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Tennessee mission gifts reach goal for mid-year

Tennessee Baptists reached the half-way point of their fiscal year with mission gifts through the Cooperative Program at about seven percent ahead of the convention-adopted goal, according to Ralph L. Norton, executive secretary-treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

The TBC budget year runs from November through October.

Norton said that receipts during the last six months through the Cooperative Program reached \$5,056,424.35. This is 7.6 percent ahead of budget pace necessary to achieve the \$9.4-million goal approved by messengers to the 1976 state convention.

"This is certainly good news," the Tennessee executive secretary stated, but cautioned that the spring months are consistently the better giving months of the church and convention year.

The November-April Cooperative Program receipts were 9.8 percent above gifts during the same period of the previous year.

Receipts for April were \$894,013.63,

which is 5.6 percent greater than April 1976 Cooperative Program receipts and 14 percent above this year's monthly goal.

Funeral services held for Mrs. C. D. Tabor

Funeral services were held at First Church, Shelbyville, recently for Mrs. Nelle M. Tabor, wife of C. D. Tabor, former director of missions in New Duck River Association, and mother of Paul J. Tabor, pastor of Lawrenceburg First Church.

Mrs. Tabor died at Bedford County Hospital after a long illness. She was 80. Graveside services were held at City Cemetery, Cookeville. Alfred T. Royer, Wayne Bassette, and J. Harold Stephens officiated at the funeral. Graveside services were held by Homer A. Cate and Henry Roberson.

In addition to her husband and son, she is survived by three other sons, C. D. Tabor Jr., Jackson, Ohio, William H. Tabor, Oak Ridge, and Lt. Col. Herman S. Tabor, Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.; a daughter, Juanita Utley, Henderson, Ky; 17 grandchildren, and four great grandchildren.

The elder Tabor served as missions director for 18 years before his retirement. He resides in Shelbyville.

SBC mission gifts grow by 9 percent

NASHVILLE — Receipts for the first seven months of the 1976-77 fiscal year of the national Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program unified budget were 8.94 percent ahead of the same point last year.

After six months, the Cooperative Program receipts were 10 percent ahead but dropped when giving reported in April 1977 ran only 2.7 percent ahead of the same month last year.

State Baptist conventions, which receive state Cooperative Program receipts from SBC churches, forwarded \$30,240,612 for worldwide SBC mission causes from October 1976 through April 1977, compared with \$27,759,432 for the same period last year.

Cooperative Program receipts for April 1977, were \$4,386,683, an increase of \$115,996 over gifts for April 1976, according to the financial planning office of the SBC Executive Committee.

Total SBC receipts through April, including the more than \$30 million year-to-date Cooperative Program figure and another \$31,466,044 in designated contributions, amount to \$61,706,655—a 7.8 percent increase over the \$57,227,348 given last year for the same period.

Designated receipts alone show a 6.8 percent increase over the \$29,467,916 given in the first seven months of the 1975-76 fiscal year. (BP)

FMB dispatches \$5000 for Brazil flood relief

RICHMOND — The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board released \$5000 for immediate relief in Recife, Brazil, hit by the second major flood since 1975 of the overflowing Capibaribe River.

The latest flood hit Sunday afternoon, May 1, and continued through the morning of May 2. The board was notified in a phone call from Southern Baptist missionary H. Barry Mitchell the afternoon of May 2 and released the funds that same afternoon. The interior towns of Limoeira, Paudalho, and Sao Lourenco were badly hit.

Donald E. Turner, Southern Baptist missionary disaster response coordinator for North Brazil, said the money would be used for immediate aid to Brazilian Christians left homeless and for some churches that were damaged.

The missionary residences of the Ray T. Fleets and the Glenn E. Hickeys had about two feet of water inside. Although there was a "lot of mud," according to reports, there was not much property damage to these residences. (BP)



ROE BARTLE CONVENTION Center will house the 1977 annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, June 14-16. Woman's Missionary Union annual meeting will also be there June 12-13. Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference will meet in the adjacent Municipal Auditorium, June 12-13. (BP) Photo



EDWARD GENE MEDARIS
New editor for Indiana

Medaris to edit 'Indiana Baptist'

INDIANAPOLIS—Edward Gene Medaris of Fairbanks, Alaska, has been elected editor of the *Indiana Baptist*, news publication of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana, effective in mid-June.

Medaris succeeds Alvin C. Shackelford, who resigned after 11 years to become editor of the *Baptist and Reflector*, Tennessee Baptist news publication, Nov. 1, 1976. E. Harmon Moore, executive secretary for Indiana Baptists, has served as interim editor.

Currently serving as religion editor of the *Fairbanks Daily News-Miner*, Medaris is also pastor of Salcha Baptist Church, Fairbanks. He has been pastor of six churches in Texas, two in Alaska, and churches in Idaho, Wyoming, and Venezuela. For three years he was a foreign missionary in Trinidad.

He has a journalism degree from the University of Alaska, and is also a graduate of Baylor University, Waco, Tex., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

While in Alaska he served on the Executive Board and was second vice-president of the Alaska Baptist Convention. (BP)

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UN Ambassador Andrew Young to address Kansas City SBC

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—United Nations Ambassador Andrew Young has confirmed acceptance of an invitation from the Southern Baptist Convention committee on order of business to address the denomination's annual meeting here in June.

The former Georgia congressman, a minister of the United Church of Christ, will address the afternoon session of the SBC at 4 p.m., Thursday, June 16, following an address by William Pinson, pastor of First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, Tex., who will speak at 3:25.

In other developments, SBC President James L. Sullivan of Nashville said that after consultation with SBC first vice president, Dotson M. Nelson Jr. of Birmingham, he has asked Arthur L. Walker Jr., a dean at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, to serve as convention parliamentarian.

After auxiliary meetings, which get underway June 12, the SBC's three-day national meeting runs June 14-16 in the H. Roe Bartle Hall in the Kansas City Convention Center complex.

The convention will focus on the SBC

goal to evangelize the entire world by the close of the Twentieth Century. It will close Thursday evening with a challenge to mobilization of denominational resources to win the world, culminated by a message by Evangelist Billy Graham.

Other speakers include Sullivan, who will deliver the president's address; William L. Self, president of the SBC Foreign Mission Board and pastor of Wieuca Road Baptist Church, Atlanta, who will preach the convention sermon; and several other speakers.

They are W. A. Criswell, former SBC president and pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas; Frank Pollard, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss.; William E. Hull, pastor of First Baptist Church, Shreveport, La.; and Richard A. Jackson, pastor of North Phoenix (Ariz.) Baptist Church.

Besides business sessions, reports from SBC agencies and the SBC Executive Committee, and introduction of resolutions, messengers will elect new officers. That includes a new president, since Sullivan, 67, retired chief executive of the SBC Sunday School Board, has declined to allow his name to be placed in nomination for a traditional second term. (BP)

Brotherhood plans new materials, national RA meeting in Nashville

OLIVE BRANCH, Miss.—Southern Baptist Convention Brotherhood leaders agreed at a three-day meeting here to prepare new Brotherhood materials for the 1980s and sponsor a national Royal Ambassador congress and Baptist Men's conference.

The new materials, composed of a basic textbook for church Brotherhood officers and supporting books for age level leaders, will be introduced at training sessions during the spring of 1979.

Glendon McCullough, executive director of the SBC Brotherhood Commission, said the new materials would suggest ways through action and study for carrying out the mission tasks of a church.

Forty Brotherhood leaders from 26 state Baptist conventions and the commission staff voted to conduct the Sixth National Royal Ambassador Congress during the summer 1979 in Nashville, Tenn.

The group also looked with favor on a national Baptist Men's conference, possibly during 1982, the 75th anniversary of the Layman's Missionary Movement, forerunner of organized Baptist laywork.

In a closing challenge, McCullough called

on the conferees to take bold and aggressive stances as leaders of Brotherhood work.

Acknowledging the growing interest in the skills of Baptist lay people, McCullough urged Southern Baptist agencies to work as a team in matching the talents of lay people with the needs in United States and on foreign mission fields.

Bill Clemmons, a Baptist Men's consultant for the commission, said some agencies have "just discovered the layman" and should exercise caution in not using the lay persons and then dropping them abruptly.

"We must remember that in Brotherhood we are concerned with involving men in missions every day of the year."

In other action, the Commission unveiled a plan for increasing circulation of six Brotherhood periodicals by 26 percent to 300,000 per issue.

W. L. (Wimpy) Smith, associate consultant on laymen overseas for the Foreign Mission Board, lauded state Brotherhood leaders for the laymen they enlisted for overseas projects while pledging to use them for future recruitment efforts. (BP)



COMPLETES FMB TERM—C. Clifton Ward (right) of Chattanooga was recognized upon completion of his term of service on the SBC Foreign Mission Board during the board's recent meeting. Baker J. Cauthen, FMB executive director, presented Ward a plaque noting his eight years on the board.

FMB appropriates \$368,492 for relief efforts in April

RICHMOND — The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board approved in April expenditures of \$368,492 in relief funds for 11 countries. The allocations will come from special funds designated by Southern Baptists for world relief needs.

The latest expenditures, made by the board at its April meeting in Atlanta, left a balance in world relief and hunger funds of slightly less than \$100,000, approximately the monthly amount coming to the board for those needs. Hunger and relief funds had totaled \$466,583 on March 31.

The largest single appropriation by the board in April, \$110,000, was made for flood relief in the South Brazil state of Mato Grosso and will help supply food, seed, medication, housing, and refurnishing

of housing for 125 of the 500 families who live on an island in the Parana River.

The board made a separate appropriation totaling \$72,392, to continue for another year the "food for work" project in Corrente, Piaui, North Brazil. These funds will be used to pay refugees from drought-stricken areas to clear land owned by the Corrente institute which includes an elementary, secondary, and normal school.

The refugees are given rice, beans, and corn to plant with the hope they will be self sufficient the next year. The cleared land will be used by the institute for cattle grazing.

The second largest appropriation, \$75,000, went for aid to Baptist earthquake victims in Romania, in addition to \$25,000 sent by the board in March. The funds will be used in rebuilding of churches and repairing a building at the Baptist Theological Seminary in Bucharest damaged in a March 4 quake.

Reports indicate that nine Baptist churches, four of them in Bucharest, and one of the two buildings at the seminary suffered severe damage. Eight members of the Baptist community including two seminary students, were killed.

Although World War II and the establishment afterwards of a communist government have precluded Southern Baptist missions work in Romania, they had earlier established the Bucharest seminary and a girls' training school. In recent years, Romanian Baptists have taken full advantage of their limited freedoms, reports indicate, at least doubling almost every congregation in the country. A board spokesman called them the fastest growing Baptist group in Europe.

The board earmarked \$50,000 for refugee work in Thailand, largely for work with persons in border areas who have had to flee from the communists. (BP)

Directors of missions plan meeting before SBC opening

OVERLAND PARK, Kan.—The Southern Baptist Directors of Missions Conference, confronting a theme of "Creative Relationships," will be held here, June 12-13, prior to the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting, June 14-16, Kansas City, Mo.

Speakers include William G. Tanner, executive director-treasurer of the SBC Home Mission Board, Atlanta; Harper Shannon, pastor of Huffman Baptist Church, Birmingham; Robert D. Dale, a career guidance specialist from the SBC Sunday School Board, Nashville; Cecil A. Ray, general secretary-treasurer of the North Carolina Baptist Convention, Raleigh; William J. Cumbie, director of missions for the Mt. Vernon Baptist Association, Alexandria, Va.; and Don Hammer of the Home Mission Board.

The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m., June 12, in the Glenwood Manor Motel. (BP)

Foundation heads urged to 'ask'

RALEIGH, N.C.—A state Baptist executive said here that Baptist leaders do not ask enough of their people—and that the people may be doing all the leaders have asked them to do.

Cecil A. Ray, general secretary-treasurer of the North Carolina Baptist Convention, addressed the annual meeting of the Association of Baptist Foundation Executives.

"We must learn to ask for more, to expect our people to be on 'Bold Missions,'" he said in reference to the Southern Baptist Bold Mission plan to evangelize the world by close of the Twentieth Century.

"A Christian, by definition, is a giver. This is his nature. Our job is to help him discover this fact—that the joy of living is in giving," Ray said.

"Baptists today can be characterized by two words—opportunity and expectancy—and now we must add a third word—boldness—to our vocabulary," he said, concluding his message with a call for Christian stewardship and a Biblical understanding of ownership.

Participants also heard A. Rudolph Fagan of Nashville, executive director-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Stewardship Commission, and elected Charles C. Duncan, executive secretary of the Georgia Baptist Foundation, as president. Other officers are Lynn Craft, president of the Baptist Foundation of Texas, vice president; and William G. Kersch, vice president in estate planning and personal trustee services for the Baptist Foundation of Oklahoma, secretary-treasurer.

Fagan also stressed the importance of the denomination's Bold Mission effort and pointed to achievements of the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program unified budget giving since 1974, and record enrollments in Southern Baptist seminaries. (BP)

Two from Tennessee named visiting profs at SBTS

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Arthur H. Criscoe and Nolan P. Howington, both of the church training department in Nashville, will be visiting professors at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here this summer.

Twelve Baptist church and denominational leaders will be on the Southern seminary campus this summer to teach courses during the June or July month-long "J-terms." A large variety of courses will be offered in the schools of theology, religious education, and church music.

The two Tennesseans will jointly teach a course in June on "Discipleship Development in the Local Church."



VBS MISSIONARIES—Twenty students from Tennessee have been trained by the Sunday School department to work in mission Vacation Bible Schools this summer. Here Ray Evette of that department leads one of the discussion sessions.

Mission VBS workers trained

Twenty students who will be working in mission Vacation Bible Schools this summer were trained at a special clinic held April 22-23 in Brentwood, according to Lyn Brasfield, director of youth work for the TBC Sunday School department.

Ten of the group are summer missionaries serving under the Tennessee Baptist Student Union, and 10 will work under the direction of the Sunday School department.

The 14-hour training clinic dealt with all aspects of the VBS materials and methods.

The students serving under the Sunday School department and their assignments are: Phyllis Craft and Sheila Wilburn, Big Emory Association; Susan Garrett, Harde-man Association; Pamela Simmons, River-side Association; Hariett Piedra, Weakley Association; Janice Moore, Stewart Association; Ernie Roberts, Duck River Association; Billy Simpson, Cumberland Gap Association; Robert Williams and Michael Crawford, Shiloh Association.

In each association, the missionary will plan the work, place the students in homes, and solicit churches to assist. The Sunday School department selects the students, trains and assigns them, and pays expenses and salaries.

Students serving under the Tennessee BSU and their assignments are: Joyce Robbins, Reelfoot Lake in Tennessee; Tessie Prather, Lisa Phifer, and Rick Forest, New York; Kay Sanders, Donna Pesnell, and Paul Shea, Western Heights Community Center, Knoxville, Clair Hodge, Virginia; Nancy Fitch, England; and Don Peek, Guam.

Leukemia fells pastor's wife, rites held at Mountain City

Mrs. E. E. (Louise) Carrier, wife of the pastor at Mountain City First Church, died of leukemia last month at Johnson County Memorial Hospital. She was 41.

Funeral services were conducted at the church by J. S. Bell, Robert Hinkle, Victor Wallace, and Tom Worley. Graveside services were conducted by Charles Baker and Dan Little.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by a son, Jeffrey, of the home, and her mother, Mrs. Opsie Huff, Mousie, Ky.

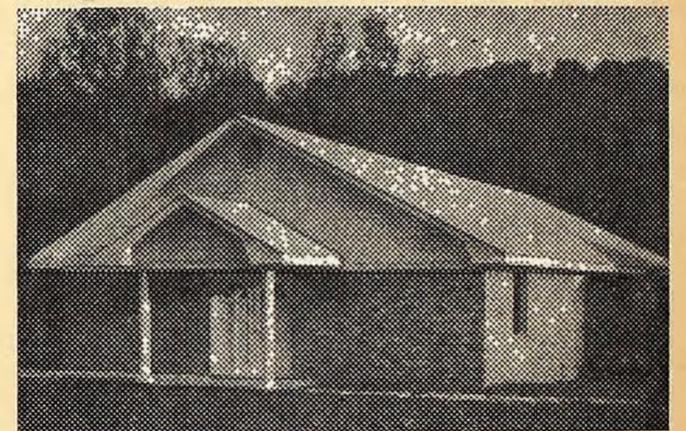
Charter bus set for June's SBC

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Special charter bus passes will be available for persons attending the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting here in June, according to the SBC transportation committee.

The passes, good for four days, June 13-16, will cost \$10 each on the scene in Kansas City and \$8 each if bought in advance by contacting SBC Bus Shuttle Service, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, 5001 N. Oak Street Trafficway, Kansas City, Mo. 64118.

Messengers to the convention will not be able to ride the special chartered buses without a pass, which will be available at all outlying motels. The passes will not be usable on regular metro buses.

The spokesman said buses will start moving each morning at 7:30, that each motel will have a color code, and that concession stands will open early each morning for those who want a light breakfast at the convention center's Bartle Hall. (BP)



Members of Cranmore Cove Church, Dayton, dedicated this new sanctuary which replaces one destroyed by fire in August, 1975.

Sanctuary dedicated at church in Dayton

Members of Cranmore Cove Church, Dayton, Tennessee Valley Association, dedicated a new sanctuary recently, which replaced one destroyed by fire in August, 1975.

The dedication message was delivered by Leslie Baumgartner, director of missions, Tennessee Baptist Convention. He told the congregation to build according to God's purpose, to dedicate all they possess in a spirit of prayer and commitment, and to utilize the facilities in a consecrated way.

Financial assistance for construction came from several churches and through a grant of the disaster relief fund of the Missions dept.

Cranmore Cove began as a mission of Dayton First Church and was constituted as a church in April, 1974.

Construction on the new building began in February, 1976, on the same concrete floor of the building which was destroyed.

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Our People and Our Churches . . .

People . . .

Spring Creek Church, Clarksville, ordained **Charles Cato** as a deacon recently. **Bill Tober** is pastor.

James Bean Jr. and **Paul Lindsey** were ordained as deacons at John Sevier Church in Knoxville. **Ted Huckaby** is pastor.

Ben L. Sloan, professor of biology at Carson-Newman College, was named as the 1977 recipient of the distinguished faculty award at the East Tennessee school. Also named were the winners of the Algernon Sydney Sullivan awards—**Charles H. Jones**, **Carol E. Bibb**, and **Marshall Wayne Early**. Receiving the Lane Bryant award was **Robert M. Burts**, and the recipient of the science humanities award was **Stephen D. Mullins**. Announcement of the awards was made during convocation ceremonies in Jefferson City.

Members of Cleveland First Church honored pastor **Marvin R. Gibson** as he began his fifth year at the church. Special activities included a covered dish luncheon and love offering.

Antioch Church, Portland, ordained **Billy Brown** to the gospel ministry. **C. H. Crossland** read the scripture and led in prayer. **James W. Bell** preached the ordination sermon, and **Frank Morgan** led the prayer. **Brown** will serve as pastor of the church.

Luray Church, Beech River Association, ordained **Gary Buckley** to the ministry.

Oasbin Hicks was ordained to the gospel ministry by New Hopewell Church, McMinn Association. He is serving as pastor of Walnut Grove Church in Decatur. **Clyde Shugart** is pastor of New Hopewell.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Grady Morris are scheduled to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, May 15, at their Church in that city, they have been active in the church's work, and he has served as a deacon for 40 years. They are the parents of **Richard** and **Tena Morris**, Southern Baptist missionaries to Taiwan.

Don Hughes was ordained as a deacon at Bethel Church, Johnson City. Participating in the service were **Lester Shoemaker**, **Eugene Barnes**, and **Bruce McFall**. **Glen Smith** is interim pastor.

Ronald Barrett, professor of biology, Belmont College, was awarded the outstanding professor of the year award during commencement services at the school. He has served on the Belmont faculty since 1967.

Mount Carmel Church, Chilhowee Association, ordained **Paul Nichols** and **David Randolph** as deacons. **Clifton Hearon** is pastor.

Revivals . . .

Results of a revival at Friendship Church, Medina, included 14 baptisms, three rededications, one addition by letter, and two dedications to full-time Christian service. The evangelist was **George McMinn**, and the pastor is **R. J. Akin**.

Henry Linginfelter, Alcoa, led revival services at Central Church, Oak Ridge, which resulted in 25 additions to the church. **Dick Barrett**, Bremen, Ga., served as music evangelist. **Filmore Strunk** is pastor.

Rockwood First Church had revival services with evangelist **Noel Edwards**, Vandalia, (Mo.) First Church. **Ben McNeese**, minister of music at Rockwood, led the singing. There were 14 professions of faith, 17 additions by letter, and 16 rededications. **Robert W. Campbell** is pastor.

Bells First Church was engaged in revival with **Jonas L. Stewart** serving as evangelist and **Don Morris** directing the music. There were 10 additions, including six by baptism, two by letter, and two by statement. **Joe S. Layman** is pastor.

There were four baptisms and three additions by letter following revival services at Lookout Valley Church in Chattanooga. The evangelist was **Shelly Ezell**, and the music director was **Jim Gouge**. **Herbert Thomas** is pastor.

A youth-led revival at East Union Church, Jackson, resulted in nine professions of faith and many rededications. **Paul Bryant** was the evangelist, and **Rick Smith** led the singing. **Ken Eudy** is youth director, and **Calvin Moore** is pastor.

There were 22 additions to the church following revival services at Clinton Second Church. There were also 13 baptisms and several rededications and commitments. **Henry Linginfelter**, Alcoa, was the evangelist, and **Dick Barrett**, Bremen, Ga., was the music director. **George Williams** is pastor.

A week-end youth revival at Shellsford Church, McMinnville, resulted in eight professions of faith and several rededications. Leading the revival was a team of Western Kentucky University students from Glendale Church in Bowling Green, Ky. The team members were **Ken Harris**, **Sing Oldham**, **Karen Kerley**, and **Kathy Ricketts**. **Oldham** is the son of **Roger Oldham**, pastor of Little West Fork Church near Clarksville. A singing group from the Bowling Green church provided the special music. **Stephen L. Playl** is pastor.

Raleigh Church, Memphis, was led in revival by **Lloyd Bardowell**, Nashville. **Edsel**

Bone led the music. There were 21 decisions, including 19 for baptism and two by letter. **Keith Wilson**, superintendent of the Memphis Children's Home, is interim pastor.

Billy Edmonds, pastor of Trinity Church, Knoxville, led revival services at Lonsdale Church in Knoxville. There were 10 additions by baptism and three by letter. **Homer A. Cate** is pastor.

John Wood, pastor, Paducah (Ky.) First Church, led Germantown Church, Germantown, in revival services. **Russell Newport**, Springfield, Mo., was guest soloist. There were 16 professions of faith and 13 additions by letter. **Ken Story** is pastor.

Herbert R. Higdon led the revival for Grace Church, Springfield, and **Don Edmondson**, Springfield Church, led the music. There were three additions by profession of faith and four by letter. **Edwin R. Alexander** is pastor.

Churches . . .

Plainview Church, Salem Association, completed remodeling on the sanctuary and all Sunday School rooms. **Ronald Odom** is pastor.

John Sevier Church, Knoxville, observed its 50th anniversary recently. Historical displays, pictorial presentations, and mementos of the church's history were shared. **Ted Huckaby** is pastor.

Leadership . . .

C. A. Stewart was called as minister of music at Magna View Church, Talbott. He comes to the post from Bristol, Tenn. **C. H. Christopher** is pastor.

Richard Howard has accepted the position as minister of music and youth at Selmer First Church. He comes from a similar position at Troy First Church, **W. Matt Tomlin** is pastor.

Mack Hannah resigned as minister of youth and recreation at Nashville First Church, to accept the position of minister of Christian activities at Wieuca Road Church in Atlanta, Ga. He has served the Nashville church for over two years. **H. Franklin Paschall** is pastor.

Fred Ward resigned as pastor of Central Church, Caryville.

After a ministry of over two years, **Jim McAfee** resigned as pastor of Red Boiling (Continued on page 13)

Pulpit To Pew

by Jim Griffith

A young couple was planning to be married and, appropriately enough, the future bride and groom were discussing problems which might arise in their marriage.

The young man hesitated momentarily, then mustered his courage and said, "Darling, I'm not sure we should be married. After all, I am anemic."

To which the girl replied, "Oh, that's all right. You go to your church, and I'll go to mine."

Apparently, they both have problems. True, he may need a blood transfusion, but she could use a remedy for her mental confusion.

Of course, no one can deny that there are a good many "anemic" church members who grow pale and weak at the sight of church work. But their hemoglobin notwithstanding, they have nothing that a shot of faithfulness could not cure.

Still, all this does point to one of the great needs of our day—the need for more full-blooded church members.

On Matters of

Family Living

By Dr. B. David Edens
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Enrichment through anger

Two recent articles alert us to the rather pervasive presence of anger in marriage and how we can use it to make marriages better. David and Vera Mace, founders of ACME, in an article entitled, "How to Deal with Anger in Marriage," (Faith at Work, Sept. '76) rank the misuse and suppression of anger higher on the list of marriage-wreckers than the "unholy trinity" of sex, money and in-laws.

After establishing that anger is good, despite cultural admonitions to the contrary, they offer three ways of dealing with it.

First, always **acknowledge your anger** to each other. Anger, like all feelings, needs to be shared to achieve intimacy.

Second, **renounce it**. Yes. One can't punish or hurt a loved one without intensifying the conditions that gave rise to the anger, so consciously renounce it.

Third, **ask for help**. Once one renounces anger and the partner knows it, the fear level lowers and creative solutions can follow.

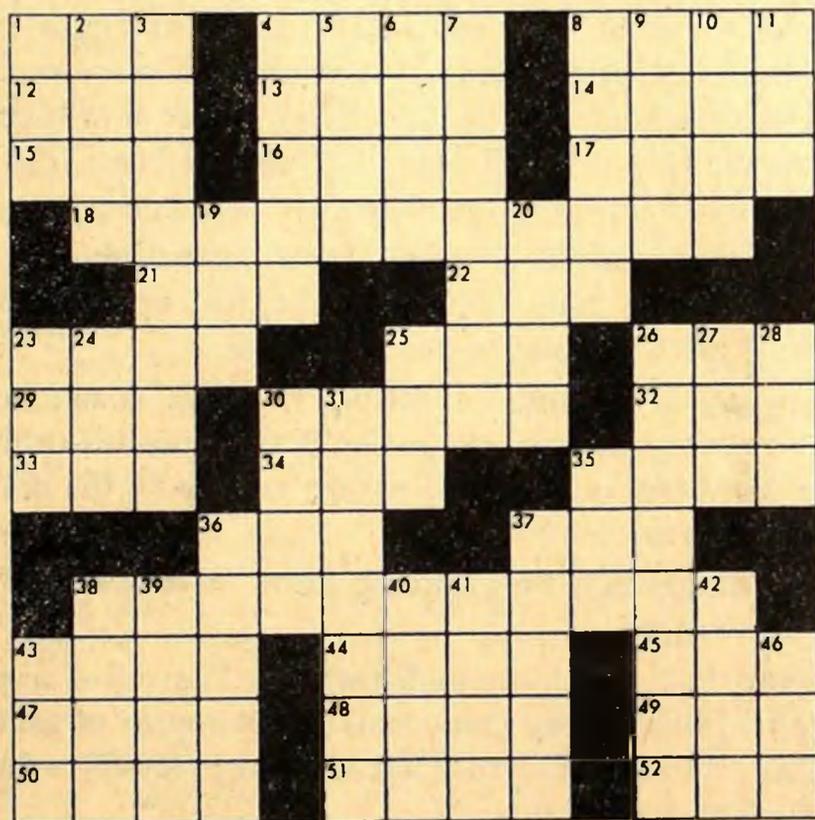
Jack Tanzman, in his article, "Fighting for Love," (Agape, May '76) insists that the problem of anger has always been in his own marriage, and he has discovered that the problem among people with whom he deals seems to be universal. He has worked with Yveta Bernhard and George Bach, who pioneered in this field and maintains that when anger is not faced openly a series of fantasies, inner struggles and aberrant feelings lead the angry person to exaggerations, extremes and prolonged bitterness.

His general solution is to create a framework within which it is possible to tell the partner of any experienced anger. One framework he suggests is five minute "turns" in which one partner speaks about the situation generating anger and the other is totally silent. Then roles are reversed.

He has three further steps: 1) express the anger; 2) tell the partner what happened to cause the anger; 3) indicate what you will need to feel good. He adds a fourth division; solve the problem separately from talking about it. Let the heat die down and approach the problem calmly.

Bible puzzle

Answers on page 14



ACROSS

- 1 Biblical character (1 Ki. 1:8)
- 4 Blow in Scotland
- 8 "as it began to —" (Matt. 28)
- 12 Alder tree
- 13 Rotary: comb. form
- 14 Cry of the Bacchanals
- 15 Prefix for air or day
- 16 Father of the Eranites (Num. 26:36)
- 17 King of Sodom (Gen. 14:2)
- 18 "— with publicans" (Luke 5)
- 21 Land of — (Gen. 4:16)
- 22 European: comb. form

23 Comic strip character

- 25 Sets of two: abbr.
- 26 Biblical verb
- 29 Road: comb. form
- 30 Cache
- 32 Mine stair
- 33 Sailor
- 34 Son of Benjamin (Gen. 46:21)
- 35 Country festivals
- 36 "we seek — to come" (Heb. 13)
- 37 Amount
- 38 In divers places (Mark 13:8)
- 43 Express praise (Psa. 7:17)
- 44 English nobleman
- 45 Adept
- 47 Son of Pahath-moab (Ezra 10:30)

- 48 Oklahoma town: poss.
- 49 Mind: comb. form
- 50 Pinto or navy
- 51 Sup
- 52 Dirty place

DOWN

- 1 Firstborn (1 Chron. 2:25)
- 2 Canal or city
- 3 "— of hell fire" (Matt. 5)
- 4 Jesus took it (John 21:13)
- 5 Alone
- 6 Place (Gen. 50:10)
- 7 Miracles
- 8 King of Eglon (Josh. 10:3)
- 9 Plain (Amos 1:5)
- 10 "wrought a good —" (Matt. 26)
- 11 Teachers' organization: abbr.
- 19 Also
- 20 Hurry
- 23 Cooking utensil
- 24 Harem room
- 25 City (1 Chron. 1:50)
- 26 "by — save some" (1 Cor. 9)
- 27 Fish eggs
- 28 Recipe abbr.
- 30 Dispatched
- 31 "which is —" (Eph. 4)
- 35 Diving sea bird
- 36 Harp's partner (Gen. 4:21)
- 37 Mud volcano
- 38 Ideas in Platonism
- 39 "— and the King of Siam"
- 40 Muslim judge
- 41 Monitor lizard
- 42 Stain
- 43 Day of rest: abbr.
- 46 Trifle

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Gambling devalues a person's worth

What's really wrong with gambling? Life's a gamble; driving on a highway is a gamble. Isn't gambling just another form of entertainment? So, you lose a \$2 bet on a horse race—what's the big deal?

Gambling is wrong because it is a **violation of a fundamental principle of Christianity and democracy—the worth of the individual.** Our nation was founded on the concept that every person is of value; that every person can achieve as a result of his abilities and service.

Whether it is for a government or for an individual, the empty appeal of gambling is the same—getting something for nothing!

Possibly this week, the Senate of the Tennessee General Assembly will vote on SB 250. The bill would allow the residents of Shelby County to establish a race track with pari-mutuel gambling.

Politicians have been led to believe that by having a race track, the government and community will reap tremendous benefits—that just by voting to permit gambling, huge sums of money will pour in to the public treasury. Don't be misled that your taxes are going to be lowered.

Instead of getting something for “nothing,” officials often

find that gambling is **expensive.** Revenue bonds must be issued—and repaid, with interest! Facilities must be built. Advertising and promotional costs are excessive (people must be enticed to gamble). Prize money must be paid. Law enforcement costs will increase. Government quickly finds itself in the horrible position of having to encourage its citizens to participate more and more in gambling.

What does gambling really bring? There are four results, according to Ernest E. Ittner Jr., former special agent in the Investigative Section of the U.S. Treasury Department: (1) it demoralizes the community, (2) it brings in very little tax money, (3) it leads to corruption of government officials, and (4) organized crime moves in.

Some are saying, “Let Memphis have it. That won't bother the rest of the state.” Do you recall that when liquor by the drink was passed by the General Assembly, we were promised that it would be limited to the **four larger cities?** Now there is a bill to expand this to “middle-sized” cities. Doubtless, the same pattern would follow with gambling on race horses.

But the governmental financial aspects of pari-mutuel gambling are not our main objection. The real consequence of gambling is what it does to the **individual.**

The panacean promise of getting (a huge) something for (almost) nothing destroys a person's pride in his work. It weakens his values of right and wrong, and opens the door for many temptations.

The greed fostered by gambling leads to **hatred and envy** toward the winners.

Gambling is known to be **addictive.** The “harmless” form of pari-mutuel gambling can easily lead to other types of gambling—especially those where the percentage of pay-off is higher than betting on horse races.

Money that a person uses to gamble is money that is not spent for other things. Wherever gambling exists, credit accounts and bankruptcies increase; and unfortunately, the hardest hit are those in the lower income brackets. Financial strains bring family problems.

Gambling is a sin against God. It mars His greatest creation—a **human personality.**

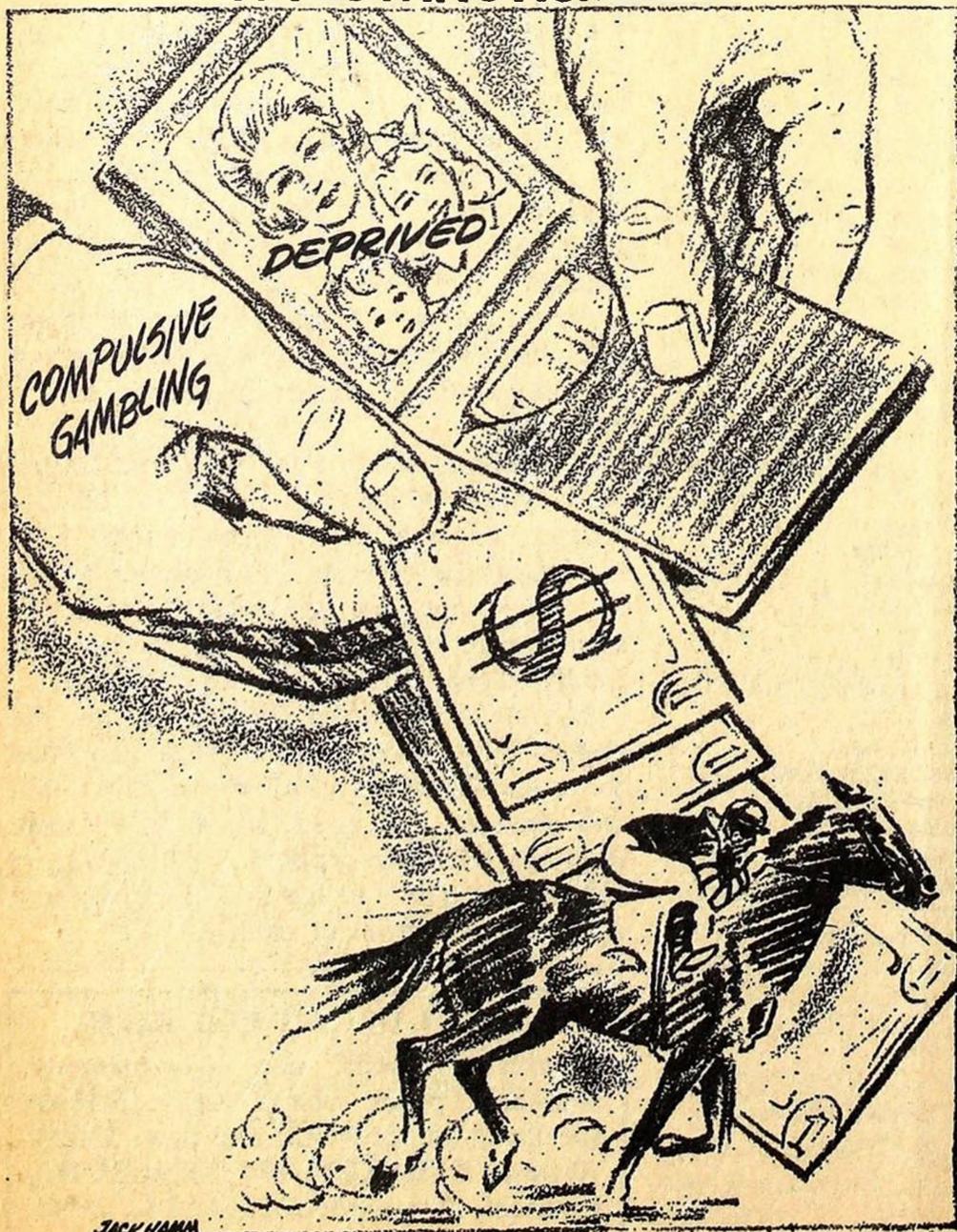
Gambling breaks at least two of God's Ten Commandments. It is **stealing,** because it is taking something from someone else without paying for it.

It is **coveting.** The whole concept of gambling is a person's desire to get something that he has not earned and does not deserve. The principle of “luck” is foreign to Biblical teaching.

Perhaps the most tragic result of gambling in any form is the **self-centered greed** it produces. It is difficult to convince such a person that his need is to deny “self” and trust his life and destiny to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

Tennessee, its officials, its citizens, and the kingdom of God will be the real losers if pari-mutuel gambling is approved for our state.

IN GROWING NUMBERS



Cicero's comment



By the editor

"Cicero, we have come as a delegation to protest the bias, one-sided bigoted slant the **Baptist and Reflector** is printing concerning the current drive to bring pari-mutuel betting to Tennessee," said **Betty Bundle**, executive director of **FOG** (Fantasies of Gambling).

I had to confess that perhaps my statements on legalized gambling had been less than objective.

"Right," said **Rip Hoff**. "We just want the people to have the right to decide about this and any issue. Why, we probably will have a referendum on whether or not they want to pay sales tax, income tax, and property tax. Young people could have a referendum on whether or not to burn all the school buildings." Rip did admit that he did not intend to put to the voters whether or not the General Assembly ought to be dissolved.

Next, **Os Tridge** took his head out of the sand long enough to say that "pari-mutuel will be a great boost to the economy with the flow of money from government to contractors to political 'kick-backs.' Banks and loan sharks will flourish by making loans to individuals to pay gambling debts. The real estate business will grow as the number of mortgage foreclosures increases. Unemployment will decrease as employers will have to hire more workers to fill in when regular employees call in 'sick' so they can go to the track. Employment will drastically increase in law enforcement as more policemen will be needed to deal with increased prostitution, shoplifting, and evicting people who used their rent money at the track."

The final speakers were **Sen. A Bound** and his wife, **Grace Moore Bound**, who said that religion ought to support gambling. "I've always heard that it is easier to lead a desperate, destitute person to Christ, rather than a contented, satisfied person. Well, gambling will help make more people desperate and destitute, so you Christians can witness to them!"

Grace agreed, noting that Jesus Christ came to save sinners. "Expanding gambling will provide more sinners to be saved."

Cicero said the editorial stands might be reconsidered, "but don't bet on it."

Letters to the Editor...

Letters on any religion-related subject are welcomed. Letters of over 300 words will not be used. Other letters may be shortened at the discretion of the editor. No unsigned letters will be printed, but writer's name will be withheld for sufficient reason. Letters must contain complete address.

Visits to senior citizens

Dear editor:

I'd like to say something to ALL the pastors of ALL churches of ALL denominations. Then let them search their conscience.

When members of their congregation are in the hospital—be it illness, surgery or tests—the pastor visits, sometimes daily. If the stay in the hospital is of long duration, they visit at least twice a week. If a member is sick or recuperating at home, they visit at least once a week. Deacons and friends follow the pastor's example.

However, when the members have become old, helpless, and often friendless and have to be moved into nursing homes, they are promptly forgotten by the pastor, the deacons, and the church members who have been so attentive before. Maybe they will visit at Christmas or some other special day but for the most part these lovable, lonely, old people are forgotten except by members of their immediate family. Sometimes even the closest family members don't bother to visit often.

For more than six months I have visited every day in one nursing home where there are almost 100 patients. Many of these poor, lonely people have been there many, many months in some cases years—without a single visitor.

Now search your hearts, pastors. How would YOU feel if you were a patient in a nursing home and were treated the way YOU treat your members?

I am requesting that my name be withheld so that each pastor can ask, "Was this written about me? Am I guilty of neglect?"

Our Saviour said, "In as much as you have done it unto one of the least of these you have done it unto Me."

Name withheld by editor

Help for handicapped

Dear editor:

I think that the handicapped (as well as widows, etc.) should have help—all that can be given. It is such a struggle for some of us to even survive in this day and time. God did not mean for things to be this way. It most assuredly is not "His way."

I have worked off and on for five to six years (volunteer) with patients at Arlington Developmental Center, teaching lessons from

the Bible. The Brunswick Baptist Church has chapel services each Sunday morning for these patients, and I think that each worker deserves the highest recommendation for their love and service in bringing the "Good News" of Jesus to "His own selected ones."

Mrs. Effie M. Jordan
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Girls called to serve

Dear editor:

I feel like I have to speak out against some of the things that have been said and speak up for young girls who maybe God is calling to do a certain thing.

The person who is usually left out is Jesus. If you want to know how God looks on women, then look at Jesus. We have men who are apostles of Paul instead of Jesus, and Paul warned us of this. I Corinthians 2:2 says, "For I decided that I would speak only of Jesus Christ and His death on the Cross" (Living Bible).

Any young person, man or woman, who feels the call of God just has to say, "I surrender all," and God will provide a way. It doesn't matter if you aren't ordained of men because Jesus wasn't. If you are in the will of God, nothing or anyone can harm you.

Any man who thinks that just being a man entitles him to some kind of authority is standing on dangerous ground, and that could be said of a woman, too.

In our churches we like to talk about how the Jews rejected Jesus and say to the world, "Look at us because we are better than them." In reality, if Jesus had chosen to die in our time, Baptists would be among the mob.

This talk about women is bad for young girls wanting to serve God, and Jesus tells us in Matthew 18:6 about offending children. I could call attention to verses like this and comment, but it would take up this whole paper.

The Holy Spirit lives in the hearts of men and women.

People of this world are going to hell and Jesus is the answer. Anyone who stands in the way of people hearing needs prayer.

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Southern Baptist Convention

H. Roe Bartle Convention Hall, June 14-16

THEME: *Let The Church Reach Out*

Tuesday Morning

Let the church . . . REACH OUT!

- 8:30 Music For Inspiration—Kansas City Metro Baptist Band, Phillip C. Posey, director
- 9:00 Call to Order
Congregational Singing—William J. Reynolds, director, Nashville, Tennessee
Scripture (congregation reading together)—Dan Ireland, Huntsville, Alabama, president, Alabama Baptist State Convention, leading Prayer
- 9:15 Report of Registration and Constitution of Convention—W. Fred Kendall, Nashville, Tennessee
- 9:20 Report of Committee on Order of Business—Wayne Dehoney, pastor, Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky, chairman
- 9:30 Welcome—Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
- 9:40 Response
- 9:45 Recognition of Fraternal Messengers from other Baptist Bodies
- 9:55 Announcement of Committee on Committees, Committee on Resolutions, Committee on Tellers
- 10:00 Miscellaneous Business Session
- 10:25 Introduction of Resolutions
- 10:45 Executive Committee Report (First Section)—Porter Routh, Nashville, Tennessee
- 11:20 Congregational Singing
- 11:25 Music—Dean Wilder, director of vocal studies, William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri
- 11:30 President's Address—James L. Sullivan, Nashville, Tennessee
- 12:00 Benediction—Wilbur Herring, Jonesboro, Arkansas, president, Arkansas Baptist State Convention

Tuesday Afternoon

Let the churches reach out . . . TOGETHER!

- 1:30 Music For Inspiration—Young Musicians Choir, First Baptist Church, Ada, Oklahoma, Jo Ann Butler, director
- 2:00 Congregational Singing—J. Eugene Sutherland, Louisville, Kentucky, leading
Scripture (congregation reading together)—William R. Hann, Walnut Creek, California, president, Southern Baptist General Convention of California, leading
Prayer—Otis Testerman, Grand Junction, Colorado, president, Colorado Baptist General Convention
- 2:15 Election of Officers
- 2:25 Executive Committee Report (Final Section)—Porter Routh

- 3:05 Stewardship Commission Report—A. R. Fagan, executive director, Nashville, Tennessee
- 3:15 Miscellaneous Business
- 3:35 Introduction of Resolutions
- 3:50 Historical Commission Report: "Our roots and heritage 'to elicit, combine and direct . . .'"—Lynn E. May, executive director, Nashville, Tennessee
- 4:00 Congregational Singing
- 4:05 Music—Beverly Terrell, concert artist, Dallas, Texas
- 4:10 Message—"Our Reason For Being"—W. A. Criswell, pastor, First Baptist Church, Dallas
- 4:40 Benediction—Harold W. Sorrill, Jr., Clinton, Maryland, president, District of Columbia Baptist Convention

Tuesday Evening

Let the church reach out . . . to all people EVERYWHERE!

- 6:30 Music for Inspiration—Southern Baptist Singing Men, James D. Woodward, dean of music, Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Oklahoma, director
- 7:00 Congregational Singing—Bob Woolley, state Baptist music secretary, Jefferson City, Missouri, leading
Scripture (congregation reading together)—Ken McFarlane Smith, Arlington, Virginia, president, Baptist General Association of Virginia, leading
Prayer—Ron Dillon, Parkersburg, West Virginia, president, West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptists
- 7:15 Election of officers
Miscellaneous Business
- 7:35 "Let the church reach out—by all means—to all people—everywhere!"
(Combined challenge of the Radio-Television Commission, Foreign and Home Mission Boards)
- 8:55 Music—Southern Baptist Singing Men
- 9:00 Message—"The World God Loves"—Frank Pollard, pastor, First Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi
- 9:30 Benediction

Wednesday Morning

Let the church reach out . . . with URGENCY!

- 8:30 Music for Inspiration—Wieuca Road Baptist Church Choir, Atlanta, Georgia, Jack Gantt, minister of music, director
- 9:00 Congregational Singing—Jack Gantt, Atlanta, Georgia, leading
Scripture (congregation reading together)—Lloyd E. Batson, Pick-

ens, South Carolina, president, South Carolina, Baptist Convention, leading

Prayer—Calvin M. Bailey, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, president, Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania-South Jersey

- 9:15 Election of officers
Committee on Resolutions (First Report)
- 9:45 Committee on Committees Report
Committee on Boards Report
- 9:55 Annuity Board Report—Darold H. Morgan, president, Dallas, Texas
- 10:10 Home Mission Board Report—William G. Tanner, executive director, Atlanta, Georgia
- 10:25 Foreign Mission Board Report—Baker J. Cauthen, executive director, Richmond, Virginia
- 10:40 Radio-Television Commission Report—Paul M. Stevens, president, Fort Worth, Texas
- 10:55 Miscellaneous Business (Consideration of any constitutional change and other matters)
Election of officers
- 11:30 Congregational Singing
- 11:35 Music—Wieuca Road Baptist Church Choir, Atlanta, Georgia
- 11:45 Annual Convention Sermon—William L. Self, pastor, Wieuca Road Baptist Church Atlanta, Georgia, and president, Georgia Baptist Convention
- 12:15 Benediction—Robert Bateman, Columbus, Ohio, president, State Convention of Baptists in Ohio

Wednesday Afternoon
No Convention Session

Wednesday Evening

Let the church reach out . . . by PREACHING, TEACHING AND WITNESSING!

- 6:30 Music For Inspiration—Kansas City Massed Choirs, Duncan Couch, head of music department, Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Missouri, director
- 7:00 Congregational Singing—Wesley L. Forbis, William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri, leading
Scripture (congregation reading together)—Thomas Sherrill, Minot, North Dakota, president, Northern Plains Baptist Convention, leading
Prayer—Milton Morales, Independence, Missouri, president, Missouri Baptist Convention
- 7:15 Recognition of Past SBC Presidents
- 7:25 "The Challenge of Preaching, Teaching"—Combined presentation of the six Seminaries and the Sunday School Board
- 8:30 "... every believer a witness into the world"—Combined presentation of Woman's Missionary Union and the Brotherhood Commission
- 8:50 Congregational Singing
- 8:55 Music—Kansas City Massed Choirs
- 9:00 Message—"The Gospel, the Power

- of God unto Salvation"—William E. Hull, pastor, First Baptist Church, Shreveport, Louisiana
- 9:30 Benediction—Richard Rogers, Lansing, Michigan, president, Baptist State Convention of Michigan

Thursday Morning

Let the church reach out . . . by the POWER OF HIS SPIRIT!

- 8:30 Music for Inspiration—Combined Handbell Choirs, Merrill Luman, minister of music, Sharpstown Baptist Church, Houston, Texas, director
- 9:00 Congregational Singing—Gene Bartlett, state Baptist music secretary, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, leading
Scripture (congregation reading together)—William D. Hillis, Baltimore, Maryland, president, Baptist Convention of Maryland, leading
Prayer—Ted Sisk, Lexington, Kentucky, president, Kentucky Baptist Convention
- 9:15 Sunday School Board Report—Grady C. Cothen, president, Nashville, Tennessee
- 9:30 Seminaries Report
- 9:40 American Baptist Seminary Commission Report
- 9:45 Education Commission Report—Ben C. Fisher, executive director, Nashville, Tennessee
- 9:55 SBC Foundation Report—Hollis E. Johnson, executive secretary, Nashville, Tennessee
- 10:05 Miscellaneous Business
- 10:50 Congregational Singing
- 10:55 Woman's Missionary Union Report—Carolyn Weatherford, executive director, Birmingham, Alabama
- 11:05 Brotherhood Commission Report—Glendon McCullough, executive director, Memphis, Tennessee
- 11:15 Committee on Resolutions (Final Report)
- 11:35 Congregational Singing
- 11:40 Music—Forbes Woods, minister of music, North Phoenix Baptist Church, Phoenix, Arizona
- 11:45 Message—"By His Spirit"—Richard Jackson, pastor, North Phoenix (Arizona) Baptist Church, and president, Arizona Southern Baptist Convention
- 12:15 Benediction—Doy Jones, Wichita, Kansas, president, Kansas-Nebraska Convention of Southern Baptists

Thursday Afternoon

Let the church reach out . . . with compassionate CONCERN!

- 1:00 Music for Inspiration—A parade of evangelistic singers
- 2:00 Congregational Singing—Ken Bittiker, evangelistic singer, St. Joseph, Missouri, leading
Scripture (congregation reading together)—Don Moore, Evansville, Indiana, president, State Convention of Baptists in Indiana, leading
Prayer

- 2:15 Miscellaneous Business
- 2:45 Baptist World Alliance Report—Robert Denny, executive director, Washington, D.C.
- 2:55 Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs Report—James Wood, executive director, Washington, D.C.
- 3:05 Committee on State Baptist Papers—H. Franklin Paschall, Nashville, Tennessee, chairman
- 3:15 Denominational Calendar
- 3:20 Christian Life Commission Report—Foy Valentine, executive secretary, Nashville, Tennessee
- 3:30 Congregational Singing—Ken Bittiker, St. Joseph, Missouri, leading
- 3:35 Music—Rosemary Hoover, Independence, Missouri
- 3:40 "Our World and the Gospel"
Address—speaker to be announced
Address—William Pinson, pastor, First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, Texas
- 4:30 Benediction—Raymond Lau, Honolulu, Hawaii, president, Hawaii Baptist Convention

Thursday Evening

Let the church reach out . . . to the glory of God!

- 6:30 Music for Inspiration—Kansas City Metro Baptist Band, Phillip C. Posey, director
- 7:00 Congregational Singing—William J. Reynolds, Nashville, Tennessee, director
Scripture (congregation reading together)
Prayer—Mrs. Leroy Parker, Greensboro, North Carolina
- 7:15 Presentation of officers for 1978
- 7:20 Challenge, commitment, consecration service. Planned by Jesse Fletcher, pastor, First Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tennessee. Combined Missouri Baptist College Choirs, Wesley L. Forbis, director
Billy Graham, evangelist, Montreat, North Carolina, will deliver the "charge" to the congregation
- 9:00 Benediction—Jerry DeOliveria, San Jose, California

Woman's Missionary Union

H. Roe Bartle Convention Hall, June 12-13

THEME: "World, Listen!"
"Let all who have ears, Listen!"
(Matt. 11:15 Montgomery)

Sunday Afternoon, 3:00

Bold Mission Rally

Jointly Planned by Home Mission Board, Foreign Mission Board and WMU
Jointly Promoted by SBC Pastors' Conference, Southern Baptist Ministers' Wives Conference, Southern Baptist Music Conference, Southern Baptist Evangelistic Conference, Southern Baptist Directors of Associational Missions

Hymn: "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story"
Prayer: Mrs. Tom Barber, Johnson, Kansas, president, Kansas-Nebraska WMU
Drama: *Bold Missions from Adam to Tomorrow*
Writer and director: Ed Seabough, director, Personnel Recruitment Services, Home Mission Board

Music Coordinator: Phillip C. Posey, director of instrumental studies, William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri
Dramatic Coordinator: Mrs. Janice Glover, theatre director, William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri
Technical Director: Campbell Thomas, Peter Wolf Associates, Dallas, Texas
Music: "Jubilation," group of Grand Canyon College students, Phoenix, Arizona, directed by Bill Risinger, minister of music, First Baptist Church
Dramatic Narrators: Gerald Ware, minister of music and youth, First Baptist Church, Pauls Valley, Oklahoma; Darrell Ware, minister of music and youth, First Baptist Church, Atoka, Oklahoma; Harold Ware, minister of music and youth, First Baptist Church, Wewoka, Oklahoma
Actors: Students from William Jewell College

Missionary Speakers:

Allen Elston, missionary to Indians, Warm Springs, Oregon
Jimmy Anderson, missionary to Indians, Shawnee, Oklahoma

International Speakers:

José Borrás, president, Baptist Convention of Spain

Lambert Mills, pastor, Antigua
Samuel Fadiji, pastor, Nigeria

Hymn: "Come All Christians, Be Committed"

Hour of Prayer for Bold Missions: 38 separate prayer groups led by the state WMU presidents, home missionaries, and foreign missionaries

Prayer Guide Writer: Carolyn (Mrs. Claude H.) Rhea, author and schoolteacher, Birmingham, Alabama

Monday Morning, 9:30

Hymn: "This Is My Father's World"
Prayer: Mrs. Donald Murphy, Kansas City, Missouri, president, Missouri WMU
Meditation: "Messages from God to Woman"—Josephine Pile, senior design consultant, Sunday School Department, Baptist Sunday School Board
Report of the Executive Director: Carolyn Weatherford
Hymn: "O, For A Thousand Tongues to Sing"
Address: "Spanish World, Listen!" Mike Mojica, home missionary, Laredo, Texas
Special Music
Address: "Pleasure World, Listen!" Robert Tremaine, home missionary, Miami, Florida
Missions Mandate: Scripture Choir, William Jewell College students, directed by Janice Glover

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Young people explore job opportunities at Christian career meet in Newport

Seventeen young people from Tennessee made public decisions to enter church-related vocations, to rededicate their lives to Christ, or to explore the possibility of full-time Christian service during the recent state Christian Career Conference in Newport. There was one profession of faith recorded during the conference, according to Johnnie Hall, director, Church Training department, TBC, sponsor of the event.

The college and high school students who attended the conference were exposed to information on current trends in the secular job market, opportunities in the fields of missions and church-related vocations, and a study of personality traits, talents, and interests.

James McCluskey, pastor, Wallace Memorial Church, Knoxville, told the group that, in preparing for opportunities, they should accept themselves for what they are, better themselves in every way possible,

commit themselves to achieve, discipline themselves to a task, and enjoy themselves in the work they undertake.

Camp pastor, George Capps, Education Commission, Southern Baptist Convention, impressed upon the students the fact that God calls people to secular jobs as well as to church-related vocations. "God has created you for a purpose, and your only responsibility is to respond to that purpose no matter where it may lie," he urged.

Reminding them that man was created to work, he said that God even gave Adam the job of taking care of the Garden of Eden. He said that whether they choose to be a mechanic, plumber, potter, or doctor, they possess a God-given ability. "If you are using that ability in the area to which God has called you, then you are in His will," he concluded.

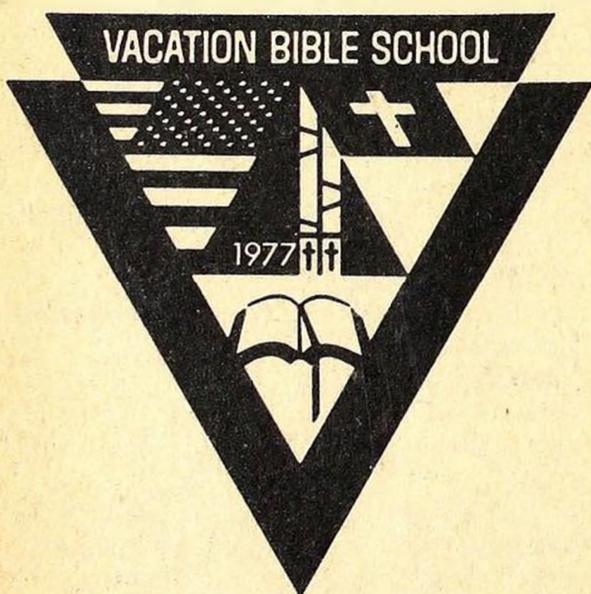
In surveying the future job market, Robert Dale, vocational guidance, Baptist Sunday School Board, said that vocational schools are placing more young people in jobs than ever before. He added that, although there are fewer young people in colleges today, more adults are returning to college to gain knowledge in the liberal arts.

Tennessee Baptist colleges were represented at the conference by Terry Brock (Belmont), David Farmer (Carson-Newman), and Dan Bates (Union).

Testimonies were given by Carter Davis, a dentist who is a foreign mission appointee to Granada, Caribbean Islands, and Jim Lee, Lawrenceburg, all-state football player who has signed a grant-in-aid with Washburn University, Topeka, Kans. Both stressed that God will use a young person in any field of work, if the person is willing to yield himself to the Father's will.

Music ministry was under the direction of David Whipple, minister of music, Cleveland First Church. Youth from the church also presented dramatic meditations during the sessions.

A special feature was the small group opportunities to explore missions and summer job opportunities. Areas explored included home and foreign missions, student missions, Vacation Bible School, music summer work, and camp staffing.



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Woman's Missionary Union

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Monday Afternoon, 2:00

Hymn: "Because He Lives"

Prayer: Mrs. Wayne Dehoney, Louisville, Kentucky, president, Kentucky WMU

Meditation: "Messages from God to Woman"—Josephine Pile

Feature: "Big City, Listen!"—Dale Cross, director, Chicago Metropolitan Baptist Association, with James Queen, church planner, and Don Sharp, associate director of missions

Hymn: "We Are Called to Be God's People" Business

Special Music

Address: "Africa, Listen!" Carlos Owens, missionary, Tanzania

Missions Mandate: Scripture Choir

Monday Evening, 7:30

Hymn: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Missions Petition: Scripture Choir

Meditations: "Messages from God to Woman"—Josephine Pile

Special Music

Address: "America, Listen!"—William G. Tanner, executive director-treasurer, Home Mission Board

Challenge Address: "Speak Out, Reach Out"—John R. Claypool, pastor, Northminister Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi

Hymn: "Send Me, O Lord, Send Me" Adjournment

Pastors' Conference

Kansas City Municipal Auditorium
Arena, June 12-13

Sunday Evening

- 7:00 Musical Concert
- 7:30 Warren Wiersbe, pastor, The Moody Church, Chicago, Illinois
- 8:30 Stephen Olford, Encounter Ministries, Holmes Beach, Florida

Monday Morning

- 9:00 Musical Concert
- 9:20 Warren Wiersbe
- 10:00 John T. Tippett, Jr., pastor, Calvary Baptist Temple, Savannah, Georgia
- 10:40 Homer Lindsay, Jr., pastor, First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Florida
- 11:20 Carliss Odom, North Little Rock, Arkansas

Monday Afternoon

- 2:00 Musical Concert
- 2:15 Warren Wiersbe
- 3:10 Clyde Narramore, Narramore Christian Foundation, Rosemead, California
- 3:40 Election of Officers
- 4:00 Sam Cathey, evangelist, Owasso, Oklahoma

Monday Evening

- 6:45 Musical Concert
- 7:00 R. G. Lee, Memphis, Tennessee
- 8:10 W. A. Criswell, pastor, First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas
- 9:00 Stephen Olford

Three more missionaries questioned in Ethiopia

RICHMOND—Three Southern Baptist missionaries in Ethiopia have been released following a 48-hour detainment in Mehal Meda, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board was informed April 29.

The missionaries are V. Lynn Groce of Missouri and Texas, an agriculturist; Dale E. Beighle of Kentucky, a veterinarian; and Jerry P. Bedsoe of Alabama, a veterinarian.

Detainment of the three missionaries came just eight days after another Ethiopian missionary, Samuel R. J. Cannata, was released from custody in Addis Ababa. Cannata had been held 16 days on a firearms technicality, although he was licensed to own guns with which to shoot destructive animals.

The three missionaries were not informed of any charges or reasons for detainment, according to Davis L. Saunders, the board's secretary for eastern and southern Africa. They were arrested in Mehal Meda in the Menz District of central Ethiopia. They were on their way to check on a medical clinic and were carrying Bibles for distribution in the area. The three were detained by Menz District government officials.

Cannata informed Saunders that the three

missionaries had been taken into custody. Cannata said that the missionaries had informed him on April 27 of their captivity, and on the next day that their shortwave radio had been confiscated. He received no further word until their release on April 29.

Upon their release the three missionaries said, according to Cannata, "The Christians were strengthened, the Bibles were distributed. Praise the Lord." Cannata added that the missionaries plan to remain in Ethiopia.

Some Americans have been forced to leave the country in recent days at the request of the Ethiopian government. None of the directives to leave, however, have included mission groups.

Southern Baptist missionaries have moved their families in recent weeks to the Ethiopian capital, Addis Ababa, from bases in rural areas affected by political upheavals. The Ethiopian government has suggested since the time of Cannata's detainment that the missionaries remain in Addis Ababa. (BP)

Eight missionaries leave Ethiopia, one from Tenn.

At press time May 9, it was learned from the SBC Foreign Mission Board that eight missionaries, including one from Tennessee, are being evacuated from Ethiopia. Ten others will be staying for the present time.

Cynthia Lumpkin, a missionary journeyman who was born in Nashville, is among those leaving Ethiopia, along with two missionary couples, one volunteer couple, and one other journeyman. She expects to depart May 20.

Cynthia is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Oscar Lumpkin of Florida. She was born in Nashville, when her father was pastor of North Edgefield Church.

The Foreign Mission Board said that there is "no danger" to missionaries in Ethiopia, but the "unsettled conditions" are causing "inconvenience and inability to do their work."

Stewardship staffer, Williamson, dies

NASHVILLE — Funeral services were held here for E. Stanley Williamson, who was director of stewardship development for the Southern Baptist Stewardship Commission and a former management employee of the denomination's Sunday School Board.

Williamson, a native of Anaconda, Mont., died here Saturday, April 30, after learning several months ago that he had cancer.

A former pastor, minister of education and film producer, he wrote several books, the latest of which was published in 1975 by Convention Press, titled, "How to Get Your Job Done in the Church."

Prior to joining the Stewardship Commission in November, 1971, Williamson was for six years head of the Broadman Films department for the Sunday School Board before entering private business in 1965. He then became a partner in Ambassador Films, Ltd., a film producing company he helped establish and, at the same time, was pastor of Liberty Baptist Church in Nashville.

Before becoming secretary of the Broadman Films department, Williamson was superintendent of Intermediate Sunday School work and secretary of cooperative field promotion, respectively, for the board. (BP)

Our People

Leadership . . .

(Continued from page 5)

Springs First Church to become associate pastor of Central Church, Bristol, Va.

Doyle Church, Union Association, called **Raymond Smith** as pastor. He is a former pastor of Gum Springs Church in the same association.

Crievewood Church, Nashville, called **William S. Cannaday Jr.** as minister of music. He comes from Columbus (Ga.) First Church where he has served for the past six years. He earned the master of church music degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and has worked in church education and youth, as well as music. **Herman Jacobs** is pastor.

Kitti Smith will serve as summer youth director at Brook Hollow Church in Nashville. **John Daley** is pastor.

Billy Gallimore was called as interim pastor at Point Pleasant Church, Western District Association.

Kim Cawley is the new pastor of Springhill Church, Western District Association.

Gerald Chandler, pastor of East Watauga Johnson City, resigned.

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Speaking with wisdom

By Don H. Olive
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Text: James 3:6-18

Already in the third chapter James has noted the awesome power of the tongue. As a bit directs the mighty horse, and a rudder a great ship, such a small member of the body directs one's whole life. And in the passage for today's lesson James graphically noted the potential for evil located in such a powerful member. It is as wildfire and an untamed beast. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. It can pour forth cursings, brackish and bitter. It can kill and maim. It often cuts dead.

One only has to live a little to know James said not the half of it. There is a sad irony to the old saying, "Bite your tongue." Very often we have wanted to have back some word already on its way to a target carrying death and destruction. So full of poison is the tongue as to merit the skull and crossbones. "Warning, the tongue has been determined to be hazardous to health." James knew us well, saying simply, "This ought not to be so."

This Ought Not To Be

It is not likely that James carried his warnings and characterizations of the tongue into the discussion of wisdom beginning in verse 13. Still, it is appropriate to connect the two. The action of the tongue certainly

marks us as wise or foolish. So, James did note that which ought not to be of the tongue in the Christian's life. The catalogue is almost frightening: bitter jealousy, selfish ambition, boasting, false to the truth, earthly, unspiritual, demonic, disorder, every vile practice, uncertainty, and insincerity. All this is wrought by unwise, foolish speech.

Most of these deposits of poisonous speech are obviously wrong. James did not even elaborate upon them. Most Christians need not be convinced that malicious lies, scurrilous slanders, and vile practices do not belong in the lives of the followers of Jesus. This is not to say we do not sometimes do them. But we do know we ought not. However, James did include some not so obvious characteristics of unchristian speech. These we not only do but often also fail to recognize.

But they are wrong, wrong precisely because they come from the speech of the fool. They bring disrespect upon the name "Christian." They dishonor and misrepresent Christianity's wisdom and understanding. This ought not to be so among the followers of Jesus.

One of these less obvious destructive acts of speech is what James called insincerity. The word sincere came into the English language from Latin roots meaning "without wax." A "sincere" furniture-maker did not use wormy wood filled with wax and painted over. His furniture was "without wax." It was open and honest about the nature of its material. How difficult to be honest with others about what we are! Pious speech often is used to camouflage the worm-holes in our

spirit. No warts and all for us! The wise Christian affirms this ought not to be. Christianity must be sincere, even about ourselves. There is no room for covering truth, even in a good cause.

Another foolish speech act James called boasting, the most subtle form of which is exaggeration. We smile at the mild contradiction in such statements as, "I've told you a million times not to exaggerate." But so chronic is the desire for position and praise for some of us that all credibility is destroyed. Every fact, every statistic of life is so exaggerated that no one believes any more. The sin is to have to be the "best"—or the worst—even when the facts do not warrant it. The exaggerator is a fool.

The last of these less obvious evils of the tongue James called "uncertainty." This applies to that speaker who one time says one thing and the next another. Circumstances and persons determine his words. He is inconstant. He never deals in straightforward truths. He tailors and fits his speech to the situation, so that one can never be certain what he has said. This can be done by outright lying, by innuendo, by half-truth, or by suppressing the truth in silence. Whatever the approach, the result is uncertainty and "this ought not to be."

This Ought To Be

But James' description is not merely negative. He also sketched for us the characteristics of the wise and understanding Christian. He called it the wisdom from above in which the speech of the Christian is "first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, without uncertainty or insincerity." (v. 17). Perhaps what James was trying to remind us of is that the speech of the Christian is to come out of understanding wisdom.

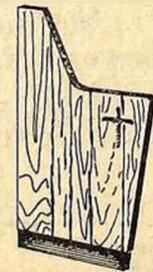
The tongue is to be directed. It is not to be the director. Out of purity, peace, gentleness, and mercy of the Christian should come speech of just such nature. Such speech is not idle. It is not unthoughtful. It is not foolish and untamed. In short, it is the speech of the one who is wise and understanding. It is the speech of the Christian. This ought to be.



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"When the wicked are multiplied, transgression increaseth" (Prov. 29:16).

Godly living

By David C. George, Pastor
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Basic Passage: I Timothy 3:16 to 4:16

Focal Passage: I Timothy 3:16 to 4:13

Strangely enough, the Bible doesn't say much about religion. The word **religion** occurs only three times in the King James Version, and two of those uses refer to religions that are not true Christian faith. The fact of the matter is that Christianity is not a religion in the sense that it is another one of man's ways of seeking God. It is instead the response, the faith, the way, the life that characterizes those who learn in Christ that God is seeking them.

The word which Paul uses to describe the Christian way to Timothy is the word **godliness**. It occurs three times in the present passage (3:16; 4:7-8). **Godliness** is not actually a literal translation of the Greek word *eusebeia*, which does not contain the Greek word for God. William Barclay says the word includes the ideas of awe, reverence, worship, and the life of obedience which accompanies these characteristics. He translates it as **true religion**. We can see what Paul means by it by studying our lesson passage.

Mystery of Godliness Revealed (1 Timothy 3:16)

This beautiful, poetic verse may have been a hymn sung by the early Christians. Paul cites it to make the point that godliness, or true religion, has come to us through Christ as He came, died, rose, and ascended. The phrase, "Great is the mystery of godliness," reminds us of the cry of the Ephesian idol worshippers in Acts 19:28, "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!"

The source of godliness in human life is the life in which God became flesh. The central movement of the entire Bible, from Genesis to Revelation, is God's activity of giving life to his creation and especially to man. God wants to share His divine life with us. He wants us to live the God-kind of life. This is why there is so much emphasis on ethics in the Bible. It is not enough to know God, we must begin to demonstrate his character and his quality of life in our lives.

Substitutes For Godliness Rejected (1 Timothy 4:1-5)

There is a persistent tendency for people to substitute their own religious inventions for the godly life that is true religion. The New Testament contains many warnings against false religion. The false teachers in

Ephesus were urging their followers not to marry and not to partake of certain foods.

Paul counters with the Biblical doctrine of creation. God created the material order and pronounced that it was good (Gen. 1:31). True spirituality does not consist in escaping from physical life but in bringing physical life into line with the purpose of the Creator. It is to be received with thanksgiving and prayer and consecrated by the Word of God.

Training in Godliness Recommended (1 Timothy 4:6-10)

Paul challenges Timothy to the task of being a good minister (literally **deacon** in its general sense of servant). His qualification for this task is the words of faith and the good doctrine which he has followed under Paul's tutelage. He defines what this means, first negatively, avoiding the godless myths of the false teachers, and then positively, training himself in godliness, the life that worships God and becomes like Him.

Paul compares training in godliness to athletic training. Training in godliness is more valuable because it includes the whole scope of human life, in this world and the world to come.

Training in godliness is also superior because of its goal. The athlete trains to win the competition. He sets his sights on the goal line, or the finish line, or the world's record. The godly man sets his sights on

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The Teacher of Godliness Encouraged (1 Timothy 4:11-13)

In a series of short sayings, packing the punch of a coach's pre-game pep talk, Paul urges Timothy to the task of teaching godliness. He is not to hold back because some might think him too young. A man does not have to be old to demonstrate the authority of a living example, and it is by example that godliness is taught. The Christian teacher is to be an example of speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity.

Paul encouraged Timothy by reminding him that he could do what Paul would until Paul could come. The methods for doing this work were simple. They are done in every church to this day—public reading of Scripture, preaching, and teaching.

The basic task of education is a primary function of the church. It involves the work of teaching the Biblical revelation through the Sunday School. It also involves the larger framework of systematic theology, Christian ethics, church history, and church polity, along with practical skills for service. These are done through the church's training program. Paul's instructions to Timothy remind us that a full, well-rounded program of teaching and training is necessary to develop godly living.

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Church-ministers information offers names of recent seminary graduates

J. William Harbin, director of church-ministers information for the Tennessee Baptist Convention, recently conducted interviews on two seminary campuses with students from Tennessee who will be graduating during the next three months.

Harbin said that many of these students, along with a number of students from other states, expressed an interest in serving as ministers of churches in Tennessee.

Biographical information on these graduating ministers is available from the Church-Ministers Information department, Box 347, Brentwood, TN 37027. Names will be furnished to church committees without interpretation or recommendation.

In addition to those interested in the pastoral ministry, Harbin's office also has information on those desiring to serve as associate pastors, ministers of education, music, youth, evangelism, recreation, or a combination of these positions. He also has a few names of students who are interested in summer positions.

The department also can furnish biographical data on pastors and other staff

members already located in the state. There is no obligation on the part of the churches or staff members, according to Harbin.

During April, 239 biographical data sheets were sent on request to nearly 100 churches by the Church-Ministers Information department.

Yemen Baptist hospital sustains fire damage

JIBLA, Yemen—Fire struck the Jibla Baptist Hospital here but no injuries were reported, according to Southern Baptist missionary James M. Young Jr., hospital administrator.

However, Young said the fire severely crippled the 70-bed hospital's operations.

The fire, which Young said probably began with a faulty water heater, completely destroyed a 4000 square-foot building containing the hospital generators, storeroom, laundry, employees' restrooms and bath, and the morgue.

Threat of a complete loss prompted the evacuation of the entire hospital, but now equipment and beds have been returned. A new generator escaped damage so that water and electricity have already been restored. The hospital sent home all patients except those in critical condition, with the anticipation of reopening an outpatient clinic in one week.

The hospital serves a wide area in Yemen, where the ratio of doctors and nurses to population, in spite of some improvement, is probably the poorest in the world, according to John D. Hughey, the board's area secretary for Europe, the Middle East and South Asia. (BP)

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Two Sons!!

By Jonas L. Stewart
 Executive Secretary-Treasurer

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Church building program to be held in Savannah

Churches planning to remodel, build, or landscape facilities will have the opportunity to participate in a church building conference on May 26 at Savannah First Church. The program will begin at 9:30 a.m. and conclude following the afternoon session.

Roland A. Smith, architectural consultant, Church Architecture dept., Baptist Sunday School Board, will direct the program.

W. C. Dudley, division of church loans, Home Mission Board, will discuss financial aspects of various programs.

The conference is sponsored by the Tennessee Baptist Convention and the Church Architecture dept., BSSB.

HISTORICALLY

FROM THE FILES

> 50 YEARS AGO <

C. E. Asbill of East Chester Church, Jackson, accepted the call as pastor of Spring Creek Church in connection with his Jackson work.

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Nine young women were graduated from the Baptist Hospital in Nashville. Services were held in the auditorium of First Church. J. A. Capps of Nashville, who had been a patient in the hospital a few months earlier, presented each graduate with a gold coin. Editor John D. Freeman, president of the Hospital Board, presented the diplomas.

> 25 YEARS AGO <

J. N. Haddox of Knoxville resigned as president of the Harrison-Chilhowee Academy Board of Trustees after 27 years. Judge George D. Roberts of Maryville was elected to succeed Haddox.

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O. Jack Murphy concluded his ministry as pastor of First Church, Etowah, to become pastor of Enderly Park Church, Charlotte, N.C.

> 10 YEARS AGO <

Calvary Church, Memphis, called Donald A. Hawley of Fort Worth, Tex. as educational director. Harland F. Reynolds was pastor.

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Mrs. D. Isbell of Chattanooga was elected president of the Tennessee Woman's Missionary Union. She succeeded Mrs. Bradford Duncan of Jackson who had served six years.

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