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Nevada Baptists organize SBC's 34th convention

LAS VEGAS, Nev.—The Nevada Area Baptist Convention was formed here as the 34th state convention to affiliate with the Southern Baptists. The 34 conventions cover Southern Baptist work in all 50 states.

The formation of the new convention, voted at Redrock Baptist Church Oct. 17, took place during "Southern Baptist Week," proclaimed by Nevada Gov. Mike O' Callahan. It came 30 years to the week after the first Southern Baptist church was organized in the state.

Seventy-five churches and missions representing nearly 14,000 members will comprise the new convention. Previously Nevada Southern Baptists in the southern part of the state were attached to the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention and those in the northern half of the state cooperated with the Southern Baptist General Convention of California.



NEVADA LEADERS—Ernest B. Myers (right), executive director of the newly-formed Nevada Area Baptist Convention, chats with the convention's first president, A. Rudy Duett.

Louisiana church members re-locate—completely

VIDALIA, La.—When members of the Bougere Baptist Church move, they take everything.

The congregation recently moved Bougere, where there were only about 15 families, to nearby Deer Park, a community of about 125 families.

When they moved, they bought the former Monterey First Baptist Church building, packed it on trucks, and moved it to a donated two-acre site in Deer Park. (BP)

Nearly 300 messengers approved appointment of an executive director, voted a \$376,000 budget, elected officers, and decided on Reno as the convention headquarters site.

Ernest B. Myers of Phoenix, Ariz., will be the convention's first executive director. Now director of assembly development for the Arizona convention, he expects to assume leadership of the Nevada convention on Jan. 1, 1979, when the convention officially begins operating.

Messengers accepted with little debate a proposed \$376,206 operating budget. The first budget earmarks 10 percent of receipts from churches of \$13,500 to go toward the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program.

The budget will fund the new executive director, continue the employment of three area missionaries, provide a variety of services to local churches, and eventually fund a state Baptist newspaper.

Income for the young convention will come from a variety of sources, including contributors from Nevada area churches; support available for new conventions from the Southern Baptist Home Mission board, Sunday School Board and Brotherhood Commission; and initial gifts from the Arizona and California conventions. (BP)

Committee named to study merger between Brotherhood, BSSB

MEMPHIS—Two church staff members, a college president, an editor, and two denominational executives have been named to a special committee investigating the possibility of merging the Southern Baptist Convention's Brotherhood Commission with the SBC Sunday School Board.

The SBC Executive Committee voted in September to call for such a study, after George E. Bagley, executive director of Alabama Baptist Convention, proposed the idea.

The Executive Committee asked that the two SBC agencies name three persons each to form a study committee and to report to the Executive Committee by February 1979.

The three Sunday School Board representatives are Norman Wiggins, president of Campbell College, Buies Creek, N. C., and chairman of the Sunday School Board trustees; Henry Love, church administrator for First Baptist Church, Memphis, and a trustee of the board; and Grady Cothen, Sunday School Board president, Nashville.

Nashville Association names Duck as director

Carl Duck of Dallas, Tex., has been elected executive director of the Nashville Association by the association's Executive Committee. He will begin his service on Dec. 1.



Duck

For the last 12 years, Duck has been pastor of Lakeside Baptist Church, Dallas. Other pastorates have been in Tennessee, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas.

A native of Mobile, Ala., he is a graduate of Union University, Jackson, and New

Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, La. An honorary doctorate was conferred on him by East Texas Baptist College, Marshall, Tex.

Duck was chairman of local arrangements for the 1974 Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas. He has served as chairman of the SBC Committee on Boards and numerous other denominational boards and committees. Currently, he is on the Executive Board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas and the SBC Home Mission Board.

Mrs. Duck is the former Bonnie Brown of Marion, Ky.

Brotherhood Commission representatives are William Hardy, minister of education, First Baptist Church, Columbus, Miss., and chairman of the commission trustees; Jack U. Harwell, editor of *The Christian Index*, Georgia Baptist state newspaper, Atlanta, and a commission trustee; and Norman Godfrey, director of the commission's ministries section and convenor of a four-member cabinet which has run the commission since the accidental death of Glendon McCullough, executive director, on Aug. 23.

Hardy, who presided over the committee's first meeting in Memphis, location of the Brotherhood Commission, issued the following public statement: "We're going to make as complete a study as possible of all aspects of this proposed merger of the Brotherhood Commission into the Sunday School Board. Many factors must be considered. The ultimate question must always be what is best for Baptist men and boys' work in local Baptist

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Indian Creek votes new constitution

Indian Creek Association messengers voted to adopt a new constitution and by-laws at its annual meeting last month. The new constitution was read at the meeting in 1977 and adopted at the second reading this year.

In other action, it was voted that the annual minutes will be dedicated to the late C.A. Hess. Hess was pastor of Kelley's Chapel Church until he died with leukemia last spring.

Junice Ackley, pastor of Collinwood Church, was re-elected as the association's moderator. Other officers elected were: vice moderator H.H. Hurst, pastor of Calvary Church; treasurer Emory Middleton, a member of Philadelphia Church; and clerk Mabel DeVore, a member of First Church, Waynesboro.

The 1979 annual sessions are scheduled to be held Oct. 15-16 at First Church, Waynesboro and Zion Church. Lawrence Steiper is director of missions.

Maury Association holds meet

Lawrence Grove Church, Thompson Station, and First Church, Columbia, hosted the 1978 fall annual meeting of Maury Association last month.

According to director of missions W. Elmer Crosby, the messengers re-elected Larry Phillips, a member of First Church in Columbia, as moderator. A pastor, Dallas Sugg, Highland Park Church, was re-elected vice-moderator.

Elected to serve with Sugg and Phillips were: treasurer B.A. Messick, a member of Rock Springs Church; and clerk Jim Alexander, director of Baptist Student Ministries, Columbia State Community College.

A mid-year meeting has been scheduled for April 24 at Northside Church, with the fall session slated for Oct. 11 at Knob Creek Church.

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BRADLEY TWINS—Sandra (left) and Andra, both graduates of Belmont College and Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, Ky., will sing at BYW Banquet.

State BYW Banquet set for Nov. 13 at 6 p.m.

The annual State BYW Banquet will be held Nov. 13 at 6 p.m. during the Woman's Missionary Union Convention meeting at Belmont Heights Church, Nashville.

Theme of the banquet program is "To All Nations."

Special music will be by the Bradley twins, Sandra and Andra of Two Rivers Church, Nashville.

John Cheyne, associate coordinator for Hunger Relief and Disaster Response, Foreign Mission Board, will be the dinner speaker. He is also a former missionary to Africa.

Prewitt re-elected moderator of Robertson Association

James N. Prewitt, pastor of Barren Plain Church, was re-elected moderator of Robertson County Association during the annual meeting held recently. Re-elected to serve with Prewitt were Bill Cohea, layman, North Springfield Church, vice moderator; and Thomas Ray Cooper, layman, also of North Springfield Church, clerk. Mrs. Robert P. James, a member of Flewellyn Church, was elected treasurer.

During business session, the messengers approved a new Constitution and Bylaws which was recommended by a special study committee.

Sessions for 1979 will be held on Oct. 15 at Bethlehem Church and Oct. 16 at Oak Grove Church.

Cleveland church calls pastor

White Oak Church, Cleveland, Bradley Association, called Jimmy Hutton as pastor. Hutton served formerly as pastor at Samples Memorial Church in the same association and has been a pastor in Polk County.

While at Samples Memorial, he also led as chairman of the Bradley County Baptist camp committee.

Cumberland sets training seminar

A youth seminar, sponsored by Cumberland Baptist Association, is scheduled to be held on Saturday, Nov. 11, at Hilldale Church in Clarksville.

According to Rick Mitchell, associational youth and recreation director, the seminar is for workers and leaders with young people, workers in media centers, and recreation workers. Any person interested in similar ministries may also attend, Mitchell said.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. with the opening session convening at 9:00. The seminar will adjourn at 4 p.m.

Conferences will be held in camping and retreats, social recreation, library media-center, introduction to church recreation, youth ministry in the church, and resources for the media center. In-depth conferences will focus on the Christian coach, the library media-center, and the youth ministry. Conference leaders include associational, state, and denominational workers.

Mitchell added that anyone in Tennessee is invited to attend the seminar.

Perkins named to lead Beulah Association

Wayne Perkins, pastor of Pleasant Hill #1 Church, was re-elected moderator of Beulah Association recently.

The messengers also re-elected D. William Dodson, pastor of First Church, Martin, vice moderator; Richard Arnold, layman of Second Church, Union City, treasurer; and Mrs. Janice Holland, clerk, member of First Church, Union City.

The 1979 sessions will be held Oct. 15 at Broadway Church, and Oct. 16 at First Church, Obion.

John Lane accepts leadership of Mt. Harmony in Knoxville

The new pastor of Mount Harmony Church, Knoxville, is John R. Lane. He has been on the field approximately two months, coming from Sunrise Church in Casper, Wy.

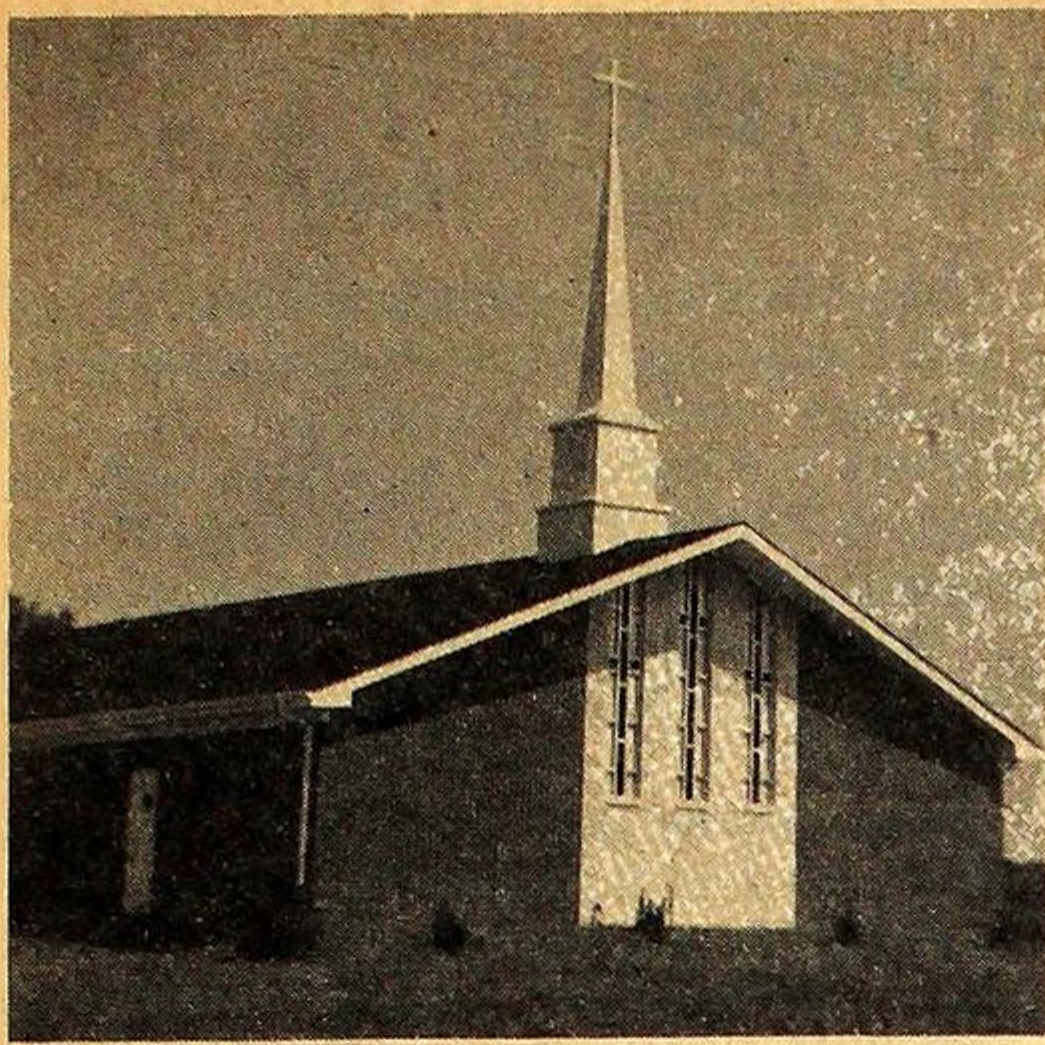
Lane served as a pastor in Knox County at Riverdale Church from 1959-61 and Ridgedale Church from 1965-67. He also led churches in Florida, Kentucky, Montana, and Wyoming.

He attended Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Kelly re-elected in Big Emory

Charles Kelly, pastor of Clymersville Church, Rockwood, was re-elected moderator of Big Emory Association at its recent annual meeting.

Elected to serve with Kelly were: vice-moderator Herbert Lee, pastor of Eureka Church; treasurer Lloyd Nolan, pastor of Childs Memorial Church; and clerk Mark Scarbrough, retired pastor from Piney Church.



NEW AUDITORIUM—First Church, Woodlawn, members celebrated the dedication of a 225-seat auditorium recently. Dedicated with the auditorium was a fellowship hall.

Woodlawn holds dedication service

A new 225-seat auditorium and fellowship hall were dedicated recently in special ceremonies at First Church in Woodlawn. The building was constructed by Bobby D. Wall Construction Co. of Clarksville.

Participating on the program were: David Hoffman, former pastor; Harold Shoulders, director of missions for Cumberland Association; W. Paul Hall, associate director of missions, Tennessee Baptist Convention; and Roland Smith, architectural consultant for the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Wendall Bettenhausen, Mrs. Ray Barnett, Mrs. Rudy Sleigh, Earl Sleigh, Billy Owen, and Charles Walker comprised the building committee. Morris E. Lee is pastor.

Volunteers needed to rebuild

Former Tennessee church, home fire

A former Tennessee pastor and his family narrowly escaped a New York fire last month which destroyed a structure containing the church where he is pastor and the family's living quarters.

Curtis Monday, pastor of the French Road Church in Cheektowaga, led his family from the third story of the building moments before it was engulfed by a fire. The church was housed in a large mansion.

Monday has served as pastor there for about a year and a half.

All buildings on the property, Monday's two automobiles, and all of the family's personal belongings were lost. The couple was able to save a few of the children's clothes and some chairs in the sanctuary.

James Austin, pastor of First Church in Rogersville, one of the sponsoring churches, told **Baptist and Reflector** that arson was suspected in the blaze which began about 4 a.m. He explained that the first and second floors of

Baptists ask Turkish ambassador to help missionary to re-enter

WASHINGTON—Representatives of U. S. and world Baptists appealed to the Turkish ambassador in Washington to have his government renew the residence permit of expelled Southern Baptist Missionary James F. Leeper.

Leeper, pastor of an English-speaking congregation in Ankara for 12 years, had his residence permit revoked in May and was expelled from Turkey on Sept. 29. After spending a few days in Germany, Leeper came home to Dayton, Ky., for the funeral of his mother.

Four persons represented Baptists at the 45-minute meeting with Melih Esenbel, Turkey's ambassador to the United States—Leeper; J. D. Hughey, the Foreign Mission Board's secretary for Europe, the Middle East, and South Asia; James E. Wood Jr., executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs; and C. Ronald Goulding, associate secretary of the Baptist World Alliance.

Ambassador Esenbel, although noncommittal about Leeper's chances of regaining the residence permit, said he would relay the group's concern through the Turkish minister of foreign affairs in Ankara to the prime minister.

During the meeting with the ambassador, Leeper insisted that he had violated no Turkish laws and had never been informed of the reasons for his expulsion.

During most of his 12 years as pastor of the Galatian Baptist Church in Ankara, Leeper has had only tourist status, a condition requiring frequent renewals. In October 1977, he and his family received residence permits retroactive to Aug. 2, 1977. But Leeper's permit was

revoked last May by the Turkish interior ministry. His wife, Jean, and their four children have never been ordered to leave.

Leeper returned to Turkey by way of Syria on June 2, again requesting a residence permit. He expressed then and has continued to maintain his belief that low-ranking Turkish officials were responsible for the expulsion order, perhaps directly instigated by complaints from one or more individuals unhappy with the Galatian Baptist Church ministry. After being arrested on Sept. 22, he was allowed to remain in the country until Sept. 29.

Ambassador Esenbel said he does not know all the particulars in the case, but said he understands that Leeper had been charged with disseminating "religious propaganda." "That's against our law," the ambassador said, noting that any effort to influence other people to change their religion falls under the umbrella of "religious propaganda." Leeper said it was the first time he had been informed of the charges.

Leeper told Esenbel, "I'm guilty of preaching," but only within the confines of the church building, not outside. He said,

Asked by Esenbel why he uses Turkish-language Bibles, Leeper replied that they are kept at the church building to give to persons inquiring about the Christian faith. He and Hughey also reminded the ambassador that the Turkish Bible Society, located in Ankara, openly distributes Bibles to inquirers.

Leeper emphasized that he has never preached in Turkish, because, "I can't," referring to difficulty with the language. The pattern of ministry of the church, he said, has not changed in the 12 years since he and Mrs. Leeper were appointed in 1966. The church's ministry is aimed primarily at U.S. military personnel, but the membership also includes Baptists from several other countries.

The Southern Baptist missionary denied ever becoming involved in Turkish political affairs and told the ambassador that his congregation has on several occasions given substantial amounts of money for disaster relief, primarily after earthquakes in Turkey. (BP)

Polk Co. messengers meet, re-elect former officers

Messengers to Polk County Association re-elected Ernest Arms as moderator and Forrest Morgan as vice-moderator during the annual associational meeting last month. Arms is pastor of Oak Grove Church in Benton, and Morgan leads the Smyrna congregation at Ocoee.

Re-elected as treasurer was James O. Woody, a member of the Antioch Church in Benton. Evelyn Guy, a member of First Church in Benton, was re-elected clerk.

Mountain Springs, Smyrna, and Benton Station Churches are scheduled to host the 1979 associational meetings on Oct. 22-23, according to director of missions W.L. Shipman.

pastor escapes in New York

the building were used for the sanctuary and educational space.

Monday and his family were members of the Rogersville church for about four years before going to New York. He also had led churches in Maryville, Hawkins County, and was a mountain missionary in Kentucky.

The church, with a membership of approximately 40, was covered with \$25,000 in insurance, Austin explained. With the help of the Rogersville church, other churches in Holston Valley Association, and any Tennessee Baptist, the membership plans to rebuild on the same site later this month. Austin said that carpenters and other laborers are needed desperately and should contact First Church in Rogersville if they could contribute the time to make the trip.

French Road Church is sponsored jointly by the Home Mission Board, First Church, and several other churches in Holston Valley Association.

Our People and Our Churches . . .

PEOPLE . . .

Darell Jones was ordained recently as a deacon at Malesus Church in Jackson. Participating in the service were Eldon Byrd, interim pastor; Paul Clark, former pastor who preached the ordination sermon; and Matt Tomlin, First Church, Selmer.

Four newly ordained deacons were added to the active deacon list at Antioch Church in Athens. Ordination services were held last month for Mike Blount, Ross Carroll, David Coulter, and Bill Vicars. Pastor Albert Baker served as moderator with the questioning by Dillard Brown. Ted Davis brought the ordination message.

First Church, Murfreesboro, ordained Ken Castleberry to the gospel ministry recently. He is presently the minister of activities at the church. Eugene Cotey is pastor.

Harsh Chapel Church, Nashville, held deacon ordination services for Larry Risner. Pastor Robert E. LeMay brought the ordination sermon.

Rick Nelson was ordained to the gospel ministry by Calvary Church in Oak Ridge recently. He is a student at Carson-Newman College and is serving as minister of youth at Washington Pike Church in Knoxville. David Webster is pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Lehman Davenport, First Church, Woodbury, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last month. Bobby Zumbro is their pastor.

Oakland Church in Robertson Association ordained three new deacons recently. Eugene Smith, Harold Clark, and Raiborn Rigsby were ordained to the office. The ordination service was held during the morning worship service. Participating on the program were: Pastor Lawrence Hadley, Tom Madden, director of the convention ministries division, Tennessee Baptist Convention, and several of the deacons. Madden also brought the charges to the candidates and to the church.

Lowell Fields was ordained as a deacon at Beaver Dam Church in Knoxville. John R. Churchman is pastor.

Wallace Memorial Church in Knoxville was scheduled to ordain Roger Doane, Lorene Miller, Raymond Tucker, and Ed Price as deacons.

Ronald Huling and Cecil King were ordained as deacons at Calvary Church in Oak Ridge. Paul Huling, father of Ronald, brought the ordination message. Pastor David S. Webster served as moderator.

CHURCHES . . .

Lakeview Church, Selmer, has retired the indebtedness on its building and is scheduled to hold a note burning service, annual organizational day, and fifth anniversary celebration for its pastor on Nov. 19. In its building program, approximately three years ago, the church doubled the floor space of the ground level. J. Hutcherson is pastor.

Harsh Chapel Church, Nashville, completed remodeling the sanctuary and other areas of the church recently at a cost of approximately \$5,500. Some of the improvements include the painting of the church's interior, installation of a new ceiling in the sanctuary and a portion of the fellowship hall, new lighting, and the installation of five audio stations and earphones to facilitate those with hearing handicaps.

South Seminole Church, Chattanooga, voted to send its pastor, Bill Delaney, as a delegate to the Asian Baptist Congress Meeting in Hyderabad, India in January 1979. Delaney will go with a group which includes Maurice Blanchard, pastor of Lookout Mountain Church in Hamilton County Association; Robert Naylor, retired president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Tex.; and Owen Cooper, former Southern Baptist Convention president. During the three-week stay in India, the group will be involved in evangelistic work in Bangalore, Madras, Calcutta, and Bombay.

LEADERSHIP . . .

In Western District Association, Paul Merwin resigned as pastor of Bethlehem Church.

Norman Perkins resigned as minister of education at East Ridge Church in Chattanooga to accept a position in south Florida.

Jackie L. Carver accepted the call of Shelby Avenue Church in Nashville to serve as associate pastor in charge of education and youth. Carver comes to the post from Florence Church in Murfreesboro, where he was pastor. He was ordained by Shelby Avenue Church in 1972. He is a graduate of Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Tex.

Lakeview Church, Tennessee Ridge, called T. W. Carl as interim pastor. Carl returned to Tennessee recently for retirement. He spent 11 years in Oklahoma City, Okla., and was pastor in Stewart and Henry Counties of Tennessee for 32 years. He is a former moderator of Stewart Association and former pastor of First Church, Dover.

Steven Brown accepted the call of Lynn Garden Church, Kingsport, to serve as minister of music and education. He served previously as choir director and director of youth activities at Edgemoor Church in Clinton, and youth director and director of youth music at West Lonsdale Church, Knoxville. He is a native of Knoxville and a graduate of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City. Carl L. Strickler is pastor of the Kingsport church.

Larry E. Bryant, pastor of Maney Avenue Church, Murfreesboro, has been called to pastor the Forsyth Church in Forsyth, Ill. He told Baptist and Reflector that he would begin his new duties sometime in December. He has served the Murfreesboro church for about two years.

West Paris Church, Paris, called Steve Galimore as music director recently. He is a graduate of William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo. Bill Robbins is pastor.

The congregation of Harsh Chapel Church, Nashville, voted to call Don Sain as minister of music. A native of McMinnville, he attended Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, where he received his undergraduate degree in music and his master's degree in education. He has been active serving churches in the middle Tennessee area over the last decade as well as directing the band at Donelson High School in Nashville from 1964-71. Robert LeMay is pastor.

Don Farmer, minister of education at White Oak Church in Chattanooga, has accepted the call of Springfield Church in Springfield, where he will serve in a similar post. He served the Chattanooga church for over four years.

Knoxville native to lead Churchwell Ave. congregation

Knoxville native David Lay is the new pastor of Churchwell Avenue Church in Knoxville.

A graduate of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Lay comes to the church from New York where he served in pioneer mission work.

A member of the Executive Board of the Baptist Convention of New York, he and his wife have been active in evangelistic campaigns and gospel concerts. He previously led churches in Kentucky and Tennessee.

Seven churches place state paper in budgets

Seven Tennessee Baptist churches have placed the **Baptist and Reflector** in their budgets.

The churches, pastors, and associations are:

Quebeck Church, Quebeck, Dennie Moore, Union Association.

Grace Church, Ripley, Bill Whitman, Big Hatchie Association.

Oak Grove Church, Harrogate, Lawrence Fultz, Cumberland Gap Association.

Cedar Creek Church, Lebanon, Pete Roberts, Wilson Association.

Puryear Church, Puryear, H. D. Hudson, Western District Association.

Rocky Branch Church, Walland, James McCulla, Chilhowee Association.

Smith Fork Church, Watertown, James Gordon Williams, Wilson Association.

Nine additional churches are participating in the **Baptist and Reflector** through the free trial plan. The churches, pastors, and associations are:

Fairfield Glade Church, Fairfield Glade, Fred H. Ogilvie, Cumberland Plateau Association.

Southside Church, Savannah, J. T. Drace, Shiloh Association.

Raleigh North Church, Millington, D. O. Eckel Jr., Shelby Association.

Mt. Zion Missionary Church, Heiskell, J. T. Miller, Midland Association.

Mulberry Gap Church, Sneedville, Tip Parkey, Mulberry Gap Association.

Tuppertown Church, Oliver Springs, Bryson Pride, Clinton Association.

Unity Church, Luray, Clyde Tilley, interim pastor, Madison-Chester Association.

Calvary Church, Oak Ridge, David Webster, Clinton Association.

Liberty Hill Church, Ethridge, Jim Hightower, Giles Association.

Under the free trial plan, the **Baptist and Reflector** will be sent without charge to each resident family in a church for two months. During that time, the church is requested to vote in a business meeting whether or not to continue the publication at the regular price.

Pastor's daughter found dead

Dottie Shultz, 16-year-old daughter of Don Shultz, pastor of Lincoln Baptist Church near Fayetteville, was found dead at her home on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 29. Her parents had just returned from a local funeral home when they discovered the girl's body in the bathtub.

An autopsy was scheduled to be performed on Monday, Oct. 30, according to Joe Mayberry, director of missions for William Carey Association. Mayberry said that funeral services would be held sometime during the week.

Dottie was a junior at Central high school in Fayetteville and was active in several church and school functions. In addition to her parents, she is survived by three sisters: Donna, Debbie, and Denise; and one brother, Dan.

Southwestern trustees name Elder, Newport to positions

FORT WORTH, Tex.—Additions to the administrative staff and faculty and changes in title nomenclature and assignment for several administrative officers highlighted action by the Board of Trustees at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The board also adopted a proposal for a new seminary library, reviewed the seminary budget, heard annual reports from the president and vice-presidents, and celebrated the inauguration of Russell H. Dilday Jr. as sixth president of Southwestern.

It was Dilday's first meeting with the board since becoming president on Aug. 1.

Lloyd Elder, assistant to the executive director of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, was named executive vice-president, effective Nov. 15.

John P. Newport, professor of philosophy of religion at Southwestern, 1952-76, will return to the faculty. Jan. 1, 1979, and will be-

come vice-president for academic affairs and provost, Aug. 1, 1979.

Newport, currently professor of religion at Rice University, Houston, succeeds Jesse J. Northcutt, who will retire as vice-president for academic affairs, July 31, 1979, and become Westmoreland professor of preaching.

A change in nomenclature was made for John Seelig, vice-president for administrative affairs, who became vice-president for public affairs effective with the action of the board.

Felix M. Gresham, dean of student affairs, received a new assignment as seminary chaplain and director of student aid.

New faculty members appointed, effective Jan. 1, 1979, were William A. (Budd) Smith instructor in foundations of education, and Thomas D. Lea, associate professor of New Testament.

Elder will serve as liaison officer for the seminary with all other Southern Baptist agencies and institutions. He will coordinate budget preparation and long range planning and will teach in the department of pastoral ministries. Elder will join the other four vice-presidents in the organizational structure of the seminary.

The trustees also adopted a proposal regarding a new learning resource center for the seminary, which recommended that a separate library building be constructed to house the current academic library, music library, and audio visual center.

The administration will begin preliminary planning for the center immediately and make a full recommendation regarding construction and specifications at a later meeting of the board. (BP)

Kenya Baptist organization holds first meeting in Nairobi

NAIROBI, Kenya—Kenya's first Southern Baptist missionary returned for the mission's first meeting recently to present missionaries there service pins representing 310 years of foreign mission service.

When Davis L. Saunders, now Foreign Mission Board area secretary for Eastern and Southern Africa, and his wife began work in Kenya in 1956, the work was part of the Baptist Mission of East Africa. Several years ago the Baptist Mission of Uganda was formed from this group, and last year the two remaining countries, Tanzania and Kenya, agreed to divide, forming separate missions.

The 200 missionaries and guests took an offering during the Sunday worship service. Eighty percent of the \$6,197 collected was designated for foreign missions and 20 percent for home missions through the Southern Baptist Foreign and Home Mission Boards, according to Mrs. Laura Lee Stewart, Southern Baptist missionary press representative.

Giles County messengers express thanks, vote officers

Glenn R. Chance, pastor of First Church, Minor Hill, was re-elected moderator of Giles County Association at its recent annual meeting. Elected to serve with Chance were: vice-moderator Jimmy Faulk, pastor of Shores Church; treasurer, Bobby Howell, a member of Shores Church; and clerk, Mrs. George T. Willingham, a member of Rock Spring Church.

Special plaques of appreciation were awarded to Chance for four years of service as moderator; to Clarence K. Stewart for 10 years as chairman of evangelism; and to R. E. Wilsford for 23 years as director of missions.

Shores Church has invited messengers to use its facilities for the 1979 annual session on Oct. 19-20.

Elementary music workshop slated at Carson-Newman

JEFFERSON CITY—A Workshop in Elementary Music will be presented on the Carson-Newman campus Saturday, Nov. 4. Sessions will begin at 9:30 a.m. in Davis Auditorium of the Chambliss Fine Arts Building.

The workshop will be of special interest to music specialists, elementary classroom teachers, and children's choir leaders.

Merger study

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churches and in our denomination.

"We urge any Southern Baptist who has facts or opinions about this proposed merger to communicate immediately with any member of the six-member committee. We want as much input as possible from as many sources as possible as we study the question." (BP)



VIEWING PROCLAMATION—Three Tennessee Royal Ambassadors look over a proclamation issued by the governor of Tennessee declaring Nov. 5-11 as Royal Ambassador Week in the state. Pictured left to right are: Barry Fly, First Church, Franklin; Jeff Seat, First Church, Smyrna; and Kert Scott, Belmont Heights Church, Nashville. Special observances and activities will be held in Southern Baptist churches throughout the convention, and plans will be made for the promotion of the Sixth National Royal Ambassador Congress to be held July 10-12, 1979, at the Grand Old Opry House in Nashville.

Newer states receive aid for student work

NASHVILLE—During the 1977-78 church year, more than \$62,000 was channelled through Southern Baptists' Newer Convention Support Committee to provide assistance to student ministries in newer Baptist convention areas.

The Newer Convention Support Committee was developed in 1975 to identify needs of newer conventions and resources available throughout the United States and bring them together, said David Hazelwood, new work development consultant in National Student Ministries at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Funds administered by the advisory committee, composed of representatives from the Sunday School Board, Home Mission Board, and state student directors, come from a variety of contributors.

"Since its beginning, the program has increased by about 20 percent each year," Hazelwood said. "Newer conventions are those established since 1940, and the need is great in the area of student ministry."

Fourteen of the 33 state Baptist conventions are classified newer conventions. Of 376 fulltime student directors in the SBC, 326 are in the established conventions and 50 in the new ones. Of 114 parttime directors, 91 are in the established conventions and 23 in the new conventions.

"There's quite a bit of disparity between the new and established conventions and our committee is trying to help lighten the burden," Hazelwood said.

During 1977-78, 42 of the 363 campuses received assistance through the channelling process of the committee. The assistance included 52 HELP student teams, a career worker, six US-2 workers, a student work team, two seminary interns, and 22 adopted campuses, plus salary supplements and program assistance. (BP)

Congressman to speak at hunger conference

RIDGECREST, N.C.—Congressman John B. Anderson of Illinois, the third-ranking member of the U. S. House of Representatives, will deliver the keynote address as the Southern Baptist Convention's Convocation on World Hunger, Nov. 20-21, at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Conference Center.

Anderson, an active Christian layman, co-sponsored a House resolution which led to the establishment of the Presidential Commission on World Hunger recently appointed by President Carter.

Other speakers at the convocation will include SBC President Jimmy Allen, Bread for the World director Art Simon, and Ron Sider, author of *Rich Christians in an Age of Hunger*.

The convocation, a first for Southern Baptists, is sponsored by seven denominational agencies. Persons interested in participating should contact Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, Ridgecrest, N.C. 28770.

HMB directors create new division, make staff changes, reassignments

ATLANTA—Four persons were elected to staff positions, two promoted to new responsibilities, four shifted to a newly-created division, and one announced his retirement during the annual fall meeting of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

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B. Carlisle Driggers was promoted from associate director of the department of Cooperative ministries with National Baptists to a regional coordinator, replacing retiring J. N. Evans. Lyndon Collings, assistant to the director of the missions section, was promoted to assistant director of the missions section in a redefining of that job.

Directors noted the Dec. 31 retirement of Evans, a regional coordinator since 1971. He joined the Home Mission Board in 1966 as director of the department of metropolitan missions.

Shifted to new responsibilities because of the creation of the research division were Orrin D. Morris, Leonard Hinton, Phillip B. Jones, and C. Kirk Hadaway.

Morris, a regional coordinator since 1972, will head the research division which was created by directors at the March board meeting. The division becomes effective Jan. 1, 1979.

Hadaway, a native of Nashville, joined the board in July after completing his doctor of philosophy degree in sociology at the University of Massachusetts. He will be research associate for data development.

Kelly, director of the evangelism and missions division for the Georgia Baptist Convention since 1972, starts at his new post Dec. 1, replacing Morris as regional coordinator. A native of Sewanee, Kelly has been a pastor of churches in Georgia, Oklahoma, and Tennessee. He is a graduate of Cumberland University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. (BP)

God's yes for missions

By Richard D. Patton



Patton

The Bold Mission Thrust is an attempt on the part of Southern Baptists to focus attention on three major areas of Southern Baptist life. First, attention is being called to the need for stronger programs of Bible study and church growth. Second, attention is being focused on the need for growth in terms of missionaries serving on foreign fields and at home. The third area upon which Bold Mission Thrust focuses attention is that of stewardship growth.

As Southern Baptists, we should be thankful to the men who served our convention by conceiving this plan. Bold Mission Thrust is certainly an idea whose time has come.

However, Bold Missions is not a new idea, nor is it a unique idea with Southern Baptists. The concept of Bold Missions is a Biblical concept upon which Southern Baptists or any other Christian group may build.

In his book *The Divine Yes*, Dr. E. Stanley Jones has said that God has a "Divine Yes" for the life of every man. The "Divine Yes" for Southern Baptists in our time is Bold Mission Thrust.

Bold Missions is God's "yes" to us because it stems from His heart. The Old Testament speaks to us the command to "go" into the world with God's message. God spoke to Abram (Gen. 12:1-3), Moses (Exod. 19:3-6), and to Isaiah (Isa. 66:18-24) about going into new lands to confront people with his claim upon their lives. God continues to call men to "go" because his purpose is still for all men to know him.

Bold Missions is an opportunity for Southern Baptists to share the message of God's love with all men. The New Testament contains no greater message than that Jesus Christ loves. John wrote of God's love in Christ in John 3:16, and Paul wrote of his love in Rom. 5:8. Surely, Bold Missions is our opportunity to share the message that God loves and offers his love to all men.

Missions is always seen in terms of "going." The message of missions in the Bible is always in terms of men "going" with God's word. Gen. 12:1, Exod. 3:10, Jonah 1:1-2, Matt. 10:5, 28:19-20, and Acts 1:8 each presents us with a command to "go."

Bold Mission Thrust is a timely plan for every Southern Baptist to become actively involved in the eternal plan of God. Bold Missions challenges us to speak a message from God's heart, a message of God's love, and a message of God's command for every Christian to go into the world, making disciples, in the name of Jesus.

Patton is pastor of First Church, Portland.

Two SBC agencies join forces in emphasis on discipleship

NASHVILLE—The church training department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board and the evangelism section of the Home Mission Board will join efforts toward increased emphasis on discipleship training.

"It's really a new day," said C. B. Hogue, director of the evangelism section. "Two agencies have united themselves to do the job that really needs to be done in Southern Baptist life."

"We're excited about working with the Sunday School Board. When we're able to win people to Christ, by whatever means, we can move them right into a good program for training and discipleship so they can grow in Christian maturity."

The two Southern Baptist agencies believe the unified effort will give a balanced alternative to a wide variety of approaches to discipleship training from nondenominational sources which ignore Baptist traditions, polity, and doctrine and may not be rooted in the local church.

Roy Edgemon, director of the church training department, said a proliferation of discipleship training concepts, whether intentional or not, "tear away at the local church and fragment Christians."

"As the Southern Baptist Convention continues to grow in new areas, especially in this era of a Bold Mission Thrust to reach the world and nation for Christ, we must emphasize our distinctives more than ever or lose our identity," he said.

Hogue and Edgemon, who was Hogue's associate for two years before joining the Sunday School Board at the end of 1977, have been meeting since January to develop ideas for the approach.

Their agencies will each call on the other's personnel, materials, and resources to produce discipleship training materials in Baptist

doctrine, dated curriculum, church training equipping centers, and special projects.

During January, February, and March 1979, church training personnel will conduct 13 regional seminars related to salvation and witnessing.

"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 in churches," Edgemon said.

In a different approach, the church training department has asked persons selected by the evangelism section to write both the Baptist doctrine study books for adults and youth in 1979 and the church training periodical materials on discipleship for both age groups for the April-May-June quarter of 1979 to provide a comprehensive approach. (BP)

Bluff City church calls David Tydings

Chinquapin Grove Church in Bluff City has called David V. Tydings as pastor. Coming from Bowmantown Church in Jonesboro,

Tydings will begin his new responsibilities on Nov. 12. He has led the Jonesboro church since August 1969.

A native of Loyall, Ky., he received his education at Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louis-



Tydings

ville.

He is a former pastor of Clarkson Church in Clarkson, Ky., and also pastored churches in Holston Association, including First Church, Baileyton, and New Lebanon Church.

His wife, Sarah, has been an office secretary in the Holston Association office for about five years. She also served as assistant clerk and recording secretary to the executive board of the association.

SBC radio-TV agency to ask for 48 percent budget gain

FORT WORTH, Tex.—The trustees of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission have approved a request for a 48 percent or \$1.45-million increase from the Cooperative Program for budget use in 1979-80. The current budget is \$3-million.

The requested increase would be used to provide additional special television programs and to distribute the "Baptist Hour" on a national radio network. (BP)

North American Fellowship elects Bullen, Satterfield

TORONTO, Canada—The North American Baptist Fellowship elected Fred L. Bullen as chairman for 1978-79 and planned cooperatively in the areas of evangelism, ethics, communications, stewardship development, and denominational administration.

NABF, which represents nine Baptist conventions and conferences in North America, also elected Lee B. Satterfield, a Southern Baptist optometrist from Altavista, Va., as vice-chairman. Bullen is general secretary of the Baptist Federation of Canada.

In other action, NABF approved a 1979 budget of \$15,030 and a 1980 budget of \$15,900, both up from the 1978 budget of \$13,895. The participants also inspected Maple Leaf Gardens in Toronto, meeting place for the 14th Baptist World Congress in July. 1980. (BP)

Churches elect messengers, not delegates

In these weeks prior to the Nov. 14-16 meeting of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, many of our 2,700 churches will be electing **messengers** —not delegates—to that annual meeting.

To many who are unfamiliar with Baptist polity, the word “messenger” has little meaning. Secular reporters often refer incorrectly to those who attend our conventions as “delegates.” We hate to be picky, but there is an **important distinction** between these two designations.

Baptists strongly avoid the use of the term “delegate” because it violates two of our honored principles—the priesthood of the believer and the autonomy of a local church.

Although they are elected by a local church, the messengers who will gather this month at Woodmont Church in Nashville are meeting as individuals who will vote their convictions based upon their personal interpretation of the will of God. No church should attempt to violate this principle by instructing a messenger how to vote on any issue. This would result in a messenger being responsible to his church for how he voted. He is actually accountable **only** to God.

Further, if these were delegates, then the church who elected that delegate would be bound to carry out every action approved by the convention. Cooperation would be mandatory—rather than voluntary.

For example: if these were delegates, the convention could require these delegates and their churches to start any organization, endorse any program, support any project voted by the

convention. This would violate our principle of autonomy of a local church. A Baptist church must remain always free to determine its own structure, program, and emphases.

In its true essence, the messenger is a bearer of a message.

He brings to the convention the “message” he received from his personal relationship with Christ and his convictions of how that relationship should affect the work of the convention.

Then, he bears a “message” back to his church of the spirit and work of the convention.

Some would say that our process frees messengers to act selfishly with little concern for others. In reality, the opposite is true. The messenger is under a tremendous obligation to pray and to seek God’s guidance, so that the collective action of the messengers in session will advance His kingdom.

New translation

During the past 25 years there have been a number of new translations or paraphrases of the Bible, so the report that another new translation is being published is hardly earth-shattering news.

However, the announcement that the New International Version of the Bible is being released this week should bring joy to many evangelical conservatives.

The NIV is not a revision of any other translation. It is the product of 10 years of exhaustive research by more than 100 Biblical scholars—all of whom adhere to the belief that “the Bible alone, in its entirety, is the Word of God written and is therefore inerrant in the autographs.”

The translators themselves are truly international, coming not only from the United States and England, but also from Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. This prohibited the use of phrases which have local or dated meanings.

The NIV is “transdenominational” in that its translators come from many evangelical denominations. This helped safeguard the translation from sectarian bias.

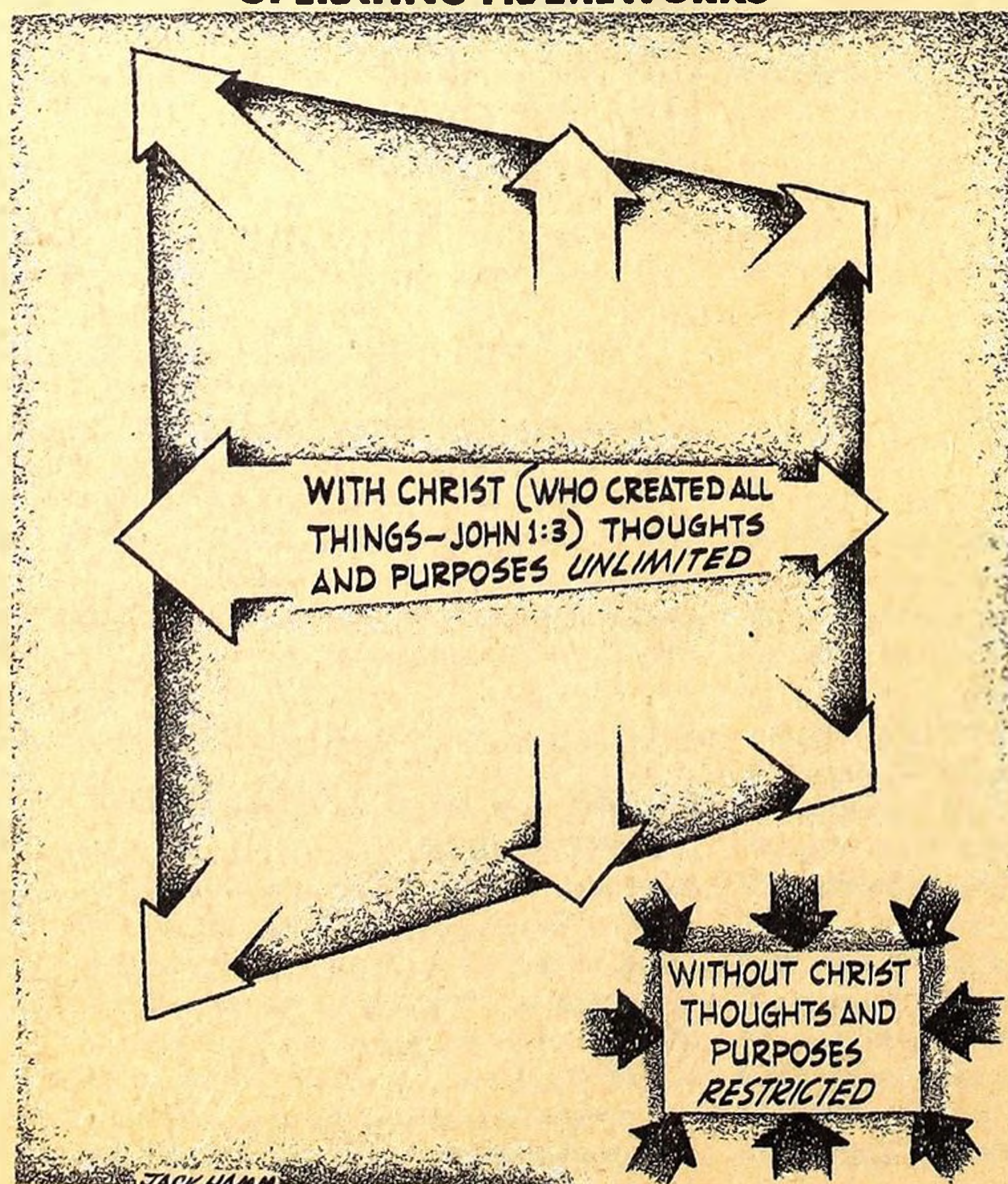
The translators used all of the most reliable texts available. Each book was assigned to a four or five-member team; their work checked by an Editorial Committee, then by a General Editorial, and finally by the permanent Committee on the Bible. No other recent translation has been made by a more thorough process of review and revision.

Every effort was made to insure that the NIV Bible is accurate, smooth, and dignified.

The ambitious project has been generously underwritten by the New York Bible Society.

Only time and history will determine whether or not the elaborate, painstaking process has produced a new Biblical translation which will become the standard for English Bible readers. From early indications, it would appear that the New International Version has achieved this goal.

OPERATING FRAMEWORKS



Cicero's comment

By the editor



"Cicero, it looks like I will be resigning as pastor of Squabble Baptist Church," confided Ray Signn.

"I have heard that is a pretty rough pastorate," Cicero observed, "But you have only been there six months!"

Ray recounted what had happened.

When the pulpit committee had contacted him, Ray was somewhat apprehensive—remembering that the last three pastors had endured about the same length of time as summer roses. But, he accepted their invitation and the church's call, having been convinced that peace and harmony had preceded him to the church.

"When I arrived, I found in my desk a letter from the former pastor, Rip Toff. With the letter were three sealed numbered envelopes.

"The letter said, 'This is a hard church to pastor. When things get bad—as I'm sure they will—open the first envelope and follow the instructions. When the second crisis erupts, open the second envelope and follow the instructions. Then, if things get bad again, open the third envelope and follow the instructions'."

Ray said that everything was wonderful at first. Then, after about three months, the criticism and pressure became tremendous. Ray hurried to his desk, opened the first envelope, and read, "Blame me, your predecessor."

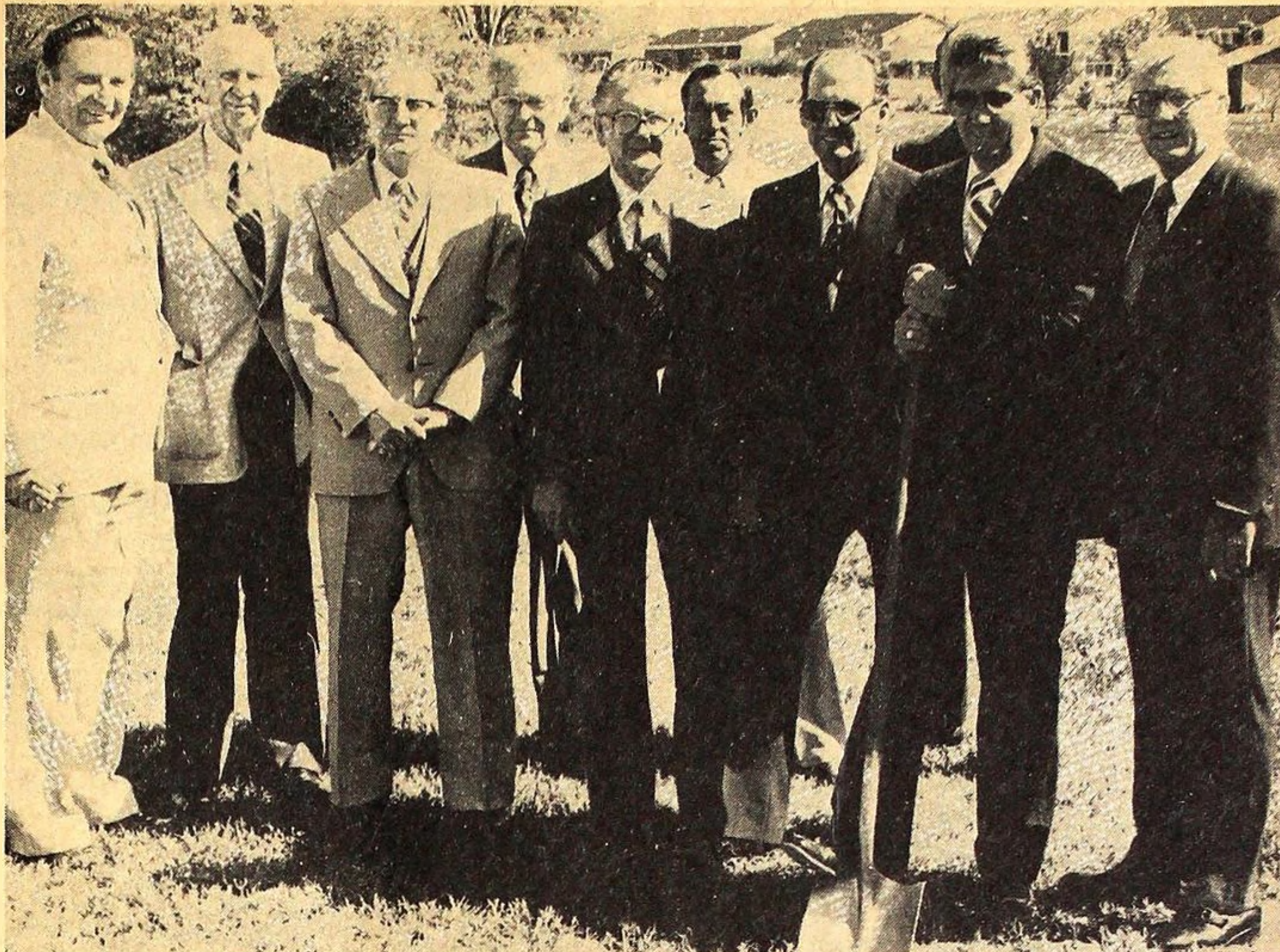
"So, I began to tell the congregation that our problems were the fault of Rip Toff, because he had done such a poor job and had left things in a mess. And, it worked. Things calmed down—for a couple of months."

Ray reported that he then opened the second envelope. It stated, "Blame the denomination!"

"I started telling the congregation that our problems were because of the denomination . . . the director of missions was interfering . . . the convention's programs were not fitted for our church . . . the leaders were concerned only about statistics . . . the seminaries were liberal . . . the money was being used for administration, not missions . . . and no denominational officials cared about us."

"Did it work?," Cicero inquired.

"Perfectly," Ray beamed. "But after a couple of weeks the bickering returned. I hurried to my study and anxiously opened the third envelope. It read, 'Prepare three envelopes. . .'"



GROUNDBREAKING—Poplar Corner Church, Brownsville, broke ground for an educational building last month. The church was started 10 years ago as a mission of the Brownsville Church. Pictured, left to right, are: Earl E. Wells, pastor; A.W. Ferguson; Alvis Castleman; D. E. Stewart; Gordon DePriest, director of missions for Haywood Association; Billy Castellaw; Cecil Carter; Lynn Coburn; and H.K. Sorrell, pastor of the Brownsville Church. Behind Coburn is Jimmy McCuan.

Belmont professor takes life; services held in Nashville

Richard La Mar, professor of music at Belmont College in Nashville since 1970, was found dead at his home in that city on Sunday, Oct. 22. Nashville police said that La Mar took his own life by hanging himself.

Private graveside services were held on Wednesday, Oct. 25. Herbert Gabhart, president at Belmont, and Albert Wardin, professor of history, officiated. A memorial service was held at the school on Oct. 27.

La Mar attended First Presbyterian Church in Nashville.

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Pulpit To Pews

By Jim N. Griffith

A seminary professor of preaching says one of the dangers that face us as ministers is that we let secondary things take the emphasis away from preaching.

"It is," he declares, "a case of too much salute and not enough shoot."

Additional observations come to mind that might be described as faults or weaknesses that take away from the effectiveness of preaching.

It seems that some preaching is often too much yell and not enough tell.

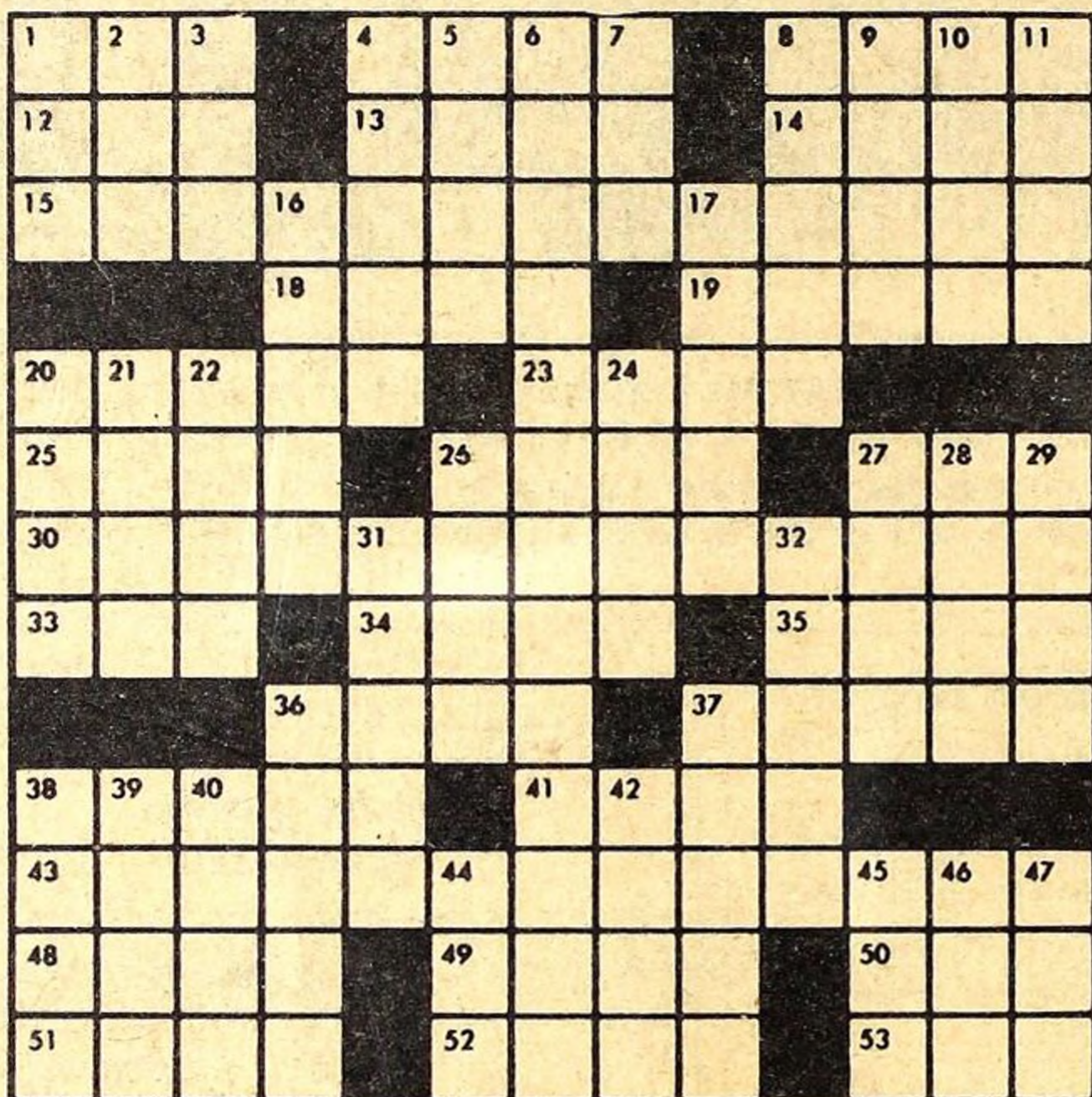
Or too much pounding and not enough expounding.

In the same vein, it could be said that frequently there is too much heat and not enough light.

Or too much shout and not enough clout.

But all of this might be summed up by saying that the weakness of preaching could be in the fact that there is too much, "I saith . . ." and not enough "Thus saith the Lord!"

Bible Puzzle Answers on page 14



ACROSS

- 1 Spirit (John 4:24)
- 4 Had in remembrance (Acts 10:31)
- 8 "without —" (2 Pet. 3:14)
- 12 Oklahoma town
- 13 Category
- 14 Book of hours
- 15 "in the — — —" (Gen. 47)
- 18 Kind of power: abbr.
- 19 "stone of —" (1 Sam. 6:18; poss.)
- 20 Game or money
- 23 Cassava
- 25 Incorrect contraction
- 26 Part of sanatorium
- 27 Amateur Athletic Union: abbr.
- 30 "words of the pure are — —" (Prov. 15)

- 33 O. T. book: abbr.
- 34 Fashionable beach resort
- 35 Half of unneeded
- 36 "and — us" (Mark 9)
- 37 Tree genus: poss.
- 38 Consent
- 41 Hence, old style
- 43 "of that — — —" (Rev. 16)
- 48 Peel
- 49 Maple genus
- 50 Spanish cheer
- 51 Does arithmetic
- 52 Quantity of food
- 53 Academic degrees

DOWN

- 1 N. T. book: abbr.

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Today's Cryptoverse clue: V equals O

- 2 Harem room
- 3 The city (Judg. 18:29)
- 4 Coral reef
- 5 "In him was —" (John 1)
- 6 "Grace, —, — —" (1 Tim. 1)
- 7 Spanish lady: abbr.
- 8 "gold of —" (Psa. 72)
- 9 Set forth
- 10 Russian city
- 11 Soviet agency
- 16 Greek letter
- 17 Parrot
- 20 Son of a giant (2 Sam. 21:18)
- 21 Hawaiian city
- 22 Chemical suffixes
- 24 "answered — Daniel" (Dan. 2)
- 26 "— into Syria" (Acts 20)
- 27 English composer
- 28 Man (Ezra 10:30)
- 29 "for necessary —" (Tit. 3)
- 31 Weather word
- 32 "— — Egypt" (Matt. 2)
- 36 "— of Oreb and Zeeb" (Judg. 7:25)
- 37 Stravinsky and namesakes
- 38 Tourist mecca
- 39 Grating
- 40 Wrest
- 42 Cereal grains
- 44 "— sitting upon the young" (Deut. 22)
- 45 Where 20 Across was slain
- 46 "— things are passed away" (2 Cor. 5)
- 47 Before cend or scribe

HISTORICALLY

FROM THE FILES

50 YEARS AGO

The church at Dayton entered its new building. W. A. Moffitt was pastor.

Elihu Martin of Huntingdon resigned as pastor of Enon Church after serving the church for several years.

25 YEARS AGO

Margaret Hodge of Rutherfordton, N. C., began her duties as minister of music and church secretary with First Church, Rogersville. Carroll C. Owen was pastor.

10 YEARS AGO

Louie D. Newton was presented the E. Y. Mullins Denominational Service Award of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., upon his retirement after almost 40 years as pastor of the Druid Hills Church, Atlanta.

Northside Church, Jefferson City, broke ground for a new educational unit. Charles Phillips was pastor.

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Poor grades blamed on lengthy TV viewing

Rich or poor, most five or six year olds are used to being cared for and come to school expecting more of the same from their teachers . . . plus the adventure of learning. Those who don't learn at the expected pace, however, soon discover that adult caring is closely connected with achievement, says psychiatrist William Glasser.

Kids who can't keep up find that their stock has gone down with teachers. Before very long, they stop caring about learning and school and engage in behavior that does bring attention—misbehavior.

"Schools have to abandon the time-honored progress curve," he stresses in *Phi Delta Kappan*. "The core of school failure is

Hong Kong Baptists produce gospel music recordings

HONG KONG—Baptists in Hong Kong are getting into the commercial music recording business to help spread the gospel.

The quality of evangelistic music on the few cassettes available now is so poor that "the media negates the message," according to Peyton M. Moore, director of Baptist Communications Center.

He believes high-quality cassettes of evangelistic music will provide a Christian witness in non-Christian homes. "Well-done, high-quality cassettes are attractive to teenagers and young people. Many live in homes where parents would not allow a preacher to come and witness but would allow music," says Moore. (FMB)

the failure to learn to read adequately. Children learn to read at different rates, and we must give them credit for what they can do, encourage them to stick with it, tutor them, support them, and—because there is no way to discipline a failure—assure them that they are not going to fail, no matter how long it takes."

The child who feels that the teacher is interested in him, in what he thinks and has to say—regardless of his academic performance—retains the will to work, Glasser points out. This sense of personal acceptance, coupled with the assurance that he will learn, heads off the discipline problems that develop when a non-reading, neglected youngster concludes that he or she has no stake in the school.

What about five or six year olds who come to school having experienced little personal care and little preparation for learning? "Blaming school problems on bad homes and bad communities is a sad rationalization that too many educators embrace," Glasser believes.

In his opinion, television is an environmental factor that has an important bearing on discipline. A large number of five and six year olds are arriving at school already neurologically damaged by too much TV viewing. "Not only does TV directly prevent the brain from maturing by stimulating it excessively when it needs rest and a variety of inner activities through which to grow, television also interferes with the development of the social skills that school demands."

The psychiatrist is convinced that children are harmed not only by the violence they see on the screen, but by the amount of time spent viewing. "Children simply watch too much TV. Later, when a pupil fails in school, he will often express his anger through imitation of the senseless violence he has seen."

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By Jonas L. Stewart

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SERVICE AWARD PRESENTED—James C. Jones, vice-moderator for Dyer Association, (left) and Darrell Clarke, moderator, (right) present a plaque of appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Shanklin. Shanklin has served as director of missions in that association for 10 years. The presentation was made at the annual meeting of Dyer Association last month in Finley.

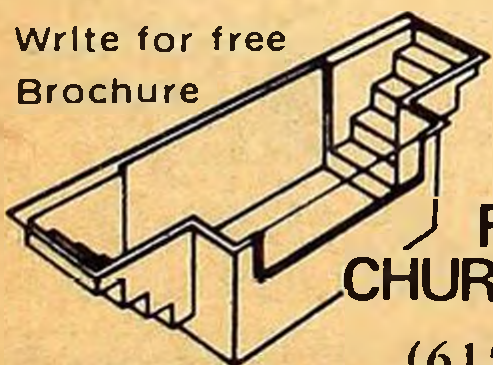
Shanklin honored at Dyer meeting

Messengers to Dyer Association honored their director of missions, W.W. Shanklin, during the recent annual session. Mr. and Mrs. Shanklin were presented with a plaque in appreciation for 10 years of service to the association. Messengers also voted to dedicate the associational minutes for 1978 to Shanklin and his wife.

Elected moderator for the group was Virgil Presley, pastor of Second Church in Dyersburg. It will be his first term to serve.

James C. Jones, a member of Hawthorne Church in Dyersburg, was re-elected vice-moderator. The new clerk in Dyer Association is Jimmy McCall, pastor of RoEllen Church, RoEllen. Guthrie Dotson, who has served as treasurer in the association for approximately 30 years, was re-elected to that post.

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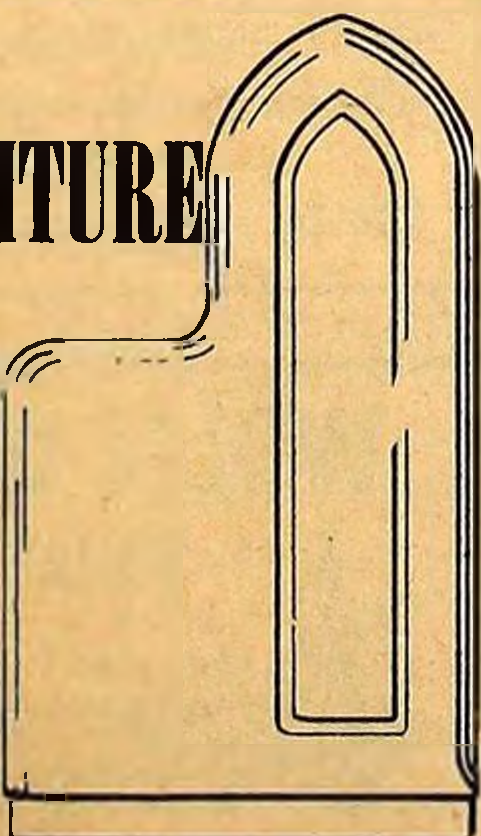
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Messengers attending Gibson County Association's annual meeting named Bill F. Northcott, pastor of First Church, Bradford, vice-moderator. He succeeds Clyde Page, a layman at First Church, Trenton.

Officers re-elected were John Pippin, pastor of First Church, Medina, moderator; J. D. Nowell, layman of First Church, Trenton, treasurer; and Paul Barkley, pastor of First Church, Dyer, clerk.

The association voted to accept Keely Mill Church, Dyer, into its membership. J. H. Patterson is pastor of this church.

The 1979 sessions are scheduled for Oct. 22 at First Church, Milan, and Oct. 23 at Northside Church, Milan.



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Honest speech

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Basic Passages: Exodus 20:16; Matthew 5:11-12; 23:16-22; James 3:6-14
Focal Passages: Matthew 5:11-12; James 3:6-14; Exodus 20:16

When I was a student at Carson-Newman College in the late 1940's, my wife and I lived at Mt. Horeb, a beautiful farming community near Jefferson City. When I got ready to buy a license plate for my automobile, I discovered that I had lost the papers I needed. In desperation, I went to Joe Sheddan, who ran the country store across the road from our apartment. He called the county court clerk, told him of my predicament, and cleared the way for me to get the license plates.

When I went to get the license, I thanked the clerk, who replied, "Anybody that Joe Sheddan will vouch for has to be all right." An honest man's word had established my reputation with a person who had never seen me before. In a day when even contracts seem to be made and broken with no thought, a renewed emphasis on honest speech is sorely needed.

Persecution by falsehood (Matt. 5:11-12)
Nobody likes to be lied to or lied about, not even a person who isn't so truthful himself. This makes it all the more interesting that the climax of the Beatitudes is Jesus' word about the persecution that will come to Kingdom

citizens by those who would set out to destroy one's reputation by lying about him. This beatitude is even more significant in our day when physical persecution for the Christian is a rare thing. An acid test of Christian maturity comes when one can endure character assassination, slander, and the vicious sins of the tongue without responding in kind.
Yet, if one who is lied about resorts to the same tactic to get even, it puts him in the same plane as his persecutor. I cannot throw mud without getting it on me.
While Jesus' admonition to "love your enemies" is hard to live out, it still brings more positive results than retaliation. After all, our reward is not earthly, but heavenly (v. 12).

Tongues aflame! (James 3:6-14)
Prior to this passage, James has pointed out that a true mark of maturity is the ability to control the tongue (3:2 Riecke). Bits guide horses, rudders determine the path of ships, and the small organ called the tongue in large measure affects the direction of one's life (3:3-5). As Riecke points out, a loose tongue in the church can be especially destructive just as a tongue under discipline can be an instrument of good.
His remarks about the tongue being like an untamed animal (6-8) were particularly appropriate for the early church. Rumor and distortion painted the Lord's Supper, not as a memorial to the death of Christ, but as a cannibalistic ceremony in which a new member of the church was initiated by having to kill a

baby, drinking his blood, and eating his flesh in order to become a member of a Christian congregation.
Even now none of us are immune from the temptation to embroider the things we tell about others, especially if they are of a suspicious nature, or if they involve someone we do not like. Some whose language are the most religious sounding can turn around and commit the greatest blasphemies against their fellow human beings, all in the name of Christianity.
The better part of wisdom might be expressed in the old saying, "If you have nothing good to say about someone, say nothing at all," or as Jesus says, "If you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition . . . do not boast or be false to the truth" (James 3:14).

The commandment stated (Exod. 20:16)
In the age of the exaggerated statement the commandment, "Thou shalt not bear false witness" rings out a call to speak the truth. When the truth has been spoken, memory of what has been done does not have to be perfect. The liar lies to at least two people: 1) he lies to himself by convincing himself that it is not evil for him to tell a lie, and 2) he lies to the person or persons who listen to him (Poteat).
While the Commandment probably primarily applied to testimony in court, its broader application is for all of society. Dishonesty is the cancer that eats away at the very soul of society. If we cannot be honest in word and deed, our society cannot long endure.

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Basic Passage: Luke 16:1-15
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Jesus told the parable of the unjust steward in the hearing of some Pharisees "who were covetous," or literally "silver lovers" (v. 14). They received it with contempt and "derided Him" because of the story. The word translated "derided" means literally, "they turned up their noses at Him." This story is the fourth one in a series which Jesus told to point up fallacies of the Pharisees' attitudes.

While Jesus told about the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost son, the Pharisees listened with no apparent response. But when Jesus began to touch the purse He touched the heart. They spoke no words, but as Dr. A. T. Robertson put it, "their eyes, noses, and faces were eloquent with fine disdain."

A misuse of power: (Luke 16:1)

This parable is unusual because every character in it seems to have been a rascal. The central character was a steward who had been placed in a position of authority over his master's business. He was accused of wasting his master's property (v. 1).

We are not told who accused the steward, but the word used here indicates that someone who disliked the man began to spread rumors. It implies malice on the part of the accusers even if what was said was true. Someone wanted to get back at Him for something. One of the most negative things about dishonesty is that it breeds distrust among the conspirators in each dishonest plot. In the final analysis there is no honor among thieves.

Nor are we told in what way the property was wasted. The word literally means scattered, indicating that the property was expended in a way that it was not intended to be. The steward spent it for things not in his master's interest, and was, thus, following a career of embezzlement.

A call to account: (Luke 16:2-3)

The accusation caused the master to call upon the steward to give an account of his stewardship. A look at the account books would reveal the misappropriated funds. Knowing that he would be found guilty and be dismissed from his position caused concern on the part of the steward. "What shall I do?" (v. 3) is the first concern of every person caught in the web of dishonesty.

He would be placed in a very grave position:

he would be cast aside with no means of support. "I cannot dig" indicates that he was physically unable, by virtue of age and soft living, to engage in the strenuous toils of farm labor. His accustomed social status made begging equally as objectionable, "to beg I am ashamed." These seemed at first to be his only alternatives.

A smart resolve: (Luke 16:4-7)

He remembered all the people with whom he had conducted business as his master's administrator. Some of them were as grasping and dishonest as he was. The strength of the language in "I am resolved" indicates that the idea struck him like a burst of light on the darkness of his bewilderment. We might dramatize it by having him snap his fingers and exclaim "I've got it!"

"When I am put out of the stewardship" (v. 4), is a statement of resignation to the inevitable. "That they may receive me into their houses" refers to those who would be included in his dishonest conspiracy. He intended to buy favors for himself by further dishonesty.

His plan was simple. He would steal even more from his master by reducing the amounts his master's debtors owed him.

A surprising commendation: (Luke 16:8)

When the account books were opened, what the steward had done was blaringly evident. We would expect the master to have gone into an angry rage when he found it out, but instead he "commended the unjust steward because he had done wisely." We are led to suspect that the master himself must have been something of a scoundrel to have appreciated such a dastardly deed. Much can be discerned about a man by knowing who his heroes are.

Jesus comments on the situation by telling why the unjust steward was commended, "For the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light." He is certainly not justifying the steward, but He is making the point that men put more creative thought into their dishonest pursuits than Christians put into their service for God. The word "wisely" which described the actions of the steward could better be translated "shrewdly." It is often amazing how shrewd a criminal mind can be. If Christians could utilize the same shrewdness in their interpersonal relationships, they could do wonders for God.

A significant instruction: (Luke 16:9)

Jesus gives us what is paramount to a command, "I say unto you, make to yourselves

friends of the mammon of unrighteousness." The word "of" in the King James Version could better be translated "with" or "by." He is saying that we should use mammon (money or material possessions) to make friends for ourselves which will last throughout eternity. We can do that by concentrating as hard on the proper use of money as the unjust steward did on the improper use of it.

The rabbis taught that charity given to poor people would be credited to the giver in heaven. One rabbi said, "The rich help the poor in this world, but the poor help the rich in the world to come."

That was what Jesus meant when he said, "When ye fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations." Those who have been blessed and helped by charitable giving may give a welcome to their benefactors when they reach heaven. Certainly Jesus was not suggesting that man can buy his way into heaven by the use of money. He was merely suggesting that one way to "lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven" (Matt. 6:20), is to use the money wisely for God here on earth. It will provide for us there an account of joyous welcome, not of purchased entrance.

A proper master: (Luke 16:10, 13)

Nothing a man has is truly his own. Everything belongs to God who made it. "The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein" (Psalm 24:1). Man is but a steward of that which is in his possession. Our attitude toward material possessions reflects our attitude toward any other responsibilities our Lord might commit to us. If we aren't faithful with money, how can we be faithful with anything else. The man who can be trusted in a very small thing will be promoted to larger responsibilities.

Any person who makes the acquisition of material things his motivating goal soon finds himself a slave to things. Such a person cannot, in the fullest sense, serve God for, "No servant can serve two masters . . . ye cannot serve God and mammon" (v. 13). One's loyalties must ultimately belong to only one master. It is significant for any child of God who wants his life to be a powerful influence for his Lord to cultivate the attitude of the Apostle Paul: "What things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ . . . I count all things but loss . . . for . . . Christ Jesus, my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ" (Phil. 3:7-8).

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Alcoholism: the silent conspiracy

By Elaine Furlow

They found Bud lying on the sofa in a pool of blood. The ambulance came and took him away. He died before midnight. He was 58. His bleeding resulted from cirrhosis of the liver.

"It's common among alcoholics," the doctor said.

"I didn't know Bud was an alcoholic," said a neighbor. "He was such a nice, gentle man."

"Oh, you knew. We all knew," said the man's wife. "We just never did anything about it."

Alcoholism is the United States' number three health problem, behind cancer and heart disease.

The National Council on Alcoholism estimates at least 10-million Americans are alcoholics. For each alcoholic, NCA estimates four other persons are directly affected.

Southern Baptists, who traditionally frown on even limited social drinking, are not immune to this national problem costing billions of dollars and creating thousands of disrupted, ruined lives.

A 1977 survey of teenagers attending Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center found 46.1 percent of the respondents knew a family member—mother, sibling, grandparent—with a drinking problem.

A similar survey of Woman's Missionary Union workers revealed 63.6 percent knew a family member with a drinking problem; 37.6 percent knew members of their churches with drinking problems.

Experts—Baptists and others—say it won't help to pretend there's no problem. Alcoholics often are surrounded by friends and family who do more harm than good in the "conspiracy of silence": the 7-year-old daughter doesn't mention it to her schoolmates; the wife picks up bounced checks and makes them good; the co-worker punches in for his buddy.

"The number one problem in dealing with addiction is denial (of the problem's existence)," says Wade Hopkin, chief therapist at Ridgeview Institute, Smyrna, Ga. To break through, counselors use "tough love." Tough love attacks the disease, not the person.

"We used to think a guy had to hit bottom before he could be helped," says Hopkin. "But we know there are two areas a guy will fight for—one is his job, the other is relations with his spouse. When people on the job and the family both say, 'We're not going to allow this anymore—you need help,' you can start there."

For tough love to work, it takes the combined effort of everyone around the alcoholic. Some pastors have a helpless, uneasy, even scornful feeling, based on faulty understanding of alcoholism. They can recite stories of telephone calls for help at all hours; alcoholics who used them once too often; frustrating counseling situations. Some confusion comes from an unclear definition of alcoholism, its causes and cures.

When the drinker's daily life is controlled by

alcohol, the person is an alcoholic. Says a recovering alcoholic, with a bitter laugh, "I really knew I was in trouble when I found myself thinking, 'This job is interfering with my drinking'—not the other way around."

The alcoholic's physical and emotional make-up differs from that of people who do not develop the disease. Some workers in the alcoholism field compare the disease to diabetes, where hereditary factors make one person more susceptible. Yet predisposition is only a partial cause. Push-pull demands of one's environment, psychological empty spaces in a person's life—these, too, contribute.

A former pastor now running a rehabilitation camp for alcoholics in Florida argues, "The medical and government approach is that alcoholism is a disease, and that's true in that it's irreversible. But alcoholism is a lifestyle, a coming short of the glory of God. It's the opposite of walking in the spirit. Something is missing."

To recognize alcoholism as a disease does not relieve a person of responsibility for his or her condition. It does, however, enable alcoholics to regain their self-esteem, yet seek medical help.

Too, a Christian sensitive to alcoholics' medical needs will not fall into the trap of thinking love and understanding alone can work a cure. "That's how the alcoholic gets to the Christian. He says, 'If you love me, you will nurture me—me and my vomit, me and my dependency,'" says Ridgeview's Hopkin.

Hopkin urges people not to "buy into" that revolving-door pattern, for caretaking only runs a dreary, hopeless cycle. Because an alcoholic can drain a minister's time and energy, one counselor advocates bringing in agencies equipped to help, while continuing to counsel the alcoholic's family.

To effect a lasting cure, many alcoholics join with people who understand. Among the most successful groups is Alcoholics Anonymous, with more than one-million members.

Many churches have opened their facilities to AA meetings. But the decision needs to be a total church commitment.

One Baptist church in Memphis allowed AA to use its basement, then balked when church members learned about "all that cigarette smoke" in the room.

Churches can also help through education. The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's Christian Social Ministries Department sponsors awareness conferences.

Awareness and education are especially needed for young people—the younger the better. The softer approach may be more effective than traditional hardline attitudes—"Thou shalt not"—toward alcohol consumption. Two studies indicate anti-alcohol religious groups produce more alcoholics among their drinking members than do other denominations.

While not as many Baptists as Catholics or Lutherans drink, from every 100 drinking

Baptists come more alcoholics than from 100 drinkers of any group studied.

Many people believe Christians have "something special to offer" in relating to alcoholics—the message of hope for the human condition, the potential for rebirth. Christians, unfortunately, aren't always able to translate into action that message of hope.

"The institutional church is not relevant to the man on the street," says a Florida man. "The bar is more relevant. For the price of a beer, someone will listen to you. But the church doesn't attract lonely people. Instead, it repels them. They don't feel comfortable."

"The biggest job we have," says the Home Mission Board's Harold Wilcox of the Christian social ministries department, "is changing the attitude of the minister and the congregation. When this attitude is changed from one of condemnation to one of love and care, the alcoholic can be helped." (BP)

Television commission receives three awards

FORT WORTH, Tex.—Three documentary films produced by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission took top awards in the Long Island International Film Festival.

"A River to the Sea," (which was seen Oct. 29 on CBS) was voted the outstanding film in the history and anthropology category. Narrated by actor Alexander Scourby, the film traces development of the English language from the Roman occupation to modern times.

"Malcolm Muggeridge," already recipient of the Chris Statuette from the Columbus Film Festival, earned second place in the religion category. The film is an overview of Muggeridge's years as a journalist and the conclusions he developed over a lifetime of thought and writing.

"Symphony" was voted second place in the arts category. Focusing on the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra, the film showed the contribution music makes to the enrichment of man's spiritual life.

John Stevens, vice-president of script development, wrote, produced and directed all three films. The three are part of the commission's 1979 "The Human Dimension" television series which is seen nationwide. (BP)

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