many plans by which he has sought to please or placate deity. He recognized that there is one who must be reconciled.

Sometimes he seems to think that deity is too much like frail man. At times he thinks that at best men are somewhat like the Supreme Being.

The use of symbolism is universal. It is a valuable instrument of teaching if used correctly. It must be remembered that symbol is never to be substituted for substance. An effort to do it is often tried. It is always futile. To add quantity and dramatic pageantry will not work.

We can become mechanical and routine even in simple forms of worship. The Spirit must be present always to make it real and dynamic.

**VAIN RELIGIOUS EXERCISES**—Isaiah 1:10-15

Sodom and Gomorrah were corrupt to

the core. Yet, they had a very elaborate system of religious exercises. They did not miss anything but the real thing. It was repulsive to the Lord. He let them know it in no uncertain terms. They committed every known form of wickedness, they observed every religious rite, but they had lost the true spirit of worship.

**REPENTANCE AND RESTITUTION**—Isaiah 1:16-17

These vile cities were called upon to repent and put away every form of evil.

They were to restore justice and equity to all. They were to lift the burdens of the oppressed. They were to hear the cry of the widow and orphan.

**HEAR AND HEED**—James 1:22-25

It is not only good to hear and approve the right. It is not valid unless you do something about it. It is worth about as much as a passing glimpse in a mirror and then think no more about it.

No amount of religious activity is a substitute for being right and doing right.

Good resolutions and good intentions can never replace constructive action. Being grieved in heart about conditions and never getting involved is of no avail and is a downright sin in and of itself. Wailing and not working is worthless.

## Volunteer Church Accepted Into Holston Membership

Volunteer Church, Bristol, was voted into membership of Holston Association by messengers attending the annual meeting recently. Joe Blankenship is pastor of Volunteer Church.

In other action, messengers elected Kever Mullins, pastor, Central Church, Erwin, to serve as moderator. He served as vice moderator of the association last year and succeeds E. W. Barnes, pastor, Boone Trail Church, Jonesboro, as moderator.

Chester R. Parker, pastor, Unaka Church, was reelected treasurer along with Mrs. Tenna Eades, member of University Parkway Church, who was reelected clerk. Sarah Tydings, associational secretary of promotion, was reelected assistant clerk. She is a member of Bowmantown Church.

According to James Harris, director of missions, the 1977 sessions will be held at Cherokee Church, Oct. 12.

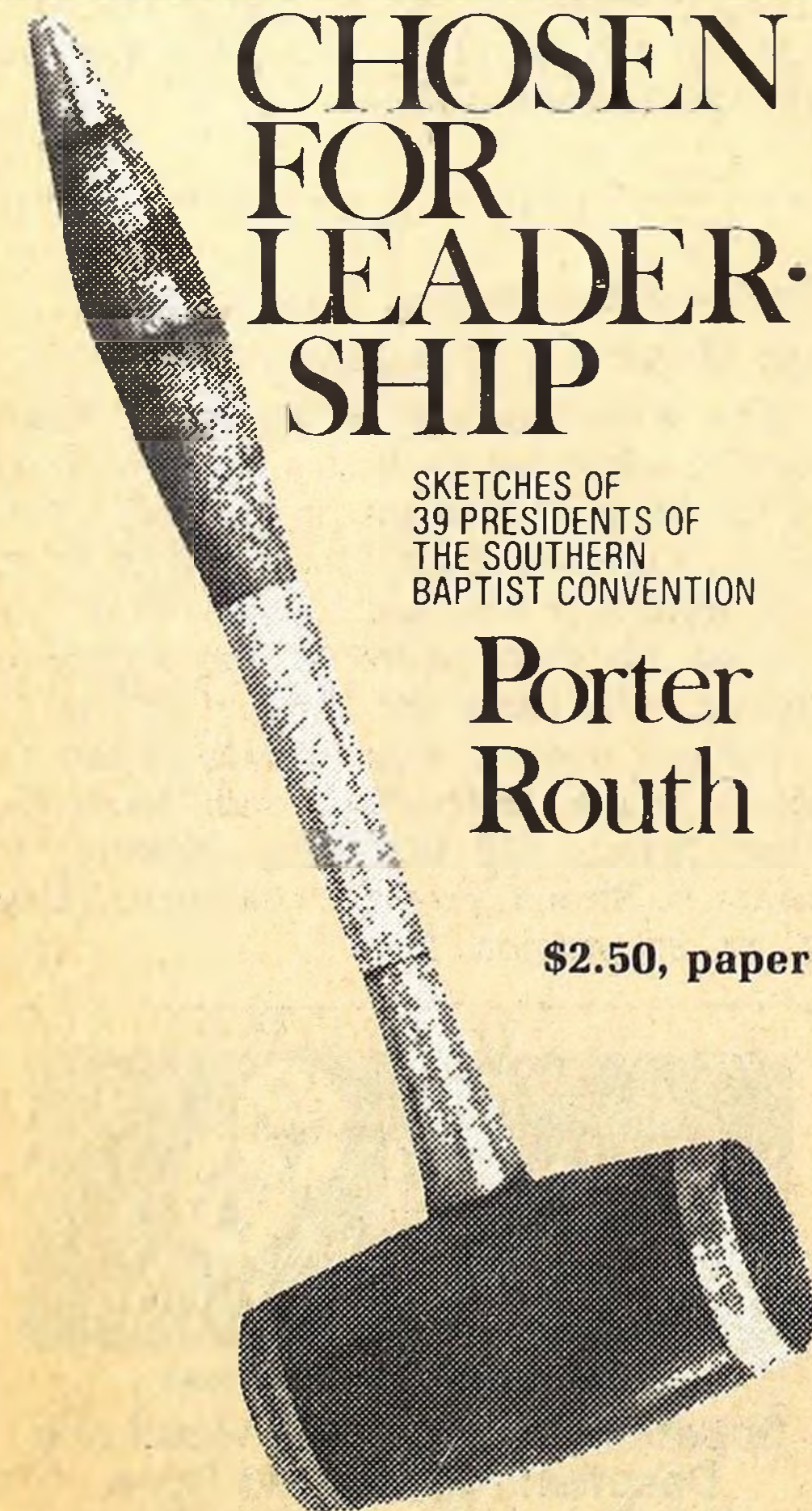
## Church Voted Into Stone Association Membership

James Hammonds, pastor, Mill Creek Church, was elected moderator of Stone Association during its recent annual meeting. Hammonds succeeds Ray Mabey, pastor Central Emmanuel, in the position.

Messengers also voted to accept Silver Point Church into full membership of the association. James Gary serves the church as pastor. Midway Church applied for associational membership. Curry Mitchell is pastor.

Other officers elected included vice moderator Clarence Phillips, pastor, Hampton Cross Roads Church; George McKay, member of Cookeville First Church; and clerk Hazel Wall, member of Cookeville First Church.

The 1977 meeting is scheduled to be held at Hampton Cross Roads Church, Cookeville, Oct. 13.



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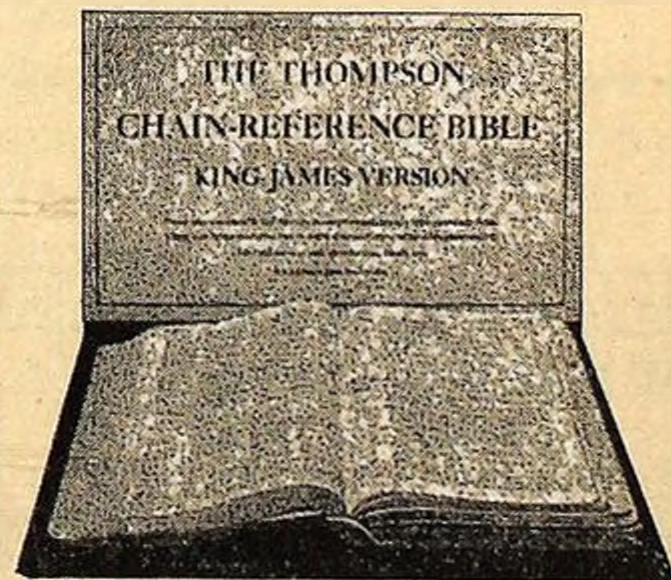
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# Family Living

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## Math Skills Open Up Whole Spectrum Of Careers To Girls

As long as girls aren't comfortable playing the numbers game, math will continue to serve as the sieve screening them out of rewarding, remunerative jobs in traditionally male fields such as chemistry, medicine, engineering and architecture.

Girls start out liking math as much as boys do, but as they pass through school they gradually absorb the idea that math is a masculine subject, that boys do better at it, and that it's kind of unfeminine to enjoy it.

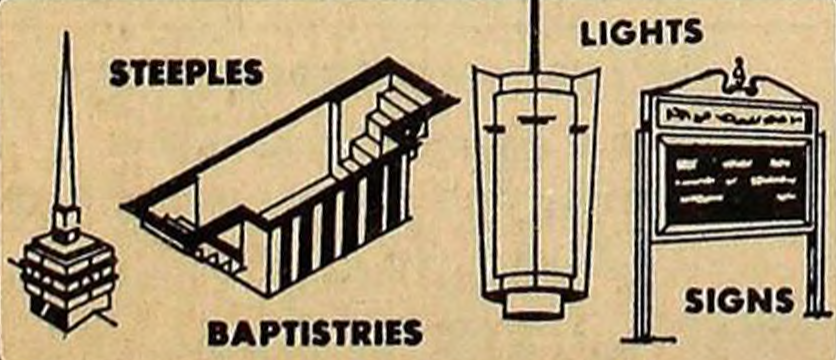
The result: girls bar themselves from exciting, well paid careers by choosing not to master math, and leaving the math-founded fields to men.

It is society, not genetics, that is responsible for girls' attitudes toward math, Prof. John Ernest concludes in his study of sex differences in math performance. There doesn't seem to be anything built-in about girls often unconscious conviction that math is an inappropriate subject for womanly women.

Differences between girls' and boys' performances are "the result of many subtle and not so subtle forces, restrictions, stereotypes, sex roles, parent-teacher-peer group attitudes, and other cultural and psychological constraints which we haven't begun to fully understand," says Ernest.

The University of California researcher bases the conclusion on samples of questionnaires answered by 1324 2nd-thru-12th graders in Southern California.

Despite the fact that math was the only subject liked equally well by boys and girls in elementary and high school, the pernicious math-is-for-men idea took its toll among women who were college math majors, the research team found. Out of 70 who entered University of California at Santa Barbara as math majors, only 20 graduated as such. Among 63 male math majors, 48 took their degrees in math.



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### 50 YEARS AGO

Grace Church, Nashville, raised \$1000 at a single service to pay off the first mortgage on the church building.

Orlinda First Church ordained S. W. Carben, V. E. Crocker, H. M. Johnson, and R. L. Porter as deacons.

### 25 YEARS AGO

Tennessee Baptists were preparing to meet for the 77th annual session of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. It was to be held at Chattanooga First Church. J. Harold Stephens was president of the convention.

New Mexico Baptists dedicated new state headquarters building in Albuquerque. T. L. Holcomb, executive secretary-treasurer of the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, was the principle speaker.

### 10 YEARS AGO

Woodcliff Church, Stone Association, organized a Brotherhood and Woman's Missionary Union. W. C. Wright was pastor.

Gary Anderson accepted the call to become pastor of Orlinda Church, Robertson Association. He came from Milton, Ky.

## William Purdue Assumes Sullivan Moderator Post

William J. Purdue, pastor, Kingsport First Church, is the new moderator in Sullivan Association. He succeeds Edward D. Johnson, pastor, Calvary Church, Kingsport, in the post.

Elected also for the first time was vice moderator Carl Strickler, pastor, Lynn Garden Church, Kingsport.

The treasurer and clerk, both reelected, were Cecil Dykes, a member of Colonial Heights Church, Kingsport, and Catharine H. Miller, a member of Kingsport First Church.

The 1977 meeting is scheduled for Oct. 11, but the place has not been selected.

## Haywood Messengers Meet, Elect Officers

Judge Bernie Cobb, a member of Zion Church in Haywood Association, was elected moderator of that association for the coming year during the recent annual meeting. Cobb succeeds Levi Parish, pastor, Allen Church.

Other officers elected included vice moderator Otis Hinton, pastor, Poplar Corner Church, treasurer George Herring, a member of Allen Church, and clerk Mrs. J. C. Williams, a member of Brownsville Church. The three were all reelected.

The 1977 sessions are scheduled to be held at Woodland Church, Oct. 11.

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# Illinois Editor Wins State Historical Award

**CHESTER, Ill.** — Robert J. Hastings, editor of the Illinois Baptist weekly newspaper, received the only 1976 merit award for a book on the state's history, from the Illinois State Historical Society.

Hastings' book, "We Were There," is on Baptist history in Illinois, 1907-76. He is one of few Illinoisans to win two such awards, having won in 1973 for "A Nickel's Worth of Skim Milk," a book on his boyhood memories during the 1930s depression era.

"We Were There" is the first major oral history work published by any Southern Baptist group, according to Lynn E. May Jr., executive director of the Nashville-

## Record Increases At Two European Seminaries

**RUSCHLIKON, Switzerland** — Record enrollments for the fall semester at the Baptist seminary here and in Novi Sad, Yugoslavia, were reported by European Baptist Press Service (EBPS).

The Novi Sad seminary enrolled 43 students to more than double its previous high of 17 registrants. The Ruschlikon seminary enrolled 58 students for "official credit, with about 10 more participating in classes," EBPS said.

Last year, the Yugoslav seminary began providing theological education on differing levels to all members of the country's Baptist Union and now offers classes for full-time and lay pastors and other lay persons.

Sixteen of the Yugoslav seminary students are also enrolled full time at the University of Novi Sad.

The Ruschlikon enrollment represents 19 countries and six continents, with a record 31 enrolled in the bachelor of divinity degree program, said EBPS. (BP)

based Southern Baptist Historical Commission.

The book, published by the Illinois Baptist State Association, won a second place award last June in a national Bicentennial history writing contest sponsored by the Historical Commission. It was written from interviews with Illinoisans, 11-90 years of age, Hastings said. (BP)

## Edwards Resigns ETBH Post

Barry Edwards, director of personnel and training at East Tennessee Baptist Hospital in Knoxville, resigned from his position last month to accept the position of vice president of human resources at Richland Memorial Hospital in Columbia, S.C.

A graduate of Samford University, he first served the East Tennessee hospital in the position of director of education. In January 1975, he replaced J. Paul Belew as director of personnel and training, combining the department of education with the department of personnel.

## Baptist Med Center Plans \$12.7 Million Facility

**RIVERCHASE, Ala.**—The Birmingham Baptist Medical Centers (BMC) announced plans to construct an ultra-modern health care complex in the center of Alabama's population growth area—the town of Riverchase, in North Shelby County.

Application for permission to build the 144-bed, \$12.7 million facility has been made to the Alabama Bureau of Health Development. The complex will include a hospital with 132 private rooms and 12 intensive care beds, a primary care group practice facility and other physician office space. (BP)

## Seminary Extension Names Robert Lamb

**NASHVILLE**—Robert L. Lamb, professor of religious education and religion at Gardner-Webb College, Boiling Springs, N. C., has been named associate director in charge of home study education of the Southern Baptist Seminary Extension Department here.

The 46-year-old native of Missouri succeeds J. Ralph Hardee, who resigned to join the faculty of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Lamb, a member of the Gardner-Webb faculty since 1962, formerly taught in public schools, served as minister of music

and youth at First Baptist Church, Richardson, Tex., and served as director of Christian education for an Army chapel in Germany.

He is a graduate of Stephen F. Austin College, Nacogdoches, Tex., and earned master of religious education and doctor of education degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

He will join the Seminary Extension Department of the six Southern Baptist theological seminaries, Dec. 15, according to department director Raymond M. Rigdon. (BP)

## New Books

**Chosen for Leadership** by Porter Routh, Broadman, 110 pp., paper, \$2.50. Sketches of 39 presidents of the Southern Baptist Convention.

**The Encounter** by Helen Bass, Broadman, 23 pp., paper, \$.95. A one-act portrayal of one person telling another person about Jesus.

**I'm in Love With a Married Man** by H. S. Vigeveno, Holman, 132 pp., \$3.45. How four women found the answer in Christ.

**God, Sex & You** by M. O. Vincent, M.D., Holman, 204 pp., \$1.75. The author surveys the sexual-social scene in which we are enmeshed and offers a way out of the dilemma that seems to be destroying our families and our lives.

**The Secret of Married Love** by Anna B. Mow, Holman, 157 pp., \$1.50.

**So Who's Afraid of Birthdays** by Anna B. Mow, Holman, 128 pp., paper, \$1.25. Eighteen or eighty, be ready for the best that's yet to be.

**The Basics of Baby-Sitting** by Mary Kinney Branson, Broadman, 64 pp., paper, \$1.95.

**Precious Promises** compiled by Joseph S. Johnson, Broadman, 96 pp., \$3.25.

**The Meaning of Love** edited by Phyllis Hobe, Holman, 201 pp., \$7.50. An inspirational treasury of beautiful thoughts and sentiments.

## U.S. Poverty Increases

The number of poor persons in the United States increased by 2.5 million in 1975, according to a September 25 report released by the Bureau of Census. The increase, the largest during the 17 years such statistics have been kept, raised the total number of poor to 25.9 million. (A non-farm family of four with an income of \$5500 or less was said to be poor in 1975.) The largest proportional increase occurred among whites, families with a male head and those who are not elderly. Over 40 percent of the increase is attributed to unemployment.

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