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July Cooperative Program gifts fall below 1977 monthly goal

In spite of a low month in mission giving through the Cooperative Program in July, Tennessee Southern Baptists are above both the 1976 giving pace and the 1977 budget after three quarters of the budget year, according to Ralph L. Norton, executive secretary-treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

July's receipts were \$669,096.95, Norton said, which is 17.3 percent below the July 1976 contributions and 14.6 percent below the 1977 monthly goal of \$783,333.33.

The Tennessee executive secretary noted that the convention's books closed on July 29, the last office day of the month, which was two days ahead of the last Sunday of that month. Some church treasurers wait until after the last Sunday of a month before sending in the churches' mission gifts through the Cooperative Program.

With three-fourths of the budget year passed, Cooperative Program receipts have reached \$7,328,044.36, which is \$278,044.36 ahead of the nine-month goal of \$7,050,000. Messengers to the 1976 state convention set this year's budget at \$9.4-million. Receipts are running 4 percent above the goal, Norton observed.

When comparing receipts for the nine months (November 1976-July 1977) with the same period last year, the executive secretary said that this year's gifts are 7.9 percent above (\$534,841.58 above) last year's mission support pace. Receipts for the November 1975-July 1976 period were \$6,793,202.78.

SBC mission giving said 10 percent ahead of 1976

NASHVILLE—With only two months remaining in the 1976-77 fiscal year, receipts for the national Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program unified budget are running 10 percent ahead of the same point last year.

The undesignated Cooperative Program funds after 10 months total \$43,153,890, compared to \$39,217,027 at the same point last year, while total gifts, including \$41,455,883 in designated gifts, have climbed to \$84,609,774. Total gifts exceed last year's figure by \$6,938,314 representing an 8.9 increase.

Total receipts for July tallied \$5,883,137, an increase of more than 14 percent over total gifts last July. (BP)

Norton commended the faithful mission support of Tennessee Baptist churches and their members.

Missions director named for Stone Association

Michael L. Prowse, pastor of Oak Grove Church, Springfield, Robertson County Association, was named director of missions for Stone Association, according to Leslie Baumgartner, Missions department, Tennessee Baptist Convention. Prowse is scheduled to assume the post Aug. 15.

The new missions director has been pastor of the Oak Grove Church since 1974. Prior to that, he was an associate pastor at Columbia First Church and a pastor in Florida. He has been a director of missions for Lawrence County, Sequatchie Valley, and William Carey Associations.

A native of Tulsa, Okla., he attended Oklahoma Baptist University and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Erwin pastor, Danny Phillips, dies at Vanderbilt Hospital

Danny Phillips, 26, pastor of Hulen Church, Erwin, for the past three years, died at Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville, July 26.

Funeral services were held from Union Church, Hampton, with Kenneth Kyker and Floyd Ishee officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

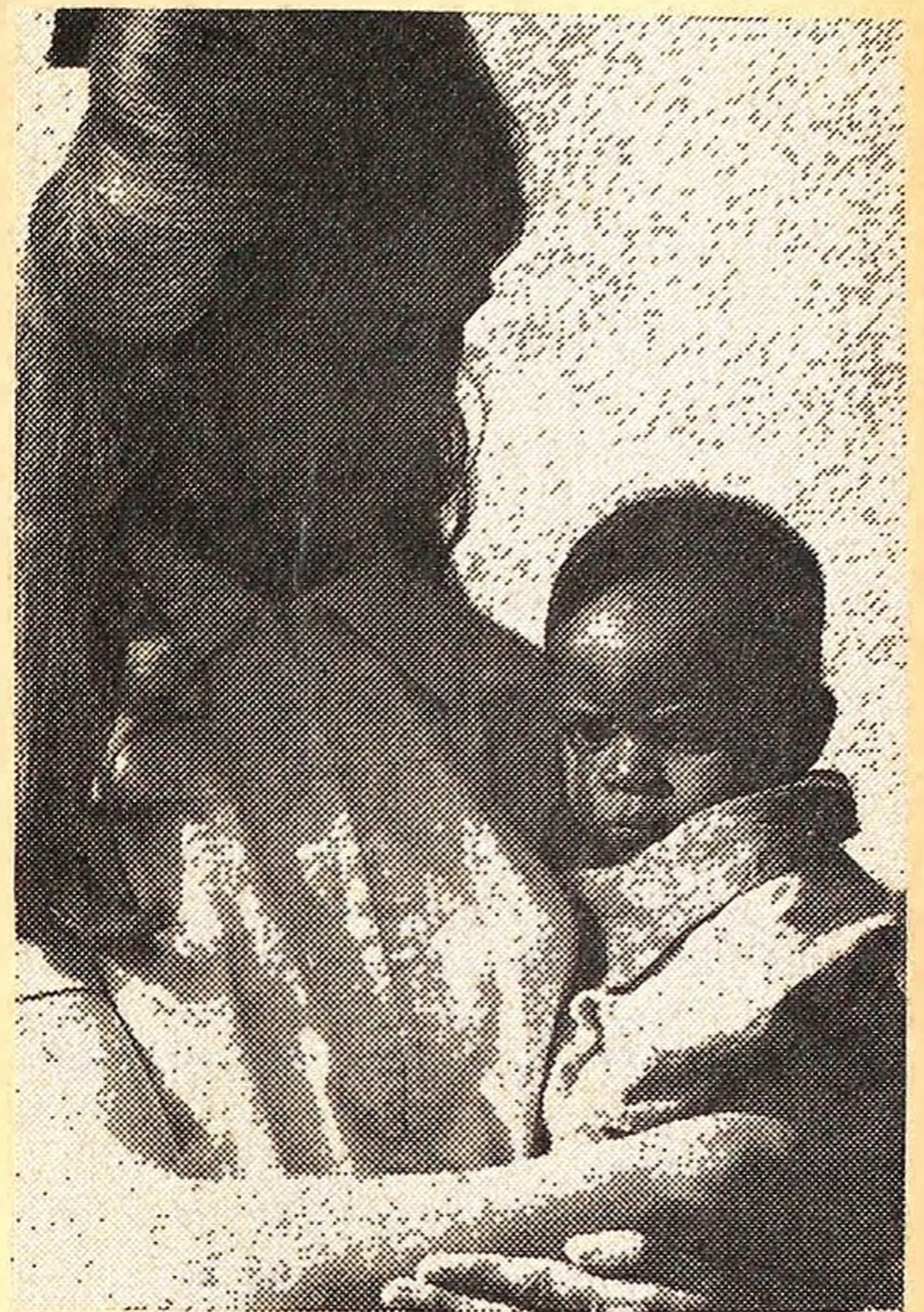
Phillips is survived by his widow, Jackie, three children, Kristy, 7, Kathy, 5, and Jason, 3; his father, Dennis Phillips of West Virginia, and his mother, Lola L. McCrain, Arizona. Phillips was a native of Hampton.

Margaret Dunaway recuperating in Nashville following surgery

Margaret Dunaway, missionary to Rhodesia, is recuperating in Nashville following surgery early this month.

She and her husband, Archie, plan to return to the mission field later this month, she told **Baptist and Reflector**.

The couple was appointed to Nigeria in 1947 by the Foreign Mission Board. They have served in Rhodesia since 1971, and are members of Inglewood Church in Nashville.



CARING—Mrs. Paul A. Burkwall, Southern Baptist missionary, comforts an outcast child being helped by mission funds in Okuta, Nigeria. In 84 nations of the world missionaries are supported through the Cooperative Program.

Tennessean to edit children's materials

NASHVILLE—Neal C. Buchanan is a new editor of children's materials in the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's church training department.

Buchanan, a frequent contributor to Southern Baptist publications, came to the Sunday School Board after having served for seven years as director of child development for the State of Tennessee, Nashville. He has also served as principal of the Tennessee Psychiatric Hospitals and Institutions children's program in Memphis, director of North Carolina's re-education program and as a teacher in Tennessee and North Carolina schools.

A native of Tennessee, Buchanan is a graduate of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and of George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville.

Currently, Buchanan is serving as church training director in Nashville's Two Rivers Baptist Church.

Survey reports most SBC messengers as male, church-related employees

NASHVILLE—Led by 2,314 persons from the host state of Missouri, 16,271 persons officially registered for the 120th annual sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City, June 15-17, according to figures released here.

A survey taken during the convention reveals most of the registered "messengers" were male, and most are involved in some sort of denominational work.

Figures compiled by the SBC Historical Commission indicate the 16,271 persons came from 47 states and the District of Columbia. Besides the preponderance of Missourians, other top ranking states included Texas, 1,344; North Carolina, 1,279; Georgia, 1,160; Tennessee, 1,153; Alabama, 1,045.

The messenger survey indicated 59.2 percent of 7,824 who participated in the survey were males, and 40.2 were females, with .6 not indicating, according to figures released by Martin Bradley of the research services department of the SBC Sunday School Board.

Bradley said survey participants "likely mirror the characteristics of all messengers quite acceptably" because a check shows "that the state distribution of these persons (the 7,824) closely matches the state distribution of the 16,271 registered messengers."

Persons on church staffs dominated the registration, with 48.1 percent. Another

11.1 percent listed employment in some other phase of denominational work, and another 23.1 percent listed themselves as wives of denominational or church staff workers.

The remaining 17.1 percent listed themselves as secularly employed (10.4) or homemaker (5.1) or gave no response (2.2).

Age breakdown indicated a fairly evenly balanced division beginning with a low of 2.8 percent under 18 and peaking at 15 percent in the 40-44 category.

Breakdowns showed the 18-29 age group with 9.3 percent; 30-34, with 10.1; 35-39, with 12.2; 40-44, 15.0; 45-49, with 14.2; 50-54, with 13.0; 55-59, with 10.0; 60-up, with 12.7; and .5 not responding.

The survey showed 26.6 percent in churches of 1,000-up in membership, with 25.9 percent in the 500-999 membership category; 22.4 percent from churches ranging from 200 to 499 in membership; 12.6 percent from churches with 200-299; 8.4 percent from churches 100-199 and 3 percent from churches under 100. No indication was given by 1.1 percent.

Figures measuring attendance at various pre-convention meetings revealed 62.8 percent attended the Pastors' Conference, 27.5 percent attended the Woman's Missionary Union annual meeting and 12.8 percent the Evangelists Conference. No other meeting ranked higher than 5.6 percent, and 20.2 percent gave no response. (BP)

BWA offers \$50,000 for Soviet seminary

MIAMI BEACH—The General Council of the Baptist World Alliance has designated \$110,251 from its relief fund for inter-church aid for the theological education of ministerial students speaking one or more of the Slavic languages in Eastern Europe.

A large portion of that amount—\$50,000—was "reserved for an institution of theological training in the USSR, to be paid to the All Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists promptly upon request after the necessary permissions are obtained from the authorities for the opening of such an institution."

The council also said that the BWA division of relief and development should "seek additional donations for the account for theological training of ministerial students of eastern Europe," if the \$110,251 figure proves to be insufficient.

Robert S. Denny, general secretary of the BWA, said that the funds have been made available from investment earnings of a fund which originated in 1908 and was augmented at the Baptist World Congress in Philadelphia in 1911 with a special offering "to train Slavic candidates for the gospel ministry." The initial corpus was less than \$50,000.

More than \$68,000 has been spent in two attempts to start a seminary in Russia, Denny said, noting that \$44,473 was spent in 1922-23 for establishment of a seminary at St. Petersburg (now Leningrad). The school operated for several years and educated about 400 persons. An additional \$24,500 was remitted to Moscow for a theological school opened there, with a 40-year lease, in late 1928. The school was closed and the lease cancelled a short time later, but perhaps as many as 250 received training there.

Denny said that conversations with USSR Baptist leaders—six of whom were present for the Miami meetings—lead him to hope that the Soviet government will be receptive to the idea of the establishment of a Baptist Theological Center somewhere in that country. (BP)

Bristol congregation elects Ralph Holland as new pastor

Members of Valley Hills Church, Bristol, called Ralph Holland as pastor.

A native of Ohio, he was ordained to the gospel ministry by North Knoxville Church. He attended Peru State Teachers' College in Nebraska and Central Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Kans.

Holland's former pastorates include churches in Watson, Maryville, and Fairfax, Mo.; Hutchinson and Junction City, Kans.; and East Alcoa Church, Alcoa, Tenn.



SECOND GO-AROUND—For the second time in five years, members of Boone Trail Church, Jonesboro, have broken ground for construction. The church's new facility will provide education space in 4,100 sq. ft. Left to right are: Paul Boucher, Kathy Little, Katye Flannagan, Mrs. Euell Little, Emmett Burleson, Euell Little, and E. W. Poston. Pastor E. W. Barnes is pictured at right.

Increase in student conversions attributed to 'Share Seminars'

NASHVILLE—Share Seminars, a major approach to witness training in which some 20,000 college students have participated, are contributing to an increased number of student conversions and baptisms, according to Charles Roselle, secretary of National Student Ministries of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Milt Hughes, consultant in campus evangelism for the Sunday School Board's National Student Ministries, developed the Share Seminar and has conducted it on more than 150 campuses and in churches during the past eight years. Other special workers have conducted an additional 200 seminars.

"This increase in conversions and baptisms as reported by Baptist Student Unions reflects a general trend among students today to share their faith," Roselle commented, "but it also indicates more concern on the part of leaders to equip college students for effective witnessing."

The witnessing workshop, which is based on the **Share Seminar Workbook**, grew out of Hughes' efforts in the 1960s to train students in evangelism while he was Baptist Student Union director at the University of Southern California.

'Living with Children' set for January start

NASHVILLE—The first issue of **Living With Children**, to be introduced to Southern Baptists in January, will feature a variety of articles for parents.

Published by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, the new quarterly magazine is written specifically for parents of children ages 6-11.

The January issue will include such articles as "How Not to Talk to Your Children," which offers practical and specific directions about how to communicate constructively with children; "Coming to Terms with Your Hidden Parent," some advice from a pediatrician on how parents can preserve the best from their own experiences as they try to relate to their children; "When Unequal Is Fair," about relating uniquely to each individual child; and "How Fathers Stay in Touch," which gives suggestions for fathers on how to be vitally involved in their youngsters' lives.

The new publication's initial issue also has articles on such subjects as staying in touch with grandparents, talking with children about death, slow learners, bike safety, and pets.

"Many of our students wanted to share their faith with others," Hughes said, "but they were turned off by some of the aggressive methods used by other groups on campus."

The basic resource for the seminar is the **Share Seminar Workbook**, a 50-page loose-leaf notebook to be completed by conference participants. It contains a step-by-step outline, which covers areas of motivation, relating to people, understanding key Biblical concepts and spiritual growth.

"One of the key features of the Share Seminar is the workbook," Hughes said. "The workbook serves as a flexible personal reference volume for persons who have completed the seminar. They can add to and change it as they gain experience in witnessing."

The seminar itself can be adapted to the needs of its participants. Often it is scheduled as a weekend retreat or as the beginning of an evangelism emphasis in church or on campus.

"In any group of people," Hughes continued, "I have discovered three different attitudes toward witnessing. About 5 to 10 percent are motivated enough to witness on their own; about 5 to 10 percent will not attempt to witness under any conditions; and the remaining 80 percent would like to learn how to best share their faith."

"The Share Seminar has appealed to this large majority in the middle," he added. "Those who have participated have begun to see that there is more than one way to share, and they are beginning to do it."

Tennesseans serve at camps

RIDGECREST, N.C.—Five members of Tennessee Baptist churches are working here this summer on the staffs of the two camps located on the 1,900-acre grounds of Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center.

Working on the staff of Camp Crestridge for Girls are Gail Gibson, a Carson-Newman College graduate from Euclid Avenue Church, Bristol; Robyn Lindsay, a Carson-Newman College student from Immanuel Church, Elizabethton; and Lisa Doster, a Southwestern at Memphis student from Brook Hollow Church, Nashville.

Working on the staff of Camp Ridgecrest for Boys are Margaret Millard from First Church, Blountville, and Russ Lott, a Belmont College graduate from Valley View Church, Nashville.

Camp Crestridge and Camp Ridgecrest are owned and operated by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.



Turning the first shovel of dirt which will lead to a new sanctuary for Philadelphia Church, Chattanooga, are pastor Douglas L. Miller and building committee chairman Bill Ezell. Kiker & Kiker Construction Co., Ringgold, Ga. is the contractor for the structure, which will seat 500.

Texas Baptist leader, James G. Harris, dies

FORT WORTH—James G. Harris, past president of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board and pastor of the University Baptist Church here, died suddenly July 31.

Harris suffered a heart attack while jogging early Sunday morning.

The 64-year-old pastor was serving a third consecutive term as president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas at the time of his death. He was first vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention during 1973-74.

A member of the Foreign Mission Board from 1971 until his death, Harris served as its president from 1975 to April 1977. He also served as president of the alumni association of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, during 1974-75 and was on the board of trustees for Baylor University, Waco, Tex., from 1964 to 1973 and then from 1975 until his death.

Harris has also been vice-chairman of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission and chairman of the Christian Life Commission.

A native of Little Rock, Ark., Harris graduated from Louisiana College, Pineville, and from Southwestern seminary. (BP)

**SHARE BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR
WITH A FRIEND**

SBC president, church members hold mission tour to Honduras

CHOLUTECA, Honduras — Honduras was the first Southern Baptist mission field visited by Jimmy R. Allen, following his election as president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Forty-two laypersons from First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Tex., where Allen is pastor, were involved for nine days in a "mission venture" in southern Honduras, reports Mrs. Ralph A. Wilson, Southern Baptist missionary press representative.

Workers included two evangelistic teams, one here and one in San Lorenzo; two medical teams, one in El Corpus and one in Las Uvas; a construction team in San Lorenzo; and an eye specialist performed surgery in the government hospital in Choluteca.

During the days, choirs from the evangelistic teams combined to present concerts in schools and parks. The singing group, "Los Sonidas de La Vida Nueva," performed a final concert on the last night of the tour at the national theatre. David Y. K. Wong, president of the Baptist World Alliance, was present to give his testimony.

Rosargentina Pinel, Honduran consul general stationed in San Antonio, gave her

testimony at the final concert and at various times throughout the week in both Choluteca and San Lorenzo. Mrs. Pinel attends Allen's church.

The two Mexican-American evangelists who led the services, Alfonso Flores and Pedro Arrambide, preached to crowds of between 300-500 each service, according to Joe W. Bruce, Southern Baptist missionary. An average of 15 professions of faith per service was reported in Choluteca.

The two medical teams saw an estimated 150-300 patients daily, in spite of a delay in the arrival of medical supplies, Bruce said.

The construction team completed a chapel in San Lorenzo and built furniture for it.

For the past 18 months, the San Antonio church, the Honduras Baptist Convention and, the Organization of Southern Baptist Missionaries in Honduras have been making preparations for the project.

Allen also met with missionaries in the capital city of Tegucigalpa to discuss the Mission Service Corps, a program of short-term volunteers being planned by the Southern Baptist Convention. (BP)

Belmont appoints Winn as division director

Edward L. Winn Jr., professor and chairman of the department of economics and finance at the University of Mississippi, will



Winn

become director of the finance division in Belmont College's School of Business this fall.

A native of Jacksonville, Fla., he was awarded a bachelor of science degree in finance from the University of Florida; a master of arts degree in economics from Vanderbilt University;

and a doctor of business administration in finance from Indiana University.

Winn has 10 years of experience in the banking and finance industry and 19 years of teaching experience at five different universities. He has served as department chairman at Southern Illinois University, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, and University of Mississippi.

In announcing his appointment, Howard Wells, dean of the School of Business said, "Dr. Winn's expertise in the classroom and his business experience will add measurably to the stature of Belmont's School of Business."

Mother's Day gifts top off at \$411,116

Tennessee Baptists contributed \$411,116 to the 1977 Mother's Day Offering for the TBC Children's Homes, according to figures released from the homes' central offices in Brentwood.

E. B. Bowen, executive director-treasurer, said that the figure represented the most monies ever given through the special offering. The 1977 goal was \$375,000.

Overage from the offering will be used for operational needs at the four homes, located in Chattanooga, Memphis, and Franklin. Bowen explained that utilities at all of the homes have increased, along with the cost of clothing and food.

The offering, which is taken each year, provides approximately one-third of the operating budget for the child care program.

Over 465 children were served last year through the four homes and in other related ministries sponsored by the homes. Other ministries include foster home assistance, mother's aid, and social work services to individuals and families.

Begun in 1961, the offering was taken at Thanksgiving for the first two years. In 1963, the offering was changed to be received in connection with Mother's Day. The theme for this year's offering was "Child Care—Your Care."

Bible conference set for senior citizens

RIDGECREST, N.C. — The first Fall Glory Bible Conference, planned specifically for adults ages 55 and up, will be held Sept. 19-23, at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center.

Coordinated by Ralph L. Murray of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's Sunday School department, the new Bible conference will feature Old and New Testament studies by various program personalities. Afternoons will be free for individual and group activities.

Although open to all adults, the Fall Glory Bible Conference is particularly suited to older adults. Churches are encouraged to arrange for their members a tour which includes the Fall Glory Bible Conference.

A. Douglas Aldrich, a former pastor of Florida, Tennessee, and North Carolina churches, will be the featured speaker for evening worship services. Other program personalities include J. Winston Pearce, current writer in residence at Campbell College, Buies Creek, N.C., and former pastor and seminary professor; and Ralph L. Murray. Both men will lead morning Bible study sessions.

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Our People and Our Churches . . .

LEADERSHIP . . .

Mike Schwartz resigned as minister of music and education at Beverly Hills Church, Memphis. He plans to enter New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, and will serve a church while attending school.

Bruce Meriwether was called as interim music director at Nashville First Church following the recent resignation of David Ford. Meriwether serves as a deacon at the church. **H. Franklin Paschall** is pastor.

Ray Morgan resigned as pastor of Bible Union Church, Martin.

Fellowship Church, Weakley Association, called **Don Bowlin** as youth director.

John Harrison resigned as pastor of Greenfield First Church to accept the call of a church in Shawnee, Okla.

Dickerson Road Church, Nashville, called **Terry Taylor** as minister of music and youth. It is the first time for the church to call someone to the position on a full-time basis. Taylor comes to Nashville from Carthage First Church where he was minister of music. He is a student at Belmont College. **Lloyd Johnson** is pastor at Dickerson Road.

Gary Harner, pastor at Woodland Church, Haywood Association, resigned to enter Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Two Rivers Church, Nashville, called **Louise Dixon** as minister of preschool and children's work. She comes to the position from Hurst (Tex.) First Church, where she is director of preschool and children's work. She also served 12 years in a similar position with Houma (La.) First Church. She received her training at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. **Jim Henry** is pastor at Two Rivers.

Raleigh Todd is the new minister of education and music at Calvary Church, Loudon County Association.

Knoxville First Church added three members to its staff recently. **Robert Money** was called as minister of counseling. He is completing four years of special training in the School of Pastoral Care at Bowman-Gray Medical School in Winston-Salem, N.C. A native of South Carolina, he has had extensive experience in the pastorate, serving on the staffs of Mobile (Ala.) First Church, Florence (S.C.) First Church, and pastor of Darlington (S.C.) First Church. The church's new office manager is **Dan**

Johnston, a graduate of the University of Tennessee. Johnston has completed a year of seminary training. **Les Hollon** was called as student outreach coordinator to replace **Darrell Headrick**. Hollon and his wife have been in home missions work in New Jersey. **Jesse Fletcher** is pastor of Knoxville First.

Hugh Livingston Jr., music associate at Smoky View Church, Chilhowee Association, resigned and is now serving as master of the church music program at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Paul Ross resigned as pastor of Virginia Avenue Church in Bristol.

Ted J. Witchen, pastor of Speedway Terrace Church, Memphis, accepted the call as pastor of Town and Country Church, Tampa, Fla. He left the Memphis pastorate this month.

E. L. Reece resigned as pastor of Mill Springs Church, Jefferson County Association.

Rockwood First Church called **Duane Jones** as minister of education. A native of Clara, Miss., Jones is a graduate of William Carey College and received a religious education degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He comes to Rockwood from New Orleans, where he has been employed by the Baptist Rescue Mission, sponsored by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. **Robert Campbell** is pastor at Rockwood.

David Renaker, pastor of Riverside Church in Nashville since 1968, has accepted a call to serve as pastor of Siloam Church, Marion, Ala.

Thomas Stegald resigned as pastor of Dalemere Church, Nashville. He plans to enter Southern Baptist Theological Seminary this fall.

Talmadge and Laverne Butler resigned as minister of music and organist at Eastland Church, Nashville. Both have accepted the invitation to join the faculty of the Church Music Division at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He has served Eastland Church for seven years. **J. L. Ford** is pastor.

Riverside Church, Nashville, called **Dennis Basden** as part-time minister of music. He comes from Pinehurst, La., and is already on the new field of service.

PEOPLE . . .

Loretto First Church is scheduled to ordain **Ken Howard** and **Lenzie Fleming** as deacons. **Melvin Allison** is pastor.

Charles Brown and **Fred Wells**, elected recently as deacons at Audubon Park Church, Memphis, are scheduled to be ordained next month. Pastor **Howard S. Kolb** will deliver the ordination sermon.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Miller, members of Two Rivers Church, Nashville, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary recently. **Jim Henry** is their pastor.

Members of Broadmoor Church, Memphis, honored **Jack May** on the occasion of his fifth anniversary as pastor of the church. May received a love offering during a reception at the church.

A Tennessean, **Marvin Glen Cameron**, was elected president of the student government association at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is the son of **Mr. and Mrs. Glen Allen Cameron**, Jackson.

Former Tennessean, **James Edward Richardson**, has accepted the call as pastor of Friendship Church, Elkin, N.C. He was ordained to the gospel ministry at Sullivan Church in Kingsport, and is a graduate of Carson-Newman College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Funeral services were held at Shop Springs Church, Lebanon, for **Novella Johnson**, a member of that church for 83 years. **Kenneth Tramel** is pastor.

Joe E. Hamlet, San Gabriel, Calif., is the new resident counsellor at Harrison-Chilhowee Academy in Seymour. Hamlet's position on the staff will enlarge the academy's Counselling program. In addition, he will direct student seminars in personality development and Christian growth and will offer on-campus seminars.

Broadway Church, Maryville, honored **Raymond Smith**, who retired as pastor of the church recently. **Joe Ingram**, chairman of the finance committee, presented the Smiths a check to be used toward the purchase of a new automobile. **Virgil Rutherford** presented a plaque from Euclid Avenue Church, Bristol, Va., where Smith served as pastor from 1949-58. Active in denominational work throughout his ministry, Smith plans to do supply work and Bible conferences.

Citrus Commission to retain Anita Bryant on commercials

DENVER—The Florida Citrus Commission said in a telephone interview here it intends to retain singer Anita Bryant, a Southern Baptist, after two separate consumer research studies indicated that 89 percent of persons interviewed were not affected negatively by her commercials.

"The staff sees no need to change from our established marketing program at this time," said Edwin A. Taylor, executive director of the Florida Department of Citrus, in a prepared statement.

The citrus department is the staff arm of the commission, with offices in Lakeland, Fla., about 250 miles northwest of Miami.

"Eighty-nine percent of those interviewed were not negatively affected in either their feelings toward her (Bryant) or the department's advertising or in their intent to buy orange juice," a department spokesman told the **Rocky Mountain Baptist**, publication of Colorado Southern Baptists.

"I believe," Taylor said in his statement, "the reports adequately answer the question of Anita Bryant's continued value as a spokeswoman for our product." She advertises orange juice for the state citrus agency.

The controversy over Bryant's status as a spokeswoman for Florida orange juice arose out of her fight against homosexuality in Dade County, Fla.—a fight spreading to other areas.

In Miami, a spokesman for Save Our Children Inc., a group Bryant has headed in her anti-homosexuality campaign, encouraged people to write letters, in support

of her and praise the Florida Citrus Commission and Department of Citrus for their decision to retain Bryant. "Be positive, not negative, accusing," the Save Our Children spokesman said. "That's the way to help her."

A citrus department spokesman agreed, saying that some 42,900 letters had come to the agency to date. More than 25,000 were in favor of Bryant, with over 17,000 against, he noted. (BP)

Devotional

Be His ministers

By Mary Margaret White

I have come to realize that all believers are to be ministers. Jesus said He Himself did not come to be ministered to but to give Himself as a minister to others. If we are going to be like Jesus, we are going to minister to our fellowman.

What is your ministry? The ministry of love is perhaps the greatest. Paul said "By love serve (minister to) one another. (Gal. 5:13) The greatest of all gifts is given to us by the Holy Spirit to bless others.

Praying for one another is a ministry. Paul was committed to this as something he felt burdened to do, as he said, "God forbid that I should cease to pray for you." He was faithful, for he would write often of his making mention of one continually in his prayers.

We have been given a ministry of reconciliation. (II Cor. 5:18) We have been reconciled to God by the power of Christ in our lives, and we should be involved in reconciling others, helping them to get their lives right with God.

One of the most glorious ministries is that of comfort. Paul wrote in II Cor. 1:13, that since, "we have been comforted with the comfort of God in all of our tribulation, we are to comfort them who are in any trouble by the comfort wherewith we have been comforted." In times of sorrow, we are not to weep as those who have no hope, but we know our loved ones are asleep in Jesus will come with Him when He comes again. We all will be caught up together to meet the Lord in the air and so shall we ever be with the Lord! What a ministry to share this with others in times of sorrow. (I Thess. 4:13-18)

We minister to one another by encouragement, when we bear one another's burdens, when we help to restore those who have been overtaken in a fault. To be used of the Lord is to minister.

White is a member of First Church, Humboldt, where she leads a teacher improvement class.

N. C. to study status of convention-college

RALEIGH, N.C.—The general board of the North Carolina Baptist Convention has authorized a special 15-member committee to work with trustees of Wake Forest University to open channels of communication to relieve tensions between the Baptist school and the convention and its churches.

A report to the board by the North Carolina convention's general secretary-treasurer, Cecil A. Ray, noted that tension has resulted from "various issues which have accumulated over the years but triggered by the 'Larry Flynt' incident this year" (when the **Hustler** magazine publisher was invited by a student group to speak on campus).

The committee, to be named later, will serve through the 1979 annual meeting. It will report to the 1977, 1978, and 1979 meetings on "all areas of Wake Forest/convention relationships" and "may . . . (make) recommendations."

Ray's report said the committee "will not assume nor interfere with the responsibilities assigned to the (Wake Forest) trustees by the convention, but will limit its relationship to the trustees in matters of communication, information, and suggestions."

His report noted "the expressed desire of the administration and trustees (of Wake Forest) . . . for harmonious ties with the churches and the convention." He expressed appreciation for the "good spirit and cooperation" demonstrated by Wake Forest president, James Ralph Scales, and trustee chairman, Egbert L. Davis Jr. (BP)

Floridian named to post at Harrison-Chilhowee

Harrison-Chilhowee Academy president Hubert Smothers announced the appointment of Roger L. Henry as director of studies for the academy. He assumed the position Aug. 1.



Henry

The new director of studies has worked as a training specialist with the federal environmental education project in Brevard County, Fla. for the past six years. He earned the B.S. degree in education from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, and in 1970, received the M.S. degree in teaching from Illinois Institute of Technology.

In relation to his work as director of studies at Harrison-Chilhowee, Henry will be able to conduct training workshops for teachers, Smothers said.

USED CHURCH FURNITURE FOR SALE

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1977 Annual Associational Meetings

(Associations arranged in order of dates of meetings)

The following is a listing of meetings for the District Associations in fellowship with the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

ASSOCIATION	DATE	PLACE	ASSOCIATION	DATE	PLACE
Cumberland Gap	August 17 (M & Aft) August 18 (M & Aft)	First Church, New Tazewell First Church, New Tazewell	Indian Creek	October 17 (N) October 18 (Aft & N)	Green River, Waynesboro Collinwood First, Collinwood
Mulberry Gap	August 17 (M & N) August 18 (M & N)	Lake Shore Missionary, Bean Station Lake Shore Missionary, Bean Station	Knox County	October 17 (M & N) October 18 (M & N)	Sharon Church, Knoxville South Knoxville Church, Knoxville
Alpha	September 13 (M, Aft, & N)	Hohenwald, First, Hohenwald	Madison-Chester	October 17 (N) October 18 (Aft & N)	Woodland, Jackson Union University, Jackson
Midland	September 13 September 14	Texas Valley Church, Knoxville Texas Valley Church, Knoxville	Polk County	October 17 (N) October 18 (M & Aft) October 18 (N)	Shiloh Church, Ocoee Zion Church, Benton Antioch, Benton
Salem	September 20 (N) September 21	Upper Helton, Alexandria Covenant Chapel, Smithville	Riverside	October 17 (Aft & N) October 18 (Aft & N)	Byrdstown Church, Byrdstown Memorial Church, Livingston
Holston Valley	September 22 September 22 (N) September 23	Church Hill Church, Church Hill War Creek Church, Sneedville West View Church, Rogersville	Robertson County	October 17 (N) October 18 (M) October 18 (N)	Rock Springs, Greenbrier Mt. Carmel, Cross Plains Open
Hiwassee	September 24 (N) September 25 (M)	Pisgah Church, Decatur Pisgah Church, Decatur	Dyer	October 18 (N)	Southside Church, Dyersburg
Truett	September 29 (N) September 30 (N)	McEwen First, McEwen Cedar Grove, Hurricane Mills	Holston	October 18 (N) October 19 (M & Aft)	Fort Robinson, Kingsport Southwestern, Johnson City
Judson	September 30 (M, Aft, & N)	New Hope, Bon Aqua	Nolachucky	October 18 (M & Aft) October 18 (N) October 19 (M)	Manley Church, Morristown First Church, Morristown Whitesburg Church, Whitesburg
Northern	September 30 (M & Aft) September 30 (N) October 1 (M & Aft)	Maynardville Church, Maynardville Alder Springs, Maynardville, Rt. 1 Maynardville Church, Maynardville	McMinn County	October 20 (M & Aft) October 20 (N)	Central Church, Athens Shiloh Church, Decatur
Union	October 6 (M, Aft, & N)	Greenwood Church, Doyle	New River	October 20 (M, Aft, N)	Robbins, First, Robbins
Shelby County	October 10 (M & N) October 11 (M & N)	Sky View Church, Memphis Boulevard Church, Memphis	New Salem	October 20	Rome
Weakley County	October 10 (N) October 11 (N)	Bible Union, Rt. 2, Martin Bible Union, Rt. 2, Martin	Chilhowee	October 20 (M & Aft) October 20 (N) October 21 (M)	Broadway Church, Maryville Maryville First, Maryville Friendsville First, Friendsville
Haywood	October 11 (Aft & N)	Woodland Church, Brownsville	Clinton	October 20 (N) October 21 (M) October 21 (N)	New Salem Church, Clinton First Church, Andersonville Blowing Springs, Clinton
Sullivan	October 11 (Aft & N)	Calvary Baptist, Kingsport	Concord	October 20 (N) October 21 (N)	Miracle Church, Lavergne First Church, Murfreesboro
Maury	October 12 (N) October 13 (M & N)	First Baptist, Mt. Pleasant Pleasant Heights, Columbia	Fayette	October 20 (N) October 21 (N)	Oakland, First, Oakland Williston, Williston
Stone	October 13	Hampton Cross Roads, Cookeville	Grainger County	October 20 (N) October 21 (M & Aft)	New Corinth, Rutledge Powder Springs, Powder Springs
Copper Basin	October 13 (M & Aft) October 13 (N)	Coletown, Copperhill Pleasant Hill, Copperhill	Jefferson County	October 20 (M, Aft, N) October 21 (M, Aft)	Emmanuel, Jefferson City Buffalo Grove, Jefferson City
Big Emory	October 13 October 14		Lawrence County	October 20 (N) October 21 (M & Aft)	Faith Church, Loretta Leoma Church, Leoma
Crockett County	October 13 (Aft & N) October 14 (Aft & N)	Three Way Church, Bells Walnut Hill, Bells	Loudon County	October 20 (N) October 21 (M) October 21 (N)	Mt. Zion, Loudon Friendship, Lenoir City Riverview, Loudon
Sweetwater	October 13 (N) October 14 (M, Aft)	411 Chapel, Madisonville First Church, Sweetwater	Sequatchie Valley	October 20 (N) October 21 (M & Aft)	Pikeville First, Pikeville Whitwell First, Whitwell
Tennessee Valley	October 13 (N) October 14 (M)	Central Church, Spring City Sale Creek First, Sale Creek	Shiloh	October 20 (N) October 21 (Aft & N)	Gravel Hill, Selmer Savannah First, Savannah
Wilson County	October 13 (N) October 14 (M & Aft)	Greenvale Church, Watertown Fairview Church, Lebanon	Watauga	October 20 (Aft & N) October 21 (M)	Stoney Creek, Elizabethton Oak Street Church, Elizabethton
Hamilton County	October 14 (M & N) October 15 (M)	Oakwood Church, Chattanooga Ridgecrest, Chattanooga	Western District	October 20 (N) October 21 (M, Aft)	Bethlehem Church, Henry North Fork, Puryear
Cumberland	October 17 (N)	Little Hope Church, Clarksville	Giles County	October 21 (N) October 22 (M & Aft)	Minor Hill Church, Minor Hill Minor Hill Church, Minor Hill
Beech River	October 17 (N) October 18 (M, Aft, N)	Darden Church, Darden Darden Church, Darden	Cumberland Plateau	October 24 (N) October 25 (M & Aft) October 25 (N)	Memorial, Crossville Mountain View, Crossville Memorial, Crossville
Beulah	October 17 (N) October 18 (Aft, N)	Union City First, Union City Troy First, Troy	Hardeman County	October 24 (N) October 25 (Aft) October 25 (N)	New Union, Medon Parran's Chapel, Bolivar Parran's Chapel, Bolivar
Big Hatchie	October 17 (N) October 18 (M & N)	Garland Church, Garland Grace Church, Ripley	New Duck River	October 24 (N) October 25 (N)	El Bethel, Shelbyville East Commerce, Lewisburg
Bradley County	October 17 (N) October 18 (M) October 18 (N)	Waterville Church, Cleveland Cleveland First, Cleveland Valley View Church, Cleveland	William Carey	October 24 (N) October 25 (Aft & N)	Elora, Elora Fayetteville First, Fayetteville
Sevier County	October 17 (N) October 18 (M & Aft) October 18 (N) October 19 (M)	Sevierville First, Sevierville Zion Grove (Camp Smoky) Pigeon Forge First, Pigeon Forge Henderson's Chapel, Sevierville	Nashville	October 25 (M & N)	Una Church, Nashville
Campbell County	October 17 (N) October 18 (M & Aft) October 18 (N)	East LaFollette, LaFollette Caryville First, Caryville Calvary Church, LaFollette	Bledsoe	October 27	New Hope Church, Hendersonville
Carroll-Benton	October 17 (Aft & N) October 18 (Aft & N)	Prospect Church, Hollow Rock Union Academy, Huntingdon	Stewart County	October 27 (N) October 28 (N)	Bear Springs, Dover Lakeview Circle Church, Erin
Central	October 17 October 18	Bethel Hill, McMinnville Madison Street, McMinnville	East Tennessee	October 28 (M & N) October 28 (N) October 29 (M)	Webb Church, Newport English Creek, Newport Camp David, Del Rio
Duck River	October 17 (N) October 18 (N)	College Street Church, Tullahoma Oaklawn Church, Winchester			
Gibson County	October 17 (Aft & N) October 18 (M & Aft)	Walnut Grove, Kenton Center Church, Trenton			

'Baptist and Reflector' purposes

The purpose of a Baptist newspaper, according to the late Baptist journalistic giant E. C. Routh, can be divided into five categories. These five purposes continue to be the goal of the **Baptist and Reflector**.

Certainly, none of these principles is new—they have played a large part in the founding and ministry of your Tennessee Baptist state paper during its 142 years of existence.

As many of the Tennessee Baptist churches observe **Baptist and Reflector Day** next Sunday, it would seem like an appropriate time to remind you—and us—of these five fundamentals fostered by E. C. Routh.

INFORMATION. It would go almost without saying that the sharing of information must be a primary purpose of any newspaper; and especially a Baptist state paper.

Baptists are strong on the belief that every member can be trusted with the truth. Nothing should be withheld under the concealing cloak, "The people won't understand."

Each week the **Baptist and Reflector** will devote a major part of each issue to the sharing of information about what God is doing in our churches, our state convention, and our Southern Baptist Convention.

INSTRUCTION. Although there are other publications used by our churches which deal primarily with instruction, a Baptist state paper must use its pages to teach. In these critical days, Baptists need to be continually reminded what the Bible teaches as our message, our methods, and our motives.

INSPIRATION. Literally "to inspire" means to breathe life

into a body. In a Biblical sense, this is the work of God, not a Baptist publication. However, it is our prayer that God will use the **Baptist and Reflector** to focus Tennessee Baptists on the abundant life which He alone can give.

ENLISTMENT. One purpose of this newspaper will be to enlist support and participation of our people in the cooperative work in which we are engaged as Southern Baptists. We intend to keep you informed about various activities offered by our state convention and our associations, so that you can participate.

UNIFICATION. Although Baptist state papers are often accused of doing just the opposite, it is our purpose to continually highlight those great aspects of Baptist life that unite us. A Baptist newspaper must call attention to these unifying principles we share; such as missions, evangelism, Bible teaching, stewardship, training for service, etc. Problems often come when Baptists turn to the tangents—rather than focus on the fundamentals.

Unification does not always come by ignoring problems, but rather by facing them. We believe there is no problem or need on this earth that Tennessee Baptists—with God's help—cannot deal with adequately, if we know of that challenge.

These five principles serve as a guide to the **Baptist and Reflector** as we seek to fulfill its mission with Tennessee Southern Baptists.

A disappointment

Sooner or later everyone expected that President Jimmy Carter would take a stand on some issue that would not be popular with his denomination—but few expected it to be on a religious issue!

Last month our President announced the appointment of his personal representative to the Vatican, the 100-acre headquarters of the Roman Catholic Church in Rome, Italy. Yes, two other Presidents had done the same thing in the past, but three additional aspects make the current appointment even more alarming.

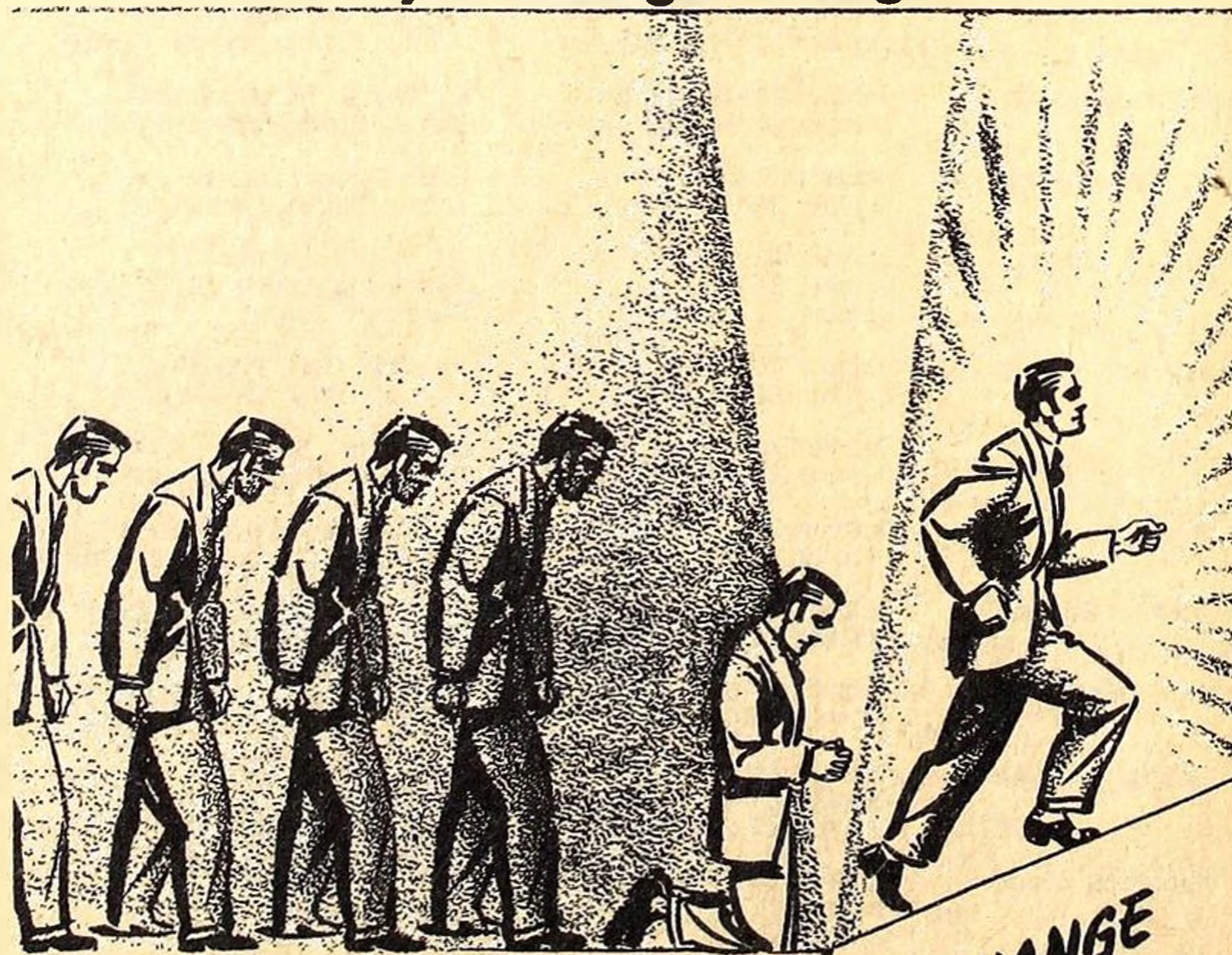
First, when Franklin D. Roosevelt and Richard Nixon had named their personal representatives to the Vatican, there were international crises which involved the Roman Catholic Church (1939, U.S. relations with Italy; and 1969, the Vietnam War). These did not justify the appointments, but at least there were some circumstances involved.

Then, this time a President's personal representative to the Vatican is a Roman Catholic who has been approved by that church's hierarchy.

Also, Carter sought (although unsuccessfully) to have the position elevated from "personal representative" to a full ambassador of the United States. We are grateful that Congress refused to accept this change.

Although we have been very pleased with most of the actions and attitudes by our new President, we are disappointed that he has yielded to pressures and expanded our government's diplomatic relationship with a strictly religious organization.

Prayer Changes Things



M O N O T O N Y

"CALL UNTO ME, AND I WILL ANSWER THEE, AND SHOW THEE GREAT AND MIGHTY THINGS, WHICH THOU KNOWEST NOT"

— JER. 33:3

JACK HANNA

Cicero's comment



By the editor

"Cicero, I am resigning as pastor of **Backwoods Baptist Church** to become the new pastor of **Big Budget Baptist Church**," reported my caller, who identified himself as **Rev. Hugh Mility**.

"Congratulations," I responded. "I knew that congregation had been looking for a pastor for some time."

Trying to appear to be unexcited, Hugh stated that it had been a hard decision for him to make—to go from a church with a \$20,000 budget to a church with a \$500,000 budget; from a church with 102 members to a church with 2,000 members; from a church which pays its pastor \$7,000 to a church which pays its pastor \$30,000.

"But it wasn't an easy decision for me or the church!," Brother Hugh Mility noted. "You might wonder how the pulpit committee impressed me to come."

Cicero agreed there might be some interest.

"Well, the pulpit committee first decided they wanted the **best Bible scholar** in the country; one who is intellectually brilliant, and a recognized authority in spiritual matters."

"That sounds good," Cicero said. "A pastor needs to know the Bible."

Hugh said they found the man, but he declined.

"Then, the pulpit committee sought the **best orator** among the preachers in the state. After they found him, he turned them down."

Cicero allowed that that was too bad.

"So the committee next sought a pastor with an **evangelistic heart**; one that is noted for his ability to motivate sinners to repent."

But Hugh said that when they found the best evangelist, he also declined.

"Next, the pulpit committee decided to find the **best looking, most handsome pastor** around, to see if he would come to their church."

Hugh Mility paused.

Cicero impatiently asked, "Tell me what happened."

With a slight tremble in his voice, Hugh confessed, "I accepted. I just couldn't say 'No' to them **four times!**"

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.

Cleaning up 'Soap'

Dear editor:

I read your article (July 21) concerning the new SBC program called "Soap" and the comments made by the gentlemen mentioned.

Let me set the story straight.

We in broadcasting are often criticized because we do not voice our opinions to the networks concerning violence, vulgarity, sex, and other problems. This time I can truthfully say that the broadcasters did cause ABC to change its thinking on this controversial program. At the ABC-TV meeting in Los Angeles this year, after previewing several episodes of "Soap," (we) complained so bitterly to the network that it decided to rewrite these episodes so they would be acceptable, not only to station management but also to the public.

I just wanted to point out that we in broadcasting are trying to do what is right for the people in our viewing area. I believe that when "Soap" airs in September, you are going to see a watered-down program from its original. I think it is fair that we receive a little credit when credit is due for far too often all we get is criticism.

Gerry Quick,
General Manager
WBBJ-TV,
Jackson, TN 38301

I am pleased to learn of the influence being exerted on ABC-TV by you and the other station managers. Hopefully, this will lead to the cancellation or the complete revision of "Soap." I will be watching to see if your influence has made the series "acceptable . . . to the public." (editor)

Confusion about ruling

Dear editor:

The U.S. Supreme Court's June 24 ruling on tax aid for parochial schools seems to have led to a great deal of unnecessary confusion. Many reporters and church leaders, for instance, somehow got the impression that the court had weakened its support of church-state separation.

The truth is that the court continued its reasonably strict constructionist interpretation of the First Amendment, holding unconstitutional virtually all tax paid educational services, supplies, and equipment for sectarian private schools. Apart from textbook loans, originally upheld in a faulty ruling in 1968, the court in June allowed

states to provide only medical and psychological, but not educational services to individual students attending parochial schools.

The Supreme Court, then, has remained firm in its dedication to the constitutional church-state separation principle that undergirds the religious liberty of every American. Its latest ruling, moreover, should enable the courts to eliminate remaining federal and state tax aids to private sectarian education.

Public opinion supports the Supreme Court's rulings against parochial aid, as opinion polls and statewide referendum elections in many states have consistently shown.

It is to be hoped that our politicians will recognize that the Constitution closes the door on forced tax support for parochial schools.

Andrew Leigh Gunn, executive director
Americans United for Separation of
Church and State
8120 Fenton St.
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Suggestions for the SBC

Dear editor:

While the recent session of the Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City is reasonably fresh in people's minds, I would appreciate receiving suggestions for next year's program in Atlanta. The Committee on Order of Business will meet in September and since I am chairing the committee, I would like to go to that meeting with a good cross-section of opinions and ideas from Baptists throughout the convention. We are most desirous of planning a program that will magnify our Lord, while giving proper attention to the purpose of our coming together—to conduct business and receive inspiration that will send us forth to another year of work in His vineyard.

Some new approaches were used at Kansas City. For instance, the various agencies and institutions limited their reports (which were printed in full in the Book of Reports) to 10 minutes during the day meetings and combined their efforts in the evening meetings to present the central theme of the session—"Let the Church Reach Out!" This approach was designed to emphasize **what** Baptists are trying to do together, rather than **who** is doing it.

Did you like the change?

Did the satellite presentation from Hong Kong make an impact?

(Continued on page 12)

Who touched me?

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"And Jesus said, Who touched me?
... for I perceive that virtue [power] is
gone out of [from] me."—Luke 8:45, 46

Jesus was being thronged and pressed by a crowd. The word for "press" (Luke 8:45) is related to the word for tribulation, which means to be in a tight place with seemingly no way out. In the crowd was a woman with an issue of blood. Luke, the physician, says it was incurable (v. 43). She felt that she would be healed if only she could touch the fringe of Jesus' robe. She did so, and was healed.

It was at this point that Jesus asked, "Who touched me?" Peter reminded Him that everyone in the jostling crowd had or could have done it. But out of all these Jesus noted only that of the woman. This was because He felt that power (*dunamin*) had gone out from Him. He felt no such from the meaningless pushing and shoving of the crowd. Though the woman's simple touch involved a superstitious faith, yet it was as a touch of faith nevertheless. And Jesus honored such a faith.

The point is that in healing the woman Jesus felt power go out from His body. In fact, it took something out of Him in order to heal her. He was no mere puppet or robot, but a living person. And to supply the woman's need actually sapped His power. To be sure, as the Holy Spirit worked through Him His supply of power was unlimited. Yet, He recognized the flow of power from Himself to herself. He could minister to others only as He gave of Himself.

This principle applies to anyone who would minister to others. You must give of yourself. To comfort others you must suffer with them, else you speak only idle words. To expend psychological and spiritual power saps one's strength more than doing physical

labor. One psychologist has estimated that in preaching one thirty-minute sermon requires more emotional energy than a fifteen-mile walk. Every preacher knows the Monday morning feeling of exhaustion which Dr. Gaines S. Dobbins described as "feeling like a sucked orange." In light of these things we can better understand the utter exhaustion of Jesus as He gave Himself in ministering to people (Mark 4:38). If Christians truly minister to others they must experience the same.

HISTORICALLY

FROM THE FILES

50 YEARS AGO

First Church, Chattanooga, purchased the Frances Willard home which adjoined the church property for \$40,000. Two other houses east of this home were also purchased for \$26,500. These buildings were to be remodeled for Sunday school use.

George J. Burnett was the newly elected associate secretary of the Baptist Brotherhood of the South.

25 YEARS AGO

Bob Smith, a Missourian, accepted the call of Westover Church, Jackson, to become its pastor. He succeeded Charles Dinkins, who became pastor of Royal Street Church, also of Jackson.

Jesse L. Boyd Jr. was the new pastor of Hollywood Church, Memphis. He came from First Church, DeWitt, Ark.

10 YEARS AGO

Tom V. Wells resigned as pastor of New Hopewell Church, Knoxville, to become pastor of First Church, Andrews, N.C.

Dillard A. Mynatt, pastor of First Church, Madisonville, and first vice-president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, accepted a call to become pastor of First Church, Forest City, N.C.

Family Living

By Dr. B. David Edens
Director, Marriage and Family Program
Stephens College—Columbia, Missouri 65201

Woman's drinks put baby at risk

Two drinks a day downed by a pregnant woman may be two too many for the safety of the unborn baby, the Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism learned at a Seattle workshop. Newest research at University of Washington has produced a shocker: even two daily drinks can place infants at risk of birth defects.

While studies at Boston City Hospital have shown that heavy drinking during pregnancy brings the chance of delivering an abnormal child up to 74%, it has been generally believed that moderate drinking would not endanger the fetus to any significant degree.

Not so. Nine babies—or 12%—of the infants delivered to 74 pregnant women selected as representative moderate drinkers arrived with one or more of the malformations and behavioral abnormalities associated with the "fetal alcoholism syndrome," reports Dr. James Hanson, director of the University of Washington study. Two of the nine babies with defects born to moderate drinkers had enough abnormalities to rank with infants born to heavy drinkers and suffering the total fetal alcoholism syndrome.

The 74 women, chosen from 1,529 participating in the study for their moderate drinking habits, imbibed the equivalent of two ounces of 100-proof alcohol every day both before and throughout pregnancy.

In contrast, only two babies were born with comparable defects among a control group of 90 women who drank little or no alcohol during pregnancy.

Paraguay's Baptist hospital opens new laboratory wing

ASUNCION, Paraguay—A ribbon-cutting ceremony recently marked the official opening of the new laboratory wing of Baptist Hospital here.

The new addition, begun in 1974, more than doubles the previous space available for laboratory work and was built with Southern Baptist mission gifts, according to Judi (Mrs. W. Tom) Kent, Southern Baptist missionary press representative. Southern Baptists support foreign missions through gifts to the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

The laboratory includes a bacteriology and urinalysis section, a chemistry and hematology section, a blood bank, a morgue, and offices for a pathologist and laboratory technician. All of the furniture was built by the hospital staff.

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Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

A church committee was trying to decide on an appropriate wall plaque for the church nursery when someone came up with this inscription: "We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed."

As a Scriptural postscript, they also might add: "And there shall be weeping and wailing. . ."

And for the teachers of toddlers, there is this Scripture reference: "For I say to this one, 'Go, and he goes' . . ."

Other appropriate Scriptural references that come to mind for various church uses are:

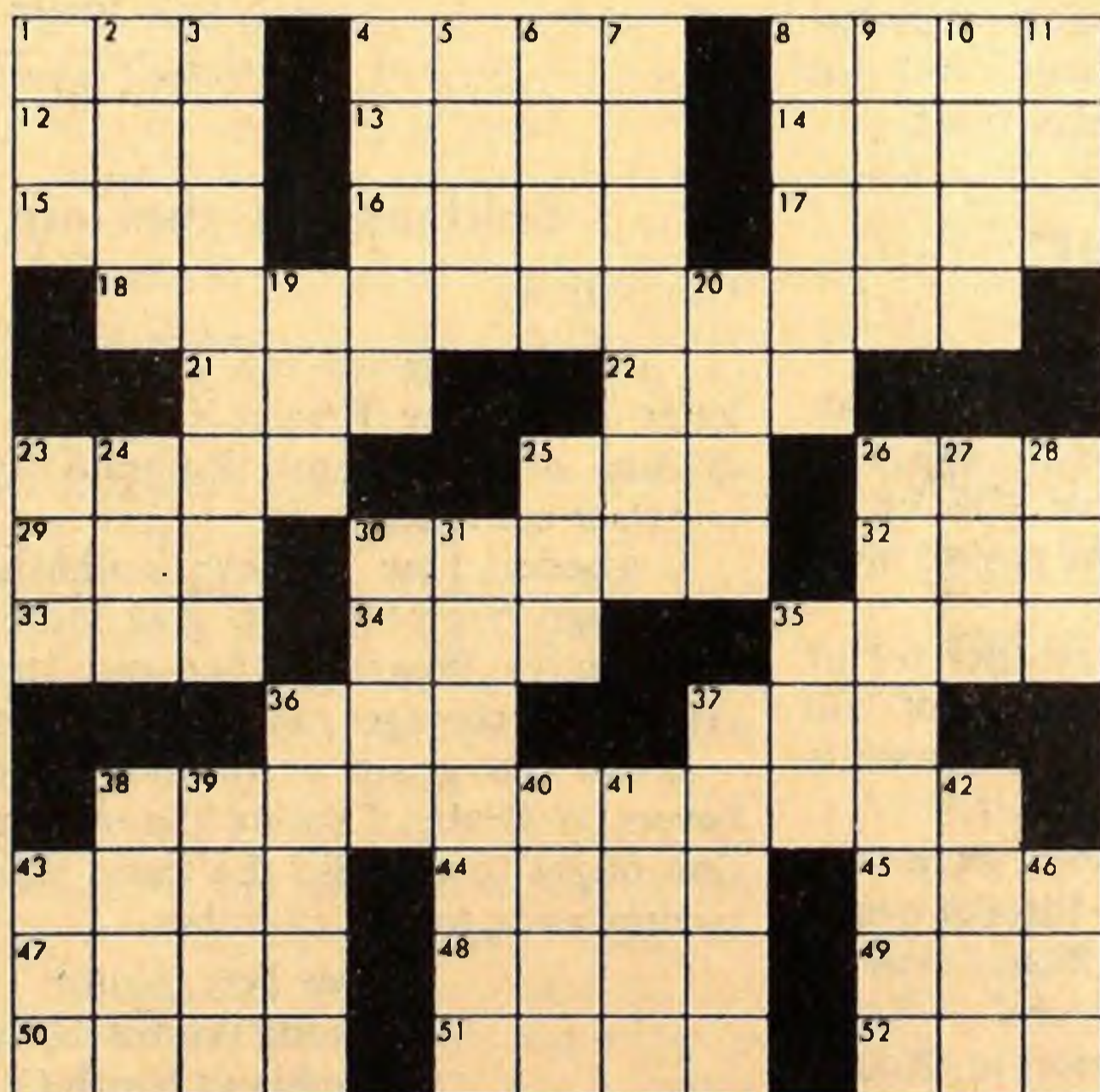
For all those who want Scriptural support for their fear of flying: "And, low, I am with you always."

To smokers standing on the front lawn: "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses. . ."

For restless members of the congregation who move in and out of the auditorium during the services: "The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in, from this time forth, and even for evermore."

Bible puzzle

Answers on page 14



ACROSS

- 1 "— in the harvest" (Prov. 20)
- 4 Wise one
- 8 Payments: abbr.
- 12 Achieve with effort
- 13 Descendant of Esau (Gen. 36:28)
- 14 Pork fat
- 15 "being — by the hand" (Acts 22)
- 16 Small pie
- 17 Land units
- 18 "call to —" (Heb. 10)
- 21 Thing: Law
- 22 Newt
- 23 "will — bread" (Ex. 16)
- 25 Letter of Paul: abbr.
- 26 Seen by no man (John 1:18)

- 29 Baseball word
- 30 "to show — at home" (1 Tim. 5)
- 32 Textile screw pine
- 33 "and these three are —" (1 John 5)
- 34 Peter Gynt's mother
- 35 —angel (Jude 9)
- 36 Choir member: abbr.
- 37 Earth
- 38 Dwelling places (Heb. 11:9)
- 43 "— after the Spirit" (Gal. 4)
- 44 Greek letter
- 45 Mexico or Orleans
- 47 The Hararite (2 Sam. 23:11)
- 48 Kind of works (1 John 3:12)
- 49 Before
- 50 Ululate

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Today's Cryptoverse clue: A equals R

- 51 Quantity of medicine
- 52 Soak

DOWN

- 1 He will be punished (Jer. 51:44)
- 2 Man (1 Chron. 2:27)
- 3 Baal-hanan (1 Chron. 27:28)
- 4 Overfills
- 5 Ancestor of Jesus (Matt. 1:3)
- 6 Dress
- 7 Ask earnestly
- 8 Undercover man
- 9 Pomace
- 10 "— of life" (Rev. 2:7)
- 11 Seeds: abbr.
- 19 "Saviour of all —" (1 Tim. 4)
- 20 — in the ointment
- 23 Greek letter
- 24 City (Josh. 21:16)
- 25 Letter
- 26 "to be the —" (John 20)
- 27 The grampus
- 28 Communications code word
- 30 Ashen
- 31 "as gold —" (Zech. 13)
- 35 Absent over leave: abbr.
- 36 He was buried in Hebron (2 Sam. 3:32)
- 37 Fish part
- 38 Country
- 39 Range
- 40 New: comb. form
- 41 Monkshood
- 42 Withered
- 43 Word before bell or room
- 46 Dewy

Laughs

A Sunday School teacher asked each of her class to recite one verse of Scripture. One little boy responded as follows: "Go ye into all the world and spread the gossip."

* * *

A chronic car thief was in court for stealing again.

"Why did you take the car?" the judge asked.

"Your honor," he said, "it was parked in front of the cemetery. I thought the owner had died."

* * *

Picture postcards of a Kansas City hotel, carry this message: "This hotel fully equipped with automatic sprinklers. Statistics show loss of life has never occurred in a sprinkled building. In case of fire you may get wet, but not burned."

To one traveler that brought a wonderful thought and he wrote thereunder the following prayer: "Now I lay me down to sleep. Statistics guard my slumber deep. If I should die I'm not concerned, I may get wet but I won't get burned."

* * *

A woman, who was seeking free advice, asked a farmer, "What would be good to plant in a spot that gets very little rain due to overhanging eaves, has too much late afternoon sun, has clay soil, and is on a rocky ledge?"

"Lady," the farmer answered, "how about a nice flagpole?"

Kyle Kingsley dies in Houston

HOUSTON—Kyle Kingsley, 22-year-old son of Southern Baptist missionaries, died at 1:30 p.m., Friday, July 22, in Northwest Houston Medical Center after suffering a cerebral aneurysm during the weekend of July 16.

Kingsley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gene E. Kingsley of Alabama and Texas, returned to the United States July 21 from Lilongwe, Malawi, where he works with theological education by extension and as a general evangelist.

Funeral services were held July 25 in the Champion Forest Baptist Church in Houston with burial at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Beaumont, Tex. (BP)



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Coalition formed to protest proposed ABC-TV series 'Soap'

WASHINGTON—Ten national religious and civic organizations have formed a coalition to protest the proposed new ABC-TV comedy series "Soap."

The coalition has sent letters to the ABC network executives, urging them to drop the program from the fall schedule; to the heads of local ABC affiliate stations, urging them not to carry the show; and to the 100 leading television advertisers, requesting them not to sponsor the "Soap" television series.

The coalition charges that "Soap" violates the rights of parents by risking the exposure of children to unsuitable material; the rights of religious bodies by exposing

their beliefs and practices to ridicule and denigration; and the rights of ethnic and other minorities through stereotyping and possible defamation. The letters to the affiliate stations cited the statement of a West Virginia TV station executive, who called the show a "dirty joke."

The Coalition for No "Soap" includes the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights, the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Church of the Nazarene, International Federation of Catholic Alumnae, Knights of Columbus, Morality in Media, National Council of Catholic Women, National Federation for Decency, National Union of Christian Schools, and the Parents' Rights Conference.

If the program is presented this fall, the coalition has announced that it will monitor the show and report to its member organizations on the program's content and the names and addresses of its advertisers.

East Tennessee pastor honored at 25th anniversary reception

Pastor and Mrs. George Williams, Clinton, were honored recently on the occasion of Williams' 25th anniversary as pastor of Second Church in that city. Members presented a love offering to the couple.

Church growth during the last two-and-one-half decades has been exhibited through membership, baptisms, church offerings, and mission gifts. Facilities include an auditorium, three additional educational units, offices, a pastor's study, and fellowship hall.

In addition to his work on the field, Williams has served as moderator of the Clinton Association, was chairman of evangelism for eight years, and has been a member of various committees. Presently, he also is a member of the credentials committee for the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Carroll Self suffers fatal heart attack

Carroll Self, 51, suffered a fatal heart attack while preaching the evening message on Sunday, July 17, at Westview Church in Morristown. He had served as pastor there for 17 years.

According to Glenn Toomey, director of missions, Nolachucky Association, Self had expressed a desire several times to die while preaching the gospel.

Funeral services were held from the Westview Church with S. D. Rhodes and a son, Doug Self, officiating. Burial was in Dover Cemetery near Morristown.

Self also served as a pastor at Round Mountain Church in Cocke County, Roe Junction in Morristown, and White Oak Grove in Morristown.

In addition to his son, Doug, who is pastor of Community Baptist Church, he is survived by his widow, Bertha Shelton Self, another son, Jackie; daughter, Carolyn; mother, Callie Mae Amos; and four grandchildren, all of Morristown.

Argentine Baptist leader dies

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina—Santiago Canclini, an outstanding Baptist leader in Argentina, died here following a lengthy illness. Canclini served as pastor of Central Baptist Church here for 34 years and as professor of evangelism at International Baptist Theological Seminary here for many years.

The author of 25 religious books, Canclini was described as a leader among all evangelicals as a fighter for religious freedom in Argentina.

More letters

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Was the use of drama and the increased use of visuals on the big television screens effective in presenting the work of Southern Baptists?

Did you find these methods of presentation inspiring?

Responses to these questions will be of much help as we work on the program for Atlanta.

If your readers have specific suggestions as to speakers or format, please share them with us. I cannot acknowledge these responses individually, since I do not have secretarial help, nor can all suggestions and ideas be implemented, but I will assure anyone writing me that every proposal will be presented to the committee and receive careful and prayerful consideration. Your response at this stage of planning will be most helpful.

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Boldness in sharing

Dear editor:

I want to express my agreement to the letter from Clay Frazier (July 14) on the division of Cooperative Program funds by our state convention.

I wonder how we can enthusiastically encourage our people to give more to the Cooperative Program when our state convention percentage remains the same.

If we are going to promote "Bold Believers in Giving," surely the state convention ought to exercise the same boldness it recommends to the churches.

Aubrey Hay, pastor
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Continue to inform

Dear editor:

I am writing in regard to the article (July 21) about the new TV series "Soap."

I am certainly against any more programs like this on TV and hope the Baptist and Reflector will continue to inform us about these programs.

I hope Southern Baptists will unite with others to put a stop to these programs.

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FMB prepares for new volunteer program

RICHMOND—Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board officials believe strong support for the newly-proposed Mission Service Corps reflects a heightened interest in missions that will reinforce all Southern Baptist missions efforts.

The volunteer program adopted at the Southern Baptist Convention seeks to involve more personnel in one to two-year projects overseas.

As the board prepares to put its full weight behind the new volunteer program, key members of the board staff here voiced their feeling that Southern Baptists are ready to become involved in missions on a scale never before attained.

"We are thrilled when new crests of enthusiasm move across Southern Baptist life. Our responsibility of channeling those efforts to the world becomes more exciting when mission interest reaches a peak such as the one now apparent throughout the convention," said R. Keith Parks, the board's mission support division director.

Parks' view of the new mission corps supports that of the board's executive director, Baker J. Cauthen. Cauthen described the corps as "something that has caught in the heart of our people and is building to be something very, very significant."

Under Cauthen's direction, the board staff is making preliminary plans for applicant processing, orientation procedures, and maximum utilization of the volunteers overseas, even though final details of the new corps are still being worked out by the special committee.

"Devoted laypersons make strong allies for missionaries and national leaders in the extension of Christ's kingdom," said W. Eugene Grubbs, the board's consultant for laymen overseas. "The board continues to be the proper channel for bringing together the needs of our mission fields around the world, and the laborers and resources of Southern Baptists."

Grubbs went on to state that the involvement of volunteers does three things. First,

a valuable service is provided on the mission field, and second, the volunteer changes in his concept of world missions. "Third," Grubbs said, "when the volunteer returns, he brings a more realistic concept of mission work and a greatly expanded world view to his home congregation."

The officials reaffirmed that the career missionary is basic to the overseas mission work, but that more volunteers will mean more career missionaries.

"I am fully expectant that the growth in the numbers of those who go for shorter periods of time and the increased numbers of those who offer themselves for career missions will escalate hand-in-hand," Parks said.

Parks also noted that for Southern Baptists to focus all their attention on either volunteers or career missionaries would be, in his opinion, a mistake.

"The exciting thing about the new emphasis is the fact that the mission boards and agencies have already done significant work in the Volunteer Involvement in Missions project by preparing the background for providing an automated system which can be readily used to identify those who

want to be a part of the Mission Service Corps," said Parks.

The two new programs, Mission Service Corps and Volunteer Involvement in Missions can be the banner under which Southern Baptists rally in increased support of volunteers serving in an overseas setting, said Winston Crawley, the board's overseas division director.

Crawley went on to point out that the programs are an extension and expansion of what Southern Baptists have been channeling through their board for some 30 years. He traced the history of non-missionary volunteers from the time they were called contract workers, through the period of time when his own mother served overseas some 20 years ago as volunteer, to the present when close to 1,500 persons serve for various lengths of time each year. About eight percent of these serve for one to two years, Crawley said.

In 1976, 1,646 volunteers served through the board's consultants' offices, of which over 100 were for periods of approximately one year.

In relating the two programs to bold mission, Crawley said these could be the focus of attention to "help Southern Baptists pick up what was done last year at the convention in Norfolk, Va., and move on to get behind Total Missions Thrust." Total Missions Thrust is the board's name for its 25-year-strategy adopted as a part of the convention's Bold Mission.

One of the major objectives of Total Missions Thrust when it was adopted by the board in January 1976, was the increased involvement of volunteers overseas. Thus, board officials note, the new programs accentuate an already existing goal of Baptists expressed through the board's Bold Mission emphasis.

In the midst of the board's affirmation of its desire for more volunteers, Parks emphasized that the board does not and cannot "do foreign missions."

"The local church, and Christians through that local church, are mandated by our Lord to reach out to the world," Parks said. "Southern Baptists, under the power of the Holy Spirit, carry the gospel to the entire world by channeling their efforts through the board. (BP)

Federal grants given to Baptist colleges

WASHINGTON — Two Baptist colleges have received grants from the federal government totaling \$245,800.

Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Ark., and Baptist College at Charleston, Charleston, S.C., are among 90 colleges receiving grants from the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

The grants were made "to help them achieve financial stability and academic improvement," according to a release from HEW. They were made under the Advanced Institutional Development Program authorized under Title III of the Amended Higher Education Act of 1965.

Both Baptist schools received continuation grants in order to continue with activities currently supported by AIDP. Ouachita received \$17,300 for continuation activities and Baptist College at Charleston was granted \$174,000 for the same purpose.

In addition, Ouachita received \$54,500 to increase its fund-raising capabilities. This grant allows training in the skills necessary to organize, strengthen, and implement fund-efforts.

In order to qualify for the continuation grants the schools had to show that they had used previous grants satisfactorily and that financial hardship would result if the grant were not renewed. Several other church-related colleges received grants from HEW at the same time. (BP)

Arthur Rutledge convalesces after three heart attacks

ATLANTA—Arthur B. Rutledge, retired executive director-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, is convalescing after having suffered a series of mild heart attacks.

Rutledge, who stepped down Dec. 31, 1976, after heading the board for 12 years, suffered a mild coronary July 12, another July 16, and a third July 28. He was hospitalized in Emory University Hospital in Atlanta.

Since retiring, Rutledge has lived near Cumming, Ga., and has been involved in teaching and writing.

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Gideon—God's courageous man

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TEXT: Judges 7:2-8, 20, 21

Gideon was one of the judges of Israel during the low spiritual period in Israel immediately following upon her settlement in the Promised Land. The judges were generally charismatic leaders who, by God's help, delivered Israel from an oppressing nation. With the victory over Israel's enemy the judge was accorded recognition as a religious and moral leader. He generally called Israel back to the covenant relationship with God. The passage for today's lesson focuses upon the military campaign of the judge, Gideon. The story of Gideon is recorded in more detail than that of any other judge, except Samson. His story is an interesting one.

Bootstraps and People

When Gideon gave the call to arms in Israel in order to repulse the Midianites, thirty-two thousand men responded. While not an excessively large army, this number of men was too large for God. Gideon was instructed to allow any who were fearful to return to their homes. Twenty-two thousand left immediately! Still, the ten thousand remaining were too many. Again, the number had to be reduced, this time by grouping the men according to how they chose to drink water. The smaller group consisted of only three hundred men. It was the group God wanted.

God wanted this group because the men of Israel were human enough to place confidence in their number rather than in God, if they went to war with so large an army. God said to Gideon, "The people with you are too many for me to give the Midianites into their hand, lest Israel vaunt themselves against me, saying, 'My own hand has delivered me.'" In that time as now it seems that men refused to recognize the hand of God in their accomplishments.

As a child, I recall hearing the adults talk about a certain man in the community who lifted himself by his own bootstraps. This seemed a very strange expression. What it meant was that that man had no outside help. He did it all himself. He was a self-made man. So, it seems that whether it is in making a life or delivering a nation the common, human temptation is to claim that it is by our own hand. Such is the temptation of pride which inevitably leads the claimant away from the recognition of the hand of God in everything He is and does.

Pride is not the mere recognition of great accomplishment. Nor is it the awareness of one's own beauty, goodness, talent, riches, or intellect. Rather pride is basically competitive. Pride does not say, "I am rich, talented, and attractive." Rather it affirms, "I am richer, more talented, and more attractive than you." This competitiveness is the source of its destructiveness. And it is particularly destructive when it is directed toward those dimensions of life in which the grace of God is operative. Pride competes with God Himself. To say that "it is by my own hand" is to claim that it is I and not God who accomplished the task.

The directive, "Please, God, I'd rather do it myself," is but an expression of pride's inner competitiveness. It is that same attitude which makes us angry when someone truly forgives us, for in that forgiveness we feel like we lost the contest. If they would only strike back in kind, I would still be in the game. Even the forgiveness of God is difficult to take. How dare He deliver me! I'll do it myself and show Him who is the better! Just let me at my bootstraps! Lest Israel vaunt themselves against God, God sent most of the men home.

Intelligent Strategy

God's plan of action against the Midianites consisted in making the Midianites believe they were set upon by a large armed force. Descending toward the Midianite camp in the valley, the three hundred Israelites carried lamps, blew trumpets, and

generally made enough racket to be convincing to the Midianites. In the dark and their confusion the Midianites fought one another, so that they were completely routed and Israel was delivered.

Such a victory was accomplished, not by might, but by an intelligent plan. God delivered to Gideon a strategy which ridded the land of the Midianites. It was an intelligent strategy to remind us that God's way does not exclude the use of our minds. There is a ruinous prejudice about the effect that in the Lord's work planning, strategy, and an intelligent approach to a problem are somehow unspiritual. Forgetting that Christ taught us to be "wise as serpents and innocent as doves," the claim is that God only works in overwhelming emotion. One must feel it to be the way and will of God. This was not the case with the strategy against the Midianites. We, too, must learn that the mind's use in accomplishing God's purposes is in accordance with God's way for us.

Faithful Execution

Gideon and his band of three hundred were successful not only because of an intelligent strategy but also because each one faithfully executed his own task. A relatively small number can accomplish great things if, as in Gideon's case, they stand "every man in his place." It was crucial to the battle that each of the men do his job. Often God has performed His work, using a very few men. He only called twelve disciples to win the world. But God's few men have won the battles by faithful execution.

It is no accident that the New Testament depicts the church as composed of faithful stewards, of men and women who, being joined to one another as the parts of a body, do the task and fulfill the calling to which they are called. The church has usually recognized that the work of God does not necessarily correlate to how many people are involved. The work of God is accomplished when we recognize God's hand in the work, when we use an intelligent strategy, and when each is faithful to the task, standing every man in his own place with utter fearlessness.

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"O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together" (Psa. 34:3).

The sanctity of time

By Dr. Earl C. Davis, Pastor
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Basic Passages: Exodus 20:8-11; Mark 2:23-28; Luke 4:16; Revelation 1:10
Focal Passages: Exodus 20:8-11; Mark 2:23-28; Luke 4:16; Revelation 1:10

With the exception of the basic question of who Jesus was, nothing raised so much furor in all His ministry as did the issue of the Sabbath day. The Sabbath was extremely important to the Jewish leaders of the first century, and to Jesus as well. The entire matter of the proper interpretation and use of the Sabbath is also of concern to the twentieth century Christian. If you live to a ripe old age, you may enjoy as many as four thousand Sabbaths! How meaningful is the Sabbath to Christians? Is the Sabbath to be equated with our Sunday?

Sabbath, Sunday, and Lord's Day

The Sabbath was the seventh day of creation. When God finished His six days of creation, we are told He rested on the seventh day, and, in this Commandment, told His people to do likewise. The Jews, noting that the Scripture said "evening and morning" were the first day, concluded that the Sabbath begins in the evening. Thus Friday evening through sundown on Saturday evening is the Sabbath. On this day the Jews passed the time in worship, rest, and fellowship.

The early Christians worshipped in the same way on the same day. In addition to attending the synagogue on the Sabbath, the Christians also began to worship on the first day of the week in celebration of the resurrection of Jesus and the day of its occurrence. As the ties between the Early Church and Judaism weakened and finally gave way, the Christians focused their worship, rest, and fellowship on the first day of the week, Sunday.

Sunday Reminds Us That God Works

Sunday is a string tied around our finger as a reminder of some vital religious truths. And the first is that God is a working God. The Bible begins with an account of God at work, forming and creating. The idols of other religions portray their deities sprawled on the ground, resting or loafing. The Lord God may best be characterized in two poses: flinging stars into space, and kneeling down to comfort the broken-hearted. Jesus told His contemporaries, "My Father works even

until now, and I work." Here, by implication as well as by command, is a word for us concerning our work. Men are intended to work even as our Creator worked. Work is not to be seen as a punishment for sin, but rather as a part of God's plan for mankind.

Sunday Reminds Us That God Rested

When God finished His creation He rested. Now, it wasn't simply that He didn't go down and open the store on the seventh day, or just slept in until noon. The whole purpose of God's creation work was to create man, with whom God could have fellowship. On the seventh day, God entered into fellowship with His highest creation, man. So God's rest was not merely a cessation of work, but a movement toward the goal of fellowship. Here is a word about the nature of Sunday for us. It is to be a time not merely of rest, but of fellowship with God and other people in a deeper and more meaningful fashion than perhaps the weekdays have allowed.

Sunday Reminds Us of Dependence Upon God

This Commandment, and the light-casting Scriptures we have studied with it, tells us that we are to develop a rhythm of work and rest. A rhythm of life that is not caught up in frenzied fear that all depends on us. God owns all creation, and He will take care of His trusting child. If a man works six days, he not only needs to rest on the seventh, but he can, knowing God will provide his needs. Failure to develop a

rhythm of work and rest is a clear indication that we have become our own god, and that we do not trust the Lord God to provide our needs.

The Vitalizing of the Lord's Day

Even when we feel we understand the content of this Commandment, the larger question looms: How can we live our lives in such a fashion as to act out the depth of this Commandment? The Jews, with the very best intent, built a fence around the Commandment. Some 1,500 rules protected the Sabbath. This kind of legalistic, literalistic approach, often seen today, leads to hair-splitting definitions of what is allowed on Sunday, and in the confusion the real essence of the day may be lost. The meaning of Sunday cannot be captured and contained by building a fence around the day.

Nor is the opposite approach—tearing down all the Sabbath fences—more fruitful. Our nation has increasingly turned a blind eye and deaf ear to this Commandment. By rationalizing, by ignoring the depth of the Commandment, we no longer have a Sabbath or a Sunday, but merely a weekend. No nation can long endure where men lose the rhythm of work and rest.

Between the extremes of fence-building and fence-destroying is the realization that men need some guidelines in our use of time. We need to understand that there is no substitute for gathered worship, for realization of our basic dependency on God, for deepened fellowship with God and man.

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Leaders discuss how to host an evangelist

LOUISVILLE — You've been planning your revival for months.

The church needs it, the community needs it, and you need it. Now the time has come to take care of practical details. For example, how can you be a good host to the evangelist, so that he can do the best job he is capable of doing?

Two men with special insight in this area are Lewis Drummond, associate professor of evangelism at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here and Harold D. Tallant, church evangelist of Highview Church. Drummond has led over 150 revivals throughout the United States as well as in England, Yugoslavia, Australia, and Mexico. Tallant, a master of theology graduate of the seminary (1941) was a pastor for 30 years before becoming a full-time evangelist eight years ago.

Both men suggest that as a good host you will want to establish communication and understandings about everything that will take place. This should be done as early as possible, and should range from giving information on the number of services and their theme to details concerning transportation and accommodations.

Although some churches may consider it a sign of a poor host to arrange for the evangelist to stay in a motel, this may be his preference.

"I really prefer to stay in a motel,"

New Orleans seminary notes 18 percent gain

NEW ORLEANS—The New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary enrolled 1,344 students during the 1976-1977 year ending July 31. The cumulative enrollment figure shows an increase of slightly more than 18 percent.

Last year the New Orleans seminary led the other five Southern Baptist seminaries with a 20 percent increase in enrollment.

Landrum P. Leavell, president of the seminary, commented that the increases in enrollment, "show clearly the awareness of the seminary's commitment to the highest caliber of theological education."

"We are dedicated," continued Leavell, "to maintaining high standards of excellence in the areas of practical education for ministry and loyalty to Biblical truth as these enrollment trends continue."

To keep abreast of the surge in enrollment, five new faculty members have been added and future plans have been made that will provide increased living and learning facilities. Among the plans under study are increases in faculty and classroom space, additional on-campus parking and expanded recreational and family life programs.

Drummond says. "It's far more relaxing. You're always 'on' when you're in a home. Of course I've stayed with some lovely people in homes, but there's always a certain amount of formality."

Tallant notes he stays in a motel 95 percent of the time, but that he leaves the decision to the church, even though a motel is his preference. If he does stay in a home, he feels privacy is extremely important, and that neither he nor his hosts should feel the need to entertain the other.

For meals, Tallant and Drummond believe one meal a day in a home should be the maximum, with the others eaten privately at a restaurant. This is because when an evangelist is taken to different homes to eat, he feels obliged to eat more than he wants to show his appreciation. In addition, three meals a day in different homes can take up as much as six hours in a day.

Guatemala Baptists set long-range priorities

GUATEMALA CITY, Guatemala—For one year Guatemalan Baptist Convention efforts "have been mobilized toward the pressing needs of ministering to a needy country," according to Mrs. Harry E. Byrd, Southern Baptist missionary press representative in this city.

Now, a year later, the convention is "addressing itself toward a more effective and unified denominational life," Mrs. Byrd noted.

Her comments came following the executive meeting of the convention during a special conference for leaders from churches through the country. Some 200 people attended the sessions held at Guatemala Baptist Seminary recently.

Devastation from the 1976 earthquake in this Latin American country presented a set of needs which had to be met, deferring the long-range planning for the convention, according to Mrs. Byrd.

However, plans for 1977-1980 have now been formalized. The plan of work and organizational changes involved will be presented at the national convention meeting in November.

Emphases for the four-year period are based on a survey of Baptist work in the country. According to the committee outline, 1977 will be the year of preparation; 1978 is the year of confirmation of believers; 1979 will focus on doctrinal teaching; and 1980 will center on stewardship.

Time is precious to the evangelist, both men concur. A good host will give ample study time, Drummond says. He suggests giving the entire morning for study, unless there are morning services or there is special visitation that can be done only at that time. Four or five hours is a minimum of study time the evangelist needs. Also, he should be given time alone just before the services.

"He needs half an hour at least to calm down, collect his thoughts, and get his mind and heart prepared for the service. If he rushes from the place where he eats right into the revival, that's difficult," Drummond says.

Besides adequate study time, Tallant also emphasizes the need for the pastor and evangelist to make visits in the afternoons. He believes the pastor should prepare in advance a list of visits to be made.

Making financial arrangements clear is another way to be a good host. This way, the evangelist is not always "up in the air," Drummond points out, adding that for many evangelists, revival offerings are their means of supporting their families. Such is the case of Tallant, who notes money is probably the most "touchy subject" of the revival. He adds he does not take it upon himself to ask about money, and so he seldom knows the arrangements.

Keeping these suggestions in mind, along with careful preparation for the revival in the community and through prayer, and continuous evangelism throughout the year, will help your church have a meaningful and revitalizing revival.

Buffalo Grove pastor resigns, locates in Strawberry Plains

After a pastorate of nearly three years at Buffalo Grove Church, Jefferson City, McMurray Roberts has accepted the call as pastor of Strawberry Plains First Church. He is already on the new field of service.

Roberts has served as pastor of New Salem Church in Anderson County; Pleasant Grove Church, Coalfield, Tenn.; Pleasant Hill in Loudon County; Walnut Hill in Harriman; and Big Emory in Big Emory Association.

A native of Kentucky, he attended Southern Bible Institute, which was located in Knoxville, and was one of the charter students of the off-campus work for Carson-Newman College.

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