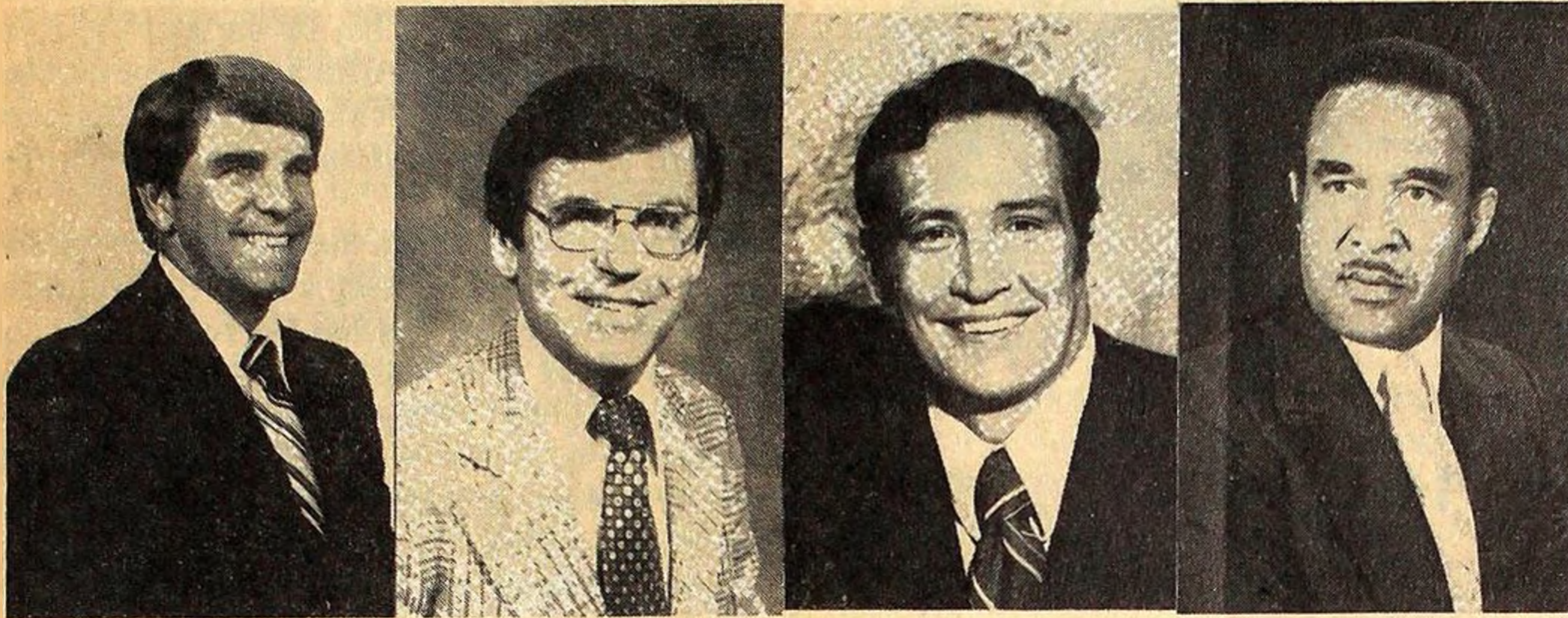


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## Speakers, musicians named for Pastor's Conference

Nine messages by Tennesseans will highlight the annual Tennessee Pastor's Conference which will meet Nov. 13 at Woodmont Church in Nashville, according to the program released last week by Bill N. Kennedy, conference president.

The first of three sessions will begin at 10:00 a.m. CST with the other sessions scheduled at 1:45 p.m. and 6:45 p.m.

Speakers will include five pastors, an evangelist, a director of missions, and a denominational executive.

Music for the one-day conference will be led by Don McCary, minister of music at Hixson's Central Church, where Kennedy is pastor.

At the Nov. 13 morning session, the pastors will hear Forrest Watkins, director of missions for Hamilton County Association, Chattanooga; Bill Bruster, pastor of Bearden's Central Church, Knoxville; and Jack May, pastor of Broadmoor Church, Memphis.

The afternoon session will hear messages by Adrian Rogers, pastor of Bellevue Church, Memphis; Jonas Stewart, executive secretary of the Tennessee Baptist Foundation, Brentwood; and Henry Linginfelter, evangelist from Alcoa.

The closing night session will feature messages by Virgil Caldwell, pastor of New Monumental Church, Chattanooga; Kennedy; and Rogers.

The election of officers for the 1979 Pastor's Conference will be held during the afternoon session, Kennedy said.

Special music for the three-session meeting will be provided by musical groups from Central Church, Hixson; First Church, Concord; School of Nursing at Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis; and by Marshall Vaughn of

Stone Mountain, Ga., and Dick Barrett of Beman, Ga.

In addition to Kennedy, other officers of the Pastors' Conference are vice-president, Joe Stacker, pastor of First Church, Concord; and secretary, Sidney Waits, pastor of Hickory Hills Church, Memphis.

## Four leadership conferences slated for association workers next week

The second annual Associational Leadership Conferences will be held in four locations throughout Tennessee next week, according to Tom Madden, director of the convention ministries division of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

The conferences are designed for the entire associational council. Special sessions will be held for associational clerks and directors or committee members for Brotherhood, BSU, church library, church music, church recreation, church training, evangelism, history, missions, stewardship, Sunday School, and WMU.

The conferences will be Oct. 30 at Central Church, Johnson City; Oct. 31 at First Church, Athens; Nov. 2 at West Jackson Church, Jackson; and Nov. 3 at Belmont Heights Church, Nashville.

The same schedule will be followed at each location.

The conferences will begin at 2:30 p.m. After a devotional by Ralph E. Norton, TBC executive secretary-treasurer, the group will

## HMB appoints 16, increases budget

ATLANTA—Sixteen new missionaries—three of whom have Tennessee backgrounds—were appointed last week as missionaries under the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Settle will serve in Richmond, Va., where he will direct Christian social ministries for the Richmond Baptist Association. He was minister of education and youth at First Church, Lebanon, during 1972-73.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Keaton of Mount Vernon, Ky., will serve in New England, where he will be a Spanish language catalytic missionary. He is a graduate of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City.

In addition to the nine career missionaries and seven missionary associates appointed, the board also approved nine mission pastors to receive church pastoral aid.

The HMB directors also approved a record \$32-million budget for 1979, representing a 14.4 percent increase.

break up into individual conferences at 3:00 p.m.

A banquet will be held at 5:30 p.m. Inspirational speaker at Johnson City and Athens will be Bernard Spooner, professor of administration at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, La. At the Jackson and Nashville banquets, the speaker will be Ron Lewis, consultant for new Sunday School work at the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

At 7:00 p.m., the conference attenders will go back to the individual conferences. The whole group will gather in the church auditorium at 7:45 p.m., with adjournment scheduled at 8:00 p.m.

Reservations for the banquet are being made through each associational office.

"We are grateful for the response to our first Associational Leadership Conferences which were held last year," Madden said. "We pray that the 1978 conferences will be even more fruitful and helpful for our associational leadership."





Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Starkey



Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hudson

## Hastey named chief of Washington BP

WASHINGTON—Stan L. Hastey has been appointed chief of the Washington bureau of Baptist Press, news service of the Southern Baptist Convention, succeeding W. Barry Garrett, who will take early retirement Nov. 1.

Hastey, appointed bureau chief by Baptist Press Director, W.C. Fields, in cooperation with James E. Wood Jr., of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, was also elected by the Baptist Joint Committee to succeed Garrett as director of information services for the agency.

Garrett, 63, served in the dual role for nearly 21 years in Washington, where he launched the first bureau for Baptist Press in 1958. The news service now has six bureaus working with its national office in Nashville, Tenn.

Hastey is a native of Oklahoma but was reared in Mexico as the son of Southern Baptist missionaries.

Since 1974, he has been the Supreme Court correspondent for Baptist Press. He also has served the Baptist Joint Committee since that time as assistant to the director of information services, associate director for denominational services, and managing editor of **Report from the Capital**, the Baptist Joint Committee's monthly publication. (BP)

## Retreat center to support Carson-Newman scholarship

Ellen Vincent, wife of the late Bert Vincent, recently presented to Carson-Newman College her husband's mountain retreat of Ninevah. The 40.5 acres are in Cocke County at the base of the Great Smokies.

The land eventually will be used to endow a scholarship as a memorial to Bert Vincent who wrote the "Strolling" Column in the **Knoxville News-Sentinel** for many years.

A bronze plaque identifying Vincent and the scholarship fund named in his memory will be placed in the Henderson Humanities Building at C-N. The scholarship will be awarded to students who are studying journalism and creative writing.

For many years the Vincents lived in Dandridge. Vincent died in September 1969.

## Bible Society publishes Navajo literacy gospels

NEW YORK—Highlights from the Gospel account of the life of Jesus have recently been published in the Navajo language by the American Bible Society.

The booklet "Jesus Be'iina' Baa Hane" (The Life of Jesus) consists of twenty passages selected from the four Gospels, and is illustrated with striking line drawings.

This Scripture is part of the Bible Society's "Good News for New Readers" program, which makes Scriptures available in nearly 300 languages to those who are just learning to read. The program introduces readers to the Word of God, beginning at a simplified reading level and gradually becoming more advanced.

# FMB appoints 5 Tennesseans

Five Southern Baptists with Tennessee connections were among the 45 new missionaries appointed by the Foreign Mission Board at its October meeting in Richmond, Va.



Loyce McBride

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Starkey will serve in Benin, Africa, where he will be a dentist and she will be involved in home and church work. Currently he is in private dental practice in Elizabethton.

They live in Johnson City, where they are members of Southwestern Church.

Although he was born in Minnesota, Starkey considers Memphis as his hometown. He is a graduate of the University of Tennessee Dental School, Memphis (now Center for Health Sciences). He also attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex.

Prior to going into private practice, he was a dentist with the Tennessee Health Department.

Mrs. Starkey is the former Pamela Russell of Pontotoc, Miss. She attended East Tennessee State University, Johnson City.

The Starkey family includes one infant daughter, Tricia Claire.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael D. Hudson were appointed to the Bahamas, where he will work in the field of music. Both attended Tennessee Temple College, Chattanooga.

Hudson was born in Port Huron, Mich. and is a graduate of Murray (Ky.) State University. He is currently enrolled at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. He is minister of music at Bethlehem Baptist Church and band director for Ninth and O Christian School, both in Louisville.

Mrs. Hudson is the former Gloria Durrett of Paducah, Ky. She has been kindergarten teacher and preschool coordinator for schools in Paducah and Louisville.

The Hudson family includes Matthew Thurman 9 and Andrea Jeannine 7.

Loyce McBride, a student at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., was appointed to serve as nurse at the Baptist hospital in Gaza.

A registered nurse, Miss McBride is a native of Memphis. She is a graduate of Belmont College, Nashville; Baptist Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, Memphis; and the University of Tennessee in Memphis.

She worked as a staff nurse for four years at Baptist Memorial Hospital.

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### 3 alumni honored at Carson-Newman

JEFFERSON CITY—Three graduates of Carson-Newman College were honored with Distinguished Alumni Awards Oct. 21 during homecoming festivities.

Dana X. Bible, a 1912 graduate, is a native of Jefferson City. He served as football coach at Brandon High School, Shelbyville (1912-1913), Mississippi College (1914-1915), Louisiana State University (1916), Texas A & M (1917-1928), University of Nebraska (1929-1936), and University of Texas (1937-1946). From 1947 to 1957 he was athletic director at Texas University.

Harry Bruce, Bethesda, Md., is executive director of the American Association of Dental Schools. He has held numerous posts of responsibility in the Tennessee Department of Public Health, as well as in Virginia and Georgia, and with the national Public Health Service. He is a native of Nashville.

Doyle Baird, a native of Jellico, has worked for National Student Ministries of the Baptist Sunday School Board since 1956. Currently, he is director of administration. Prior to joining the BSSB staff, he was a teacher, a coach, and a BSU director at North Texas State University.

## Three SBC agencies study needs for Spanish language materials

NASHVILLE—Representatives from three Southern Baptist agencies in a recent meeting here emphasized their commitment to work together to produce needed materials in Spanish for hispanic groups living in the United States.

Persons involved in language missions work from the Home Mission Board, Foreign Mission Board, and the Sunday School Board met for their first planning session to identify priority needs for materials.

"The Sunday School Board is ready to provide materials and to train leaders," said Robert G. Fulbright, director of the Bible teaching division.

He said first attention is being given to producing adult Sunday School materials and

## Judson Assn. re-elects Lampley moderator

Judson Association held its annual meeting recently and re-elected John A. Lampley, moderator, and Reese Cochran, vice moderator, and Ed C. Sullivan, clerk.

The messengers elected Mark Mangrum, a layman at Old New Hope Church as treasurer.

Lampley is pastor of Old New Hope Church. Cochran is pastor of New Hope Church, and Sullivan is a layman at Old New Hope Church.

Next year's meeting is scheduled to meet at Walnut Grove Church, Dickson, Oct. 5, 6, and 7.

# Income tax credits for tuition defeated as Congress closes

WASHINGTON—In an action hailed by opponents of tuition tax credits, Congress killed two last-minute efforts to enact such legislation before adjourning for the year.

Final defeat for the controversial proposal came on the last day of the 95th Congress as two conference committees, hoping to avoid President Carter's veto, refused to vote out tuition tax credits in the final versions of two separate bills.

James E. Wood, Jr., executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, praised the actions, noting that they came "in spite of mounting pressures for tax cuts, especially for 'middle class' Americans."

Rather than achieve significant tax relief for those who need it, tuition tax credits "would have provided multi-billion dollar subsidies for private and parochial elementary, secondary, and post secondary schools without restriction," said Wood, a leader of a broadly-based coalition opposing tax credits.

Earlier this year, both houses of Congress passed different versions of the tuition tax

credit measure. On June 1, the House of Representatives approved a bill providing for tax credits both for college tuition and tuition paid to nonpublic elementary and secondary schools. The Senate adopted a measure Aug. 15 approving college credits but rejecting the benefit for parents of elementary and secondary pupils attending parochial schools.

The actions marked a reversal in Congress' past performances with similar proposals. Six times previously the Senate had approved tuition tax credits for all levels, while the House, in each instance, rejected the proposals across the board.

This year's defeat of tuition tax credit proposals actually came in two installments as proponents of the measure pulled out all legislative stops in the waning moments of the 95th Congress.

The main vehicle for the bill, HR 12050, sent to a conference committee after the Senate's Aug. 15 approval, never made it back to the floor of either house before Congress adjourned Oct. 15, following a marathon 34-hour session.

Meanwhile, the Senate approved a move by Sen. Bob Packwood, attaching the college tuition tax credit to the much larger tax cut bill. Once again, that portion of the tax cut bill never came back to the floor out of another Senate-House conference committee.

Sen. Russell Long, according to a reliable congressional source, was the key figure in killing tuition tax credit. Long reportedly warned conferees that President Carter would stand by his threat to veto both the tuition tax credit measure and the tax cut bill itself if Congress insisted on including the credit in the larger bill.

Both Carter and Health, Education, and Welfare Secretary Joseph A. Califano had warned repeatedly that the president would veto tuition tax credits for both constitutional and fiscal reasons. (BP)

## Weakley Assn. names Dwayne Ervin moderator

Weakley Association held its annual meeting Oct. 9 and 10 at Ralston and Sidonia Churches. Dwayne Ervin, pastor of Old Bethel Church, was elected moderator. He succeeds Mike Davis, pastor of First Church, Dresden.

Mrs. Jerry Seamans, a member of Jolley Springs Church, was re-elected clerk and treasurer.

Wendell Walker, pastor of Long Heights Church, McKenzie, led his congregation in applying for membership into the association.

Davis Memorial Church, Dresden, will host next year's meeting on Oct. 15, and Bethlehem Church, Greenfield, will serve as host on Oct. 16.

## Pruden Church calls pastor

William Ray Gott, a student at Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, Ky., has been called as pastor of First Church, Pruden, in Campbell County Association. He succeeds Jim Morning who resigned earlier this year.

Gott, who has been serving the Pruden Church as youth director was ordained by the church Oct. 15. Billy Joe Gott, pastor of Mooresville Baptist Church, Mooresville, Ind., and father of William Ray, delivered the ordination message.

Gott is married and has two children.



# Our People and Our Churches . . .

## PEOPLE . . .

Friendship Church ordained **Tommy Dye** to the gospel ministry Oct. 1. Friendship Church has called **Dye** as pastor, and Edgemont Church sponsored the ordination. Both churches are in New Duck River Association.

**Andrew Hobart Taylor** of Scottsville, Ky. father of **Wilbert Taylor**, pastor of Barton's Creek Church, Lebanon, and **Delbert Taylor**, a deacon in First Church, Tullahoma, died Sept. 26 at **Delbert's** home. Other survivors included two daughters, **Tula Byrn**, Nashville, and **Loretta Fant**, Brawley Calif.

**Miss Kathleen Manley**, a missionary nurse to Nigeria for 19 years had satisfactory hip replacement surgery on both legs at Baptist Hospital, Nashville, Oct. 9. She also served as a nurse on Carson-Newman College campus for 19 years prior to her retirement in 1971. She resides in Jefferson City.

Bethel View Church, Bristol, observed Pastor **Warren G. Johnson's** 21st year and the 21st anniversary of the church. He was surprised with a "This is Your Life" program, and he and **Mrs. Johnson** were presented a trip to the Holy Land.

**Ron Dozier** was ordained as a deacon by Sharon Church, Knoxville Oct. 8. **James E. Robertson** is pastor.

Short Creek Church, Christiana, ordained **Lillard Thomas** as a deacon recently. **Kenneth Neill** is pastor.

First Church, Shelbyville ordained **Newt Parsons** as a deacon. **E. B. Bowen**, executive director-treasurer, Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes, is interim pastor.

**Dave Luttrell** was ordained as a deacon at Mars Hill Church, Lynnville, **Levern Douglas**, pastor.

## REVIVALS . . .

Rover Church, New Duck River Association, was led in revival services by **Joe McGehee**, pastor of First Church, Lewisburg, Oct. 4-8. **Pam Williams**, choir director at the Rover Church, led the music. There was one profession of faith and two rededications. **David Wall** is pastor.

**Bill Sherman**, pastor of Woodmont Church, Nashville, did the preaching in revival services at First Church, Greenbrier Oct. 8-11. **Don Edmondson**, minister of music at the Springfield Church, led the music. There were two professions of faith. **Dennis R. Plank** is pastor.

## LEADERSHIP . . .

**J. Hugh Pendergrass** has resigned as pastor of Charity Church, New Duck River Association.

**Luell Smith**, associational Church Training consultant at the Baptist Sunday School Board, is serving as interim minister of music at First Church, Greenbrier. **Dennis R. Plank** is pastor.

After more than 11½ years as associate minister and minister of music at First Church, Knoxville, **Carl Perry** has announced his resignation. **Douglas Waterson** is pastor.

**Allen Brown** has resigned as pastor of Shady Grove Church, New Western District Association.

**Ronnie Lemmons** has resigned as music director and interim pastor of Longview Church, Bell Buckle, to become associate pastor and director of music at Eastview Church, Shelbyville.

Cedar Grove Church, Lebanon, has called **Terry Fesler** as pastor. He has been serving the church as interim pastor for several months.

**W. C. Carlton** is the new pastor of Flewellyn Church, Robertson County Association. He resigned as pastor of Macedonia Church, Wilson County Association, Oct. 8 to accept his new post.

**W. D. Burke** is serving as interim pastor of Cordova Church, Shelby County Association. He retired last March after 11½ years as pastor of Summer Avenue Church, Memphis.

**Wade Kelly** is the new pastor of Bible Union Church, Martin. He resigned as pastor of Concord Church, McKenzie, to accept his new post.

**Floyd Mooney**, a Carson-Newman College student from South Dakota, has been called as interim pastor of Nance's Grove Church, Jefferson County Association.

**Allen F. Harrod**, who has served as pastor of First Church, Jellico, for the past four years, resigned effective Oct. 2 to become pastor of Lebanon Church, Lebanon, Ky.

## IRS to hold public hearing Dec. 5 on private school tax exemption

WASHINGTON—Responding to pressure brought by the religious community, the Internal Revenue Service will hold a public hearing on a controversial proposed rule requiring certain religious schools to prove they do not engage in racial discrimination in their admissions policies or face the loss of tax exemption.

IRS Commissioner **Jerome Kurtz** announced the Dec. 5 hearing two months after the original notice of the proposed revenue ruling was issued in the **Federal Register**. The IRS decision came in the wake of pressure by a number of religious groups, including the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

In a written statement to IRS, **James E. Wood Jr.**, executive director of the Washington-based Baptist agency, declared that although his organization would "normally . . . commend well-intentioned efforts by government to eliminate racial segregation in education," application of the proposed rules "would be a direct affront to the religion clauses of the First Amendment."

**Kurtz's** original notice in the **Federal Register** indicated the proposed new rules were not sufficiently important to require a public hearing, but the IRS announced its reversed decision Oct. 18.

The proposed rules apply primarily to non-public elementary and secondary schools, although IRS said that in appropriate cases they also may be applied to private colleges and

universities.

The purposed rules would apply to schools which have been held by a court or government agency to be racially discriminatory and to those which have "an insignificant number of minority students and were formed or substantially expanded at or about the time of desegregation of the public schools in the community."

**Wood's** statement to IRS also objected to the federal agency's failure to distinguish between the churches of hierarchical and congregational forms of church polity as "legally untenable." He said the proposed rules, by applying identical criteria to both types of churches and their agencies, "provide for a preferential treatment of hierarchical church organization as opposed to congregational church organization."

"Each religious institution must be treated individually rather than grouped as a class," he declared.

**John W. Baker** of the Baptist Joint Committee staff, said one of the most objectionable features of the proposed rules is the requirement that such schools prove to IRS that they are not discriminatory.

**Baker** said that in a court of law or a hearing "It's almost impossible to prove a negative." Any private school required to prove that it does not discriminate on the basis of race as provided by the proposed rules "would be hard pressed to do so," **Baker** said. (BP)



## SBC leaders protest new Vatican envoy

WASHINGTON—President Carter's decision to appoint former New York City Mayor Robert Wagner as his new personal representative to the Vatican was criticized by James E. Wood Jr., executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, and by Southern Baptist Convention President Jimmy R. Allen.

Wood expressed "profound disappointment" in Carter. In September, Wood asked the president not to name a replacement to David M. Walters, who left the Vatican post shortly after the death of Pope Paul VI.

The Baptist Joint Committee protested Walters' appointment as one showing "preferential treatment" to the Roman Catholic Church. The Baptist agency in Washington has for 30 years consistently opposed any official diplomatic ties with the Roman Catholic Church or any other religious group.

Wood told the president in a September letter that the Vatican appointment is "unnecessary" and that it amounts to establishment of "official diplomatic relations between the U.S. government and the Roman Catholic Church."

In San Antonio, Texas, where Allen serves as pastor of First Baptist Church, the Southern Baptist Convention president expressed his continuing belief that the practice of sending an envoy to the Vatican is "unconstitutional and unwise."

"Adequate communication on important issues," Allen declared, "has been and can be established without an official representative in the Vatican."

Wagner, New York's mayor, 1954 to 1965, like his predecessor, is a Roman Catholic. He and Walters are the first two Catholics to serve in the post. The practice of sending presidential envoys to Vatican City began in 1939.

Wagner is an attorney with a private practice in New York City. He reportedly expects to maintain that practice without interruption. In recent years, the Vatican envoy has made two or three trips to Rome annually, discharging mainly ceremonial functions. The post is unpaid, although some Americans assigned to the embassy in Rome work for the envoy. (BP)

## SEBTS trustees elect former C-N professor

WAKE FOREST, N.C.—Trustees of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary approved a \$3.5-million capital endowment campaign and elected a former Tennessean as professor of Old Testament interpretation at their semi-annual meeting.

Money from the capital endowment campaign will go to re-cycle the 145-year-old campus, provide married student housing, and add to the school's endowment. Southeastern occupies the campus which formerly housed Wake Forest College.

Ben. F. Philbeck, currently professor at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., was named professor of Old Testament interpretation. (BP)

## Missionaries return to Beirut; city reported relatively quiet

BEIRUT, Lebanon—Five Southern Baptist missionary personnel who evacuated to Jordan during the recent intense fighting in Beirut have returned, as the battle-worn city once again has become relatively quiet.

Back in Beirut are the Mack L. Sacco family, the James P. Craigmyles, and Russell Wayne Futrell, a missionary journeyman. The Tome R. Hayes family and the J. Wayne Fullers, who left Oct. 15, remain outside the country. Another missionary family may decide to leave if the American school which their children attend does not reopen.

## Soviet Baptist faces longer imprisonment

WASHINGTON—Peter Vins, currently serving a one-year term in a Soviet labor camp, may face seven years imprisonment and five years of internal exile, according to a report from the Centre for the Study of Religion and Communism at Keston, England.

Vins, a dissident Baptist, is in a labor camp in Western Ukraine serving a sentence for "parasitism." The reason for the threatened additional punishment is that he allegedly distributed anti-Soviet propaganda in the camp.

Keston received the report from Igor Pomerantsev, a close friend of Vins, who has recently emigrated from the USSR. He also said that Vins has declared a hunger strike, which would place his life in danger, since he suffers from a stomach disorder and has had a part of his intestines removed.

He is the son of Georgi Vins, another imprisoned dissident Baptist leader.

The Centre for the Study of Religion and Communism has also reported several other recent cases of official discrimination against Soviet Baptists.

Lyubov Sergeeva joined an unregistered Baptist church after her marriage. Her husband sued for divorce on grounds that her religious views were incompatible with his non-religious stance. He then gained custody of their children. She now claims that he is not caring properly for the children but has been unable to get a reversal of the court decision.

In another case, the centre reported that a former Communist Party secretary, Vladimir Denkovich, who was converted and became a Baptist, was sent to a psychiatric hospital for observation because he was "dissatisfied with Soviet power."

The son of a Baptist prisoner, Viktor Dubovik, was beaten up at school by an older pupil and spent over two weeks in the hospital as a result. Prior to this incident, two anti-religious lectures had been given at the school in which Dubovik was specifically attacked. Dubovik was later removed from his labor camp and sent to an unknown destination for internal exile. (BP)

In a telephone conversation with J. D. Hughey, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's area secretary for Europe, the Middle East and South Asia, Fuller said the 11 missionaries who remained in the country were unharmed but had been confined to their homes several times.

In a letter to her daughter in the United States, Anne Hutchison McConnell, a volunteer teacher who was among those who remained in Beirut, reported periodic loss of electricity and water service. Mrs. McConnell said she slept several nights in the interior hall away from the possible path of stray bullets and broken glass.

No property damage was reported to Baptist churches but the home of one Baptist family, Mr. and Mrs. Peter J. Manoogian, was hit. Thousands are homeless from the fighting. Baptist relief efforts include distribution of food and other necessities along with rebuilding homes. (BP)

## Allen urges prayer for Mideast talks

WASHINGTON—Jimmy R. Allen, summoned to the White House to witness the ceremonial opening to the new phase of Israeli-Egyptian peace talks, called on Southern Baptists to redouble their prayer efforts for peace in the Middle East.

The Southern Baptist Convention president said President Jimmy Carter wrote him, following his recent appeal for Southern Baptists to pray for the success of the Camp David summit, thanking him for the support. President Carter asked for continued prayer as the implementation of the proposed peace settlement progresses.

Recalling the widespread sense among many Americans of all religious faiths that prayers were answered in the dramatic announcement following Camp David, Allen declared, "The most crucial time . . . for that prayer intercession is now."

"People of faith with a yearning for peace need to pray for a moving of God to bring about the day of 'swords into plowshares' in the Middle East," the San Antonio pastor continued.

Carter alluded to the role of prayer in his remarks opening the new talks in the East Room of the White House. Representatives of the Muslim, Jewish, and Christian faiths were present, along with the official diplomatic delegations from the summit meeting nations—Egypt, Israel and the United States.

Washington observers consider the new talks as a major challenge to the eventual implementation of the broad peace plan announced dramatically at the conclusion of the Camp David meetings. (BP)



# Seminary Extension reports 20 percent enrollment gains

NASHVILLE—More than 10,000 persons studied Southern Baptist Seminary Extension curriculum during 1977-78, a jump of almost 20 percent over the previous year and a 100 percent increase since 1972-73.

Record high statistics, reflected in all categories in the year-end report just released by the Nashville-based Seminary Extension Department, showed 10,477 students enrolled in one or more of the theologically-oriented courses offered by the department, compared to 8,777 the year before and 4,933 five years earlier. The number of Seminary Extension centers reported reached 340, exceeding the previous record of 328.

Operated as an arm of the six Southern Baptist theological seminaries, Seminary Extension provides pastors and lay church leaders with opportunities to continue their education for ministry. Students may choose from more than 40 college-level courses, 15 simplified courses, and a variety of informal personal

study programs.

In 1977-78, the department, working with Baptist associations and other local groups to provide theological education, enrolled 8,352 persons in centers and 2,125 through its Home Study Institute. Seminary Extension operated centers in 39 states last year and enrolled home study students from 48 states. Additional enrollments came from the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and 21 foreign countries.

North Carolina continued to lead all other state Baptist conventions during 1977-78 in its number of centers and students. Sixty-one centers operated in the state last year, with 1,944 students, and another 129 enrolled in home study.

Florida experienced the most dramatic growth of any state in its Seminary Extension work. The number of centers in Florida doubled, going from 13 to 26. The number of students jumped from 378 to 941.

Raymond M. Rigdon, department director, noted that the growth in Seminary Extension enrollment corresponds with an upward trend in all of Southern Baptists' theological institutions. "It also is in line with the spiraling interest in adult continuing education in all fields throughout the United States," he added.

"Many of our students have never been able to participate in a resident program at one of our seminaries," Rigdon said, "but Seminary Extension's learning resources help them to better equip themselves for a more effective ministry." (BP)

## Medlings to retire in native Tennessee

Mr. and Mrs. William R. Medling, Southern Baptist missionaries to Okinawa, have arrived in Tennessee for furlough and retirement. Their new address will be 2116 Belmont Dr., Clarksville 37040.

In 1946, the Medlings were among the first missionaries appointed to Japan after the end of World War II. They served in Japan until 1965, when they transferred to Okinawa.

He was born of missionary parents in Japan and spent his early years there. Upon the death of his father, the family moved to Jackson, where he graduated from Union University.

Mrs. Medling is the former Louise Gulley of Whitesburg. She is a graduate of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City.

Both are graduates of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

## Three seminars scheduled on senior adult ministry

NASHVILLE—The senior adult ministry section at the Sunday School Board will direct three regional seminars on effective ministry with older persons next year in Dallas, Nashville, and Long Beach, Calif.

The Sunday School Board's Church Program Training Center will host the Nashville seminar, March 12-16.

The seminars are designed for church staff persons and lay workers with senior adults. The purpose of the meetings is to study the aging process and identify ways to meet needs, organize a church ministry, and build relationships with other community agencies involved in senior adult ministry.

Pre-registration is required from Gary Hauk, Baptist Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Avenue North, Nashville, TN 37234.

## Kentucky judge denies state's right to regulate non-public education

FRANKFORT, Ky.—A Kentucky judge's ruling that private Christian schools can operate without state regulation has heartened a group fighting a similar battle in North Carolina.

In Kentucky, Franklin Circuit Court Judge Henry Meigs ruled that state regulation of private Christian schools, except for adherence to minimum fire, health, safety, and attendance requirements, violates the Kentucky and U.S. constitutional provisions guaranteeing freedom of religion.

William Ball of Harrisburg, Pa., attorney for 63 Christian schools which refuse to accept

## Alfred Washburn to coordinate music program at Golden Gate

MILL VALLEY, Calif.—S. Alfred Washburn, associate professor of church music and organ at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, will join the Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary Jan. 1, as associate professor of church music and coordinate the total church music program.

Washburn lived in Nashville when he worked at the Sunday School board as editor of beginner and primary music materials. (BP)

## Court declines review of obscenity standard

WASHINGTON—Over the objections of three justices, the U. S. Supreme Court declined to disturb the convictions of four men in three states found guilty of violating obscenity laws.

But the court agreed to decide if state laws giving blanket preference to veterans in hiring plans violates constitutional rights of women passed over for civil service jobs.

It also agreed to decide if a Georgia law which allows the mother but not the father of an illegitimate child to sue for damages in the event of the child's "wrongful" death amounts to illegal sex discrimination.

Two of the obscenity cases denied by the high court came on appeal from Georgia, with the other two coming from Massachusetts and New Jersey.

In denying the appeals, the court seemed to signal its unwillingness for now to take on a multitude of court challenges to its 1973 "community standards" rule which has controlled obscenity cases for the past five years. The 1973 ruling declared that local communities must determine for themselves what constitutes obscenity for their own citizens.

Since then the high court has refused repeatedly to accept cases challenging that ruling and asking the justices to establish a more uniform national standard.

The three dissenting justices—William J. Brennan Jr., Potter Stewart, and Thurgood Marshall—announced that in all four cases they would have reversed the convictions. The three have consistently criticized the court majority's obscenity stance. (BP)

regulation by the North Carolina Board of Education, says the two cases are "absolutely parallel."

"I'm most encouraged," Ball said about the Kentucky decision. "It is the third state where a court of statewide jurisdiction has upheld the rights of Christian parents against undue regulation by the state." Courts in Ohio and Vermont have similarly ruled.

The Kentucky judge's decision will be appealed and James B. Graham, superintendent of public instruction, predicted the issue "could go all the way to the U. S. Supreme Court."

In North Carolina, Judge Donnie L. Smith ruled the state has a legitimate duty to require reports from church-related and other private schools to ensure that all students, wherever they go to school, receive a competent education. Ball's group is appealing.

The ruling judge in Kentucky said the state's imposition of textbook and teacher certification requirements on the private Christian schools denied free exercise of religion. He added the educational product of the Christian schools was equal or better without state regulation. (BP)



## SBC hotels in Houston said 40 percent full

NASHVILLE—Over 40 percent of about 6,500 rooms available in 34 hotels under contract for the 1979 Southern Baptist Convention in Houston are already full, according to convention manager, Tim Hedquist.

Hedquist, assistant to the treasurer and director of financial planning for the SBC Executive Committee, said nine of the 34 are already completely full. Most reservations have been made by individuals, he added, noting that no more block reservations are available in the hotels.

The full hotels are the Allen Park Inn; Albert Pick Motor Inn; Executive Red Carpet Inn; Holiday Inn—Central; La Quinta Inn—Greenway Plaza; Ramada Inn—Greenway Plaza; Stouffer's—Greenway Plaza; Travelodge Tower; and Holiday Inn—West Loop.

The local arrangements committee, Hedquist said, is making arrangements for adequate bus transportation to the hotels, all within four miles of The Summit.

He urged Southern Baptists wishing adequate accommodations to contact their state Baptist executive secretary or the housing information office at the Executive Committee for the computer forms necessary to process room applications. Forms will also be available in the Nov. 1978 issue of *The Baptist Program*.

The Houston Housing Bureau, he said, will not take reservations by telephone. (BP)

## Haywood Association elects new officers

H. K. Sorrell, pastor, Brownsville Church, was elected moderator of Haywood Association. He succeeds Judge B. W. Cobb, layman of Zion Church. Bennie Morrison, layman of Harmony Church, was elected vice moderator.

Other officers re-elected were J. T. Newsom, layman of Harmony Church, and Mrs. J. C. Williams, clerk. She is a member of the Brownsville church.

Time and place of next year's annual meeting is Oct. 9, at Holly Grove Church.

## Carlos Owens elected officer for Tanzania Baptist work

Carlos R. Owens, a native of Tennessee, has been elected as assistant administrator of the Baptist Mission of Tanzania (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries) at the group's first annual meeting. Until last year, the mission was part of the Baptist Mission of East Africa.

Owens was born in Henry County. Before he was appointed by the SBC Foreign Mission Board in 1957, he was pastor of First Church, Dover; Bird's Creek Church, Whitlock; Friendship Church, Paris; and New Bethel Church, Paris.



**SOUTHWESTERN**—Some of the 168 Tennesseans who are students at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., on the steps of Truett Auditorium. The total fall enrollment at SWBTS is 3,447.

## Southern Baptist missionaries to begin new work on Mauritius

**RICHMOND, Va.**—Southern Baptists will begin work on Mauritius, a 720-square-mile island in the Indian Ocean, 500 miles east of Madagascar, but suspend work in the Seychelles.

Mauritius will be part of the new Indian Ocean Islands Mission, approved by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board at its October meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Norman W. Wood, will transfer from Zambia to Mauritius, where he will coordinate the use of Southern Baptist volunteers in community service work requested by the government.

The new mission field will be Southern Baptists' 93rd, but the total may stand at that mark only a few months. On Jan. 1 the board will suspend work in the Seychelles, another In-

dian Ocean island group where Southern Baptist missionaries worked for a year on a special arrangement with the government. Unless another new country or territory is entered before that date, the mission fields total will drop back to 92.

Although the door will be left open for future government requests for missionaries to work in the Seychelles, the missionaries who have served there now will transfer to other areas.

Mr. and Mrs. William P. Steeger began work in the Seychelles in August 1977 and served there for a year, teaching in a secondary school and conducting Bible studies for young people in their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond V. Lindholm, formerly missionaries to Ethiopia, joined the Steegers in the Seychelles earlier this year, but transferred to Rwanda when a contract to establish a community center was denied.

In Mauritius, missionary Wood will offer the volunteer service of Christian specialists provided through the Foreign Mission Board to do community service projects requested by the government. He also will work with the Chinese Baptist Fellowship on the island and investigate the possibility of other mission-sponsored activities. Initially, he received a one-year residence permit, normal procedure for new persons entering the islands, a part of the British Commonwealth.

Mrs. Wood will do home and church work but anticipates a possible assignment in community development activities.

Though the large Indian population of the island is Hindu and Muslim, the remaining African, European, Malagasy, and Chinese populations are primarily Christian. (BP)

## Lee memorial services held at Florida school

Memorial services were held Oct. 6 at Baptist Bible Institute, Graceland, Fla. Approximately 500 attended the service which was held in the school's chapel which bears Lee's name.

Lee was instrumental through his fund-raising efforts in the construction of the chapel.

Speaker for the event was Padgett Cope, pastor of Ruhama Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala. During the service, several taped excerpts from Lee's sermons were played. A portrait of Lee was presented to the school.

Lee died in July at the age of 91. He was recognized as one of the most outstanding preachers among Southern Baptists.



## Motels available for Tennessee Baptist Convention, Woodmont Church, Nashville, Nov. 14-16

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Tudor Inn-Downtown	810 Jas. Robertson Pkwy.	244-8970
Tudor Inn-Spence Ln.	714 Spence Ln.	254-9592

(WMU Headquarters Motel will be Admiral Benbow Inn, 823 Murfreesboro Rd. Reservations available until Oct. 29, after which rooms will be turned back to the motel.)

### Devotional

## Dreaming a dream

By Richard D. Patton

Genesis 37:5 begins by saying, "And Joseph dreamed a dream." Joseph was a dreamer whose dreams frequently got him in trouble.



Patton

Joseph made the mistake of telling his brothers of a dream he had, and they sold him as a slave. Later, while a prisoner in Pharaoh's prison, Joseph's ability to interpret a dream made him a powerful man in Egypt.

Most of us are dreamers to some extent. Most people

keep their dreams to themselves, but some men share their dreams and many profit from them.

In 1974 the Southern Baptist Convention called into being a Mission Challenge Committee, chaired by Dr. Warren Hultgren. He and the members of the committee reported to the Southern Baptist Convention in 1976, during the annual meeting in Norfolk, VA.

Their report consisted of fifteen specific recommendations for the involvement of every convention agency in a great mission program. Their thoughts, or dreams, if you would, have become a reality in which we Southern Baptists are now involved. Bold Mission Thrust is no longer in the "dream" stage; it is a reality of mission adventure of which we are a part.

Being a part of such a great mission undertaking may indeed get some of us in trouble, even as Joseph's dreams got him in trouble.

The challenge of Bold Missions has been extended. If we are to meet the challenge, if Bold Missions is to become more than a dream, then we must believe it is God's plan for us, and we must be bold in our involvement in it.

Allow me to suggest three areas in which our involvement in Bold Missions must be more than a dream. If Bold Mission Thrust is to get off the "dream launching pad," we must be boldly involved in three areas.

First, we must demonstrate boldness in growing. The challenge is to increase Bible study by 12 per cent and to gain five thousand eight hundred new churches by 1982.

Secondly, there must be boldness in our "going." The need is for a thousand career missionaries now, and five thousand Mission Service Corps volunteers. There is also a need for a hundred thousand short term volunteers.

And last, there must be boldness in giving. As everything else has gone up, even dreams cost more in our day. Southern Baptists need to increase giving in order to meet the needs of people around the world.

Each of us can help. Let Bold Missions become your dream for Southern Baptists.

Patton is pastor of First Church, Portland.



## Cicero's comment

By the editor



"Cicero, I have come to inform you that I have assumed the position of **doctrinal reader of the Baptist and Reflector**," announced **B. Twen Lyons**, pastor of **Hair Split Baptist Church**.

"What do you plan to do?" Cicero asked.

"I intend to read every word and inference in every issue to see if your paper is doctrinally sound and adheres to my Scriptural interpretations," Lyons roared. "Any deviations will demand immediate judgment."

Cicero allowed that there are already at least 79,000 such examiners.

"That may be true," growled Lyons, "but none of these have my ability to be '**King of the Jargon**.' My first complaint is that I did not find a notary-attested declaration in last week's issue that the editor personally believes the Baptist Faith and Message statement."

Thumbing through the issue, Cicero agreed this was missing, but added, "Did you see anything that implies that the editor has changed his beliefs?"

"Not specifically, but from time to time I read quotations or articles about events with which I don't totally agree."

Cicero nodded, "But this is a **news publication**. We report **what is happening**. Just because I print an article that someone has died, it doesn't mean that I **wanted** him to die—or that I **killed him!**," I explained.

B. Twen Lyons then proceeded to outline his next proposal. "I believe you should increase your staff, so that you could put a reporter in every classroom on all our Tennessee Baptist schools and SBC seminaries to report each week **everything** that is being taught. You could assign members of your staff to read **all** 318 quarterlies and publications of the Sunday School Board to tell us everything that is being written.

Lyons continued, "Next, you could hire additional reporters to cover every Sunday School class and preaching service in **all** 2,700 Tennessee churches to make sure that true Baptist doctrine is being taught and preached."

"Wow, that's quite a staff!," Cicero calculated.

"And, you could buy lie detectors and hire polygraph experts to examine every pastor, church staff member, deacon, Sunday School teacher, director of missions, college professor, state convention and SBC employee to determine if they really believe the Baptist Faith and Message statement," Lyons noted. "Then, there are 977,000 church members. . ."

## 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.

### Researcher responds

Dear editor:

I authored the report on the survey of women employees to which you referred in your Oct. 5 editorial. As I went to the "unscheduled meeting," I was apprehensive that I would be meeting with a group of "radicals"—but they weren't. They raised the type of questions that showed that they were knowledgeable of the elements that constitute good research. We discussed design and analysis topics; such as, purpose, survey population, time frame, and analytical limitations. Once these were explained, the group seemed satisfied.

The later requests that the research not be made public probably had their roots in two issues: (1) the false impression held by some that the research applied to all women in SBC life rather than exclusively to women employed by SBC agencies; (2) a vocal minority that felt a "graying bureaucrat" was trying to say there is no sex-bias in SBC life.

I doubt that any of this latter group was present at the special dialogue. There is a strong sex-bias in SBC life; however, this research project seemed to indicate that the women employed at SBC agencies resent more strongly a dead-end employment structure which says, "once a typist, always a typist."

I was especially pleased to have become acquainted with at least five very articulate young ladies (who attended the caucus) who are becoming excellent researchers. I hope such ill-timed labels as "radicals" will not deter their honest pursuit of a legitimate ministry within the Southern Baptist Convention.

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I attended the "unscheduled meeting" which challenged the survey. Although many of the

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questions concerned the method of the survey, there were some who declared that the results were not true, regardless of the methods used. (editor)

### America's course?

"Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people" (Prov. 14:34). Which course is America taking? The righteous are losing their Christian influence; the wicked are getting stronger. Our politicians ignore the wishes of the American people.

The Panama Canal was given away in spite of public opinion.

The immoral, Satan-inspired Equal Rights Amendment extension was passed over majority public opinion.

Satan was the winner. All of the American people are the losers. No nation can continue to sin and escape the wrath of God.

The leaders of a nation determine its destiny. This is so true today. If the Christian people, who are the salt of the earth, do not take a stand for righteousness, America is doomed. Joshua said, "But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15b).

As a Christian, what is your decision and plan of action for America's future?

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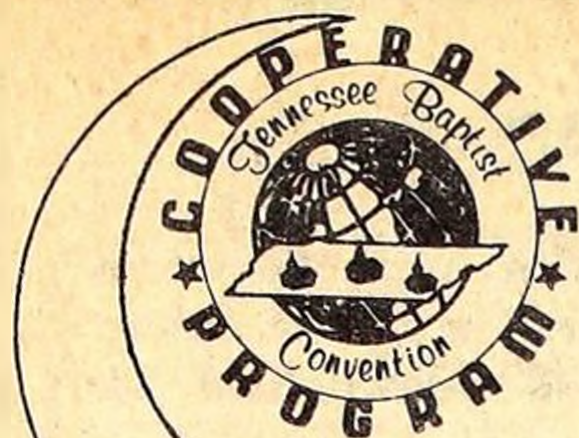


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## Resort Ministries

Resort ministries is a part of Bold Mission Thrust in Tennessee through the missions department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, Leslie Baumgartner, director.

According to Paul Hall, associate in the department, there were 23 student summer missionaries working in various state and national parks across the state during the past summer.

Outstanding accomplishments were achieved at Gatlinburg where 13 innovators, one sojourner, and three student summer missionaries were serving. An estimated 18,000 people attended worship services and other programs in 10 camping areas, active street ministries, and an on-going coffee house ministry. As a result of these ministries, 101 people accepted Jesus Christ as personal Lord and Saviour.

Resort missions ministries are a joint work of the state convention and the Home Mission Board. The program is funded through the Cooperative Program, local churches, associations, and individuals.

This is people at work leading others to know Christ.

Note: A *innovator* is a college student who pays his way through secular employment and assists in summer missions. A *sojourner* is a rising high school senior, or a graduate not yet 25 years of age who assumes responsibility for all expenses while serving in summer missions. A *student summer missionary* may be enlisted by the mission department, student department or the Home Mission Board.

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## Deaf Ministries

Jarvis M. Hearn, for the past nine and one-half years, has been Tennessee's director of deaf Ministries. Hearn is assisting some 40 Southern Baptist Churches across the state with their endeavor to reach the more than 7,500 deaf and hearing impaired of Tennessee.

Hearn believes that the prophecy of Isaiah 29:18 is coming to pass during these days of Christian history, "and in that day will the deaf hear the words of the book." Deaf people do not hear with their ears, but with their eyes. As Hearn travels the state preaching to deaf, he does so in their language of the signs.

The Cooperative Program is people centered. People give, that people may go to people to witness of the marvelous grace of our Lord.



These students sang three nights a week, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, in Baskin-Robbins Square, Gatlinburg.



## Missionary plans return to Uganda

NAIROBI, Kenya—Mr. and Mrs. G. Webster Carroll, Southern Baptist missionaries to Uganda, are now in Nairobi, but he plans to return to Uganda at the conclusion of a two-week leadership conference.

James E. Hampton, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's field representative for Eastern Africa, said he knows of no anti-American actions in Uganda as of Oct. 16.

Ugandan President Idi Amin had been quoted in wire service reports as saying that he would retaliate against Americans living in Uganda because of President Carter's action signing a bill to prohibit U. S. trade with Uganda. The new law affects the sale of Ugandan coffee to the United States and the sale of American technological goods to Uganda.

Hampton said the Carrolls have been in Nairobi for several days preparing for Mrs. Carroll to return to Florida for medical reasons.

Carroll will remain in Kenya through Nov. 3 for the leadership conference for missionaries and national Baptist leaders in 10 countries of eastern and southern Africa.

Both of the Carrolls are graduates of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City. He served as pastor of Rocky Point Church, Russellville.

The other missionary couple assigned to Uganda, Mr. and Mrs. James L. Rice, are on furlough in Virginia. (BP)



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## Houston SBC Astrodome service to dedicate 1,000 missionaries

HOUSTON—Plans call for some 250,000 persons to witness a service in Houston's Astrodome dedicating some 1,000 missionaries during the Wednesday night program of the 1979 national meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, June 12-14.

Convention planners hope 50,000 persons will come to the Astrodome to participate in the service featuring Evangelist Billy Graham, while another 200,000 view the proceedings by satellite transmissions to a number of U. S. cities.

Negotiations are underway, according to James L. Pleitz, chairman of the SBC Committee on Order of Business, to telecast the program on large screens in at least 10 cities.

Pleitz, pastor of Park Cities Baptist Church, Dallas, said such a program would cost Baptists in those localities \$6,500 for the telecast. The cost of beaming the telecast up to the satellite is \$9,000, he added.

The SBC Foreign and Home Mission Boards, joint sponsors of the dedication service of the 1,000 persons entering mission work for one or more years, will underwrite the \$9,000.

The Foreign Mission Board voted in its October meeting to appropriate \$4,500 for that purpose. The Home Mission Board's directors will vote on a similar proposal at its October meeting, according to William Tanner, the board's executive director, who said the project has his enthusiastic support. Both agencies will make reports during the service.

The SBC Radio and Television Commission will do the technical work to implement the broadcast.

The service will emphasize the SBC's Bold Mission Thrust effort to proclaim the message of Christ to the entire world in this century and

dramatically escalate missionary appointees through regular channels of the Home and Foreign Mission Boards, as well as through the SBC's newly formed Mission Service Corps.

The overall theme of the 1979 convention, Pleitz said, will be "Bold Mission—While it is Yet Day." All convention sessions but the one on Wednesday night, June 13, will take place in The Summit in Houston. (BP)

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## HISTORICALLY FROM THE FILES

### 50 YEARS AGO

Mrs. C. D. Creasman was one of the speakers for the annual Nashville Association Y.W.A. Training School. Jane Henderson was the associational president.

Editor John D. Freeman in an editorial said: "You wouldn't expect a brick mason to be able to turn out beautiful pottery or art glass. Neither would you expect the best potter or glass blower to be able to build a good brick wall. Why then should you expect a skeptic or agnostic to be able to show you how to build a great spiritual character?"

### 25 YEARS AGO

Brooks Ramsey was the new pastor of First Church, Maryville. He succeeded Leonard Sanderson who had joined the staff of the Tennessee Baptist Convention as secretary of evangelism and promotion.

W. Howard Ethington resigned as pastor of Ridgedale Church, Chattanooga, to become pastor of First Church, Cornelia, Ga.

### 10 YEARS AGO

Kenneth Holder was the new pastor of Hillview Church, Chilhowee Association.

Willard Tallman, pastor, Tennessee Avenue, Bristol, celebrated his 25th anniversary as pastor.

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# Right relationship with parents

By John H. Tullock, chairman  
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Basic Passages: Exodus 20:12; Isaiah 29:13-14; Matthew 15:1-14; Ephesians 6:1-4

Focal Passages: Matthew 15:1-14; Exodus 20:12.

A friend's young daughter was constantly telling her mother how poor a mother she was and how great her girl friend's mother was.



Tullock

The way she saw it, her girl friend's mother never lost her temper, never fussed at her children, and never punished them. One day, after a clash between mother and daughter, the daughter announced that she wanted to go live with her friend. Very wisely, her mother took her to the friend's home, all the time wondering what would happen when they arrived. As they started to get out of their car, the girl friend stormed out of the house, yelling back at her mother, "You never let me do anything!" Whereupon, the first girl turned to her mother and said, "Mother, let's not mention why we came over here!" Her illusions shattered, she gained a new appreciation of her own mother with whom she was in conflict.

## Pervision of the commandment (Matt. 15:1-14)

Jesus' discussion of the fifth commandment is set in a background of controversy with the

Pharisees and scribes (lawyers) (v.1). His disciples were criticized for not washing their hands before eating. The concern was not for germs but was an elaborate ritual which the legalists went through as a symbol of cleansing. For the most part, Jesus' disciples were unschooled in the complicated rituals because their social status raised a barrier between them and those who dominated the religious system (v.2).

Jesus answered the charge by asking a question which accused His accusers of using tradition to avoid the obligations which they had to their parents. Since there was no governmental social security system to take care of those who were ravaged by age, the family had the primary obligation to take care of its elderly members. Some of the rabbis had, however, interpreted the commandments in such a way that made religious duty superior to duty to parents. Thus if a person did not want to give money to his parents, he only had to declare that it was to be used for religious purposes to keep from doing so (vs. 4-5).

Jesus pointed out that the same God who said, "You shall have no other gods before me" had also said, "Honor your father and your mother". Worship of God and loving concern for one's parents are not in conflict. In fact, there is nothing in the Ten Commandments or in the teachings of Jesus that would suggest that concern for human need, is in conflict with the proper worship of God, whether the person with whom one is con-

cerned is a relative or not.

The Pharisees were elevating their oral traditions to the place of Scripture so that ritual became more important than man's inner motive.

Jesus goes on to quote Isaiah, emphasizing 1) the importance of an inward commitment, and 2) the way the teachings of the Old Testament had been misinterpreted by some of the rabbinic teachings (vs. 7,8). He illustrated His point by using food. Food is taken into the body for nourishment. Evil motives, on the other hand originate within man and come out, injuring those toward whom they are directed, and creating internal pollution for the persons from whom they come (vs. 10-14). Even those as close as parents can be injured when the inward man goes wrong.

## Commandment stated (Ex. 20:12)

The commandment to honor parents is the first of six commandments on man's duty to the society in which he lives. The extended family or clan was the basis of the early Israelite society. They could not conceive of any person existing apart from his or her family. For this reason, a breakdown in the respect for parents would lead to a breakdown in the society itself.

Paul, quoting the version of the commandment found in Deut. 5:16, points out that one's well-being depended upon respect for parents. He further pointed out, however, that parents also have a duty to be real parents.

Markus Barth translates Eph. 6:4 in part, "bring them (the children) up the way the Lord disciplines and corrects (you)."

Paul is undoubtedly correct in assuming that the commandment implies (that true) parents are those who are concerned to see that children have proper instruction and guidance. Only then can they be worthy of their children's honor.

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# Little barn, big fool

By William L. Swafford, pastor  
First Baptist Church, Elizabethton

Basic Passage: Luke 12:13-31  
Focal Passage: Luke 12:13-26, 31

Jesus was at the height of His popularity. On this occasion "There were gathered together an innumerable multitude of people, insomuch that they trode one upon another" (Luke 12:1) to hear Jesus as He taught. He used the opportunity to instruct the people about spiritual things and the work of the Holy Spirit.



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In the midst of His teaching "one of the company" took advantage of a pause in Jesus' discourse, "and . . . said unto Him, Master speak to my brother, that he divide the inheritance with me" (v. 13).

The indication is that the man was so preoccupied by what he considered to be an injustice done by his brother that he scarcely heard what Jesus said. No doubt his complaint was legitimate. It was customary for the eldest son in a Jewish family to inherit the major part of the father's estate and to be the executor of the total estate. He had, obviously, been slow in settling the estate and giving his younger brother his share of it.

The usual procedure in such cases was to take this kind of grievance to a well respected rabbi whose suggestions became the basis for settling the matter. We can only surmise that the older brother was also present in that "innumerable multitude." If he were, whatever this very popular rabbi would suggest in the hearing of so great a crowd of witnesses would surely so put the older brother on the spot that the estate would be settled immediately.

Jesus rebuked the complainant, by saying, "Man, who made Me a judge or a divider over you?" (v. 14). He did this, not because the man's complaint was illegitimate, but because he was more concerned about a physical inheritance, which would soon perish; than he was about a spiritual inheritance, which would last forever. He was so engrossed in material things that he completely ignored Jesus' teachings concerning spiritual things.

## A matter of priority: (Luke 12:15)

Jesus took advantage of the incident to instruct the entire multitude, "Take, heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth" (v. 15).

The word "covetousness" in this case could better be translated "greed," or as Wil-

liam Barclay translated it, "the spirit which is always wanting more." It is so easy for us to be like that man in the crowd and become so engrossed in material things that we ignore the spiritual.

"A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of . . . things," Jesus taught. How rich or poor you are makes no difference in the light of eternity. To expend all of your energies to "Lay . . . up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal" (Matt. 6:19), is as foolish as for a puppy, following a band of pilgrims toward a distant land, to stop and bury a bone in the sifting sands beside the trail he'll never travel again. No wonder, then, that Jesus urged, "Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven," that is spiritual treasures; "for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matt. 6:20-21).

## A matter of wisdom: (Luke 12:16-21)

Jesus illustrated His point with a parable about a man whose land brought forth a bumper crop, so abundant that it left him in a quandary, "What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?" (v. 17).

Although very few of us have more increase than we know how to expend, our attitude toward what we have is too often similar to that of the man in the parable. He was selfish with it. Never once did he consider sharing his abundance with others. He determined, rather, to provide more storage space to hoard it all for himself. He never once considered the good news of Jesus, that "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

Verses 17-19 abound in the use of the personal pronoun, from the question "What shall I do?" signifying that the man sought no direction outside himself; through the boast that the increase was "my fruits," giving no thought of the Lordship of God; to the address to "my soul," which took for granted that he was the master of his destiny. There is no hint in the attitude of this man that God or the spiritual aspects of life were ever taken into consideration.

For that reason God called him a fool! By all worldly standards, the man was wise. He knew how to farm, how to build up an estate, and how to "take (his) ease, eat, drink, and be merry" (v. 19). But God said he was a fool!

Just as "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding" (Prov. 9:10); it is also true that a fool is a man whose decisions about the present do not take into account the possibilities of the future, or as Jesus put it, ". . . he who lays up treasure for himself, and is

not rich toward God" (v. 21).

Vast multitudes of worldly wise people will be surprised one day when God evaluates their lives by saying to them, "Thou fool!" By trying to save everything, they will lose it all.

The Apostle Paul said, "We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out" (I Tim. 6:7).

## A matter of trust: (Luke 12:22-31)

If Jesus had stopped His message at the close of verse 21, He would have left His followers with a big question, "If we are not to lay up treasures on earth, how are we to provide for ourselves and our families?" Jesus answered the question, however, before it was asked. "Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for your body, what ye shall put on. The life is more than meat and the body is more than raiment" (vs. 22-23).

The words, "Take no thought" doesn't mean never let it cross your mind, as some exponents of a reckless neglect of the future advocate. It means rather that the Christian is not to be anxious about such things. There are more important things to occupy the Christian's mind than food and clothing. The welfare of His children is always foremost in the heart of God. If God feeds the scavenger ravens and adorns the flowers in a splendor which outstrips the finest kingly array, and clothes the grass which is used for fuel for the oven, can He not, and will He not, provide for you "O ye of little faith" (v. 28).

To seek after food, drink, and raiment as ends within themselves would not set the child of God apart, "For all these things do the nations of the world seek after" (v. 30). God, who is able to provide all that a Christian needs, "knoweth that ye have need of these things" and will provide them.

The child of God is to "rather seek. . . the kingdom of God" as his first priority and concern, and leave the material provision to God, "and all these things shall be added unto you" (v. 31). Instead of worrying about them, trust God for them and in the long run you will be wiser and richer than the man with material treasures.

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We are receiving an increasing number of inquiries from parents who are interested in making some provisions for their children in the event of death.



Evans B. Bowen  
Executive  
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It is good to give serious thought to such matters. Every one should prepare a Will and make some provision for dependent children. I would refer you to Dr. Jonas L. Stewart, Tennessee Baptist Foundation, for help in

preparing your Will. The Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes will accept the responsibility of caring for your children (within the purpose and philosophy), if you stipulate that in your Will.

The question that is asked frequently is: "How much do you charge to care for children?" The Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes does not make charges for services we offer. Our operational funds are provided by the Tennessee Baptist Convention, Mother's Day Offering, special gifts, and estates. If you would like to put the Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes in your Will, then you can strengthen our work and help to provide for those dependent and neglected children whom we serve. We can supply you with information or again we can refer you to Tennessee Baptist Foundation.

Driving across the state visiting various Associations is a very special blessing. The beauty of the landscapes is something to behold. God has used just the right shades of gold and red to make

every setting one of beauty. It dawned on me that He had done it just for our enjoyment. The trees could all be drab but God seems to dip His brush into just the right color to capture the height of the esthetic.

If God is so interested in the beauty of the trees—how much more in the lives of the boys and girls who come our way. We keep reminding ourselves that it is the perfect blending of all colors (dark, light, bright and drab) that makes a beautiful landscape.

## NEW FILM AVAILABLE SOON

The Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes has been busily engaged in getting a new 20-minute film made that tells the story of our work. When? We are not sure of the exact date, but very soon it will be ready. We have seen it and think that you will want to show it in your church.

It is suitable to show on Sunday evening, Wednesday evening, or for a special occasion. It will be appreciated by both youth and adults. Yes, it is in color. The filming was done professionally. The acting was done by some of our own employees. It will be an excellent way for you to promote the work of Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes in your church.

We will announce through the *Baptist and Reflector* the release date. Also, we will notify the pastors and work on scheduling the time you desire to use it. We will have 30 copies of the film and hopefully you will be able to get your first choice of time.

If you don't see a notice concerning the film release in the near future, we would appreciate you asking about it.

There will be no rental charge for use.

## PEGGY MORGAN—MEMPHIS HOME

For the past six years, the friendly voice that usually greets you when you call the Memphis Home is that of Peggy Morgan. She is a very efficient, dedicated worker. It is true that she does secretarial work, but she does much more. She checks invoices, receives merchandise, greets visitors, soothes the fears and anxieties of the children, and provides a piece of candy for every one who comes to the office. Peggy wants people to leave sweeter than when they came.

This year Peggy took a leave for some badly needed surgery on her feet. (She is well now.) We thought that we already knew how valuable she is to our smooth operation. But we have decided that she simply cannot be sick again anytime in the near future. She has learned well our policies and office procedure. It seems to be so easy for her to do the correct thing. She is a very fine employee and we want you to know and appreciate Mrs. Peggy Morgan.

There is something a little special about Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes employees. They have a very warm place in their hearts for all children. They go the second mile to prove the value of every boy and girl.



Peggy Morgan



## RECENTLY EMPLOYED

Mrs. Kay Hylander is very pleasant. She is quiet and dignified. Oh, but she is very efficient! She came to work while Peggy Morgan was on sick leave. During that time a secretary moved from the Home and we have been able to keep Kay at the Memphis Home.

Recently, one who works in the administration building was telling of the good work that is done by Kay. She concluded by saying, "It is so good to have one who is quiet, efficient, and so pleasant to work with."

We are endeavoring to find those whom we believe have been directed by the Lord to serve at Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes. If we can succeed in following that policy, everyone will be happier. There is little question that Kay fits into that category.



Kay Hylander

## JEST IN FUN

Nothing makes it easier to resist temptation than a proper upbringing, a sound set of values—and witnesses.

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An Executive is a person who annoys the hired help by asking them to do something.

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In asking for a raise, one employee said that several companies were after him.

"What companies?" his boss asked.

The man replied, "The gas company, electric company, and the finance company."

## MIN-TOM HOME

People often ask where Min-Tom got its name. The answer is found in a woman's faith.

Mrs. C.M. Deakins, who is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Thomas J. Smith, named the Home for her parents. She used their given names, "Minnie" and "Thomas." The name has never been changed. Brother Smith served as pastor of the Woodland Heights Baptist Church in the Chattanooga area for over 40 years.

Mrs. Deakins personally secured the 30 acres of land in the East Brainerd area that is known as Min-Tom Home. In 1954 the operation of the Home was transferred to the Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes. During these years many black boys and girls have been blessed by our ministry at Min-Tom.

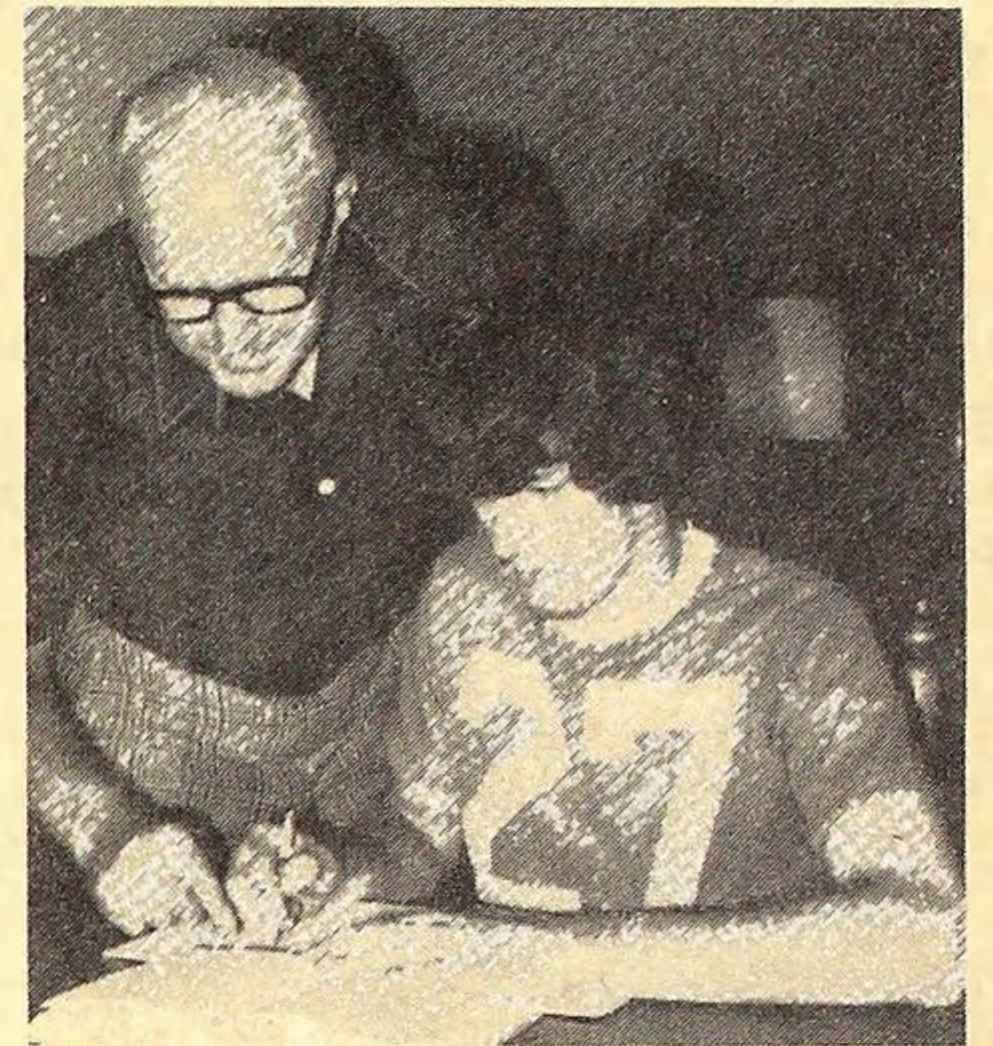
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# Dean Jones: fortune, fame do not satisfy

By Pamela Hardwick

FORT WORTH, Tex.—Give a man fortune and fame and expect him to be on top of the world. But it brought a “crisis of abundance”—and loneliness and despair—to actor Dean Jones, until a life-changing experience one night in a hotel room.

Jones, star of the recently-released movie, “Born Again,” discussed that experience and the life-changing effects the movie had on co-star Jay Robison, during an interview with “MasterControl,” a nationwide radio program produced by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission.

“In 1973, I was on tour with the play ‘1776,’ ” Jones said. “I should have been riding high. My career was in fantastic shape, I had achieved the recognition as an actor that I had always wanted. I had all the money I needed. But, I was very, very lonely.”

Jones calls it a crisis abundance. “I began to see that materialism and money would not satisfy. It scared me that it would never satisfy, and I would go on forever like this.”

One night after a performance, Jones returned to his hotel room very depressed. “Somehow I knew,” he recalls, “what I wanted . . . what I needed. He knelt and ‘accepted Jesus Christ as Saviour’—an experience he credits with renewing his zest for life and salvaging his marriage.

Unlike many prominent Christians who have received criticism about their faith, Jones feels his complete transformation impresses people. “More and more people are looking for something to believe in, and when they see my change from depression to supreme happiness they begin to think there’s something to it.”

Jones hasn’t had any problems adapting his Christian lifestyle to the Hollywood environment. “I’ve been through all the trials of the Industry (Hollywood)—the alcohol, the young actresses. I know the spiritual bankruptcy it causes. It’s a dead-end.”

“Born Again” is based on the conversion of former Nixon hatchetman, Charles Colson. With the role, Jones enters a new dramatic phase of his career. He hopes it will lead to serious parts, but his feeling about it also has a deeply personal dimension.

“I can really relate to Charles Colson. Before his conversion he was in an anti-God state of mind—just as I was in my career. He was sold out to power. I was sold out to ego and success.

“The film is not directly evangelical,” he said. “It has a soft sell approach to Christianity which should not turn anyone off. It’s entertaining, informative, transforming. Through it we outline God’s willingness to penetrate politics and bring man into a relationship with Him.

“I think many people will turn to Christ because of it,” said Jones, a member of the Church On The Way, Van Nuys, Calif. “If it’s a success at the box office, it will send a message to filmmakers that people want this kind

of movie instead of the trash they’ve been getting.”

Even if “Born Again” fails to break any box office records, Jones believes it will still be a success for the effect it has had on the life of his co-star, Jay Robison, known for his role as Emperor Caligula in “The Robe.” He plays David Shapiro, Colson’s Lawyer and friend, in “Born Again.

After “The Robe” in 1953, Robison was in demand as an actor and signed a contract with 20th Century Fox. But his success was short lived. Offers stopped coming, and he was released from the contract. Bored and despairing, he tried to find consolation in drugs and was subsequently arrested on a narcotics charge.

It took several years for his trial to come to court, but in 1968 he was convicted and served 17 months in a California prison. After his release he began to re-establish his career which had been destroyed by headlines and rumors.

Robison, also interviewed on “MasterControl,” related the effects Dean Jones and the film have had on his life.

“When I first met Dean, I was immediately impressed. His greeting was so warm and friendly. He and the other Christians on the set had a tremendous impact on me.”

During the production of “Born Again,” Jones shared his faith with Robison. “I felt such loving concern that day. He asked me if I would like to become a Christian. I was really taken back and said, ‘Oh, not now. I’m not ready yet. That’s something I need to do alone.’ He didn’t try to push me. It was like he was just taking my hand and leading me along.”

But the seed was planted and on Jan. 16, 1978, Jay Robison invited Jesus into his life. “It’s so great being a Christian,” said Robison. “It’s amazing, but everywhere I go there are brothers and sisters in Christ who accept me. It’s like a great big family that’s always been waiting for me. I feel I’ve come home.”

On the last day of the filming, the final scene had to be shot in the parking lot of Chino Penitentiary, the prison where Robison had served his sentence 10 years ago.

“I really didn’t want to go,” he recalls. “But Dean told me, ‘The Lord is with you now. You’re returning in victory; you’re returning in triumph.’ When we arrived at the prison there was a big sign hanging on the parking lot wall that read—‘Welcome Back Jay Robison . . . Star!’ ” (BP)

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## Law protects religious rights of U.S. government employees

WASHINGTON—Federal employees whose religious beliefs require them to take time off from work occasionally will be allowed to work overtime to make up the lost time, according to the provisions of a bill signed into law by President Jimmy Carter.

The Federal Employees Flexible and Compressed Work Schedules Act of 1978 contains a section which permits federal employees to make up lost time rather than having it deducted from annual leave or losing pay.

Previous law required that overtime work be compensated by time-and-a-half pay, which in some cases made the costs of allowing workers to make up time prohibitive. Under the new law overtime for religious observances will be at regular pay rates. (BP)

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