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Program, theme announced— for November convention

Nearly 2,000 messengers from Tennessee churches are expected to attend the 104th annual session of the Tennessee Baptist Convention which will be held Nov. 14-16 at Woodmont Church in Nashville.

The convention theme is "Christ—For Our Changing Times."

Featured speakers selected by the Committee Arrangements include three Tennessee pastors and the retiring executive secretary, Ralph E. Norton. In addition, the convention sermon will be preached by Gerald Stow, pastor of Cookeville's First Church, and the president's message will be by Bill Sherman, pastor of the host Woodmont Church.

Between inspirational sermons, the messengers will consider reports from the convention's Committee on Boards and Committee on Committees, which will name Tennesseans to serve in positions related to TBC institutions and functions. (These reports are printed on pages 6-7).

Another major business item will be the consideration of a recommended \$11.8-million Cooperation Program budget-goal for the coming year. The recommendation will come from the TBC Executive Board (see page 13).

Seven Tennesseans have been chosen to present devotionals at the beginning of each session. These are John Leeson, a member of

First Church, Mt. Juliet, and extension manager for Gideons International; Mrs. Claudia Gay, a member of First Church, Lawrenceburg, and WMU director for Lawrence County Association; Charlie Daniel, a member of Cumberland Church, Knoxville, and editorial cartoonist for **The Knoxville Journal**; Ron Case, a member of First Church, Jefferson City, and football coach at Carson-Newman College; Glen Raines, a member of Frayser Church, Memphis, and chairman of the Memphis City Council; Ho Kil Kahng, pastor of the Korean congregation at Belmont Heights, Nashville; and Brenda Rhoton, a member of Boiling Springs Church, Baxter, and the 1978 state Speakers' Tournament winner.

The convention will open at 9:30 a.m. CST Nov. 14, when President Sherman calls the convention to order. That Tuesday morning session will deal with reports of the Credentials Committee and the Committee on Arrangements; treasurer's report; the presentation of the recommended budget-goal; and Stow's convention sermon on "A New Call for a New Day."

At the Tuesday afternoon session, new pastors, and church staff members who have come to Tennessee will be recognized. The Constitution and Bylaws Committee will present its report, and the session will close with a message by Charles Redmond, pastor of First Church, Lenior City. This session will also include the first scheduled of two miscellaneous business sessions.

The Tuesday night session (which will begin at 6:45 p.m.) will feature the ministry of the TBC educational institutions and the Tennessee Baptist Service Corporation. The president's address by Sherman will close the session.

The election of officers will open the Wednesday morning (Nov. 15) session, which will also feature the report of the TBC Executive Board and the adoption of the budget-goal. This session will end with a message by Raymond Langlois, pastor of Nashville's Judson Church.

During the Wednesday afternoon session, the messengers will hear reports and recommendations from the Committee on Arrangements, the Committee on Committees, and the Committee on Boards, and will vote on recommendations presented the previous day

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Sept. continues record giving

With one month to go in the current budget year, mission giving through the Cooperative Program by Tennessee Baptists is continuing its record pace, according to Ralph E. Norton, executive secretary-treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

September gifts were \$953,014.95 Norton noted, which is \$16,558.96 more than the September 1977 Cooperative Program receipts. This represents a 1.8 percent increase.

The monthly goal, based on the \$10.55-million annual goal adopted by messengers to the 1977 TBC, would be \$879,166.67. Last month's gifts were \$73,848.28 above (8.3 percent over) the monthly goal.

Mission gifts for the 11-month period (November 1977-September 1978) totaled \$10,221,975.31. This is 9.9 percent above the amount given (\$9,297,173.09) during the same 11 months of the previous budget year, the TBC executive secretary reported.

The goal for these 11 months (eleventwelfths of \$10.55-million) would be \$9,670,833.33. Receipts for these eleven months are \$551,141.98 above the goal (5.7 percent).

Committee requests TBC resolutions

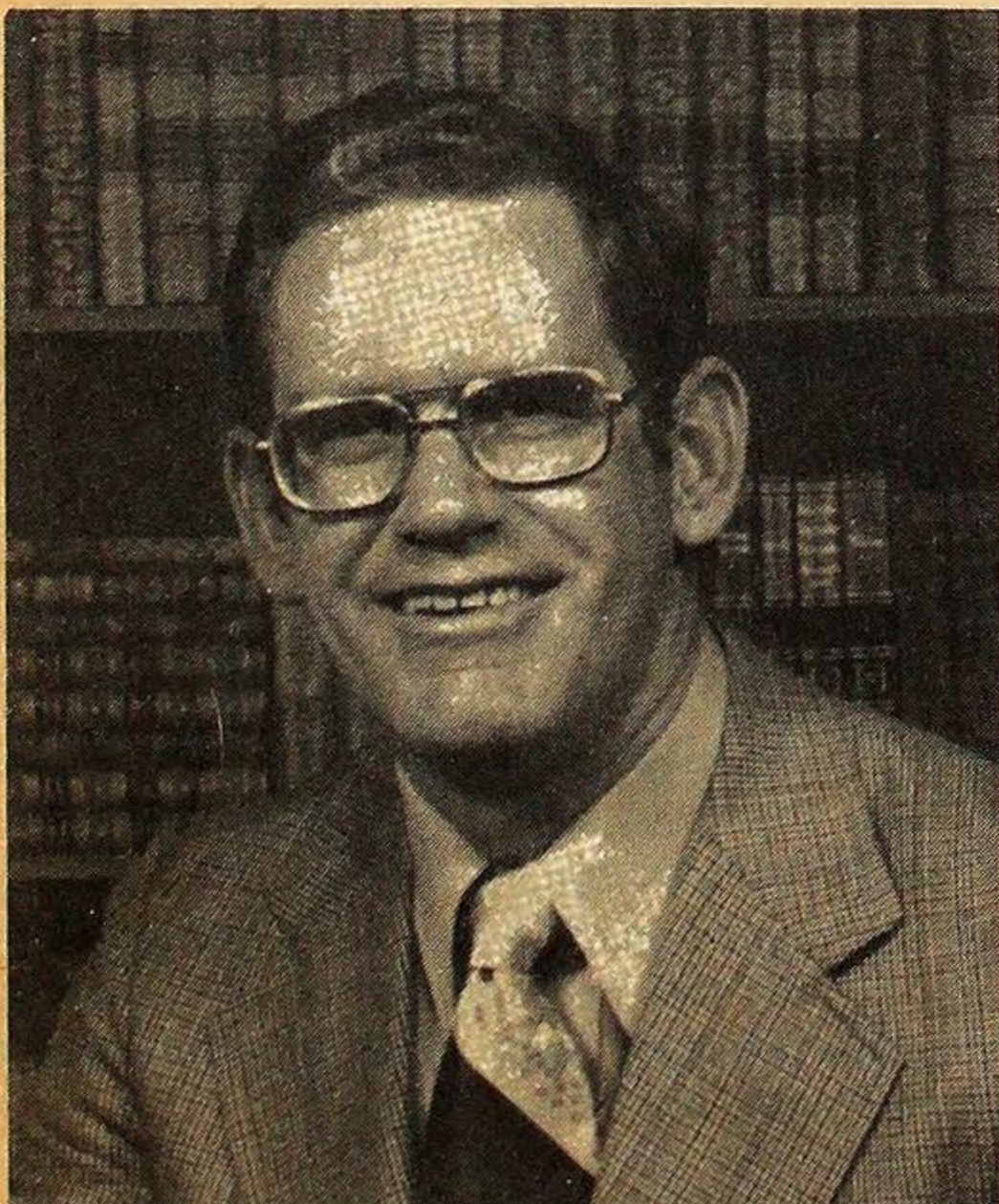
The Resolutions Committee for the 1978 Tennessee Baptist Convention is suggesting that messengers planning to submit resolutions to next month's TBC might consider mailing an advance copy to the committee prior to the convention session.

The request was made by the committee at a meeting Oct. 5 in Brentwood.

Resolutions could be mailed to the committee chairman, Don Martin, 705 East Prospect, LaFollette, TN 37766.

Martin noted that the resolutions must be presented to the convention from the floor during one of the two scheduled miscellaneous business sessions in order to be considered. According to the TBC Bylaws, the Committee on Resolutions is to receive written resolutions from the floor and review, comment on, draft, and recommend "any memorials or resolutions it may deem wise from among those referred to it by the convention."

Martin said the committee plans to meet on Monday, Nov. 13, to begin its consideration of resolutions submitted in advance. He noted that a resolution does not have to be given to the committee in advance of its presentation to the convention, but the committee will be able to give more careful consideration to resolutions sent in before Nov. 13.



BILL SHERMAN
To preside at Nashville TBC

Europeans vote to sponsor seminary to Switzerland

VIENNA, Austria—The European Baptist Federation Council, meeting in Vienna, voted to accept the sponsorship of financially-troubled Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland.

The rapid devaluation of the dollar over the last several years made it impossible for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board to continue to accept total financial responsibility for the seminary, according to J. D. Hughey, area secretary for the board's work in Europe, the Middle East and South Asia.

In June, the Foreign Mission Board voted to limit its subsidy to the seminary to \$300,000 in 1979 and offered administrative and financial responsibility to the European Baptist Federation Council, the governing body of the European Baptist Federation.

An additional \$5,000 per year would be added to the \$300,000 annual subsidy through 1983, when the five-year contract for use of the seminary would be subject to renewal.

Hughey and two board members traveled to Vienna for the federation council meeting. Besides accepting the sponsorship of the international seminary, the council placed the administrative responsibility in the hands of an executive board composed of European and American representatives.

Guidelines for the new cooperative agreement recognized that the Foreign Mission Board, as owner of the property, is ultimately responsible for the Ruschlikon Seminary. The land was purchased for \$240,000 in 1948 and is now worth, by some estimates, several million dollars. Board action is necessary to ratify the agreements.

European Council President Knud Wum-

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pelmann called acceptance of the seminary sponsorship "a great moment" in European Baptist history.

The council expects to raise 100,000 Swiss francs (\$62,500 U.S.) toward this year's budget of 875,000 francs. Half of the additional \$62,500 is available in gifts or firm pledges. This represents an increase of 82,000 francs over the European contribution to the seminary last year. (BP)

St. Elmo observes 100-year history

V. Wayne Tarpley was the guest speaker for the 100th anniversary celebration of St. Elmo Church in Chattanooga, Oct. 6-8. Tarpley is a former pastor of the church.

According to historical records, the church existed as early as 1866 as the New Hope Primitive Church. In 1878, the church was reorganized as a missionary Baptist church and the name was changed to St. Elmo. In 1880, with the help of First Church, Chattanooga, a lot was purchased and a small frame structure was erected. The Tennessee River and Chattanooga Creek were used for baptismal services.

In those early years, church discipline was practiced with fellowship being withdrawn from offenders for dancing, profanity, visiting saloons, and inciting trouble. Upon apology of the offender for his behavior, he would be restored to fellowship.

In 1893, the membership divided, and one group began to meet in a hall located at the site of the present building. This group was known as the Central Street Elmo Church, while the other group was known as First Church of St. Elmo. The two groups reunited as First Church of St. Elmo in 1897.

In 1905 the church moved to 4501 St. Elmo Avenue, directly across from the present building. The congregation moved across the street to its present site in 1928. A year later, the little town of St. Elmo was annexed into the city of Chattanooga.

Don Givens has served as pastor at St. Elmo for nine years.

N. C. public affairs leader accepts government position

RALEIGH, N.C.—Charles V. Petty, executive director of the Council on Christian Life and Public Affairs of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina since March 1, 1973, has resigned effective Oct. 4 to accept appointment as director of Gov. James B. Hunt's Office of Citizen Affairs.

A native of England, Ark., Petty is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Ark., and Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. He is a former associate director of the Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission. (BP)



SERVICE SINCE 1929—On Sunday, Oct. 1, members of Telford Church in Holston Association honored Clyde A. Miller with a certificate of recognition for continuous volunteer Sunday School service since 1929. During that time, he held six elected positions in two local churches. Jack Parker, pastor, made the presentation on behalf of the church.

Baptist law school given Jackson, Miss., building

CLINTON, Miss.—The Mississippi College School of Law has received the donation of a \$4.5-million building from the United Gas Pipe Line Company and a \$500,000 pledge from two business leaders.

The five-story United Gas Building in downtown Jackson, Miss., is easily adaptable to the requirements of a law school, said Lewis Nobles, president of the Baptist college. "The building is within a few blocks of the Mississippi Capitol complex, including the Supreme Court, the state Law Library, and the federal and municipal courts," he said. "The donation of this building is a positive step toward the accreditation of the Mississippi College School of Law by the American Bar Association."

The \$500,000 gift came from Robert M. Hearin and Leon Hess for the specific purpose of supplementing the law program by the addition of faculty.

Mississippi College has operated the school of law on its campus in Clinton, acquiring the Jackson School of Law in 1975 and moving it from the downtown Jackson area. The donation of the United Gas Building will give the school a permanent home in Jackson. (BP)

Nashville native named to bookstore position

NASHVILLE—Michael G. Crain, manager of the Baptist Book Store in Carterville, Ill. since 1976, has been named retail merchandiser in the book store division's operations department, here.

A native Nashvillian, Crain is a graduate of Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro. (BSSB)

Language missions includes internationals

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has appropriately labeled the existence of internationals in America as "the World in our Midst." In its brochure on the ministry of Baptists to internationals, the HMB states that these visitors from other countries are found largely in the diplomatic, scientific, and educational centers of America, as well as in every major city of this country.

No where in the United States does the description "diplomatic, scientific, and educational center" fit any better than in the State of Tennessee. It is estimated that nearly 100,000 internationals have found the Volunteer State through jobs at the Tennessee Valley Authority and the Atomic Energy Commission plants in east Tennessee; through choosing to pursue graduate study at one of Tennessee's several institutions of higher learning; or through government exchange programs in various professional positions. Others have fled to this country by way of an American marriage or as aliens. Tennessee Baptists have attempted to minister to persons in each of these categories.

According to Ruben Cañas, Tennessee Baptist Convention director of interfaith witness, work in the state is concentrated in six "cluster areas"—Madison-Chester Association, Oak Ridge, the tri-cities area, Nashville, Clarksville and Oak Grove, and Weakley and Beulah Associations. Work in a few of these areas is just developing, Cañas explained.

Mrs. George Clark, Henderson, told **Baptist and Reflector** of an English class for internationals which has met at Highland Park Church in Jackson for the past three years. The class began with college students, but has expanded to include many other internationals, including Vietnamese, Japanese, Korean, Egyptian, and Iranian.

One product of that class is Lan Nuygent, a 21-year-old Vietnamese who came to this country three years ago with her family. She is enrolled presently in the nursing program at Union University in Jackson and doing very well, according to her English teacher. While she was in Vietnam, she served as midwife, Mrs. Clark explained. While she attends Union, she is working part time at the hospital to earn her way through school.

"We presented the gospel to Lan when she came to this country, just as we present it to any international—very patiently and very slowly. With an international, you really have to live the gospel to win them. Many of them will tell you that they believe whatever you are telling them just to please you," she explained.

A dual ministry at Calvary Church in Knoxville offers Christ to the more than 800 students on the University of Tennessee at Knoxville campus and to many other internationals in the area. An international Bible study is held at the church on Sunday morn-



INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S WORSHIP—Children in the Clarksville—Oak Grove area gather each Sunday at First Church of Oak Grove for this international worship service. It is one of the ministries with internationals sponsored by Tennessee Baptists, the Home Mission Board, and Kentucky Baptists.

ings which is attended by Japanese, Nigerians, Indians, Africans, etc.

Once a month, the church hosts a fellowship in an American home to provide further contact with the international and to expose him to more Christians. According to Doris Stephens, one of the workers with the group, the ultimate hope is that the international will take the gospel back to his own country. "They can do more when they carry the gospel back to their native land than any of us can do," she said.

In Nashville, eight churches have banded together to minister to internationals representing 27 countries and 20 languages. Known as "International Friends," the program was developed for families of students attending any of Nashville's 13 colleges or universities.

The group gathers each week, September through May 4, at Woodmont Church in Nashville. Sponsorship comes from Riverside, Belmont Heights, Judson, Immanuel, Valleyview, Franklin Hillsboro, Brook Hollow and Harpeth Heights Churches.

At the first meeting each year, the women are tested for placement in English classes, which they attend each week. Tests place the women in one of several levels of English. Also provided at the meetings are suggestions for successful living in America. Helps include cooking hints, shopping ideas, personal care, and energy conservation.

Other work in the state is developing in Johnson City and Elizabethton through the Skyline Heights Church. Cañas said that a team will visit that area in the near future to train workers who will teach English. Already, several Jordanians, Koreans, Germans, and Spanish have been uncovered in the area.

An interfaith witness conference is scheduled to be hosted by Weakley and Beulah Association the last week in November. Following that conference, work will continue in that area.

In addition to associational and individual church work, Baptist Student Unions on many of the Tennessee campuses serve as liaisons between sponsoring churches and colleges and in helping to meet the needs of international families and students. International work in some form is presently administered through at least 10 BSUs in the state.

Through the Golden State Missions Offering, Tennessee Baptists provide financial support for an annual international student conference. The TBC student department plans and leads the conference each year with the help of the BSU directors.

With Tennessee's population continuing to increase every day, it is estimated that between 13 and 15 percent of the increase in population by the year 2,000 will be internationals.

These foreign visitors to our land deserve to see the love of Christ shared with them through Christian churches and through Baptists who care enough to minister to "the World in our Midst."

S. American youth meet

GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador—About 175 young people from Ecuador, Peru, Colombia, Bolivia, and Venezuela met here for the second annual Baptist youth encounter led by guest speakers Rudy Hernandez, a Mexican-American from Texas, and Edgar Zea, Ecuador's first home missionary. Following the encounter, a number of the young people went out in revival teams to witness in several cities.

Our People and Our Churches . . .

CHURCHES . . .

Members of Brentwood Church, Nashville Association, voted to sponsor Bell Road Baptist Mission in that association. **Bill Wilson** is pastor.

New Salem Church, Hamilton County Association, dedicated its auditorium last month. **Ted Painter** is pastor.

First Church, Chattanooga, held ground breaking ceremonies recently for an \$825,000 chapel-educational building. **Jack McEwen** is pastor.

Don Lasley, pastor of Oak Street Church, Soddy, announced that construction has begun on an auditorium for that church.

Timesville Church, Signal Mountain, is constructing an addition to its present building. **Virgil Powell** is pastor.

Ellejoy Church, Seymour, is moving into a new educational building this month. The congregation raised \$50,000 toward the structure.

Council Church, Bradley County Association, observed its 50th anniversary this month.

A Woman's Missionary Union was organized at Midway Church, Hardeman County Association.

Lookout Valley Church, Chattanooga, celebrated its 50th anniversary last month with over 500 persons attending the homecoming dinner and program. **Fred M. Gregg Jr.**, son of a former pastor, was the featured speaker. The younger **Gregg** is now the Sunday School teacher in Washington D.C. for the President of the United States. **Herbert Thomas** is pastor at Lookout Valley.

In Dyer Association, Halls Westside Church has begun construction on an addition to their building. The new addition will serve as an auditorium with the present auditorium being converted into Sunday School space. **Harold Burroughs** is pastor.

LEADERSHIP . . .

Randall Lynch accepted the call of Rock Springs Church, Greenbrier, to serve as minister of music and youth. He is a senior at Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, and most recently served as minister of music at Flewellyn Church, Springfield. **Franklin Hall** is pastor.

Ronald L. Ryan resigned as pastor of First Church, Greenfield to accept the pastorate of Center Grove Church near Winston-Salem, N.C. While in his new position, he hopes to continue working toward a masters degree at Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem.

David Bartholomew resigned as pastor of Cottonwood Church, Beulah Association.

At Mt. Moriah Church, Beulah Association, **Larry Byassee** resigned as pastor.

Robert Moulton has accepted the call as minister of music and youth to First Church, Columbia, effective Oct. 22. A native of Lake City, Fla., he is a graduate of Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. He has led the music and youth programs at churches in Mississippi, North Carolina, Kentucky, and Florida. **Harold Smith** is pastor.

PEOPLE . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Terrell celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last month. The couple has seven children, 22 grandchildren, and 23 great-grandchildren. **Rudy Fitts** is their pastor.

An observance of the golden wedding anniversary of **Mr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Turney** was held in Clarksville this month. They are members of First Church in that city. **John David Laida** is pastor.

Second Church, Union City, ordained **Sonny Hutchens** as a deacon. **Noel A. Edwards** is pastor.

Donnie Aston, **Don Mahone**, and **Robert Taylor** were ordained as deacons at Belmont Heights Church in Nashville. **Bob Norman** is pastor.

First Church, Memphis, ordained **Stephen W. Anderson**, **Robert H. Bauman**, **Gregory L. Huffstetler**, **Albert S. Lucchesi**, and **V. Steve McGraw** as deacons. **Earl C. Davis** is pastor.

Charles Hailey and **Frank Stigall** were ordained as deacons at Audubon Park Church in Memphis. **Howard S. Kolb** is pastor.

Eastanallee Church, McMinn-Meigs Association, ordained **Steve Landers** and **Terry Landers** as deacons last month. Pastor **Oran Creasman** served as moderator, and director of missions **Ted Davis**, preached the ordination message.

Billy Joe Murray and **William M. Payne** were ordained as deacons at Avondale Church, Chattanooga. **James H. Walker** is pastor of the church.

Scenic Hills Church in Memphis ordained **David Garrett** as a deacon. **William E. Burney** is pastor.

Deacon ordination services were scheduled to be held for **Dennis Nabors**, **Dwight Flynn**, **Steve Ritter**, and **Ray Tiller** last Sunday at Bell Camp Church in Knoxville. **Leonard S. Markham** is pastor.

H.B. Woodward, interim pastor of Holly Grove Church near Brownsville, was honored by Union University recently on his 50th anniversary in the ministry. A 1934 Union graduate, **Woodward** retired from the ministry when he reached the age of 75. He has served as an interim pastor for the past several years.

Park City Church, Fayetteville, ordained **Terry Monks**, **Doyle Weir**, and **Joe Kashion** as deacons. **Joe Mayberry** gave the charge to the deacons. **Kelly Carter** delivered the charge to the church. Chairman of deacons **L.C. Hammons** gave the ordination prayer.

Apison Church, Hamilton County Association, ordained **David Eller** as a deacon. **Forrest Watkins** brought the ordination message. **Harlan Williams** is pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. J.P. Boatright celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last month. They are members of First Church, Smyrna, where **W.D. Thomason** is pastor. They are both active members of their church.

Stephen Hale was ordained as a deacon at First Church, Dandridge, recently. Participating in the service were Hale's father, **Vernon Hale**, of Russellville, and his father-in-law, **Raymond White**, Cookeville. **Robert D. McCray** is pastor.

Angela Wood, a senior at Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, has received a scholarship to cover the balance of her school bill, amounting to \$729.00. The gift came from the men's class of First Church in Landrum, S.C. A student, she is originally from Guyane, South America, and plans to begin work on a master's degree at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, following her college graduation.

Erl. E. Shirley, a deacon for 43 years at Rutledge Church in Rutledge, suffered a fatal heart attack recently. He was a member of the church for 51 years, according to Pastor **Herman J. Ellis**.

SBC gifts pass \$100-million

NASHVILLE—Total giving by Southern Baptists on the national level topped \$100-million for the first time in the Southern Baptist Convention's 133-year history, according to a report at the end of the 1977-78 fiscal year.

That figure—\$105,330,123—includes both undesignated giving to the SBC's national Cooperative Program unified budget for ongoing work of the denomination around the world and designated giving, mainly contributions to the SBC's home and foreign mission offerings.

Undesignated contributions through the Cooperative Program totaled \$57,418,384, a \$5,477,924 or 10.55 percent increase over the 1976-77 fiscal year. It exceeded the 1977-78 basic operating and capital needs budgets of SBC agencies by \$2,338,384, which will be used for unmet Bold Mission Thrust needs. But it fell \$5,981,616 under the total \$63,400,000 goal, which includes \$55,080,000 for basic operating and capital needs and \$8,320,000 in Bold Mission Thrust challenge funds.

"We rejoice that the Bold Mission Thrust challenge funds will provide more than \$2,338,000 in additional funds for areas of desperate mission needs," said Porter W. Routh, executive secretary-treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee. The 10.55 percent increase is slightly more than the inflation factor, so it will mean some new thrust. We thank every church member, every pastor, every state leader for their significant help."

Designated contributions above the Cooperative Program figure totaled \$47,911,740, which amounted to \$5,466,116 or 12.9 percent more than last year's total.

The total figure of \$105,330,123 exceeded last year's amount by \$10,944,040, or 11.6 percent.

September 1978, the final month of the fiscal year, showed a strong finish, with total contributions of \$5,788,958, an increase of \$843,978 or 17.1 percent over the same month for the previous year.

That monthly total included \$5,014,015 in Cooperative Program gifts (an 11.7 percent increase) and \$774,943 in designated gifts (a 69.5 percent increase over \$457,338 the previous year). (BP)

Motion picture released for January Bible Study

NASHVILLE—Mark: Saviour for Sinners is a new Broadman motion picture presenting supportive material for the 1979 January Bible Study.

Wayne Ward, professor of theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., serves as the teacher in the film. Ward gives an overview of the book of Mark in the film plus discussing distinctive characteristics of the book and interpreting the meaning of specific passages. (BSSB)

FMB representative arrested, deported by Turkey officials

ANKARA, Turkey—James F. Leeper, an English-language pastor in Ankara for more than 12 years, has been forced to leave Turkey after being arrested following revocation of his residence permit.

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, under whose auspices Leeper has worked in Turkey since 1966, has appealed the action to the Turkish ambassador to the United States, Melih Esenbel.

Leeper has gone to Germany pending outcome of the case, but his wife Jean and their four children, who have separate passports and residence permits, remain in Ankara. The expulsion order apparently does not apply to them, said J.D. Hughey, the Foreign Mission Board's area secretary for Europe, the Middle East, and South Asia. The Leepers are the only Southern Baptist representatives in the country.

Hughey explained that Leeper has been on tourist status much of the time he's been in Turkey and has had to leave the country periodically to retain his tourist classification. His last residence permit was granted in October 1977, retroactive to Aug. 2 of that year, but this permit was revoked in May 1978.

Leeper was asked to leave the country May 30, with no explanation of the action, Hughey said. The pastor returned as a tourist June 2 and again requested a residence permit, be-

lieving that lower officials were responsible for his expulsion and that it would not be upheld by the Turkish government.

He was arrested Sept. 22 and imprisoned for a brief time before being released and allowed to remain in Turkey until Sept. 29. His unspecified time in jail "was like sleeping on a park bench," Leeper said.

"We do not believe the expulsion of Mr. Leeper has the approval of the highest officials of your government," Hughey wrote Ambassador Esenbel. The letter asked the ambassador to "bring this matter to the attention of the prime minister, who has revealed his commitment to freedom."

Hughey said that while in Germany, Leeper plans to apply for a Turkish visa and also make decisions about where he would work in case he is not allowed to re-enter Turkey. In Ankara, Leeper has served as pastor of Galatian Baptist Church, a congregation composed primarily of U.S. military personnel.

The Leepers were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1965 as the first representatives of the board to Turkey.

Tenn. minister denies homosexuality charge

MADISONVILLE, Tenn.—A Baptist minister who runs a boys summer camp denies charges that he and a camp volunteer involved themselves in homosexual activities with boys at the camp.

District Attorney General Richard Fisher said that James B. Dotson of Rockford, who runs the camp, was charged with six counts involving homosexual activity and Charles Suttles, 30, of Maryville, with one count.

Dotson, former Southern Baptist pastor and missionary, operates Tellico River Ministries, northeast of Madisonville, which is not affiliated with any Southern Baptist organization. He also serves as pastor of Baptist Outreach, a congregation which meets in a public school in Alcoa, Tenn., and has no affiliation with Southern Baptists.

"It just ain't so," Dotson said. "There is no sex involved. I may go to the penitentiary, but God knows I'm right. I have been affectionate with my kids, but there has never been any sex involved. "The children have run off, and some became angry and wanted to go home. They were told—and there were some people who wanted to see the camp closed—that if the camp closed, they could go home."

Dotson, who has started a number of mission churches in Tennessee, is former pastor of several Southern Baptist churches in the state and served for brief periods on the mission field with both the Southern Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Boards. (BP)



LIBRARIAN HONORED—Ruby Duncan, organizer of the library at Brainerd Church in Chattanooga 28 years ago, was honored during services at the church recently. Keith Mee, supervisor, program promotion and field service section, church library department, Baptist Sunday School Board, is shown with Miss Duncan. The church's library has attained "distinguished" awards for 10 years of the 11 years that it has been offered by the board. Miss Duncan was the first librarian at Brainerd.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE
ON
BOARDS 1978-79

The Committee on Boards of the Tennessee Baptist Convention presents the following nominations for terms expiring 1981 and for vacancies created by those who have left the state, resigned, passed away, or moved from one grand division to another.
Bold face type indicates person nominated. The asterisk (*) indicates the filling of a vacancy.

J. Victor Brown, Chairman
Gary Anderson
Earl Davis
Sam Dean
F. M. Dowell
John Franklin
Nathan Hale
Harry Hargrove
Baylon Hilliard
K. V. Holt
Elmer Piper
Carl Price
H. D. Standifer
Leroy Summers

EXECUTIVE BOARD
Term Expiring 1981

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| 1. Ray Brown, Ten Mile | EAST |
| 2. Jack Cunningham, Knoxville | |
| 3. Charles Earl, Strawberry Plains | |
| 4. Jack Kilpatrick, Turtletown | |
| 5. Earl McCosh, Jefferson City | |
| 6. Earl Wilson, Knoxville | |
| 7. J. C. Parrott, Knoxville | |
| 8. Robert Stitts, Chattanooga | |
| 9. Harlan Reynolds, LaFollette | |
| 10. Chester Parker, Johnson City | |
| 11. Melvin Faulkner, Erwin | |
| 12. Obie Campbell, Loudon | |
| 13. Dale Martin, Johnson City | |
| 14. Mrs. Robert Gilliam, Nashville | MIDDLE |
| 15. Harold Allen, Gallatin | |
| 16. Marion Wells, Murfreesboro | |
| 17. Thurman Haston, McMinnville | |
| 18. John Laida, Clarksville | |
| 19. Lloyd Lawrence, Nashville | |
| 20. Roger Shelton, Nashville | |
| 21. Don Pharris, Livingston | |
| 22. Oscar Trainer, Gordonsville | |
| 23. Paul Tabor, Lawrenceburg | |
| 24. Carroll Owen, Paris | WEST |
| 25. James Chatham, McKenzie | |
| 26. Howard Kolb, Memphis | |
| 27. Pat Landrum, Brighton | |
| 28. Margaret McSwain, Paris | |
| 29. Mrs. Travis Otey, Jackson | |
| 30. Mrs. David Stewart, Brownsville | |
| 31. J. G. Wise, Trezvant | |
| 32. Jerry Powell, Martin | |
| 33. Robert H. Burton, Memphis | |

EXECUTIVE BOARD
Term Expiring 1980

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| 2. Mack Bingham, Bearden | |
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| 16. William E. Crook, Nashville | |
| 17. Tom Henry, Lebanon | |
| 18. Carl Methvin, Shelbyville | |
| 19. Rudy Newby, Tullahoma | |
| 20. Don Schultz, Fayetteville | |
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| 23. Gayle Alexander, Alamo | WEST |
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| 4. George Horton, Nashville |
| 5. Frank Ingraham, Franklin |
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| 3. Irvin Hays, Memphis |
| 4. Ted J. Ingram, Knoxville |
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| 4. Bernard Barkley, Nashville |
| 5. Reuben Trussell, Fayetteville |
| 6. M. L. Barrett, Nashville |
| 7. Roland Kimberlin, Bruceton |
| 8. Lowell Smith, Cookeville |
| 9. Herman Jacobs, Nashville |
| 10. Charles G. Hitner, Nashville |
| 11. Billy Thompson, Clarksville |

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| 1. Walton Chappell, Franklin |
| 2. James Hopkins, Nashville |
| 3. Ed Kennedy, Nashville |
| 4. Robert S. Parsons, Brentwood |
| 5. I. C. Thomasson, Nashville |
| 6. Charles Wheeler, Hendersonville |
| 7. Robert Hammer, Madison |
| 8. Robert Woody, Hendersonville |
| 9. James H. Harrell, Nashville |
| 10. William Sheridan, Jr., Nashville |
| 11. John Justice, Nashville |

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| 1. Gary Anderson, Lawrenceburg |
| 2. Mrs. Artie Brooks Holliman, Nashville |
| 3. *Drew Maddux, Hendersonville |
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| 5. Joseph McGehee, Lewisburg |
| 6. Virgil Moore, Columbia |
| 7. Josephine Pile, Nashville |
| 8. Sam Ridley, Smyrna |
| 9. Clinton Swafford, Winchester |
| 10. William G. Wilson, Brentwood |
| 11. George West, III, Brentwood |

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| 3. Bill Bruster, Knoxville |
| 4. Floyd Delaney, Chattanooga |
| 5. H. D. McNeeley, Kingsport |
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| 7. David H. McConnell, Newport |
| 8. Bill Purdue, Kingsport |
| 9. John Ellis, Jefferson City |
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| 11. Jack D. Sanford, Memphis |

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| 2. Ansell Baker, Athens |
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| 4. Henry Blanc, Jefferson City |
| 5. Melvin Harris, Nashville |
| 6. Eugene Leamon, Maryville |
| 7. Robert McCray, Dandridge |
| 8. Calvin Metcalf, Fountain City |
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| 10. Lonas Tarr, Jefferson City |
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| 2. *Joe R. Haynes, Knoxville |
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| 4. Clayton Dekle, Knoxville |
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| 6. Lawrence D. Smith, Rutledge |
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| 9. Vance Walker, Maryville |
| 10. John Wallace, Morristown |
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| 2. George Hill, Huntingdon |
| 3. Ben Langford, Jackson |
| 4. Thomas Lillard, Jackson |
| 5. Cecil Ebersold, Memphis |
| 6. Trevis Otey, Jackson |
| 7. Jesse Price, Somerville |
| 8. Bill Adcock, Newbern |
| 9. Howard Kirksey, Murfreesboro |
| 10. Harold Brundige, Martin |
| 11. Jerry Glisson, Memphis |
| 12. David Nunn, Halls |
| 13. Gene Howell, Bolivar |
| 14. Hobart Townsend, Parsons |
| 15. Mrs. Glenn Raines, Memphis |
| 16. A. V. Pickler, Chattanooga |

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| 1. John Adams, McKenzie |
| 2. Mrs. William Cockroft, Memphis |
| 3. P. O. Davidson, Memphis |
| 4. Byron R. Epps, Cookeville |
| 5. J. A. Hadley, Rutherford |
| 6. Ken Hanna, Paris |
| 7. W. M. Gurley, Memphis |
| 8. Kenneth Leathers, Jackson |
| 9. Ramsey Pollard, Memphis |
| 10. Lee Prince, Memphis |
| 11. Sam Reed, Dyersburg |
| 12. Adrian Rogers, Memphis |
| 13. S. Powers Smith, Henning |
| 14. Kenneth Story, Memphis |
| 15. Paul Williams, Jackson |
| 16. Thomas L. Moore, Dresden |

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| 1. James H. Austin, Maury City |
| 2. Albert L. Hansard, Memphis |
| 3. Paul Barkley, Adamsville |
| 4. Bob Carpenter, Memphis |
| 5. E. E. Deusner, Lexington |
| 6. Mack Forrester, Ridgely |
| 7. Argyle Graves, Milan |
| 8. Thomas N. Hale, Camden |
| 9. Waymon G. Jones, Memphis |
| 10. John McRee, Memphis |
| 11. D. Glenn Rainey, Jackson |
| 12. Mrs. W. R. Roberts, Jackson |
| 13. Don Stephenson, Jackson |
| 14. Charles Sullivan, Memphis |
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| 5. Robert Lemay, Columbia |
| 6. Mrs. Breck Ellison, Knoxville |
| 7. Fred Lawson, Maryville |

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| 1. R. T. Bales, Morristown |
| 2. Thomas Cate, Maryville |
| 3. Don Dills, Dyersburg |
| 4. Russ Dunham, LaFollette |
| 5. Mrs. Lanier Ferguson, Memphis |
| 6. Morris Frank, Smyrna |

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| 1. Wes Goddard, Alcoa |
| 2. Glenn Grubb, Maryville |
| 3. Granvil Kyker, Oak Ridge |
| 4. J. M. Lobetti, Alcoa |
| 5. Luther Ogle, Gatlinburg |
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| 3. James Brakefield, Nashville |
| 4. Lewis Moore, Nashville |
| 5. Howard Smith, Gatlinburg |
| 6. James H. Winters, Nashville |
| 7. Mrs. William Rowan, Nashville |
| 8. Jerry Oakley, Springfield |
| 9. Guy Bates, Sr., Joelton |

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| 1. A. E. Batts, Nashville |
| 2. Joe Carr, Nashville |
| 3. Charles Creagh, Nashville |
| 4. John Gifford, Nashville |
| 5. W. Fred Kendall, Sr., Nashville |
| 6. Walton Smith, Clarksville |
| 7. James L. Sullivan, Nashville |
| 8. Devaughn Woods, Nashville |
| 9. *William Fox, New Johnsonville |

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| 1. L. Bracey Campbell, Nashville |
| 2. George Duncan, Nashville |
| 3. Tom Hitch, Columbia |
| 4. Gordon Stoker, Nashville |
| 5. *H. Franklin Paschall, Nashville |
| 6. Henry Thomas, Lawrenceburg |
| 7. Donnie Weiss, Dickson |
| 8. Courtney Wilson, Hendersonville |
| 9. Elmer Woolard, Lebanon |

BAPTIST MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, MEMPHIS
Term Expiring 1981

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| 1. Hugh M. Willson, Niota |
| 2. C.M. Pickler, Memphis |
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| 1. J. Ralph McIntyre, Brentwood |
| 2. Carroll Owen, Paris |
| 3. Glenn Rainey, Jackson |

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| 1. Fred Kendall, II, Union City |
| 2. Ralph Lawler, Trenton |
| 3. Robert L. Orr, Dyersburg |

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| 3. John B. Waters, Jr., Sevierville |
| 4. Breck Ellison, Knoxville |
| 5. Mrs. James McSween, Newport |
| 6. Buford Bible, Knoxville |
| 7. Norman Willie, Chattanooga |
| 8. Herbert Cox, Athens |

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| 1. George Childs, Knoxville |
| 2. William Fortune, Knoxville |
| 3. Harold Harrison, Fountain City |
| 4. Byrl Logan, Bearden |
| 5. Don Mirts, Knoxville |
| 6. Jack Prince, Knoxville |
| 7. Robert Sanders, Knoxville |
| 8. Joe Stacker, Knoxville |
| 9. Horace Wells, Clinton |

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| 1. Richard H. Filler, Knoxville |
| 2. J. Don Hill, Knoxville |
| 3. James A. Hutson, Knoxville |
| 4. *Leonard Rogers, Knoxville |
| 5. Ed Litton, Knoxville |
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Term Expiring 1981

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| 4. Hamilton Traylor, Maryville |
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| 6. Amon Swanger, Chattanooga |

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1. Sam Hodges, Nashville
2. L. B. Jennings, Tullahoma
3. Gaye McGlothlen, Nashville
4. Joseph Nickell, Crossville
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6. Clarence Stewart, Pulaski

Term Expiring 1979

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3. Robert L. Orr, Dyersburg
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4. Bob Peek, Athens
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3. Norris E. Smith, Memphis
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2. Leon Edwards, Ashland City
3. Robert L. Orr, Dyersburg

4. John Perkins, Johnson City
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1. Herman Ellis, Rutledge
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1. Herbert Vandergriff, Loudon
2. Andy F. Hardy, Nashville
3. James Nowell, Milan
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1. Luther Carlisle, Memphis
2. Marvin Gibson, Cleveland
3. Frank Proffitt, Kingsport
4. Bob Thomson, Smyrna
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3. Mrs. Kelter Mullins, Johnson City
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5. A. E. Slover, Covington

Committee on Boards Term Expiring 1981

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3. Deryl Watson, Rutherford
4. Paul Williams, Jackson
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Term Expiring 1980

1. Sam Dean, Clinton
2. F. M. Dowell, Nashville
3. Baylon Hilliard, Covington
4. Carl Price, Lewisburg
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Term Expiring 1979

1. Gary Anderson, Lawrenceburg, Temp. Chm.
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3. David C. Sharp, Spring City
4. H. D. Standifer, Tullahoma
5. Leroy Summers, Memphis

Committee on Credentials Term Expiring 1981

1. William Mitchell, Maynardville
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3. James Kinsey, Union City
4. Wilburn Nelson, Chapel Hill
5. J. C. Reed, East Maryville

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1. Joe Elliott, Murfreesboro
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1. Larry Corder, Gibson
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3. W. Fred Kendall, Nashville
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5. Lester Turner, Corryton

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4. Jere Plunk, Carthage
5. Harold Smith, Columbia

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3. Ralph Harris, Nashville
4. Charles McKnight, Murfreesboro
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1. Don Cobb, Clinton
2. Don Martin, LaFollette
3. Omer Painter, Blountville
4. Trevis Otey, Jackson
5. James Roberts, Memphis

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4. Harold Brundige, Martin
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4. Robert Miller, Brentwood
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Arkansas students view trends on West Coast

MILL VALLEY, Calif.—Feeling that whatever happens on the west coast now will happen in the rest of the nation in the future, 10 faculty and staff members from Ouachita Baptist University in Arkansas conducted a four-day study of the San Francisco Bay Area.

Using Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary as its base, the interdisciplinary group searched for trends not yet present in the Midwest.

Vester Wolber, one of the leaders of the group, said a mid-summer, nationwide telecast of a documentary on Marin County "caused us to take more interest in the area and study it more carefully before we came."

The contingent met in a morning session with Gerald Adams, feature writer for the **San Francisco Examiner**, who briefed them on some of San Francisco's history. He also told them about the people of the city and reviewed some of the issues currently being dealt with by city government.

Francis M. Dubose, professor of missions at Golden Gate, led the group on an extensive mission tour of the city, which included viewing the cityscape from Twin Peaks, visiting 19th Avenue Baptist Church in the Sunset District, and touring several downtown districts. (BP)

McDonald's, Kroc deny false rumor of donations to Church of Satan

Unfounded rumors that McDonald's Corporation founder and chief executive officer Ray Kroc contributes 20 percent of his income to the Church of Satan continue to plague the international hamburger franchise and frustrate Southern Baptist newspaper editors who are trying to avoid another Madalyn Murray O'Hair fiasco.

In that one, church members flooded the Federal Communications Commission in protest of Miss O'Hair's attempt to remove religious broadcasting from the airwaves. In truth, she never attempted it, but denominational newspapers could not squelch the rumor.

It appears the rumor machine is again geared for a high speed chase, and concerned, unsuspecting, church members are going for the ride.

According to several variations of the rumor, Kroc made the contributions public on either the Merv Griffin or Phil Donahue shows, CBS' 60 Minutes, the Today Show, or in the **National Enquirer**.

Complete transcripts from the Today Show and Phil Donahue reveal no such statement. A letter from Don Hewitt, executive producer of 60 Minutes, says no connection between Kroc and the Church of Satan has ever been mentioned on 60 Minutes. Station managers, owners, and advertisers also denied Kroc had

made the statement on the Merv Griffin Show. Copies of the **National Enquirer** showed no mention of the rumor.

Kroc himself, worth about \$350-million, depending on the stock market on a given day, said in a letter to the **Texas Baptist Standard**, "I was absolutely appalled to learn of the false allegation that my personal funds, and those of McDonald's Corporation, had been donated to the Church of Satan. Such a donation would be contrary to the corporate contributions policy of McDonald's and to my personal beliefs."

A complete listing of McDonald's corporate contributions for 1977 shows \$884,672 dispersed to civic, cultural, health, social welfare, economic development, environmental and educational organizations. It shows nothing to any Church of Satan. (BP)

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Wake Forest University asks to select its own trustees

ASHEBORO, N.C.—Wake Forest University has requested charter changes which, if approved, would take away the North Carolina Baptist Convention's power to elect trustees or to remove them from office.

Under the plan, Wake Forest trustees would elect their own successors.

The Baptist school's proposal would provide that a majority of trustees be members of

churches cooperating with the Baptist state convention but would permit out-of-state and possibly non-Baptists to serve. Now, all the trustees are North Carolina Baptists.

The request to the convention's general board came from Wake Forest's president, James Ralph Scales, and trustee chairman, James Mason. Both said the proposed changed relationship would help remove tension between the school and the convention, which has cropped up over the years.

North Carolina Baptists' general board approved executive committee recommendation to refer the proposal to the state convention's Council on Christian Higher Education for study.

The general board further approved an executive committee suggestion that the Wake Forest proposal be reported to the 1978 annual sessions of the Baptist state convention in Raleigh, N.C., Nov. 13-15, to seek approval of the executive committee's and general board's actions. If convention messengers approve the continuation of the study in November, final action on the proposal could be taken at the 1979 sessions of the Baptist state convention.

In presenting the recommendation for charter changes, Scales said that Wake Forest wishes to change from an agency to an affiliate status. While Scales and Mason both insisted that they were not asking to sever ties with the Baptist state convention, convention leaders said that according to the Constitution and By-laws they interpreted the request as severance as an agency.

The proposal made no reference to ending the Baptist state convention's financial support through the Cooperative Program to the school. But, several observers said that possible changes may come about if the convention approves charter changes.

The convention in 1978 is providing 6.5 percent of its annual budget to Wake Forest, which amounts to about \$815,000 or four percent of the school's budget. Proposed expenditures in 1979 call for \$936,937 or 6 percent of the \$15,507,450 convention budget. (BP)

Baptist open new center near capital of Senegal

PIKINE, Senegal—Southern Baptist missionaries Paul H. and Peggy Grossman recently opened a new Baptist center in Pikine, Senegal. Pikine is about eight kilometers from the capital city of Dakar.

The Baptist center is the first evangelical witness of any kind in this city except for one Senegalese Christian who lives there. There were 22 enrolled in the reading club within the first week.

Other activities will include French and English classes, Bible studies, worship services, and "game day."



OLDEST CHURCH ORDAINS YOUNGEST PASTOR—Smyrna Church, the oldest congregation in Big Hatchie Association, ordained 18-year-old James Clark Tanner Jr. to the gospel ministry. Tanner was licensed to preach at the age of 15 and has now been called as pastor of Cotton Grove Church in Madison-Chester Association. The last preacher ordained by the church was in 1935. J. V. Reeves, pastor, and Mrs. Tanner are pictured with Tanner.

Black Oak Heights dedicates sanctuary

Dedication services were held at Black Oak Heights Church in Knoxville Oct. 8 for a \$700,000 sanctuary, according to Pastor J. C. Parrott.

Ralph Norton, executive secretary-treasurer, Tennessee Baptist Convention, spoke at the morning worship service, and Jesse Bingham, first pastor of the church, delivered the evening message.

The church was organized in 1946, and the new sanctuary was begun in 1977 with Barnes and Moorefield designing the structure. With a 1,000-seating capacity, the auditorium is built in a spoke fashion to carry out the design of the building. Included in the construction was an office complex built with a courtyard adjoining the existing buildings. Also included is a media booth. Hand built pulpit and communion table were sculptured by Robert Reid.

Holston Valley messengers vote two church additions

Messengers to Holston Valley Association, met in their 95th annual session last month at First Church of Sneedville, McPheeters Bend Church, and Howes Chapel Church. Fifty-two churches were represented at the meeting.

Voted into full membership of the association were Elm Springs Church in Sneedville, and Tar Pine Church, Rogersville. The Elm Springs Church was formerly in Mulberry Gap Association. Seven Gibson is pastor. The Tar Pine fellowship was organized earlier this year. Raymond Hicks is pastor.

General officers elected to lead included: moderator, Billy Ray Courtney, pastor of Persia Church; associate moderator, Frank Lethcoe, pastor of First Church, Church Hill; clerk, Linda Williams; and treasurer, Robert Horton.

Devotional

God is our helper

By Anne Moore

I bought a kit that contained a wooden box shaped like a house with three dimensional figures for six rooms. There was a pamphlet with a set of instructions and a picture of the completed house on the front of the box as a model.

It was a present for nieces ages eight and ten. I prefabricated the kit because I knew their attention span and craft abilities would be too limited to finish it while I was with them. It was ready to put the figures into place.

I couldn't have gotten it ready without the pamphlet and the model. With all the instructions, it still took hours for me to do all the cutting and assembling.

There are some parallels that come to my mind with this experience. God does not give a completed life. He gives us the raw materials out of which to make a life. God gives us ourselves with all our gifts and abilities. He gives us the world with its beauty and its resources. He gives us people to teach and help us.

He says to us in John 10:10: "I am come that you may have life and that you might have it more abundantly." I needed the model or picture of the completed house. I need a model or example to build my life.

I may draw strength and blessings from my friends, but I must realize they, too, are striving to make a life. We all have to look beyond to the true model, Jesus. John 4:6 says: "I am the way the Truth and the Life."

As I work at my life, I realize my instruction sheets are in the pages of His Word. His law and commandments mold and form the foundations for my life. As I pray, His Holy Spirit guides and directs my path. He also nourishes me when I am weak. I am growing every day, so it is important that I use the best materials in the most constructive way.

It took only a matter of hours to finish the house. It would have seemed like years if the girls had to do it alone.

I am so thankful that I have help in assembling the pieces of my life. I don't have to do it alone.

Mrs. Moore is the wife of David Moore who is pastor of Lincova Hills Church, Nashville.

Cicero's comment



By the editor

"Cicero, our church has decided to change its name in line with our new—I mean, different—concept," announced D. Lay, the pastor.

The puzzlement on Cicero's face was obvious.

Lay continued, "Since our church is composed of the leftouts and the leftovers, I decided to exploit it. Our new name is the **Third Verse Baptist Church.**"

My silence encouraged him to continue.

"Baptists are always said to be behind the times, so our church has recognized this and is starting to do everything **one year late.**"

D. Lay pointed out the advantages. They can get one-year-old literature for practically nothing. "Aren't Biblical teachings supposed to be timeless?" he noted. "Since we are always promoting last year's mission goals, we don't feel the pressure to increase our gifts as much!"

The church has changed its meeting times to 30 minutes later, they are getting some members from other churches who are running late.

"We have gone to a **Five-Point Records** system—naturally, we dropped the "on time" report. And we discovered that if we don't put any hymn numbers, sermon topics, or specific announcements in our bulletin, we can use the **same ones** week after week," D. Lay related.

"We have adjusted marvelously," the pastor added. "For example, our **Bold Mission** goal is to confront every person in the world with the gospel by the year 2001."

"Aren't there any problems," Cicero asked.

"A few," D. Lay admitted. "Our messengers to conventions are prepared to vote on issues which were settled the previous year. We have had some problems with SBC themes, such as 'A Million more in '55' and 'Shaping the Seventy-Ones'. And the congregational singing isn't too good, since we sing only those unfamiliar third verses."

Lay laid one request on Cicero. "Would it be possible for us to receive the **Baptist and Reflector** one year late, so our members won't be confused?"

"I believe the Postal Service will take care of that. We will just put the **wrong Zip Codes** on your subscriptions."

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.

The inherent right

Dear editor:

May I offer a few comments on the letter "Unjust and unwarranted" by Donald L. Cobb (Sept. 21), concerning criticism of speakers at the SBC Pastors' Conference in Atlanta.

Criticism is beneficial, because it makes us feel and see ourselves as others see us.

Although I am not familiar with the information contained in the article by Cobb, may we never forget that democracy is the inherent right of the individual—also a basic fundamental belief of our denomination—to express one's conviction on any subject that is contained in the Bylaws governing the activities of our churches which do not violate the democratic principles.

The Constitution guarantees freedom of speech and freedom of the press, and the Bible teaches freedom of choice.

Consequently, we should be extremely careful and avoid criticizing the editor and preachers for exercising their inherent right to express their opinions on any subject within the framework of our Constitution and Bylaws, or spiritual, moral, and ethical conduct (Matt. 7:1-5).

Perhaps there are thousands of members who deplore the inaction of the messengers' failure to take a definite stand on immoralities that are sweeping across our nation like an unquenchable prairie fire, destorying everything in the pathway.

We should never forget that a member of the Baptist belief has the inherent right to express his opinion—be it pro or con.

Criticism is a vital link to success.

Jack W. Goans
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Good step; another needed

Dear editor:

Surely all Baptists in Tennessee who are missionary are grateful that our state convention budget for the coming year includes an advance in the percentage to worldwide causes (I prefer that term over "Southwide causes). We are moving in the right direction. We are becoming more bold about Bold Missions.

The evident answer to the following simple questions become compelling reasons for our state convention to give the adopted percentage to worldwide causes on the entire amount given, and not just the budgeted amount.

(1) Should a local church redirect its mission gifts that are given through the Cooperative Program after it has reached its projected

budget amount for the year or for any month when the church exceeds its budget? Should a state convention do this, if it would seem strange for a local church to do it?

(2) Would it be right for a local church to take the amount given over its goal for a designated mission offering and keep or spend it for whatever it desired? Should a state convention take a "designated" offering to "undesignated missions" (Cooperative Program) given by the local churches and designate it to whatever cause or causes they so desire?

(3) Under the present system, can a local church ever know for sure if and how much of their mission dollar will reach various agencies once the state budget is met—until the Executive Board meets in December? By my figures, for the past four years our Southern Baptist agencies have received through the Cooperative Program \$225,000 less after our budget has been met than they would have received, if our percentage of division had applied to the entire amount. Included in that figure is the designated gift of \$100,000 to world hunger.

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Pulpit To Pews

By Jim Griffith

According to a magazine article, which quotes a physician: "Walking is the best exercise for sedentary workers such as clergymen."

The best exercise, then, is not pulling oneself up to the dinner table—as some ministers would have us believe.

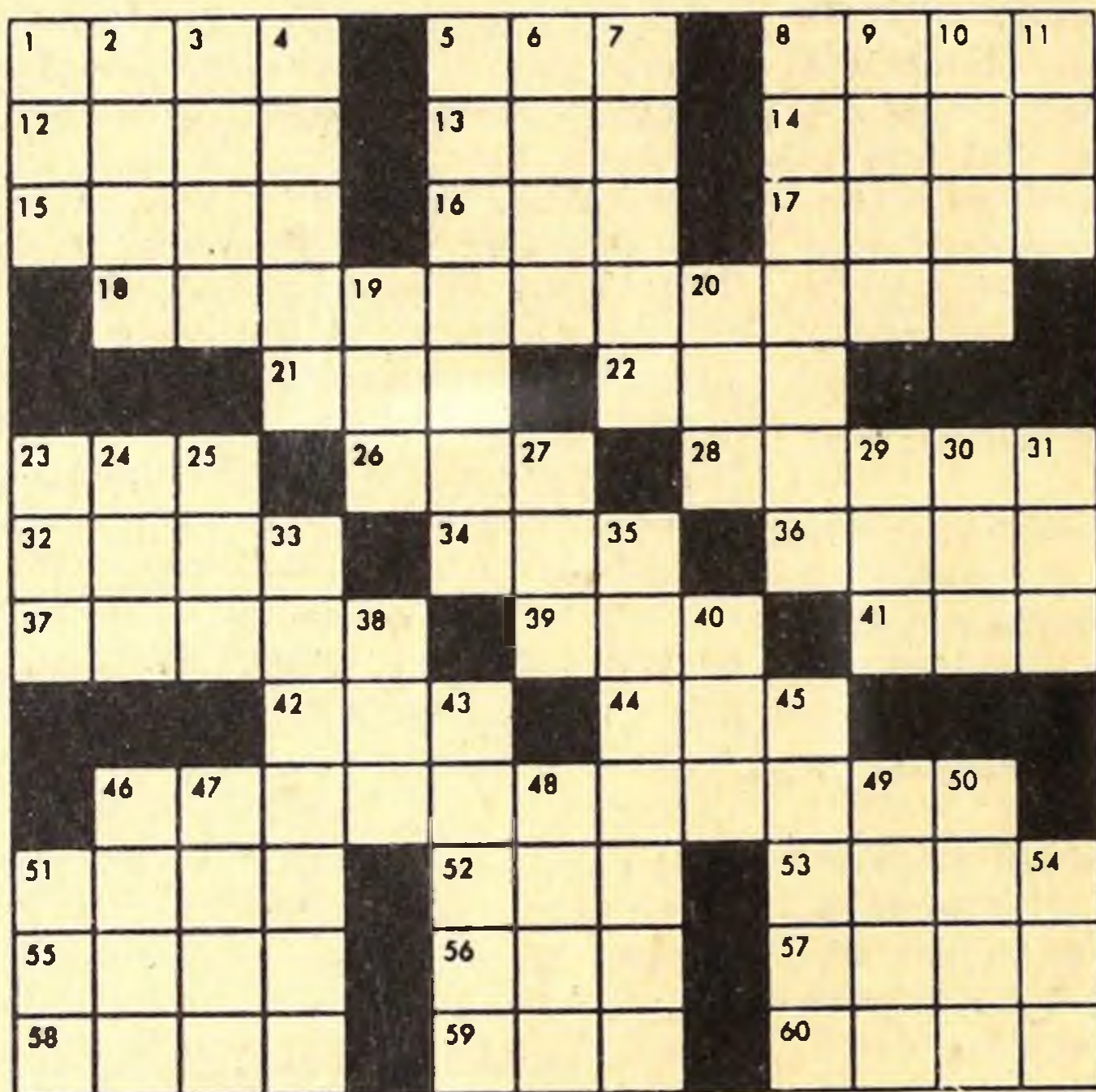
Not only will walking enhance the blood circulation, as the doctor says, but walking will also clear the mind, especially if one walks away from discouragement, depression, and despair—and resolves to keep on keeping on.

Another benefit from walking is that the right kind of walking can stamp out bitterness, hatred, and trample criticism underfoot.

Of course, many ministers do walk in this way: the way of Christian love and understanding.

And furthermore, as for getting exercise, it is not true that all men of the cloth sing as their favorite hymn: "I shall, I shall, I shall not be moved—unless it is by a late model automobile."

Bible Puzzle Answers on page 14



ACROSS

- 1 Kind of party
- 5 It had manna (Heb. 9:4)
- 8 "I — at a mark" (1 Sam. 20)
- 12 Nobleman
- 13 Sports abbr.
- 14 African garment
- 15 Scarlett's home
- 16 Design
- 17 Respected by God (Gen. 4:4)
- 18 "for — — —" (1 John 4)
- 21 Some trains
- 22 Inferior horse
- 23 Flower: by shortening
- 26 "— of the bottomless pit" (Rev. 9:1)
- 28 Word on the wall (Dan. 5:25)

- 32 Philippine palm fiber
- 34 "and are —" (Luke 24)
- 36 "harvest is —" (Joel 3)
- 37 "with all —" (Col. 1)
- 39 Pod dweller
- 41 Delve
- 42 Goddess
- 44 School subject: abbr.
- 46 "— — hath no man" (John 15)
- 51 Exclamation of dismay
- 52 Heraldic metals
- 53 Musician (Neh. 12:36)
- 55 Withered
- 56 Jose's river
- 57 Other
- 58 Bishoprics

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S V T J P L K J

Today's Cryptoverse clue: R equals S

- 59 "and — of war" (1 Chron. 12)
- 60 Arikaras

DOWN

- 1 Seaport: abbr.
- 2 River duck
- 3 Air: comb. form
- 4 "out of his —" (John 12)
- 5 "the — of him" (1 Pet. 2)
- 6 Sashes
- 7 Chosen to minister (Acts 6:5)
- 8 "they —" (Isa. 29)
- 9 Bum
- 10 Ruth's son (Ruth 4:17)
- 11 Tetraethyl lead: abbr.
- 19 Wapiti
- 20 Their portion (Hab. 1:16)
- 23 Hebrew letter
- 24 Hur's son (1 Chron. 2:20)
- 25 Drinking cup
- 27 Caroline island
- 29 "a — of the goats" (Lev. 4)
- 30 Slender finial
- 31 Body part
- 33 "these ten —" (1 Sam. 17)
- 35 "kingdom of his —" (Col. 1)
- 38 Australian tree genus
- 40 Everyone
- 43 Weather word
- 45 Hosea's wife (Hos. 1:3)
- 46 Merriment
- 47 Unusual
- 48 American Indian
- 49 Low-lying tract
- 50 Comfort
- 51 Donkey
- 54 Little one: pl. suffix

Foundation

That the deaf may hear

By Jonas L. Stewart
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

The Tennessee Baptist Foundation has just written four checks for scholarships to deaf students attending Harrison-Chilhowee Academy. Those receiving the scholarships were: Ronda Etheredge, Joseph Arthur, Mike Crawford, and David Allen. Even though the checks were of very modest amounts, I believe they gave me as much pleasure as any I have ever signed.

These scholarships were made possible by a scholarship trust that was initiated several years ago by the Tennessee Baptist Conference for the Deaf. They have added to it as a group and as individuals. Several churches have also made contributions. The trust produces income which is used for deaf students attending H-C and recommended by the president and Jarvis Hearn, missionary to the deaf.

This is a worthy project that many of our people could support. The fund cannot grow as rapidly as it should without help from many outside the deaf community. It is obvious that their means are limited. Gifts large or small can be contributed by individuals or organizations by sending a check to Tennessee Baptist Foundation, Box 347, Brentwood, TN 37027.

Be sure to indicate that it is to be placed with the Scholarship Fund for the Deaf.

Some individuals have indicated an interest in making provisions in their wills to support such a program. For information about how to plan a Christian will to include this or any other Christian cause, write to us at the address given above.



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A gem of truth rescued

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive."—Acts 20:35

These are the closing words of Paul's message to the Ephesian elders. They are words of Jesus found nowhere else in the New Testament. When or where He spoke them we do not know. But Paul knew of them, and rescued this gem of truth from oblivion.

Not one of the gospels claims to record all of Jesus' deeds and words (Luke 1:1-4; John 20:30-31; 21:25). Each writer used those things which fitted his purpose. But we will ever be obligated to Paul for preserving this saying of Jesus. It is so descriptive of Jesus' own life and that of His greatest disciple.

By human nature we are self-centered. "What is there in it for me?" is a question asked by word and deed. As someone said, "Receiving is good enough for me." But is that really true?

Would you rather be a patient or a physician? A beggar or a benefactor? A statue or a sculptor? A poem or a poet? A getter or a giver? Chronic getters are parasites. Givers are producers. The world moves forward on the wings of the latter. The former are leaden feet bogged down in the quagmire of selfishness. To be a getter one needs only an open

hand. To be a giver requires an open heart.

Since people by nature are self-centered, it requires a change of nature for one to become a giver. This does not mean that all Christians are givers. Unfortunately, many still let their human natures dominate their redeemed selves. To be changed in attitude calls for a work of the Holy Spirit in the Christian's life. It will not be achieved in a day. But each believer should be on his way as he grows into the stature of Christ.

The old saying "Give until it hurts" should be changed into "Give until it feels good." It may hurt at first. But it will come to feel good as you experience the blessedness of giving rather than receiving.

Baylor's ham radio to provide student-parent communications

WACO, Texas—Children of missionaries attending Baylor University will soon be able to contact their parents in Central and South America, using ham radio equipment recently installed on the Baptist campus.

The transmitting equipment, valued at about \$3,000, was presented by Milton O. Davis, retired minister in Tyler, Tex., who led the drive to finance the equipment. A 1930 Baylor graduate, Davis has helped provide ham radios for more than 30 missionaries throughout the world.

As soon as the antenna is installed atop Sid Richardson Science Building, messages will be transmitted daily between Baylor students and missionary parents, as well as other parents in foreign countries who have children at Baylor. (BP)

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Belmont launches first forum on free enterprise system

In the first of what may become a series of annual events, the William B. Cockroft Forum for Free Enterprise was held Sept. 25-26 at Belmont College, Nashville.

Last month's forum, which featured former Tennessee governor Winfield Dunn, was the first of seven scheduled monthly lectures which will be held on the Baptist college campus during the 1978-79 school year.

This year's lectures are made possible by a \$10,000 grant from William B. Cockroft, chairman of the board for United Inns Corp. of Memphis. The purpose is to bring together representatives of the academic and business fields, so that each can better understand how to relate to the other in promoting the free enterprise system.

Cockroft is a member of Bellevue Church, Memphis, and is on the Board of Trustees of Union University, Jackson.

Dunn, who is senior vice-president of Hospital Corporation of America, was the kick-off speaker for the two-day event. He served as Tennessee's governor from 1971 to 1975.

Upholding the free enterprise system, Dunn noted that America has come a long way in a relatively short period. "We have made exceptional use of our human energy, applying

those energies to life's problems and opportunities," he said.

Dunn observed that the two most serious problems facing America's business community today are governmental regulations and deficit spending. "We are becoming hamstrung with too much involvement by government in our times," he believes. "Restrictions have begun to show signs of killing the goose that has laid the golden egg."

The former governor called for a new dedication to openness.

He commended this new venture by Belmont College, noting that there is no better place for such a forum than an institution of higher education with a religious emphasis. "Church and state must be kept separate, but not Christianity and statesmen," he added.

Reporting errors made in Holston church list

Mission giving reports for three churches in Holston Association listed in the Aug. 24 issue of the **Baptist and Reflector** were incorrect.

The correct listing should be:

Piney Flats Church, \$1,152.68 through the Cooperative Program, \$1,076.38 as designated.

Pleasant View Church, \$645.27 through the Cooperative Program, \$100 as designated.

Pleasant View Church, \$.00 through the Cooperative Program, \$.00 as designated.

The records in the accounting office of the Tennessee Baptist Convention were correct. The error occurred when the list was pasted up for publication.

Program, theme

(Continued from Page 1)

from the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. The session will also hear the report of the TBC Children's Homes. The final item of the session will be the second miscellaneous business period.

At the Wednesday night session, the convention attenders will hear a report of the various activities of the TBC convention ministries division, followed by a message from Ralph E. Norton, executive secretary-treasurer. After the message a special recognition of Norton will be held, noting his six-years of service as the TBC top executive officer. He is scheduled to retire on December 31. A reception will be held after the close of the Wednesday night session.

The final session of the 1978 state convention will be Thursday morning (Nov. 16). Reports will be presented by the two TBC agencies—Baptist Foundation and the **Baptist and Reflector**. Then the messengers will act on recommendations from the Committee on Audits and the Committee on Resolutions.

The newly-elected officers will be presented to the convention, and the 104th annual session will close with a message by Charles Sullivan, pastor of Memphis' Southland Church.

In addition to Sherman, the other officers of the state convention are first vice-president, Earl Wilson, pastor of City View Church, Knoxville; second vice-president, Pat Landrum, pastor of Brighton Church; treasurer, Ralph Norton, Brentwood; recording secretary, Wallace Anderson, Nashville; registration secretary, Mrs. Alice Byram, Nashville; and statistical secretary, Gene Kerr, Nashville.

A detailed listing of the convention program will be printed in a later issue of the **Baptist and Reflector**.

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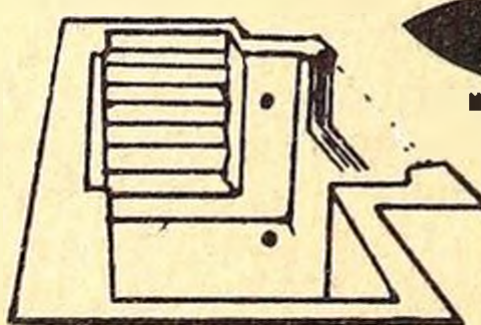
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Language ministries seminar draws workers from churches, associations

The first state seminar for language ministries workers in the Tennessee Baptist Convention was held Oct. 5-6 in Brentwood, with participants coming from associations and churches throughout the state.

Attenders discussed ways to seek out, approach, and minister to the thousands of persons living in our state who do not speak English or claim English as their native language.

Mary Allred, volunteer literacy worker with the Home Mission Board, discussed literacy missions as a witness opportunity and pointed out the effectiveness of using English classes for migrant workers coming into the state.

Speaking on "The Ethnicity Factor of America," Ruben Cañas, interfaith witness program leader, TBC, said that there are many people living in our bi-cultural, bi-lingual society who are not identified physically as non-Americans. "Only through their language can we sometimes tell that they come from another country," he pointed out. Cañas also emphasized the importance of training local church workers in outreach and gave several

ideas for church involvement in missions and evangelism to the American ethnic population.

Bob Norman, Nashville, featured speaker for the conference, said that depression comes to everyone, especially those among us who may be away from home and family.

He pointed out ways to recognize the condition of depression, the causes of depression, and the cure. "God does not condemn us in our depression, He ministers to us," the Belmont Heights pastor stated. Using the 19th chapter of I Kings, Norman showed how God came to Elijah through a soft whisper. "Many times God ministers to us through a person, a circumstance, music, or another method," he said.

Summarizing the meeting, Leslie Baumgartner, director of the state missions department, said that any Bold Mission Thrust in Tennessee must be a thrust of the Holy Spirit. "The Holy Spirit is thrusting us out into the fields," he challenged.

Executive Board

TO THE

Tennessee Baptist Convention

These areas of work in the Convention Ministries Division receive income from other sources: Church Music, Church Training, Student-office, Sunday School—\$66,000 BSSB; Missions-office—\$19,389 HMB; Missions-program—\$77,816 HMB, WMU, and local sources; Mission Lot and Building Fund—\$50,000 Golden State Offering; Disaster Relief Fund—\$25,000 Golden State Offering; Camps-capital—\$100,000 Golden State Offering; Camps-operating—\$176,833 anticipated income; Church Building and Loan—\$6,939 self-liquidating.

1. We recommend that the Cooperative Program budget goal for 1979 be set at \$11,800,000.
2. We recommend that 34.5% of the Cooperative Program budget receipts be distributed through the Southern Baptist Convention and 65.5% be distributed through the Tennessee Baptist Convention.
3. We recommend that all subsidiary units live within their income and that in case of declining receipts or financial depression, the Executive Board review budgets at midyear to make necessary adjustments.
4. We recommend that any surplus of receipts above the budget of \$11,800,000 be distributed by the Executive Board at the December 1979 meeting upon recommendation of the Tennessee Baptist Program Committee.
5. We recommend that after reviewing the budget requests submitted by the various Executive Board Committees, the following budget for 1978-79 be adopted:

1979
BUDGET REQUESTS—OPERATING AND CAPITAL

Convention-Administrative Departments-Agencies

	Budget 1978	Proposed 1979 Budget
General Convention Expense	\$ 63,000	\$ 72,200
Executive Board Expense	148,500	161,000
Annuity Board Programs (Office of Dir.)	42,682	52,580
Office of Exec. Secretary-Treasurer	132,192	148,646
Accounting Office	63,283	66,915
Public Relations Office	31,328	44,213
Business Office	237,639	255,733
Church Ministers Information	44,994	58,776
Convention Ministries Division Office	45,162	53,838
Cooperative Program & Stewardship Promotion	71,330	78,199
Program Services	138,228	146,725
Baptist and Reflector	403,874	449,028
Tennessee Baptist Foundation	107,367	123,116
Contingency Fund	45,157	24,310
Executive Board Reserve Fund	25,000	25,000
Total Operating—Administrative	\$ 1,599,646	\$ 1,760,279
Capital (Office Equip., Ex. Bd. Bldg.)	19,672	33,385
Total Operating and Capital	\$ 1,619,318	\$ 1,793,664
(Less Annuity Bd. Refund)	(21,341)	(26,290)
(Less BSSB Allocation)	(3,000)	(3,000)
(Less B&R Anticipated Income)	(252,000)	(270,000)
Net Administrative Requests	\$ 1,342,977	\$ 1,494,374

Convention Ministries Division

Departments:		
Brotherhood	\$ 80,116	\$ 92,328
Church Music	73,367	82,294
Church Training	134,925	142,784
Family Ministry (Transferred to PA&CL	1,500	-0-
Program in B&R)		
Church Architecture & Admin.	11,020	12,137
Church Media, Recreation & Historical Soc.	18,785	28,102
Evangelism	59,882	102,017
Missions—Office	105,080	122,879
Student—Office	66,500	73,588
Sunday School	128,284	137,562
Total Departments	\$ 679,459	\$ 793,691

Convention Ministries Division (con't.)

Statewide Ministries:

	Budget 1978	Proposed 1979 Budget
Annuity Board Programs	\$ 567,200	\$ 627,034
Camps	208,789	211,833
Church Building and Loan	6,495	6,939
Disaster Relief Fund	15,000	25,000
Mission Lot and Building Fund	35,000	50,000
Missions—Program	372,328	408,286
Student—Campus Work	348,747	390,619
Pastoral Counseling	2,500	2,500
Total Statewide Ministries	\$ 1,556,059	\$ 1,722,211
Contingency Fund	\$ 46,984	\$ 24,311
Auxiliary (WMU)	\$ 190,000	\$ 205,000
Total Operating CMD	\$ 2,472,502	\$ 2,745,213
Capital Expense:		
Camps	\$ 96,900	\$ 125,500
Student—Campus	60,000	60,000
Total Capital—CMD	\$ 156,900	\$ 185,500
Total Operating & Capital	\$ 2,629,402	\$ 2,930,713
(Less Income from BSSB, HMB, Golden State Missions Offering, anticipated income, etc.)	(487,587)	(521,977)*
TOTAL REQUESTS—Conv. Min. Division	\$ 2,141,815	\$ 2,408,736

Educational Institutions

Operating:

Carson-Newman College	\$ 763,087	\$ 839,396
Belmont College	563,822	620,204
Union University	563,822	620,204
Harrison-Chilhowee	162,407	178,648
CRV Scholarship Fund	60,000	66,000
Audits	35,100	37,700
Total Operating	\$ 2,148,238	\$ 2,362,152

Capital:

Carson-Newman College	\$ 256,656	\$ 282,322
Belmont College	142,957	157,253
Union University	142,957	157,253
Harrison-Chilhowee	54,904	60,395
Total Capital	\$ 597,474	\$ 657,223
Total Educational Institutions	\$ 2,745,712	\$ 3,019,375

Benevolent Institutions

Operating:

Hospitals	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes, Inc.	560,000	625,000
Tennessee Baptist Service Corporation	89,000	98,015
Audits	37,800	38,500
Total Operating	\$ 687,496	\$ 761,515

Capital:

Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes, Inc.	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000
Total Benevolent Institutions	\$ 732,496	\$ 806,515

RECAP OF TOTAL RECOMMENDATIONS:

Convention-Admin. Depts.-Agencies	\$ 1,342,977	\$ 1,494,374
Convention Ministries Division	2,141,815	2,408,736
Educational Institutions	2,745,712	3,019,375
Benevolent Institutions	732,496	806,515
Total TBC Budget (65.5%)	\$ 6,963,000	\$ 7,729,000
Total SBC Portion of Budget (34.5%)	3,587,000	4,071,000
TOTAL COOPERATIVE PROGRAM BUDGET	\$10,550,000	\$11,800,000

The sacredness of life

By John H. Tullock, chairman
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Basic Passages: Exodus 20:13; Matthew 5:21-24; Romans 13:7-14, I John 3:9-15
Focal Passages: Matthew 5:21-24; Exodus 20:13; I John 3:11-15

The great missionary statesman, Albert Schweitzer, was well known for his reverence for life. It is said that he would not even kill the tiniest insect because he believed that man had no right to take away life that God had given. Contrast that view, as extreme as it may seem, with men today who will take the lives of innocent people without the slightest sign of remorse. We are fed a steady diet of violence in news programs and crime shows which dominate television viewing. No wonder we have young people who grow up to become killers for pleasure. All this points out that there is a great need for the reemphasis on the sacredness of life in our violent-oriented society.



Tullock

Taking the commandment seriously (Matt. 5:21-24)

A good doctor is one who seeks out the cause of disease and treats it rather than giving an aspirin to relieve the symptoms. Jesus, in dealing with the sins forbidden by the Ten Commandments, sought to deal with the causes of sin instead of the symptoms. This was particularly true of that section of the Ten

commandments which dealt with human relations. In Matthew's account of Jesus' teaching about the significance of the Ten Commandments, the saying, "Thou shalt not kill" was placed first. This undoubtedly reflected the high value that Jesus placed on human life. Like the rabbis who "built a hedge" of extra rules around the law to keep it from being broken, Jesus said that the way to avoid taking life and receiving the punishment for taking it was to start further back at the basic causes of murder—anger, insult, and tearing down another's sense of worth (6:21-22). To avoid the possibility of falling off a cliff, one should stop several feet from the edge, instead of trying to balance on the very edge of the cliff. To avoid killing, one starts further back at the causes.

In anger we lose our sense of judgment so that we strike out in a way we never would if we were not angry. When we think so little of another that we make insulting remarks, we show the kind of contempt which would lead us to excuse ourselves for doing violence to that person. If we look upon another as a "worthless fool" (TEV), we may well think his life is so worthless that we could take it. I still shudder at the memory of an incident in my youth when I struck an older brother, narrowly missing a vital area, that, had my blow landed there, could have seriously injured him. Anger and contempt makes us all potential murderers. If I insult my fellow man, I

lessen myself and cast a shadow upon the life which God has given him.

Since man can only take life and not give it, so reconciliation must not only be made with the offended brother and afterwards with God (v. 23, 24). As Dr. Frank Stagg points out, "One cannot compel his brother to join him in reconciliation before God's altar, but one has no access to God unless he seeks to come before God with his brother."

Christians, furthermore, should not have to go to court to settle their differences (v. 25, 26). If one follows the Prince of Peace, he should be able to make peace with his brother.

The word of commandment (Exod. 20:13)

Moses had led Israel to Sinai to meet the Lord. That meeting was to be the Constitutional Convention of the Israelite nation and the Ten Commandments were the principles of the constitution handed down by the Lord and accepted by the people. The Commandments dealt with Israel's relationship to the Lord and to each other.

This sixth commandment probably could be translated more accurately as "You shall not commit murder" since the word translated "kill" is always used in the older texts in the Old Testament as the word for deliberate, premeditated killing, which we also define as murder. This is obvious also by the fact that Israel did not apply it in times of warfare. What Jesus was actually doing then was bringing out the original emphasis of the commandment since it too was grounded in the idea that motive preceded murder.

The higher law (I John 3:11-15)

The person who lives by the higher law of love will respect the principle of the sacredness of life (v. 11). If I love you, I will respect you. If I respect you, I may differ with you in principle; but I will not seek to destroy either your reputation or your life. Had Cain loved Abel as he loved himself, he would never have been a murderer. He would have rejoiced in his brother's blessing and repented of his wrong attitude (v. 12. See also Gen. 4:6).

If we live in a spirit of love, the society in which we live will be suspicious of us and will even go so far as to hate us (v. 13). But what is the crowning glory of the committed Christian? It is the mark of the new life we have found in Christ Jesus. Love makes life priceless while hatred makes it worthless (v. 15).

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"He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me" (John 14:21).

Invitation to joy

By William L. Swafford, pastor
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Basic Passage: Luke 14:1-24
Focal Passage: Luke 14:12-24



Swafford

The Pharisees considered feasting an appropriate way to express their joy for being special objects of God's grace. Feasts of joy would often be held after the Sabbath worship in the synagogues.

An unorthodox act (Luke 14:1-5)

On one such Sabbath feast, Jesus was among the guests of a chief Pharisee, perhaps a member of the Sanhedrin. The meal was prepared

the day before. We cannot help but wonder why Jesus was invited to such a feast. One reason, perhaps, was so that the Pharisees might find some reason to accuse Him to the authorities for we know "that they watched Him" (v. 1).

Every word and action was meticulously scrutinized. They were especially interested to see what His reaction would be when there suddenly appeared "a certain man before Him which had the dropsy" (v. 2), a condition which caused heavy liquid deposits in the body due either to a heart or kidney disorder. It was a common conception among the Jews that such a condition was the result of sexual immorality.

The afflicted man would not likely have been among the invited guests. He probably took advantage of the open door to enter in and ask for a hand-out of food. Jesus healed the man although he could get no response from the Pharisees when he posed the question as to whether healing such a man on the Sabbath was lawful.

Silent Condemnation (Luke 14:6-14)

The act of healing was met by silent condemnation of Jesus. They were more concerned about their position of honor in the seating order than the welfare of an afflicted man. Jesus upbraided the guests for always seeking places of prominence at such feasts. Then He suggested to the host that if his meal were to truly be one of joyful praise to God, he should revise his guest list. Instead of inviting only those guests who could reciprocate with an invitation to a similar banquet where his position could be placarded, he should invite those who were physically and socially outcasts. The only possible reward would have to come from God. "... at the resurrection of the just" (v. 14).

These Pharisees, however, considered such people to be sinners, and their physical afflictions to be their just punishment. Being of

social and spiritual inferiority to them, such men were unworthy of their fellowship.

A pious platitude (Luke 14:15)

This prompted a pious quip from one of the guests, "Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God." He was referring to participation in the future messianic kingdom, and was saying both that Jesus was wrong in advocating a guest list of the poor, the maimed, the lame, and the blind who were never going to participate in the resurrection of the just; and also that he considered himself to be one who was certain to be included. Thus, he was rebuking Jesus and debunking His suggestion by advocating just the opposite.

A meaningful answer (Luke 14:16-24)

Jesus answered his fellow guest with a parable about a great feast. The host had "bade many" (v. 16) who had obviously led him to believe they would attend. It was customary for the host of such feasts to give an initial invitation, but could not give the specific time when all preparations would be completed. The guests expected to be informed of the progress of the preparations as they proceeded.

An ancient Jewish document, the Midrash, taught that etiquette forbade any person of high social standing in Jerusalem to attend a feast unless he was repeatedly called. When all preparations were complete, invited guests dropped whatever they were doing and attended the feast.

On this occasion, however, an unheard of thing happened, "they all with one consent began to make excuse" (v. 18). They had become so engrossed in personal pursuits that each refused to attend. Their excuses represented property, possessions, and family; ordinary things of the world, none of which is evil within itself, but when allowed to come between a person and God, takes on the characteristics of an idol.

Following this parable, Jesus taught that a person's commitment to Him must supercede that to family, possessions, or self (vs. 25-34). All other relationships, interests, and ambitions must be offered on the altar of commitment.

The application of the parable is easily seen. The host is the Lord, the invited guests are the Israelites to whom invitation to participate in the coming kingdom of God was given by the prophets, the preparations were completed at the coming of Christ, and the servant was John the Baptist who proclaimed, "Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matt. 3:2). The application can be expanded to include all who have heard the Lord's invitation to redemption and "began to make excuse."

The host would not let his plan to have a

great feast be thwarted by the snub of the initially invited guests. He bade his servant, "Go into all the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind." These represent those who were on the social and religious fringes of Israel, and were the very ones the arrogant guests who prompted the parable seemed to believe could not "eat bread in the kingdom of God" (v. 15).

Jesus stated the case more clearly in Matt. 21:31-32, "Verily I say unto you, that the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and ye believed him not: but the publicans and harlots believed him." These were not so rich and satisfied with this world as to despise the invitation.

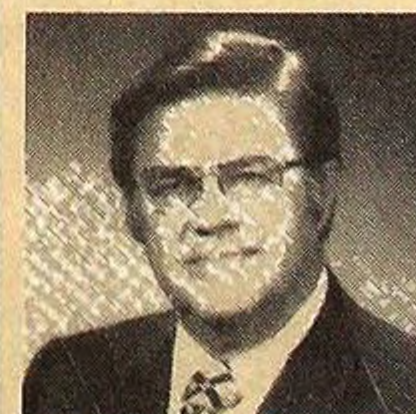
But, still there was room, and again the servant was commanded, "Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled" (v. 23). This represents the gospel outreach to the Gentiles. In Rom. 11:11-12, the Apostle Paul points out the Israel's rejection of Christ meant salvation for the Gentiles. A great variety of people traveled the highways and hedges. No racial, linguistic, or ethical restrictions were made. Any and all were included.

The word "compel" in verse 23 is by no means to be interpreted as physical or psychological coercion as has sometimes been used by an overzealous church. It is to be understood, rather, that those on the "highways and hedges" would be such unlikely recipients of so glorious an invitation that they must be convinced through love and compassion that they were truly invited and welcome.

A personal note (Luke 14:24)

"I say unto you" indicates that Jesus is giving a personal and authoritative directive. "None of those men which were bidden shall taste my supper," places him in the position of the host in the parable. Just to receive an invitation did not mean automatic participation in the feast. Those invited must respond when the banquet is ready. The invitation was withdrawn from those who failed to respond. That answered the great "mystery . . . that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in" (Rom. 11:25).

It all boils down to the fact that only those who personally respond to Christ by faith will be saved and know the blessedness of eating bread in the kingdom of God.



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TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS BY BIBLELAND TRAVEL

Bibles said sent legally to Soviet Union

By Louis Moore

ATLANTA—For almost a decade now several groups of Christians in this country have made dramatic headlines with their tales about smuggling Bibles into the Soviet Union.

The groups and individuals involved have told about sneaking copies of the Bible into the Soviet Union in concealed compartments in such thing as suitcases, cars, and shoes.

Claiming that the Soviet Union will not allow the importation of Bibles, these groups have told about using prayer to get past snoop guards and about heroic efforts of their members who have been caught crossing into communist countries with the Scriptures.

Now a new group has emerged claiming it has discovered a way to legally ship Bibles into the Soviet Union without all the drama and hullabaloo.

The group is called Bibles for the World. It is based in Wheaton, Ill. but has regional representatives throughout the country. Such well-known American evangelicals as singer Pat Boone, U.S. Rep. John Buchanan, and Sherwood Wirt, former editor of Billy Graham's Decision magazine, have loaned their names to the support of the group.

Edwin L. Hodges of Decatur, Ala., a regional representative for Bibles for the World, says the method to legally send Bibles into the Soviet Union was discovered by accident and began two years ago.

Bibles for the World was founded in 1972 by Rochunga Pudaita, an American whose grandfather was a headhunter in India. Pudaita says God has shown him that Bibles should be distributed through the mails to anyone in the world who has his name and address listed in the phone book.

The rationale for the distribution method is this: The key political, social, and economic leaders in every country now have phones. Many could be converted to Christianity if they ever had the chance to read the New Testament in their own language. Once these leaders are converted, it will be much easier to convert the rest of the people in a particular country to Christianity.

After the Bibles for the World organization distributed Bibles to everyone with a phone in India, Nepal, Bangladesh, Singapore, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, the Philippines, and Pakistan, the leaders of the group discovered a little known but potent clause in a "Friendship Pact" between one of the completed countries and the Soviet Union.

Hodges will not say which country it is that has the pact, but officials of the Baptist World Alliance in Washington, D.C. understand it is India.

The clause in the pact allows religious materials printed in that country and mailed from there to enter the Soviet Union legally.

After investigating the legality, the group set up a procedure to have Bibles printed in that country in the Soviet languages and then mailed to people listed in Soviet phone books.

Hodges says it cost less than \$2 each to print and mail a New Testament to the Soviet Union, a paltry sum compared to the high cost per copy of Bibles smuggled into the country.

He says as far as his group can determine the Bibles are being delivered to the persons they are addressed to in the Soviet Union. So far about 500,000 copies of the Bibles (New Testament only) have been sent to residents of Moscow. What they have done with the Bibles is not known.

Hodges says Americans do not realize that people in many parts of the world have difficulty obtaining a Bible.

About 85 percent of the Bibles available are printed in English and only nine percent of the world speaks English, he says.

Hodges says his group has distributed some four million copies of the New Testament since its work began in 1972. (BP)

Former missionary leads at New Market

Former Southern Baptist foreign missionary Carl F. Yarnell is serving as pastor of First Church of New Market. Yarnell and his wife, Mary, were missionaries to Malaysia for 21 years and Guam for nearly two years, before new immigration policies forced them to leave their place of service earlier this year.

A native of Knoxville, he graduated from Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, and earned graduate degrees from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., and New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary.

Before going on the mission field, he held pastorates in California and at Old Holston Church above Bluff City.

Yarnell told **Baptist and Reflector** that his daughter, Carol Yarnell Root, is making a complete recovery from a brain injury she suffered in a near fatal accident five years ago. Many Tennessee Baptists were in prayer for Carol at that time, as she lay comatose for six months.

Deacon training in SBC churches gains 30 percent over last year

NASHVILLE—Deacon training in Southern Baptist churches recorded a 30 percent gain over the previous year according to recently released statistics from the church administration department of the Sunday School Board.

Henry Webb, editor of the **Deacon** magazine, reported that a total of 1,730 deacon ministry study course awards were requested by Southern Baptist churches in the first 11 months of the past year.

The Mississippi and Georgia state Baptist conventions led the Southern Baptist Convention in requests for deacon ministry awards with 406 and 224 respectively.

"I believe the expanding interest in training deacons grows out of a concern across the convention to provide a clear understanding of the Biblical role of the deacon," Webb said.

"Many churches conducting the study have moved the primary emphasis of the deacon from management of business affairs," he added, "to sharing with pastors in ministering to families in the church and community."

Deacons receiving the church study course award are required to study **The Ministry of the Deacon**, by Howard Foshee.

Workshop planned for staff wives

Wives of pastors, ministers of education, ministers of music, youth, or recreation, will have an opportunity to participate in the first Tennessee Baptist workshop for staff wives on Saturday, Oct. 21, at Brentwood Church, Brentwood.

Sponsored by the public affairs and Christian life committee of the TBC, the workshop is designed to acknowledge the contribution made by these women, access their feelings regarding the role of a staff wife, and provide tools for developing strong relationships within their homes and churches.

According to Jerry Self, public affairs and Christian life consultant, the conference will be held from 1:30-5:00 p.m.

Self explained that the first workshop will be mainly for women in middle Tennessee. Future workshops are being planned for the western and eastern part of the state.

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