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WMU to hold annual meeting at Belmont Heights, Nov. 13

Three Southern Baptist missionaries will be the featured speakers at the 90th annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, which will meet in Nashville next month.

The WMU Convention will hold its three-session meeting at Belmont Heights Church, Nashville, Nov. 13.

The theme for this year's meeting will be "The Message Glorious."

Mrs. Claude Jennings of Lebanon, state WMU president, will preside at the organization's convention.

The closing speakers for the three sessions will be Mrs. John Isaacs, literacy missions field missionary for the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.; Mrs. Archie Dunaway, missionary nurse to Nigeria; and John Cheyne, associate coordinator for hunger relief and disaster response for the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.

Alma Hunt, former executive secretary of WMU-SBC, will speak to the convention, and devotionals at each of the sessions will be given by Mrs. Baker James Cauthen, wife of the executive director of the Foreign Mission Board.

In addition the speakers, the women will hear reports from various WMU activities and organizations.

Mrs. Isaacs is a native of Alabama. Prior to becoming a literacy missionary for the HMB, she served as missionary to Alaska for 12 years.

Mrs. Dunaway is the widow of Archie G.

Dunaway Jr., who was murdered in Rhodesia last June. She is a native of Nashville, and has served as a FMB missionary since 1947; first in Nigeria and then in Rhodesia.

Cheyne has served under the Foreign Mission Board since 1954, working in Rhodesia, Ethiopia, and Kenya, before assuming his present post at the FMB's Richmond office last April.

Mrs. Cauthen was born in China where her parents were serving as missionaries. She and her husband were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board to China in 1939. They served in several areas of the Orient, before he was named FMB executive director in 1954.

Miss Hunt served as executive secretary for WMU for 26 years, prior to her retirement from that post in 1974.

The 1978 Tennessee WMU will begin at 9:30 a.m. CST Nov. 13 with the first of three meditations by Mrs. Cauthen. Jannie Engelmann

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Glen Yarbrough's father dies

W. K. Yarbrough, father of Glen Yarbrough, director of student work for the Tennessee Baptist Convention, died Oct. 15 after an extended illness at Harrisburg, Ill.

Funeral services were held from Gaskins Funeral Home, Harrisburg, Oct. 17.

In addition to his son, Yarbrough is survived by his widow of Harrisburg and five grandchildren.

IRS proposal to set quota for minorities in private schools

A "Proposed Revenue Procedure on Private Schools" which is being considered by the Internal Revenue Service threatens to remove tax exempt status from such schools unless they would meet new guidelines on integration, according to John Baker of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in Washington, D.C.

Baker was told by an IRS spokesman that the purpose of the new proposal is to get rid of racially discriminating private schools.

The new provision, which is now under consideration, states that any school which was begun after desegregation of public schools and does not have an IRS-determined quota of minority students will lose their tax exempt status. The quota would be that a school's enrollment of minority students must at least equal 20 percent of the racial balance of all students (public and private) in that local school district.

Wayne Allen, pastor of East Park Church, Memphis, which operates the Briarcrest Baptist School system, said that their system would have to have 280 minority students enrolled or lose its tax exempt status under the new proposal.

Allen noted that Briarcrest is open to any student regardless of race, creed, or color, and that "a number of efforts have been made to encourage minority interest in our schools." However, this would not exempt the school for the new provision.

The provision would allow a school which does not meet this quota to retain its tax exemption if it does four of these five requirements: (1) availability and granting of scholarships to minorities, (2) active recruitment program among minorities, (3) increasing percentage of minorities enrolled each year, (4) hiring of more minority teachers and staff, and (5) "good faith" in publicizing and adhering to an open admissions policy.

Baker said that the proposal raises a related church-state issue as to what would happen to the tax exempt status of a church which operates a private school when the school loses its tax exemption.

The Internal Revenue Service has set Oct. 23 as the deadline for filing protests. IRS has not announced whether or not public hearings will be held on the proposal.

U.S. Supreme Court denies six church-state petitions

WASHINGTON—On the first day of the 1978-79 U. S. Supreme Court term, the justices disposed of 800 cases, denying six petitions involving church-state questions. Only 22 cases were accepted for oral argument and eventual decision.

The church-state cases included rulings against the Church of Scientology and the Unification Church, two of the more controversial sects in the U. S. in recent years. The court also denied a petition by an evangelistic association in Texas; refused the appeal of an Orthodox Jewish woman in Tennessee to have the state provide employment tests on days other than Saturdays; let stand a Wisconsin plan for providing bus transportation to students in parochial schools; and declined to review a Colorado policy of assigning some child custody cases to Roman Catholic welfare agencies.

The Missouri Church of Scientology was contesting a decision by the Missouri Supreme Court that the church is not exempt from property taxes because its properties are not used exclusively for religious worship. The Missouri high court held that the Church of Scientology is only an applied philosophy and falls short of meeting the minimum standard of being devoted to the worship of a supreme being.

In declining to hear the appeal of the Unification Church, the justices agreed with the immigration and naturalization service that a church training program for foreign members in the United States amounts to little more

than fund-raising activities. The church claimed that the immigration laws were being used unconstitutionally to forbid its right to the free exercise of religion in its missionary training program.

Under the church's plan, some 600 aliens were admitted to the country beginning in 1972 on short-term visas. When these expired, the church sought extensions which were denied by immigration officials who maintained that the trainees actually spent three-quarters of their time selling such items as tea, flowers, candles, peanuts, and candy for the church.

The high court also denied a petition by Lester L. Roloff, president and founder of an evangelistic association in Nueces County, Tex., who held that child care homes he operates should not be subject to state laws regulating such facilities. The justices agreed with three Texas courts, including the state Supreme Court, that the 1976 law requiring licensing and regulation of such facilities does not deny religious freedom. In his legal brief supporting the Texas statute, State Attorney General John Hill said Roloff's position was "patently without merit and approaches the frivolous."

In the Tennessee sabbath case, Glenda Kantor, a practicing Orthodox Jew, was thwarted in her effort to force the state of Tennessee to provide employment tests for state jobs in her town on days other than Saturday. Two lower federal courts ruled earlier that the fact that the tests are available on other days in a city 200 miles from where Kantor lives constitutes "reasonable accommodation" to her religious needs.

In the Colorado child custody case, the court rejected the contention of George E. Schulke that the state violated the First Amendment to the Constitution by contracting a Roman Catholic social agency to recommend the custody of his two children. Although Schulke and his former wife are lifelong Lutherans, three Colorado courts ruled that such decisions may be made by the challenged agencies. (BP)

Hong Kong Baptists use cassettes in complex

HONG KONG—Baptists in Hong Kong are producing more than 3,600 evangelistic cassette tapes for distribution in a high-rise housing complex. Workers anticipate the pilot project will reach approximately 36,000 people in an area of eight to 10 acres.

The cassettes, which will have music, testimonies, and a short sermon, will be put in mail slots. People will have an opportunity to indicate on a return mailer that they want more information or will offer their home as a meeting place for Bible study. (FMB)

Skogman leads board of hospital group

Earl Skogman, president of East Tennessee Baptist Hospital in Knoxville, has been installed as chairman of the Board of the Tennessee Hospital Association, during the organization's 40th annual meeting in Nashville.



Skogman

Skogman will serve as chairman of the board during the association's 1978-79 year, and will provide direction for the 14-member Board of Trustees and the association's governing

body, the House of Delegates.

In his acceptance speech, Skogman said that the National Voluntary Effort (VE) by the health care industry to contain rising costs will be the major thrust of THA programming this year.

"Hospitals are and will continue to make every effort we can to contain our costs," Skogman said. "We are facing a staggering dilemma of how to continue providing high quality medical care to everyone and, at the same time, hold our costs down. Through the assistance of many new THA programs designed to improve hospital efficiency and by the work of the Tennessee Voluntary Health Care Cost Containment Panel, we expect to gain a great deal of success."

The THA recently embarked on an energy management program designed to assist hospitals in developing means to conserve energy. In addition, the association is sponsoring a management appraisal program designed to analyze hospital management systems and improve efficiency.

THA is incorporated as a public service organization. Membership is comprised of over 2500 health care professionals across Tennessee and more than 96 percent of the state's health care institutions.

Truett Association elects Lauren Atkins moderator

Truett Association met in annual session Sept. 28 and 29 and elected Lauren Atkins as moderator. He will succeed E.G. Mullinax, pastor, of Cedar Grove Church. Atkins is pastor of Sylvia Church.

Officers re-elected include vice moderator David Deavers, pastor, Oak Grove Church; treasurer Leon Moody, layman, Immanuel Church; clerk Mrs. Robert England, a member of Sylvia Church; and coordinator Thomas Drake, pastor of McEwing First Church.

Next year's meeting is scheduled for Sept. 27 at Waverly First Church and Sept. 28 at Sylvia Church.

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SBC Annuity Board trustees plan to meet in Nashville this month

DALLAS, Tex.—For the first time in its 60-year history, the Southern Baptist Annuity Board plans to hold a semi-annual meeting of its entire board of trustees in Nashville, site of several denominational agencies, according to Darold H. Morgan, Annuity Board president.

Meetings will be held in the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee building Oct. 26-26.

"Nashville was selected as the site of our fall trustee meeting because the city plays an important role in all of Southern Baptist life and work," explained Morgan.

Three Tennessee ministers and a businessman who count 23 years' service on the Dallas-based institution's board of trustees will be involved in the meeting. The four are Lester L. Hall, pastor of Oakwood Church in Chattanooga; D. William Dodson, Jr., pastor of First Church at Martin; Carl B. Allen, pastor of Immanuel Church in Murfreesboro; and Alden Wilson, vice-president of purchasing and personnel for Wholesale Building Products of Nashville.

Dodson, a trustee since 1973, is chairman of the board's Executive Committee and also serves on the relief committee. Allen is a

Jelks named chairman for Union fund drive

A Paris insurance executive has been named national chairman of Union University's National Alumni Loyalty Fund Campaign. The announcement was made by Olen M. Law, director of annual giving and alumni affairs for the Jackson college.

Robert "Bobby" Jelks, a 1938 graduate of Union and the college's last football coach, is owner and manager of Paris Insurance Agency in Henry County.

After a successful high school coaching career, Jelks became athletic director and head football and basketball coach at his alma mater in 1951. When Union disbanded the football team in 1953, he entered the life insurance business.

The Henry County resident is a member of Paris First Church where he has served as chairman of the deacons, Sunday School superintendent, and Sunday School teacher for many years.

The annual alumni loyalty fund drive is conducted among the nearly 6,700 former students of Union with a class agent directing the program for each graduation class. A total of 125 class agents will also be participating in the drive this year.

The alumni campaign, which began in 1966, helps the college raise funds for its various operational expenses.

member of the administrative policy committee. Hall is on the finance committee. Wilson joined the board in 1977.

The Annuity Board is the Southern Baptist agency which administers retirement and insurance programs for the denomination's ministers and church and institutional employees.

Decision to hold the October meeting in Nashville is part of an Annuity Board policy designed to give trustees greater exposure to Southern Baptist work and to allow those where the meetings are held to gain deeper insight into the Annuity Board's ministry.

The board holds two board of trustees meetings annually—one in Dallas and the other in a city that usually represents the site of several Southern Baptist agencies.

In 1979 the Annuity Board's out-of-Dallas trustee meeting is planned in Birmingham, Ala. Memphis will host a meeting in 1980.

Samuel Melton dies

Retired pastor Samuel Melton, pastor of Big Spring Church in Cleveland for 29 years, died last month at the age of 85.

He led churches in Bradley, Polk, Meigs, Hamilton, and Sevier Counties. His last full-time pastorate was at Macedonia Church in Bradley County before he retired in 1962. He continued to serve as a supply pastor and evangelist through 1976.

He preached his first sermon at Union Church in Bradley County when he was 17 years old. On May 18, 1913, he was ordained to the gospel ministry.

Active in associational work, he was moderator of Ocoee and was the first moderator for Bradley County. He also served in numerous other positions.

Funeral services were conducted at Big Spring Church, where he had been named pastor emeritus. The service was conducted by M. L. Arbuckle and Raymond Robinson.

Unsuccessful 1978 registrants receive preference in 1979

NASHVILLE—Individuals who were denied reservations for 1978 conferences at Ridgecrest (N.C.) and Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist Conference Centers will be given an opportunity to register early for the same conference in 1979.

The conference centers will contact each of these persons by mail and provide information and special forms to be used in this process. Regular reservations will be accepted after Feb. 1, 1979. Reservations bearing a postmark earlier than Feb. 1 will be returned. (BSSB)



NOTEBURNING—Washington Pike Church in Knoxville is led in a noteburning service by George Acuff, treasurer; Bob Morris, chairman of deacons; Pastor Don Long; and Bill Norwood, chairman of the finance committee.

C-N enrollment reaches 1,589

Carson-Newman College officials announced that the east Tennessee Baptist college's enrollment was now the highest it has been since 1974. The total on campus enrollment is 1,589 this fall.

Enrollment in extension courses (Oliver Springs, Chattanooga, Knoxville, and Rogersville) should raise the total to over 1,650 students. This compares with 1,562 students last year. Seventy-two percent of the students are living on campus.

Included in the 1,589 total are 55 more first-time freshmen than last year. The freshman class totals 631 including 182 returning freshmen.

Of the 125 new student transfers to C-N from other institutions, two-thirds come from two-year colleges.

More than one-third of the Carson-Newman students are related to C-N alumni.

Eighty percent, (1,269) of the campus students are Baptists. Thirteen other religions are represented by the students.

This fall there are 821 students from Tennessee, with students representing 38 states and five foreign countries.

"We are pleased we have an increase in the number of students attending Carson-Newman this year," stated Cordell Maddox, president. "It is encouraging to know more and more students want to be a part of the Carson-Newman program. We have the facilities and faculty to take care of approximately 1,750 students which means we can add an additional 100 students."

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CHURCHES . . .

Calvary Church, New Duck River Association, voted to replace air-conditioner and furnace for auditorium and install air-conditioning and a gas furnace in educational building. **Wayne Bassette** is pastor.

Jones Chapel Church, Paris, has completed remodeling its auditorium, added new padded pews, carpeted the floor, and purchased new pulpit furniture.

Rover Church, New Duck River Association, moved into its new educational wing Oct. 1. **David Wall** is pastor.

Northside Church, McMinnville, celebrated its 20th anniversary Oct. 1. According to Pastor **Harold F. Hunter**, there were high attendances of 744 in the Sunday School and 832 in the morning worship service. Associate Pastor **Jerry A. Robinson** led the bus ministry to a new mark of 313. In all there were 31 professions of faith.

East Side Church, Carroll-Benton Association, has insulated the church building, installed central heat/air-conditioning, and paid the debt on the pastor's home. **Jimmy Cooper** is pastor.

Members of Black Oak Heights Church, Knox County Association, gathered on Sunday, Oct. 8, for dedication of a \$700,000 sanctuary. The new building is constructed in the round with a seating capacity of 1,000. Guest speaker for the day was **Ralph Norton**, executive secretary-treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. The church's first pastor, **Jesse Bingham**, was the guest speaker on Sunday evening. Other guests included Congressman **John Duncan** and director of missions **Clarence Jett**. Included in the structure are an office complex, and choir rehearsal room. **J.C. Parrott** is pastor.

LEADERSHIP . . .

L. F. Gassaway of Memphis has been called as interim pastor at Fellowship Church, Memphis.

Barry Bryant of Clarkston, Ga., began his duties as music/youth director at Richland Church, Memphis. He is a recent graduate of Mercer University in Atlanta with a major in music. **Harvey Tingle** is pastor.

Trinity Church, Lebanon, called **Charles McKnight** as interim pastor. He was formerly pastor of Third Church, Murfreesboro.

Thomas M. Billings has resigned as pastor of Valley View Church, Nashville, to accept the call of First Church, Siloam Springs, Ark. He

has been at Valley View since September 1975.

Holly Grove Church, Bells, has called **Wayne Foropoulos** as pastor, and he began his new work Oct. 1. For several years **Foropoulos** has served Calvary Church, Humboldt, as pastor.

James Howell has resigned after a 22-year pastorate at Pleasant Grove Church in Hardeman County Association.

Earl Nelson resigned as pastor of Georgetown Church, Bradley County Association.

J.E. Burrow resigned as pastor of Kelly's Creek Church, William Carey Association.

In Union Association, **Bob Vickers** resigned as pastor of Pleasant Hill Church.

Calvary Church, Oak Ridge, called **John Robbins** as youth director. He was formerly music and youth director at First Church, Norris. **David Webster** is pastor.

Hyran Barefoot, Union University, Jackson, was called as interim pastor of Woodland Church, Haywood Association. He has been serving there since last month.

Keith Habermas, First Church, Daisy pastor, has accepted the call to serve at his home church in Michigan.

PEOPLE . . .

Sunday, Oct. 8, was **Reba Gentry Day** at First Church, Clinton, in recognition of **Miss Gentry's** 34 years as church organist. She is retiring from this position. A reception was held in the afternoon at the church. She was presented a plaque and love offering. **Samuel D. Dean** is pastor.

Lockeland Church, Nashville, ordained **William J. Curran**, **John R. Farrell**, **James Norton**, and **Don Ruskin**, as deacons, Oct. 15. **Herbert R. Higdon** is pastor.

James T. Arnold was ordained as a deacon at First Church, Sparta. **Stephen L. Playl** is pastor.

Shelby Avenue Church, Nashville, ordained **Henry Higgins** and **Gary Sowell** as deacons. **Allen Buhler** is pastor.

Earl A. Jones, interim pastor of Parker's Gap Church, Chattanooga, and **Mrs. Jones** recently visited their daughter and son-in-law, **Mr. and Mrs. Carter Davis**, missionaries to Grenada, West Indies. While in Grenada, **Jones** preached in the St. George Baptist

Church and led a Bible study in a new area of Baptist work on the island.

First Church, Paris, ordained **Robert Bertouille**, **William Moody**, **J.C. Roberts**, and **Johnny Todd** as deacons Oct. 1. **Carroll C. Owen**, is pastor.

Henry Eustice, **Bill McMahan**, and **Herman White** were ordained as deacons at Brainerd Church, Chattanooga. **Winford L. Hendrix** is pastor.

Johnny Howse and **Don Webb** were ordained as deacons at Lascassas Church, Concord Association. **Henry Inmon** is pastor.

Milton Church, Concord Association, ordained **Claude Bogel** as a deacon last month. **Floyd Mayfield** is pastor.

Jerry D. Hurst was ordained as deacon by Mt. Lebanon Church, Chilhowee Association. **Eugene Leamon** is pastor.

H. B. Woodward of Bells has been elected pastor emeritus by Holly Grove Church, Haywood County Association. He served the church for eight months.

Southside Church, Martin, ordained **Walter H. Weber** as a deacon, Oct. 1. **Jerry P. Powell** is pastor.

Shiloh Church, Polk County Association, ordained **Roger Bear**, **R.L. Rogers**, and **Larry Swafford** as deacons. **J.D. Carnes** is pastor.

John Russell is scheduled to be ordained to the office of deacon on Sunday, Oct. 22, by Hebron Church, Middleton.

Midway Church, Whiteville, plans deacon ordination services for **Otha Garrett** on Sunday, Oct. 22.

Two Rivers Church, Nashville, licensed **Gary Leroy** to preach the gospel. **Ralph McIntyre** is interim pastor.

Tommy Grider, **Jerry Joyner**, **Ralph Mullins**, and **Bob Vick** were ordained as deacons at First Church, Cookeville, earlier this month. **Ernest Mosley**, former interim pastor, brought the ordination sermon. Pastor **Gerald Stow** also took part on the program.

North Fork Church, Western District Association, ordained **Ruben Fletcher**, **Charles Paschall**, **Ricky Orr**, and **Morris Jenkins** as deacons.

First Church, Dyer, is scheduled to ordain **Ronnie Barron** and **Bob Hill** as deacons.

Larry Woods was ordained as a deacon at First Church, Rutherford, last month.

WMU meeting

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will present the report on Mission Friends and Girls in Action, and Beulah Peoples will report on the work of Baptist Women. The opening session will close as Mrs. Isaacs speaks on "The Message Glorious through the Written Word."

The second session, which will begin at 1:45 p.m., will feature the annual report by Mary Jane Nethery, executive director of Tennessee WMU. The election of officers will be within this session which will conclude after Mrs. Dunaway's message on "The Message Glorious through Tribulations."

At 7:30 p.m., the final session will hear Miss Hunt discuss "The Message Glorious through Woman's Missionary Union," and the convention will adjourn following John Cheyne's sermon on "The Message Glorious throughout the Earth."

Search committee named to find new foreign mission executive

RICHMOND, Va.—A 15-member search committee headed by M. Hunter Riggins Jr. of Poquoson, Va., was named Oct. 11 to begin seeking the person who will succeed Baker J. Cauthen as executive director of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board when he retires at the end of 1979.

The committee, appointed at the board's annual meeting in Richmond, was asked to bring a progress report to the board's April meeting in Kansas City and a full report at the August or October meetings.

Cauthen, who has guided Southern Baptist foreign missions in its period of greatest growth, will continue to serve through 1979. He will reach the board's mandatory retirement age of 70 on Dec. 20, 1979.

Six laypeople and nine clergymen make up the search committee. Four women are among its members. All are members of the Foreign Mission Board.

Two churches ask that gifts be withheld from schools

Temple Church of Old Hickory has asked that none of its Cooperative Program mission gifts go to "any school which has faculty members who have not affirmed their belief in the infallibility of the Bible in its original writing."

The resolution was passed by the congregation on Oct. 11, according to Pastor Darryl Harris.

A similar resolution had been passed earlier by Park Avenue Church, Nashville. Robert Mowery, pastor of that church, told the **Baptist and Reflector** on Oct. 6 that the congregation on Aug. 9 had voted that none of its Cooperative Program donations go to "any school that teaches that the Bible has errors in its original writings."

FMB names 45 missionaries, sets record for single year

RICHMOND, Va.—Southern Baptists' efforts to accelerate Bold Mission Thrust worldwide began to take realistic shape at the annual meeting of the Foreign Mission Board.

In a crowded three-day schedule, the board approved 45 new missionaries to set a new mark for missionary appointments in a single year, approved a record \$71-million budget, and dedicated a new office wing to handle the increased flow of Southern Baptist missionaries and volunteers.

With the naming of 45 new missionaries, Southern Baptists will set a record for the largest number of appointments in a single year.

At the close of the October service, 296 new missionaries were named in 1978—17 more

than the previous record. Two more appointment services will be held before the year ends, boosting the number well beyond last year's 279.

Throughout the meeting repeated references were made to Bold Mission Thrust, the Southern Baptist Convention's plan for a dramatic step-up in proclamation of the gospel both at home and abroad.

The 1979 foreign missions budget of \$71,181,429 represents an increase of more than \$7.7-million over that of the current year. More than \$61-million will pay for foreign missions operating costs and \$8-million will go for capital allocations. About \$1.5-million was set up in a special contingency fund as a protection in case income should fall below estimates.

Because of inflation, the decline in value of the American dollar abroad and the growing number of missionaries, more than 55 percent of the budget is needed to support the missionaries sent overseas. An additional three percent is earmarked for missionary housing abroad under the capital needs section.

During its business session, the board appropriated \$90,000 for hunger and relief funds for use in seven countries. The largest appropriation—\$50,000—will continue a project to help rebuild houses destroyed in a November 1977 earthquake in Argentina. Other appropriations for flood relief and clean water projects totaled \$14,000.

Hunger funds totaling \$26,000 will be sent to Iran, Nicaragua, Upper Volta, and Chile. Nicaragua will receive the largest appropriation, \$8,000. One-fourth of that amount has already been sent to the field on an emergency basis to help provide relief for victims of recent fighting in that country. (BP)

Beirut missionary goes to Turkey for Leeper

BEIRUT, Lebanon—A Southern Baptist missionary family, leaving behind escalated fighting in Beirut, has gone to Turkey to replace James F. Leeper.

R. Edward Nicholas will replace Leeper, a missionary who was forced to leave Turkey after resident permit difficulties forced a brief imprisonment, as interim pastor of an English-language congregation in Ankara. The Nicholas family had to seek shelter in their basement during recent fighting in Beirut.

J.D. Hughey, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's area secretary for Europe, the Middle East and South Asia, said although Nicholas was only planning a short stay, the assignment might be extended if fighting in Beirut continues.

Mrs. Leeper and thier children are still in Ankara. Leeper first went to Germany but returned to the United States Oct. 4 because of his mother's death. (BP)

Trevis Otey, pastor of First Church, Jackson, will serve on the committee.

When Cauthen became the board's chief executive officer Jan. 1, 1954, Southern Baptists had 908 missionaries in 33 countries and a budget of \$9.2-million. Today more than 2,800 missionaries are at work in more than 90 countries or territories, and the board has just approved a 1979 budget of over \$71-million.

Under Cauthen's leadership Southern Baptists are working toward a goal of proclaiming the gospel to all people of the world by the year 2000. To help accomplish this, the board hopes to have 5,000 missionaries, assisted by increasing numbers of lay volunteers, serving in 125 countries by the end of this century.

A native of Lufkin, Texas, Cauthen served more than eight years as secretary for the Orient before assuming his present position. He and Mrs. Cauthen, the former Eloise Glass, were missionaries to China from 1939 until his election to the area secretary's post. (BP).

Elizabethton pastor enters full-time evangelism

Jim Lindsey, pastor of Elizabethton's Immanuel Church for the past eight years, has resigned to enter full-time evangelism.

Before going to Elizabethton, Lindsey was pastor of three Tennessee Churches—First Church, Greeneville; Grace Church, Nashville; and Everett Hills Church, Maryville. He is a graduate of Mercer University, Macon, Ga., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Lindsey will continue to reside in Elizabethton. He can be contacted through Proclaim Ministries, Inc., P. O. Box 1406, Elizabethton 37643.

Foreign fields plead for 1,451 missionaries

RICHMOND, Va.—Missionaries on 92 fields are calling on Southern Baptists to reinforce their ranks with 1,451 new missionaries in the next 12 months.

The new personnel requests seek half again as many missionaries as the 2,832 already serving overseas through the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

More than 70 percent of the job requests are in the evangelism and church development category, with general evangelists again heading the list of priority needs.

But the range of needs is wide, with requests being made for new personnel in 59 different kinds of jobs. These range from a food production specialist in Bangladesh to a French-language editor to help prepare printed materials needed in the French-speaking countries of West Africa.

The requests, decided upon in meetings of missionaries on each field, were reviewed as the board's missionary personnel department brought in its regional personnel representatives to meet with home office staff and area secretaries.

With 45 more new missionaries expected to be approved at its October meeting, the Foreign Mission Board, which approved 279 in 1977, is almost assured of topping the 300 mark in appointments this year for the first time. But even these record numbers will fill less than a fourth of the overseas needs for career missionaries, emphasizes Louis R. Cobbs, secretary for missionary personnel.

"Southern Baptists are going to have to face up to some very significant decisions about the role that God may be expecting them to fill in this day of Bold Missions," Cobbs declared. Although unsettled conditions prevail in many areas, he noted that such periods often are the time when people are most open to changes in their way of life—including the willingness to hear the gospel message.

Some mission fields waited years to fill critically needed jobs. So far this year, only five persons—two couples and a single literacy worker—have been sent for all of West Africa.

"This has been a lean, lean year for us," says John E. Mills, area secretary who coordinates the work of 328 missionaries in the nine countries in that sector. "We do have another couple and a single person being considered for appointment later this year, but our missionaries are asking us, 'Hey, what does all this Bold Mission Thrust really mean to us out here on the field?'"

They're still waiting to see Southern Baptists' commitment to Bold Missions, made at the denomination's national convention earlier this year, express itself in missionary appointments for their areas, Mills said.

This year's personnel requests include 315 general evangelists, 68 teachers for seminaries, institutes or theological education

by extension, 25 religious education promoters, 16 student workers, 15 musicians, 13 youth workers, 7 English-language pastors, and 15 others to do work related to evangelism and church development.

Medical requests are again urgent, as the board seeks 29 physicians, 8 dentists, 14 nurses, and 12 other medical personnel. Forty non-theological educators are needed—11 for the elementary level, 13 for secondary, 12 for college, and 4 in other categories related to this specialty.

The list also points up needs for 24 media workers, 18 business personnel, 5 in support ministries, and 40 in a variety of other positions, including 16 for agricultural evangelism.

To find the total number of people requests from the missions represent, the board just about doubles the request total since most can be filled by a couple. In addition, the total includes requests for about 125 missionary journeymen, those who go for a two-year period after college.

Cobbs also cited many opportunities available for single men and women. Almost a fourth of the total job requests could be filled by single women, and 41 requests specify single women. A total of 201 requests are open to single men.

Major needs in areas hurting most for new personnel include:

East Asia—General evangelists and urban evangelists are needed to assist in evangelization of Hong Kong; six general evangelists and two student evangelism workers are needed in Korea; and 10 general evangelists top the personnel needs for Japan, where half the career and associate missionary force will reach retirement age within 12 years.

Upper Volta and Ivory Coast—General evangelists are requested to take advantage of responsiveness in these French-speaking West African countries. Cities with 25,000 to 70,000 population have no Baptist witness.

Bangladesh—Four general evangelists are sought for rural outreach in the villages where people are particularly responsive now, and a food-production specialist and a biochemist also have high priority.

Thailand—Nine requests are listed for missionary evangelists to work in the Bangkok metropolitan area to implement an urban strategy program that seeks to start a house church in every neighborhood of the city. Others are needed to help develop churches in rural areas near the cities and to work with refugees.

Rwanda—Two teams of two couples each are needed to work in the rural areas of this small but densely populated country in central Africa. Each team would include an agriculturalist and a veterinarian. In addition, at least one more general evangelist would be needed to work with the teams. (BP)



HOSPITAL HONORED—Grady Bower (left) of the Kiwanis Club of Downtown Knoxville presents a certificate to East Tennessee Baptist Hospital for "distinguished ministry to persons with special needs." Receiving the certificate for the hospital is William Justice, director of pastoral care.

Ex-Tennessean to lead New England Baptists

James H. Currin, a native of McKenzie, has been elected executive director of the Baptist General Association of New England, effective Dec. 1. The association, which is affiliated with the Maryland Baptist Convention, has its offices in Northborough, Mass.

Currin has been pastor of Northside Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Ind., for the past nine years.

Before assuming that pastorate, he served as state Sunday School director and missions director for the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana. Other pastorates have been in Indiana and Kentucky.

Currin is a graduate of Bethel College, McKenzie, and Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis. He also attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. (BP)

ERA extension passes with SBC opposition

WASHINGTON—The Senate, following similar action by the House of Representatives, has extended the deadline for ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment by 39 months, to June 1982.

Both houses rejected earlier attempts to allow states which have already ratified the ERA to rescind their action. Three states still must ratify the amendment before it becomes law.

The extension margin was 60-36 in the Senate, following passage Aug. 15 in the House 233-189.

The Southern Baptist Convention opposed extension of the deadline of the ERA at its annual meeting in Atlanta in June. (BP)

We can help the handicapped

By Jonas L. Stewart
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

A plea was made some time ago to offer trustee service for those who must provide for a mentally retarded family member.

The Executive Committee considered this need and concluded that such help should also be offered to those who must provide for any person with physical, emotional, or mental handicaps. We were informed that some families are distressed because they fear their financial resources will not be properly protected and applied after their death.

The Foundation has a responsibility to help people in need as well as to provide for support for Baptist institutions and programs. People are our primary interest. All of our programs exist that we may help the individual. There is none that deserves our interest more than those who cannot care for themselves.

In light of this, the Foundation Executive Committee established guidelines by which we can help families use their resources to the maximum in caring for their loved ones after they can no longer assume the responsibility.

This can be done through a trust fund set up during one's life or provisions may be made in a will. The Foundation makes no charges against the income for handling such trusts during the lifetime of the handicapped person. All income earned will be applied to the need of the beneficiary together with amounts from the corpus of the fund as necessary.

Those who have interest in using the Foundation services for protection of assets to be used for such handicapped family members or friends should write asking for guidelines for assisting the handicapped through a will or trust fund.

Address requests to Tennessee Baptist Foundation, Jonas L. Stewart, executive secretary-treasurer, Box 347, Brentwood, TN 37027.

Babb assumes first pastorate

Claude Babb began his work as pastor of Roan Hill Church, Johnson City, Sept. 17.

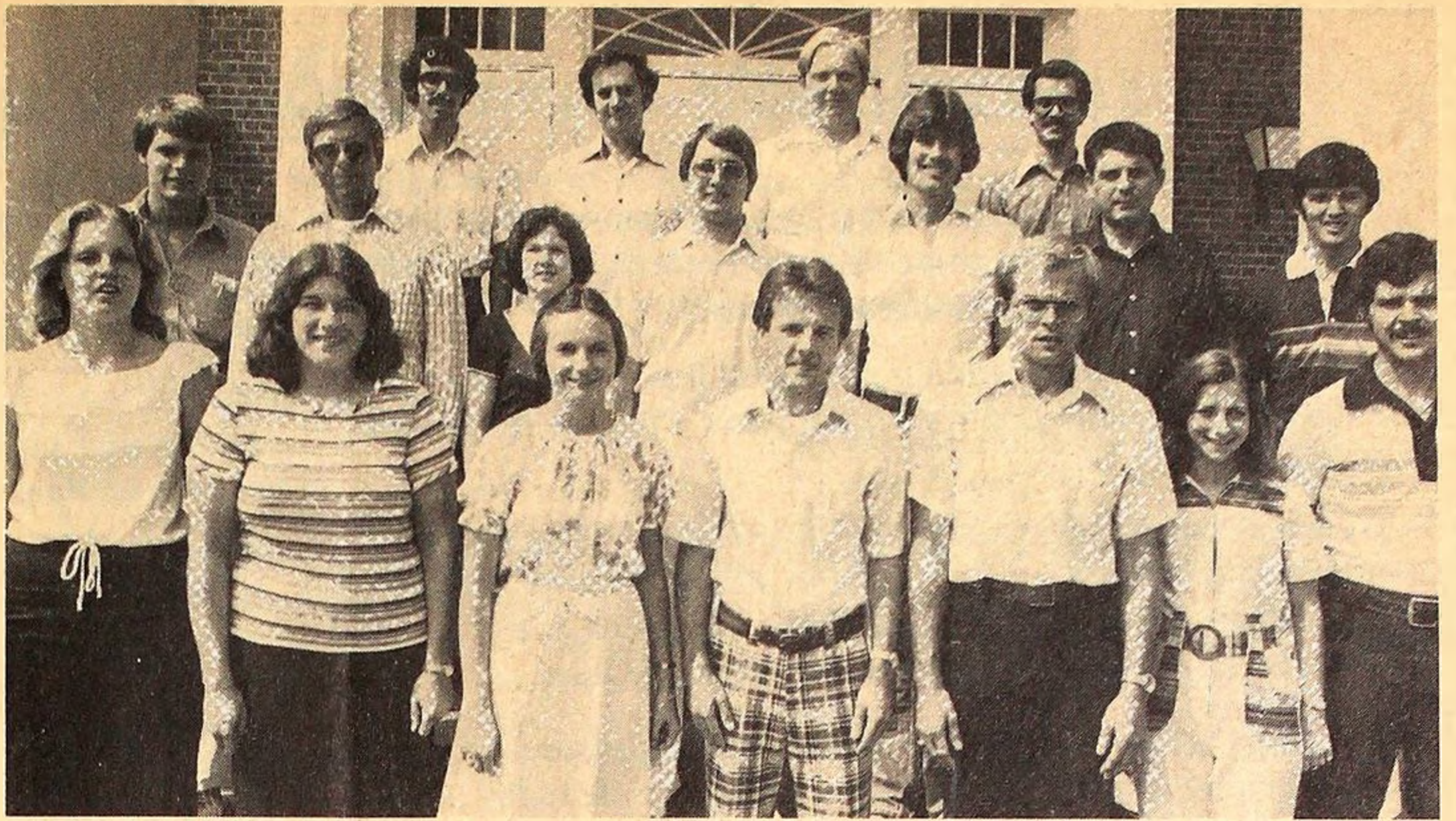
This is Babb's first pastorate. He has served as interim pastor of Happy Valley Church, Watauga Association.

A Johnson City native, Babb is married to the former Lillian Cox also of Johnson City. They have four children, Theresa, 14; Deborah, 12; Timothy 7; and Eugene, one year old.

Baptist school gets \$1.1-million trust

ABILENE, TEX—Hardin-Simmons University has received a trust of \$1.1-million from a couple who will remain anonymous.

The couple is from west Texas and had already given gifts to the Baptist school in Abilene, Tex., in excess of \$400,000. Both the husband and wife graduated from Hardin-Simmons in the 1920's.(BP)



WE'RE HERE—New students from Tennessee at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. are, left to right, (front row) Diane Tarwater, Martha Wooddy, Charlene Robinson, Steve Sorrell, Gale Hartley, Dwala Irvin, Mike Irvin (row 2) Ridge Cullum, Don Read, Linda Harris, Terry Taylor, Jerry Mantooth, James W. Weir, Darrell Vandergriff (row 3) Ricky Johnson, Richard Randolph, Austin Robinson, Dwayne Martin.

Evangelism announced as theme for Baptist doctrinal study

NASHVILLE—Church training is supporting Southern Baptists evangelism thrust through the 1979 Baptist doctrine study.

The study features **The Doctrine of Salvation** which will provide the focal point for sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.

"**The Doctrine of Salvation** will set the tone for church emphases, denominational events and church training curriculum materials in 1979. The church training department of the Sunday School Board, the evangelism section of the Home Mission Board and church training directors of the state conventions are coordinating efforts to prepare churches for maximum participation," said Roy T. Edgemon, director of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board church training department.

"Churches are being challenged to participate and support state evangelism conferences in January and February, Baptist doctrine study in March and April, and spring revivals in April and May, in hopes of initiating a new surge of growth and churches," Edgemon said.

Thirteen individual two-day seminars have been scheduled in 13 cities across the United States during January, February, and March to train leaders for the Baptist doctrine study. One seminar will be held Feb. 8-10 in Nashville.

"In-depth doctrinal study will provide training in a variety of teaching methods, help in planning successful promotion, ways to schedule Baptist doctrine studies in local churches, and fellowship with other church workers," Edgemon added.

C.B. Hogue, director of the evangelism section of the Home Mission Board, is the writer for the adult textbook.

Lavonn D. Brown, pastor of First Baptist Church, Norman, Okla., wrote **Youth Affirm: The Doctrine of Salvation**.

Teaching aids for leaders of children and preschoolers to use during the week of Baptist doctrine study have also been developed. **What It Means to Be a Christian**, by Barbara Wells Manning, is for older children. Younger children will use the book, **I Know God Loves Me**, by Neal Buchanan.

Billy L. Davenport accepts Shallow Ford Church, Erwin

Shallow Ford Church, Erwin, called Billy L. Davenport as pastor, and he will begin his new duties Oct. 22. He comes to Erwin from West View Church, Rogersville, where he served as pastor since 1975.

A native of Watertown, Davenport is a graduate of Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy and Clear Creek Baptist School. He took Carson-Newman off-campus courses, and received a diploma in theology from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

He was ordained to the ministry by West End Church, Knoxville, where he served as pastor. Other churches he has served are Hickory Cove, Rogersville, and churches in Virginia and Kentucky.

What are the important questions?

There are a lot of questions being asked among Southern Baptists today—but all of these seem to revolve around a central question, “Who are Southern Baptists?”

The answer to that question is not found just in our history or our statistics. It is not completely found in what we might call “tradition.”

We hear many questions which begin with “Can you be a Southern Baptist and . . . ?” or “Is that a Southern Baptist church when it . . . ?” Most of these questions seem to be related to either what one believes or what one does.

Certainly, what one believes has a great influence on what one does, but it appears that in Southern Baptist life today, there is great difficulty in separating principles from procedures, the message from the method, the eternal from the variable.

Here are some of the questions that are being asked among Southern Baptists. Not all of them will be answered in the same manner by all Southern Baptists. At some point we must decide which questions are relevant to bearing the name of “Southern Baptist.”

Can you be a Southern Baptist . . .

—if you don’t believe that the Bible is infallible?

—if you don’t believe that the King James Version is infallible?

—if you don’t believe that the Scofield footnotes in the King James Version are infallible?

—if you don’t believe that your pastor’s sermons are infallible?

—if you don’t believe that a professor’s lectures at a Baptist college or seminary are infallible?

—if you believe that “Adam” in Genesis 1 refers to “mankind,” rather than a specific individual?

—if you don’t believe that Jesus rose bodily from the tomb?

—if you decline to sign the Baptist Faith and Message statement?

—if you believe that Noah’s curse on Ham and Canaan (Gen. 9:22-25) condemns blacks to lives of servitude?

—if you don’t live up to the Church Covenant?

—if you have not been immersed by a Baptist pastor?

—if you do not believe in the second coming of Christ? . . . or the pre-millennial second coming? . . . or the mid-tribulation return of Christ?

—if you believe that the Book of Isaiah was written by more than one person?

—if you don’t believe that the world was created in six 24-hour days in 4004 B.C.?

Can you be a Southern Baptist church . . .

—if you use real wine in the Lord’s Supper?

—if you don’t worship at 11:00 a.m.?

—if you don’t have Sunday night service?

—if you don’t use Sunday School Board literature?

—if evangelism and missions are not priorities?

—if you do not allow or encourage blacks to attend? . . . or accept them as members?

—if you have women deacons?

—if you don’t give a public invitation at every service?

—if you rarely sing the doxology?

—if you don’t share regularly to missions through the Cooperative Program?

—if you have a woman as a staff member? . . . with the title of “minister?” . . . who has been ordained?

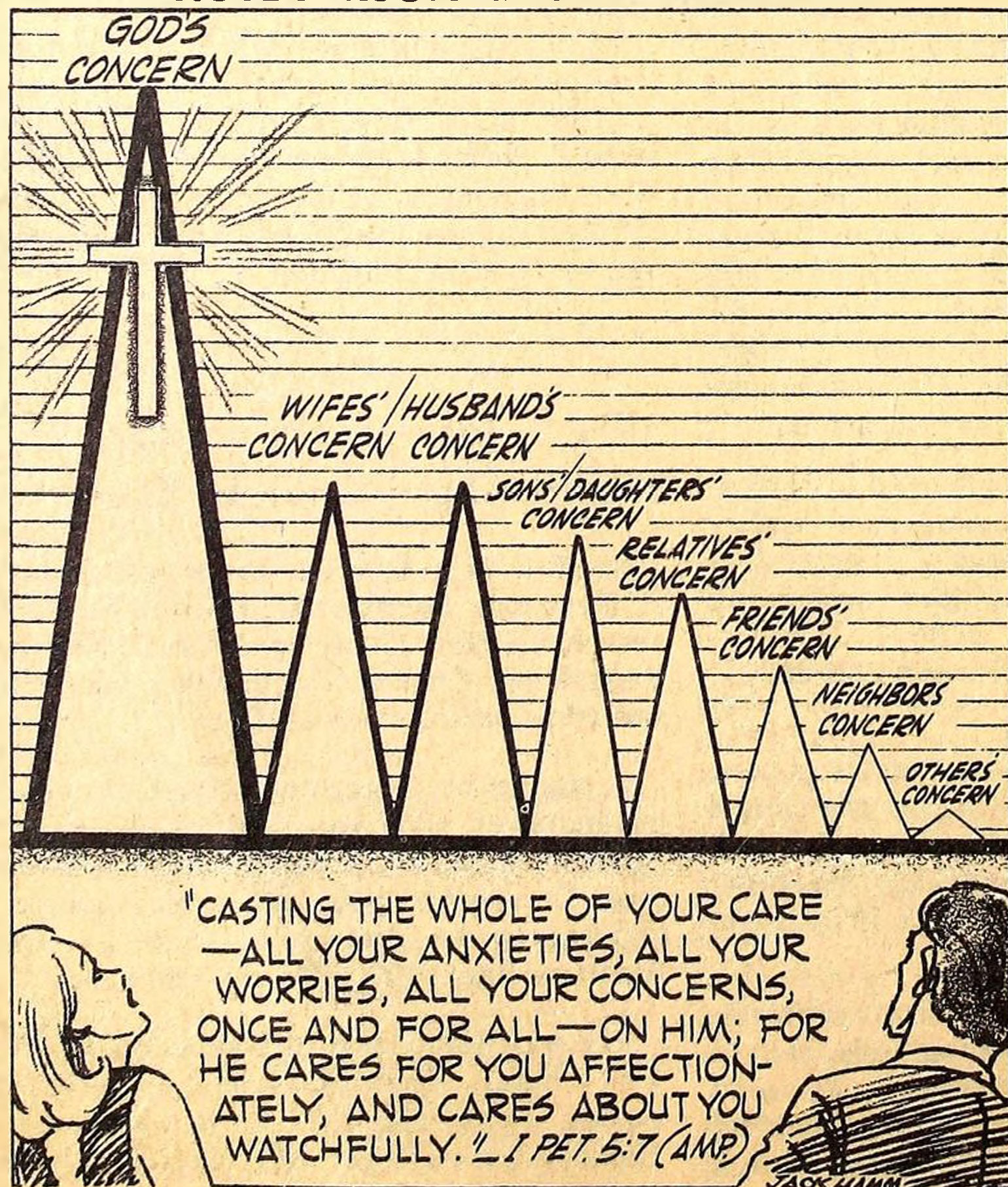
—if you don’t have the Baptist and Reflector in the church budget?

—if you have a deacon who has been married more than once?

—if you don’t have a WMU? . . . or a Brotherhood? . . . or a Sunday night church training period?

—if you have prayer meeting on Thursdays?

WHOSE PERSONAL CONCERN ARE WE?



Cicero's comment

By the editor



Errors are the bane of any editor or publisher. They always try to check and re-check every manuscript and proof to insure that typographic or grammatical gremlins never—or at least, rarely—appear in the finished publication.

Yet, in spite of all efforts, they happen.

Of course, editors are always glad to make corrections, as we did last week in an article correcting a mistake made in our listing of church gifts (Aug. 24).

Would you believe it—there was an error in the correction article!

We'll try again.

The correct listing for these three Holston Association churches should be:

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

Pleasant Grove Church: \$645.27 through the Cooperative Program; \$100 as designated.

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

Again, let me assure you that the records in the accounting office were correct. The errors were made by the **Baptist and Reflector**.

Lest you mistakenly believe that this is my first (or last error), I will confess to a couple of "biggies" I made while editor of the **Indiana Baptist**.

There, convention presidents were eligible for re-election to one additional one-year term. In my editorial evaluation of one convention, I stated that the president was re-elected "with" opposition—when I meant to say "without" opposition. I can imagine some future historian studying the minutes and other records trying to find out who or what the opposition was!

In an article once about the SBC Brotherhood Commission, the sentence should have read, **As a result of the action, McCullough told the trustees the agency is now on solid financial ground.** The way it came out in print was, **McCullough told the trustees the agency "is not on solid financial round."**

One little letter sure makes a lot of difference!

Research Journal editor named

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Joseph A. Callaway, professor of Old Testament archaeology and director of graduate studies at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, was elected to a three year term as editor of the *Annals of the American Schools of Oriental Research*.

The *Annals*, published continuously since 1920, contains archaeological excavation reports of projects sponsored by the ASOR. (BP)

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.

Condemned by our nature

Dear editor:

It seems a good idea to me to use a verse from Romans 5:14, (Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression') in the place of Romans 3:23 for witnessing. That verse could and in fact has conveyed the idea that acts of personal sinning condemns one to separation from God.

I might have become a child of God sooner, if I had been made to realize that I was a sinner by nature, and that it was from this condition that one must and can be saved because of God's sacrifice through Jesus.

I remember the joy of first knowing that doing wrong does not send one to hell and doing good does not send one to heaven.

Fern V. Holloway
Route 1, Box 115
White Pine, TN 37760

7 missionaries leave Beirut as Lebanon war intensifies

BEIRUT, Lebanon—Three Southern Baptist missionary couples and a missionary journeyman have left Beirut as the result of extensive fighting between Christian rightist militia and the Syrian peace-keeping forces.

The missionaries planned to return later this month if fighting subsided. Some other missionaries plan to leave Beirut if a cease-fire, which began late Saturday, Oct. 7, after a summit meeting between the presidents of Lebanon and Syria, does not hold up. Thirteen missionaries and their seven children and one volunteer remained in the country as of Oct. 9.

Mr. and Mrs. Tome R. Hayes of Louisiana and Oklahoma and their two children have gone to Cairo, Egypt. Other missionary personnel went to Amman, Jordan. These include Mr. and Mrs. Mack L. Sacco of Illinois and Oklahoma; Mr. and Mrs. James P. Craigmyle of Indiana and Maine; and journeyman Russell Wayne Futrell of Louisiana. The Saccos had their four children with them.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Edward Nicholas had left Beirut earlier to serve the English language congregation in Ankara, Turkey, for two to three weeks.

Some newspaper accounts call the recent

fighting the most devastating in the country's four-year history of civil unrest. Estimates indicate as many as 700 may have lost their lives during the first week of October alone.

Southern Baptist missionaries are stationed in both the Muslim and Christian sectors of the city. Both sections reported unstable electric and water service, and some residents of the Christian portion lived in basements for days to avoid the shelling.

No damage to Baptist property and no loss of life among missionaries and local Baptists have been reported. (BP)

Union messengers name Dennie Moore moderator

Messengers to Union Association's annual meeting this month elected Dennie Moore, pastor of Quebeck Church, moderator for the coming year. He succeeds Stephen Playl, pastor of First Church, Sparta.

Other officers elected were Boyd Roberts, pastor of Bethel Church, vice moderator; and Mrs. Roy Farmer, a member of Gum Spring Church, clerk.

They also re-elected Robert Beadle for a second term as treasurer. He is layman at First Church, Sparta.

The 1979 meeting is scheduled for Oct. 4, at Bethel Church, Doyle.

Dowell, wife injured in wreck

F. M. Dowell, retired director of evangelism for the Tennessee Baptist Convention, and his wife were both injured in an automobile accident Oct. 15 about five miles west of Sparta.

Although the car was totaled, they received only cuts and bruises.

At press time they were in the White County Community Hospital for observation.

Talbott pastor's wife dies

Mrs. Geneva Ward Kinser, wife of James Kinser, pastor of Talbott Church, Jefferson County Association, died Aug. 20. She was 56.

Services were held Aug. 23 at Talbott Church with John Buell and Carl Ogle officiating. Burial was in Jefferson Memorial Gardens.

Survivors in addition to her husband include two sons, James Lee Kinser, Charleston, S.C.; Allen Ward Kinser, Talbott; and a daughter, Carol Dawn Musick, White Pine, and two grandchildren.

Pulpit To Pew

By Jim N. Griffith

Many churches are in the middle of their stewardship campaigns and are making every effort to pledge their budgets and meet their financial needs.

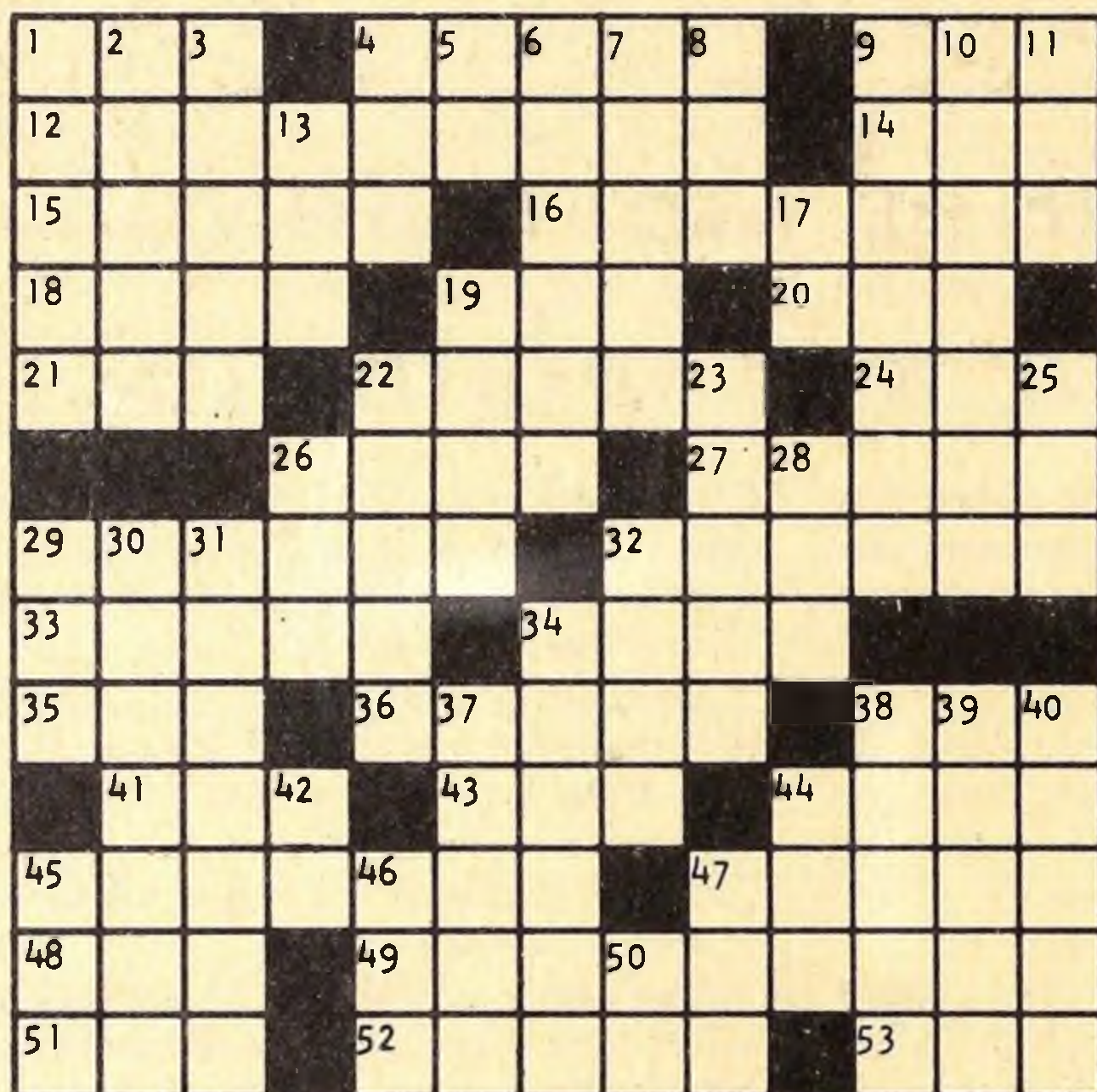
One member of a congregation said he came out of his church on a recent Sunday a bit confused.

He said: "The preacher kept warning us in his sermon that the end was near, and then he closed his message by asking us to sign a five-year church building pledge."

Of course, no one knows about the exact end of time. But the urgency of our present time demands that we give our very best. After observing the contents of the offering plate and commenting on the fact that churches face the same high cost of living, one pastor reminded his congregation that "churches are not coin operated."

Giving is one of the great joys of the Christian life. And although "the Lord loveth a cheerful giver," we don't want to overlook the fact that "He also accepteth from a grrouch."

Bible Puzzle Answers on page 15



ACROSS

- 1 Writing fluid (3 John)
- 4 Aquatic mammal
- 9 Joshua or Caleb (Num. 13)
- 12 "repentance from —" (Heb. 6)
- 14 "— Haw"
- 15 He saw the angel (1 Chron. 21:20)
- 16 Mangles
- 18 "— of the tribe of Juda" (Rev. 5)
- 19 Aborigine: by shortening
- 20 Dumbbell
- 21 Strong soap solution: abbr.
- 22 Exhausted
- 24 Velocity: abbr.
- 26 Musical composition
- 27 "—, precious" (1 Pet. 2)

- 29 "fitteth it with —" (Isa. 44:13)
- 32 "— of charity" (Jude)
- 33 "refuse and —" (Isa. 1)
- 34 Surfeit
- 35 Generic suffix
- 36 Seize
- 38 Pouch
- 41 Male goat
- 43 Wrath
- 44 "and with the —" (Deut. 28)
- 45 Place (Col. 1:2)
- 47 "concerning the —" (Acts 25)
- 48 Town suboffice: abbr.
- 49 "— of sin" (Heb. 11)
- 51 Kind of orchestra: abbr.
- 52 One of the twelve

CRYPTOVERSE

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Today's Cryptoverse clue: V equals N

53 Plane

DOWN

- 1 "— temple" (1 Cor. 8)
- 2 Ancestor of Jesus (Luke 3:27; poss.)
- 3 Nigerian city: poss.
- 4 Possess
- 5 Toward
- 6 Judah and Gad
- 7 Where the ark was sent (1 Sam. 5:10)
- 8 Regimental supply officer: abbr.
- 9 "among the —" (Ruth 2)
- 10 "have her — work" (Jas. 1)
- 11 Affirmative
- 13 Tribe of Israel
- 17 Negative
- 19 Bird genus
- 22 Word before bound or down
- 23 "gnashing of —" (Luke 13)
- 25 Lights: abbr.
- 26 Single
- 28 New Guinea port
- 29 Prefix for bate or mote
- 30 It was cleansed (Matt. 8:3)
- 31 Tamar's brother (2 Sam. 13:1)
- 32 Countenance
- 34 Called Straight (Acts 9)
- 37 Passageway
- 38 Rouses
- 39 Highest points
- 40 Body part
- 42 One of fifty: abbr.
- 44 Man (1 Chron. 4:15)
- 45 Carats: abbr.
- 46 Species: abbr.
- 47 Certified shorthand reporter: abbr.
- 50 Diphthong

HISTORICALLY

FROM THE FILES

50 YEARS AGO

Thomas E. Glass, 81, died at his home in Brownsville. He served 25 years as superintendent of the Sunday school at Brownsville, and was president of the West Tennessee Baptist Sunday School Convention for 13 years.

W. M. Griffith resigned as pastor of Monterey Church to become pastor of Red Bank Church, Chattanooga.

25 YEARS AGO

Shelbyville Mills Church, Shelbyville, was erecting an educational building.

Galloway Church, Fayette County, dedicated its new educational annex. William R. Whitlow was pastor.

10 YEARS AGO

Oak Grove Church, Church Hill, dedicated its three-story educational building. Carter P. Morrell was pastor.

W. Luther Carlisle joined the Shelby Baptist Association as the director of Brotherhood and youth activities. For the past 10 years, Carlisle had served as pastor of the Kensington Church, Memphis.

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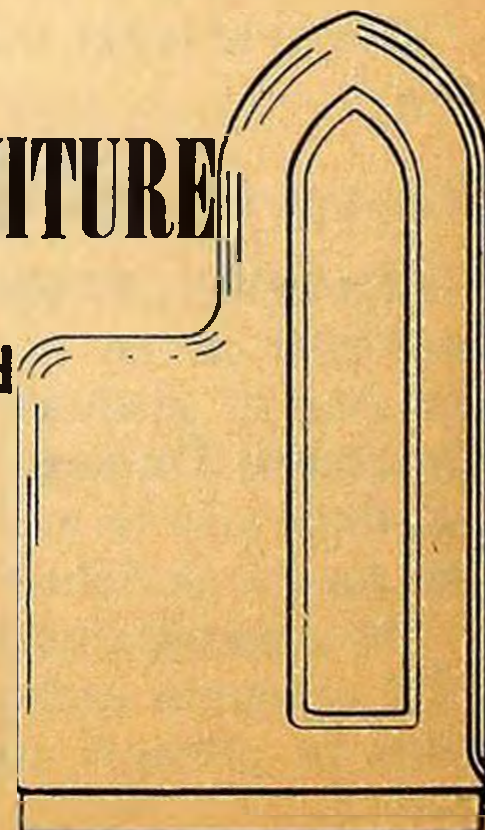
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God is near

By Anne Moore

Our three-year old entered a school for two days a week this fall. My husband and I knew it would be a good social and intellectual experience for her.

All summer long she had bravely talked about going to school. We would try to imagine what some of her activities would be. The highlight of getting ready was buying her first lunch box.

Then August came and certain fears began to worry her. What would her classmates be like? Who would her teacher be? The main fear was the one of separation—fear of mother leaving her with strangers and not knowing the time of her return.

Even though we do not know the time of our Heavenly Father's return, we do not have to be afraid. We know that total separation from God is impossible. The Bible tells us in Romans 8:39: "Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Man brings the feeling of separation on himself. We let other things enter in and block our path to God. We get caught up in our every day affairs such as work, home, and children. All these things seem to vie for our time.

There are several things we can do to prevent the feeling of separation. Prayer is a wonderful way to start your day. Even before you get out of bed, pause and thank God for another day in which to serve Him. Ask for strength and guidance for the day you are facing. Be specific in your requests about problems you may encounter.

Bible reading is also a vital part in a close relationship to God. You will find solutions to those problems that you thought were impossible, and comfort when you thought there was no hope.

Church attendance brings fellowship with other Christians. You can draw strength and gain blessings from your brothers and sisters in Christ. Your cup can be "refilled" through the messages and singing.

Let us remember, if we feel that God is far away, we are the ones that need to move.

Moore is the wife of David Moore, pastor of Lincoya Hills Church, Nashville.

Baylor receives foundation gift

WACO, Tex.—Baylor University has received a gift of \$500,000 from The Brown Foundation, Inc., of Houston to establish the Herman Brown Endowed Chair in Economics. The chair will be the first endowed position in the department of economics in the Baptist school's Hankamer School of Business. (BP)

Dawning of the new day

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"And declared to be the Son of God with power . . . by the resurrection from the dead."—Rom. 1:14

When Jesus died on the cross the blackest night in history settled upon the world. The bright hope of believers was dashed to pieces on the rocks of frustration and grief. Typical were the feelings of the disciples on the Emmaus road. "But we trusted that it had been he which should redeem Israel" (Luke 24:21). Now that hope lay dead in a sealed tomb. Were that the end of the story the present and future would be dark. Indeed!

The resurrection of Jesus marked the difference between a martyr and a Savior. Multiplied thousands had died on crosses. But only

Baptist TV production receives Chris award

FORT WORTH, Texas—The Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission has received Columbus Film Festival's top award—the Chris Statuette—for "Malcolm Muggeridge."

John C. Stevens, vice president of script development for the commission, produced and directed the 16mm film. The commission also won Chris Statuettes in 1966 and 1970. "Malcolm Muggeridge" will be released to the public in January 1979, in the commission's "The Human Dimension" series for television.

Malcolm Muggeridge, an international journalist, has received much acclaim for his book, *Jesus, The Man Who Lives*. He also is widely known for creating *Punch* magazine and is a former columnist for *Esquire* and editor-in-chief for the *Manchester Guardian*.

"The film was shot on location at Muggeridge's home near Robertsbridge, England," said Stevens. "It's an overview of his years as a journalist and the conclusions he's developed over a lifetime of thought and writing. Muggeridge is a devout Christian and through the film he expresses his views on faith, western civilization and man's preoccupation with himself. He speaks frankly about death and sees it as a singularly beautiful experience." (BP)

Jesus was raised from the dead. And with His resurrection the darkest night was followed by the brightest day in history.

Paul beautifully expresses this in Romans 1:4. The Greek verb rendered "declared" is the one whence comes the word "horizon." Literally, Jesus was horizoned the Son of God with power . . . by the resurrection from the dead.

In the natural sense, after a dark night you look to the east. And there on the horizon you see the rising sun bringing the light of a new day. As you look, the sun is horizoned. This is also applicable in the spiritual sense. Following the dark night of Jesus' death and burial, in His resurrection He was horizoned as "the Sun of righteousness with . . . healing in his wings" (Mal. 4:2). Thus it is that the world looked up with renewed hope and assurance.

Dark nights come even to the believer. But when it seems that there is no hope, he can look up and see his Savior standing on the horizon of his vision. His light dispels the darkness. In His presence shadows of doubt flee. And he stands empowered to face life's challenges—knowing that he does not do so alone.

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Baptist Joint Committee speaks on national, world affairs

WASHINGTON—The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs took action on a number of items related to domestic and international issues, honored retiring director of information services W. Barry Garrett, and elected as its new chairman Gideon K. Zimmerman, executive secretary of the North American Baptist Conference.

The Baptist Joint Committee is the public affairs agency of nine Baptist bodies in the United States and Canada, with offices in Washington D.C.

Among actions taken during the agency's semi-annual meeting were the following:

—Commended President Carter both for his leadership at the Camp David summit meeting on the Middle East, and for his stated opposition to tuition tax credits;

—Authorized the staff to monitor religious liberty developments in Israel, Turkey, Egypt, and the Soviet Union;

—Appointed a task force to examine the effects on churches of the new law on age discrimination in employment;

—Directed the staff to support legislation

restricting interstate and foreign commerce which exploits children;

—Opposed legislation amending the Federal Communications Act of 1934 which does not include adequate provision for the concept of "public interest" in broadcasting;

—Authorized the staff to act to nullify the effect of an Internal Revenue Service ruling which threatens nonprofit groups with loss of tax exempt status if they publish the voting records of political candidates;

—Asked the staff to try to set up a meeting with President Carter on church problems with the IRS;

—Opposed the department of Labor's ruling requiring parochial schools to pay unemployment insurance state taxes; and

—Condemned government funding of solar energy demonstration projects in churches or church-related schools.

Garrett, who served as information director for 21 years and founded the Washington bureau of Baptist Press, was presented with a check and a book of letters at a luncheon attended by Baptist Joint Committee members and representatives of Baptist Press and the Southern Baptist Press Association. He had announced his intention to retire at age 63 this summer. (BP)

Secretaries conference planned for Nashville

NASHVILLE—The first National Conference for Secretaries from Southern Baptist churches and denominational agencies is scheduled April 23-26, 1979, at the Sunday School Board here.

Approximately 1,000 secretaries are expected to attend, according to Lucy Hoskins, consultant in the board's church administration department and director of the conference.

"The National Secretaries Conference is designed to focus national attention on secretaries as a vital part of church and denominational life," Hoskins said.

Numerous special interest conferences will be offered during the week, including how to help the pastor and other staff members, how to improve the church letter and bulletin board, and how to improve readability of the church paper. Two of the conferences will discuss grammar and personal appearance.

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Union's enrollment establishes record

Union University's fall enrollment is up six percent over the previous year and is the largest in recorded history for the college.

A record-breaking 1,216 students have registered for more than 200 classes for the college's 154th academic year. The new enrollment shows an increase of 80 students over the fall of 1977, which was also a record-breaking semester, explained President Robert E. Craig.

The 1,216 figure reflects the amount of students taking credit courses from the Jackson campus only and does not include nearly 100 enrolled for non-credit Bible courses in Memphis.

Dean of Students Miss Maggie Nell Brewer reported Union's student apartments are again filled to capacity with nearly 550 students residing on the new campus and an additional 70 being housed temporarily on the former campus. New housing units, which have been under construction since early spring, are set for occupancy for mid-November on some units.

The college's married student housing, the first such venture for the college, are expected to be completed later in the semester.

The new student housing, which will accommodate nearly 100 additional residents is costing approximately \$700,000.

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Family Living

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Child's question: way to prolong contact

Children's "Why?" ranks high on adults' lists of most hated words and for good reason. Despite its prestigious reputation as a signal of hungry intelligence, "Why?" often assumes reputation as a signal of hungry intelligence. "Why?" often assumes an incessant, automatic, rhythmical character that grates the ear drum and tests the patience. That's because "why?" is a stage of speech development that serves more as a device for prolonging conversation than as an honest question.

"In the case of the incessant 'why?', children many not even want an answer—they may just want to keep talking to you or to keep you talking to them," Dr. Laura Kretschmer, University of Cincinnati speech and hearing specialist, points out.

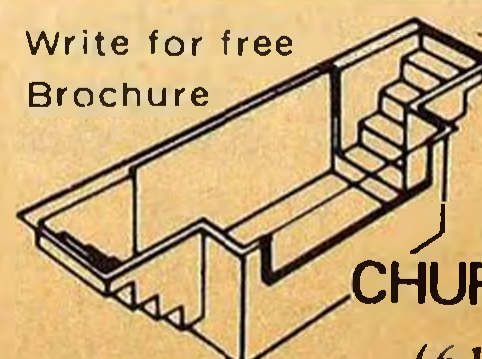
Talk is what speech is all about, she reminds in the Cincinnati Enquirer, and dialogue consists of talking and listening, turnabout, on both adults' and children's part. The talking-listening pattern is established in infancy, when the adult responds to chortles and babbles as if they were words. Baby reacts to the response.

Somewhere between nine months and a year, most babies come up with a real word and by 24 months, most tots actually talk. If they aren't doing some talking by two, check the child's hearing out with a doctor.

The most natural way to encourage youngsters' language development is through expansion and extension, she reminds. "The child says 'Daddy go.' You extend the thought by replying, 'Yes, Daddy is going to the store.' Or you can expand it still further by saying 'Yes, Daddy is going to the store. We will all get into the car and go to the store together.'"

The extension and expansion of children's speech in no way implies that the child's own observations were inadequate and it is not meant for the child to imitate. Imitation of parents' and teachers' speech plays a role in language development, but not nearly as important role as was once thought. Research over the past 10 years has shown that interaction, not imitation, is critical to normal speech patterns."

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Moral purity

By John H. Tullock, chairman
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Basic Passages: Exodus 20:14; Matthew 5:27-30; Galatians 5:16-24; John 8:1-11
Focal Passages: Matthew 5:27-30; Exodus 20:14; John 8:1-11

Perhaps a more accurate title for this lesson would be "Sexual Purity" since morality covers much more than this one area of life.



Tullock

Many people would like to confine the idea to such a narrow sense but, in reality, we are immoral in many ways, for to be moral is to do the right thing as opposed to what is wrong. One such example is how we treat our fellow human beings as objects to be manipulated like we would manipulate the steering wheel of a car. That is immoral. Sexual purity, then, is an aspect—granted a very important aspect—of the whole question of morality.

The commandment explained (Matt. 5:27-30)

Following Jesus' treatment of the question of murder and its causes, He next dealt with the problem of adultery. The rabbis usually interpreted the commandment as applying only to the actual act of adultery. In practical application, it was the woman who usually bore the brunt of punishment and shame since it was so much easier to prove her guilt than it was to prove the guilt of the man.

Jesus, however, puts the emphasis not only to the cause but also shifts the emphasis to man as the aggressor. To "look at a woman lustfully" (RSV) does not refer to the fleeting thought but means "with a view to lust after her," that is, with intentions of carrying out the thought if opportunity presents itself (Broadus). Such an attitude, if nourished, often results in the act itself. Jesus' shifting of the blame to the man is remarkable in a society where woman's lower position made it convenient to pass the blame to her since there was little she could do about it.

The sayings about cutting off the right hand (the most important hand) and plucking out the eye emphasize the need to use radical measures when dealing with this problem. When one's carelessness gets him so emotionally involved, the fire within is not easily quenched by the waters of cold reason. The safest thing to do is to quit looking before anything gets started.

The commandment stated (Ex. 20:14)

The commandment on adultery (Ex. 20:14) has behind it the principle of the sanctity of the family. As Jesus rightly pointed out, while the women bore the brunt of the commandment, the principle applies equally to both sexes.

In Israelite society, as in our own, the family was the foundation of the whole social system. That foundation was threatened because ex-

tramarital sexual acts were part and parcel of the worship of Israel's neighbors and thus held a great fascination for nominally religious Israelites.

For this reason, the seventh commandment was a beacon in a dark world proclaiming the sacredness of the marriage vows, calling for sexual purity in a time of sexual promiscuity. The matter was viewed in such serious light that death was the penalty for violating it (Lev. 18:20; Deut. 22:22; Matt. 5:27f).

The commandment applied (John 8:1-11)

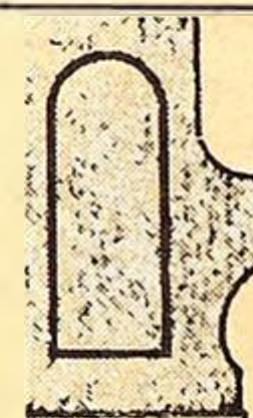
In applying the commandment in a specific situation, Jesus showed how human beings are of more value than the law. This did not mean that He took the law any less seriously. Rather, He meant that in applying the law, what is best for the human beings involved is more important than the letter of the law.

In this situation, Jesus' enemies were trying to trap Him by getting Him to say the woman should be put to death. Such a sentence could only be carried out by the Romans. Thus they were hoping to get Him in trouble with the woman authorities. On the other hand, to let her go would go against the law of Moses (John 8:1-5).

Jesus, however, refused to fall into their trap. Like a Roman judge writing down a sentence, Jesus wrote in the sand (Manson). Looking up, He called upon the sinless people among them to start stoning the woman (vs. 6-9). One by one they slipped away.

He did not let the woman go free, however. Instead, He warned her to sin no more. While He did not approve of her sin, His action shows that a live sinner has more potential for good than a dead sinner could have.

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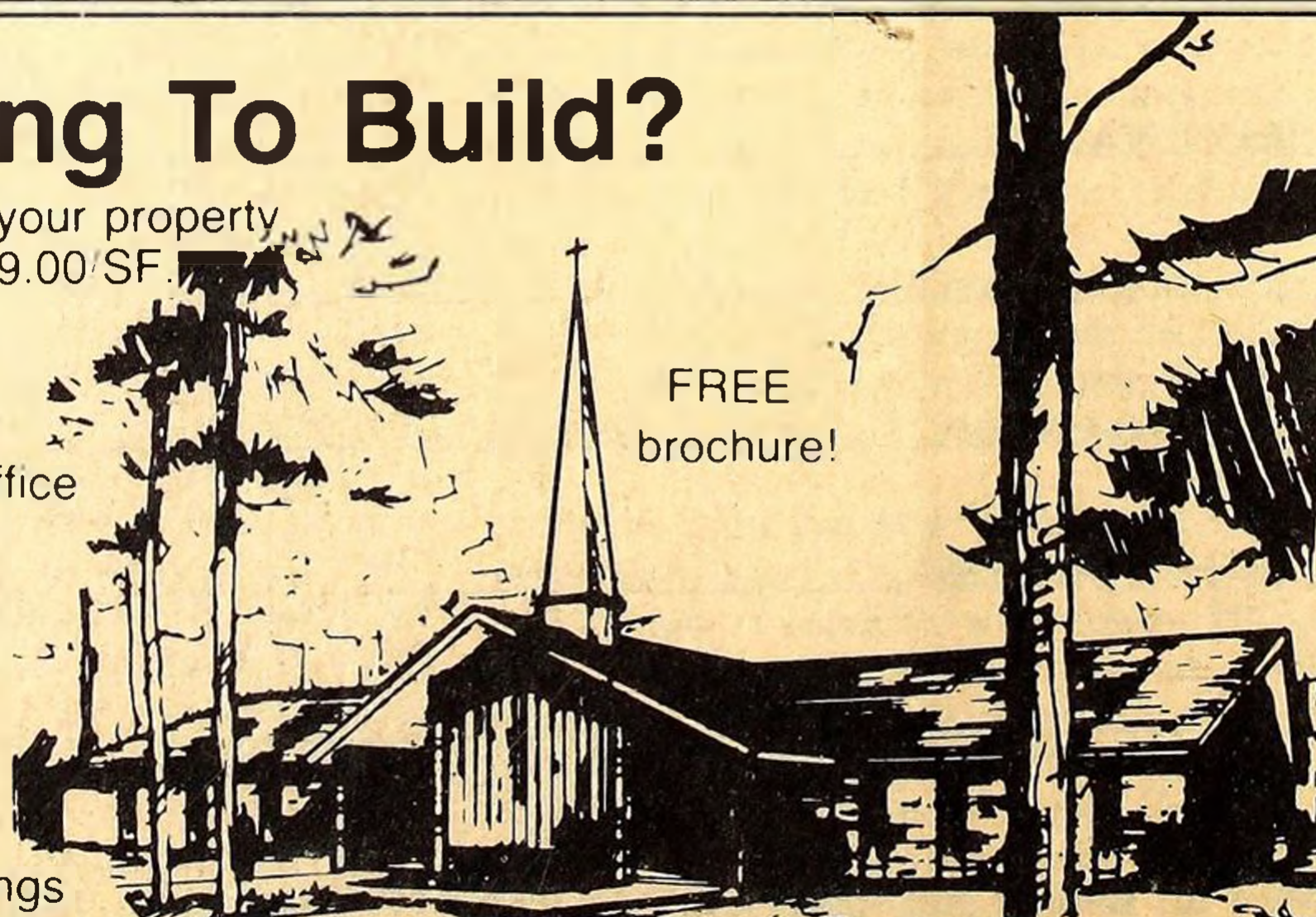
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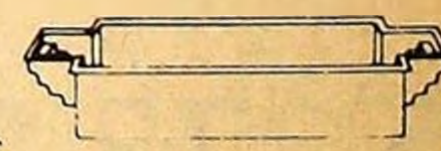
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All of grace

By William L. Swafford, pastor
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Basic Passage: Matthew 20:1-16
Focal Passage: Matthew 20:1-16

A young man said to me recently, "No one ever does anything for nothing. Take away the reward, and the action will cease." The young man's appraisal was too nearly true for comfort. "What's in it for me?" is a constant question in the minds of men.



Swafford

An astonishing proverb: (Matt. 19:30; 20:16)

Peter had asked Jesus, "Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have

therefore?" (Matt. 19:27). Jesus answered that His followers would be rewarded, but then added a principle in the form of a proverb, "But many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first" (Matt. 19:30). Seeking rewards in Kingdom service is the surest way not to get rewards. The parable of the laborers in the vineyard was told to illustrate the proverb as it bears on motive and attitude in the matter of rewards.

It is unfortunate that Stephen Langton back in 1228 made a chapter division of the text at this point because the parable begins with the word "for" and refers back to the statement of the proverb in 19:30. The parable ends with a restating of the principal introduced by the word "so," indicating that it proved the axiom (Matt. 20:16). The parable begins and ends with it.

Laborers for the harvest (Matt. 20:1-7)

It was late summer and the grapes were ripe. They had to be harvested immediately. The owner of the vineyard went to the marketplace where men were waiting to be employed. We are not told how many were employed nor whether all who were present and seeking employment were hired. It could well have been that the owner had an idea of how many laborers would be necessary for the harvest, hired them, set them to work, then realized as the day progressed that others were needed if the task were to be completed in time to preserve the grapes. He went back three times and hired more laborers; at nine o'clock, at noon, and at five o'clock.

The significant point is that an agreement was made to pay the first group of harvesters a specific sum of money for the day's work. We need not concern ourselves about the present-day equivalent of "a penny" (v. 2). The laborers were willing to accept the wage

as fair compensation for a regular twelve-hour work day, so it was undoubtedly as good or better than the going rate.

The statement "he had agreed with the laborers for a penny a day" (v. 2) seems to indicate that there might have been some bargaining between the owner and the laborers before they came to terms. That would add significance to the story by validating the owner's statement in v. 13, "Friend, I do thee no wrong: didst not thou agree with me for a penny?" The contract was kept to the letter.

An unusual pay day: (Matt. 20:8-10)

At the end of day, the owner had the laborers called together and told his steward, "Give them their hire, beginning from the last unto the first" (v. 8). The last ones hired had worked but an hour. To everyone's astonishment, they received exactly the same wage as the rest, even those who had worked twelve hours! The first ones hired "supposed that they should have received more, and they likewise received everyman a penny" (v. 10), fulfilling the original contract exactly—no more and no less.

But, "they murmured against the goodman of the house" (v. 10), blaming him, not for breach of contract, but for his generosity in making those who had worked only one, six, or nine hours "equal unto us, which have borne the burden and heat of the day" (v. 11). How easy it is for us to blame God for our misfortunes or for the good fortunes of others who seem to fare far better than us.

Lessons for today: (Matt. 20:11-15)

This parable teaches us several things about God. The first one is that He keeps His word and every follower of Christ can rejoice "in hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began" (Titus 1:2). Like the householder in the parable, He keeps His agreements.

He asked, "Didst not thou agree with me for a penny?" Each received his penny.

We are also taught that God often showers us with blessings which we do not deserve. That is God's grace. God does not deal with man on the basis of Justice, but mercy; or of works, but grace. Peter said, "Every man hath received the gift . . . the manifold grace of God" (I Peter 4:10). Were it not for God's grace, none of us could even exist, for truly, "In Him we live, and move and have our being" (Acts 17:28). A full day's pay was given to each laborer, not because he earned it, but because he needed it to feed and sustain himself and his family.

We are further taught that God does with

what is His, "The earth . . . and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein" (Psalm 24:1), is both incomprehensible to us and none of our business. With the householder, He can say, "Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own?" (v. 15). Who, then can argue with God's statement to Moses, "I . . . will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy" (Exodus 33:19).

Finally, we are taught that God does not honor a begrudging attitude. The householder in the parable bluntly dismissed those who murmured against him by saying, "Take that thine is, and go thy way" (v. 14), or as we might say it, "Take your pay and get." He intended to enter into no extensive discussion with the complainers. He flatly affirmed, "I will give unto this last, even as unto thee." Then he turned the intended complaint into a reprimand of the complainer, "Is thine eye evil, because I am good?" (v. 15). The term "evil eye" was used to describe envy or stinginess. Why should God's generosity evoke something as negative in us as envy, prejudice, or lack of compassion? It would seem to be an impossibility if we did not see it all about us, and sometimes even in us, every day! What a contrast is drawn between our begrudging spirit and God's magnanimous generosity!

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Church makes pledges for Bold Missions

PASCAGOULA, Miss.—Calvary Baptist Church, Pascagoula, pledged \$101,512 for Bold Mission Thrust at one Sunday evening service through a Mission's Challenge Campaign, a new effort designed by the Mississippi Baptist Stewardship staff.

Calvary is the first church in the Southern Baptist Convention to use this campaign procedure to raise money for home and foreign mission projects related to the Southern Baptist Bold Mission Thrust goal to present the gospel to every person in the world by the year 2000. The money will be divided evenly between the SBC Home and Foreign Mission Boards.

The fund-raising campaign provides for an extensive emphasis on missions education culminating in trained visitors going into every member's home, seeking a weekly commitment to the new church budget and further weekly commitment to Bold Mission Thrust. The budget commitment is for one year and the mission commitment is for three years.

"Any church in the nation can use this program successfully if we can here on the Mississippi Coast," said Calvary pastor Byron Mathis. The coast area has a very mobile population making it difficult for churches there to develop strong leaders who are permanent residents of the community.

In the last three years, Calvary Baptist Church has given a total of \$7,363.85 to home and foreign missions through the special annual offerings. In the next three years they will contribute over \$100,000. (BP)

National archivist group gives award to Lynn May

NASHVILLE—Lynn E. May Jr., executive director of the Southern Baptist Historical Commission, received a share of the Sister M. Claude Lane Award from the Society of American Archivists during its annual meeting in Nashville. The award is for the outstanding contribution in religious archives during the last year.

May, who has served as chairman of the religious archives section for the society, has been on the Historical Commission staff since 1956 and its director since 1971. (BP)

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