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SBC sets record budget, vote revelations

Messengers to the 120th session of the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in Kansas City last week, approved a record Cooperative Program budget; voted to announce vote totals on all ballots; elected Jimmy Allen of San Antonio, Tex., as president; and defeated an attempt to limit its presidents to a single one-year term.

About 16,000 messengers attended the

Ministers' wives told minister-wife partners

"No minister's wife can avoid being involved in his work," John Drakeford told 350 women attending a luncheon during the 22nd annual conference of Southern Baptist Ministers' Wives at William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo.

The Drakefords of Fort Worth, Tex., presented a dialogue—"Together—in Missions" on the ideal pastor's wife, during a luncheon break of the annual Southern Baptist Convention in nearby Kansas City.

Drakeford, professor of psychology and counseling at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, told the group many of their members are "on the horns of a dilemma, in an identity crisis. They are pulled in two directions—toward the strident voices of the women's libbers or toward the alternative, complete submission."

He paused for effect: "I say, a plague on both directions. There is a central pattern in the ministry. Husbands and wives are partners, and they can enrich each other."

Working from the passage in the Bible's book of Proverbs the Drakeford's described the ideal woman. They compared her to a gem with many facets. "The facets of an ideal wife are hard work, strength and dignity, partnership, subtlety, and example," they said.

"Within the church life we are the examples and people look at us and decide by what we do how viable our witness and testimony is," Mrs. Drakeford reminded.

Mrs. John E. Lawrence of Raleigh, N.C., president of the Conference of Ministers' Wives, introduced the new officers. These include Mrs. Landrum Leavell II of New Orleans, president; Mrs. Harold Zwald of Atlanta, vice president; Mrs. Tom Brandon of Sherman, Tex., recording secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. Alton McEachern of Greensboro, N.C., corresponding secretary.

Mrs. John Hamilton of Ames, Iowa, is president-elect. (BP)

convention which met in Roe Bartle Convention Center in Kansas City.

Messengers adopted without opposition a record Cooperative Program budget of \$63.4 million.

Included in that figure is a basic budget of \$54 million, more than \$1 million for capital construction, and \$8.3 million in "Bold Advance Budget" funds. Bold Advance monies will be distributed to convention boards and agencies if the basic budget and capital needs budget are surpassed.

The 1977-78 budget is \$8.4 million above the present year.

In addition to its budget recommendation, the Executive Committee proposed that Bylaw 20 of the SBC Constitution regarding state representation on the Executive Committee and denominational boards of trustees not be amended to provide representation to states where less than 250,000 Southern Baptists reside.

Seven states currently report fewer than the required quarter of a million Southern Baptists. State conventions in those states had asked the convention to consider giving them some representation on the policy-making bodies.

In another procedural move, the convention adopted an Executive Committee recommendation limiting local members on convention boards and agencies. Hereafter, only 12 (instead of the present 18) members may reside in the immediate vicinity of the convention's four general boards. Only 3 (instead of 5) may belong to any one local congregation.

Trustees of other convention agencies may hereafter include only eight local members and not more than two from any one congregation.

In other actions, the convention adopted recommendations from the Executive Committee approving Los Angeles as the site for the 1981 annual meeting and changing "sexist" language in certain bylaws.

Baptists re-emphasized they will determine the length of their president's term of office as they always have by letting the man in office decide whether he wants to seek election to subsequent terms.

Traditionally, the president has served a one-year term, then has been re-elected to the post almost automatically.

The Southern Baptist constitution does not expressly give a person the right to a two-term office.

The convention voted to disclose the results of each vote taken, including tallies in elections.

The decision came after Kenneth Chafin, pastor of South Main Church, Houston, Tex. proposed an amendment to a recommendation from the convention's Executive Committee. That body had recommended that vote tallies be disclosed on all ballots cast except for election results.

In introducing the recommendation, Franklin Paschall, pastor of First Church, Nashville, and member of the Executive Committee, said Southern Baptists were for openness in sharing all of the facts.

However, Paschall drew the line at revealing the vote for the officers "in the interests of protecting those who may be defeated for office. We do not want to encourage the victor to gloat over his victory and the loser to be embarrassed about his defeat."

In another major action, messengers voted overwhelmingly to protect a regulation im-

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More than 12,000 persons attended the 1977 Southern Baptist Convention's opening session in Kansas City, Mo., last week at the Bartle Convention Center.

Pastors elect Oklahoman as president

Pastors attending the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference in Kansas City, Mo. last week elected Bailey Smith as their president for 1977-78. Smith, pastor, First Southern Church, Del City, Okla., served as this year's vice-president. He succeeds Jerry Vines, pastor, Dauphin Way Church, Mobile, Ala., in the presidential post.

A Tennessean was nominated for the vice-president's position, but was defeated by a Florida pastor. Homer Lindsay, pastor, Jacksonville, Fla. First Church, and a speaker on the program, defeated Fred Steelman, pastor, Red Bank Church in Chattanooga, and John Tippett Jr., pastor, Calvary Temple, Savannah, Ga. in the vice-presidential election. Lindsay and Tippett had spoken to the Pastors' Conference earlier in the day. Steelman was nominated by Marvin Gibson, pastor, Cleveland (Tenn.) First Church. John Hatch, pastor, Trinity Church, Fort Worth, was elected secretary by acclamation.

One Tennessean was a major speaker on the Pastors' Conference program. Adrian Rogers, pastor, Bellevue Church, Memphis, spoke to the 10,000 pastors and wives at the final session.

Basing his text on the Book of Job, he asked the question, "How can sinful man be just with God?" Today's society ignores the basic sinfulness of man, he said, and this allows Satan to exploit man through demonism, humanism, and ritualism.

He said that the 70s are a decade of demonism filled with cults and drugs. "I am not amazed any more that men don't believe the gospel—I am amazed at what men will believe," he said, referring to various cult worship.

Message from Lee heard

Rogers replaced R.G. Lee on the Pastors' Conference program. Lee, 91, suffered a series of heart attacks in the spring and was unable to participate in person. He did, however, send a taped message to the conference in which he told the pastors that he was improving. The tape drew a standing ovation from the crowd, and, at the suggestion of Vines, the pastors voted to send Lee an invitation to preach at next year's conference.

Others speaking to the pastors were three Baptist pastors, a Baptist evangelist, a Christian psychologist, a Chicago pastor, the president of Encounter Ministries in Florida, and a lay evangelist from Arkansas.

Southern Baptist pastors in addition to Rogers included Tippett; Lindsay; and W. A. Criswell, Dallas (Tex.) First Church.

Tippett challenged the pastors to get back to preaching God's Word rather than using some "human spectacular or three-ring circus" to draw the crowds.

"We must keep our spiritual perspective," he warned. "God's preachers must preach

the word and minister to the critical social needs of their people at the same time." He admonished those who have made the pulpit into a whipping board by saying that its message is being ignored by the pews. "This is wrong," he shouted. "God's Word is always relevant—even when the pews aren't packed." He added that preachers should fight discouragement but noted that it seems to be on the increase among clergy.

Joy comes from Jesus

Lindsay referred to Tippett's comments on depression among pastors and said that joy comes from Jesus. "We have to stop trying to get our joy from what we do for Jesus and begin getting our joy from Jesus," he advised. The pastor of a church which has just completed construction on a 4,000-seat auditorium, Lindsay said that you can't get joy from a new church building or from running thousands in Sunday School. Real joy comes from the Lord, he said.

Shifting the emphasis of his message from joy to responsibility, Lindsay said that there is not going to be repentance in the church until the preacher starts preaching against sin again. "Don't cower to the pew," he thundered. "Get your orders from God. You can't have righteousness if you don't preach sin." He then referred specifically to the problems of homosexuality, abortion, divorce, illegitimate births, runaway youths, and drunkenness among teenagers.

Speaking on "The Infallible Word of God," Criswell took his text from II Peter 1:21.

He alluded several times to Rogers' message and said that "holy men of God spoke as they were moved by Holy Spirit of God." He reaffirmed the position that there are no historical or scientific errors in the Bible. "Now, if the Bible is the Word of God, and if God inspired it, then it cannot contain any scientific mistakes because God knew every truth and fact of science from the beginning," he stated.

Southern Baptist evangelist Sam Cathey, Owasso, Okla., called on those who have tendencies contrary to Southern Baptist beliefs, to get out of the convention. "And on your way out," he thundered, "don't steal one of our churches." His remarks drew several rounds of applause from the audience. "If you are a Baptist, be one," he challenged.

Attacking the charismatic movement, he said that those who demand that a Christian speak in tongues are guilty of heresy, are always devious, and possess a temporary theology.

Southern Baptist lay evangelist Carliss Odom, North Little Rock, Ark., a cerebral palsy victim, gave his testimony. He said that the days of miracles are not over, and

that if Christians would walk with their hand in the hand of the Father, nothing would be impossible for them.

The Chicago Moody Bible Church pastor, Warren Wiersbe, spoke to the group on three occasions. A Bible teacher, author, and conference leader, Wiersbe urged the pastors to use more public reading of the Word of God in their churches.

Shared spiritual secrets

He related five spiritual secrets to the pastors and said that if they would lay hold of the secrets, God would do something in and through them. "The secret of living is fruitbearing; the secret of fruitbearing is abiding; the secret of abiding is obeying; the secret of obeying is loving; and the secret of loving is knowing Jesus better," he explained. It is a mistake for us to major on the part of our lives that people see, rather than on the part that God sees, he warned.

Stephen Olford, president of Encounter Ministries Inc., Holmes Beach, Fla., spoke on "The Dignity of the Ministry" and "The Liberty of the Ministry." He expressed concern over the number of men leaving the ministry and noted that statistics show 70,000 pulpits throughout the nation are empty.

In his remarks, he referred to the dignity of leadership, the dignity of stewardship, and the dignity of fellowship. "Has the dignity of your ministry risen to such a point that your people obey you?" he asked. People in the pews should obey what God's spokesman in the pulpit tells them, he added.

Psychologist Clyde Narramore, Rosemead, Calif., related seven things he would do if he were a pastor. Primarily, he stated, it is the responsibility of the pastor to preach the gospel. "Pastors have more to offer the world of mental health than anyone else," he said.

Other suggestions included striking a good balance between the positive and negative in their preaching, gaining as much self understanding as possible, guarding their schedule carefully; spending time with their family; challenging the potential within the church membership; and trying to think of human behavior from a broad perspective.

In a brief interview with **Baptist and Reflector** following his message, Narramore said that the problem he deals with most in counseling pastors is depression. Depression is more prevalent now than it has ever been, he told **Baptist and Reflector**. Causes range from glandular disfunctions to emotional hostilities and severe personal losses. He said that the greatest problems in the pew are marriage problems and rebellious children.

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WMU urged to respond to world's needs

The Woman's Missionary Union launched its annual meeting Sunday afternoon, June 12, in Roe Bartle Exhibition Hall, Kansas City, Mo., with a Bold Mission Rally in cooperation with the Home and Foreign Mission Boards.

A two-hour drama, "Bold Mission from Adam to Tomorrow," was presented along with home, foreign, and international missionaries. Many of the attenders divided into 34 small prayer groups following the drama and scattered throughout the massive convention center to pray for 16 specific requests concerning Baptist Bold Mission efforts for home and foreign missions.

Jose Borrás, dean of the Spanish Baptist Seminary in Madrid, Spain, urged Baptists during the drama to pray that the first free elections in Spain on June 15 would result in creation of a new democratic system of government that would grant full religious freedom to Baptists and evangelicals in Spain.

More than 175 youth came forward prior to the drama carrying flags of 86 countries and 50 states where Southern Baptists have mission work, as the orchestra played and the audience sang, "Jesus Shall Reign."

Borrás told the large group during the drama that he had talked with the King and Queen of Spain several times this past year.

He met Queen Sophia at the University of Madrid where he taught seminars on what Baptists believe. She was taking courses at the university and had attended several of his lectures.

Borrás said both King Carlos and Queen Sophia are willing to grant full religious liberty to Baptists and evangelicals.

Other speakers were Jimmy Anderson, an American Indian and missionary among the Creeks and Seminole Indians in Oklahoma; Lambert Mills, pastor in Antigua, West Indies; Samuel Fadeji, pastor in Ogbomoshó, Nigeria; and Allen Elston, SBC missionary to the Indians on the Warm Springs Reservation in Oregon.

Baptist missions concerns featuring such characters as Adam, Abraham, King David, the Apostle Paul, William Carey, and Lottie Moon were presented in the drama.

Dramatic tableau was interspersed between musical selections by a six-voice group called Jubilation, from Grand Canyon (Baptist) College, Phoenix, Ariz. They were accompanied by a 21-piece orchestra directed by Phillip C. Posey of William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo.

During Monday, June 13 sessions, Mrs. A. Harrison Gregory of Danville, Va., was re-elected president for a third term, and Mrs. William Ellis of Shelbyville, Ky., was re-elected recording secretary for a third term. State WMU presidents serve as vice-presidents. Mrs. Claude Jennings of Lebanon serves in this position for Tennessee.

Mrs. Wayne Dehoney, president of Kentucky WMU and formerly of Jackson, Tenn., presented the names from the nominating committee. While in Jackson, Mrs. Dehoneys husband served as pastor of First Church.

Josephine Pile, a Nashvillian, in one of her three meditations, reminded the women that "Jesus had not commissioned only men, but women, too, to do His work. So the 'Go . . . make disciples . . .' is our job too."

"We can thank God for what He has done for us in Jesus by the quality of our lives. There is no gift adequate to repay Him, but we can serve Him with every ounce of life, every minute," Pile said.

Speaking on "Bold Women on Bold Mission," Carolyn Weatherford told the group that "Through the 89 years of Woman's Missionary Union existence, bold women in churches throughout the Southern Baptist Convention have reiterated their faith in the missionary spirit."

Weatherford, executive secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, challenged the women to be bold in their giving today when she reminded them that "From a bold goal of \$2,000, the first offering taken in the first year of organization for foreign missions, WMU has set a tremendously bold goal of \$35,000,000 for the 1977 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering."

Robert Tremaine warned his morning listeners that we may have no direct involvement in Hitler's holocaust, but if you look deep down into your own life, you and I are as guilty because we failed to communicate that God really loves Jewish people. God wants to really love them through you and me."

Jews are very sensitive, and it hurts them when they hear a remark like: "Let's Jew him down," or "He looks like a Jew," Tremaine added.

Tremaine, pastor of First Church, Miami Beach, Fla., shared how his members had organized shopping programs to help the Jewish residents there who are living on Social Security do their shopping. The church also uses a mobile medical unit, owned by the Florida Baptist Convention, to provide free medical care for the Jewish people in their city. They found that about 8 percent of the people have symptoms of skin cancer, the Florida pastor said.

In her annual report, Weatherford emphasized that we must speak boldly to the missions challenge of our day. "Brotherhood and WMU together will introduce Missions Night Out, an effort to enroll men and women in mission study," Weatherford said.

"I believe that this is the greatest challenge which we face today, and I believe that it is absolutely essential for WMU to immediately start WMU work in every church in the SBC and enlist more people in the organizations. Also, we need to accept our leadership role in missionary education,

mission support, and mission action," Weatherford stressed.

Dale Cross, executive director of the Chicago Metropolitan Baptist Association and two associates, Don Sharp, a black Baptist pastor, and Jim Queen, minister in Chicago's inner "uptown" area, told of specific needs in their area of work in a panel discussion presentation.

Carlos Owens, missionary to Moshi, Tanzania, spoke of Africa's physical and spiritual needs and cited experiences in which he and his wife Myrtice, a missionary nurse, had been ministering to the people in Africa. Tanzania has 14-million people with 120 tribes speaking 120 different languages; yet, most of them are able to speak and understand Swahili, the trade language common to most of East Africa.

"The people are hungry, and one good meal a day is exceptional!" the Henry County, Tenn. native reported.

William G. Tanner, new executive secretary of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, addressed the evening attenders on "America, Listen!" Using John 3:16 as his text, he gave two dimensions of God's love: the breadth of God's love—"For God so loved the world" and the length of God's love—"That He gave His only Son."

"The centuries will come and go, nations will rise and fall but these words will speak forever with a fadeless hope to the hungry hearts of men seeking light and life from the living God. We may vary our text from week to week, but the Christian minister has only one theme to preach: the amazing, unsearchable love of God who cares about you and me," the mission executive said.

John R. Claypool, the final speaker for the WMU meeting, speaking on "Speak Out, Reach Out" reminded his hearers that a lot had been said in these last two days about getting different segments of humanity to listen to the Christian Gospel, but how do we go about achieving this goal? He suggested that when we act in such a way that people become intrigued and begin to ask: "Why are you showing such concern and compassion?" then the stage is set to say the word that 'speaks home to the heart' and really penetrates.

Claypool, who grew up in Belmont Heights Church, Nashville, is pastor of Northminster Church, Jackson, Miss., closed his message by saying, "What is needed is not the deedless word or the wordless deed, but what happened when Jesus came to earth; namely, that unity of word and deed which John's Gospel describes as 'the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.' We need to speak out and to reach out simultaneously, to make the Gospel both visible and verbal. Jesus did what He said and said what He did. That was the secret of His power."

Other speakers included Mike Mojica, (Continued on page 7)

Jimmy Allen voted SBC president, three Tennesseans among officers

Jimmy Allen, pastor of San Antonio's First Church, was elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Kansas City, Mo. last week.

The Texas pastor defeated Jerry Vines, pastor of Dauphin Way Church, Mobile, Ala., in a run-off election. Vines was president of the SBC Pastors' Conference this year.

Others nominated for the top post were: Clifton Brannon, Longview (Texas) evangelist; Dotson M. Nelson, pastor, Mountain Brook Church, Birmingham, Ala.; Warren Hultgren, pastor, Tulsa (Okla.) First Church; and Richard Jackson, pastor, North Phoenix (Ariz.) Church.

Three Tennesseans were elected as registration secretary, recording secretary, and treasurer.

Lee Porter, consultant for senior adults, Baptist Sunday School Board, won in a

Pruitt moves to Northwestern

Northwestern Church, Martin, called Bobby Pruitt as pastor. He resigned recently from Public Well Church in Martin.

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run-off election against Larry Maddox, Independence, Mo. pastor, for registration secretary. The other nominee was Raymond Rigdon, director, Seminary Extension, department, SBC. Porter succeeds W. Fred Kendall, Nashville, as registration secretary. Kendall served since 1964.

Martin Bradley, manager, Research and Statistics department, BSSB, defeated Searcy Garrison, executive secretary of the Georgia Baptist Convention, in the recording secretary election. Bradley succeeds Clifton J. Allen, Winston-Salem, N.C., who stepped down after 12 years.

Porter Routh, executive secretary-treasurer, Executive Committee, SBC, was re-elected treasurer.

Messengers to the convention elected Olan Runnels, pastor, Swope Park Church, Kansas City, Mo., as first vice-president. He won over a layman, Milton Morales, Peyton, Mo.

Rigdon was nominated by David Byrd, pastor, West Jackson (Tenn.) Church.

A layman, Richard Sutton, orthopedic surgeon, Topeka, Kans., took top votes for second vice-president. He defeated Ron Stone, pastor, Central Church, Winchester, Ky.; and John Gibson, Wesleyan Drive Church, Macon, Ga.

Action by messengers earlier in the Convention provided for the disclosure of the results of each vote taken, including tallies in the elections.

Allen, a graduate of Howard Payne University, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, has been pastor of the San Antonio church since 1968. He was president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas from 1969-71 and vice-president in 1968.

Church musicians elect McKinney, honor Adams

Members of the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference elected a new president, made a constitutional change, and noted growth in the 20 years of the organization's history during a two-day meeting held in Kansas City.

James C. McKinney of Fort Worth, Tex., dean of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary's school of music, was named president for a two-year term. He succeeds Paul Bobbitt of Jacksonville, Fla., music secretary for the Florida Baptist Convention.

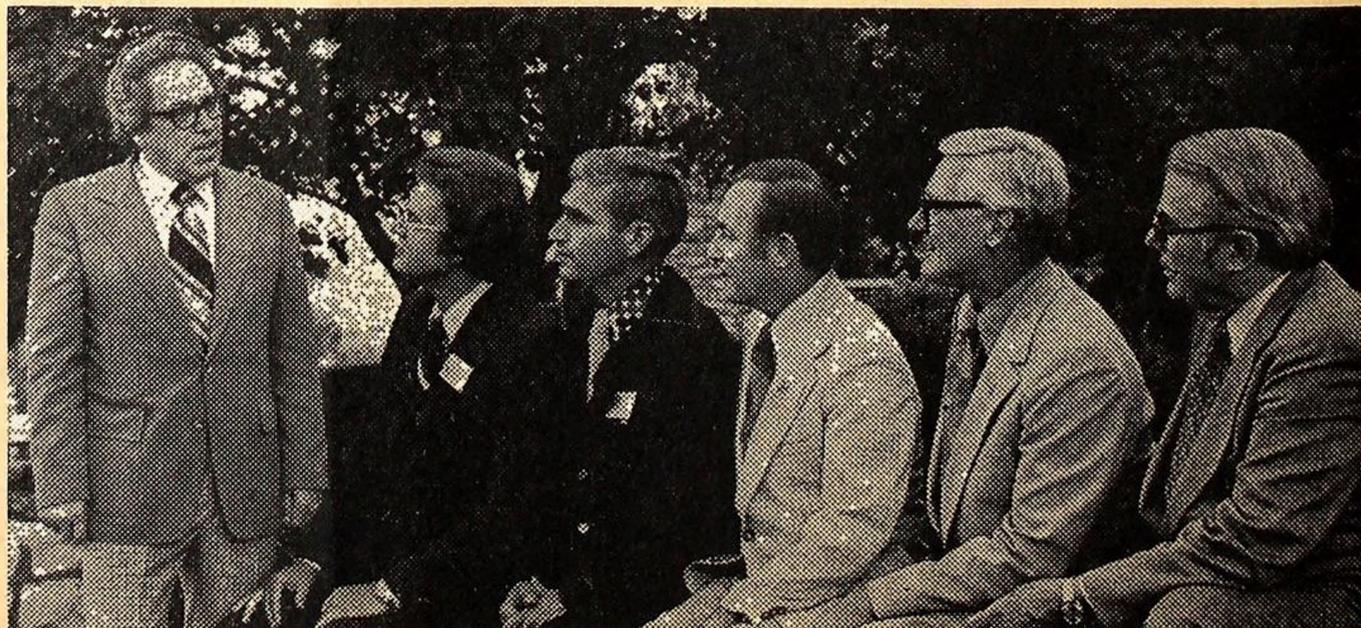
The constitutional change will provide for the appointment of a permanent editor of the Music Conference's journal, Bobbitt said.

McKinney was named president by a mail vote of the organization's 900 members. "We vote by mail so the members who can't come to the convention will be able to vote, too," observed Bobbitt.

Serving with McKinney will be Thad Roberts, minister of music, South Main Church, Houston, president-elect; Allen R. Brown of the Baptist General Association of Virginia's church music department, denominational vice president; Max Lyall of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., educational vice president; A. L. Butler, First Church, Ada, Okla., local church vice president, and Mary June Tabor, Oklahoma Baptist Convention's associate state music secretary, secretary-treasurer.

The conference conferred four life memberships on retired members. Honored were Saxe Adams of Nashville; Inman Johnson of Prince George, Va.; Donald Winters of Hattiesburg, Miss., and J. Campbell Wray of Fort Worth.

Sunday night's concert sessions included music by Ragan Courtney of Nashville. (BP)



SBC OFFICERS—Elected as officers of the Southern Baptist Convention last week were (from left) Jimmy Allen, president; Olan Runnels, first vice-president; Richard Sutton, second vice-president; Martin Bradley, recording secretary; Lee Porter, registration secretary; and Porter Routh, treasurer.



Three Tennesseans were elected to offices in the Southern Baptist Religious Education Association annual meeting in Kansas City, Mo. last week. Pictured in the center is the organization's new president, Elmer F. Bailey, associate pastor, Bellevue Church, Memphis. Melva Cook, right, program consultant for the Family Ministry department, Baptist Sunday School Board, was elected secretary-treasurer. Former Tennessean William Caldwell, right, was elected vice-president of the teaching group. Caldwell is on the teaching staff at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Other officers were: Lawrence Klempnauer, Atlanta, vice-president of the church group; Charles M. Lowry, Louisiana Baptist Convention, president-elect; and Marjory Perkins, Maryland Baptist Convention, assistant secretary-treasurer.

Religious educators elect Tennesseans to posts at annual meeting last week

Two Tennesseans and a former Tennessean will take over three of six posts in the Southern Baptist Religious Education Association next year.

Elected to offices during the association's 22nd annual conference last week in Kansas City, Mo., were Elmer F. Bailey, Melva Cook, and William Caldwell.

Bailey, associate pastor, Bellevue Church, Memphis, was elected president of the group.

Melva Cook, program consultant of the Family Ministry department, Baptist Sunday School Board, was elected secretary-treasurer. Former Tennessean, William Caldwell, was elected vice-president of the teaching group. Serving as associate professor of education administration at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary since last year, Caldwell was employed by the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville and was a member of Two Rivers Church in that city.

Serving with Bailey, Cook, and Caldwell will be: president-elect Charles Lowry, Louisiana Baptist Convention; vice-president of the church group, Lawrence Klempnauer, Second Ponce De Leon Church, Atlanta; and assistant secretary-treasurer, Marjory

Perkins, Maryland Baptist Convention.

The education conference, which drew approximately 330 delegates, heard four speakers encourage churches to accept the challenge of bold missions, make Bible study more effective, adopt a more redemptive ministry, and allow itself to be continually broken and reshaped.

The group also honored two retiring BSSB directors—Philip B. Harris, Church Training, and A. V. Washburn, Sunday School.

Former Plains, Ga., pastor accepts Hawaii congregation

ATLANTA—Bruce E. Edwards, who resigned the pastorate of Plains (Ga.), Baptist Church in February will become pastor of Makakilo Baptist Church on Oahu, Hawaii, in mid-July, it was learned here.

The minister drew worldwide attention during the presidential campaign of Jimmy Carter, a former member and deacon in the Plains church, and during subsequent battles over whether to admit a black, activist minister to worship services and membership with the Plains congregation. (BP)

SBC sets record budget,

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posed by the Internal Revenue Service earlier this year in which the federal taxing agency defined "integrated auxiliaries" of the churches.

The issue, which has been addressed by a variety of Southern Baptist entities, objects to the elimination of certain kinds of religious institutions from IRS' traditional exemption from filing informational forms.

They include colleges and universities, child care facilities, homes for the aged, and hospitals.

IRS claims that the "integrated auxiliaries" definition is necessary because Congress has failed to define the ambiguous term.

The messengers voted to provide help to Baptist congregations in Canada upon request.

The unanimous action came after more than 20 years of internal debate over what to do about Canadian churches which ask for Southern Baptist aid. The action follows a year of intense study of possible implications for the convention. Most concern centered on possible reaction from other, more established Canadian Baptist groups.

A special committee appointed by the SBC Foreign Mission Board to study the matter emphasized, however, that its recommendation came with the full support of Canadian Baptist leaders.

After lengthy debate, the messengers narrowly defeated a request for SBC agencies to publish in their annual reports the salaries and fringe benefits of all SBC agency heads, but approved a motion to instruct the agencies to provide "full information concerning any specific staff position" and its salary scale to any inquiring Southern Baptist. The first part would have been a change in the convention's Business and Financial Plan and thus would have needed a two-thirds approving vote. It received only 60 percent.

The messengers also debated resolutions concerning homosexuality and abortion, but both were adopted essentially as the Resolutions Committee recommended them. The resolution on homosexuality commended the stand of "Anita Bryant and other Christians during the recent referendum in Miami, Fla."

The resolution on abortion reaffirmed the 1976 SBC resolution on the same subject, adding "in view of some confusion in interpreting part of this resolution, we confirm our strong opposition to abortion on demand and to all governmental policies and actions which permit this."

The 1978 SBC will be June 13-15 in Atlanta, with Jesse Fletcher, pastor of First Church in Knoxville, named to preach the convention sermon.

Our People and Our Churches . . .

PEOPLE . . .

Georgian Hills Church, Memphis, ordained **Richard Angle**, **David Cullen**, and **Walter Heald** as deacons. **Paul H. Shell** is pastor.

W. Fred Kendall II, pastor of Union City First Church, has completed work on his doctor of ministries degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Melody Mosley, 17, a member of Two Rivers Church in Nashville, was elected governor of the 31st annual Girls State at Murfreesboro earlier this month. The daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Mosley**, she is a standout in high school forensic competition and will represent Region Five in the National Forensics League finals in Seattle, Wash. this month. She is active in the music program at her local church.

Grover L. Porter, professor of business at Belmont College, was named to the national committee on public relations by the National Association of Accountants. In addition, **Porter** was elected vice-president for administration by the Nashville NAA chapter. **Glenn A. Jenkins**, director of business affairs at the college, was elected director of meetings by the Nashville chapter of NAA.

Gearin's Chapel Church, Greenfield, licensed **Bruce McCartney** to the gospel ministry.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Smith, parents of **Harold Smith**, pastor of Columbia First Church, were honored on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary recently. The couple are members of Mt. Pleasant First Church where he is a deacon. **Terry Ayler** is their pastor.

J. L. Ford, pastor of Eastland Church, Nashville, was awarded the doctor of ministries degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary this month.

Garrett Church, Alpha Association, ordained their pastor, **Jerry Brake**, to the gospel ministry. **A. L. Wade**, pastor, Linden First Church, led in the examination. **Morrell Lee**, pastor, Hohenwald First Church, preached the ordination sermon. Also participating on the program were **D. L. Moody** and **David Bell**.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lacy Sr., members of Central Church, Johnson City, observe their 50th wedding anniversary this month.

John Carpenter, pastor's associate at Maryville First Church, received the doctor of ministries degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary this month.

Kenneth Hubbard, pastor, Ridgedale Church, Chattanooga, observed his 25th anniversary as an ordained gospel minister. He was ordained at Lawrenceburg First Church.

Braden Church, Fayette Association, ordained **Gene Michael** to the gospel ministry.

Michigan Avenue Church, Bradley Association, ordained **Winston Vaughn** to the gospel ministry.

Joe Newton, associate pastor, Brook Hollow Church, Nashville, received the doctor of ministries degree in church, ministry, and community from the school of divinity at Vanderbilt University.

CHURCHES . . .

West LaFollette Church, Campbell County Association, is nearing completion of a remodeling job at the church. The job consisted of a new kitchen, fellowship hall, extension of 20 ft. to the auditorium, and bricking. **C. K. Coffman** is pastor.

Beech Springs Church, Polk County Association, is constructing a fellowship hall. **Carlin Crabtree** is pastor.

Ridgeview Church, Bradley Association, is scheduled to hold note burning services this month in recognition of payment of the land they purchased to expand their building.

New Grove Church, William Carey Association, completed an addition to the church building. **Bill Sharp** is pastor.

Shady Grove Church, Fayette Association, completed work on a new fellowship hall and Sunday School space.

Rossville Church, Fayette Association, purchased a home for their pastor. **Marvin Green** is pastor.

Members of Tiptonville First Church are planning, remodeling and building on to their church. Construction includes a classroom, enlarged kitchen, and fellowship hall.

Grandview Church, Chilhowee Association, had groundbreaking ceremonies for a pastor's home. **J. T. Cline** is pastor.

LEADERSHIP . . .

Columbia First Church called **David Thompson** as summer youth worker. **Harold Smith** is pastor.

Brinkley Road Mission, Concord Association, called **Tom Madden** as interim pastor. **Madden** is director of Convention Ministries division of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Jerry Cook resigned as pastor of Mt. View Church, Antioch, to accept the call to Belleverde Church, West Palm Beach, Fla.

Miracle Church, LaVergne, called **Don Mederis** as associate pastor. **Carl Scarlett** is pastor.

Alice Bell Church, Knoxville, called **Hayward Highfill** as interim pastor.

Brad Lewis began serving as youth director at Morris Hill Church, Chattanooga, recently. He is a student at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

Clifton Hill Church, Chattanooga, called **Lamar Green** as music director. He comes from Lafayette, Ga.

Darrell McCauley was called as music director of Oakwood Church, Chattanooga. He is scheduled to graduate from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary this month.

Don and Sharon Jacobs will serve as minister of youth and music for the summer at Meadow View Church, Lawrenceburg. He is the son of **Herman Jacobs**, pastor at Crieviewood Church, Nashville. **Ed Marston** is pastor at Meadow View.

David Lee was called as summer minister of youth and music at Leoma Church, Leoma. **Lee** is the son of **James Lee**, pastor of Highland Park Church in Lawrenceburg. The younger **Lee** is a senior at Middle Tennessee State University. **Sam DePaul** is pastor.

Walter B. Rogers Jr., minister of music and youth at Ridgedale Church, Chattanooga, resigned to accept a call as associate pastor of the North Stuart Church, Stuart, Fla. **Kenneth Hubbard** is pastor of the Chattanooga church.

Franklin First Church called **Dewey Jones** as minister of education part time. He is already on the field. **Virgil Peters** is pastor.

Island Home Church, Knoxville, called **Paul Mosblech** as summer youth worker.

Our People and Our Churches . . .

LEADERSHIP . . .

He is a senior at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and is an active member of the Baptist Student Union. **David G. Peach** is pastor.

W. D. Leach resigned as pastor of Westside Church, Dyersburg.

The new pastor at Howes Chapel Church, Holton Valley Association, is **Harold Manis**.

James Adams is the new pastor at Beech Creek's Church, Rogersville.

East Rogersville Church, Rogersville, called **Basil Jones** as pastor. He will be on the field this month.

Sammy Jones resigned as pastor of Antioch Church, Antioch, Nashville Association.

Harvey English resigned as pastor of Charleston First Church.

David T. Pitt resigned as minister of education and youth at Unaka Avenue Church, Johnson City, to enter Southern Baptist Theological Seminary this fall. **Pitt** was at Unaka Avenue for two years.

Houston Hall resigned as minister of music and youth at Mascot Church, Knox County Association, to accept the call to Pleasant Grove Church, Mountain City. He will serve in a similar capacity there. **Hall** is a student at Carson-Newman College, majoring in religion.

Frank Drinkard, a recent graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, was called as minister of recreation by Germantown Church, Germantown. He earned the master of religious education degree at Southern. Previous churches served include Woodstock (Ga.) First Church, Union Avenue Church of Memphis, and Walnut Street Church, Louisville, Ky. **Ken Story** is pastor at Germantown.

Cleveland First Church called **Nell Rose Ware**, Cairo, Ga., as director of preschool-children's ministries. **Marvin Gibson** is pastor.

D. A. Hooker resigned as pastor of Four Point Church, Bradley County Association.

Big Spring Church, Bradley County Association, called **Steve Byrun** as interim pastor.

Brian Lee accepted the call of Goodletts-

ville First Church to serve as associate pastor.

Roy Summitt resigned as pastor of Piney Grove Church, Sweetwater Association.

Johnny Niday has resigned as pastor of Midway Church, Cumberland Gap Association, and has accepted the call to Cajahs Mountain in North Carolina.

Harold Allen Smith, New Orleans, La., has accepted the call to Ooltewah Church, Ooltewah, as assistant pastor. He will be on the field this month.

Donny Erwin is serving as full-time minister of music and youth for the summer at Central Church, Kingston. He is a junior at Carson-Newman College and is a member of "Something Special," the ambassador singing ensemble from the school. **Walt Isley** is pastor at Central.

Whitehaven Church, Memphis, called **Norvin E. Forester Jr.** as minister of education and youth. **Lewis D. Ferrell** is pastor.

Greenbrier First Church called **John Linderman** as its first full-time summer youth worker. A senior at Gardner-Webb College in Boiling Springs, N.C., he will be a student at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary following his graduation from college. **D. R. Plank** is pastor at Greenbrier.

Al Levenoood resigned as pastor of Cranmore Cove Church, Tennessee Valley Association. He has served the church twice as pastor and held his last tenure since 1964.

Bill R. Dixon resigned as pastor of Maryville Second Church.

Rockford Church, Chilhowee Association, called **John Victor Franklin** as minister of music. **W. F. Hall** is interim pastor.

Benton First Church called **Mrs. James Mangum** as youth director. **James Mangum** is pastor.

St. Elmo Church, Chattanooga, called **Debra J. Grant** as minister of music and youth. She will assume her duties July 1. She graduated from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary this month with a masters degree in religious education. She holds a B.S. degree in elementary education from West Georgia College. **Donald A. Givens** is pastor.

Steve Shepherd is the new minister of music at Woodbine Church, Nashville.

Don Martin resigned as music director at Calvary Church, Jackson. He plans to return to Oklahoma later this summer. **Paul B. Clark** is pastor.

Litz Manor Church, Sullivan Association, called **Mike Wilkins**, Portsmouth, Va., as summer minister of youth.

Jerry and Elaine Gordon were called to Trinity Church, Big Hatchie Association, as youth director. They come from Calvary Church, Brownsville.

Mike Roberson is the summer youth director for Union Avenue Church, Memphis. **Lee Prince** is pastor.

Pastors elect

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He encouraged pastors to seek professional help if they experience depression or have any other problems. He said that the ministry is God's highest calling, and men who step out of the ministry step down.

Music at the sessions was provided by R. O. Stone, Mobile, Ala.; the Murk family, Wheaton, Ill.; Steve Boalt, Boca Raton, Fla.; Jerry Wayne Bernard, Houston, Tex.; the Stone family, Mobile, Ala.; and Pam Moore and Janet Vines, Mobile.

WMU urged

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missionary to Spanish-speaking people, Laredo, Tex.; and Maxine Moseley, missionary, consultant in religious education to the Baptist churches in Southern Ghana.

President Gregory asked that the participants stand and sing, as a closing benediction, the hymn, "Send Me, O Lord, Send Me."

Weekday education workshop

A weekday early education workshop scheduled for Aug. 1-3 at Manley Church, Morristown, has been cancelled, according to Ray Evette, Sunday School department, Tennessee Baptist Convention, sponsor for the workshop.

Evette said that any church desiring information or help could contact him in the Sunday School department, Brentwood.

Missions theme denominates convention

The overriding theme of the 1977 Southern Baptist Convention which met last week in Kansas City was the same theme that has kept us together for 132 years—missions.

The stated theme, "Let the Church Reach Out!," surfaced in every session and every message, building to a climax in the commitment service at the closing Thursday night session. Billy Graham shifted from being the evangelist to calling on those present to accept their responsibility to be evangelists to their world.

The messengers—for the first time—heard and saw one of our missionaries interviewed "live" via TV satellite.

For the first time a U.S. President—speaking as a Southern Baptist layman—challenged Southern Baptists to be bold and aggressive by volunteering for missionary services, supported by their families and churches.

At Norfolk last year, the messengers to the 1976 SBC approved a Mission Challenge report which would urge our denomination to gear up to give every person in the world an opportunity to hear the gospel by the end of this century. In Kansas City, we were told what has been done and what must be done if this is to happen—5,000 foreign missionaries in 125 countries, 10,000 lay volunteers, a ten-fold multiplication of churches overseas, and a stewardship that keeps pace with doubling the Cooperative Program gifts from \$150 million to

\$300 million by 1982 and to \$1.2 billion by the year 2000.

Another word that could characterize the 1977 SBC would be openness.

The messengers voted not only to announce the vote tally on all issues, but amended the Executive Committee's recommendation to announce the voting on elections. Apparently, the messengers want to know how the votes count up.

Another attempt at more openness did not fare quite so well, but the agencies cannot claim to misunderstand the intent of the messengers. A motion was presented asking that the salary and benefits of each agency's top executive be published in the annual report, and that full information on all salaries be furnished to any church member upon request. After the motion was divided, the second part passed (amid some protests that this was already done), but the first part (which would be a change in the Business and Financial Plan) received a majority approval but less than the needed two-thirds majority.

The salary disclosure motion was the only issue at the convention which produced much debate, but it sparked about 50 minutes of discussion during two miscellaneous business sessions.

The messengers approved 14 resolutions, with two of these producing the most discussion. These were on the subjects of homosexuality and abortions—but basically the approved recommendations reaffirmed stands taken by the 1976 SBC.

Other resolutions opposed pornography, gambling, child abuse, TV depicting sex and violence, world hunger, and the Internal Revenue Service's ruling that it can define a church's "integrated auxiliary."

James L. Sullivan of Nashville concluded his one-year term as SBC president in a magnificent manner, presiding fairly and adding his gracious attitude to all deliberations. His decision not to accept what would have been an automatic second term deprived us of another year of his outstanding leadership.

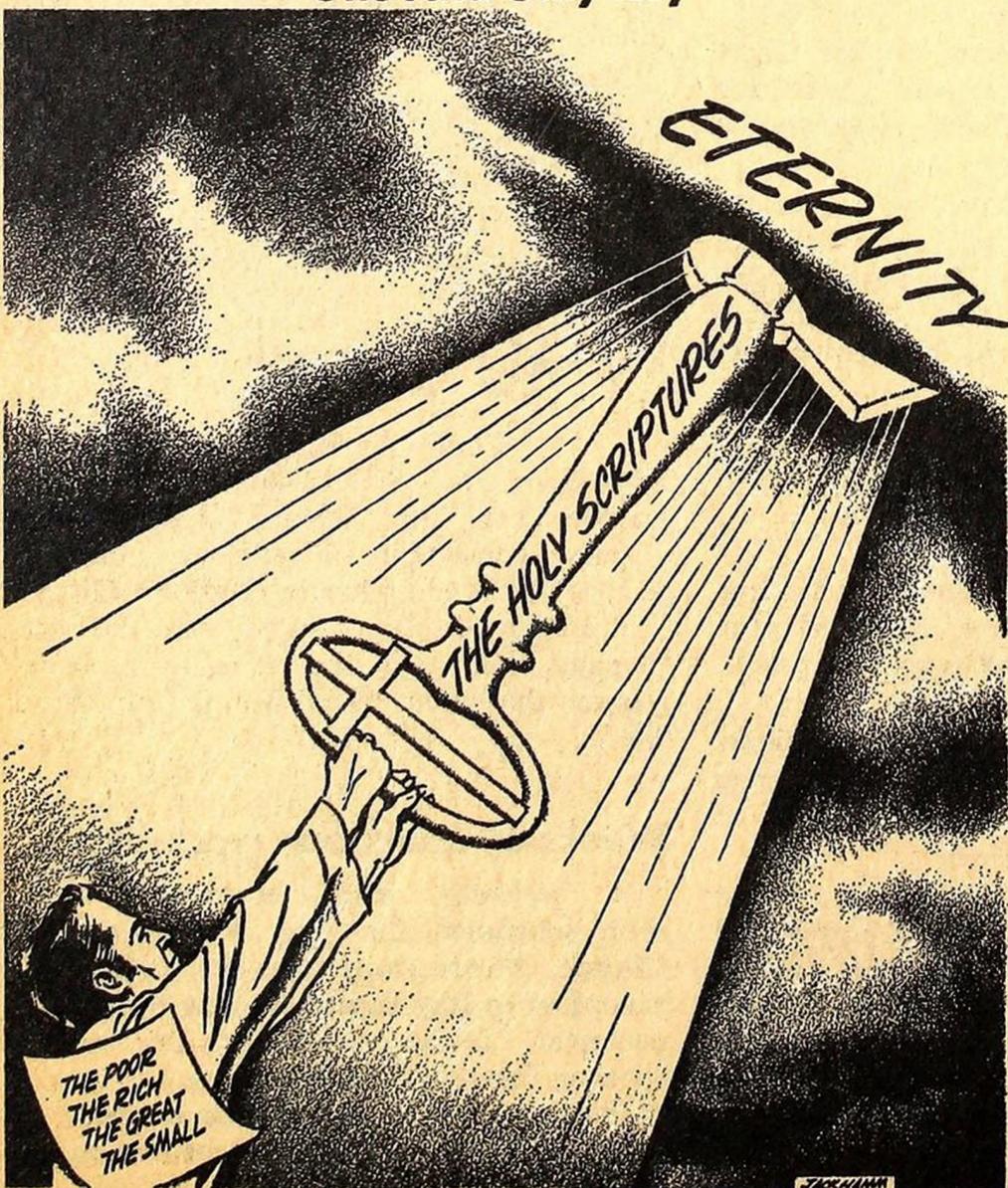
The messengers turned to Jimmy Allen to succeed Sullivan. Allen is pastor of the 9,000-member First Church in San Antonio, an inter-city church which is recognized for its well-balanced program of evangelism and social action.

Concerning a president's term, a proposed Constitution amendment to limit presidents to a single one-year term received little support. It would have needed a two-thirds approval by this year's and next year's conventions.

The 1977 Southern Baptist Convention was perhaps the most positive convention of recent years. Negative criticism was almost non-existent—and when it did surface, there seemed little of the hostility and bitter debate which characterized conventions earlier this decade.

Perhaps there is a lesson here for all Southern Baptists: When we focus on our central thrust of missions and outreach, everything else seems to fit together properly.

One And Only Key





J. Ralph McIntyre

BSSB trustees name McIntyre to position

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Trustees of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board in a specially-called meeting here approved creation of a new management position, elected new personnel and updated the institution's bylaws.

J. Ralph McIntyre, pastor of Brainerd Church, Chattanooga, since 1959, and president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, was elected director of the board's church and staff support division.

B. Elaine Dickson, on special assignment to the executive office of the board during the past year, was elected to the newly-created position of church services and materials coordinator.

A native Texan, McIntyre is a graduate of Vanderbilt University, Nashville, and attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth. In 1970, the doctor of divinity degree was conferred on him by Florida Bible College, Miami, Fla.

Ordained at Bellevue Church, Memphis, McIntyre served student pastorates at First Church, Rutherford, and Mt. Carmel Church, Cross Plains, prior to becoming assistant pastor of Bellevue Church, Memphis. He also served as pastor of Handley Church, Fort Worth.

Presently, McIntyre is serving as trustee of Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis; director of the Tennessee Baptist Service Corporation; and member of the administrative committee of the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention; trustee, Baptist Sunday School Board and member of its Executive Committee.

His wife, the former Mary Sue Pierce,

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.

Report unreadable

Dear editor:

Each week I look forward to receiving the **Baptist and Reflector**, especially when it contains the quarterly financial report of our state convention. However, for the past year or two I am thoroughly disgusted when I try to read said report.

I can see no reason whatever that such small type has to be used that makes it unreadable. Just by glancing over those pages my eyes are strained. I feel certain that the paper is read by more older persons than by young, and it is inexcusable to use type that we cannot even read the amount of money our churches give.

If necessary, I say omit the Sunday School lessons for that week or whatever is necessary, that these reports may be readable. If not, just omit them entirely.

Georgia M. Hays
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I am aware of this problem, and we are looking at ways to make this report more legible—without the extra expense of additional pages. If we find there is more interest in reading the total report than in the Sunday School lessons, we might follow your suggestion. (editor)

died in January, 1975. He has two sons, two daughters, and two grandsons.

The church and staff support division includes the church administration, church music, church library, church recreation, and church architecture departments.

Miss Dickson, a native of Illinois, holds the B.S. degree from Southern Illinois University, the M.R.E. degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, and the Ed.D. degree from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. She has done additional graduate study at Illinois State University, Boston University, and the NTL Institute for Applied Behavioral Science.

In her new position, Dickson will coordinate matters related to the Christian development, Bible teaching, and church and staff services divisions.

Trustees also approved changes in the institution's bylaws to update terminology and trustee committee assignments related to current organization.

Whose teaching?

Dear editor:

Seldom do I write the editor of our papers, but after reading the article entitled "Louisville church calls husband, wife as co-pastors" (June 2), it was more than I could let pass by.

First, they are graduates of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Is this the kind of teaching our Baptist schools are giving our students? If so, may God help us. Why don't we teach them there is no Scriptural way a woman can be ordained as a minister of the gospel or a deacon.

I know the arguments of the liberals among us. Remember Paul's charge to Timothy (II Timothy 4:1-5). Sylvester and Johnson say they are professionals. Yes, we have lowered the ministry to a profession, instead of a calling. Sylvester mentions the payroll. Could that be his first concern? He speaks of authority. What authority does a pastor have other than preach the Word of God in its power and purity?

I am not an independent. No pastor wants to be Southern Baptist more than I, but how much more do our leaders expect our people who believe the Bible to take? How much longer will they hide behind the autonomy of our churches? When we that believe the Bible speak out about the things that are not right in our great convention, we are called everything but Southern Baptists.

The church I try to pastor gives what it can to the Cooperative Program, but if this is the kind of teaching our schools are doing, we cannot in good conscience, continue to give it, when a part of what we give goes to support this teaching.

Earl Lane, pastor
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If Ms. Johnson is ordained, it will be by and upon the authority of a Baptist church—not by or upon the authority of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary or the Southern Baptist Convention.

Not only is a local church autonomous, but also the Southern Baptist Convention, the state convention, and the association are autonomous bodies. If an affiliated church has departed from Baptist faith and practice, the conventions and associations have the power—and responsibility—to dissolve the relationship. (editor)

Georgia pastor addresses Tennesseans at state family life enrichment meet

"There is no reason Tennessee Baptists can't find ways to do something about the brokenness of the families in your churches," Georgia counselor and pastor Albert Cardwell told a gathering at the state Baptist family enrichment conference in Chattanooga earlier this month.

"Churches are the only ones left who have an interest. If the church quits on the family, then we are in real trouble," he advised.

Nearly 200 persons representing 34 churches from throughout Tennessee registered for the two-day conference which dealt with various facets of family life. Marriage enrichment, parent enrichment, the family unit, and life for the formerly married, the single adult, the senior adult, and the young person and child were covered in study sessions. Individual conferences also offered counseling helps to church staff members. The conference was sponsored by the Church Training department, Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Cardwell, pastor of Macon First Church and the keynote speaker for the event, dealt with the question "Is There a Future for the Family?" After citing several statistics pointing to the decay in American family life, Cardwell said that "there is a desperate need in our society for some real models—models that young people can look to and say, 'I'm glad I know those people because they have helped me set the course of my life.'"

"Who shapes your child's mind?" he asked the group. "Do you shape his mind more than does his peer group?"

In a message on "Strengthening the Family," he said there were three things in American life which were being eroded—the commitment of two people to a life-time marriage, parental responsibility, and the distinct roles of men and women. If we are to survive, he said, the church must begin to emphasize pre-marital preparation.

Challenging parents to instill positive desires within their children, the Georgia Baptist said, "I believe that we guide our children into evil ways because of the evil desires within us. The things that are going on inside us are the things we give to our children."

Cardwell has been a pastor in Georgia for over 20 years. He has also served churches in other states and has spent considerable time in counseling and leading

learning and therapy groups. He is past president of the Georgia Mental Health Society and is a clinical member of the American Family Counseling Society.

Leaders for study sessions included Cardwell; Sunday School Board personnel Joe Hinkle, John Hendrix, Harold Bergen, and Horace Kerr; Howard Stevens, marriage and family counselor, Nashville; Steve Byrum, professor, Chattanooga State Technical Institute; Ferd White, Chaplain, Erlanger Hospital, Chattanooga; Carol Mitchum, Hazel Dunn, Mary Jane Allen, and Mary Lou Harris, all of Chattanooga; and Lela Hendrix, Nashville.

Jonesboro pastor accepts call of Clinton First congregation

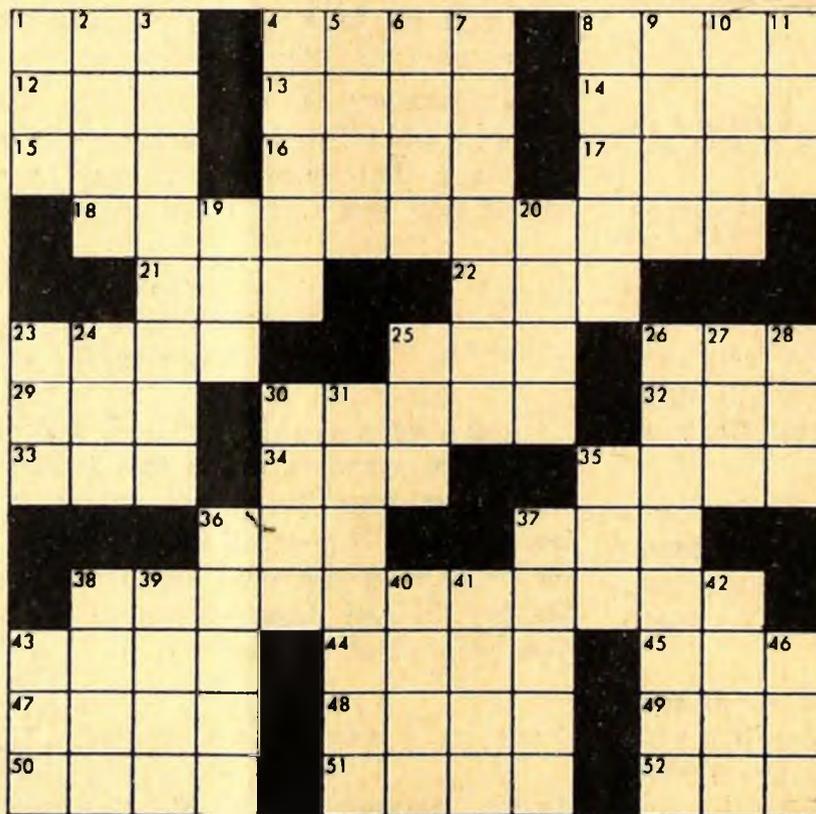
Members of Clinton First Church issued a unanimous call to Samuel Dean, pastor, Jonesboro First Church, to be their pastor. He accepted the call and plans to be on the new field July 17. He has served the Jonesboro church for eight years.

A native of Greene County, he received the B.A. degree from Tusculum College in 1964 and the master of divinity degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1967. He was licensed and ordained to the gospel ministry by Second Church, Greenville.

Since the retirement of Hayward Highfill last February, the Clinton church has been served by interim pastor Paul D. Brewer, Carson-Newman College.

Bible puzzle

Answers on page 14



- 50 "twice in the —" (Luke 18)
- 51 Place (1 Sam. 7:12)
- 52 Sin

DOWN

- 1 Black-eyed or sweet
- 2 Slothful
- 3 "thief in ——" (2 Pet. 3)
- 4 Made of shittim wood (Ex. 25:23)
- 5 Canal
- 6 Circles: abbr.
- 7 "purged from his ——" (2 Pet. 1)
- 8 "or —, or sword" (Rom. 8)
- 9 Be idle
- 10 Suffix denoting action
- 11 "Ye —" (Jas. 4)
- 19 Kind of places (Matt. 12:43)
- 20 Forepole
- 23 Saul's father (Acts 13:21)
- 24 Of first quality
- 25 Cereal grain
- 26 "I am come to ——" (Luke 12)
- 27 Bishopric
- 28 Tree
- 30 Farmer's need: abbr.
- 31 Land (Gen. 47:11)
- 35 Son-in-law of Muhammad
- 36 Mount (Josh. 11:17)
- 37 Quaint
- 38 Biological factor
- 39 "a daily —" (2 Ki. 25:30)
- 40 Large fish
- 41 Integrate
- 42 Tower (Gen. 35:21)
- 43 Crop
- 46 Poet's word

ACROSS

- 1 "ox fallen into a —" (Luke 14)
- 4 Cuitlatec
- 8 "between — and plea" (Duet. 17:8)
- 12 Old English letter
- 13 Seed covering
- 14 Gnostic beings
- 15 Pub offering
- 16 "— of the air" (Eccl. 10)
- 17 Horse's gait
- 18 "power of an —" (Heb. 7)
- 21 Irritate
- 22 Adjective suffix
- 23 Cautious
- 25 Canadian province: abbr.
- 26 Direction: abbr.
- 29 Fish dermatitis
- 30 Refuse
- 32 Slippery one
- 33 "— at liberty" (Heb. 13)
- 34 Rodent
- 35 City (1 Chron. 6:73)
- 36 Ark dweller
- 37 "— things are passed" (2 Cor. 5)
- 38 "of the ——" (1 Pet. 3)
- 43 "three measures of —" (Luke 13)
- 44 Potato
- 45 Wedding words
- 47 Tapir
- 48 "— somewhat the yoke" (2 Chron. 10)
- 49 Artic explorer

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Tennesseans serve in many capacities during last week's Kansas City SBC

Tennesseans who served last week at the Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City included President James A. Sullivan, Porter Routh, W. Fred Kendall, and William J. Reynolds, all of Nashville.

Sullivan presided at most sessions and delivered the president's address on Tuesday morning. His subject was "Let the Church Reach Out." It was published in abbreviated form in the June 16 issue of **Baptist and Reflector**.

Routh, executive secretary-treasurer, Executive Committee, SBC, presented the Executive Committee's report on Tuesday.

Kendall, registration secretary of the convention, closed his 13th year in this position. He had requested earlier that the 1977 convention elect a younger man to the post. Kendall, 69, was executive secretary-treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, when he was elected during the Atlantic City convention in 1964. He retired from the Tennessee Baptist Convention in 1972.

Reynolds, secretary of the Church Music department, Baptist Sunday School Board, led the congregational singing.

Serving on the Committee on Committees were William J. Purdue, Kingsport First Church, and Frank C. Ingraham, Nashville attorney.

W. Fred Kendall II, pastor of First Church, Union City, and Malcolm Barrett, Nashville layman and member of Una Church, Nashville, were members of the Committee on Boards.

Thomas Bryan, a Nashville physician, and Alvin C. Shackelford, editor, **Baptist and Reflector**, served as members of the Resolutions Committee.

Kenneth Sparkman, Associational Missionary for Gibson County, served on the Tellers' Committee.

H. Franklin Paschall, pastor of First Church, Nashville, and chairman of the Committee on Baptist State Papers, presented the committee's report on Thursday afternoon.

Two Tennessee Royal Ambassadors attended the convention as pages. They were Ricky Denton of Piedmont Church, Dandridge, and Thomas Strong, First Church, Mt. Juliet.

Also, J. Harold Stephens served on the Denominational Calendar Committee. He retired as pastor of First Church, Fairborn, Ohio, April 3, and moved to Shelbyville, Tenn.

Trey Fore, Nashville, a member of Brentwood Church, is a member of the dark room staff.

Abe Silliman to head Salem missions work

Abe Silliman, director of missions in Riverside Association for 10 years, has been named the new director of missions for Salem Association, effective July 1.

During his 10 years of leadership for Riverside, the association has grown from 12 full-time churches, 10 half-time churches, and two quarter-time churches to 26 churches reporting at least one service each Sunday. Cooperative program giving increased from \$7,817 in 1966 to \$29,692 in 1976. In 1975, an associational home and office was constructed and is valued at over \$37,500.

Silliman served two pastorates before becoming director of missions—Brogan Avenue Church, Fayetteville, and Eastview Church, Shelbyville.

Pulpit To New

By Jim Griffith

Fulfilling a promise that he would preach from the church roof if Sunday School attendance reached 100, the pastor of the First Church of the Living God in Eden, N.C., recently preached his sermon from the rooftop while his congregation listened below in the parking lot.

This is the height of something or other.

In the opening exercises for this lofty service, the choir probably sang the hymn, "Higher Ground," with the words: "I'm pressing on the upward way, New heights I'm gaining every day; Still praying as I onward bound, "Lord, plant my feet on higher ground."

If this new twist is any indication, "go tell it on the mountain" may have been replaced by "shout it from the rooftops!"

But at the close of this unusual preaching service, can't you just hear one of the deacons saying: "Well, it doesn't surprise me—the preacher is always getting up in the air about something."

Still, this is one time when, at the close of an attendance campaign, the preacher came out on top.

On Matters of

Family Living

By Dr. B. David Edens
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Rigid control of child leads to—none

Parents who keep an iron grip on every detail of a child's life are likely to lose all control over the youngster later on, warn Dr. Seymour Fisher, Upstate Medical Center, SUNY, and Dr. Rhoda L. Fisher, a clinical psychologist.

Initially, these parents will have a lot of control, but almost inevitably, there will be a reaction from the child in the opposite direction," in the experience of the co-authors of **What We Really Know About Child Rearing** (Basic Books).

"If you don't act like you own the kid, he will accept a certain percentage of your values," says Dr. Seymour Fisher.

Parents who treat their children as if they were visiting adults don't win plaudits either. "There are certain parents who are really being hostile to their kids, under the apparent banner of giving them freedom and allowing them to be completely individual. They say 'I am going to let you do your own thing' when they mean 'I am not going to invest any interest in you.'"

Many parents in both camps are angry at their children and don't know it, according to the Fishers. If things are not going well between parents and child, the parents—whatever their childrearing philosophy—would do well to ask themselves "Why am I so angry at this kid?" An honest answer may bring changes.

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Carson-Newman to host 49th preachers' school

The 49th annual session of the East Tennessee Baptist Preachers' School has been set for Carson-Newman on June 27 through July 1. The Preachers' School is sponsored by C-N and the Tennessee Baptist Convention through the Woman's Missionary Union.

Some of the program personalities include J. Donald Mitchell, director, church relations and extension at C-N; Clyde T. Francisco, professor of Old Testament, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; Brooks Faulkner, consultant, church ministries section, Baptist Sunday School Board; William L. Blevins, professor of religion, Carson-Newman College; Alice S. Magill, vocational guidance specialist, Baptist Sunday School Board; and Robert J. Norman, pastor, Belmont Heights Church, Nashville.



WMU Officers—Re-elected as officers of the Woman's Missionary Union last week were (l to r) Carolyn Weatherford, Birmingham, Ala., executive director; Mrs. A. Harrison Gregory, Danville, Va., president; and Mrs. William Ellis, Shelbyville, Ky., recording secretary.

Volunteers represented on SBC agency boards

Messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention elected 29 Tennesseans to the Board of Southern Baptist Convention agencies in Kansas City last week. The elections came from nominations of the Committee on Boards.

Executive Committee: Thomas Henry Horrell, Nashville, (re-elected) term expiring 1981.

Foreign Mission Board: Trevis Otey, Jackson, term expiring 1978; C. Carroll Owen, Paris, term expiring 1980; and Wendell C. McClinton, Nashville, term expiring 1981.

Home Mission Board: Bill Sherman, Nashville, term expiring 1981.

Baptist Sunday School Board: Roy J. Gilleland Jr., Nashville, term expiring 1979; Robert Sanders, Knoxville, term expiring in 1981; Sidney Waits, Memphis; Raymond Langlois, Nashville; John P. Gifford, Nashville; Melvin T. Harris, Nashville; and Gary Allen Anderson, Nashville, all local mem-

bers (re-elected) with terms expiring in 1981.

Annuity Board: Alden Wilson, Nashville, term expiring 1980; and D. William Dodson Jr., Martin, (re-elected) term expiring in 1981.

Southern Seminary: State Representation, Winfield Rich, Nashville, (re-elected) term expiring in 1982.

New Orleans Seminary: Fred Wright, Nashville, term expiring in 1979.

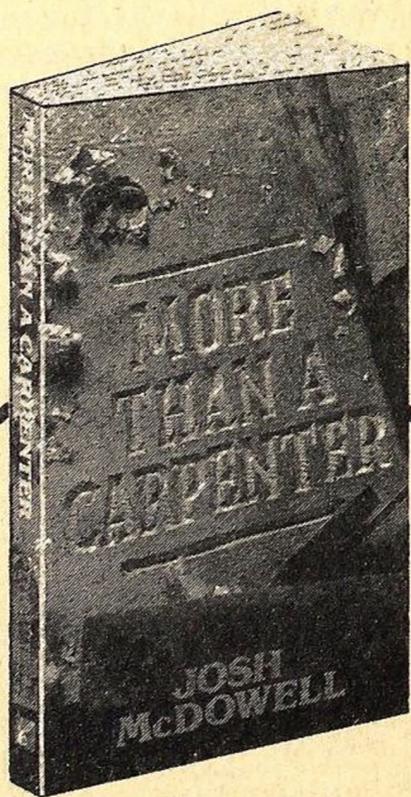
Southern Baptist Foundation agency Representation, Executive Committee: Henry Horrell, Nashville, (re-elected) term expiring 1981; Annuity Board: Lester L. Hall, Chattanooga, term expiring 1981. Members at Large: Jimmy Crumpler, Nashville; G. Frank Cole, Nashville, (re-elected); and Morris Early, Madison, all with terms expiring in 1981.

Southern Baptist Commission on the American Baptist Theological Seminary, State Representation: W. Paul Hall, Brentwood, (re-elected); and Fred E. Johnson, Nashville, with term expiring in 1982.

Brotherhood Commission, State Representation: Wendell W. Crews, Athens, term expiring in 1981. Local members with terms expiring in 1981 are W. Lee Prince, Memphis, and Robert Alexander, Murfreesboro.

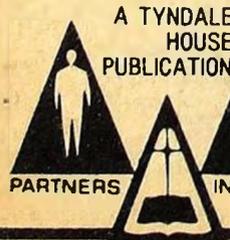
Historical Commission: Local members (re-elected) with terms expiring in 1981 are Martin Bradley and Albert W. Wardin Jr., both of Nashville.

Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs: Lawrence Bracey Campbell III, Nashville, term expiring 1981.



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KANSAS CITY, Mo.—James L. Sullivan is presented a plaque in recognition of his service as president of the Southern Baptist Convention by Porter Routh, the executive secretary-treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee.

North Carolina pastor accepts Cherokee Mountain Church post

Clarence Smith is the new pastor at Cherokee Mountain Church, Jonesboro. He comes to the post from Cranberry Church, Cranberry, N.C. He also served as pastor at

Walker's Fork Church in Holston Association.

Smith was ordained to the gospel ministry by Southside Church, Bristol, 24 years ago.

Golden Gate alumni pay tribute to president Harold K. Graves

Harold K. Graves, president of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, was honored for 25 years of service in that office by over 300 alumni and trustees at the national alumni meeting in Kansas City, Mo. last week.

Jesse C. Fletcher, trustee and pastor of Knoxville First Church, conferred the title of president emeritus upon Graves, who is scheduled to retire July 31. Trustees also announced that the main building of Golden Gate seminary has been named the "Harold K. Graves Administration Building."

No Tennesseans were elected to alumni offices. Max Kell, Sacramento, Calif., was elected president, succeeding Wayne A. Eurich, San Diego. Others, all from California, were president-elect Stephen P. Carleton; vice-president James M. Morton Jr., and treasurer P. Wayne Power.

Church calls Mississippi pastor

Jack Moore is the new pastor of Oakhaven Church, Memphis. He comes to the position from Ruleville, Miss., where he was pastor of Ruleville Church.

He earned the bachelor of science degree from Delta State University and is attending Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary.

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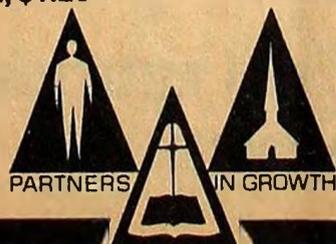
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Celebration of freedom

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Text: Exodus 14:21-25, 30-31 and 15:13

The story of today's lesson is one we have heard many times before. Freed from the house of bondage, the children of Israel fled Egypt. Led by cloud and fire, they found themselves trapped between the sea and the Egyptian forces. Only by the intervention of God could they hope to escape. And intervene He did. The strong east wind blew back the waters of the sea; the Egyptians were discomfited by the cloud and fire; their chariot wheels were clogged, and, finally, the Egyptians were drowned, as the sea waters came flooding back.

In massive understatement the Scripture records: "Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the seashore." Though it would be many years before Israel was to be comfortable with her new situation, she was a free people. God had done a great work, and for the moment Israel feared the Lord and believed in Him. Future trials and disappointments would shake that faith to its very foundations; but for that moment Israel stood newborn, pristine, and free. Now, it was celebration time!

The song of Moses should not be read in part. It must be read in full, with flair and trumpet, for in this song Moses caught the human soul in a very right moment. He caught it in the moment of celebration which, although addressed to God for His mighty act of deliverance, shows us more of ourselves, our God, and our world than any other moment of life. Such a moment is worth examining in some detail.

Celebration: The Righting of Man

Celebration is the act of recognizing that man, who is born upside down, has come right side up. This is not mysterious, for it simply means that the ordinary condition of man is not the one God intends. Ordinary normal man is abnormal. Only in those few moments of great deliverance does man

come to himself, knowing the right order of things. The normal world in which we live knows that masters put down slave rebellions, large, well-equipped armies rout smaller ones, and the powerful triumph over the powerless. But Moses' song reminds us again that that was not the way it was when God acted, nor does that have to be the way it is whenever God acts in deliverance. Celebration is our instinctive response to the righting of man.

The inmost philosophy of the "fall" of man is that whatever we are apart from God's deliverance, we are not ourselves. Apart from Him, we are the living dead, shadow and semblance of reality. Celebration is the confessions, witness, and recognition that in those most intense moments of dead Egyptians and the death of Christ we know the only real sanity in this world. By His stripes we are healed; by His brokenness we are made whole. We celebrate because we now see that the close, the tight, the little, the painful, the sinful is not God's way at all.

Celebration: The Expansion of Man

Moses' song of celebration also speaks of the largeness of the divine dimension. He sang of glorious triumph, praise, and exaltation. While we do not live, nor desire to live, every moment beyond ourselves, beyond the everyday, the act of God's deliverance shoves us beyond the ordinary, the habitual, the boring. Celebration takes place in recognition of the special touch of the eternal, a touch that expands us. Once we have been expanded those special places and times where we celebrate that expansion are themselves transformed. We are no longer like the woman who said, "Let's get on up to church and get it over with." True celebration reaches out of the small, thin world of commonplace things to remind us that the action of God has broken open our world. A crack in the ordinary has appeared, and we have been privileged to be touched by an infusion of grace.

Celebration: The Joy in Man

Now, in celebration we understand that joy is the fundamental thing in us. The mass of men have been forced to be happy about little things and sad about the big ones. Celebration is the act by which Christianity denies this order. Christianity affirms that man is more himself when joy is the fundamental thing in him. To be Christlike is to know that grief is superficial. It is to know that joy has become gigantic and sadness something special and small. For the Christian, the celebration of joy is a permanent pulsation of the soul.

Archer called to direct work at Johnson City Baptist Center

Mary Ruth Starnes Archer was named director of the Baptist Center, a ministry of Holston Association, in Johnson City recently.

A 1976 graduate of East Tennessee State University, she is a native of Johnson City and a member of Southwestern Church. She teaches preschool in both Sunday School and Church Training.

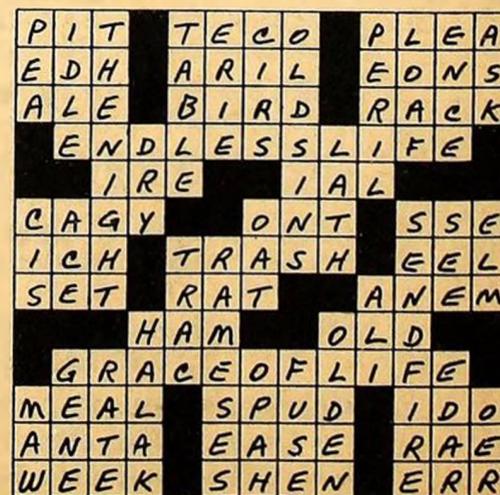
The work at the center is financed through offerings from the churches in support of the associational missions program. James E. Harris is director of missions.

NBC-TV to repeat telecast of Baptists' 'Ecce Homo'

FORT WORTH—People of the past whose influences still shape the present will be presented again July 10 when the National Broadcasting Company and the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission air "Ecce Homo, Behold This Is Man."

The documentary, a tour through the British Museum in London, presents the story of humanity's past and the riddle of its future. It was previously shown on the network in January 1969 and again in 1970.

Highlights of "Ecce Homo" include a look at the Rosetta Stone, the Magna Carta, the first Bible ever bound in book form, and the Elgin Marbles which once stood on top of the Parthenon. (BP)



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The Christian hope

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Basic Passage: 2 Timothy 4:1-22

Focal Passages: 2 Timothy 4:1-2, 6-13, 16-18

Christians live in two different worlds which are actually two distinct ages, this present world and the world to come. In the resurrection of Christ and the pouring out of the Holy Spirit, we have received in advance the benefits of God's final victory. We still live in the same old world, but we are citizens of a new world. Thus, Christian hope is not just hoping, it is enjoying already that which is hoped for.

The practical consequences of this can be clearly seen in the final chapter of Paul's correspondence to Timothy. Paul describes Timothy's duty and his own dilemma against the backdrop of their destiny in Christ. He also indicates that this destiny is not something that is only enjoyed after death. It is his motivation, his support, and his refuge in every present moment.

The Motivating Power of Hope (verses 1-2)

In the most solemn words Paul delivers his final charge to Timothy. As he had done before (1 Tim. 5:21), Paul invokes the presence of God to remind Timothy whom he is serving and whom he is to please. Not only does Timothy serve in God's presence, but he serves in the presence of Jesus Christ. Several aspects of Christ challenge Timothy to action. He is the judge of all men. Timothy and the people he serves are all accountable to Him for their service. On the positive side, Christian workers can be encouraged in their efforts by the knowledge that Christ will once again appear and will establish His kingdom in its complete form. Paul thus links together a series of divine realities in the traditional form of a Jewish oath to impress Timothy with the seriousness of what he is saying.

The specific duties Paul has in mind are listed in verse 2. First of all, Timothy is to preach the Word. The Christian ministry has proclamation as its basic task because we are witnesses to the unique acts of God in salvation. There can be no substitute for this witness to the good news. The next phrase means to stay on duty at all times, whether it is convenient or not. The Christian soldier has enlisted for the duration of the battle.

The last three items—reprove, rebuke, and exhort—correspond to three basic human faculties—reason, conscience, and

will. We are to direct our ministry to the full range of human personality and experience.

The Sustaining Power of Hope (verses 6-13)

Hope not only gets us going, it keeps us going. Something extraordinary must have kept Paul going. He tells us in verse 6 that he is about to die. The realities of this present world by themselves would have been very discouraging, but Paul indicates that this world is not his only resource.

While he was engaged in his work in the present world, Paul considered himself as a man disciplining himself toward a goal. He describes his journey in terms of athletic events. He is able to say that he was faithful to the goal, and so he is confident of receiving the reward. By reward, Paul does not mean that he was motivated by ambition for personal gain. The attainment of the goal is the reward, and it is the only reward that could be sufficient. Paul's confidence in this final attainment of his goal is based on his confidence in the Lord as the righteous judge. It is love of Christ and longing for His presence that has kept Paul going.

A tragic commentary on the sustaining power of hope is found in the description of Demas. Demas could not keep going, Paul says, because he was in love with this present world. Placing all his hope in the present order of reality, Demas found that he could not continue the life of Christian service.

On the other hand, Paul also indicates that the heavenly resource of hope is mediated to us through earthly, human channels. He expresses a desire from human companionship, the warmth of his winter coat, and the help of his books and papers.

The Rescuing Power of Hope (verses 16-18)

Paul had experienced a terrible ordeal at Rome. He had faced arrest, imprisonment, and courtroom hearings. Although his friend Luke was there, there was no one to defend Paul. It was a pretty hopeless scene, humanly speaking. But Paul was not confined to a humanly-speaking hope.

Paul was no escapist, seeking to evade ugly realities by withdrawing into a fantasy world. But he testified that when no one else stood by him, God was there. God had given him the ability to respond above and beyond his human ability. Even in this situation he was able to turn the prisoners bar into a pulpit and present the Gospel.

Paul knew better than most that being a Christian does not mean you will not have to face troubles. But he also knew that there are times when the trouble gets too hard to bear; and when it really gets bad, God makes a way of escape so we will be able to bear it (1 Cor. 10:13). By his courageous encounters with danger and suffering, Paul had earned the right to take refuge in the God of deliverance. God had delivered him from extreme danger before, and He would do so again. Beyond all the evils he would face (and he would soon face the executioner's sword) his hope was in the heavenly kingdom. No wonder he closes with a doxology, "To Him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen."

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Cooperative Program Task Force urges doubled giving by 1982

NASHVILLE—Amid projections that Southern Baptists are facing their most challenging era between now and the year 2000, a task force on Bold Mission here urged that the 12.9 million member denomination double its giving to total missions causes by 1982.

The group further admonished that the denomination double its giving through the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program unified budget twice more beyond 1982, through the century end.

The task force, made up of some 50 leaders from all areas of local, state and national denominational life, urged that the Cooperative Program be the primary means of channeling funds for the Southern Baptist Convention's Bold Mission strategy, designed to evangelize the world by the year 2000.

To accomplish the aims of Bold Mission advance, the task force also made three other major recommendations to be presented to the SBC.

—That every church be urged to place the Cooperative Program in its budget on a percentage basis and that every church and state convention increase its gifts by some percentage each year.

—That the SBC assign its Executive Committee responsibility for giving strong administrative leadership in promoting and coordinating all facets of the long range Bold Mission endeavor, "to ensure adequate promotion, coordination and funding until the year 2000."

It was suggested the promotion and coordination might be accomplished through the employment of "a person or staff to personify and coordinate" Bold Mission promotion. And, the group noted, the effort might be further strengthened through an SBC level task force to do overall planning and implementation of the Bold Mission endeavor. "Such a task force could coordinate the work of similar task forces on the state, associational and local church levels," they said.

—That the SBC ask its Executive Committee to adopt a single, over-arching promotional theme to promote the convention's world mission goals from now until the year 2000, and that each agency adapt its de-

nominal promotional plans to the common theme. The group proposed that the overall theme should be "Bold Mission Thrust," a term already in use by the SBC Home Mission Board.

A report by A. R. Fagan, executive director-treasurer of the SBC Stewardship Commission, which coordinated the event, cited a 1975 "conservative estimate" that indicated total income of Southern Baptist church members in excess of \$57.5 billion.

Yet, Fagan noted, gifts to the churches represented less than two and one half of each dollar from the total income figure. And the Cooperative Program received only two-tenths of each penny of the total \$57.5 billion, he said.

The task force, which noted that the Cooperative Program doubled twice in the last 20 years, called on "every Southern Baptist" to meet the "exciting challenge" of Bold Mission "through boldness in prayer and sacrificial giving."

SBC messengers directed last year that the force be established to assist the Stewardship Commission in developing "bold promotional programs designed to financially sustain our convention's Bold Mission advance." (BP)

Southeastern alumni designate professorship emphasis giving

Alumni of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary adopted the professorship in evangelism as their focus on giving for the next 18 months and elected officers for the next year at a luncheon at The Golden Ox Restaurant in Kansas City.

Acting on the recommendation of its general board, the alumni association voted to designate the campaign to raise \$500,000 for the professorship in evangelism as the giving program for 1977-78. Already more than \$240,000 has been pledged or given. Included in the total are pledges of \$100,000 by a North Carolina family and \$100,000 by the seminary's trustees. Alumni will be asked to either give or generate gifts to the professorship.

Jack Clifford, pastor of the First Church, Hyattsville, Md., was elected president of the alumni association. Also chosen were vice president, Dale O. Steele, pastor of First Church, Burlington, N.C.; secretary-treasurer, Paul J. Craven Jr., pastor of First Church, Charleston, S.C.; and director, Philip E. Lykes, pastor of Southside Church, Lakeland, Fla. (BP)

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Construction is underway on a new educational complex at Temple Church in Paris following recent ground breaking ceremonies. Cost of construction is estimated at \$111,230 and will be built by Barrett Construction Co., Paris. Completion is scheduled for September 1977. Pictured above from left to right are Jimmy Barrett, treasurer and contractor; Richard Skidmore, pastor; Tom Montgomery, chairman of the building committee; Charles Pratt, Waddy Winchester, Joe Oliver, and Billy Pierce, members of the building committee.

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