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## Court removes Tennessee's ban on ministers in legislature

By Stan Haste

**WASHINGTON**—In its major church-state decision of the current term, the U. S. Supreme Court ruled that states may not forbid ministers from running for public office—based on the First Amendment's guarantee of "free exercise" of religion.

The legal suit which resulted in the high court's decision was originally brought in a Tennessee state court against Paul A. McDaniel, pastor of the Second Missionary Baptist Church in Chattanooga. He sought and won a seat in the state constitutional convention last year.

McDaniel's opponent, Selma Cash Paty, initiated the suit, citing a provision in the state constitution dating to 1796 stating that "No minister of the gospel or priest of any denomination whatever shall be eligible to a seat in either house of the legislature." The Tennessee legislature, in calling last year's constitutional convention, invoked the state constitution's eligibility requirements as applicable to candidates for the constitutional convention.

The Hamilton County chancery court then ruled in McDaniel's favor. But on appeal, the Tennessee Supreme Court reversed that decision, thereby setting the stage for an appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court.

McDaniel was allowed to take his seat in the limited constitutional convention when U. S. Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart stayed the Tennessee high court decision while the nation's highest tribunal considered the case.

In the high court's unanimous judgment, Chief Justice Warren E. Burger declared that the Tennessee prohibition against ministers ran afoul of the First Amendment in that it conditioned McDaniel's right to the free exercise of religion on the surrender of his right to seek public office. Quoting James Madison, Burger said that Tennessee was guilty of "punishing a religious profession with the privation of a civil right."

The court's decision strikes down the last of 13 state bans on ministers' seeking office. During the 18th and 19 centuries, several states adopted such provisions in their laws in part because of a desire to keep church and state as separate as possible.

But as the Madison view gained acceptance, 11 of the 13 states banning clergy from public office relented. Only Maryland and Tennessee carried such prohibitions into the 20th Century, and Maryland's law was struck down as unconstitutional four years ago.

Not until now, however, had the Supreme Court ever ruled on the question.

At least two Baptist groups had called on the court to make the decision it reached. Last October the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs joined nine other national groups asking the court to strike down the Tennessee ban. They were joined in December by the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. (BP)

## Motorcycle accident fatal to pastor's son

Phillip Tucker, 15-year-old son of Pastor and Mrs. Cecil Tucker, Tullahoma, died in surgery at Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga last week following an accident involving his motorcycle and two cars.

The accident occurred on Monday, April 17, in Winchester as Tucker was returning home from school.

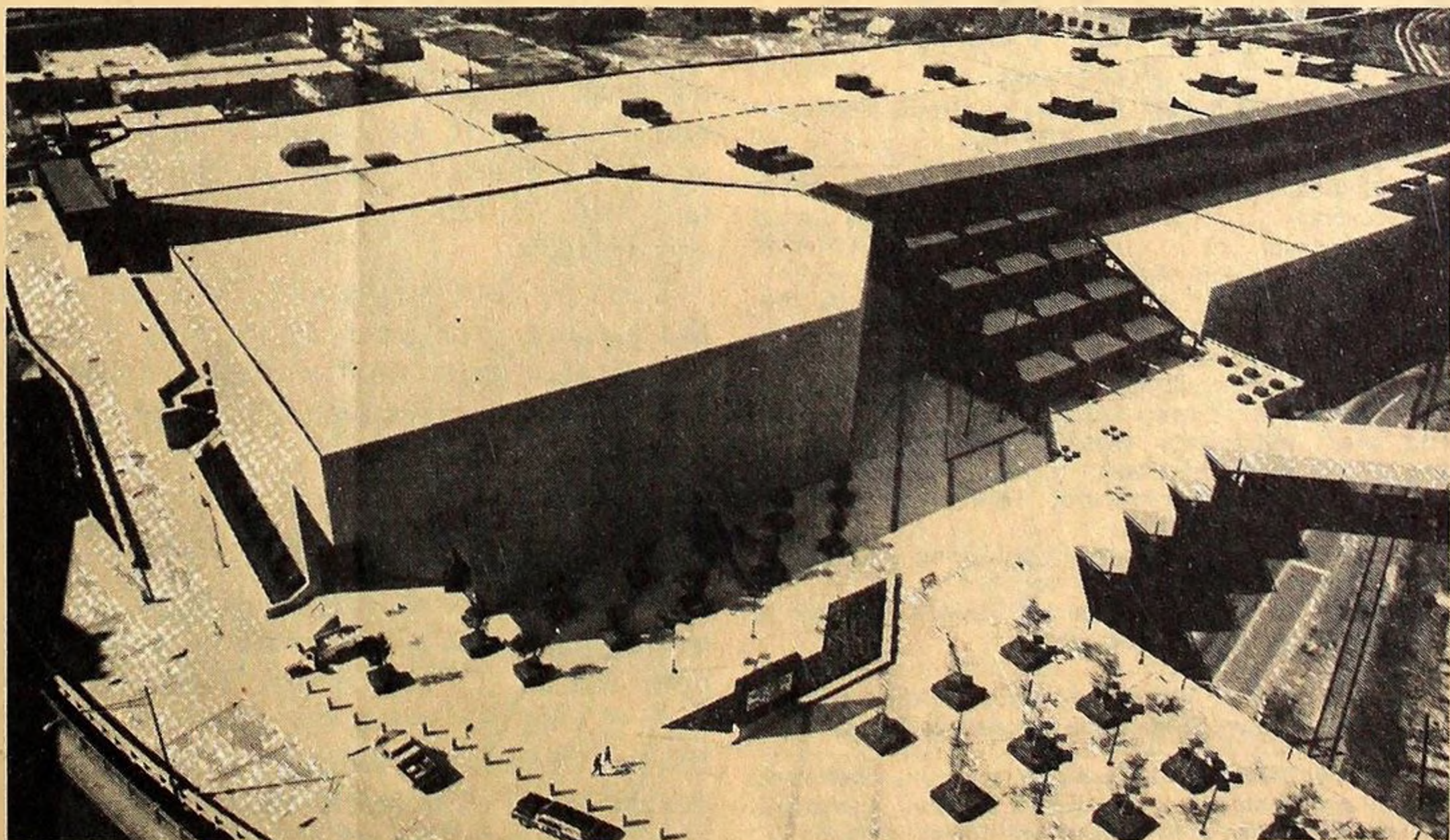
The driver of one of the cars was charged with "driving while under the influence." It is reported that a hearing will determine if the driver will also be charged with "murder by automobile."

Tucker was transported to Chattanooga where he died early Tuesday morning.

The boy's father is pastor of College Street Church in Tullahoma.

Survivors, in addition to his parents include: two brothers, Gary, Tullahoma; Mark, of the home; one sister, Mrs. Diane Waller, Tullahoma; and his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Limbaugh, Winchester.

Funeral services were held from Tullahoma Funeral Home, April 20, with J. C. Bigbee, Portland, and C. E. Reese, Tryon, Ga., officiating. Burial was in Franklin County Memorial Gardens.



**SBC SITE**—The brand new Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta will be the site for the June 13-15 meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. More than 16,000 messengers are expected.



# 12 Tennesseans help to rebuild earthquake-ravaged Guatemala

By A. Clark Scanlon  
Missionary to Guatemala

Twelve Tennessee Baptist men joined an equal number of volunteers from Illinois in building concrete block houses for earthquake victims in the Guatemalan highland village of Santo Domingo Xenacoc March 12-25.

Sleeping in barracks conditions, eating local food, and working up to 12 hours a day, the teams were able to complete four houses and add doors, windows, and wood-work to another 12.

Their effort formed part of a year-long reconstruction effort to help rebuild 200 of the 900 houses destroyed in the 1976 earthquake. Three of the volunteers were veterans of a previous missionary venture last year when they rebuilt the Damascus Baptist Church in Guatemala City. They were Steve Horrell, a Nashville businessman, who led the team; Floyd Fry, a skilled bricklayer; and Jerry Cook a state tax officer.

Problems ranged from finding foundations several inches off square to stomach disturbances and encounters with pickpockets.

As Ray Crocker presented some tools to a young man named Francisco, he responded, "I wish I had something to give you in return, but I can only give you my love." As the team left, Francisco with tears in his eyes told him that he had accepted Christ that week.

Enrique Diaz, president of the Guatemalan Baptist Seminary said, "We have



**GIFT**—Ray Crocker (left) of Nashville presents a construction level to Francisco after working together in Guatemala on homes destroyed by earthquakes.

never had a team that worked as hard. They worked from sun up to sun down."

He was especially complimentary of Horrell, the team leader, of whom he said, "We need a man like him in every team."

Fry is from Dalewood Church of Nashville.

The other eleven men are from Woodmont Church. After going over the budget and missions offering, the church designated an additional amount to send a team of volunteers on a work project. Bill Sherman, president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention is pastor of the church.

Other Tennesseans on the team were Ken Harper, Gary Cudd, Mark Richardson, Paul Chenoweth, Paul Vanstrum, David Green, Doug Stewart, and Lee Keck.

In spite of problems encountered Cudd summed up the experience, when grizzled and bedraggled he walked through the streets of Santo Domingo on the final day and said, "I am physically worn out and exhausted."

Then his face brightened, "This has been the greatest experience of my life. This is the greatest program the Southern Baptist Convention ever started. They ought never to stop."

## Injured missionary improves

**DALLAS**—Mrs. Jack G. Partain, Southern Baptist missionary injured in a car accident March 23 in Kibaha, Tanzania, has been moved out of the intensive care unit at Baylor University Medical Center. Her recovery is still expected to be lengthy but she is responding better and her level of consciousness is improving. She has been semi-conscious as a result of a brain contusion she received in the car-truck collision. (BP)

## Tennessee BSUs unite in world hunger efforts

Over 3,000 college young people who are members of Baptist Student Unions in Tennessee have joined with other BSUs across the nation in raising more than \$100,000 for a world hunger project.

Initiated two-and-one-half years ago by the National Student Ministries of the Baptist Sunday School Board, the total goal of \$150,000 will be channeled through the Foreign Mission Board to Bangladesh. According to Rollin Delap, NSM, money has already gone for vegetable seeds, a soybean project, rice meal, and fish production.

Tennessee BSUs gave \$6,159.03 during 1976, and \$4,451.48 during 1977, Delap reported. The total of \$10,610.51 was given by 35 BSUs in the state.

Southern Baptist missionaries distribute the funds, which means nothing is lost in administrative costs, Delap added.

Tennessee's contributions came from the overage in funds received from the summer missions programs, according to Glenn Yarbrough, state student director. Yarbrough said that the students had voted to give one-half of the overage to relieve world hunger. The students have already voted the same percentage for 1978.

## State retreat planned for mentally retarded

A state-wide retreat for retarded persons, their parents, and teachers will be held at Camp Linden, May 12-13, according to Ray Evette, Sunday School department, Tennessee Baptist Convention. Theme of the retreat will be "Let the Churches Reach Out to the Retarded."

The retreat will begin on Friday with registration from 4-6 p.m., with the first session convening at 7:00. The Saturday morning devotional will begin at 8:15. The retreat closes at 1:30 Saturday afternoon.

Featured activities will include a nature study, crafts, Bible study, music, puppet show, recreation, and a camp fire.

Margie Nell Cardwell, superintendent, Clover Bottom Developmental Center, Nashville, will speak along with Tom Madden, convention ministries division director, TBC. Ernest Pippin, Tennessee Baptist Foundation, will serve as retreat pastor; and Sammie Meek, special worker with the mentally retarded, TBC, will lead conferences.

Evette stressed that a limit of 100 reservations will be accepted for the retreat, with a ratio of at least one sponsor to four retarded persons. Parents and teachers are especially encouraged to attend. Advanced registration should be made through the state Sunday School department.

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## Cleveland tour finds mission possibilities

CLEVELAND, Ohio—A charter-bus load of Southern Baptists toured Cleveland to get an up-close look at a "key city" in Bold Mission Thrust. Southern Baptists plan to evangelize and congregationalize the nation and the world in this century.

About 40 representatives of 13 of the 28 Southern Baptist congregations in the Greater Cleveland Baptist Association and the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board logged 100 miles in five hours. The tour, organized by the Bold Mission Thrust Task Force of the association, was designed to give local Baptists views of the inner city and suburbs not seen by most.

Cleveland is one of several Bold Mission Thrust cities selected by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board as needing particular attention because of the high number of unevangelized persons and low number of Southern Baptist congregations.

Of the 24 different ethnic groups in the metropolitan area of three-million people, Southern Baptists minister to only five.

Of the 1,420 churches in Cleveland and its suburbs, Southern Baptists—in the area for just over 20 years—count only 23 constituted churches and five other congregations, with a total membership of 5,381.

Within the city limits of Cleveland, Southern Baptists have only two churches—one with white membership, one mostly black. The black congregation has been unable to maintain loan payments on its building and soon may have the loan called. (BP)

## New FMB missionary journeymen include seven from Tennessee

A record 106 young adults—including seven from Tennessee—were approved for training as missionary journeymen during the April meeting of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, meeting in Fort Worth, Tex.

The number tops last year's record of 103 approvals, which was the largest number since the journeyman program was instituted in 1965. Journeymen are college graduates, age 26 and under, who work overseas for two years in jobs alongside career missionaries.

Coming from 24 states, the 106 candidates will be going out to 42 different countries and areas in eight regions of the world. They will work as student evangelists, nurses, teachers, agriculturists, secretaries, musicians, and librarians.

These seven candidates from Tennessee were approved:

Debby Baker of Chattanooga's White Oak Church; a graduate of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, to Japan;

Katrina Campbell, presently employed by the Baptist Sunday School Board; a graduate of Belmont College, Nashville; a member of Belmont Heights Church, Nashville, to North Brazil;

Jackie Grindstaff of Elizabethton and Unaka Church; a graduate of East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, to Spain;

Robin Howard, Memphis, Broadmoor Church; a graduate of Union University, Jackson, to Boputhatswana;

Wilma Lamm, a graduate of Belmont College; a member of Crieveview Church, Nashville, to Equatorial Brazil;

Mark Pennington, minister of music and youth at Mt. Hermon Church, Murfreesboro; a graduate of Union University, Jackson, with additional study at Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, to Kenya;

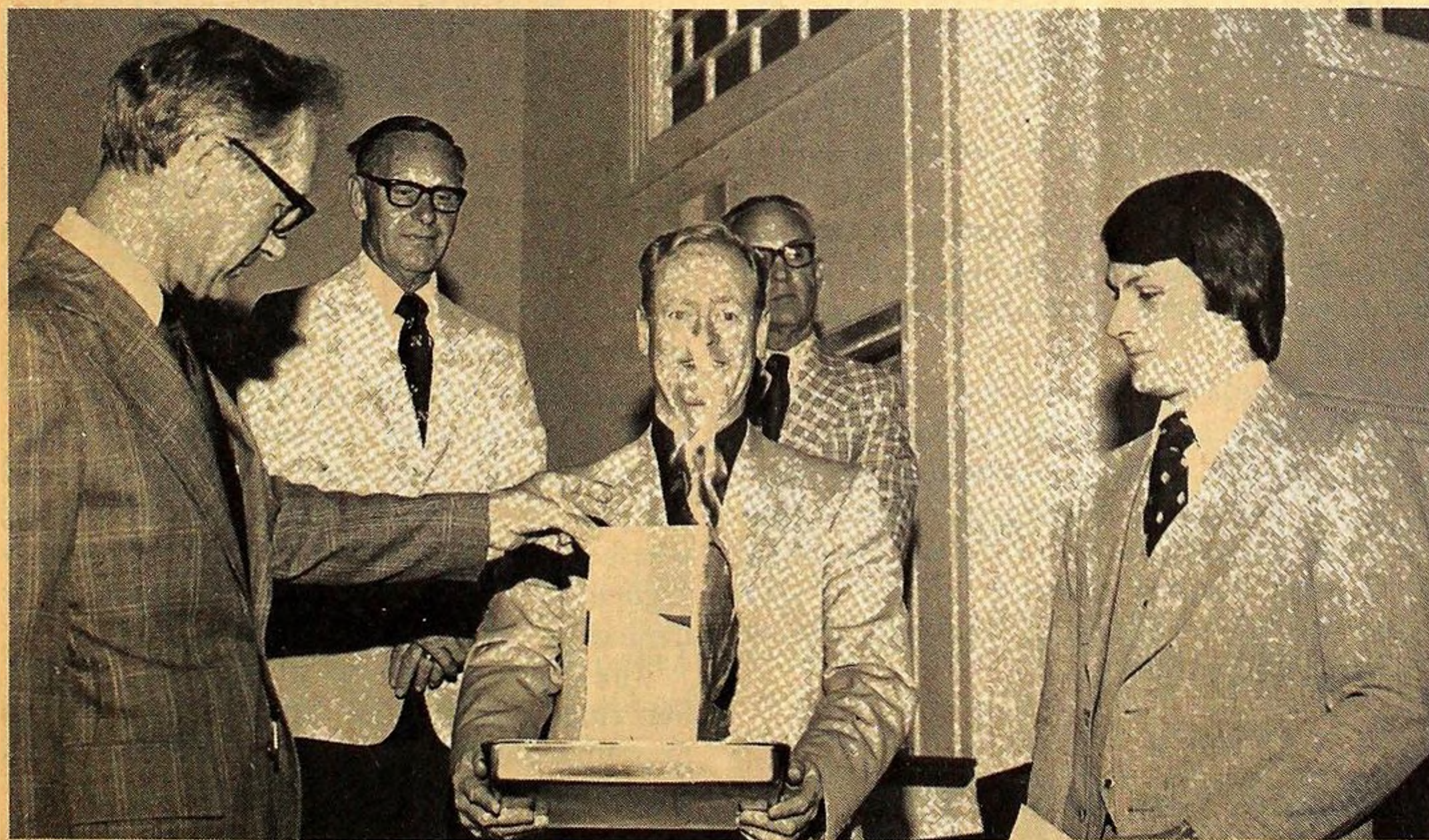
Brent Rowell of Bristol, nearing graduation at University of Tennessee, Knoxville; a member of South Knoxville Church, to Bangladesh.

The Journeyman candidates will go to their respective fields after completion of a six-week training period at Meredith College in Raleigh, N.C. Commissioning services will be held July 21 at the FMB office in Richmond, Va.

### Emeritus missionary dies

Southern Baptist emeritus missionary Walter E. Craighead, who served in both Romania and Paraguay, died April 13 in Midwest City, Okla., following a massive stroke. He was 85.

A native of Alabama, he attended the University of Chattanooga. While there, he was active in First Church, which later supported him financially on the mission field.



**DEBT-FREE**—A near capacity crowd was present at Hillcrest Church, Morristown, this month, to witness a note burning service signaling the debt-free status of the church. The last of two notes, totaling \$137,000, that had been used to purchase additional land, a pastor's home, the third floor on the educational building, and the renovation of the entire church buildings. Shown, left to right, are: Elwood Hastie; Vaughan Markland; D. T. Carowan, chairman of deacons; Don Hurley; and Randy Markland, church treasurer. Horace Hamm is pastor.

## One Tennessean named with HMB appointees

ATLANTA—A second urban training director, who will assist churches in implementing Christian social ministries, was among the 60 persons named to missions service during the April meeting of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's directors.

Peggy Latham of Dallas, Texas, will work alongside David Coleman, also a missionary serving the board's Christian social ministries department and the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

The board appointed 11 career missionaries, including Mr. Latham; 12 missionary associates; 18 US-2 missionaries; and 19 pastors to receive aid.

One Tennessean was among the 18 new US-2 missionaries (college graduates who serve for two years). He is Stanley Pigue of McEvers and a graduate of Memphis State University. Pigue served as an HMB summer missionary in Tolland, Conn.

After his US-2 term he plans to attend seminary.



# 197 Tennessee pastors, staff workers to lead revivals in Illinois in 1979

Malcolm McDow, director of evangelism for the Tennessee Baptist Convention, has recruited 197 Tennessee ministers who are holding the week of April 1-8, 1979, to come to Illinois.

McDow said the list includes both pastors and denominational staff, who are willing to come to Illinois for a simultaneous revival, the first week in April 1979.

Ralph Norton, Tennessee executive secretary, is one of the 197 who has volunteered.

Illinois evangelism director John Somers said that if all 900 churches in Illinois are in revival at the same time, many will need to invite evangelists from outside the state.

"Since Tennessee is my native state," Somers said, "I know many of these men and can personally recommend them to our Illinois churches. However, it will be on a first-come, first-served basis. We'll assign or recommend evangelists as requests come in from our Illinois pastors."

Somers said special consideration will be given to Illinois churches unable to finance a guest evangelist. "But for those who are

able, we simply ask them to care for these Tennesseans the same as they would any other evangelist or pastor," he said.

Churches in Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Iowa will also be in revival the same week, as a part of Bold Missions.

"I believe great things will happen next April," Somers predicted. "Imagine churches in seven states all praying, visiting, and evangelizing at the same time."

## Jackson church holds open house, April 16

Open house was held for the Exceptional Center for mentally retarded at West Jackson Church, Sunday afternoon, April 16.

Special guests were Doris Monroe, consultant, special ministries section, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville; Ray Evette, director of preschool and children's work, state Sunday School dept. Brentwood; and Ben Langford, commissioner of education at Jackson.

The church has been ministering to this group as a Sunday school class for many years. When it became necessary to have levels of learning for them, a family in the church provided a house which has been renovated and newly decorated. In addition to providing rooms for each age level, the center is equipped with a kitchen, and the back yard is used for nature study.

Ages of the group range 14 to 50. Average attendance is 23 each Sunday. They come from four group homes supported by the State of Tennessee and some church families. Transportation is provided by the church.

Don Read serves as director of the department for the mentally retarded. He is assisted by a department secretary and four teachers.

After Sunday school an extended session is held. Once a month they attend worship services in the church. Norman Culpepper, associate pastor, is serving as interim pastor since the resignation of Pastor David Q. Byrd who became director of the Boyce Bible School, a branch of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

## HMB approves Dennis Tate as CPA mission pastor

Dennis Tate of Baxter will receive Church Pastoral Aid from the Home Mission Board to assist in his serving as pastor in Marion, Ohio, according to HMB officials.

Tate was one of 19 mission pastors



**PULLING TOGETHER**—Charter members, deacons, and building committee members of Magna View Church, east of Jefferson City, "pull together" on the traces as pastor C. H. Christopher guides the efforts when ground was broken for a new sanctuary recently. Work was scheduled to begin this month on the structure, which will seat between 350 and 400.

## Allen gives procedure for SBC resolutions

**ATLANTA**—Larry Baker, pastor of First Baptist Church, Fayetteville, Ark., has been appointed chairman of the committee on resolutions which will report to the Southern Baptist Convention when it meets in annual session at Atlanta's Georgia World Congress Center, June 13-15.

SBC President Jimmy R. Allen, pastor of First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas, who appointed Baker and a 10-person resolutions committee, urged all SBC messengers submitting resolutions to streamline the procedures with the following steps:

(1) Submit resolutions in advance in writing, wherever possible, to Baker (P. O. Box 906, Fayetteville, Ark. 72701); (2) check resolutions passed by previous conventions (in convention annuals found in many church offices or in a comprehensive description of resolutions secured by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Southern Baptist Convention Resolutions, 460 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, TN. 37219); (3) consult, wherever possible, with the chairman or members of the resolutions committee before a resolution is submitted to the convention; (4) be prepared to turn in a written copy of the resolution at the platform if it is made from the floor.

"These simple steps will avoid confusion and overlapping and will streamline the committee's efforts to do a thorough and fair job of processing resolutions," Allen said. (BP)

## Supreme Court upholds ban on California nude dancing

**WASHINGTON**—Holding that no "substantial federal question" is involved, the U. S. Supreme Court declined to schedule for oral arguments two cases from California challenging that state's law regulating nude dancing in bars.

The cases are the latest in a long series of appeals during the high court's current term objecting to a regulation by the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control forbidding nude dancing in drinking establishments.

In both of the rejected cases, owners of such establishments argued that the California agency's regulation is unconstitutional because the department has not determined whether nude dancing is obscene. They also argued that their freedom of speech was denied by the regulation.

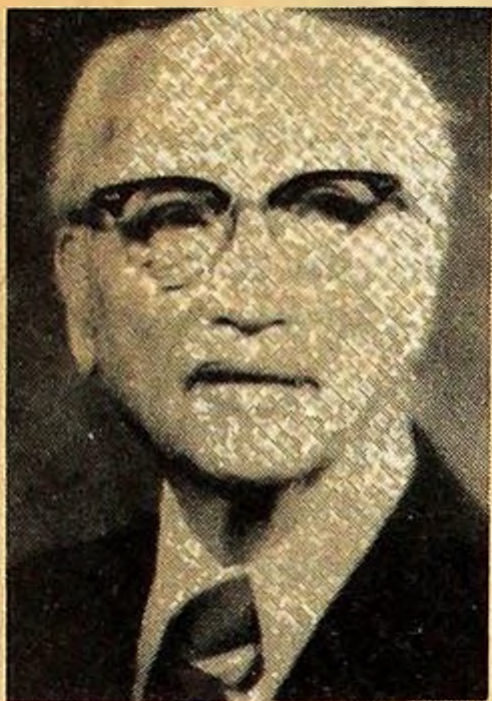
The California Court of Appeals had earlier ruled against the bar owners and the Supreme Court's refusal to hear the cases leaves that ruling in force. (BP)

approved for such assistance by the directors of the board at its April meeting. The program provides a salary supplement designed to enable a new mission congregation to have a full-time pastor who will lead them to self-support.



## Knoxville native chosen for SBTS alumni award

Knoxville-native Swan Haworth has been named to receive one of three 1978 Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Alumni of the Year awards. The presentation will be made at the seminary's alumni luncheon, June 14, in Atlanta during this year's Southern Baptist Convention.



Haworth

Haworth taught on the seminary faculty as a professor of psychology of religion from 1960-1972. Before that he served as pastor in Kentucky, Mississippi, and North Carolina.

He is teaching at the School of Pastoral Care, North Carolina Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem.

The other two alumni award recipients will be John Allen Moore, SBC missionary in Switzerland, and Sarah Frances Anderson, professor of sociology at Louisiana College, Pineville.

The awards will be presented by W. C. Fields of Nashville, national SBTS alumni president.

## MWBTS trustees set budget, renovations

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—The board of trustees of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary adopted a record budget, elected officers, focused on campus renovation and long range planning, and approved a new faculty position.

The approved budget of \$1.6-million for fiscal 1978-79 represents a 19 percent increase over the current figure. New faculty and growing staff account for the major portions of the increase.

Giving final approval to the restoration and renovation plans for Midwestern's single student residence hall, the board authorized immediate action on the project and anticipate completion by August of this year.

In other action, the trustees authorized the preparation and completion of a new master plan, to be brought to the board at their October, 1978, meeting, and to be put into action by the following spring.

The board also approved a new faculty position in the area of Christian Ethics and voted on a professor who will be announced the first of June. (BP)

## Baptist Business Women hear comparison of homemakers

CHATTANOOGA — Homemakers in America have it easy compared to housewives in other countries, two missionary women reminded 116 delegates attending the two-day 30th annual meeting of the Tennessee Federation of Baptist Business Women last weekend.

## Shuttle bus system set for Atlanta SBC

ATLANTA—Local arrangement planners for the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta in June will provide a shuttle bus system to and from major hotels to the Georgia World Congress Center and from major parking lots.

More than 16,000 registered messengers and some 20,000 persons are expected to attend the SBC annual sessions, June 13-15, and a battery of surrounding meetings.

Tom Duvall, chairman of the Atlanta transportation committee, said four primary bus routes have been charted, serving 25 of Atlanta's largest hotels within inner-city Atlanta. Additional routes will be added if needed to serve more distant motels.

Shuttle buses also will operate frequently from the Atlanta Civic Center parking lot, a huge lot about 10 minutes from the convention site. It will cost only \$1 per day to park there. SBC messengers are urged to use that lot and ride the shuttle bus to the convention.

Duvall explained that about 5,000 parking spaces are in the vicinity of the World Congress Center, but that these are usually occupied by Atlanta business people. The congress center is in the heart of downtown Atlanta.

"Many hotels are within easy walking distance of the World Congress Center," Duvall said. "Thousands of messengers will not need transportation; they can walk easily."

But for those who do need transportation, buses will run every three to eight minutes on a continuing basis. Fare will be 35 cents per person. Pickups will be made according to how messengers are booked at major hotels.

Duvall had this suggestion for messengers: "If your hotel doesn't have many SBC messengers, and an SBC bus doesn't stop there, we urge you to park at the Atlanta Civic Center lot and ride a shuttle bus to the convention. You will have excellent service and be much happier with arrangements." (BP)

Mrs. Dora Harbin of Recife, Brazil, and Mrs. Marty Akin of Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania, contrasted the responsibilities of American women with those of women from their countries in presentations on "Missions from a Woman's Point of View."

In a business session, Mrs. Mary Ruth Cook of Signal Mountain, a real estate and insurance executive, was elected president of the Tennessee business women for a two-year term.

Other new officers included Mrs. Marye Jennings of Forest Hill, program vice-president; Mrs. Willette Wright of Nashville, enlistment vice-president; Mrs. Marie Lilliard of Nashville, secretary; and Mrs. Jeanette Gray of Chattanooga, treasurer.

Mrs. Cook, the outgoing enlistment vice-president, reported membership in the federation increased about 20 percent in 1977, reaching 1,058.

During the year these women contributed \$36,674 to special mission causes, including \$20,058 to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, \$6,581 to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, and \$2,689 to the state missions offering.

In accepting the reins of the federation, Mrs. Cook called on the women to become even more aggressive in behalf of missions and to bring Baptist business women into the organization on even larger scale than in 1977.

The women agreed to hold their 31st annual meeting in Memphis on April 21-22, 1979. They also planned a summer retreat at Camp Linden on July 21-23, 1978.

Mrs. Akin, who is living in Nashville while on furlough, said the men in Tanzania see themselves as the king of their households who take to the market the products their wives grow and work in the city to supplement the family income.

Because of the work, the women can't attend church meetings on a regular basis, Mrs. Akin said.

"I've found by taking my children into the women's homes on an informal basis for tea that I could do my most effective work."

Echoing the household problems, Mrs. Harbin said she didn't realize how much time it took to make a good home in the absence of instant foods, canned vegetables, and frozen dishes.

However, Mrs. Harbin said she still found time to teach at a training school operated by the Woman's Missionary Union and to work in a goodwill center.



# Bold Mission Thrust experienced in Brazil

By Ralph E. Norton  
TBC executive secretary

The meaning of the words "Bold Mission Thrust" has a deeper significance for approximately 65 men and women from several states and many walks of life because of the evangelistic crusade in Brazil in which we participated. The journey began for us as a group when we met in Miami on the evening of March 9 to board our plane for Rio de Janeiro and from there through Sao Paulo to Campinas and then back to Niteroi.

The bus ride from Sao Paulo to Campinas gave us ample opportunity to view the beauty of this lovely area of Brazil. The summer season was ending, but the flowers were still at their peak and the tropical plants and flowering trees were ablaze with color.

Our guide shared historical information and also pointed out facts about the current living and economic conditions which later proved helpful as we spent time with some of the loveliest and most gracious people we have ever met. When she pointed out that children go to work at a young age and complete high school at night, the full impact of that truth did not hit us until the revival services later revealed very few youth in attendance—they were in school!

We passed a school on another occasion during the evening and saw a group of youngsters at play—evidently recess time—when our children here at home would already be in bed.

American missionaries and Brazilian pastors greeted us with warm enthusiasm upon our arrival in Campinas. Their pleasure over our being there equaled our own anticipation of this crusade. We will not soon forget their hospitality and love. I think we will be

more aware of their dedication to the work they are doing, and when we are reminded to pray for our missionaries, we will have a more personal interest in them.

In a city of 600,000, Baptist work in Campinas is carried on through seven churches, most of them relatively small. Our responsibility was to work with the pastors as we were assigned different churches. Pastors and laymen alike preached, professional men and women spoke in the schools, civic and professional clubs, and still others led Bible study groups.

Means of witnessing were as varied as the abilities and training of the men and women in the group. All of us had opportunity to hand out tracts which had been translated into Portuguese. We were deeply impressed with the responses, for almost without exception, tracts were readily accepted and often read immediately.

Invitations to a mass rally on Friday and Saturday nights were given through the week as had been done prior to our arrival. The attendance at the rallies was excellent, resulting in between 400-500 decisions.

Missionary Paul Stouffer has written since our return, saying that the pastors and churches are excited with the follow-up that is being done. He expressed gratitude for our coming and says that we were able to reach out into areas that were impossible for them to reach.

Our second week was spent in Niteroi, a city of almost half a million people, located across the bay from Rio. The schedule for this week consisted of an evangelistic conference each morning, an open-air service each evening between the hours of 5:00 and 6:30 at the ferryboat landing, and an evangelistic crusade in a large stadium each evening.

The morning sessions were well attended by missionaries, pastors, lay people, and denominational leaders. This was an effort to undergird and strengthen their churches and to encourage pastors. The sessions were informative and inspiring for everyone. We had opportunity to share our work and experiences and also had time to mingle with some of these fine leaders.

The open-air services were most unique and meaningful. A platform had been erected, public address system installed, and workers provided with tracts. While approximately 50,000 people got off the ferry and made their way into the city enroute home from work, the gospel was being proclaimed by Scripture, testimony, and song. At fifteen-minute intervals, an invitation was given. Tracts were being handed out throughout the service. Scores of people made their way to the speakers' platform

to express interest in what they were hearing. Most of these needed additional counseling, and all were invited to the evening service. It was learned later that many who made professions at the crusade service had earlier responded at the open-air rally.

The stadium service at night was attended by 12,000 to 15,000 people. Nilson Fanini, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Niteroi, and president of the Brazilian Baptist Convention, brought inspiring messages, using the seven sayings of Jesus on the cross as his theme.

Response was excellent. Hundreds of decisions were made nightly. We know that follow-up is being done by the nearly 50 churches in the area, and again we have been told of the growth and increased interest which began even while this program was in the planning stages.

I believe I can speak for my wife, as well as the other Tennesseans in our group—Lawrence Steiner, Charlie Hutchison, David Riply, and Shad Williams—when I say that it was a great thrill to be a part of this team and to witness the exciting and continuing growth of Baptist work in this area of Brazil.

We appreciate the efforts of Joe Underwood of the Foreign Mission Board as he guided this program in an effort to use men and women from all walks of life to use their witness and testimony to give emphasis to missions in a foreign country in connection with our Bold Mission Thrust.

We pray that this effort will have laid the groundwork for future campaigns of this kind which are already in the planning stages.



**NEW CAR**—Members of Greenback Memorial Church, Greenback, presented their pastor, Billy Joe McCown, and his wife with a new Datsun station wagon commemorating his fifth anniversary as pastor of that church. McCown also was guest of honor for a "roasting and toasting" and a fellowship supper.

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# Our People and Our Churches . . .

## LEADERSHIP . . .

**J. Ralph McIntyre**, director of the church and staff support division, Baptist Sunday School Board, was called as interim pastor of Dalewood Church in Nashville. Former pastor **Mike Dawson** accepted the call of a church in Alabama.

Charlotte Road Church, Nashville, called **Clifford Horne** as interim pastor. Former pastor **O. L. Taylor** is now pastor of Antioch Church. (See story this issue.)

Northside Church, Milan, called **Michael W. Bell** as music and youth director. **Bell** is a student at Union University, Jackson. **Levi Parish Jr.** is pastor.

**Dunaway Conner** was on the field of Broadmoor Church, Memphis, last Sunday after being called as minister to youth. A native of Ripley, he is a graduate of Union University, Jackson, and holds an M.A. degree from Memphis State University. He graduated from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in May 1976 with a masters degree in church music. **Conner's** musical experience includes positions on the staffs of four Tennessee Baptist churches, and churches in Fort Worth and Blytheville, Ark. **Jack May** is pastor at Broadmoor.

**Tony Wilkerson** was called as full time minister of music and youth at First Church, Savannah. He was minister of music and youth at Elliston Church, Blue Springs, Miss., and has been in the ministry for five years. He is a senior at Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Miss.

**Clyde Martin** resigned as pastor of Roaring Fork Church, Sevier County Association.

Valley View Church, Nashville, called **Wayne Wilson** as minister of music.

**Jim Dusek**, associate pastor of First Church, Columbia, for the past four years, has accepted the call as pastor of First Church, Franklin, N.C. His last Sunday with the Columbia church was April 23.

**Bob Cain**, minister of youth and recreation at Brainerd Church, Chattanooga, has accepted the call of Parker Memorial Church, Anniston, Ala to serve as minister of youth and college. He is scheduled to begin his service in Alabama the first of May. Brainerd Church ordained **Cain** on Sunday, April 23. He has served that church for over five years.

**Nancy Fay** is the new minister of music at South Clinton Church, Clinton.

## PEOPLE . . .

**Andy Luna** was ordained as a deacon at Westwood Church, Nashville. **James Gregg**, pastor, preached the ordination sermon. **Joe Cimino** gave the charges to the candidate and to the church.

Hopewell Church, Savannah, ordained **Rex Adkisson** and **Jim Davis** as deacons. Deacon chairman **Jim Carpenter** brought the charge to the deacons. Hopewell's pastor, **John R. Walker**, brought the charge to the church.

First Church, South Pittsburg, licensed **James L. Moore** to the gospel ministry last month. **Moore** is attending Chattanooga State Community College. **Houston E. Inman** is pastor.

Mount Zion Church, Chilhowee Association, ordained **Frank Curtis** as a deacon.

**Mr. and Mrs. Guy Morrow**, Waynesboro, celebrated their 60th anniversary recently. Both are active members of First Church, where she has served as organist for 50 years. He is an active deacon. **Norman O. Baker** is their pastor.

Enon Church, Carroll-Benton Association, ordained **Eddie Holmes** to the gospel ministry last month. **Windal Walker** is pastor.

Three newly ordained deacons were added to the active deacon list at Puryear Church, Western District Association. The new members are **Gaylon Alexander**, **Bobby McElroy**, and **Ralph Gallimore**. **H. D. Hudson** is pastor of the church.

Good Hope Church, McMinn-Meigs Association, ordained **Kenneth Allen** and **Jerry Lewis** as deacons last month. **John Henry** is pastor.

**Jerry Seale**, minister to the deaf, First Church, Knoxville, was awarded a "comprehensive skills certificate" by the National Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf. The award is made after the candidate passes an exam which was established to insure skilled interpreters for the deaf.

The ordination of new deacons **Jimmy Conn** and **Larry Maxwell** was held April 23 at Immanuel Church, Nashville. **David C. George** is pastor.

First Church, Lexington, ordained **Jim McKee** as a deacon last month. **S. R. Woodson** is interim pastor.

Park Avenue Church, Nashville, ordained **David Philpo**, **Fred Skelton**, **Jack Stone**, **Jack Griffith**, and **Albert Mitchell** as deacons earlier this month. **Frank Parrotte** is scheduled to be ordained in the near future. Pastor **Bob Mowrey** preached the ordination sermon.

**C. Bland Daley**, father of **John B. Daley**, pastor of Brook Hollow Church in Nashville and president of the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, died April 14. Funeral services were held at Ashland Avenue Church, Lexington, Ky., April 17.

## CHURCHES . . .

Providence Church, Hamilton County Association, voted to purchase a van for use in mission work. The church also held a "pastor and wife appreciation" surprise party.

Orebank Missionary Church, Sullivan Association, held a note burning ceremony recently.

Friendsview Church, Jefferson County Association, organized a Woman's Missionary Union with **Billie Jean Layman** as director.

Broadway Church, Maryville, is scheduled to hold dedication services on Sunday, May 7, for the sanctuary and organ. **J. E. Wren Sr.**, father of pastor **Joe R. Wren**, is scheduled to deliver the dedication sermon.

Antioch Church, Sevier County Association, organized a Brotherhood.

Maple Grove Church, Chilhowee Association, paid off the note on its building. Plans call for a note burning and dedication service on April 30 at the church. Maple Grove was originally a mission of Everett Hills Church. **John H. Franklin**, pastor at Everett Hills, will speak at the service. **Bill Reed** is pastor.

Eastland Church, Big Hatchie Association, started a Woman's Missionary Union. **A. L. Slaughter** is pastor.

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# Tennessee ministers become full citizens

For the first time in Tennessee's 182-year history, ministers of the gospel became full-fledged citizens of the state as a result of the April 19 decision by the United States Supreme Court.

The unanimous decision by the nation's highest tribunal struck down a provision in Tennessee's Constitution which prohibits a minister from serving in the state General Assembly. That section had also been used to challenge a minister's right to serve as a delegate to last year's Constitutional Convention.

Our state Constitution declares: "Whereas Ministers of the Gospel are by their profession, dedicated to God and the care of souls, and ought not to be diverted from the great duties of their functions; therefore, no Minister of the Gospel, or priest of any denomination whatever, shall be eligible to a seat in either House of the Legislature" (Article IX, Section 1).

Tennessee was the only state in the Union which still had such restriction in its laws. The restriction dates back to the state's first Constitution which was adopted in 1796. At least 12 other states have had similar laws, but these states had already removed such prohibitions.

The incident which brought the issue to the U. S. Supreme Court began when Paul A. McDaniel, a Baptist minister in Chattanooga, was elected to the 1977 Constitutional Convention as a delegate from the 29th district. An unsuccessful candidate for that seat, Mrs. Selma C. Paty, filed a suit charging that McDaniel was prohibited from serving as a delegate under state law.

The Tennessee Supreme Court had ruled that McDaniel could

not serve, and this ruling was appealed to the U. S. Supreme Court—which overturned the state's court's ruling.

McDaniel had been permitted to serve as a delegate to the Constitutional Convention when Potter Stewart, justice on the U. S. Supreme Court, had issued an order to the state court.

Most political observers were surprised that last year's Constitutional Convention did not choose to recommend that the questionable section of the state Constitution be amended or deleted.

We commend the U. S. Supreme Court for doing what our own state's legislature and Constitutional Convention would not do. The law deprived ministers of the free exercise of religion, a right guaranteed by the First Amendment of the U. S. Constitution.

We doubt that last week's court ruling will result in a large number of clergy men seeking political office. Most ministers are too involved in their churches and in local community affairs to desire a seat in the General Assembly—with its five-month annual session, plus other demanding duties between sessions.

Regardless, we are pleased that Tennessee ministers are now considered full citizens of our state.

## Loophole continues

Apparently, the 1978 session of the Tennessee General Assembly will adjourn next month without correcting a state law which allows gambling on pinball machines. In revising the gambling laws several years ago, the legislature—either by design or ignorance—created a loophole which allowed a court to rule that this type of gambling is legal.

A legislative study committee was authorized by the 1977 General Assembly. While functioning last year, the committee faced tremendous pressures—both from concerned citizens who wanted the loophole closed, and from the pinball operators who wanted gambling to continue. The committee chose to knuckle under to the latter.

The Senate and House of Representatives took differing routes in dealing with the issue.

The senators—in a commendable action—passed a bill which would have prohibited gambling on the gaudy, mechanical contraptions. They had passed a similar bill in 1977.

The representatives sided with the study committee. The House passed a bill which would have licensed, regulated, and taxed pinball operators.

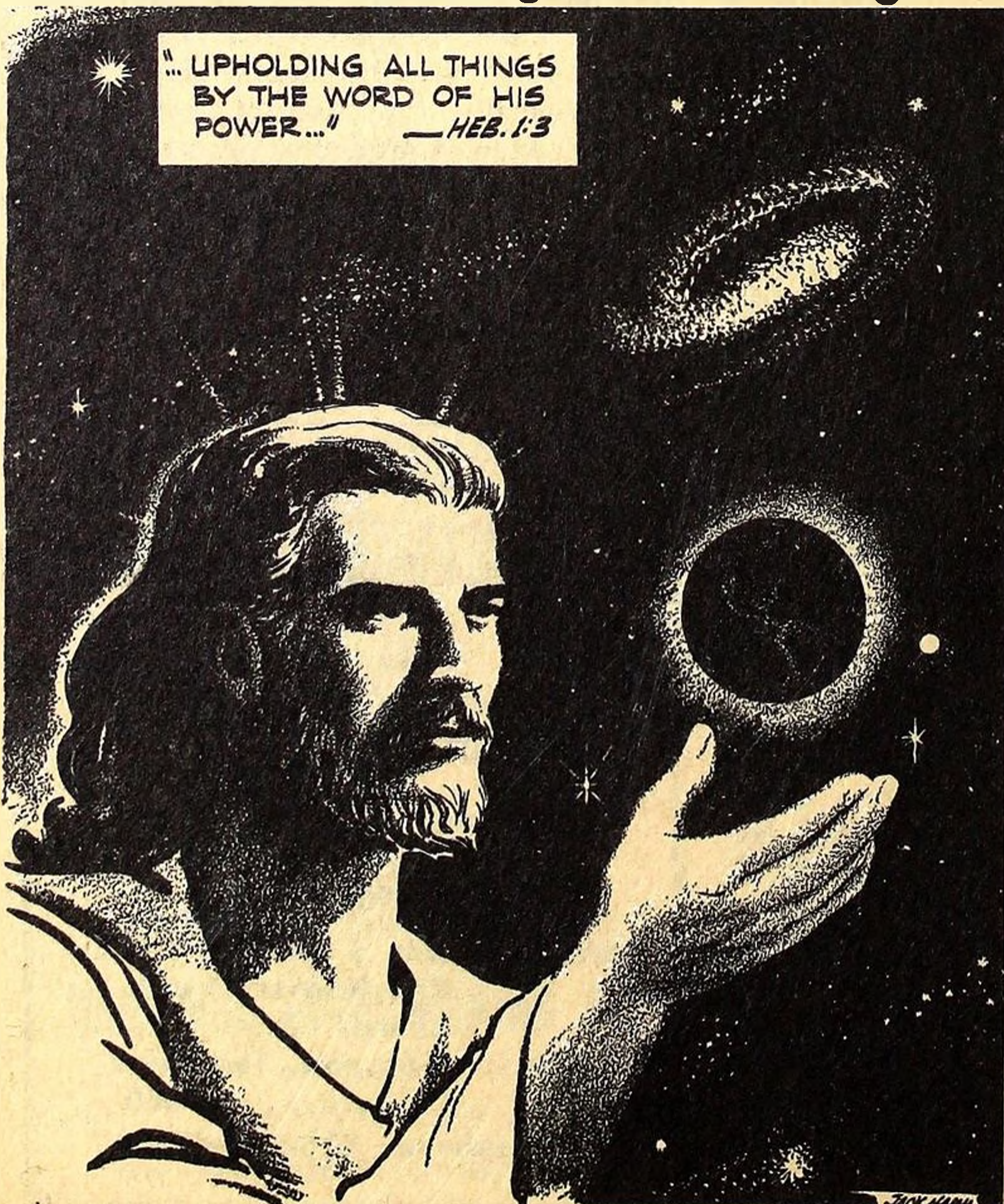
Committees in each house of the legislature have declined to bring out the bills passed by the other house.

We would have preferred that the Senate bill would have become law. Yet, there is some room for rejoicing because the senators did not yield to the House bill—and its promised \$3-million per year in tax revenue.

History has shown that once any questionable activity is placed on the tax roles, it is exceedingly difficult—if not impossible—to outlaw.

Perhaps this year's election will give us more representatives who place moral principles above tax revenue and lobbyists' pressure.

## Truth Still To Be Recognized And Sought





## Cicero's comment



### By the editor

"Cicero, we have started looking for a new pastor for our church," reported **Faye Thull**, long-time member of **Fairway Baptist Church**.

I expressed surprise, noting how pleased the congregation had been when the former professional golfer, **I. Ron Driver**, had come as pastor last year.

"Yes, that's true," Faye offered. "But I guess he just couldn't adapt his former profession to the ministry."

She gave me some examples.

It seems that Ron had named **four members** to every committee, and kept referring to them as the Nominating Foursome, the Kitchen Foursome, the Foursome on Foursomes, etc.

Then, in the church newsletter he re-named the calendar of events as **"Tee Times."**

Faye indicated that he spent too much time visiting with one family in the church—the **Greenes**.

I. Ron Driver was also very impatient or easily **"teed off,"** she added. "And, he spent too much time just **puttering** around the church building."

Miss Faye Thull observed that the pastor has started calling the offering envelopes as **"scorecards"** and the report board in the auditorium was now named the **"scoreboard."**

Then, he re-instituted a lot of **"study courses."**

"Just look at these sermon titles," my visitor pleaded. The list included:

—**"Living Life in the Rough."**

—**"Putt-ting First Things First."**

—**"Chip Shot Off the Old Block"** (Father's Day message).

—**"A Proper Grip on Life."**

Faye also noted that he kept referring to **"backsliders"** as **"back-swingers"** and the after-church fellowship as the **19th Hole."**

The crowning blow seems to have come when Irons pressed the Sunday School classes to call themselves **"clubs."**

THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 1978

## 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.

### Kind of offering

Dear editor:

In looking over the Sunday School lesson in our Senior Adult Quarterly for April 23, page 28, it states in paragraph 1, "The difference in the kind of offering is not important."

It was Cain's attitude (that) caused God to reject Cain's offering. Abel "by faith offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain by which he obtained witness that he was righteous" according to Heb. 11:4.

In Romans 10:17 we read, "That faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God." In other words according to the revealed Word of God, Abel was able to offer the proper object.

Broadman Bible Commentary infers that a sin offering was not the issue.

It took both quarterly and commentary to my pastor, and he showed me many commentaries refuting this interpretation.

Generally speaking, the cross is an offense, it seems.

Herbert G. Martin  
1002 Lookout Dr.  
Morristown, TN 37814

The "kind of offering" statement by the author, Ex-Tennessean Francis M. Warden, was a reference to the object sacrificed (animal or vegetable)—not to this being a sin offering, peace offering, etc. Bible scholars are divided on whether or not this was a forerunner of the "sin offering," which was instituted centuries later (Lev. 6:24-30).

Why the Lord had "respect" for Abel and his offering and had "not respect" for Cain and his offering was interpreted in Hebrews 11 to be because of Abels faith—not because it was a sin offering. (editor)

### Second million

Dear editor:

It took Tennessee Baptists 82 years to reach the \$1-million mark in Lottie Moon Christmas Offering giving. It was 1888 when the first foreign mission offering was taken, and in 1970 our receipts were \$1,032,395.05.

Yet, in the last seven short years, we have surpassed the second million, with \$2,147,159.48 received toward the 1977

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering as of March 31, 1978.

In this period of Bold Missions, is it too much to believe that in the next seven years Tennessee Baptists might again double the offering amount—so that by 1984 we might see a Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal of over \$4-million?

Mary Jane Nethery  
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That's quite a visionary challenge! (editor)

### Choice of a career

Dear editor:

One of the decisions of every young person is the choosing of a trade or profession.

Years ago, a most distinguished educator, Willis A. Sutton, superintendent of schools of Atlanta told how he decided to be a teacher.

Sutton related that during his senior year in high school his father heard him say on one occasion that he would like to be a physician; another time he spoke of becoming a teacher. Again he indicated an interest in becoming an engineer; again he expressed an interest in the ministry, and, on another, he mentioned other potential professions.

His father was very observant and wrote down each interest his son had in life. The father then wrote the two best physicians in Georgia, the two best lawyers and teachers, and so forth.

On graduation day the father said, "Son, you have indicated an interest in several professions during your senior year. I have written two outstanding persons in each profession, asking them to give the strong and weak points of the profession. I have placed all the letters in this scrapbook. I ask you to read the letters and make your decision."

Sutton said he read all the letters carefully and got down on his knees and asked for Divine guidance in making the decision. He related that he got up with the decision to be a teacher, knowing that he would teach those who would be ministers, lawyers, physicians, businessmen, official, and in all the professions.

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## Training to aid workers in small Sunday Schools

Sunday School workers in churches with an enrollment of 150 or less will have the opportunity to participate in a leadership retreat, May 19-20, at Camp Linden.

Training will be provided for workers with general officers, adults, youth, children, and preschoolers. According to Wendell Price, state Sunday School director, ideas will be shared on how to generate enthusiasm for Bible learning, share in group learning experiences, make assignments for reports and research, and plan lesson approaches, techniques, and methods on a variety basis. Emphasis will also be given on training in-service teachers, building a Christian fellowship, and stimulating growth in Christ-likeness.

Conference leaders scheduled include: Ray Evette, state director of preschool and children's work; Paula Parris, First Church, Nashville; Lyn Brasfield, state director of youth work; and Mr. and Mrs. Price.

Sessions will begin at 6 p.m. Friday, with the Saturday morning meeting at 8:00 and closing at 12 noon. Advanced registration should be made through the Sunday School department, Tennessee Baptist Convention.

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**FRANKLIN GIFT**—First Church of Franklin last month presented a new Buick to Pastor and Mrs. Virgil Peters (center) as an appreciation gift for ministries and service to the church. Presenting the keys is Richard Marlin (left) and Leon Stanford, chairman of the car committee.

## Special FMB committee to study future of Baptists' seminary in Switzerland

**FORT WORTH, Texas**—A special subcommittee of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board is working with the board's area secretary for Europe in considering the future of the Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland.

The seminary, beset by the twin problems of inflation and the decline in the value of the U. S. dollar, had a deficit of \$48,730 last year and may run as much as \$100,000 in the red for 1978.

J. D. Hughey, secretary for Europe, the Middle East and South Asia, reported to the board at its April meeting that "we hope that the seminary can continue, but other options are being considered."

He listed the options:

1. To sell the property and either relocate the seminary in a less expensive place, perhaps in relationship to another seminary, or to strengthen some of the existing European seminaries with faculty members, books, or scholarships. Such closing, if it occurred, would not be before the end of the 1978-79 academic year, Hughey said.

2. To retain the property or at least a part of it and redirect the ministry of Ruschlikon. "This might mean," Hughey said, "discontinuing the regular seminary program but continuing and expanding conferences and short courses of study and developing, as we have already anticipated, correspondence courses."

The seminary, opened in 1948, is operated by a Board of Trustees that includes representatives of Baptists in most European countries. The European Baptists have been told that the seminary's future depends upon "their sharing with Southern Baptists the financial support of the institution," Hughey said.

Gerhard Claas, secretary of the European Baptist Federation and chairman of the

seminary's administrative committee, noted in a letter to the seminary's trustees that "for almost 30 years Ruschlikon has been the center of European Baptist life. We have to do our very best to save Ruschlikon."

The special subcommittee considering the seminary problem hopes to have recommendations ready to present to the June meeting of the Foreign Mission Board, Hughey said. "By that time we should know what kind of support can be expected from European Baptists and what they recommend." (BP)

## Foundation workers seek ways to work together

**NASHVILLE**—Mutual interests should cause Baptist institutions and state Baptist foundations to work together, according to speakers at the Foundation and Development Officers' Institute which met in Nashville.

"Baptist colleges and other institutions exist at least in part because of the work that the foundations do, and foundations exist partly because of the money and interest generated by the institutions," Belmont College president Herbert C. Gabhart of Nashville told institute participants.

Harry D. Trulove, president of the Arkansas Baptist Foundation, Little Rock, echoed the emphasis on cooperation. He said the foundations "create a climate" for the institutional development efforts by sharing information on such subjects as estate planning.

About 50 development officers and foundation executives at the three-day meeting.

The SBC Stewardship Commission sponsors the annual institute. (BP)



# FMB adds 30 missionaries, increases salary support

**FORT WORTH, Texas** — Meeting in Texas for the first time in nine years, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board approved 30 new missionaries, paid tribute to the late James G. Harris, and moved toward strengthening the financial support of its missionaries who face inflation and dollar devaluation abroad.

The memory of Harris, immediate past president of the board who died last July 31, was strong as 5,000 attending the Tarrant County Convention Center appointment service stood to applaud his widow, Tunis. Mrs. Harris received a film copy of last April's appointment service in Atlanta, Ga., where her husband presided.

Another burst of applause greeted a report by executive director Baker J. Cauthen that the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions now stands at \$30,744,311. Although books on the offering will remain open until the end of May, it is already more than \$1,980,501 above the final figure for last year's offering of \$28,763,810.

The 1977 goal is \$34,000,000.

In the concluding business session of the April meeting, hosted by the Baptist General Convention of Texas and the Tarrant Baptist Association, the board elected two new administrative associates to serve on its Richmond, Va., staff—James W. Cecil as associate consultant for laymen overseas and John R. Cheyne as associate coordinator of hunger relief and disaster response.

Although faced with growing financial demands overseas because of inflation and decline in value of the U. S. dollar, the board acted to authorize increases and adjustments in missionary support in the 1979 budget if projected funds for the budget allow the changes.

The process will be handled in such a way that no missionary will have any reduction in income during the transition period, a board spokesman said.

One proposed change will increase the

basic missionary support level by \$600 per couple and \$400 per single missionary. Another would move toward phasing out child allowances as a separate item of financial support, but would incorporate the amount of present child allowances (up to the average amount for three children) into the base salary.

Winston Crawley, director of the board's overseas division, said full implementation of these proposals is not likely in the 1979 budget since the amount required to accomplish these changes will probably be \$2,500,000. This figure does not include the normal cost-of-living adjustments, costs of the current decline in dollar exchange value and growth in the missionary staff, Crawley said.

In the same session, the board voted immediate cost of living adjustments for missionaries in Japan and Okinawa, where the dollar has been losing ground steadily in comparison to local currencies, and for those in Ghana, where a combination of local inflation and a fixed exchange rate is putting a heavy burden on missionary budgets. The increases for missionaries in these three countries, made retroactive to April 1, will cost an estimated \$72,000 for the remainder of the year.

Another \$79,310 was approved to provide cost-of-living adjustments in 11 other countries where inflation or dollar decline are causing problems. These become effective June 1. (BP)

## A. R. Pedigo dies at 93

Retired Tennessee pastor A. R. Pedigo, 93, died at Blount Memorial Hospital in Maryville on Friday, April 15. The cause of death was heart failure.

Pedigo was pastor of three churches in Tennessee during his approximately 50 years in the ministry. In addition to Immanuel Church in Knoxville where he served from 1919 until 1956, he led Lincoln Park Church in that city and Richland Church, Grainger County. He had been a member of Meridian Church, Knoxville, since 1958.

Funeral services were held from Berrys Funeral Chapel in Knoxville with Gordon Greenwell, pastor of Sevier Heights Church in that city, and James Hutson, pastor of Meridian Church, officiating. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Knoxville.

Pedigo is survived by his widow, Carrie Pedigo, Asbury Acres Health Care Center, Maryville.



**DAVID AND REBECCA HAGOOD**  
New missionaries to Chile

## Hagoods named by FMB to Chile mission post

Mr. and Mrs. C. David Hagood of Dyersburg were among 30 persons appointed as career missionaries April 11 by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

They will work in Chile, where he will be a religious education promoter. Currently, Hagood is minister of education at First Church, Dyersburg.

Born in Gadsden, Ala., Hagood grew up in Birmingham and Pinson, Ala. He was graduated from Auburn (Ala.) University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Hagood served two years in the U.S. Army at Fort Hood, Texas, and in South Korea.

During college he was religious education director at Pepperell Church, Opelika, Ala. Before accepting his current position, he was minister of education at Oakhaven Church in Memphis.

The former Rebecca Adams of Texas, Mrs. Hagood was born in Purmela, and grew up in Gatesville. She was graduated from Abilene (Texas) Christian College, and later taught fourth grade at Pershing Park Elementary School, Killeen, Texas.

The Hagoods were houseparents at Presbyterian Children's Home in Itasca, Texas, and staff workers at All Church Children's Home in Fort Worth.

They have two children; Jonathan David born in 1974, and Joanna Rebecca, 1976.

## Pond Grove calls Wayne Tate

Pond Grove Church, Rockwood, called Wayne E. Tate as pastor. Tate comes to Rockwood from the pastorate of Boiling Springs Church, Baxter. While in that pastorate, he served as moderator for Union Association.

He has also led churches in Monroe, Cumberland, White, and Smith Counties. A native of Tellico Plains, he has been in the pastorate for 19 years.

## Mrs. Russell Bradley Jones dies

Mrs. Russell Bradley Jones, wife of former Tennessee pastor, missionary to the Philippines, and chairman of the Bible department at Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, died April 7 in St. Louis, Mo. following surgery.

Jones pastored churches in Jefferson City and Chattanooga. He will continue to live in St. Louis. In addition to her husband, she is survived by two sons, one daughter, and several grandchildren.





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## Mother's Day Offering

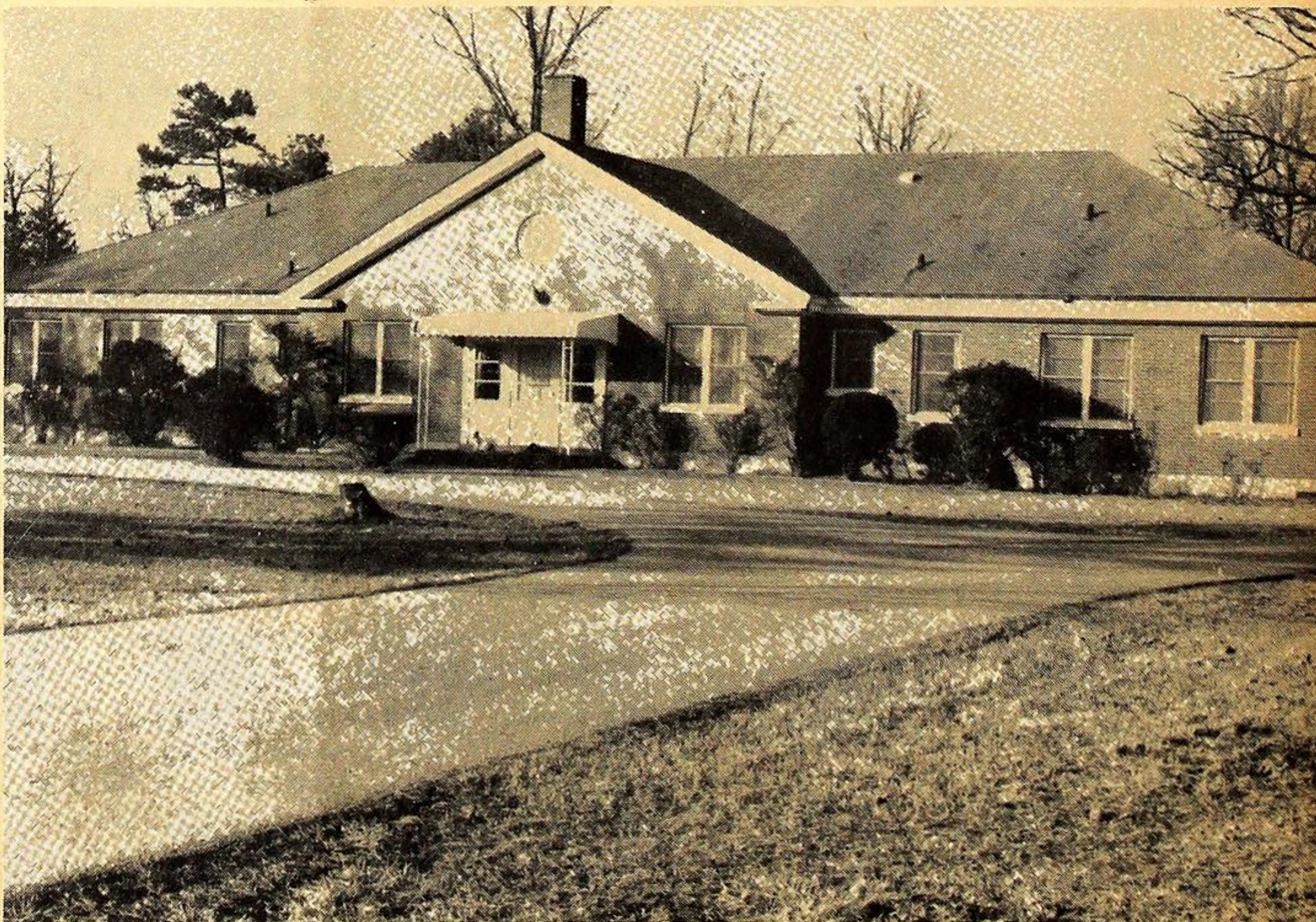
The ministry of the Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes is supported by Tennessee Baptists. Once each year, on Mother's Day, we receive a special offering for this vital ministry. Our goal this year is \$400,000. This money is used for operational needs on our four campuses. It has often been referred to as our "bread and butter money." That expresses well how dependent we are upon a good offering for the good program that we are offering to dependent and neglected children. We are appreciative for the wonderful support that comes through the Cooperative Program of our Convention. Many individuals give generously to this worthy cause.

## SOMETHING NEW

Once a month you will be able to read about your Children's Homes in the Baptist and Reflector. We want you to become more familiar with the locations of our Homes, the Superintendents, and some facts about the work. This information is important to you as a Baptist and becomes more important when someone needing our services asks you for help.

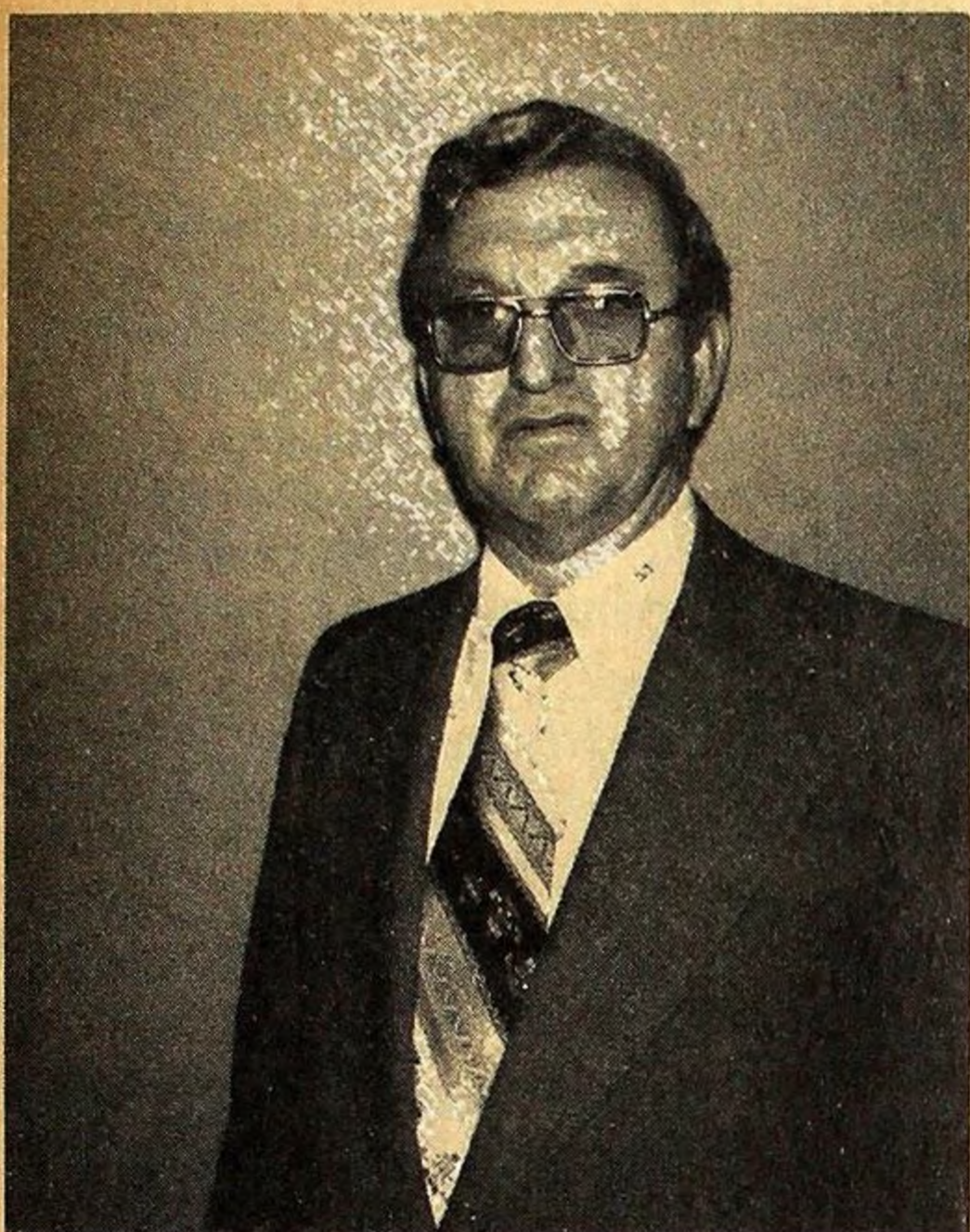
The picture of the chapel has become the identifying feature of the Chattanooga Home. When you are traveling the Lee Highway and see the chapel pictured in this issue, you will immediately recognize the East Tennessee Baptist Children's Home.

We invite you to visit the campuses and ask for a tour. It is helpful if they know in advance that you are coming but not absolutely necessary. We believe that you have every right to be proud of the ministry that is being rendered by Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes.

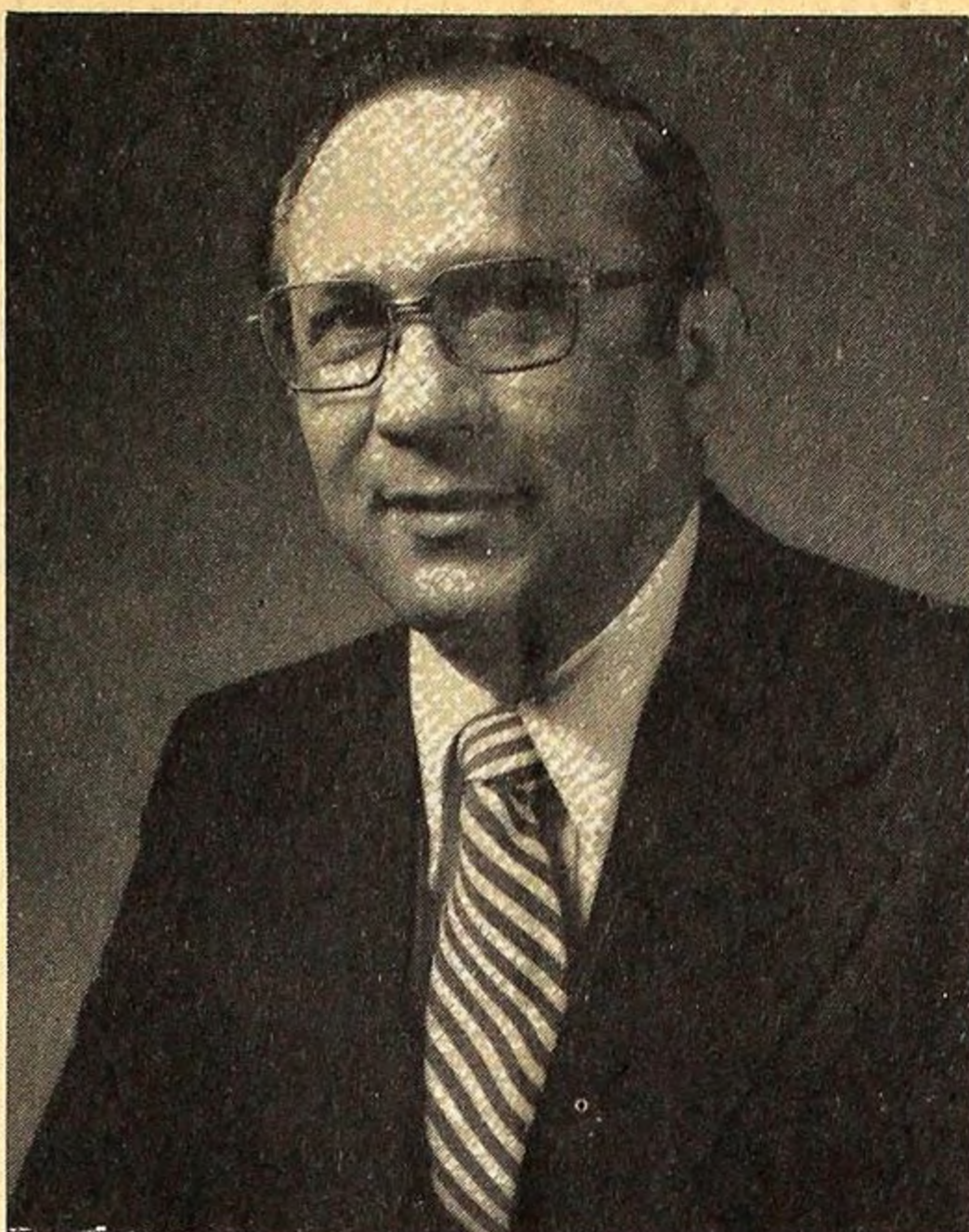


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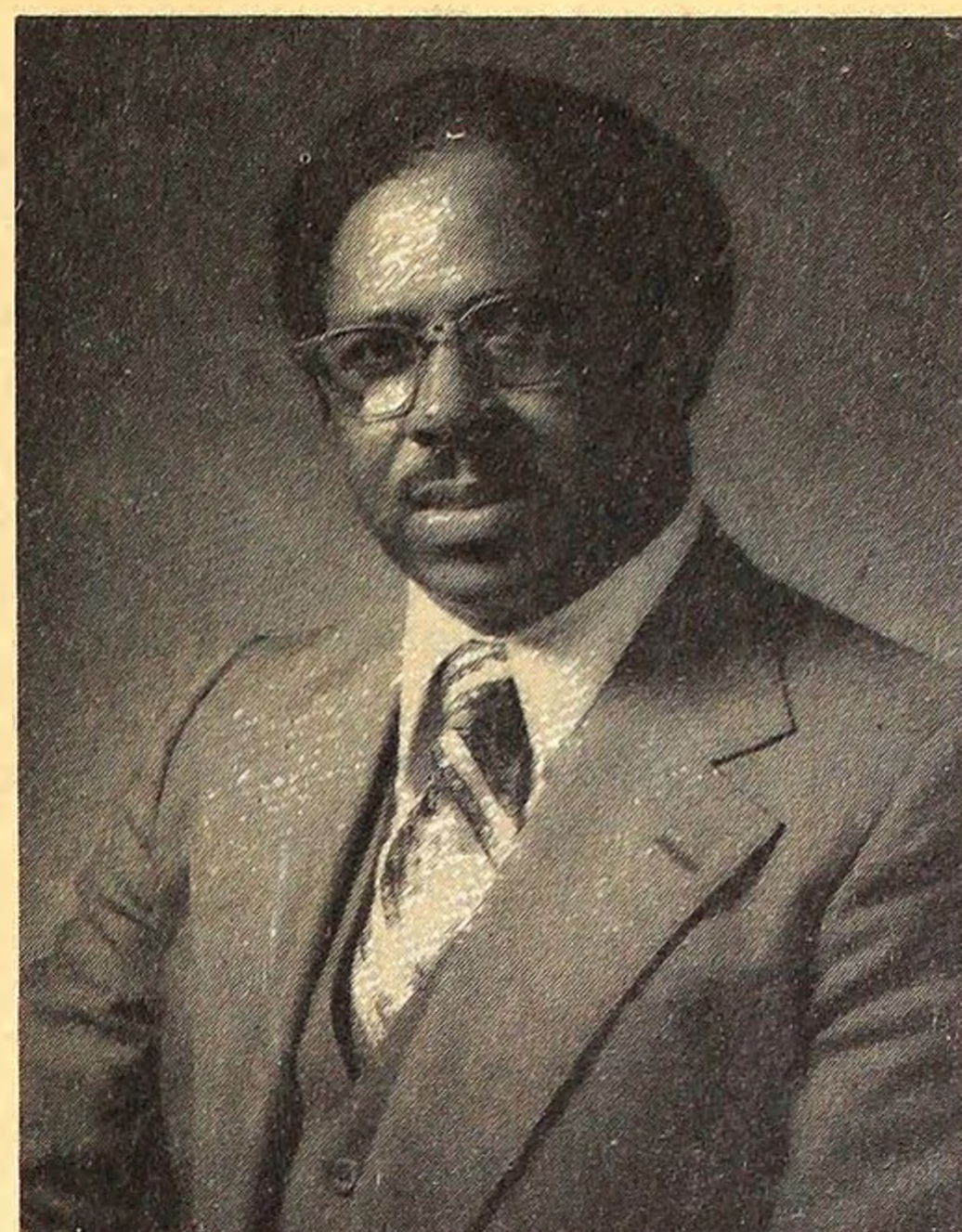




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Director—Min-Tom

### Letter from Kathy

Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes,  
Mr. and Mrs. Norman, (Houseparents)  
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The Kids,  
Mr. and Mrs. Hudlow, (Social Worker  
and Secretary)  
Miss Ziegler, (Social Worker)  
Brother McMillan (Superintendent)

I guess this letter is to let you know that I will never forget you and your intense efforts to help me. To be perfectly honest with you, I don't think there is a better place for a kid to go if he isn't happy or doesn't have a home. But I have a home and home is the only place I can be truly happy.

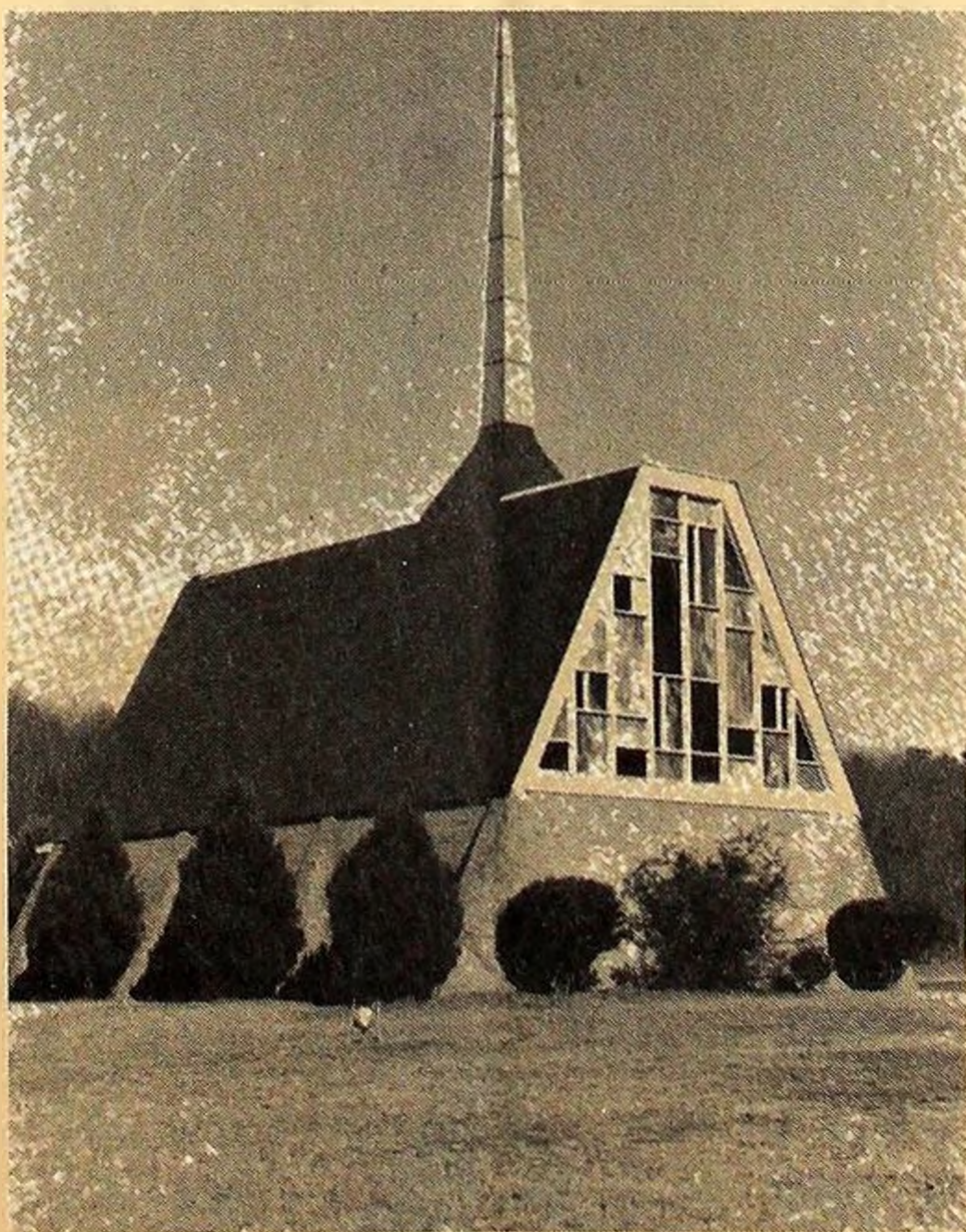
I will write again when I find out where I will attend school.

Love always,  
Kathy

I was there but now I'm gone. For those who cared, I care for you no matter what I say or do.

You just can't imagine how happy I am to get home where I belong. After a year away from home it sure feels great to be here even if I am not sure which school I will attend. I wish I could give you all something different but you know me, I'm never standing on solid ground. But the grass is never greener than home! I do know one thing for sure and that is I'll never leave home again for any friend. . . .

My mother is a very special Mom. I can never leave her again because I really do love her and its about time I prove my love to her.



Chapel—Chattanooga Home

### POSITIVE ATTITUDE

Mrs. Murphy, houseparent, after the morning devotion on having a positive attitude in life, sent her boys and girls off to school. One of the little angels, Stacy, age 9, came home from school and announced that his class was to have a test the next day and that his teacher had said that she saw no reason why each child could not pass the test, but Stacy told his houseparent that he knew he would fail. Mrs. Murphy, trying to encourage Stacy, reminded him of the morning devotion about having a positive attitude at which Stacy replied, "I do have a positive attitude, I am positive I am going to fail that test."

### First Formal Wedding

Very few of our boys and girls have had the opportunity to attend a formal wedding, or any wedding for that matter. One of the houseparent's daughter planned her wedding in the Chapel on Campus and invited the children from her parent's cottage. The wedding was beautiful and the children sat wide-eyed and took it all in. The day after the wedding the children were discussing what they liked best about the ceremony and one little boy, age nine, said, "I liked the part where the Preacher asked Dan if he took Marilyn to be his "Awfully" wedded wife."



# The sufferings of Jesus

By Herschel H. Hobbs

*"Then Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged him. And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and they put on him a purple robe, and said, Hail, King of the Jews! and they smote him with their hands."—John 19:1-3*

John places this event near the end of Jesus' trial. Matthew 27:27-30 and Mark 15:16-19 record it after Pilate had delivered Him to the soldiers for crucifixion. But the fact of Jesus' sufferings prior to the cross is evident.

At times under Roman law it was customary to scourge or whip a suspect while under questioning (Acts 22:24-29). Always before execution a convicted man was scourged. His back was stripped bare, and his hands were tied to a pole, with his back in a leaning position. Then he was given forty lashes with a whip; the end of each leather thong contained either a piece of metal or bone. These literally dug chunks of flesh from the victim's back.

Having done this to Jesus, leaving His back a lacerated, bloody mass, the soldiers made sport of Him. A king must have a

crown. So they made one of branches of a thorn bush. When they crushed it down upon His head, the thorns dug into His brow. A king must be dressed in purple. So they put on Him a soldier's scarlet cloak, faded so as to appear purple. A king must have a scepter. So in Jesus' hand they placed a dried reed. A king must be revered. So they did obeisance to Him by kneeling before Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" Then to show contempt for Him, they spit on Him and beat Him again on the head with their hands or with rods (?).

This plus the fact that He had been without food or water for over twelve hours explains why Jesus fell under the weight of His cross on the way to the place of crucifixion (Luke 23:26).

All this was the beginning of Jesus' sorrows which reached their climax on the cross. It is so easy for us to feel sorry for ourselves when we suffer minutely for Christ. When tempted to do so, we should remember what He endured for us. Then by comparison our burden will seem light indeed.

## Relocation planned

### Westhaven congregation sells Memphis property

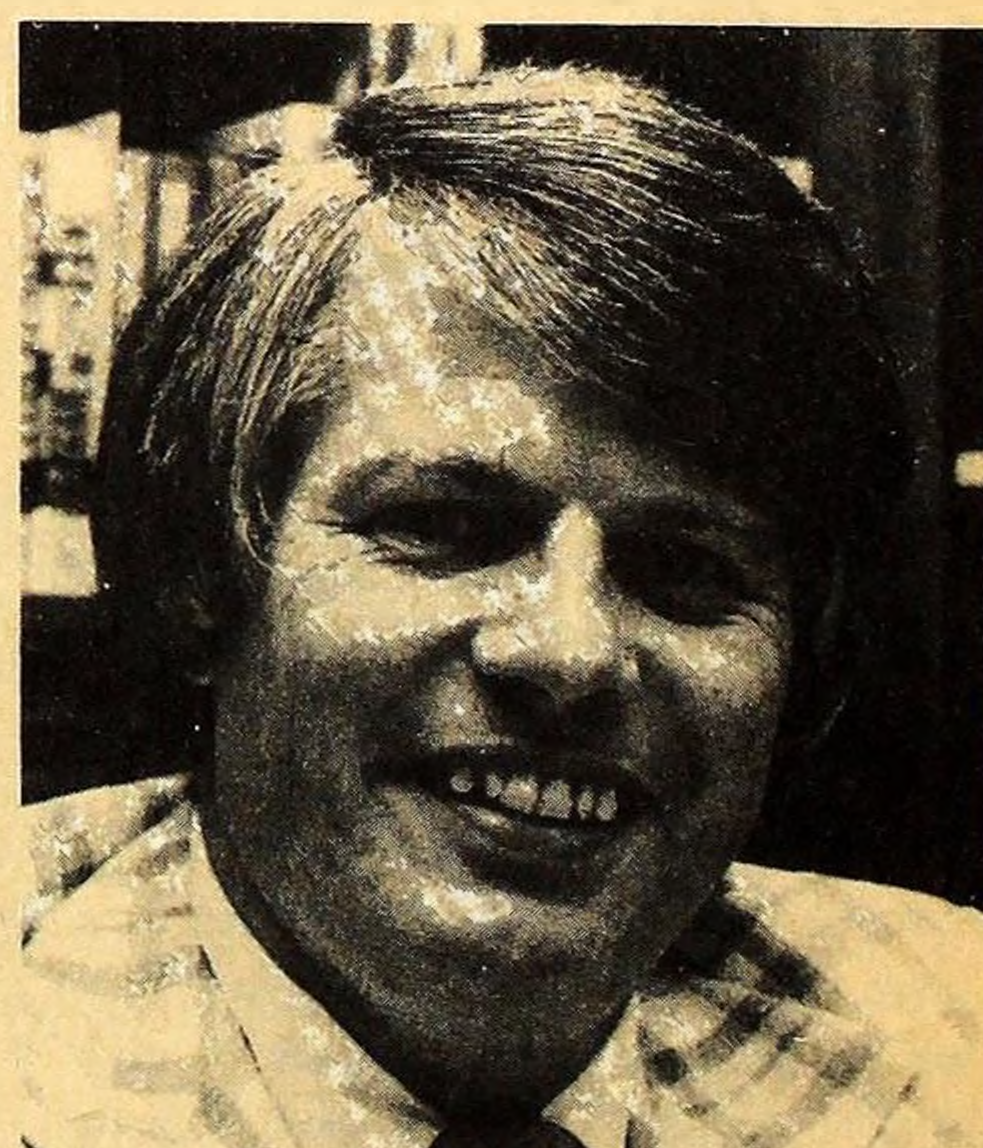
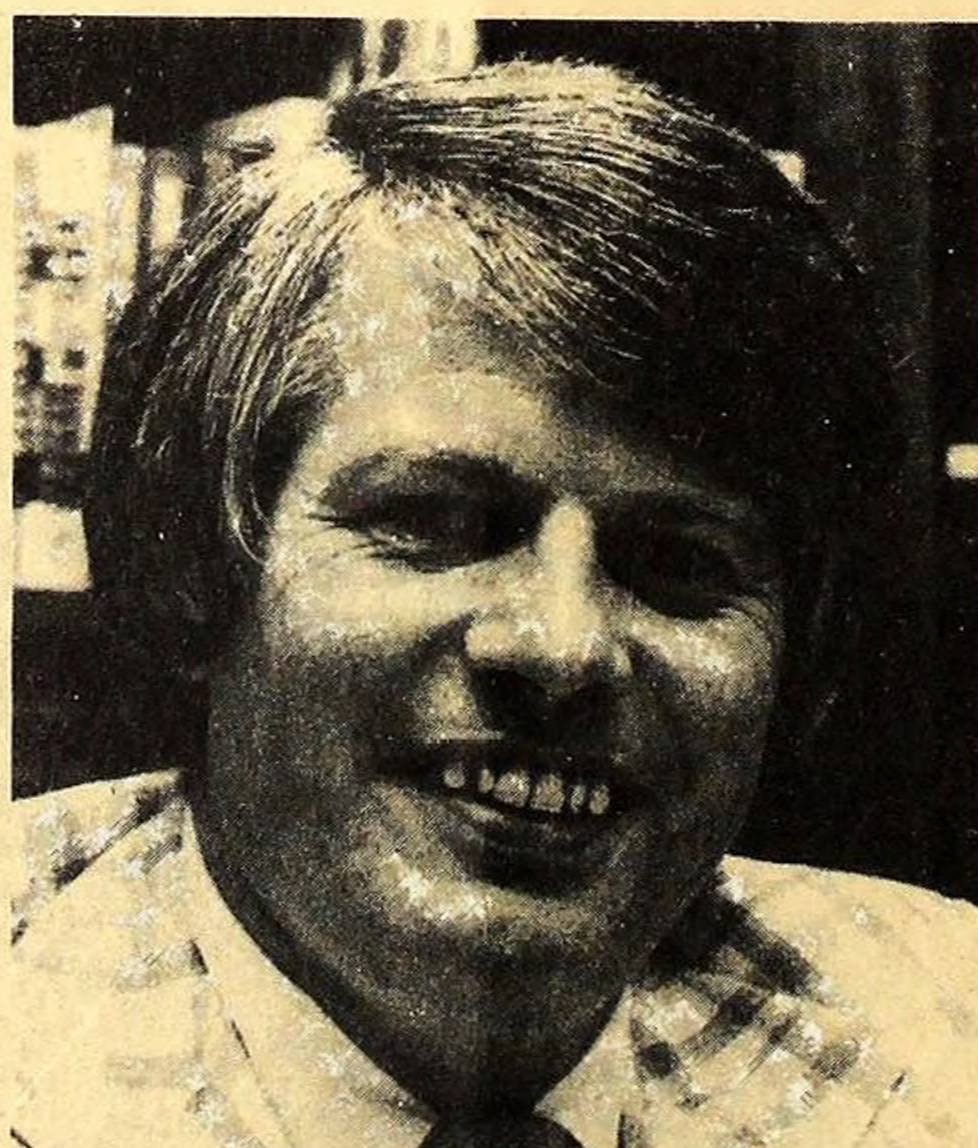
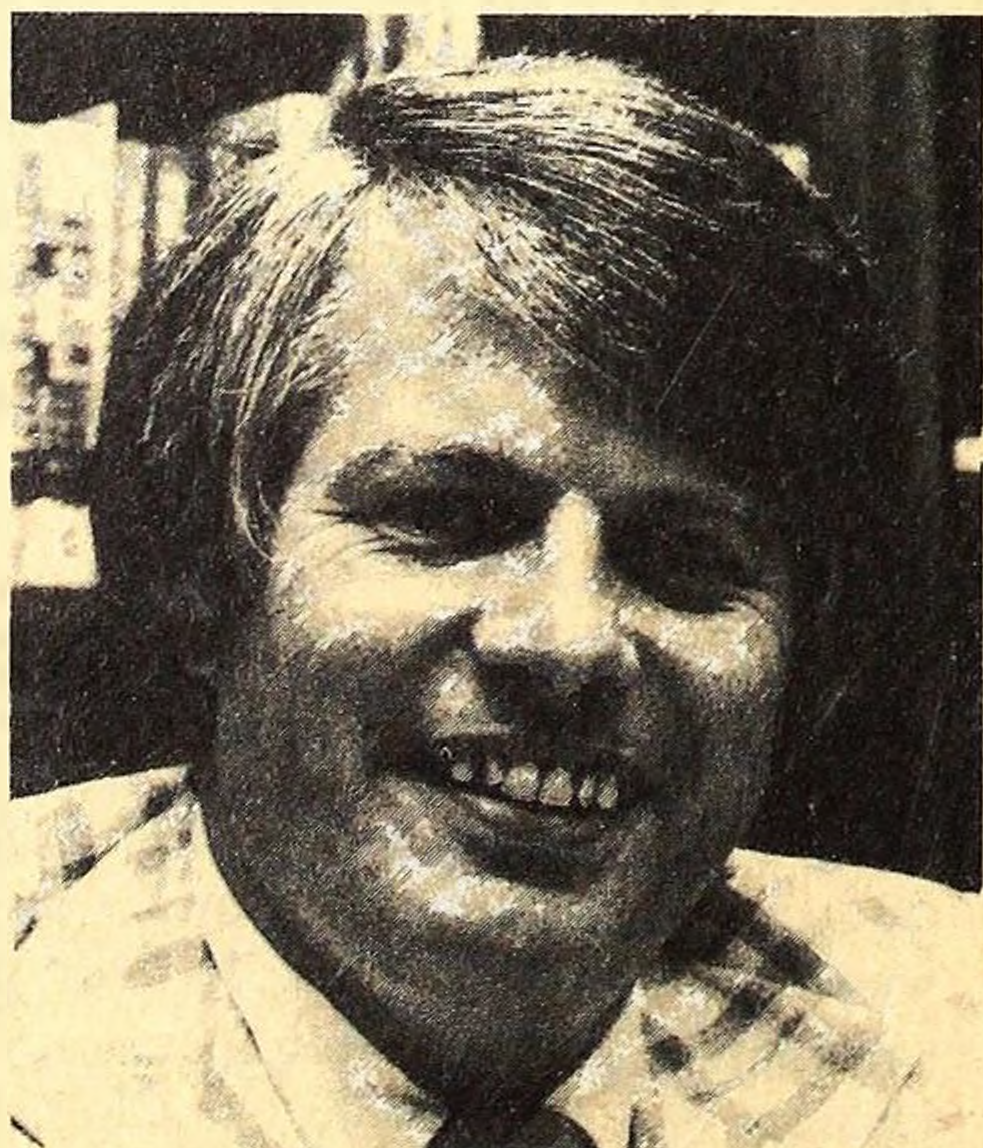
Members of Westhaven Church, Memphis, have voted to sell the church's present property, located in Whitehaven, and relocate near Germantown in east Memphis. The church has been at its present location 20 years, according to Pastor J. Paul Palmer.

The new church will be known as Bennington Park Church, and will be located at 6930 E. Shelby Drive. Construction on the building will begin in the near future in the midst of a new subdivision. Palmer stated that the congregation hopes to move into the facilities sometime in July.

The old property has been sold to the Greater St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church, which is scheduled to take possession May 3. The Westhaven congregation will meet in Holiday Inn-Brooks Road until its new facilities are completed.

Robert Hall, Memphis, is serving as architect for the project. The building and land, consisting of over four acres, is being developed at a cost of approximately \$200,000. It will include a sanctuary, educational space, kitchen, and offices. Ground breaking ceremonies were held earlier this month.

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# Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

A recent book is entitled "Every Pastor Needs a Pastor."

Truth is, he is often the only one in his congregation who doesn't have a pastor, and the pastor's lonely walk can be as painful as a barefoot stroll through the briar patch.

If he walks the middle of the road, the pastor is apt to catch it from both sides—the far right and far left.

Unfortunately, some congregations expect the minister to have the grace of a swan, the strength of an eagle, the wisdom of an owl, and the ability to live on the food of a canary.

But most great pastors are the products of great churches that have built his spiritual power by praying for him, built his reputation by speaking well of him, built his leadership by cooperating with him, and built his pulpit power by hearing him.

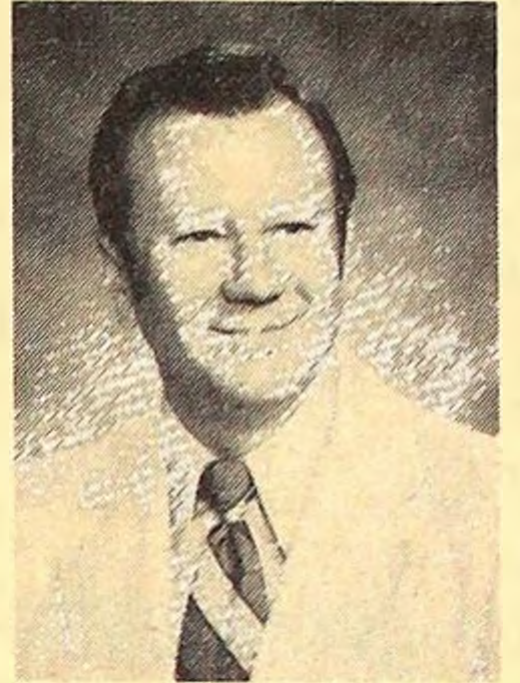
Still, the pastor must do his part. He needs to be preacher enough to be interesting, student enough to be scholarly, smart enough to admit mistakes, loving enough to serve, genuine enough to share, and humble enough to bow before God.

## Devotional

### A wonderful way to live

By J. Victor Brown

"Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ" is the exhortation of Paul in Philippians 1:27a. He is writing out of his own experiences. Many things had happened to him, so he suggested that whatever happens, and something will happen, don't live like a pagan, live like a Christian. Whatever happens in your life, be Christian!



Brown

The reason suggested is that a child of God is enrolled in Heaven; therefore, his manner of life should be that of a heavenly citizen. Though immersed in a pagan world temporarily and troubled by the standards of life around, the Christian should be sure every day that his own life is worthy of that heavenly citizenship.

Our concept of worthiness comes from what we think is vital and important. If that which is important takes the shape of money, position, success, etc., then it's impossible to live a worthy Christian life. If we think in terms of Christ's coming into the world, setting before us an example in every area of life, giving His life on the cross for our salvation, rising victoriously from the grave, and ascending to the Father, and that He's coming again, then we have motivation to really live a worthy life.

Worthiness rests in aspiration and struggle, seeking to reach a goal set by the Lord Himself.

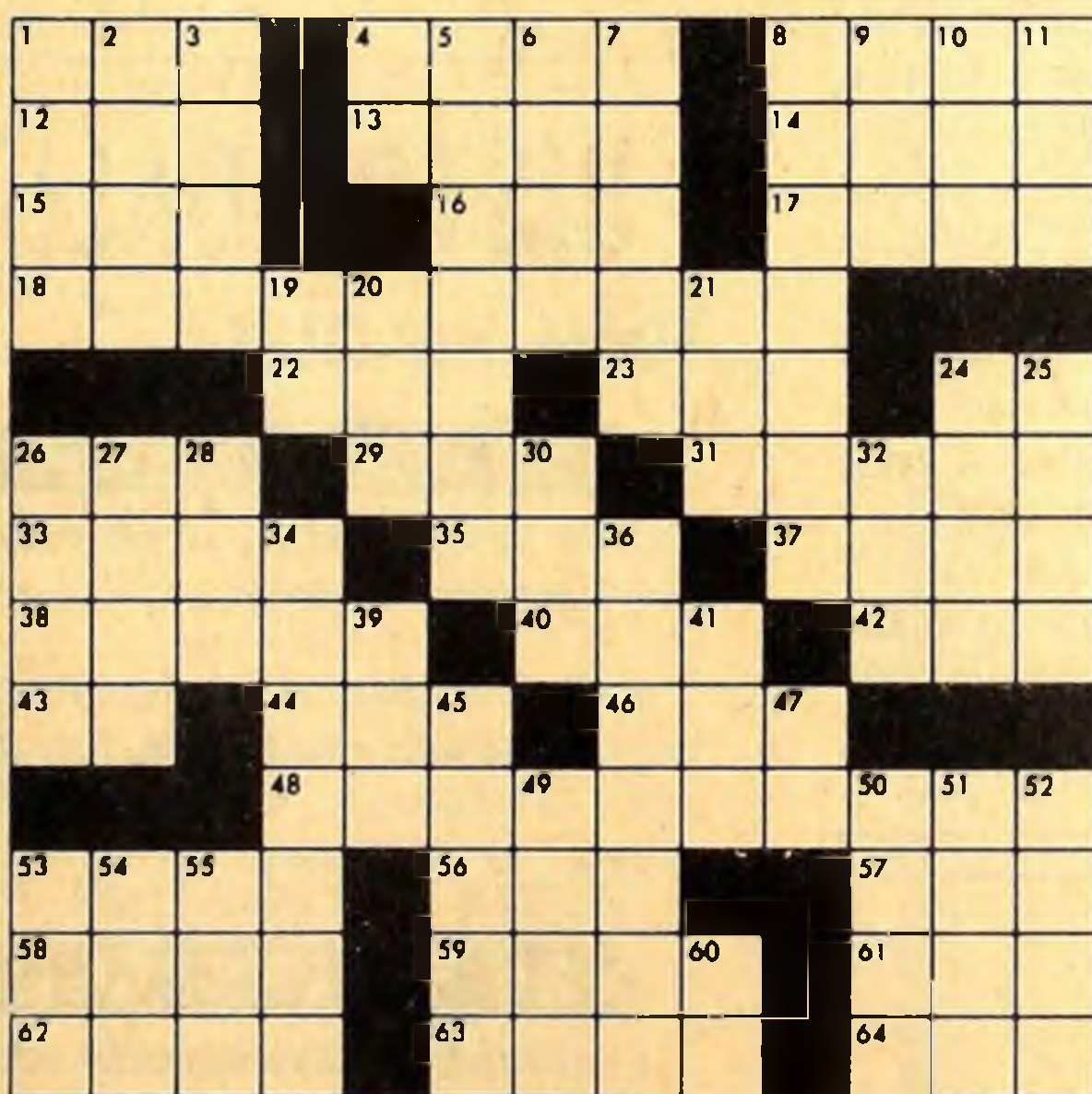
If we can prove steadfast in life's crises, learn somehow to live above the common level about us, and head straight toward the goal Christ has set for us, then we become in a manner "good news" ourselves.

The gospel is, of course, God's Good News! We can become not only the bearers of this good news; but good news ourselves, as we become the light of the world amid its darkness. Whatever happens . . . Christ! What a wonderful way to live!

Brown is pastor of Central Church, Martin.

## Bible Puzzle

Answers on page 18



### ACROSS

- 1 Made of gopher wood (Gen. 6:14)
- 4 Attempt
- 8 They spit in it (Matt. 26:67)
- 12 Mighty man (1 Ki. 1:8)
- 13 State
- 14 Jug
- 15 — Buddhism
- 16 Christian, for one
- 17 Insects
- 18 "ruler and —" (Acts 7)
- 22 Poem
- 23 He shall be a serpent (Gen. 49:17)
- 24 Compass reading: abbr.
- 26 The reciprocal of poise
- 29 All unrighteousness (1 John 5:17)

- 31 They rent (Matt. 27:51)
- 33 Direction (Matt. 2:1)
- 35 Nation (Isa. 66:19)
- 37 Attenuate
- 38 Color
- 40 Negative reply
- 42 Chemical suffix
- 43 Peter or John: abbr.
- 44 Money of account
- 46 Satisfied
- 48 An high day (John 19:31; 2 words)
- 53 Babylonian god (Isa. 46:1)
- 56 Where Aaron died (Deut. 32:50)
- 57 Eggs
- 58 Augury
- 59 Fetid
- 61 Consecrate
- 62 Before the blossoms
- 63 "seeking —" (Luke 11)
- 64 Being

### DOWN

- 1 "house of —" (1 Ki. 16)
- 2 Old Hebrew unit of length
- 3 Butter producers (Deut. 32:14)
- 4 King of Egypt (2 Ki. 17:4)
- 5 "through —" (Heb. 10)
- 6 Old Irish rank
- 7 — of education
- 8 "— —: believe only" (Luke 8)
- 9 Beard
- 10 Whale: comb. form
- 11 Vetch
- 19 Attention word
- 20 Skin rashes
- 21 Sense organ
- 24 — the cat
- 25 Slave
- 26 King of Midian (Num. 31:8)
- 27 Musical instrument
- 28 Inner: prefix
- 30 Joshua's father (Judg. 2:8)
- 32 Greek letter
- 34 "Abraham had — —" (Gal. 4)
- 36 A believer (Acts 17:34)
- 39 Former federal agency: abbr.
- 41 Still
- 45 Loathe
- 47 Ending for nin or ten
- 49 Tree trunk
- 50 Peaceful bird
- 51 English river
- 52 Tropical disease
- 53 City (1 Sam. 22:19)
- 54 Bird
- 55 — of roses
- 60 Double time: abbr.

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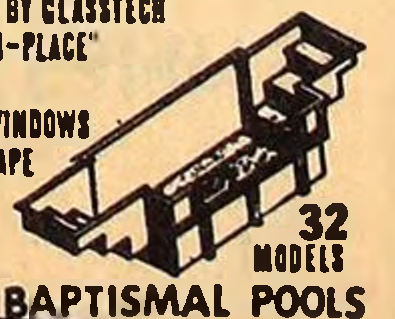
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# Sunday School Board organizes section for special ministries

**NASHVILLE**—A special ministries section was organized recently at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board to provide for Bible teaching needs of the mentally retarded, deaf, blind, and language groups.

Eugene Chamberlain, supervisor of the new section, said, "Southern Baptists are becoming increasingly aware of the needs of people in these groups."

"For instance, less than one percent of all retarded persons and their families in the United States are touched by a church or denomination," Chamberlain said.

He added that nearly 2,000 Southern Baptist churches provide for the mentally retarded, which involves approximately 10,000 families.

Braille materials are presently distributed free of charge by the section to 1,800 adults and almost 500 youth. Recent statistics indicate 80,000 Americans receive public assistance because of vision impairment.

About 630 Southern Baptist churches are engaged in work with the deaf, Chamberlain said, but some do not work with both children and adults.

**Sunday School Lesson Simplified and Simplified Bible Study** are produced by the special ministries section for deaf persons, plus a resource kit for work with children.

Chamberlain said a Spanish translation of

**Sunday School Adults** entitled *El Interprete*, will be released within the next year. Future plans call for distribution of basic materials concerning establishing Sunday Schools in more languages.

Section personnel include Mrs. Doris Monroe, consultant to the mentally retarded; Mrs. Doris Swann, editor of adult deaf materials and Braille materials; and Jerry Lachina, design editor of the **Resource Kit for Teaching Deaf Children**.

## Orvil Reid undergoing therapy in Dallas after severe stroke

Mr. and Mrs. Orvil Reid, retired Southern Baptist missionaries to Mexico, are residing in Dallas for several months where Reid is undergoing physical therapy. The former missionary suffered a severe stroke earlier this year.

Reid has spoken in Tennessee on several occasions and is best known for his athletic demonstrations exhibiting feats of strength. Mrs. Reid is a native of Nashville and grew up in Belmont Heights Church.

Word received by the Tennessee Baptist Convention this month indicated that the stroke left Reid's left side paralyzed. He also suffered from occlusion of the carotid artery.



**NOTE BURNING**—A note burning service held recently at Morris Chapel Church, Shiloh Association, retired an indebtedness for the remodeling and enlargement of the pastorium. The seven-year note was paid off by church members in 20 months. Left to right are: Robert Jones, building committee chairman; Wayne King, pastor; and J. E. DeCourley, chairman of deacons.

## HISTORICALLY

### FROM THE FILES

#### 50 YEARS AGO

J. G. Hughes of Lebanon was called as pastor of the church at Union City.

American Baptist Theological Seminary, Nashville, was in its fourth year with 41 students, and four were expected to graduate.

#### 25 YEARS AGO

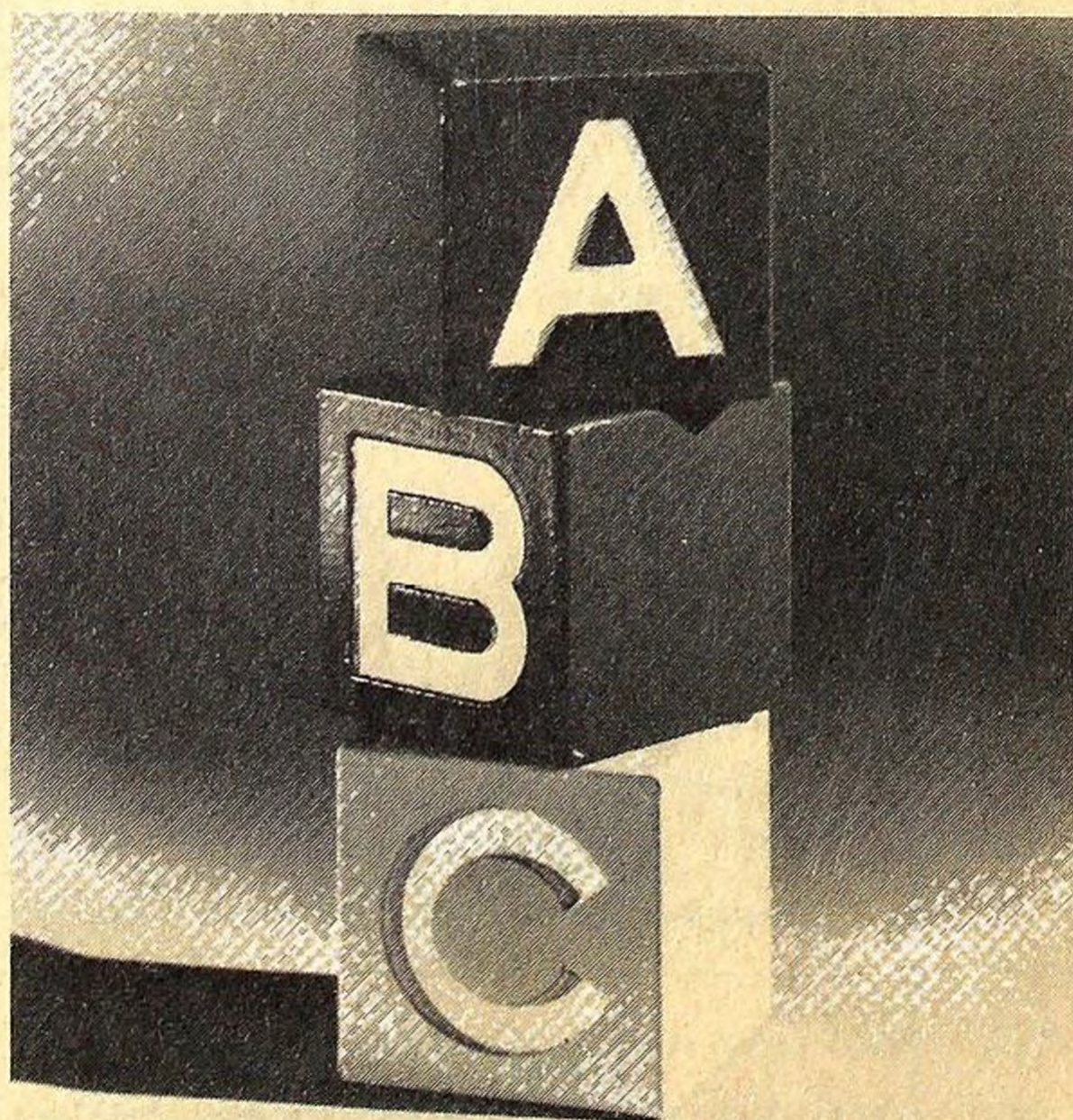
Gordon L. DePriest accepted a call to become pastor of Henning Church in Big Hatchie Association. He had served as pastor of the church at Tiptonville for nine years.

Harpeth Heights Church, Nashville, called Brown Hughes, a student at Southern seminary, as pastor.

#### 10 YEARS AGO

Broadway Church, Memphis, dedicated one of the most expensive plants in Shelby County. It was a 1,500-seat auditorium and wings built at a cost exceeding \$1-million. J. G. Miller was pastor.

A release from the research and statistics department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, showed Tennessee rated fourth among the states with respect to six measures: church membership, Sunday school enrollment, Training Union enrollment, value of church property, total gifts, and total mission gifts.



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# Carter administration reverses stand on youth camp safety bill

**WASHINGTON**—Administration opposition to a youth camp safety law has been reversed with the introduction of such a measure in the Senate at the request of Joseph A. Califano, secretary of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

At a hearing by the Subcommittee on Child and Human Development of the Senate Committee on Human Resources an administration spokesperson presented its proposal. Joyce C. Lashof, HEW's deputy assistant secretary for health programs, explained that the administration supported a federal youth camp safety measure which encouraged efforts by the states rather than federal enforcement.

Introduced by U. S. Sen. Alan Cranston, Calif., the administration proposal would provide for the development of safety and health standards by HEW and the provision of grants and technical assistance to the states from the federal government. Responsibility for implementation and enforcement of such regulations would remain with the states, according to Califano.

Youth camp safety legislation has been proposed in every Congress except one since 1967. In 1975, the House of Representatives

passed such a measure but the Senate did not act on it.

Several church groups have opposed youth camp safety legislation on the grounds that it would bring church camping under governmental control. Other opposition has centered on the increasing role of the federal government in areas traditionally reserved to state governments.

Previous legislation in the House and Senate has included a statement of noninterference which guaranteed freedom for a camp in its program and admissions policy.

Standards for camp personnel related only to competence in safety matters, not religious affiliation. The administration proposal does not contain such a guarantee of noninterference by the government in religious questions.

John W. Baker, director of research services of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, has noted that the sole purpose of youth camp safety legislation has to do with the health and physical safety of campers. Any implementation of such a law, therefore, must be related to its purpose, he said.

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs has neither supported nor opposed such legislation in the past. It has testified before congressional committees on the church-state aspects of such measures. (BP)

## Foundation

### Off-repeated story

**By Jonas L. Stewart**  
Executive secretary-treasurer

The public press recently revealed that the late actress Jayne Mansfield, left an estate of about \$516,000 when she died in a traffic accident 11 years ago. The final settlement of the estate left \$8,500 to be shared equally by her three children.

Miss Mansfield died without a will.

It took all these years to settle her estate. Legal fees, taxes, court costs, contests among heirs, and creditors often cause delay and depletion of estates.

The above story in one form or another is told over and over in court records. A recent report came to us indicating that only about 25 percent of the property owners have wills prepared before they die. Among other things that a will can do, one can leave a legacy to support his or her interest in the work of our Lord.

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# Saul: persecutor becomes apostle

By Paul D. Brewer  
Chairman of the Humanities Division  
Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City

Basic Passage: Acts 9:1-31

Focal Passage: Acts 9:1-16

The story of Saul's conversion has to be understood in relation to the whole triumphant march of the gospel as a result of the work of the early church. The church evangelized Judea rather easily in the beginning because the early Christians were at home in the Judaism which dominated the area. Their brethren in the flesh lived there and the similarity of background made communication easy. No deeply held religious or social prejudice separated them. When the Church moved into Samaria, it was much more difficult because of the long held antagonisms between the Jews and Samaritans. Under the preaching of Phillip a great victory was won. The Jews and Samaritans were brought together in Christ.

Now the most difficult task awaits. The church must move into areas which lie beyond Jewish custom. The gospel must be preached in the world influenced by Hellenism. Saul is the man who is chosen of God to be the instrument to carry the gospel to the Greeks. In him the cultures of the ancient world came together. He has received his earliest impressions in the atmosphere of Hellenism at Tarsus. Through the influence of his home and under his teachers

## O. L. Taylor assumes pulpit at First Church in Antioch

O. L. Taylor, former pastor of Charlotte Road Church, Nashville, has assumed the pastorate of First Church, Antioch.

A native of Missouri, Taylor is a graduate of Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg. He also attended Mid-Western Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo.

While in Missouri, he led churches in Warrensburg, Polo, and Windsor and was active in several phases of associational work. He was pastor at Charlotte Road for five years.

he has become "a Hebrew of the Hebrews." He has also been given his citizenship as a Roman. The one thing needed is a knowledge of the Christ.

### A Man in Need: Acts 9:1-2

Luke gives a very vivid description of Saul's mental mood. The expression "breathing out threatenings and slaughter" is a picture of a man fiercely driven by a murderous desire. Notice also the little word "still." It suggests that this attitude is not a sudden one but a continuing attitude. The determination to bring the Christian way to an end has become an obsession with him. Such an unreasoning fanaticism indicates Saul's lack of certainty about his own commitments.

He had heard Stephen's defense of "the Way" and has been unable to forget it. It has caused great turmoil of mind in which doubt, questions, inquiries, wonderings, and amazement mingle. He has seemingly transferred his sense of guilt concerning Stephen into a murderous hostility against Stephen's brothers in "the Way." He now tries to silence the questioning of his conscience with feverish activity. "The Way" has become his personal demon and has to be destroyed in order for him to attain salvation. He had even sacrificed his Pharisaic pride to go to the Sadducean High Priest to obtain legal permission to persecute.

### The Light of God: Acts 9:3-7

The account of Saul's conversion occurs again in Acts 22 and 26. It has become a classic guide for the church. One danger is that the form will be stressed rather than the content. The dramatic suddenness, the blinding light, the heavenly voice are one way conversion takes place. In this case it is Saul's conversion. Don't be misled into seeking the form of Saul's conversion and in the process miss the essential dynamics. The essentials are that Saul recognized Jesus as Lord and began a life of obedience to the Heavenly vision. Every genuine conversion has these essentials but may not have the form which Saul's had.

Evidently, Saul's companions did not share his experience fully (v. 7), but it was completely real to Saul. It was the crucial turning point of his life.

Behind the process was the divine initiative of God. Saul's conversion rested on the mysterious in-break of God's grace. His conversion was not a mechanical process but a personal relationship which resulted from

God's revelation to him. Salvation is never the work of man, but something done to man by God's grace.

The trip to Damascus was a week's journey. Paul took the Sanhedrin guards along, but as a Pharisee he did not have much to do with them. The seven days he walked and pondered gave him time to think how he had been lashing out wildly in his fear of this new way. The igniting spark in his conversion was the risen Christ. The fuse was long, but in the moment Christ spoke to him doubts became certainties. He suddenly was aware that he had been opposing God when he persecuted the Church! He left Jerusalem like a lion but entered Damascus as a Lamb of God. All the antagonism which created the heat of hostility evaporated in the presence of God's love.

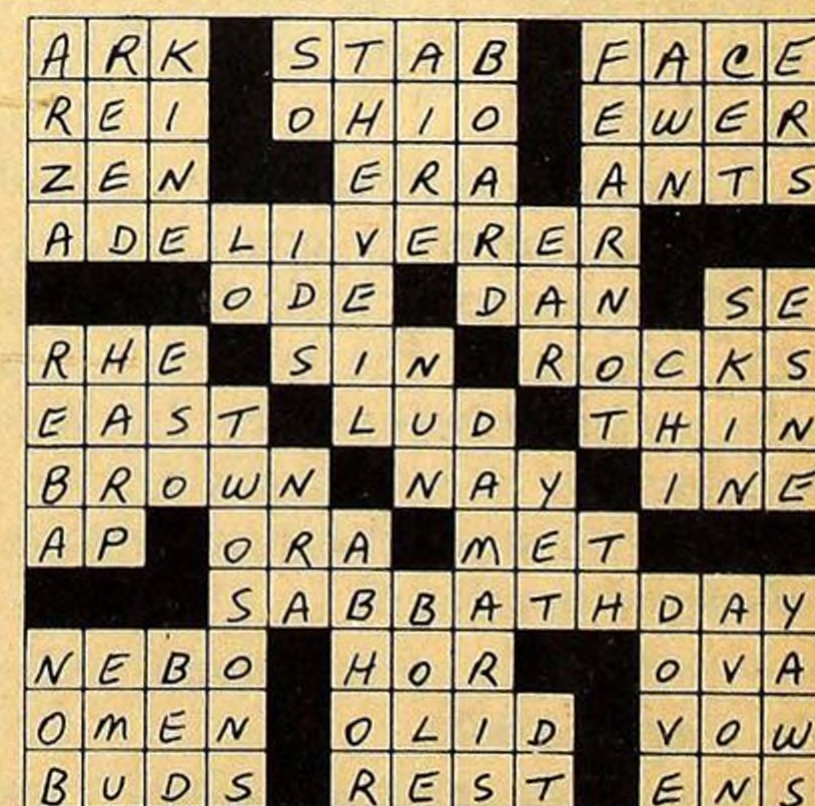
### A Friend in Christ: Acts 9:8-16

Saul spent three days in darkness and was given the severe task of waiting until his thoughts were clear. He who had come to bring heresy to an end was led into Damascus as a blind slave of Christ.

The second stage of Saul's preparation for his ministry was that of being taught by the Church. Any discovery that is significant has to be confirmed in community. Convictions have to be clarified, confirmed, and established in the presence of others. In the Church, Saul finds the concerned companionship needed on the Christian pilgrimage.

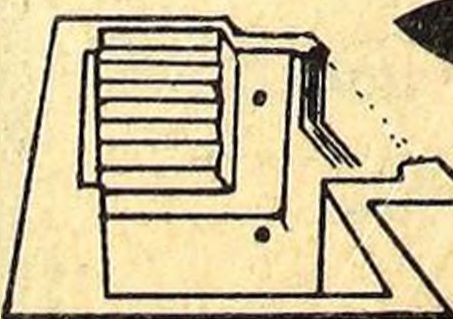
This paragraph pictures Ananias with the Lord Jesus and then with Saul. Ananias is an obscure person as he passes on to the stage of history and then off. He evidently had no official position in the Church but later he will be referred to as a "devout man." He was ready when God needed him, and history was changed by His touch. To him Christ revealed the secret that Saul was a "chosen vessel." The hard saying of Jesus about loving enemies and doing good to one's persecutors bears fruit in the ministry of Ananias.

Saul is reduced to seeking help from someone he tried to destroy. The first word he hears is "brother" and a new relationship begins. God's chosen vessel has entered upon a new way which will spread the good news to the Gentile world.



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# God's active judgment in history

By H. Eugene Cotey, Pastor  
First Baptist Church, Murfreesboro

Basic Passage: Genesis 6-7

Focal Passages: Genesis 6:9-13, 17-18; 7:11-12, 15-16

With what hopes God added man, the crowning touch, to an already "good" creation! With what high expectation he surveyed the completed work and exclaimed, "It is very good"! The beautiful, innocent being made in the image of God had great potential for comradeship with God, but he quickly used his God-given freedom of choice for evil rather than good. Ideal man became a sinner. Adam and Eve chose disobedience and were turned out of the Garden of Eden. Cain killed Abel and became a marked wanderer upon the earth. The situation became so bad that the time came for God to begin again in his dealings with mankind. In the renewed relationship, God set forth three principles upon which He would deal with His people.

## I. God Recognizes the Righteous

After man rejected the ideal situation God gave him, the wickedness of man pervaded the earth. The persistent sinfulness of man hurt the heart of God to the place that God was sorry He had ever made man. God realized that man left to himself would continue to choose to be degraded and disobedient. God's holiness could not condone the sin in the heart of man, and His holy nature made God change His mind about man.

In the midst of sinful, wilful mankind, there was, however, one who was righteous. Noah was just (righteous in conduct and character) and perfect (blameless). He was a man of integrity, complete and whole in the sight of God. Noah was going in the right direction, and he kept the right company, for he walked with God. People who walk together must necessarily be going in the same direction, and they usually have some basis for companionship. Noah's walk with God was a type of a faith commitment; he did not dash wildly ahead nor lag behind but walked **with** God. It is not surprising that God picked Noah as the vehicle for beginning his new relationship with man.

It should be noted that the righteous are not always spared. Job is a case in point. Job, although righteous, was not spared the trials and tribulations of the world. But Noah was a special case, chosen to illustrate God's principle that the righteous are the ones accepted by God.

## II. God Punishes the Sinful

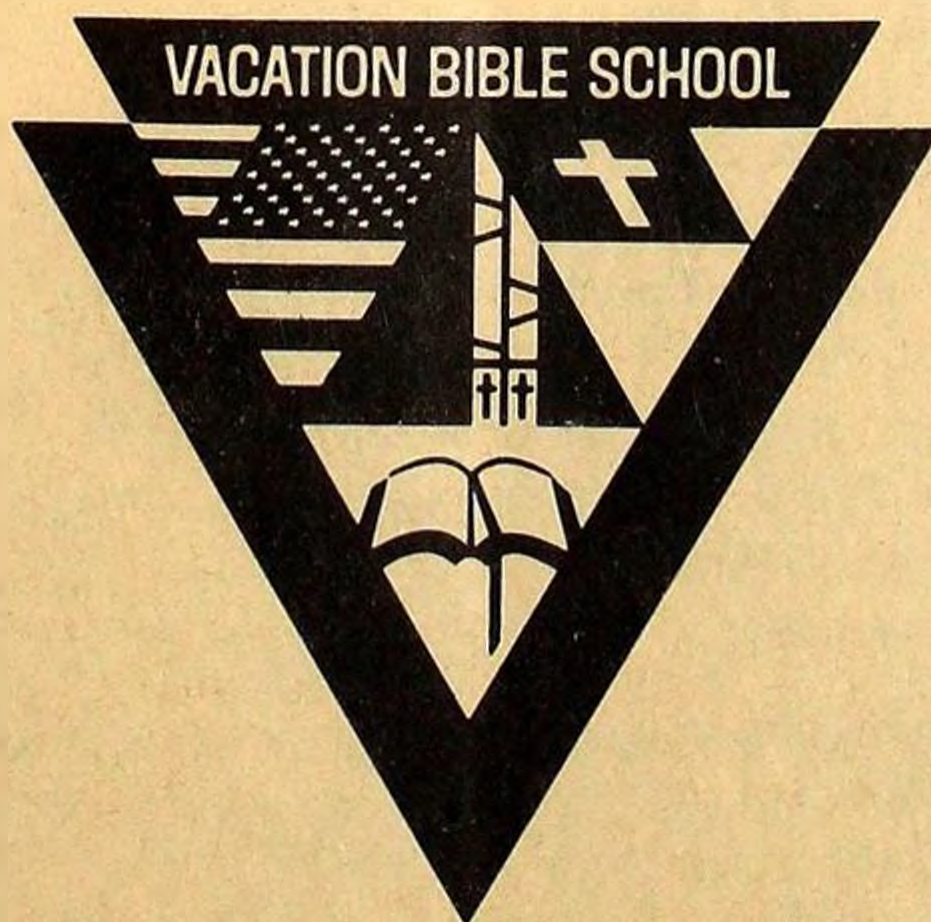
Sin must be paid for. Paul sets forth the principle when he stated that the wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23). God taught the

same principle in an earlier day by means of the great flood. Neither the people of Noah's day nor ours seem to understand the reality of sin and the cost of sin. God in history repeatedly demonstrates that sin can never be overlooked. Man is responsible for the cost of sin unless he walks with the Lord.

Everybody, except Noah, stood accused and convicted of grave sin. They had perverted the plan of God, deliberately pursuing immorality and depravity. The population was rotten and violent. In the twentieth century, we need no explanation of violence because we are surrounded by it—mayhem on the highways, muggings on the streets, murders commonplace in the daily news, assault and battery in sports, riots, and rape on every hand. Yes, we are well acquainted with violence by personal observation, television drama, and news media. Our close association with violence and corruption should help us understand Noah's world. It should also cause us to wonder how God views our world.

The nature of God is incompatible with violence and corruption. God is moral, and a moral God demands a moral people. As Ray Summors has written, "Every blow of Noah's hammer was a call to repentance in view of coming judgment."

The judgment brought upon mankind with the flood brings up the old question of how a loving God can bring death and destruction. The loving God created man for fellowship with God; it was man who chose the path of violence, corruption, and disobedience that inevitably led to separation from God and spiritual death.



## III. God Seeks to Save

Noah was the recipient of God's grace. God could have justifiably brought an end to all of his created order. Realizing what a mess man had made of himself, God could have junked the whole idea of having man in fellowship with Himself. But He didn't. God looked around and saw that there was at least one who was in fellowship with Him; so He honored that man's life.

God gave Noah specific, detailed instructions for the mode of his salvation. How would you respond if God told you to build a boat the size of a football field in your backyard? Noah didn't even hesitate. Picture him at work in the blazing sunlight with not a cloud in the sky. Listen to the jeers and catcalls of his neighbors as they lounged around watching him. Imagine the noise and confusion as Noah collected and loaded his family, the animals, and the provisions. With all the problems there is no evidence that Noah's faith ever faltered. It is no wonder that the New Testament names Noah in the Roll Call of the Faithful (Hebrews 11:7).

Noah was the instrument of God's grace. Mankind was saved from destruction through the obedience of Noah. The remnant idea for the saving of the nation was to come later in time sequence. And yet Noah was a symbol of salvation. A remnant of mankind saved mankind. If Noah was the symbol of salvation, Jesus is the assurance of salvation. God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9c).

God's justice and mercy are two sides of the same coin. The waters of the great flood destroyed wicked mankind. And, yet, those same waters floated the ark that saved obedient Noah.

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# Nigerian leader plans to adapt Baptists' programs

**NASHVILLE**—Adaptability of Southern Baptist programs for use in Nigeria was the primary interest expressed by S. O. Olaniyan during a visit to the United States.

Olaniyan, executive secretary of men, youth, and boys work in the Nigerian Baptist Convention, attended the Second World Conference of Baptist Men in Indianapolis and then visited Southern Baptist agencies

in Nashville and Memphis.

All facets of work with Nigerian youth are included in the responsibilities of Olaniyan, who deals with Bible study, recreation, family relationships, and any area to help prepare young people for adulthood.

He sponsors seminars, lectures, and meetings for youth in Nigeria and hopes to gradually adapt many of the ideas gained

from his visit at the Sunday School Board in Nashville and the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission in Memphis.

Olaniyan said he plans to make suggestions to help the Nigerian Convention improve the ministries to youth and men, but also to increase or start ministries to the disabled, deaf and shut-in church members.

He said Nigerian churches minister to these groups, but he wants to encourage the churches to create new avenues for worship inside the churches. He also mentioned the hope of new efforts to strengthen ministries in hospitals and prisons.

While visiting in churches in the United States, Olaniyan said he was particularly impressed with the fellowship in Southern Baptist churches, especially on prayer meeting night.

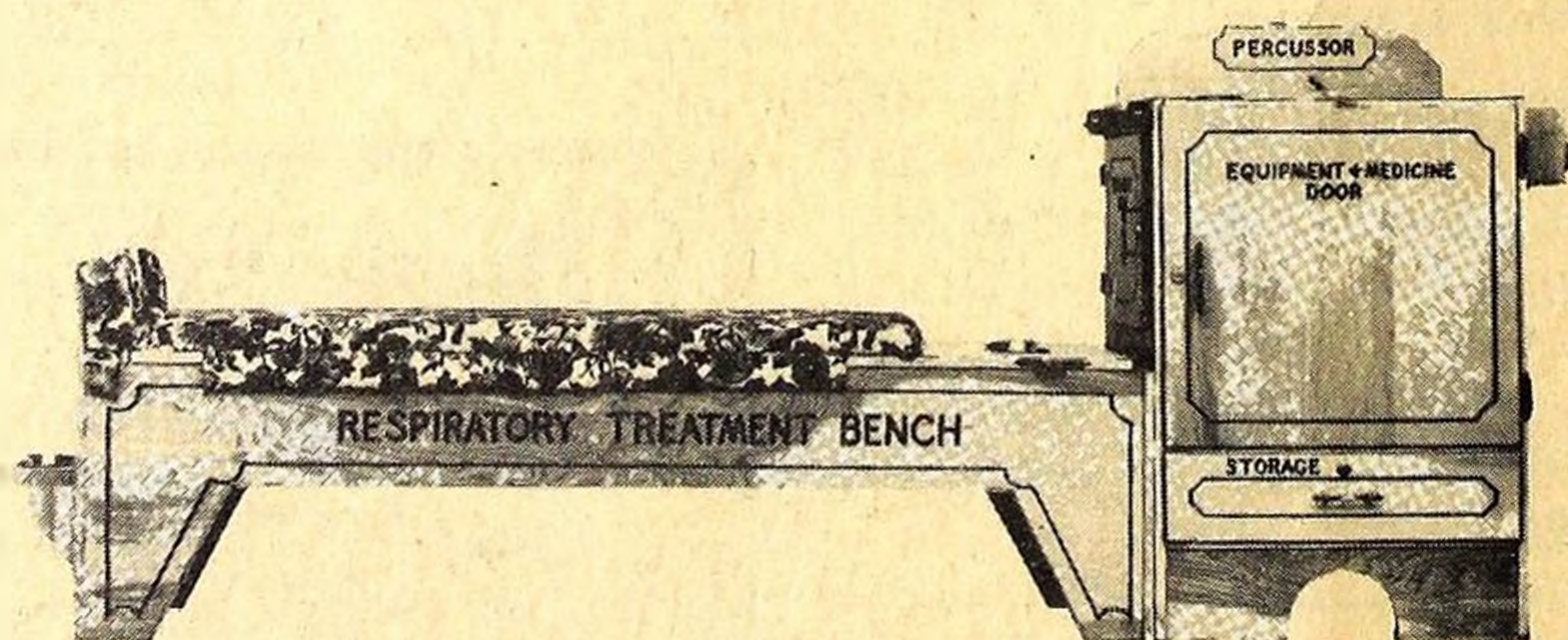
He said most things in Nigerian churches seemed very similar to services he witnessed in Southern Baptist churches.

Olaniyan said approximately 2,000 churches and preaching stations exist in Nigeria, and he intends to return and work to interject new suggestions to help increase the interest of young people in continued church membership.

Along with recommendations for improvements, Olaniyan said he hopes for expansion of his work in the near future, with additional workers to aid him in his efforts in Nigeria. (BP)



**SHARING IDEAS**—S. O. Olaniyan (center), executive secretary of men, youth, and boys work in the Nigerian Baptist Convention, talks about adapting SBC programs for use in his country. At left is Maines R. Rawls, church recreation department, and on the right is Bob R. Taylor, church administration department of the Sunday School Board.



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## Two Tennesseans to teach at SBTS for July term

**LOUISVILLE, Ky.**—Two Tennessee Baptists will be visiting professors this summer at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here.

Tim Hedquist, director of financial planning for the Executive Committee of the SBC, will teach the course, "The Minister of Education" during the seminary's July term.

Joseph W. Hinkle, secretary of the family ministry department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, will teach the course "Family Life Education," also during July.

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