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David Q. Byrd, upper left, Host Pastor



# Welcome To West Jackson

By David Q. Byrd, Host Pastor

A warm welcome to West Jackson! We are excited and delighted you are coming to our city and our church for the 1976 meeting of the Tennessee Baptist Convention and companion conventions. We are all busy shampooing red carpets, baking cakes, cleaning house, and doing all those things you do when special company is on the way!

Have you made your motel reservation? The names of the major motels were carried

## F. Carlton Dies

W. Frank Carlton, brother of A. A. Carlton, Lenoir City, died Oct. 22 at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Gene Stewart, in Covington. He was 84.

Carlton, a graduate of Hall-Moody College and Union University, had spent 60 years in the ministry. He had served as pastor of Marked Tree and Wheatley Churches in Arkansas and as pastor in Lauderdale County, Weakley and Beulah Associations in Tennessee. Carlton had served as a member of the faculty of Mid-Continent Bible College, Mayfield, Ky.

Services were held Oct. 25 at First Church, Martin, where he was a member. Bill Dodson officiated.

Other survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Bob Felix, Memphis; a son, Linwood Carlton, Edwardsville, Mich.; and three sisters, Mrs. Mamie Ennis, Martin; Mrs. Lorell Sumners, Memphis; and Mrs. O. C. Hastings, Fulton, Ky.



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in the **Baptist And Reflector** September 23. Please contact the motel of your choice and please indicate that you are coming to the Tennessee Baptist Convention. Should you encounter any problem, please contact Tom Lewis. He is in charge of housing. He is the efficient Superintendent of Missions for Madison-Chester Association, and will be most happy to help you.

We will place in your hands when you arrive a Welcome Packet. Among other things it will contain a list of the eating places in the area. There is much good food of many kinds served in Jackson, but you will certainly want to try the Jackson specialty—open pit barbecue.

Many of you will be travelling to Jackson on Interstate 40. There are four exits from this highway into Jackson. May I suggest that you take either the Highway 45 By-pass Exit (27-S) or the Highway 45 Exit (28-S). These will bring you to most of the motels and to the downtown area.

If you are coming by plane, we will be meeting you. We will have a Van to meet all planes on Monday and Tuesday. You will be delivered to your motel, or to the church. We are happy you are "headed our way".

## Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

A tribe of African cannibals has reportedly complained to the United Nations that since the advent of the ecumenical movement all missionaries taste pretty much alike.

This, of course, does not refer to Baptists. It is a well known fact that Baptists, like Jello, come in at least six different flavors.

"Sameness" has never been a Baptist problem.

Truth is, in many Baptist meetings there are often as many differing opinions as there are Baptists in attendance.

As a Peanuts cartoon character once expressed it: "We has met the enemy and the enemy is us."

All of this is to say that whatever we do as Baptists, in these challenging times, let's not fight among ourselves.

With more than a little measure of truth, it has been said that when Baptists organize a firing squad, they shoot at each other.

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## Witnessing Through Smiles

By June McEwen

The writer of Proverbs has observed, "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine." Most assuredly the writer had in mind the good results of the medicine for the possessor of the merry heart, but have you ever considered the effects of your own attitudes on those around you? Two young children often articulated their reaction to teachers and other adults to one another and to their parents. First mention of a new adult would almost always elicit a comment, "She is nice, she smiles a lot." Or, if the adult seldom smiled, the children expressed their discomfort by noting the frowns and the forbidding demeanor which they observed.

Small children do seem to perceive very basic things about others, and thus this observation is enough to make one take stock of how often a smile is one's reaction to others and just how often the contact of other human beings is unconsciously repulsed by a sad face or a cross expression.

Christians are people who have every reason for smiles and for reaching out in a pleasant manner to those with whom they are in daily contact. Christ set the example Himself and the New Testament enjoins believers to "rejoice and be exceeding glad," just as the Old Testament reminds the followers of God to sing, to praise, to come before his presence with gladness.

Why not do a little checkup on your face today. How many times have you responded to your friends, family, co-workers with a smile and a twinkling eye? How many times have you made a wall by a frown?

Mrs. McEwen is the wife of Jack McEwen, pastor of Chattanooga First Church.



McEwen

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# Associational Happenings

## Note Burning Highlights Loudon County Meet

E. M. Sherwood, pastor, Dixie Lee Church, Loudon County Association, was reelected moderator of that association at its recent annual meeting. Other officers, also reelected, included: vice moderator R. L. Davis, pastor, Corinth Church; and clerk Charles Wheeler, member, Dixie Lee Church.

A note burning ceremony was held during the sessions, marking the payment in full of the note for the construction of the associational office building. The ceremony was led by director of missions Glen Melton.

## Missionary Found Negligent In Freak Accident In Korea

**TAEJON, Korea**—Southern Baptist missionary Rolla M. (Ronnie) Bradley, was found guilty of negligence in a freak accident that occurred here earlier this year. He was fined about \$200 and his driver's license temporarily suspended.

According to George H. Hays, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's secretary for East Asia, Bradley was accused of being negligent when his car supposedly sideswiped a drunken pedestrian last February, causing the pedestrian's death.

"Neither Bradley nor the Korean pastor riding with him was aware an accident had occurred," explained Hays.

Bradley said the road near the demilitarized zone, north of Seoul, was in very poor condition containing many potholes. He further explained that the night of the alleged accident was also rainy and visibility was poor.

"The court did establish Bradley's car was in the general vicinity," Hays said. "However, beyond that, all evidence was circumstantial." No one actually saw the accident. Two boys who served as witnesses for the prosecution reportedly found the body. They said they had seen a vehicle like Bradley's come that way.

Bradley's trial began on Oct. 4 and the fourth session was on Nov. 1 when he was sentenced. Bradley said the trial was conducted fairly and said he was even able to question the witnesses.

He was fined 10,000 "won" (approximately \$200) and has had his driver's license suspended since the accident occurred. It will be returned in February 1977, Hays said.

Hays said that missions (organizations of Southern Baptist missionaries) are protected in cases such as this one. He said that the Korea Baptist Mission's insurance will cover the fine and will provide some compensation for the family of the deceased man. (BP)

## Gibson County Meets, Reelects Officers

All of the current officers for Gibson County Association were reelected at the annual meeting of the association. They included moderator Denzel Dukes, pastor, Milan First Church; vice moderator Billy Copeland, pastor, Mt. Pleasant Church; clerk Hoyt Wilson, pastor, Kenton First Church; and treasurer J. D. Nowell, member, Trenton First Church.

Fellowship Church, Milan, was voted into the membership of the association. Edward E. Marbury is pastor. Churches sending in petitionary letters included Avondale Chapel, mission of Humboldt First Church; Calvary Church, Humboldt; and Calvary Church, Rutherford.

Walnut Grove and Center Churches are slated to host the 1977 sessions of the association on Oct. 17-18.

## Cumberland Messengers Vote For Semi-Annual Sessions

Messengers to the annual meeting of Cumberland Association voted to hold semi-annual sessions in the future, one in April and one in October, according to the group report. The spring meeting will be held April 18, with the 1977 fall meeting scheduled for Oct. 17.

Officers elected to serve for 1977 include Marvin Hines, pastor, Hillcrest Church, moderator; Lee Griggs, pastor, Hilddale Church, vice moderator; Virgil Allison, pastor, Canaan First Church, treasurer; and Mrs. Norman McWhorter, member, Gracey Avenue Church, clerk.



Grace Church, Holston Association, held groundbreaking ceremonies last month for a new church structure. The congregation had earlier purchased a tract of land near the present Johnson City limits on highway 11-E. Pictured above from left to right are Jess Tucker, O. C. Anderson, Robert English, pastor Allen Davis, Don Walters, Clarence Gentry, and Hiram Rash.

## Robertson Minutes Dedicated To Late J. T. Carter

The 1975-76 minutes of Robertson County Baptist Association were dedicated to the late J. T. Carter by action of messengers at the recent annual meeting. Carter, who served as director of missions, died early last spring.

In other action, the Lights Chapel Church was voted into membership of the association. Richard Lankford is pastor.

Officers elected for the coming year included: moderator J. W. Audry Minor, pastor, Oakland Church; vice moderator James Prewitt, pastor, Barren Plains Church; treasurer Kenneth Swann, member, Mt. Carmel Church; and clerk Thomas Ray Cooper, member, North Springfield Church. Minor succeeded C. W. Dean, a member of Oak Grove Church, as moderator.

The 1977 sessions are scheduled to be held Oct. 17-18 at Mt. Carmel and Rock Springs Churches.

## Little Mount Church Voted Into Duck River Assn.

Messengers to the annual meeting of Duck River Association voted the Little Mount Church into associational membership. The church is served by pastor Herbert Maxwell.

The pastor of Trinity Church, J. C. Carpenter, was reelected to the post of moderator. Officers who will serve with him include vice moderator Tommy Tackett, pastor, Center Grove Church; treasurer J. Ralph Harris, member, Highland Church; and clerk Mrs. Hugh Wassom, member, Tullahoma First Church.

College Street and Oaklawn Churches are scheduled to host the 1977 sessions Oct. 17-18.

## Murphy Martin Elected Carroll-Benton Moderator

Murphy Martin, pastor, Bruceton First Church, was elected moderator of Carroll-Benton Association recently. He served as vice moderator of the association last year and succeeded George Hill, pastor, Huntingdon First Church, as moderator.

Other officers elected included: vice moderator J. G. Wise, pastor, Trezevant First Church; treasurer Amos Anderson, member, Huntingdon First Church; and clerk Mrs. Bill Rice, member, Prospect Church.

The 1977 sessions are scheduled to be held Oct. 17-18 at Prospect and Union Academy Churches, tentatively.



# Annuity Board Establishes New Fund And Policies

HOUSTON—Trustees of the Southern Baptist Annuity Board, meeting here, established new policies for administering the agency's retirement funds, created a new money plan fund, approved a "13th check" for annuitants, and allocated additional interest credits for most members in the board's Plan A fund.

The new policies will ultimately improve protection benefits for participants, a spokesman said.

Darold H. Morgan, president and chief executive officer of the 58-year-old agency, called the trustees' actions "not only history making but also pace setting in the field of retirement planning and funding."

He said the "13th check" will amount to 8.33 percent and equal one month's benefits for most retired members of Plan A. This is the 11th time the board has paid the 13th check.

Morgan said the trustees laid the ground work for changing the annuity rate for funding retirement benefits from four to six percent and that much work remains to be completed before the adjustment can be made. Morgan indicated the annuitants could possibly receive increases in 1977. The proposed changes, once they are completed, can mean as much as 16.67 percent increase for some recipients of Annuity Board benefits.

In other action, the trustees approved the allocation of a two percent increase in the accrued credits of most Plan A members.

Further changes included revision of policies pertaining to the crediting of earnings to each reserve fund, analyzing administrative expenses charged to individual accounts, and adopting rules for transfers between the various plans and for settlement of lump sum benefits. (BP)

## Minister Would Baptize Thief Who Stole Church's Baptistry

CARROLLTON, Ill.—Bill Taylor, pastor of Faith Baptist Church here, has a forgiving attitude toward a thief who stole the church's new baptistry before it could even be installed.

The church's new fiberglass baptistry was on a truck coming from Texas to Illinois, Taylor said, when the driver stopped for the night in an Arkansas motel. The next morning when he got up, the baptistry was gone.

"The baptistry was in the open on the truck bed and not in a crate. So whoever took it knew what he was taking," Taylor said.

"Since we hadn't taken delivery, the loss didn't cost us, as the company made it good," the pastor added, "however, it did delay our building program for a week.

"I've heard of everything being stolen but never a baptistry. I can't imagine what anyone would want with it, unless a moonshiner plans to use it for a mash barrel."

Then Taylor mused, "But should he get converted and want to be baptized, I guess I'd be willing to immerse him—even in a stolen baptistry." (BP)

## Mountain Preacher, P. H. Hooker, Dies

P. H. Hooker, retired pastor, died at his home near Benton Oct. 19 following a long illness. He was known across the state as the "mountain preacher."

Hooker began his ministry in 1925 and served as pastor of 14 churches. His last and longest pastorate was at Zion Church in Polk County where he served 17 years.

He and his wife, Nettie, attended East Tennessee Preachers' School held at Carson-Newman College each year from the time of its beginning until recent years when illness made it impossible for him to attend.

One of the highlights of the annual Pastors' Retreat at Camp Carson was the informal gathering under the trees after the Thursday night sessions to hear Preacher Hooker share a message filled with biblical references and words of wisdom.

In 1975 the pastors placed a permanent plaque at Camp Carson near the location of Hooker's annual sermons which reads: "Rev. P. H. Hooker—ordained, 1925, retired 1968. True Southern Baptist, led by the Holy Spirit, loved by the brethren, adored by the young, a war-faring pilgrim dedicated to Christ, ministering to mankind."

Since he retired in 1968, he and Mrs. Hooker lived in a house which was made possible through the generosity of many friends.

Services were held Oct. 21 at Zion

Church, Benton, with John H. Tullock of Belmont College, Nashville; John Shepherd, pastor of Trenton Street Church, Harriman; and Lester Lee, retired pastor of Old Fort officiating.

Survivors in addition to his widow are two sons, T. D. of Norris; and Price of Airville, Pa.; two brothers, Henry and D. A., both of Old Fort; four sisters, Mrs. Vinnie Balew, Chattsworth, Ga.; Leoma, Pauline and Monteen Hooker, all of Old Fort.

## Woman With Questions Finds 'The Answer'

FLORIANOPOLIS, Brazil—It's frustrating to have questions about life and no answers according to a 73-year-old Brazilian woman who is a co-founder of a town of 10,000 people near here.

The woman told Southern Baptist Missionary Dennis L. Blackmon how she began to read her Bible about three years ago. She was searching for answers which no one in the town seemed to be able to give her.

Recently, the elderly woman came in contact with Baptists in the town. The group of Baptists had no pastor, only the shell of a building and "a lot of love."

According to Blackmon, when the woman asked her questions, the Baptists helped to

## Funeral Services Held For J. C. Spencer

Jewel Carney Spencer, 70, husband of Gladys Spencer, Program Services Dept., Tennessee Baptist Convention, died in Nashville earlier this month.

Services were held from the Woodlawn Funeral Home in Nashville with James Growden, pastor, Hillcrest Church, Nashville, and Vern Powers, director, Protection Plans Dept., TBC, officiating. Burial was in Woodlawn Memorial Park in Nashville.

Spencer was employed with Nashville Electric Service for 44 years. During that time, and following his retirement in 1971, he served as pastor of four churches in Tennessee. These included Rosedale, Hillsboro, and Hillcrest in Nashville, and Fairview Church, Fairview. He was Hillsboro's first pastor. For many years he was active in Training Union work.

Survivors, in addition to his widow, include a son, Randal Spencer, a daughter, Mrs. Jewel Marie Wharton, both of Nashville, and two grandsons.

answer by directing her to places in the Scriptures.

Soon the new Baptist church building will be completed and the woman, who has found "The Answer" in Jesus Christ, will be the first to be baptized.



# Convention Related Meetings

## Southwestern Seminary Alumni To Hear Vaughan

Curtis Vaughan, professor of New Testament at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, will speak at the annual meeting of the seminary's Tennessee alumni association, Nov. 17, in Jackson.

The group will meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Ramada Inn, Jackson. Kenneth Hubbard, pastor, Chattanooga Ridgedale Church, is president of the seminary's Tennessee association and will preside at the meeting.

Alumni will hear reports on the new record enrollment at the seminary, the latest campus expansion program, and the progress of the seminary's \$8 million fund raising campaign.

## Southeastern Alumni To Hear Randall Lolley

Tennessee alumni of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary will gather for a dinner meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 17, at 6:00 at the Holiday Inn in Jackson, according to Wiley I. Rutledge, Tennessee chapter president.

W. Randall Lolley, president of the seminary, is scheduled to speak to the group.

## Meeting Slated For Minister's Wives

The 1976 meeting of the Tennessee Minister's Wives will be held Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. at Lambuth College cafeteria in Jackson, according to Mrs. Adrian Rogers, president of the group. Tickets for the luncheon meeting will be available at West Jackson Church prior to the meeting, Rogers stated.

Speakers scheduled for the group are Lane and Annette Adams. He is an author and former associate with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

## New Orleans Alumni Schedule Jackson Meet

Alumni of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary will hold their annual alumni reunion on Wednesday, Nov. 17, at Ramada Inn in Jackson.

The guest speaker will be Ray P. Rust, executive vice president of New Orleans Seminary. State alumni president Gayle Alexander will preside at the noon hour meeting, beginning at 12:00.

## Dillard To Speak To Southern Alumni



Dillard

Badgett Dillard, vice-president for business affairs at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, will speak to seminary alumni from Tennessee at their annual meeting Nov. 17, at Calvary Church in Jackson.

The group will meet for a luncheon at the church. Robert E. Brown, Trenton, is president of Southern Seminary's Tennessee alumni association.

## Annuitants Meeting Slated For November 16

The annual dinner for annuitants is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 16, at 5 p.m. at the Madison-Chester Association Center in Jackson.

Transportation to the center will be provided immediately following the afternoon session of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, and those attending the dinner will also be returned to the church in time for the evening session.

According to Vern Powers, director of Protection Plans, TBC, reservations for the dinner should be made through his office in Brentwood.

## Meeting Of Golden Gate Alumni Announced

The Tennessee Chapter of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary alumni will hold its annual meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 17, at 12:30 p.m. at the Madison-Chester Associational Building in Jackson.

James Young, feature editor for Baptist Press, Nashville, serves as president of the group and will preside at the meeting.



(BP) Photo by Leland Webb

**TRADITIONAL BAPTISM IN THAILAND**—Southern Baptist Missionary Daniel R. Cobb is baptizing this young refugee in the traditional Thai manner. Since baptism represents death, burial and resurrection, the Thai burial position which is a fetal or squatting position, is used. Through July 7 of this year, refugee baptisms numbered 885.

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# The Reconciled Life

By W. Clyde Tilley

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Basic Passage: Romans 12

Focal Passage: Romans 12:3-18

A few years ago, Dr. Foy Valentine of the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention wrote a book titled **Believe and Behave**. That just about sums up the story of the Christian life and reduces everything to two basic Christian obligations.

In a very similar way, Romans can conveniently and accurately be divided into two sections. Romans 1-11 may be called the "believe" section—the section about Christian theology or doctrine—showing what God has done for us. We have spoken of Christ's work as reconciliation and have studied six lessons from this section. Romans 12-15 may be called the "behave" section—the section about Christian ethics or morality—showing what God expects of us.

Christian ethics has sometimes been called "therefore" theology. For this reason we should not be surprised that Romans 12:1 begins: "I beseech you **therefore** . . ." Upon the basis of all that had been said earlier about what God has done for us, Paul is about to make a moral appeal to his readers about what God expects of them. Paul frequently organizes his letters according to these two basic sections. The doctrinal section always comes first because this is

basic in the Christian gospel. What God requires of us always grows out of what he has already done for us and is to be a full and free response to his actions on our behalf. Even the ten commandments are prefaced by a reminder of what God had done on behalf of Israel: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage" (Exodus 20:2).

## Relationship of the Reconciled (12:3-8 RSV)

After introducing the ethical section of his letter with a special appeal to consecration to God (vv. 1-2) which includes both the presentation of the body and the renewal of the mind, Paul now turns to a more explicit detail of what this reconciled and consecrated life involves. In a section that mainly deals with our relationships and responsibilities to others, he begins with a word of instruction about how one ought to think about himself. He is to think "with sober judgment" about himself rather than to have an unduly exalted self-estimate.

A Christian's judgment about his personal worth is also to be sobered by the consideration that we together constitute one body in Christ and we each comprise members of that body. We who began in a relationship of complete **dependence** upon our parents and were encouraged to grow toward complete **independence** or self-sufficiency, in the act of being reconciled through Christ have been made **interdependent** with all other reconciled persons and are called to a lifestyle that is shaped by that reality. We no longer have an independent existence; we are now interdependent with other members of the body. To think of ourselves as being isolated and independent selves is to distort the truth; to live as though we were independent is to embezzle life that is not rightfully ours. "You are not your own; you were bought with a price" (I Corinthians 6:19-20). We belong to one another in Christ and must find ways of implementing that radical truth in terms of radical love. To be interdependent means to contribute to this relationship in love and to derive from it in humility. Gifts (e.g., prophecy, service, teaching, exhorting, contributing, giving aid, doing acts of mercy, vv. 6-8) are given to us to use for the entire body. These gifts are to be exercised maximally, i.e., "in

proportion to our faith" or to the limits of the gift itself.

## Responsibilities of the Reconciled (12:9-18 RSV)

Reconciliation involves new relationships. New relationships involve new responsibilities. There are no less than twenty-four imperative commands in these ten verses, each of which embodies a distinct responsibility. It seems better to divide these responsibilities into four categories rather than to deal with them separately and singly.

1. **Basic responsibilities** (v. 9). The moral notions of right and wrong vary greatly from one culture to another. In spite of this great divergence, there are some very general and basic things about which almost all people agree. Basic to all these things is the belief that the evil ought to be shunned and the good ought to be obeyed. Basic to the Christian sense of moral good is the command of love. This is urged many times throughout the New Testament. It is the greatest commandment (Mark 12:28-31). On it hangs the law and the prophets (Matthew 22:40) and in it the entire law is fulfilled (Galatians 5:14). It heads the list of the fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) and is the greatest of the three eternal virtues (I Corinthians 13:13). It is only fitting that Paul should begin this catalogue of responsibilities with the command: "Let love be genuine."

2. **Body responsibilities** (vv. 10, 13, 15-16). Since Christian existence is within the body of Christ we must expect that the heart of Christian morality will concern itself with the total body of believers. Such is the nature of love.

3. **Member responsibilities** (vv. 11-12). Although the major focus of Christian responsibility is in the body, there are some responsibilities that concern the members of the body more directly. What kind of people should we be if we are to serve the body and the world best? Paul's instruction is that we are to be zealous, spiritually radiant, service-minded, joyful, patient, and prayerful.

4. **World responsibilities** (vv. 14, 17-18). Our responsibilities to others may have to do with our relationship to believers within the church or simply with our relationships to other human beings within the world. One of the major differences in these two kinds of responsibilities is that with regard to the latter we have no right to expect that our moral action will be reciprocated or that we will be treated in the same way that we are endeavoring to treat others. Verses 14 and 17 give instructions concerning our generous and loving response to our enemies and the evil ones. Paul follows our Lord in this teaching. We may be assured that when one finds it in his heart to bless and to love a persecutor in this way, he will have no trouble blessing and loving anyone and thus the whole universe of mankind will have been included.



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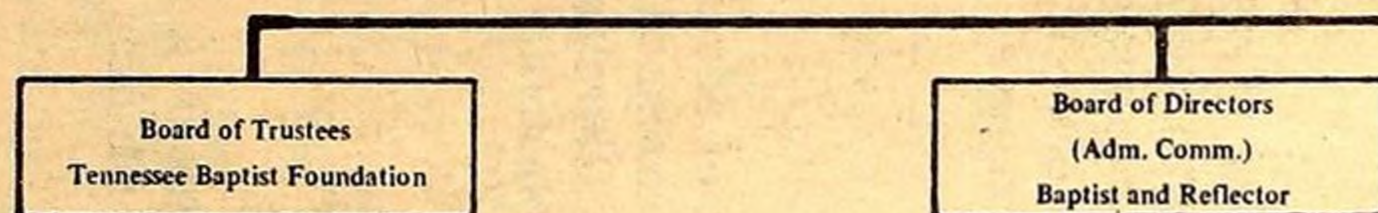
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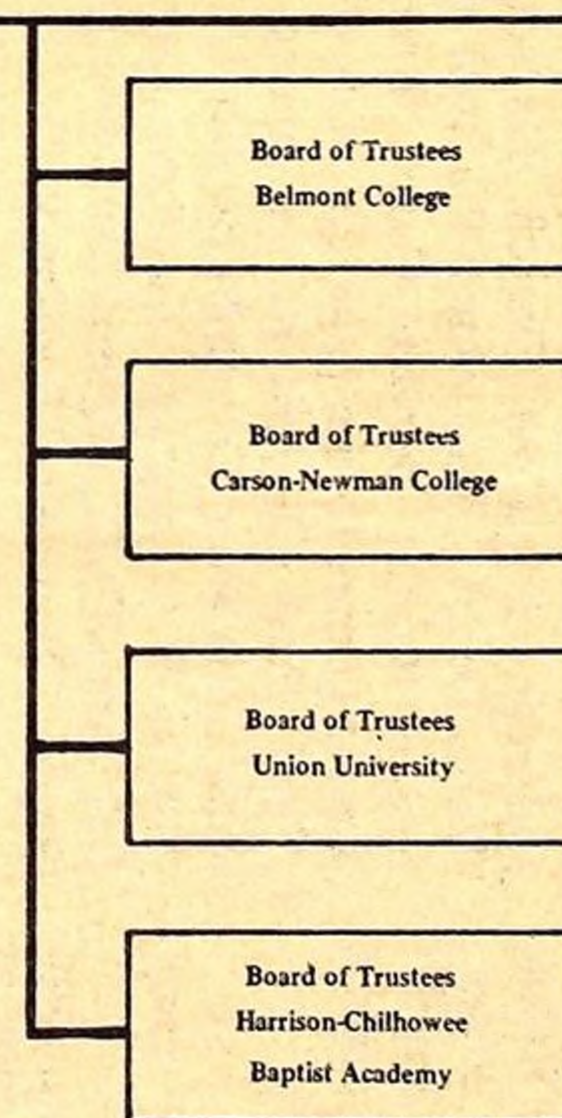
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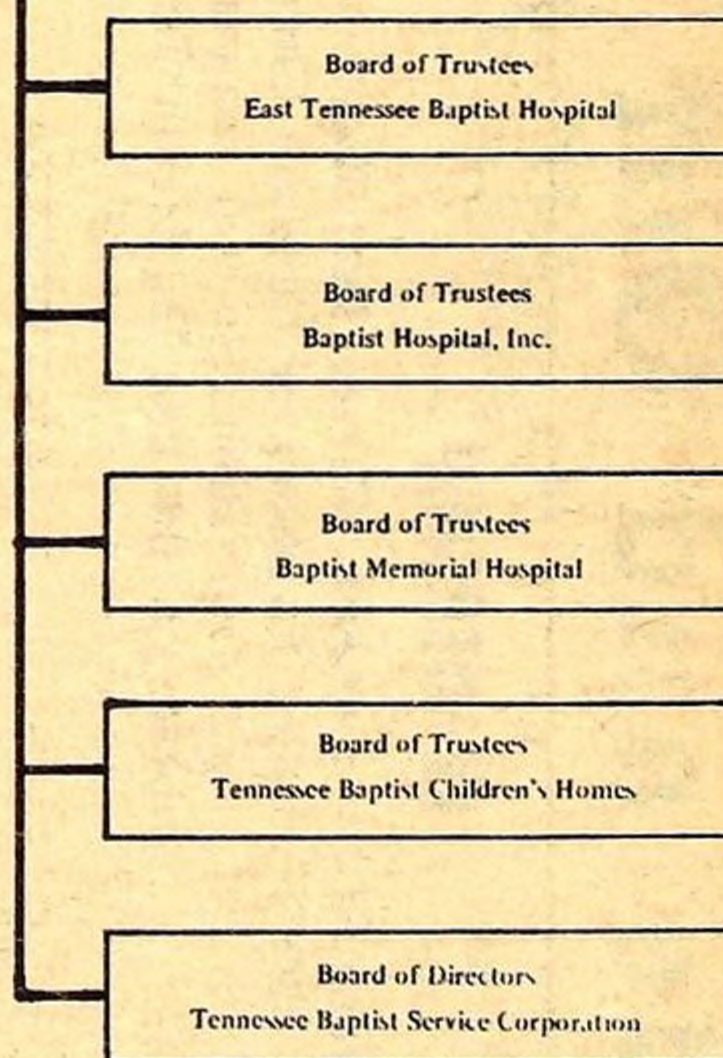
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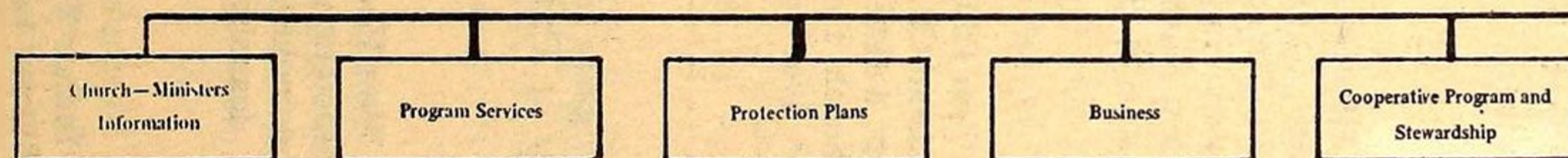
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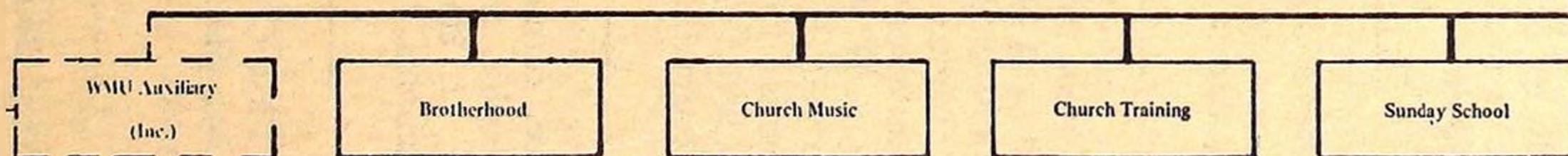


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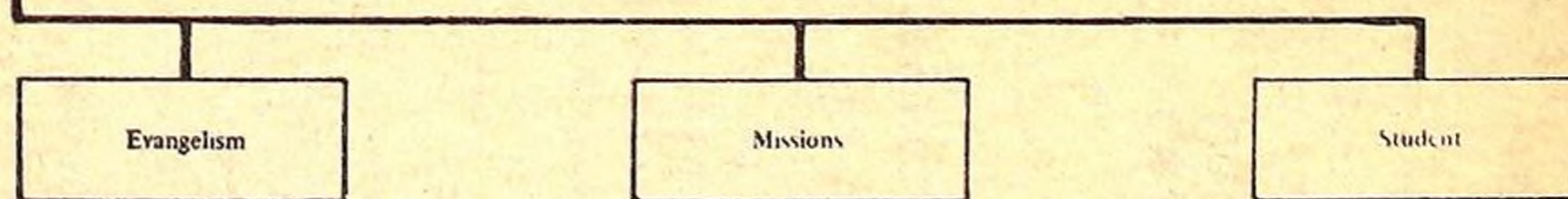


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# Our People and Our Churches . . .

## PEOPLE . . .

Lawrenceburg First Church ordained **Harold Rucker** as a deacon. **Paul J. Tabor** is pastor.

**Camden Searce, Richard Kile, and Robert Rann** were ordained as deacons at Brainerd Church, Chattanooga. **J. Ralph McIntyre** is pastor. **George Clark**, editor, "Church Administration" magazine, Baptist Sunday School Board, delivered the charge to the deacons and to the church.

**John Abbott, William DeLozier, and James Pethel** were ordained as deacons at Jefferson City First Church.

Judson Church, Nashville, ordained **Bill Brown, Glenn Gregory, Wallace Long, George Killingsworth, Chris Magill, Ernie Moore, Mike Reeves, Daniel Boone, Dan Herring, Bob Morrison, Jimmy Gee, and Lemuel Wade** as deacons. **Charles Treadway** gave the ordination sermon. **Raymond Langlois** is pastor.

**Steve Holmes and Raymond Phillips** were ordained as deacons at Avondale Church, Chattanooga. **James H. Walker** is pastor.

**Byron Wooten**, pastor of College Grove First Church and a student at Belmont College, was ordained to the gospel ministry at Harpeth Heights Church, Nashville. A native of Hendersonville, he is the son of **Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Wooten**. **John Langlois**, pastor at Harpeth Heights; **Robert Woody**, pastor, Bluegrass Church, Hendersonville; and **Clyde Cutrer**, Belmont College, conducted the ordination service.

**R. G. Lee**, former pastor of Bellevue Church, Memphis, celebrates his 90th birthday on Nov. 11. He resides at 508 Stone-wall St., Memphis 38112.

Donelson First Church ordained **George Dowd and Bob Helton** as deacons. **Ralph Harris** is pastor.

**Mr. and Mrs. Douglas H. Reynolds**, Old Hickory, celebrated their 50th wedding an-

## LEADERSHIP . . .

**Jackie L. Carver**, Fort Worth, Tex., was called as pastor of Florence Church, Concord Association. He will assume the pastorate on the first Sunday in January.

**Larry M. Taylor** is the new pastor at Jefferson City First Church. He succeeded **Wade Darby**, who joined the staff of Tennessee Baptist Service Corp., Brentwood. **Taylor** comes to the position from Cleburne (Tex.) First Church. He graduated magna cum laude from Ouachita Baptist University with a B.A. degree. He then earned the B.D. and Th.D. degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

**James L. Gouge** was called as music director at Lookout Valley Church, Hamilton Association. He is a graduate of Carson-Newman College and received the master's degree in church music from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. **Herbert Thomas** is pastor at Lookout Valley.

**Michael Pearson** was called as pastor of Salem Church, Liberty. Coming from North Hills Church, Knoxville, he is scheduled to assume his new duties on Nov. 28. **Carl Price**, Nashville, has been serving as interim pastor at Salem.

**Don Dillingham**, minister of education at Judson Church, Nashville, resigned to accept a similar position with Cleveland First Church. He has served the Nashville church for over four years.

niversary recently. **Mrs. Reynolds** is a member at Old Hickory First Church.

West End Church, East Tennessee Baptist Association, ordained **Jerry Thomas, Gene Shoemaker, Drew Douglas, and J. C. Watts** as deacons. **Thomas Straka** is pastor.

Indian Hills Church, Gallatin, ordained **William Anglea and Joe Fisher** as deacons. **Jack Goodwin** is pastor.

## CHURCHES . . .

Bethlehem Church, Robertson Association, is scheduled to hold note burning services on Sunday, Nov. 21. Construction on the building began in Sept. 1970 and was dedicated in Aug. 1972. Final payment on the structure was made in September of this year. **Charles Lee**, interim pastor during the reconstruction period, will bring the message. The pastor is **Bob Carroll**.

Members of Parkview Church, Madison-Chester Association, celebrated the church's 50th anniversary with special services. Guest speakers included former pastors **Kermit Brann, Robert Newman, and Norman Culpepper**, and former interim pastor **David Irby**. **Alvin Gilliland** has been serving the church since Jan. 1974.

Members of Jackson First Church voted recently to instruct the architect to proceed with working drawings for the new church building on Highland Avenue. **R. Trevis Otey** is pastor.

The new sanctuary at Alexandria First Church will be occupied by members some time this month, according to pastor **James Owen**.

Pleasant Grove Church, Hixson, celebrated its 75th anniversary. Present membership is more than 500. **Herman E. Callahan** is pastor.

During the past three years, members of Calvary Church, Oak Ridge, have increased their gifts to missions by 15 percent. The church income has doubled, according to pastor **Don Long**, due to the emphasis on missions.

Southeast Church, Murfreesboro, purchased 10 acres in southwest Murfreesboro. Seven acres are being developed as a retreat center, and three acres are being developed for a new church. A tent revival was conducted in the community, and 15 members formed the "arm" from Southeast Church to start the new work. **Johnnie Hall**, state Church Training director, was called to serve as interim pastor. The work will continue to be sponsored by Southeast Church until it is self-sufficient. **Archie D. King** is pastor at Southeast Church.

In Fayette Association, Forty-Five Church purchased four acres adjoining the church property to be used for recreational purposes.

Hickory Withe First Church members purchased land to build a home for the pastor.



# Sullivan: 'Baptist Vote For Carter Not A Bloc'

**FAIRBORN, Ohio**—Baptists did not vote as a bloc for President-elect Jimmy Carter even though he is a prominent layman in their denomination, the president of the Southern Baptist Convention said in a post-election interview here.

James L. Sullivan, interviewed while in Fairborn to address the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, said that "Baptists voted for the man and not for the church he belongs to."

This indicated they balloted along lines related to issues and party preference rather than religion, Sullivan said.

Asked if an unusual religious atmosphere would prevail in the White House with Carter's occupancy, Sullivan said, "The White House is not the base of a religious movement. It would be regrettable if Carter set up a church in the White House. He

has indicated instead that he will join a local Baptist church where he lives."

What would happen if Carter's religious and moral convictions conflict with politics?

"We'll have to wait and see," Sullivan said, "but I don't believe Carter will compromise his convictions. These compromises have a way of backfiring."

Where moral and ethical decisions are involved in the presidency, Sullivan felt Carter's religious faith will have an influence: "Carter is a man of honesty and integrity and is a diligent worker. There isn't a lazy bone in his body."

From his own 22 years of experience as a denominational administrator and as a retired president of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Sullivan analyzed Carter's mode of operation: "He doesn't shoot from the hip, he explores things in depth with his counselors. After they determine the best course, he plows on through with it. Carter doesn't act impulsively or inconsistently as some administrators do, and his followers can almost always know where he is."

Sullivan said Carter's candidacy had brought the Southern Baptist Convention to the attention of large numbers of the news media in the East, who had no idea what or who Southern Baptists are: "Some of them thought we were snake handlers; they were amazed when they found out they were totally mistaken with a stereotype concept of us."

What influence Carter could have on religious liberty on an international level?

"I hope that Carter could be an influence for religious liberty around the world in his handling of international affairs of America," Sullivan said.

He added, "As we become a larger denomination, it's inevitable by the law of averages we'll have more Baptists in places of leadership. We teach our people to be Christian citizens."

The 1976 election offered the American people "a wonderful option to high grade men (Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter) of good moral character" to choose from, he said.

Sullivan said that as president of the Southern Baptist Convention he did not give a personal endorsement to either candidate for president. (BP)

## Baptist Radio Program Wins Catholic Award

**FORT WORTH**—"MasterControl"\*, a public-service radio program produced by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, has won a Gabriel Award for excellence from UNDA-USA, formerly the Catholic Association of Broadcasters.

"MasterControl"\*, now in its 17th year of broadcasting, has been produced since June, 1972 by Charles Yates of the Radio-TV Commission's radio department. In 1974, UNDA-USA cited Yates with an award of merit for his work on the show.

The award-winning "MasterControl"\* segment aired in November, 1975, detailed the dangers of alcohol and featured interviews with actor Dick Van Dyke and baseball's Don Newcombe. The two described the terrors of alcoholism and their own struggle in overcoming it.

The award will be presented in ceremonies December 2 at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., a commission spokesman said. (BP)

## Thomason Resigns BSSB Executive Vice-Presidency

**NASHVILLE**—W. O. Thomason, executive vice-president of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, has resigned that position, effective Nov. 5, to pursue private practice in the field of consulting and counseling services.

It was announced that James W. Clark, director of the Broadman division, will serve as interim executive vice-president until the office is filled by trustee action.

In a letter to Sunday School Board trustees, Thomason cited family obligations which have been "of an unusual and time-consuming nature," to which he needs to devote more time than is presently possible. His wife, Mary, has been a complete invalid for the past nine years as a result of multiple sclerosis, a board spokesman said.

Thomason started with the board in 1958 as editor of *Living With Children*. He became assistant to the director of the education division the following year and director of the book store division in 1971. In 1975 he was elected executive vice-president of the agency.

He has served as minister of education in churches in Texas, Oklahoma, and Tennessee. He is the co-author of two books, *A Church Organized and Functioning*, and *A Dynamic Church*, and the author of *The Life Givers*. (BP)

## DeWeese Receives Promotion At Historical Commission

**NASHVILLE**—Charles W. DeWeese, assistant director of editorial and research services for the Southern Baptist Historical Commission, has been promoted to director of the commission's editorial services.

He will be primarily responsible for publication of the commission's quarterly journal, *Baptist History and Heritage*, and other projects, including books, pamphlets and articles, said Lynn E. May Jr., executive director.

DeWeese, a native of Asheville, N.C., joined the commission staff in Nov. 1973. A former pastor in Indiana and Kentucky, he was graduated from Mars Hill College in North Carolina, with the bachelor of arts degree, and earned the master of divinity and doctor of philosophy degrees from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville. (BP)

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Several cities can say that Davy Crockett passed this way, but Davy Crockett lived in this area. He represented this Congressional District in Congress a hundred and sixty years ago.

General Grant headquartered on East Main Street here and General Forrest here delivered his classic farewell to his troops. Jackson was home for a while to Lew Wallace, the author of "Ben Hur"; and for Thomas A. Edison, the inventor. The city was captured and sacked by federal forces in the Civil War in June, 1862. A major skirmish was fought at Britton Lane close by Jackson.

John Luther (Casey) Jones lived in Jackson—until that train wreck which took his life. He is buried in Calvary Cemetery in Jackson. The Casey Jones Railroad Museum in Jackson is located in the house where he lived.

Pinson Mounds, a large area of some 700 acres south of Jackson, contains a series of prehistoric Indian mounds and portions of surrounding earthen walls, and has been termed by state and national archaeologists as the most important remaining area in the nation worthy of preservation.

Jackson today is a city of churches and a community of church-goers. There are over 100 churches in Jackson, and close environs—twenty of these are Tennessee Baptist Convention Churches.

Jackson is an educational center. It is doubtful that any other city this size could boast of four colleges. Three of these are four-year liberal arts, church-related colleges, and one is a State Community College. The senior colleges and their sponsors are: Union University, Tennessee Baptists; Lambuth College, Memphis Conference Methodist; Lane College, Christian Method-

ist Episcopal. Jackson is dubbed "the Hub City" of West Tennessee and this it is. Eight times in the past nine years Jackson has captured the Mid-South Industrial Award, competing with cities in its class from seven states. We believe you'll enjoy your stay here! We are happy you are coming!

## Bible Puzzle Page

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- ACROSS**
- 1 "— fell down at his feet" (John 11)  
4 They tremble (Ezek. 26:18)  
9 Greek letter  
12 "a golden cup in the —" (Jer. 51)  
14 Air: comb. form  
15 Son of Sacar (1 Chron. 11:35)  
16 The dawn  
18 Actor Johnson and others  
19 Calendar abbr.  
20 "coming — cloud" (Luke 21)  
21 Printer's measures  
22 Father of a spy (Num. 13:15)  
24 Brigade: abbr.  
26 Twaddle
- 27 Wider  
29 Pagan idol (1 Ki. 11:7)  
32 Throngs  
33 "bread which we —" (1 Cor. 10)  
34 Recited  
35 Play division  
36 Prophets  
38 Traditional saying  
41 Nahor's firstborn (Gen. 22:21)  
43 Rodent  
44 Bloom  
45 No man can serve two (Matt. 6:24)  
47 Chief  
48 Globe  
49 Plain (Judg. 9:37; poss.)  
51 Summer drink  
52 Girl's name: poss.  
53 Time zone: abbr.

- DOWN**
- 1 "is he a homeborn —?" (Jer. 2)  
2 King of Hebron (Josh. 10:3)  
3 Ireland: poss.  
4 Distinctive doctrine  
5 Interjection to enjoin silence  
6 Noe's father (Luke 3:36)  
7 He was translated (Gen. 5:24)  
8 Receiver's opposite: abbr.  
9 Kind of trout  
10 Man in the Bible (Neh. 3:18)  
11 Organization: abbr.  
13 Hindu slave  
17 Nickel: symbol  
19 "— thy foot" (Luke 4)  
22 Derides  
23 Son of Merari (1 Chron. 24:27; poss.)  
25 Editors: abbr.  
26 Beverage  
28 Fishing gear  
29 Academic degree: abbr.  
30 "gardens and —" (Eccl. 2:5; sing.)  
31 "— glad" (Rev. 19)  
32 "in a new —" (1 Chron. 13)  
34 Winter  
37 Sinned  
38 Near Aenon (John 3:23)  
39 City of Judah (Josh. 15; 29; poss.)  
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42 Zone time: abbr.  
44 Attila, for one  
45 Extinct bird  
46 Scottish friend  
47 Thing: Law  
50 Continent: abbr.

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# 'The Church'—A Brand New Thing?

**OKLAHOMA CITY**—A longtime evangelist and former Southern Baptist pastor from Del City, Okla., says he has severed all ties with the denomination and is "now brand new in a brand new thing."

The "brand new thing," for Jerry Reimer, a former member (not pastor) of First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, is a movement called, "The Church," according to the "Baptist Messenger", weekly newsmagazine of Oklahoma Baptists.

"The Church" reportedly has churches in over 30 U.S. cities, including Oklahoma City, San Diego and Los Angeles, Calif., Dallas, Houston and Austin, Tex., and sometimes sends as many as 50-100 lay members to a new location to form a nucleus.

The group, which has elders instead of pastors, believes it is God's voice on earth today. Since God doesn't want his body of believers divided, all denominations are symbols of division and should be united in "The Church," the "Messenger" quoted sources as saying.

"All I feel at liberty to say is that I'm no longer a Southern Baptist," Reimer said. "My family and I are no longer members of First Southern (Baptist) Church, Del City, and I have (voluntarily) returned my ordination certificate."

Reimer, 41, a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, and of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, was ordained to the gospel ministry by Hughes (Okla.) Baptist Church.

Having served as a pastor, and as staff evangelist for two other Oklahoma Baptist churches, the past few years Reimer has taught Bible studies, supplied pulpits and led revivals in several Oklahoma churches.

## No Longer Southern Baptist

"I have terminated my Southern Baptist life in a good and legitimate way," noting

that his new involvement is "not anything mystic or occult."

"The Church," says one source, traces its beginnings to a church formed 14 years ago in Anaheim, Calif., by Witness Lee, an associate of Watchman Nee, famed Chinese who headed Christian movements in China from the 1920s to the 1960s.

Nee wrote only one book, but many other booklets have been printed using translations of sermons and lectures published in magazines he edited. He was imprisoned by the Communists in 1952 and died June 1, 1972, in Anhwei Province.

"The Church's" members believe there is only one true New Testament church in each locality or city, one Oklahoma City source was quoted by the "Messenger". That belief is a perversion of a Nee teaching, the source said.

But Leslie T. Lyall, in a foreword to the Nee biography, "Against the Tide," wrote: Nee was not free from human error and human frailty. His insistence on the 'one locality one church' principle led into separatism and a denunciation of all churches other than his own, and this inevitably caused deep division in the Body of Christ."

An Oklahoma City couple attended a

meeting at a son's request. The mother said some 200 persons from across the country were present. She described the sermon as generally denouncing denominations, labeling the organizations of current churches as corrupt.

Many attending were "younger people" who "seemed like a happy group," she noted. Most giving testimonies said they had been Christians a long time but had become disenchanted and had not really known the meaning of their salvation until they joined "The Church," she added.

The woman said she observed no hint of what might be considered charismatic movement tendencies, but noted that they "sing like Pentecostals, using books with no tunes, but with new words sung spontaneously without a song leader."

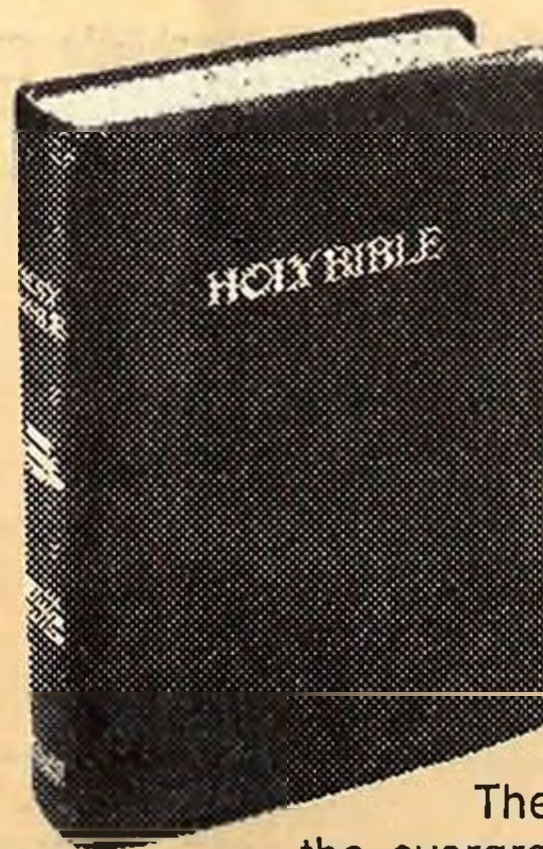
At least two other men involved in the movement, in Oklahoma City are former Southern Baptist ministers, the "Messenger" said. They were identified as Terry Risenhoover, licensed to preach by Del City, First Southern a few years ago, and Jack Watson, former Baptist pastor and music minister. Reimer, Risenhoover and Watson are identified as elders in the organization, the "Messenger" said. (BP)

## BIBLE PUZZLE PAGE ANSWERS

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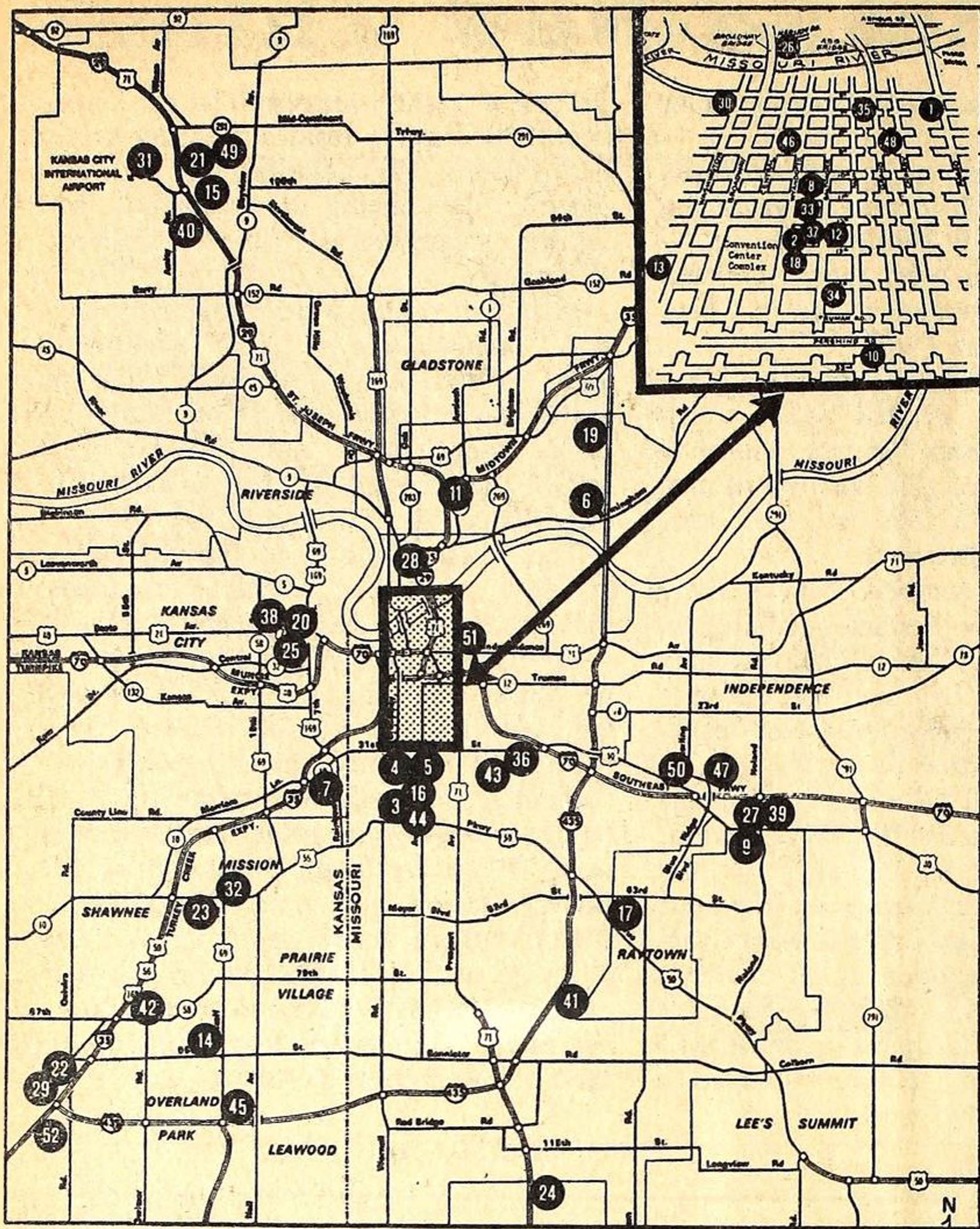
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Southern Baptist Convention ..... June 14-16  
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17. Holiday Inn Blue Parkway 8500 E. 50 Hwy 353-3000	\$15.50-18.00	\$21.00-27.00		
18. Holiday Inn Downtown 13th & Wyandotte 221-8800	\$27.00	\$32.00	\$35.00-39.00 \$42.00	\$70.00 \$115.00
19. Holiday Inn Fun World 7333 Parvin Road 455-1060	\$19.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	
20. Holiday Inn Gardens 425 Minnesota 621-3085	\$17.00	\$22.00	\$22.00	
21. Holiday Inn KCI 11832 Plaza Circle 464-2345	\$20.00	\$25.00		
22. Holiday Inn Lenexa I-35 at 95th Street 888-6670	\$19.50	\$24.50	\$24.50	
23. Holiday Inn Overland Park 7240 West 63rd 262-3010	\$26.50		\$30.00	
24. Holiday Inn South 11801 Blue Ridge Ext. 763-0600	\$14.00	\$17.00	\$20.00	
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33. Phillips House 12th & Baltimore 471-5020	\$22.00	\$24.00		
34. President 14th & Baltimore 471-5440	\$17.00-25.00	\$24.00-28.00	\$28.00-32.00	
35. Prom Sheraton 6th & Main 842-6090	\$20.00-26.00	\$26.00-32.00	\$26.00-32.00	\$36.00-60.00 \$75.00
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48. Travelodge 921 Cherry 471-1266	\$17.00	\$19.00-22.00	\$22.00-25.00	
49. Travelodge KCI 11828 Plaza Circle 464-2525	\$20.00-24.00	\$25.00-29.00	\$25.00-29.00	
50. U-Smile Stadium Inn 7901 New 40 Hwy. 861-9400	\$16.00	\$20.00	\$20.00-24.00	\$30.00
51. Capri 1437 Independence Ave. 471-8088	\$14.00	\$12.00-18.00 \$25.00		
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# God's Expendables

By Dr. W. R. White  
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**Basic Passages:** I Corinthians 4:1-2; Philippians 2:25-30; II Corinthians 8:1-5  
**Focal Passages:** I Corinthians 4:1-2; Philippians 2:25-30; II Corinthians 8:1-5

All of us should be God's expendables. That is, we should be at His disposal if His will and plan should require it. This is much easier to say than to do. A few have been expendable in certain great crises in history. With these the best has survived by the goodness of God and their heroism. How costly and how fortunate for God's children who have shared it. Yes, a few have made themselves and their all expendable. The number has varied.

In the darkest and most dangerous hours the number has been very few. At more prosperous hours of Christian devotion there have been more. The very, very few have been the salt of the earth and light of this world at times. Thank God, there have always been some who paid the price to stand up and be counted regardless of the cost.

**SACRED STEWARDSHIP—I Corinthians 4:1-2**

To have committed unto us the stewardship of sacred ministries and mysteries of the mercies of God is the most solemn responsibility that can be given us. Nothing less than conscientious faithfulness will do or please God. It is an incomparable privilege and trust. Nothing less than the unlimited devotion of our whole being is enough.

**HE RISKED HIS VERY LIFE—Philippians 2:25-30**

Epaphroditus had exposed himself to the point of the supreme sacrifice for God's servant and cause. He was delivered from his precarious plight, but Paul wanted the brotherhood to rejoice in his deliverance and devotion. It was an inspiring act of loyalty.

**STRANGE BEGGARS—II Corinthians 8:1-5**

The Christians in Macedonia not only gave to their limit but far beyond their ability.

A strange thing happened. Instead of being begged to sacrifice, they begged for the privilege of giving of themselves.

They insisted on giving beyond their means to help the suffering saints in Jerusalem. Paul is deeply moved by such generosity and seeks to stir the brotherhood by such supreme devotion on the part of the Macedonians.

## F. M. Dowell Honored At Retirement Luncheon



Dowell shows Nelle Elder the slide carousel which the board employees presented him as a retirement gift. Elder is secretarial assistant in the Department of Evangelism and began her work with the convention at the same time Dowell became head of the department.

Members of the staff of the Tennessee Baptist Convention Board building in Brentwood honored F. M. Dowell, retiring director of the Department of Evangelism, at a luncheon in Brentwood recently. Attending the luncheon with the staff were several friends of the Dowells, retirees of TBC, and some former employees.

A brief program, following the lunch, focused on Dowell's work with the convention since 1956, when he assumed the position of evangelism secretary.

Speakers on the program included: Cannie W. Leonard, director of missions for Salem Association; James McDonald, business manager, TBC; Mary Anderson, state director of library services, TBC; Robert J. Norman, pastor, Belmont Heights Church, Nashville; and Roy J. Gilleland, director, Brotherhood Dept., TBC. Ralph E. Norton, executive secretary-treasurer, TBC, presented a slide carousel to Dowell on behalf of the staff.

Norman, Dowell's pastor, paid tribute to the evangelism director by calling him a patriot, a lover of people, and a master of the Holy Craft.

Frank G. Charton, director, Church Music Dept., TBC, emceed the program. Ray Evette, director of preschool and children's work, Sunday School Dept., TBC, directed the singing.

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# Family Living

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## Ideal Childhood May Not Build Strengths

An idyllic, trouble-free childhood does not necessarily provide youngsters with the strength to cope with life's problems, a study made at the Human Development Institute suggests. In fact, researchers who followed the fates of a group of children from adolescence to age 30 were amazed to discover that "the most successful were those who had the most difficult childhoods."

In contrast, the "trouble free" kids whom the stars had apparently favored, "seemed to peak around 18 and then go to adulthoods that were often disturbed," reports Dr. Arlene Skolnick.

She believes that the Institute findings raise "serious doubts" about two basic assumptions:

that traumatic childhood experiences (parental illness, alcoholism, divorce or death; grinding poverty, physical and emotional abuse) inevitably lead to warped personalities and impaired ability to function in adulthood.

That parents are usually "the cause of everything that happens to a child, from schizophrenia to school failure."

It appears that both these assumptions are false, says the psychologist. "We now know that children who had childhoods that looked ideal were not getting good preparation for adulthood."

The investigators' study of the lives of 413 eminent Americans—including Abraham Lincoln, Eleanor Roosevelt, Thomas Edison and Gerald Ford—revealed that only 30% had childhoods that could be called normal.

What brings some children through hurtful years with personality, character and motivation intact? Nobody knows. There is general agreement that kids who are "copers" have special inner qualities that defy identification. They also have a gift for latching on to someone or something that serves as a stabilizer amid the turbulence of their lives.

The discovery that a perfect childhood may not be a desirable goal after all should not be misinterpreted as reassurance that children can take anything that adults can dish out without sustaining damage, mental health specialists emphasize.

Youngsters' need for affection and stability is as strong as ever. It is parents' attempts to shield children from reality, to cushion them from the bumps of being alive, to give them everything that money can buy . . . that are misplaced effort.

## HISTORICALLY

### FROM THE FILES

#### 50 YEARS AGO

Floyd Carroll of Evansville, Ind., was called as pastor of Greenbrier Church and accepted. The church organized a B.Y.P.U. under the direction of the new pastor. Plans were also being made to begin a Brotherhood.

The magazine, "Manufacturers' Record" of October 1926 gave a lengthy and helpful discussion of church architecture in the South. It reported that \$50,000 a year was being spent on building churches in the South.

#### 25 YEARS AGO

Bell Avenue Church, Knoxville, completed an enlargement program which included the rebuilding of the entrance to the sanctuary. Provision was made for 175 more people in the auditorium. E. L. Williams was pastor.

Missionaries from Nashville, Dr. and Mrs. William Skinner, had gone to their permanent field of service in Asuncion, Paraguay. Skinner was a staff doctor at Baptist Hospital in Nashville.

#### 10 YEARS AGO

Selmer First Church observed its "Diamond Anniversary" with all former living pastors sharing in the festivities. R. G. Elliott was pastor at that time.

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# Hultgren Follows Own Advice On Disturbances

**TULSA**—Six years after he wrote an article in his church paper on "Disturbances in the Services," Warren Hultgren, pastor of First Baptist Church here, got an opportunity to take his own advice about how to handle such situations.

Just as Hultgren started his televised sermon on Sunday morning, October 31—Halloween—a person costumed in women's clothing walked down a side aisle and approached the pulpit.

As Hultgren tried to talk, the intruder, who turned out to be a six-foot, two-inch, 190-pound man, shouted into the microphone: "I want to tell you the world is coming to an end."

"I'm sure that's true," Hultgren calmly replied.

But then the man, wearing a woman's floppy hat, heavy makeup, and a dress, pulled a pistol from his purse.

Grady Lowery, the church's minister of activities, who keeps in shape in the church's Christian life center, and about five other men jumped him and wrestled him off the platform and out a side door.

Sheriff's deputies booked Donald Page, a 25-year-old resident of nearby Sand Springs, in the county jail on a complaint of carrying a concealed weapon and disturbing a re-

ligious service. The Tulsa district attorney filed formal charges on Monday. Authorities later discovered the weapon was a blank pistol.

The suspect was reattired in jeans and shirt, found in his purse, before he was put into a cell with other inmates.

In his article, written in 1970, Hultgren said: "I personally try not to be too disturbed by these or other disturbances. The fact of the matter is that there should be more sympathy than horror."

He responded like that on October 31 and repeated some of his earlier printed admonitions about disturbances in the services. Then he proceeded to preach his planned sermon on "The Story of a Haunted House," making the point that unless people strive for good input into their lives, evil will creep in.

The service ended with a couple and their three children joining the church by transfer of membership. (BP)

## SBC Cooperative Program Ahead After First Month

**NASHVILLE**—The Southern Baptist Convention's national Cooperative Program unified budget entered the 1976-77 fiscal year running 13.43 percent ahead of its progress at the same point in 1975-76.

At the end of October, the first month in the new fiscal year, the Cooperative Program had received \$4,221,121 from Southern Baptist churches via the Cooperative Programs of 33 state conventions covering 50 states. Last October, the total was \$3,721,304.

Adding another \$521,041 received in designated funds (a 16.51 percent increase), total contributions for the month come to \$4,742,162—or 13.76 percent more than the \$4,168,494 received last October.

The 1976-77 national Cooperative Program goal is \$55 million. That includes \$49,000,000 in basic operating funds for SBC agencies' worldwide programs, \$1,080,000 in capital needs and an additional \$4,920,000 in challenge operating funds. (BP)

## Laugh

Mary walked up to the bank clerk's window and said: "I would like to buy some traveler's checks." The clerk asked: "What denomination, please?" Mary replied, "Baptist."

## Foundation

# Five Golden Candlesticks

By Jonas L. Stewart  
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

This story is about five modern day Golden Candlesticks. Some people would say that their lights have gone out to shine no more, but don't you believe it.

These churches were located in Stewart County, Tennessee, in the area now known as the Land Between the Lakes Federal Park. When the land was condemned for the park it was necessary for all residents to relocate. The churches were disbanded, but they could not forget the sacrifice, love and purpose of the pioneers who made a spiritual ministry that had nurtured them and their families. Representatives from the five churches got together and determined that by government decree the churches may cease to exist but their ministry for Christ would go on forever.

Each church sold its property to the government as required. Proceeds were placed with the Tennessee Baptist Foundation to be held in perpetual trust to provide income for the following causes: mission work in Stewart County, Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes, Cooperative Program, Annie Armstrong Easter Offering and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Thus Crockett's Creek, Model, Nevils Creek, Oak Grove and Tip Top Baptist churches have a living and continuing witness to the faith "once delivered to the saints." At the time of this writing more than \$26,000 has been paid to missions by them since they disbanded. When Jesus walks today among these five candlesticks He can surely say, "I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and they patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first." (Rev. 2:19)

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