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## TBC to consider record budget, elections

### 104th annual meeting scheduled next week at Woodmont Church

The consideration of a record Cooperative Program budget-goal for the Tennessee Baptist Convention, the election of officers and members of TBC boards and committees, and recommendations from its Constitution and Bylaws Committee will be among the major business items faced by messengers to the state convention next week.

The 104th annual session of the convention will meet Nov. 14-16 at Woodmont Church, Nashville.

Interspersed between the business and reports will be inspirational messages by five Tennessee pastors and TBC executive secretary-treasurer Ralph E. Norton, who will retire in December after six years of service in that post.

(The tentative program is printed on page 12.)

The TBC Executive Board will recommend that the messengers approve a \$11.8-million Cooperative Program budget-goal for the November 1978-October 1979 convention year. This represents an 11.85 percent increase over last year's \$10.55-million budget-goal.

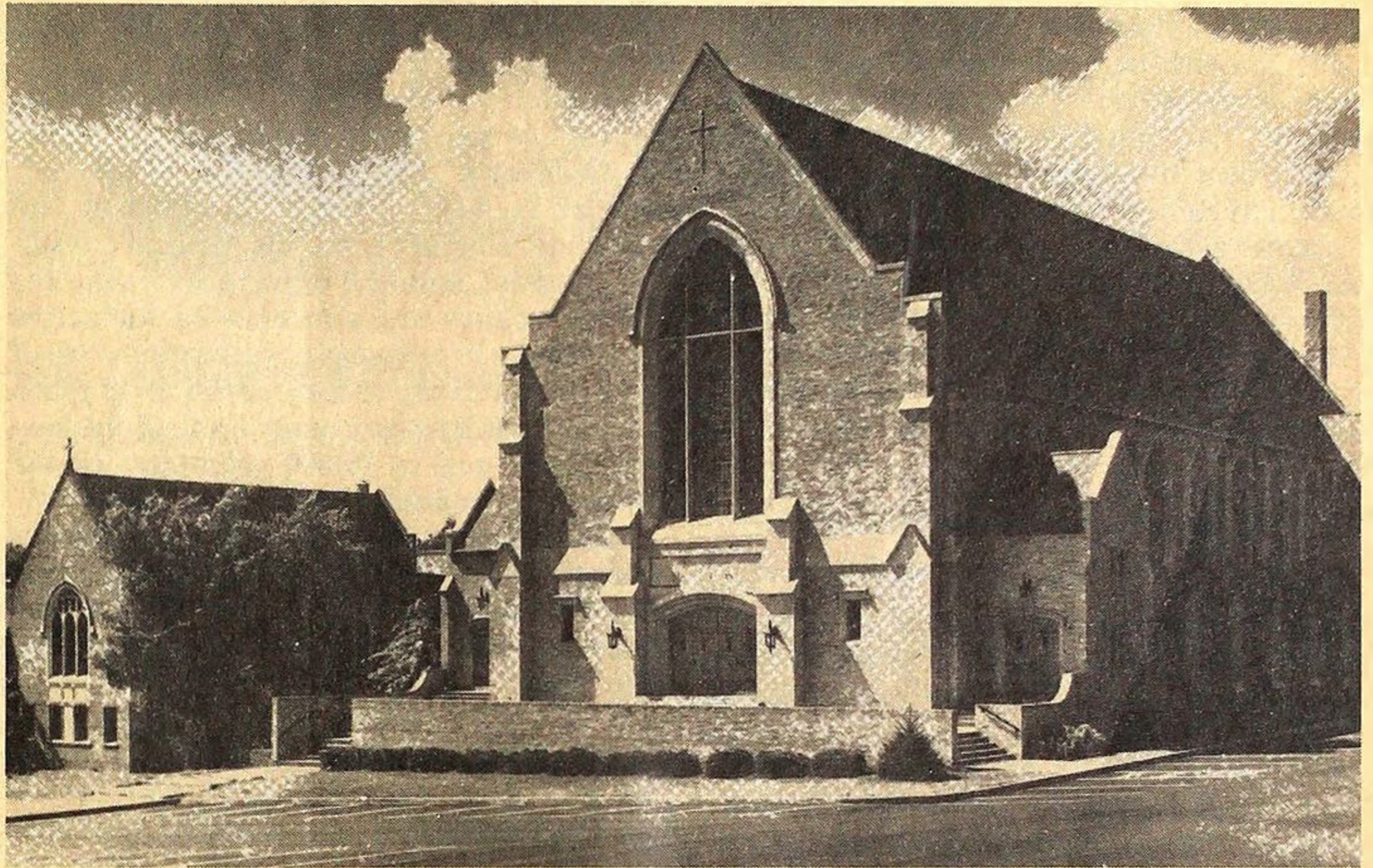
The recommendation will also include an increase in the percentage of Tennessee's Cooperative Program mission gifts which are shared with missions and ministries supported through the Southern Baptist Convention's Cooperative Program. The new percentage would be 34.5 percent—up one-half of one percent over last year's 34 percent.

Another recommendation from the TBC Executive Board would establish a program for ministry with senior adults. The messengers would be asked to approve a program statement, which will pave the way for implementation of this program by the convention.

The messengers will elect officers for the Tennessee Baptist Convention and also trustees and members for 11 boards and eight committees of the state convention. (The report of the Committee on Boards and Committee on Committees was printed in the Oct. 12 issue of the **Baptist and Reflector**).

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee will make several recommendations for changes in the convention's Constitution and

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**CONVENTION HOST**—Woodmont Church of Nashville will host the 104th meeting of the Tennessee Baptist Convention next week. The sessions will begin at 9:30 a.m. CST Tuesday and conclude with the Thursday morning session.

## Tennessee Cooperative Program reaches \$11-million for year

A new record in mission giving through the Cooperative Program was established by Tennessee Baptists for the convention year which closed Oct. 31, according to Ralph E. Norton, executive secretary-treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

The receipts for the November 1977-October 1978 period reached \$11,031,506.44, which is an 11.3 percent increase over the previous year's receipts.

Norton noted that the \$1,119,862.91 gain over the \$9,911,643.53 gifts for the November 1976-October 1977 convention year marked the convention's first \$1-million increase.

The 1977 TBC had set a \$10.55-million Cooperative Program goal for the convention year which closed last week. The gifts during the period were \$481,506.44 more than the goal. According to action of the 1977 TBC, this overage will be distributed by the Executive Board at its Dec. 11-12. The receipts were 4.6 percent above the convention-adopted budget goal.

October's mission gifts were \$809,531.13, which is 7.9 percent below the monthly goal, but \$195,060.69 more than was given in October 1977.

In addition to the increase last year in mission support through the Cooperative Program, the TBC executive secretary indicated there was a comparable increase in mission gifts to special offerings.

Receipts for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions during the convention year (November 1977-October 1978) were \$842,799.57. This was a 15.1 percent gain above the \$732,513.26 given the previous year.

Tennesseans shared \$2,223,830.16 with the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions, which was 14.3 percent more than the \$1,945,675.77 given the previous year.

The Tennessee Golden State Mission Offering received \$356,207.11 during the convention year just closed—a 14.8 percent increase

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# Volunteers, support increase for Mission Service Corps

**RICHMOND, Va.**—Mission Service Corps volunteers serving overseas numbered 28 at the end of October and represented a total support commitment of almost \$200,000.

The need exists for many more, says Lewis I. Myers Jr., who coordinates the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's part of the Mission Service Corps, a plan under which persons may volunteer for one to two years service on Baptist mission fields to supplement career missionaries at home and abroad.

Foreign mission fields have made requests for Mission Service Corps volunteers more quickly than volunteers are found and financed, said Myers, noting some 200 requests from the field are currently being processed.

Myers said more than 50 other MSC volunteers are in the screening process. Twenty-six of these have full or partial support lined up.

An earlier report from the Home Mission Board in Atlanta indicated that the board has assigned 79 MCS volunteers, has 20 in pro-

cess, and 132 available without funding.

Mission Service Corps volunteers serve through the financial support of Southern Baptists, either individually or as congregations or groups. Others provide their own support. Gifts are over and above regular contributions to the SBC Cooperative Program and special missions offerings.

Mission Service Corps is only one of the Foreign Mission Board's volunteer service opportunities for persons wishing to serve one-to-two-year terms.

Additionally, short-term volunteers, serving from two weeks to a year, go out by the hundreds each year through the board's offices of laymen overseas, evangelism and church development, and the medical consultant. Baptist families moving overseas for secular reasons are also enlisted for active participation in overseas congregations. All of these programs are being stepped up to reach the Southern Baptist Convention's Bold Mission Thrust goal of 10,000 volunteers on the foreign field annually by the year 2000.

The Home Mission Board has a similar range of short-term volunteer programs other than Mission Service Corps. The Home Board's goal is 100,000 volunteers a year by 1986. (BP)

## Welch to lead Madison-Chester

James E. Welch, pastor of Hillcrest Church, was elected to succeed Douglas Brewer as moderator of Madison-Chester Association last month. Brewer is pastor of Poplar Heights Church in Jackson.

Elected with Welch were: vice-moderator Maurice Hays, pastor of Meridian Church; treasurer Donald Stephenson, a member of First Church, Jackson; and clerk John R. Myers, a member of Parkview Church.

The 1979 annual sessions are scheduled to be held Oct. 22-23 at Meridian and Pleasant Plains Churches.

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## Two churches added to Sweetwater Assn.

Two new congregations were voted into the fellowship of Sweetwater Association during its annual meeting last month. According to director of missions Bennie Creel, Long Ridge Church, led by Pastor Vernon Watson; and Coker Creek Church, served by Pastor Luke Lankford were accepted as members of the association.

Darell Avery, pastor of First Church, Vonnore, was elected moderator. He succeeds Grover McCrary.

Other officers elected were: vice-moderator Robert D. Moore, pastor of Lakeside Church; treasurer Mrs. Freddie Atkins, a member of Westside Church; and clerk Horace Brown, Notchey Creek Church.

The 1979 sessions are slated to be held Oct. 18-19 at Lakeside and Notchey Creek Churches.

## Maury City pastor to lead 1979 work in Crockett Co.

The pastor of Maury City's First Church, James R. Jones, was re-elected moderator for Crockett Association last month. Also re-elected were: vice-moderator Walter Leach, pastor, Gadsden Church, and treasurer Mrs. Jim Austin, a member of the Maury City church. Elected clerk was Mrs. R.V. Via, a member of Cross Roads Church.

First Church in Bells and Cairo Church in Alamo are scheduled to host the 1979 annual session on Oct. 18-19.

## Dilday inaugurated at Southwestern

**FORT WORTH, Texas**—Russell H. Dilday Jr. was inaugurated as the sixth president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary during a week featuring speeches by United States Attorney General Griffin Bell and Baker J. Cauthen, executive director, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Bell, a former deacon at Second Ponce de Leon Church, Atlanta, where Dilday was pastor before coming to Southwestern, brought greetings to his former pastor from President Jimmy Carter during a seminary-sponsored luncheon for Fort Worth business and civic leaders.

Earlier, Dilday addressed 2,000 persons who witnessed his inauguration as successor to Robert E. Naylor, now president emeritus. "Many people ask me about an oversupply of ministers," said Dilday, who became president, Aug. 1. "How can there be an oversupply of ministers when we have more than 136-million unsaved people in this country alone? How can there be an oversupply when our missionary needs are overextended?"

Cauthen noted that 40 percent of the Southern Baptist foreign missionaries are graduates of Southwestern seminary, where about 3,500 students are enrolled presently.

"God has seen fit to make you what you are today, the largest evangelical seminary in the world," Cauthen said during the inaugural ceremony. "God has answered prayers, multiplied efforts, and brought Southwestern to a new place in world prominence."

"Many seminaries today send out SOS—Save Our Seminary," Dilday said. "We at Southwestern can also send out an SOS: the Spirit of Southwestern and the Strength of Southwestern."

"Our spirit is transmitted in the missionaries, congregations, and our students," he said. "In our strength we must use the resources we now possess in faithful stewardship. We must heed a call to creativity, to new ways of reaching out." (BP)

## Maranatha Church applies for Chilhowee membership

Maranatha Church applied for membership into Chilhowee Association during the association's annual meeting last month. John Kosier serves as pastor of the Maranatha Church.

Officers elected for the new year included: J. W. Hopper, pastor of Alcoa-Way Church. Hopper succeeds Elmer Sharp, pastor of Cades Cove Memorial Church, in the post. The new vice-moderator is John H. Franklin, pastor of Everett Hills Church. Thomas A. Sawyer, a member of First Church, Maryville, was re-elected treasurer, and Robert E. McCullough, pastor of Beech Grove Church, was re-elected clerk.

Everett Hills, Smoky View, and First of Maryville, have invited the association to hold its 1979 sessions at their locations on Oct. 25-26.



# Convention related meetings announced

## TREA sets banquet at Immanuel Church

Church staff members, volunteer workers, and denominational leaders in the field of religious education are invited to attend the annual Tennessee Religious Education Association meeting and banquet on Monday, Nov. 13, at Immanuel Church in Nashville, according to TREA president Charles McMinn. The banquet will begin at 5:30.

McMinn stated that the Puppet Power Co., directed by Joe and Gloria Morrell, would provide entertainment for the group. The Morrells are members of Woodmont Church in Nashville and began their puppeteer team in March 1974.

Francis Price, director of education at Walker Memorial Church, Franklin, will give a devotional. Wray Smith, Knox County Association, and Durwood Howard, minister of education, Broadmoor Church, Memphis, will present brief book reviews.

Reservations should be made through Jean Atkinson at the Tennessee Baptist Convention. Tickets are \$5.

## Church music conference dinner slated for Nov. 13

Ministers of music and church musicians from across Tennessee will join together on Monday, Nov. 13, for a church music conference dinner at First Church in Nashville. Time of the dinner will be 5:30 p.m., according to Frank Charton, state church music director.

Louis Ball, director of the Tennessee Baptist Chorale for 10 years, will be honored during the evening's activities. The chorale is made up of ministers of music from the Volunteer State. Entertainment for the evening will be provided by the adult ensemble of First Church, Tullahoma.

## Southern Seminary alumni plan annual state reunion

Walter B. Shurden, associate professor of church history at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, is scheduled to speak to Southern alumni in Tennessee at their annual meeting Wednesday, Nov. 15, in Nashville. The group will gather for lunch at 12:00 at Woodmont Christian Church.

James Hopkins, Nashville, serves as president of the state alumni association.



Shurden

## New Orleans alumni slate luncheon meeting Nov. 15

Tennessee alumni representing New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 15, at First Church in Nashville, according to this year's president, James Porch. Porch said that the meeting will be a luncheon beginning at 12:30.

Tickets for \$5.50 may be purchased at the New Orleans booth which will be displayed during the Tennessee Baptist Convention meeting at Woodmont Church in Nashville, Nov. 14-16.

The state president said that officers will be elected at the meeting and alumni will hear highlights of actions and progress made at the seminary during the past year.

## New Testament professor to represent Southwestern

Bruce Corley, professor of New Testament at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, will speak to alumni from that institution at a luncheon meeting in Nashville on Wednesday, Nov. 15, according to Tennessee alumni president David George.

The luncheon will be held at 12:15 at the Sheraton South Motor Inn on Harding Place at Interstate-65. Tickets for the event may be purchased at the Tennessee Baptist Convention for \$5, George said.

## Midwestern alumni to hear New Testament professor

William Coble, professor of New Testament at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., will speak to the 1979 annual meeting of Tennessee alumni next week during the state convention in Nashville.

The New Testament professor will speak at a luncheon on Tuesday, Nov. 14, at Belmont Heights Church.

Tennessee chapter president Aubrey Hay, Knoxville, said that tickets could be purchased for \$3 from him at the convention or at the door. He also said that officers for the coming year would be elected at the meeting.

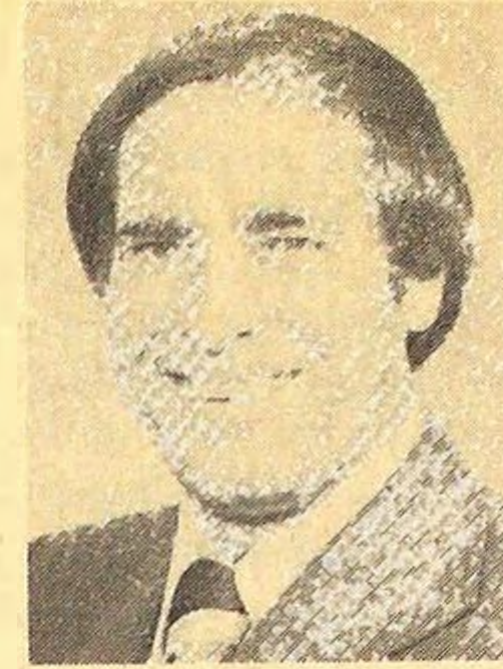
## Belmont alumni to gather on college campus next week

The college dining room at Belmont College in Nashville will be the site of an alumni dinner on Tuesday evening, Nov. 14, according to college president Herbert Gabhart.

Tennessee alumni and friends of the college attending the state convention in Nashville that week are invited to attend, he said. A \$4 ticket may be purchased during the convention at the Belmont booth or at the door that evening.

## Southeastern to meet

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary will be represented at next week's Tennessee alumni meeting by Rodney V. Byard, assistant to the president for institutional development at the school.



Byard

Byard will speak to the group at a luncheon meeting during the Tennessee Baptist Convention. The luncheon will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 15, at the Bonanza Steak House on Abbot Martin Rd.,

approximately one-half mile south of Woodmont Church.

Jarvis Hearn, Tennessee's minister to the deaf, is president of the Tennessee chapter.

## Belmont campus to be site of historical society meet

Tennessee members of the historical society will meet during next week's Tennessee Baptist Convention for a special breakfast, according to Jean Adkinson, TBC.

The breakfast and meeting will be held in the banquet room of the cafeteria at Belmont College and will convene at 7 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 15. Adkinson said that the group would review highlights of last year's work and would see a slide presentation on the work of the Southern Baptist Historical Commission.

John Bolton is chairman of the administrative council of the Tennessee Historical Society.

## Union University dinner set for November 14 in Nashville

Alumni and friends of Union University are invited to attend the annual Union dinner, held during the Tennessee Baptist Convention in Nashville next week.

According to Joe Westbury, director of public relations at the Jackson school, the dinner will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 14. Woodmont Christian Church, located directly across from Woodmont Baptist, will host the gathering. Tickets are \$5.

## Carson-Newman alumni to meet

Carson-Newman College alumni will gather during the Tennessee Baptist Convention in Nashville next week for a fellowship at Woodmont Church, according to Nelson Ross, director of alumni affairs for C-N.

The group will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 14, at 9 p.m. in the second floor assembly room.

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# Convention meetings set

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## McGehees to speak at wives' luncheon

"Bridging Cross Currents" will be the subject of the program for ministers' wives as they gather for their annual fellowship luncheon next week during the Tennessee Baptist Convention in Nashville.



McGehee

The subject for the program will be covered by Mr. and Mrs. Fred McGehee and will help participants take an in-depth look at the way they relate to the work of the denomination. McGehee is career guidance consultant in the church administration department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, and Mrs. McGehee has served in several capacities involving ministers' wives' organizations, having led conferences in this field at both Ridgecrest and Glorieta Baptist Conference Centers.

The luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 15, at 12 noon in the dining room of the state convention building in Brentwood. Tickets for \$3.50 may be purchased Monday afternoon and Tuesday.



McGehee

Transportation will be provided to the luncheon from Woodmont Church and back, according to Louise Norton, president of the group. Reservations will be accepted up to 100 persons.

## Harrison-Chilhowee alumni to host dinner meeting

Hubert Smothers, president of Harrison-Chilhowee Academy, Seymour, announced Wednesday, Nov. 15, as the date for its alumni to gather for dinner during the Tennessee Baptist Convention in Nashville.

The 5:30 p.m. dinner will be held at the B & W Cafeteria in the Green Hills Shopping Center on Hillsboro Rd. The cafeteria is approximately one-half mile south of Woodmont Church, this year's TBC site.

Alumni should make their own dinner selections in the cafeteria line and then come to the Gold Room for the fellowship, Smothers added.

## Fellowship to replace supper for annuitants at convention

Annuitants of the Tennessee Baptist Convention will be able to participate in fellowship during the Tennessee state convention in Nashville next week at the Annuitants' Alcove, according to Vern Powers, TBC.

The alcove will be set up at Woodmont Church during the entire convention and will have refreshments available at all times. Powers said that this year's alcove will replace the regular supper meeting which is held annually for the annuitants.

## Golden Gate alumni to hear professor of Old Testament

Robert L. Cate, professor of Old Testament at Golden Gate Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., will bring greetings to Tennessee alumni from that institution next week in Nashville.

The alumni will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 15, at 12:00 in the president's dining room at Belmont College.

Don McCoy, Dickson, is this year's alumni president from Tennessee.

## Children's leaders to hear education

All children's leaders in church training and Sunday school will have the opportunity to receive training in traditional methods and new trends in education at a children's leadership seminar to be held in Brentwood Nov. 20-21.

The seminar, to be held at the Tennessee Baptist Convention building, will be a joint effort of the state Sunday school and church training departments.

Participants may glean information from messages on children in crises, trends in education, and creating a climate for learning. Hazel Morris, professor of education at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, will discuss the crises in a child's life of death, divorce, illness, etc. Nell Harris, Williamson County Board of Education, Franklin, Tenn., will lead in the area of educa-



Morris

Stevens

## Tanzania missionaries said clear of war area

MWANZA, Tanzania—Southern Baptist missionaries stationed near the Tanzania-Uganda border were reported Nov. 1 to be safely out of the battle area.

Mr. and Mrs. David H. Whitson are in Mwanza and missionary journeyman Ricky Owen is in Arusha, said Mrs. Carol Brubeck, missionary stationed in Mwanza, in a telephone report.

Ugandan troops crossed the Tanzanian border Oct. 30 and moved down the highway toward Bukoba according to wire service reports.

The Whitsons had gone to Arusha for a conference of general evangelists over the weekend. They had planned to return to Bukoba, where they are stationed, but stopped in Mwanza, where they will remain as a precaution until fighting stops, said Mrs. Brubeck.

Owen had been working in the area south of Lake Victoria the week before the invasion and went on to Arusha Nov. 1 with a friend.

Relations between Uganda and Tanzania have been strained since Uganda President Idi Amin came to power in January 1971 in a coup that deposed President Milton Obote, who gained asylum in Tanzania. (BP)

## given opportunity experts this month

tional trends. "Building Self Confidence in Children" will be treated by Belmont College professor of education, Norma Stevens. A study of the child with communication problems will be led by Martha Lynch, Nashville speech pathologist.

Other activities will include guiding small group activities, games/memorization, resources for leaders, and storytelling.

The final message of the day, "Children and Moral Development," will be brought by Stevens.

The seminar will begin at 1 p.m. on Monday with registration and continue through Tuesday at 5 p.m.

Pre-registration should be made through the Sunday School department, TBC.

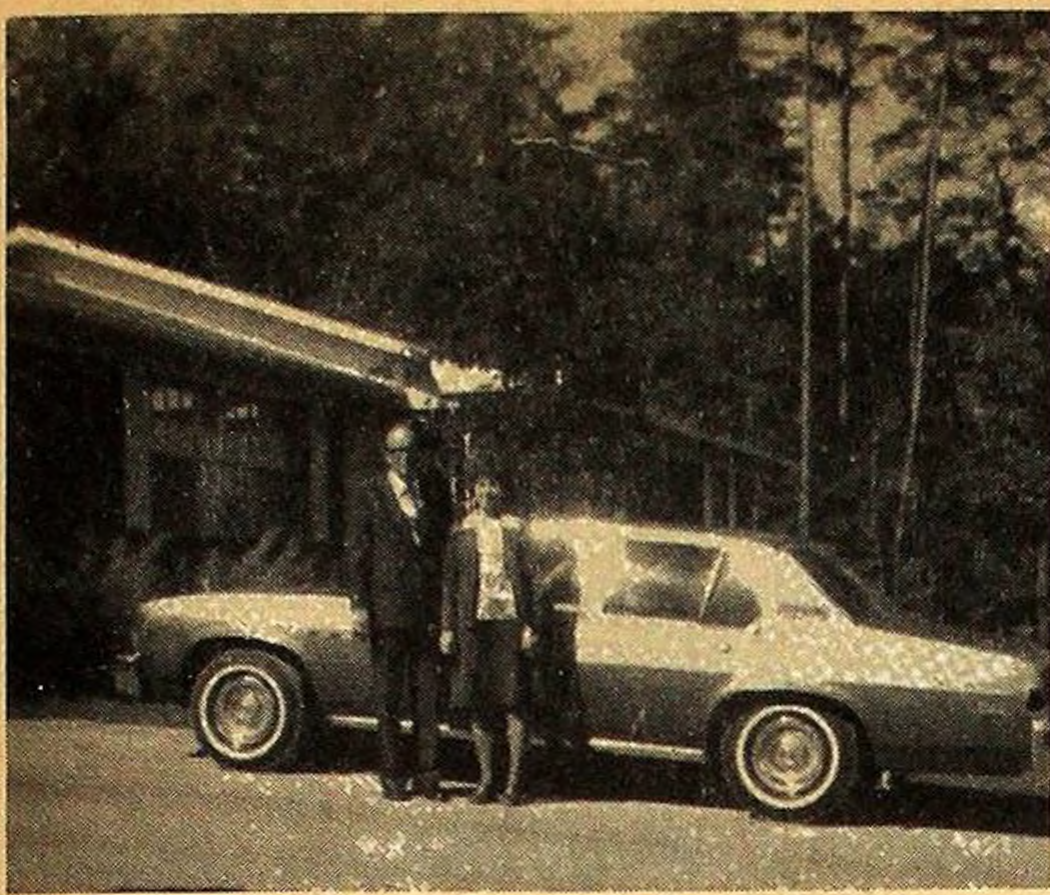
## U. S. Supreme Court upholds Virginia obscenity laws

WASHINGTON—A challenge to Virginia's obscenity laws died when the Supreme Court declined to hear a case brought by a Richmond bookstore owner challenging the laws as vague and too broad.

The owner also challenged the Virginia laws because they allegedly allow state colleges and universities to use materials deemed obscene for use by private citizens.

Last April, the Virginia Supreme Court upheld a local Richmond court's ruling against the bookstore owner. The nation's high court refused to hear the case without comment.





**NEW CAR**—Members of New Providence Church, Loudon, presented a Sky Lark Buick to their pastor, Obie Campbell, recently. He and his wife, Dora, are pictured with the car in front of the pastorium. Campbell has served as pastor since February 1975.

## Maryland family baptized at spot where son drowned

**LAKE SHORE, Md.**—Three months after rescuers pulled Scott Colvin's lifeless body from the Magothy River, eight members of Scott's family walked into the same water to be baptized.

The Colvin family began attending Lake Shore Baptist Church together after Scott's death. Members there, where Scott had been enrolled in Sunday School, responded to the Colvins' grief. After several weeks, George Colvin, his wife, and the six of their nine children still at home, accepted Christ and asked for baptism and church membership.

Mrs. Colvin asked that the baptismal service be held at the same site in the river where Scott had drowned. The Colvins, robed in white, were baptized together, along with five other candidates, while 147 church members lined the banks singing. (BP)

## Tennessee gifts

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above the \$310,419.27 received the previous year.

Norton pointed out that these totals do not correspond with the figures used in reporting these special offerings, because the receipt periods do not coincide with the November-October convention year report. However, he believes the comparisons definitely indicate a growing wide-spread mission interest throughout Tennessee Baptist churches.

Total designated gifts through the state convention office and other gifts reported by various Tennessee Baptist Convention institutions reached \$5,052,034.51. Norton said this means that Tennessee Baptists shared \$16,083,540.95 through the Cooperative Program and designated offerings during the November 1977-October 1978 period.

A church-by-church listing of Cooperative Program gifts and designated offerings through the state convention office during the convention year will be printed in the Nov. 30 issue of the **Baptist and Reflector**.

# Two Beirut Baptist churches damaged; seminary, school open for classes

**BEIRUT, Lebanon**—Two Baptist churches in the Beirut area were damaged during recent fighting between Syrian forces and right wing militia. No one was injured in the shelling, and Baptist ministries are continuing.

A direct hit on the Bikfaya Baptist Church east of Beirut struck iron reinforcements and did not penetrate the wall. None of the 30 people in the building were harmed. The Baptist Relief Committee in Lebanon voted to spend \$3,500 from relief funds for building repair.

For the second time since the fighting began early this fall, the Badaro Street Baptist Church in Furnesshebbak, a suburb of Beirut, was damaged. Three rockets struck the building, including direct hits in the sixth-floor pastor's apartment and on the ground floor. The basement of this church is used as a shelter for church members and neighbors.

The shelling took place before the recent cease-fire, but damage could not be reported at that time because of interrupted cable service.

All of the Southern Baptist missionary personnel who left Beirut during the heaviest fighting in late October have returned. The Beirut Baptist School and the Arab Baptist

Theological Seminary, both education ministries of Southern Baptist missionaries, have opened for fall classes.

Radio and publications ministries continue, though hindered by lack of mail service. (BP)

## SBC receipts open new year with gain

**NASHVILLE**—October giving to world missions through the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program increased 10.8 percent over October 1977 to \$4,815,949.

A large, 63.9 percent increase in designated gifts, to \$690,549, is partly attributable to a decrease in that category last October. Total contributions, including undesignated and designated receipts, amounted to \$5,506,499, an increase of 15.5 percent over October 1977.

October is the first month of the fiscal year for Southern Baptists, who have set a national Cooperative Program basic operating and capital needs budget of \$64-million and a challenge goal for unmet missions needs of \$11-million. The basic budget represents a 14.8 percent increase over 1977-78.

National Cooperative Program receipts amount to about one-third of the funds received by state Baptist conventions, which receive about one-tenth of the collection plate dollars given in the more than 35,000 Southern Baptist churches across the U.S.

Southern Baptists challenged themselves in 1977 to double Cooperative Program contributions (including both state and national levels) by 1982 and then double twice more by the end of the century to fulfill the denomination's Bold Mission Thrust goal to proclaim the message of Christ to the entire world by the year 2000.

Last fiscal year, for the first time, total designated and undesignated receipts on the national level surpassed \$100-million. (BP)

## North American Baptists continue growth pattern

**WASHINGTON**—Baptists in North America, led by growth in the United States, continued a decade pattern of growth according to new statistics compiled by the Baptist World Alliance.

Church growth figures indicate there are 29,191,348 Baptists in 101,855 Baptist churches in North America, compared with 29,016,036 Baptists in 101,245 churches in 1977, an increase of .006 percent in members. Ten years ago, Baptist church membership was 26,412,866 in North America.

Carl Tiller, former Baptist World Alliance staff member who compiled the data, said Southern Baptists accounted for the majority of growth. While Baptists in Canada and Mexico experienced slight decreases, Southern Baptists grew by 160,092 and other Baptists in the United States increased by 21,436. (BP)

## Two churches voted into Hamilton Co.

Two churches were voted into the membership of Hamilton County Association last month at its annual meeting, according to director of missions Forrest Watkins.

Community Missionary Church, led by Pastor James Moore, and First Calvary, served by Interim Pastor Sam Welch, were accepted as members of the association. Riverside Church members applied for acceptance into the association. The church is without a pastor.

Douglas Miller, pastor of Philadelphia Church, was elected moderator to succeed Burl McMillan, director of the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home in Chattanooga. Elmer Piper, pastor of East Lake Church was selected as vice-moderator.

Re-elected treasurer and clerk were George Liner, a member of Northside Church, and Elwood Settle, pastor of Kings Point.

The 1979 annual sessions are scheduled to be held Oct. 18-19 at Signal Mountain, Silverdale, and Second Churches.

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# Messengers to consider important matters

When messengers to the 104th annual meeting of the Tennessee Baptist Convention gather in Nashville next week, several important items will be on the agenda for consideration.

Of course, since any of the expected 2,000 messengers is free to present a motion or resolution on any matter concerning the convention's work, it would be difficult to predict what might be all of the critical issues to be faced.

However, here are some of the items which will be presented.

## RECORD TBC BUDGET-GOAL

The TBC Executive Board will recommend a record Cooperative Program mission support budget-goal of \$11.8-million for the November 1978-October 1979 convention year.

That a record budget-goal is to be considered is hardly news. Tennessee Baptists have approved a budget goal at every convention for many years—but this year's recommendation is significant in the amount and the percentage increase proposed.

The \$11.8-million budget-goal is \$1,250,000 more than the \$10.55-million budget-goal for the November 1977-October 1978 convention year. This is an 11.85 percent increase!

The recommended goal is 7 percent more than the \$11,031,506.44 given by the Tennessee Baptists and their churches during the convention year which closed Oct. 31.

The proposed budget-goal is a meaningful response by the Executive Board to the current Bold Mission Thrust emphasis.

## SHARING WITH SBC CAUSES

Another significant step in Bold Mission support is seen in the proposed budget-goal.

The percentage of Tennessee Baptist Cooperative Program shared with Southern Baptist Convention missions and ministries through the Cooperative Program will be recommended to increase from last year's 34 percent to 34.5 percent.

Although one-half of one percent may sound like a minor accomplishment, it is encouraging from two aspects: (1) the 34.5 percent sharing will mean that \$4,071.00 from Tennessee's \$11.8-million will go to the SBC Cooperative program—a 13.5 percent increase over the \$3,387,000 shared under last year's budget; and (2) this is the second consecutive year that the percentage has been increased, after languishing at a static 33.33 percent from 1960 through 1977.

The percentage increase comes in response to a motion passed by the 1977 state convention. After the messengers had thoroughly discussed a motion that the convention

"make every effort to work toward a 50-50 split on the state convention level," they passed a substitute motion that "we respectfully request the Executive Board to continue to give prayerful and careful consideration to the possibility of some increase each year."

## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

Another motion debated at the 1977 TBC asked "the Executive Board in consultation with the Tennessee Baptist Service Corporation to begin soon to provide program helps to our churches as they seek to meet the spiritual, social, financial, and other needs of our senior citizens." After being assured that this matter was being studied by the board, the messengers defeated the motion in a close vote.

Next week, the Executive Board will present for consideration a "Program of Senior Adult Ministry." If approved, the board will then assign the program to an already existing agency, institution, or department, or create a new organization to implement this needed ministry.

## CONSTITUTION, BYLAWS RECOMMENDATIONS

The complete report of the convention's Constitution and Bylaws Committee is printed on pages 9-11 of this issue, so that messengers can thoroughly study these before the session.

Although most of the recommendations might be considered as "minor," there are several significant proposals. Some parts of the Constitution are being rearranged, so we are printing the complete present Constitution side-by-side with the proposed Constitution.

One important change would be to move the section concerning the officers, their duties, and the election process from the Bylaws to the Constitution itself.

Another proposal would allow any church—regardless of membership—to have at least two messengers, instead of the present one messenger. Additional messengers (based on church membership) would be allowed up to a maximum of 10; unchanged from the present limitation.

Changes to the Constitution must be approved by two consecutive annual conventions.

One proposed change to the Bylaws would clarify the procedure for establishing a new program or institution of the convention.

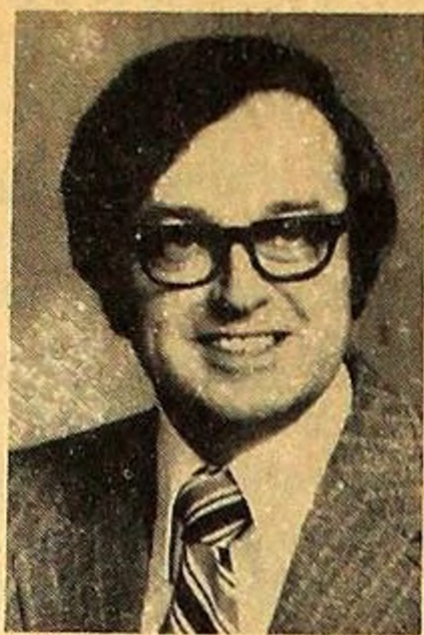
## ELECTION OF OFFICERS, TRUSTEES

Another important part of any Tennessee Baptist Convention, is the election of officers for the convention, of directors and trustees for the various TBC institutions and agencies, and of members of TBC boards and committees.



## Cicero's comment

By the editor



Cicero met two Tennessee pastors in the halls of the Baptist building. They were **Trey D. Shunn**, pastor in the state for 71 years, and **Newt Comer**, who will attend his first state convention next week.

They were discussing the convention meeting, so I stopped to listen—hoping to learn what issues will come up.

"Who is going to be nominated as the next TBC president?," Newt inquired.

"I don't know, but all nominees will be from west of the Tennessee River," Trey declared.

"If you don't know who will be nominated, how do you know where they live," Newt questioned.

"It's tradition! It's time for a president from west Tennessee," Trey observed. "We rotate the presidency among the grand divisions of the state, just like we rotate the convention sites. Whereas most meetings would alternate debate between those for and against a motion, in Tennessee we rotate debaters among the grand divisions. This division concept is a **great Unifier!**"

Comer wondered about the residence of the first vice-president.

"You are new here," Shunn said. "Obviously, you haven't learned that we don't have a first vice-president. The two vice-presidents are called 'vice-president' and 'second vice-president.' The second vice-president is elected second after the vice-president is first elected. The vice-president should be from the grand division of last year's president, and second-vice president of next year's president."

Newt Comer seemed confused, so Trey D. Shunn continued.

"The president of the Executive Board should be from the grand division of last year's TBC president; the board's vice-president of next year's president; and the secretary of this year's president."

Newt responded, "I was not aware of these traditions."

Trey sighed, "You aren't the only one! Sometimes these traditions are ignored, because people don't know about them."

Newt asked where these were written down, so he could get a copy.

"You don't write down traditions—you absorb them!," Trey countered. After you've attended about 20 state conventions, you will just feel them. Anyway, if you wrote traditions down, somebody would try to amend them!"

## 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.

### Baptists and abortion

Dear editor:

In a recent editorial concerning the test tube baby (Aug. 17), you stated that "Baptists have been very outspoken in our opposition to abortion." I beg to differ with you.

The first resolution passed by the Southern Baptist Convention is as broad and liberal as the one passed by the Supreme Court.

How ironic that one argues when life begins, and this child is called "test tube baby."

Mildred Woods  
1811 Indian Hill Road  
Lebanon, TN 37087

The first resolution on abortion (1971 SBC) expressed "the belief that society has a responsibility to affirm through the laws of the state a high view of the sanctity of human life, including fetal life." The resolution went on to allow "the possibility of abortion under such conditions as rape, incest, clear evidence of severe fetal deformity, and carefully ascertained evidence of the likelihood of damage to the emotional, mental, and physical health of the mother." Those who advocate abortion on demand would consider this narrow and conservative; those who advocate no abortions under any circumstance would consider this broad and liberal. (editor)

### Election opportunity

Dear editor:

We agree, I believe, that the most serious problem facing our country is the problem of inflation, deflation, and the decline of the United States dollar.

Tennesseans should think twice before returning or sending a man or woman to Washington D. C. . . .

What a golden opportunity the voters of the Volunteer State have on Nov. 7 . . .

Patricia K. Fawcett  
718 South 8th St.  
Oxford, MS 38655

Since we publish every controversial letter, I am printing your letter—although I have deleted specific references to candidates because (1) your endorsement was based on economics, rather than religious or moral reasons; (2) your letter arrived too late to appear prior to election day; and (3) I am not sure a Mississippian has any more insight about Tennessee candidates than do Tennessee voters. (editor)

### Likes new lessons

Dear editor:

I would like to go on record as being one who is tremendously pleased with our new Sunday School literature, the "Bible Book Series." The subject matter is interestingly presented and, for those who may want to argue Baptist Faith and Message, the literature is doctrinally sound. This literature (as well as all our SSB literature) surpasses all the other study materials available by those individuals and companies who claim to have a corner on the interpretation of God's Word.

I would be one of the first to admit there are those in our ranks who may not adhere to and proclaim the gospel as is intended by God. But who has arrived to perfection? It is true we must strive for perfection by study and prayer, not forgetting practice. But, who can say he knows all and is living a perfect life?

My prayer is that we shall take James 3:9-10 to heart, "Therewith bless we God, even the Father: and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God: out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be."

The attitude of many letters and statements made by the supposedly "in-the-know" group indicates a spirit of selfish pride and descension. May God forgive us of our superior attitudes. "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise" (Psalm 51:17).

Thank you, Sunday School Board, for once again doing a marvelous job!

Bobby G. Johnson  
P.O. Box 363  
Lewisburg, TN 37091

### Memorizing Scripture

Dear editor:

In our classrooms and our pulpits we teach both children and adults how to live a good life (how to be good). This is not necessarily the gospel. The gospel is Christ. None will ever be "good" enough to live a Christian life.

In this sense we may be teaching falsely. God's Word itself is the important thing to be taught. God's Word convicts us of our sins and teaches us how to live.

Both children and many adults need to be taught how to go to God in prayer for help. Parents and teachers who go to God in prayer with their children are setting the example for them to seek the true help of One who can

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# Annuity Board votes '13th check, offers coverage to MSC workers

NASHVILLE—More than 11,000 annuitants who participate in retirement programs with the Southern Baptist Annuity Board will receive a full month's extra benefit amounting cumulatively to slightly over \$1-million.

Because of a good investment year by the board, the agency's trustees voted a "13th check" to most retirees in December during their semi-annual meeting at the Southern Baptist Convention Building in Nashville.

The check, amounting to one extra full month's benefit, will go to annuitants who participate in plans which qualify for the extra payment, and who were drawing a benefit as of Sept. 30, 1978, according to Darold H. Morgan, president of the Dallas-based Annuity Board.

The issuance of the "13th check" has been a

policy of the board since 1967. Last year, a permanent increase of 8.33 percent was given to annuitants in lieu of the extra check.

In other action, the trustees of the agency, which administers retirement and insurance programs for denominational and church personnel, approved a \$5,053,392 operating budget for 1979. That amounts to less than eight-tenths of a percent of the \$578.8-million in total assets the agency invests for program participants.

The trustees also heard reports on the development of a special medical insurance group to cover needs of persons who serve in the Southern Baptist Convention's new Mission Service Corps, and of continuing efforts to urge Baptist churches and organizations to upgrade annual retirement contributions to 10 percent of total compensation.

Morgan said the group for the short-term one and two-year missionaries was set up with Aetna Life and Casualty in this special case "as an extra effort by the Annuity Board to assist the SBC's Bold Mission Thrust by helping those who have made the sacrifice to enter Mission Service Corps."

MSC is a plan for persons, either sponsored by themselves or others, to go for one or two-years service at home or abroad as part of Bold Mission Thrust, the SBC plan to proclaim the message of Christ to the entire world in this century. Cost of the special medical group, effective only for the duration of MSC service, will be borne by the volunteer or sponsor. It is available to MSC participants without proof of insurability.

Elaborating on the upgrading of retirement programs, Morgan declared: "Unless a church or agency increases pension contributions on behalf of employees to at least 10 percent of total compensation, retirees will not be able to live in retirement, even with Social Security, without a drastic change in lifestyle. Our number-one priority is to communicate this need." (BP)

## Ghana missionary injured by surprised burglar

TAMALE, Ghana—Southern Baptist missionary Jess B. Thompson Jr., received scalp wounds and a mild concussion when he surprised a burglar in his home.

Thompson spent three days in the Tamale government hospital and then stayed with other Southern Baptist missionaries during recovery.

The agricultural missionary had returned home in the middle of the day to get some medicine for a local Baptist pastor. The thief, surprised by Thompson's return, leaped from behind a door and attacked Thompson from the rear with a hand saw.

As the thief ran from the house, the pastor waiting for the medicine, Peter Wusah, grabbed him. Neighbors subdued the thief with clubs. Wusah was slightly hurt in the struggle. The burglar is in jail in Tamale, awaiting trial. (BP)

## Letters

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really perform. Our human efforts are as nothing compared to what He can do for us.

Are we most dependent on each other for help than on the One who made us? Is this why we have so many problems living in this world? God's Word is truth, and prayer is our communication.

For this reason I encourage us to return to memorization of Scriptures. Then, God's Word will be in our heart when a crisis or need arises. Do you or I have a human friend whose words can mean more to us than God's Word?

In no sense does this say that we do not need each other. Does one hand need the help of the other? As the body of Christ we need every part to function. Alas, we often forget that the Head is attached to the body! And the Head is the controller of the body parts. Let us listen to what He has to say!

Mrs. Alvin C. Blake  
923 Beverly Dr.  
Alcoa, Tn 37701

## Former Tennessee pastor to lead Cleveland church

Reed Wright, pastor of the Fellowship Church in Chickamauga, Ga., has accepted the pastorate of Macedonia Church in Cleveland. He will begin work with the new congregation on Nov. 12.

A former Tennessee pastor, Wright has served the Candies Creek Church in Cleveland, Zion Hill Church in Athens, and New Friendship Church in Cleveland.

He has been president of the Bradley Baptist Pastors' Conference, evangelism chairman, and moderator of the association. He attended Tennessee Wesleyan College in Athens and Southern Baptist Seminary Extension School.

## State convention

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Bylaws. These are printed on pages 9-11.

Although most of the recommendations are to clarify and to arrange the current constitution, there are some significant changes. One would allow every church—regardless of membership—to have two messengers, rather than the current one messenger. Another recommendation would specify the procedure for establishing a new institution or program of the state convention.

The theme for this year's convention is "CHRIST—for Our Changing Times."

The convention sermon will be preached by Gerald Stow, pastor of Cookeville's First Church. He has selected the topic, "A New Call for a New Day."

The president's address will be by the current TBC president, Bill Sherman, pastor of the host Woodmont Church, Nashville.

Other speakers include Charles Redmond, pastor of First Church, Lenior City; Raymond Langlois, pastor of Nashville's Judson Baptist Church; Charles Sullivan, pastor of Southland Church of Memphis; and Norton.

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

Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. CST Monday, Nov. 13.

The convention will be preceded by two major meetings on Monday—the Tennessee Baptist Pastors' Conference, which will meet at Woodmont Church, Nashville (program on page 13), and the Tennessee WMU Convention, which will meet at Nashville's Belmont Heights Church (program on page 12).

Several other meetings of various interest groups and college and seminary alumni also will meet next week.

## SBC youth choir 'Hallelujah' scheduled for June 1979

NASHVILLE—An SBC Youth Choir HALLELUJAH is scheduled June 27-30, 1979, at William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo. Church youth choirs must make application to participate by Feb. 28, 1979.

Each choir in the HALLELUJAH will be in the parade of choirs where two of their numbers will be judged, and all participating choirs will take part in mass choir rehearsals.

All choir directors will have a private consultation in the form of practical suggestions from the adjudicator and each choir will have a 30-minute private rehearsal with the adjudicator.

For application information, write Youth Music Consultant, HALLELUJAH, Church Music Department, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tenn. 37234.



This is the report of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee which will be considered by the Nov. 14-16 Tennessee Baptist Convention. The entire present Constitution is printed in the left column with the proposed Constitution in the right column. Portions involving changes are printed in bold type. Only those Bylaws which would involve changes are printed. (Note that the present "Bylaw I. Officers" would become "ARTICLE VI" of the Constitution.)

# Constitution and Bylaws Committee recommendations

## Present

## Proposed

### Article I

#### Name

ARTICLE I. THE NAME: The name of this body is "The Tennessee Baptist Convention."

This body shall be styled

"THE TENNESSEE BAPTIST CONVENTION"

### Article II

#### Composition

The convention shall be composed of messengers from cooperating churches. Each church shall be entitled to **one** messenger. Each church shall also be entitled to one messenger for each one hundred members beyond the first one hundred subject to a maximum of ten messengers from any one church. A messenger shall be a member of the church by which he is appointed. The term "cooperating church" shall be applied to such churches as contribute financially to the Convention or its agencies and subscribe to and support the principles, programs, and policies of the Convention.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP: The Convention shall be composed of messengers from cooperating churches. Each church shall be entitled to **two** messengers. Each church shall also be entitled to one messenger for each one hundred members or **fraction thereof** beyond the first one hundred subject to a maximum of ten messengers from any one church. A messenger shall be a member of the church by which he is appointed. The term "cooperating church" shall be applied to such churches as contribute financially to the Convention or its agencies and subscribe to and support the principles, programs, and policies of the Convention.

### Article III

#### Purpose

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#### Limitation

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### Article V

#### Meetings—Regular

1. The Convention shall meet annually. The dates and places shall be determined at an annual Convention.
2. The Convention officers, the executive board, and the committee on arrangements acting in a body may, in case of grave emergency, change the place and time of a regular meeting of the Convention.

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## Present

### Special

3. Special meetings of the Convention may be called at any time by action of the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention or by the President of the Convention with the concurrence in writing of not less than fifteen percent of the cooperating churches of the Convention as shown by the last annual report, at least three percent of which shall be located in each grand division of the state.

### Call

4. The call for any special meeting shall state the business to come before the Convention and only such business shall be acted upon.

### Notice

5. Notice of any special meeting shall be given at least thirty (30) days prior thereto by publication in the *Baptist And Reflector* and in such other ways as the Executive Board may direct.

## BYLAWS I. OFFICERS

### Election

A. The officers of the Convention shall be elected annually and shall take office as such immediately preceding adjournment of the Convention at which elected and shall hold office until immediately preceding adjournment of the next annual Convention. Where more than one person is nominated for an office, election shall be by ballot.

B. The officers shall be elected by a majority of votes cast. If no person receives majority, a runoff shall be held between nominees receiving the two highest vote totals.

C. The officers elected shall be President

1. A president who shall preside over all sessions of the Convention; shall be ex officio a member of all committees, boards, institutions and agencies of the Convention with a voice but no vote in the proceedings of such committees, boards, institutions and agencies; and shall perform such other duties as he may be charged with by the Convention.

### Vice-president

2. A vice-president and a second vice-president who, in the event of the death or disability of the president shall succeed the president in the order of their rank; and who shall discharge such duties of the president during his term as he may request.

### Secretaries and Other Officers

3. A recording secretary, a statistical secretary, a registration secretary, and a treasurer with such assistants as may from time to time be deemed necessary all of whom shall discharge such customary duties and functions as may be assigned to them by the Convention or its presiding officer.

4. The Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Executive Board shall be the treasurer of the Convention.

## Article VI

### The Executive Board

#### Purpose

1. The Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, a corporation, shall have charge of all educational, missionary, benevolent and other interests and, during the interim between meetings of the Convention, shall have all the powers of the Convention except as limited by this Constitution, the Bylaws of the Convention and specific action taken by the Convention in session.

## Proposed

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5. The vice-president and the second vice-president shall discharge such duties of the president as requested by the president. In the event of the death or disability of the president, the vice-presidents shall succeed the president in the order of their rank.

6. The secretaries and the treasurer shall discharge such customary duties and functions as may be assigned to them by the Convention or its presiding officer.

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## ARTICLE VII. THE EXECUTIVE BOARD:

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## Number of Directors and Residence

2. The Directors of the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention shall be ninety-nine (99) in number, of which twenty-five (25) shall reside in each of the three grand divisions of the state. The remaining twenty-four (24) members shall be, as nearly as possible, distributed in proportion to the Baptist population in these grand divisions as reported to the preceding Convention.

## Term of Office

3. The term of each director shall be three years; one-third shall be elected by the Convention in each annual session. No director who has served two successive terms **following the adoption of this Constitution** shall be eligible for reelection until such director shall have been out of office for one Convention year.

4. Any director changing residence from the grand division of the state in which such director resided at the time of election shall continue to serve only until the end of the Convention year.

5. Any vacancy on the Board shall be filled **at the next regular meeting of the Convention by election for the unexpired term.**

6. The president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention and the president of the Woman's Missionary Union shall be ex officio members of the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

7. The Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Convention shall be an ex officio member of the committees of the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

## Article VII

### Bylaws

The Convention may adopt such Bylaws, not in conflict with this Constitution, as it deems advisable, provided no change in Bylaws shall be adopted on the day presented nor later than the second day of the Convention.

## Article VIII

### Amendment

This Constitution, except Article IV which remains forever intact, may be amended at any annual meeting of the Convention by a vote of two-thirds of the messengers present and voting provided: (1) that no amendment may be considered after the second day of the Convention and (2) that an amendment shall be so approved by the Convention at which it is presented and the next annual Convention.

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## Bylaws recommendations. . .

7. No board, institution or agency whose trustees, directors or governing board is elected under these bylaws shall:

(a) be abandoned or transferred without prior approval of the Convention **in session;**

12. New institutions and agencies shall be finally accepted only by the Convention **in session in the manner provided for an amendment to these Bylaws.**

7. No board, institution or agency whose trustees, directors or governing board is elected under these Bylaws shall:

(a) be abandoned or transferred without prior approval of the Convention **following a study, report, and recommendation, if any, of the Executive Board to the Convention in the next regular or called meeting.**

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# Tennessee Baptist Convention

**"CHRIST—for Our Changing Times"**

**Woodmont Church, Nashville, Nov. 14-16**

*(All times listed are Central Standard Time)*

## TUESDAY MORNING

Music director: Glen Cummins

Organist: Richard Brown

Pianist: Joel Duncan

- 9:30 Call to order: Invocation by Ed Johnson
- 9:35 Credentials Committee, R. T. Roberts
- 9:40 Committee on Arrangements, Joe McGehee
- 9:50 Singing
- 10:00 Devotional by John Leeson
- 10:15 Welcome by Pat Maxwell
- 10:25 President's announcements by Bill Sherman
- 10:35 Treasurer's report and presentation of budget by Ralph E. Norton
- 11:00 Singing; Special music
- 11:15 Convention sermon: "A New Call for a New Day" by Gerald Stow
- 11:45 Benediction by J. V. Reeves

## TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Music director: Mike Hodges

Organist: Lynn Briley

Pianist: Lisa Stockard

- 2:00 Invocation by Judge Johnson; Singing
- 2:05 Devotional by Claudia Gay
- 2:20 Recognition of new pastors and church staff members
- 2:35 Singing
- 2:40 Protection plans
- 2:50 Church-ministers information
- 3:00 Cooperative Program and stewardship promotion
- 3:10 Constitution and Bylaws Committee, W. A. Boston
- 3:30 Miscellaneous business
- 3:50 Special music by John Shillington
- 4:00 Message: "What's Different?" by Charles Redmond
- 4:30 Benediction by Joel Thielepape

## TUESDAY NIGHT

Music director: Eugene Spencer

Organist: Mary Charlotte Ball

Pianist: Joyce Bryant

- 6:45 Tennessee Baptist Chorale directed by Louis Ball
- 7:00 Invocation by Jim Maxwell; Singing
- 7:05 Tennessee Baptist Chorale
- 7:15 Devotional by Charlie Daniel
- 7:30 Tennessee Baptist schools
- 7:55 Tennessee Baptist Service Corporation
- 8:10 Singing
- 8:15 Special music by Joe Morrell
- 8:25 President's address by Bill Sherman
- 8:55 Benediction by William Fox

## WEDNESDAY MORNING

Music director: Terry Cothran

Organist: Gerald Campbell

Pianist: Edna Mae Fisher

- 9:00 Invocation by James Harney; Singing
- 9:05 Devotional by Ron Case
- 9:20 Election of officers
- 9:35 Executive Board, John Daley; Adoption of budget
- 10:35 Election of officers
- 10:45 Singing; Special music by Drew Thigpen
- 11:00 Message by Raymond Langlois
- 11:30 Benediction by Tom Byrd

## WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Music director: Bill Cannady

Organist: Joyce Byrd

Pianist: Rentz Barkley

- 2:00 Invocation by Don Peek; Singing
- 2:10 Devotional by Glen Raines
- 2:25 Committee on Arrangements, Joe McGehee
- 2:30 Election of officers
- 2:40 Committee on Committees, Mike Davis
- 2:50 Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes
- 3:05 Memorial service by Bill Purdue
- 3:15 Recognition of fraternal messengers

- 3:25 Committee on Boards, J. Victor Brown
- 3:45 Constitution and Bylaws Committee, W. A. Boston
- 4:00 Miscellaneous business
- 4:30 Benediction by George Hill

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Music director: Frank Marshall

Organist: Richard Shadinger

Pianist: Jan Gallery

- 6:45 Belmont College Chorale directed by Jerry Warren
- 7:00 Invocation by Ronnie Wylie; Singing
- 7:05 Devotional by Brenda Rhoten
- 7:15 Convention ministries division
- 8:10 Special music by C. L. Huling
- 8:20 Message by Ralph E. Norton
- 8:50 Retirement recognition
- 9:20 Benediction by James Harris

## THURSDAY MORNING

Music director: Bill Blankenship

Organist: Mrs. Robert Mulloy

Pianist: Elmo Mercer

- 9:00 Invocation by M. L. White; Singing
- 9:05 Devotional by Ho Kil Kahng
- 9:20 Tennessee Baptist Foundation
- 9:30 Baptist and Reflector
- 9:40 Tennessee Baptist hospitals
- 9:55 Committee on Audits, Burl McMillan
- 10:05 Committee on Resolutions, Don Martin
- 10:15 American Bible Society
- 10:20 United Tennessee League
- 10:25 Recognition of outgoing officers
- 10:30 Presentation of new officers
- 10:40 Special music by Beryl Vick
- 10:50 Message by Charles Sullivan
- 11:20 Benediction by Richard Adkinson

# Tennessee Woman's Missionary Union

*"The Message Glorious"*

**Belmont Heights Church,  
Nashville, Nov. 13**

*(Times for program items are not provided)*

## MONDAY MORNING, 9:30 a.m.

- "Thy Mission High Fulfilling" by Mrs. Baker James Cauthen
- Greetings by Bob Norman
- Calendar of Prayer; Organization; Presentation of Hostess Committees by Mrs. William Fox; Book Store information by Mrs. Laura T. Vaden
- Mission Friends, Girls in Action by Jannie Engelmann
- Announcements; Hymn
- Baptist Women by Beulah Peoples
- Hymn
- Testimony and Song by Ronda Etheredge
- "The Message Glorious Through the Written Word" by Mrs. John Isaacs

## MONDAY AFTERNOON, 1:45 p.m.

- "Behold, How Many Thousands . . ." by Mrs. Baker James Cauthen
- Report of the executive director by Mary Jane Nethery
- Election of officers, Mrs. Kenneth Hubbard
- Music
- "The Glorious Message Through Tribulation" by Mrs. Archie Dunaway

## MONDAY NIGHT, 7:30 p.m.

- "Proclaim to Every People, Tongue, and Nation" by Mrs. Baker James Cauthen
- Baptist Young Women by Beulah Peoples
- Hymn
- "The Message Glorious Through Woman's Missionary Union" by Alma Hunt
- Presentation of officers
- Music
- "The Message Glorious Throughout the Earth" by John Cheyne
- Hymn
- "Give of Thy Sons To Bear the Message Glorious" by Mrs. Baker James Cauthen



# Our People and Our Churches . . .

## PEOPLE . . .

Shady Grove Church, East Tennessee Association, ordained **Jimmy Daniels** to the gospel ministry recently. **James Suggs**, **Earl Lane**, and **J. H. Stogner** participated in the service. **Chester Latham** is pastor.

**Walter Valaitis** was ordained as a deacon last month at First Church of Monterey. **Gerald Bland** is pastor.

Poplar Springs Church, Gibson County Association, ordained **Wesley Johnson**, **L. C. Capps**, and **Charlie Spear** recently.

Walnut Grove Church, Kenton, ordained **Jerry Warren** and **Marlan Yarbrow** as deacons last month.

Beech Creek Church, Holston Valley Association, ordained its pastor, **Dee Hicks**, recently.

**Calvin Hensley** and **Joe Wilder** were ordained to the gospel ministry by McKinneys Chapel in Rogersville. **Jerry Wayne Lawson** is pastor.

First Church, Kingston, was scheduled to ordain **David Mullins** as a deacon on Sunday, Oct. 29. **Ernest Mosley**, Baptist Sunday School Board, was scheduled to deliver the ordination message. **Mullins** grew up in Hawaii where **Mosley** was a pastor for several years.

First Church, Trimble, ordained **Paul Denison** and **Perry Isbell** as deacons. **Jerry Eggenberger** is pastor.

A 100th birthday reception was held last month for **Mrs. Nannie Meador** at Round Lick Church, Watertown. She has been a member of that church since May 1917, except for an 18-month stay in Lebanon where she was a member of First Church. Her husband, **Staley Meador**, died in 1938, and her only son, **Bascome Meador**, died in 1944. **Mrs. Meador** lives with her daughter, **Mrs. Fred Williams**. Her pastor is **Eugene O. Schmid**.

**T. Olan Coleman** was ordained as a deacon by Smith Springs Church, Nashville. **John Joslin** is pastor.

Bluegrass Church, Hendersonville, ordained **Fred Britton** and **Roger Byl** as deacons. The charge to the candidates and to the congregation was delivered by Pastor **Robert Woody**.

First Church of Church Hill ordained **Jerry Bewley** and **Wallace Owens** as deacons. **Frank Lethcoe** is pastor.

**Mr. and Mrs. E. E. McLeary** were scheduled to be honored on Sunday, Nov. 5, on the occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary. The celebration took place at the activities building of the Highland Heights Church in Memphis.

## LEADERSHIP . . .

**Gerald Newsom** resigned as pastor of Calvary Chapel Church in Ridgely and plans to do supply work in several churches. He is a former pastor of Beech Grove Church in Dyersburg and a former teacher of advanced Biblical studies at the Jackson Avenue Southern Baptist School in Memphis.

**R. J. Bostick**, founder and pastor of Rose Hill Church in Memphis for the past 16 years, resigned to accept the call of Calvary Church in Booneville, Miss.

**Mt. Carmel Church**, Cleveland, called **James Ross** as associate pastor and minister of youth. He is already on the new field. A native of Mississippi, he is a graduate of Mississippi State University, Starkville, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex. While at Mississippi State, he was president of the Baptist Student Union.

After 12 years at Robertsville Church, Oak Ridge, **Joe Easterly** resigned as minister of music to accept a similar position with the Sans Souci Church in Greenville, S.C. He assumed his new duties there on Sunday, Nov. 5.

## CHURCHES . . .

Members of Lockeland Church, Nashville, are celebrating the church's 75th anniversary in services this month. Guest speakers for the special services will include: **James Gregg**, pastor of Westwood Church in Nashville; **Harold Sorrells**, Sumpter, S.C.; and **E. B. Bowen**, executive director-treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes. **Herbert R. Higdon** is pastor.

Speedway Terrace Church, Memphis, began a new church training program for its adults. **Ray Gilder** is pastor.

Grace Church in Nashville held dedication services for its new property and buildings on Sunday, Oct. 29. The congregation sold its former buildings at 1100 Lischey Avenue in Nashville and built new facilities at Old Hickory Blvd. and Brick Church Pike. **Fred Johnson** is pastor.

Dedication services were held at Indian Hills Church in Gallatin for the Dallas Garland Educational Building. The church dedicated the annex in memory of the former pastor. **Harold Allen**, pastor of Gallatin's First Church, was the dedication speaker. **Jack H. Goodwin** is pastor.

Friendly Hill Church in Chilhowee Association, organized a Woman's Missionary Union last month. **Herman Byrd** is pastor.

Members of First Church, Mt. Juliet, are scheduled to move into new facilities this month. **Billie Friel** is pastor.

**Bob Peek**, pastor of East Athens Church, Athens, announced that the church is celebrating its 50th anniversary Nov. 5-12 with special revival services. Preachers and musicians for the week will include former pastors, music directors, and former members of the church who have gone into full-time Christian service.

## Tennessee Baptist Pastors' Conference

### Woodmont Church, Nashville, Nov. 13

#### MONDAY MORNING

- 10:00 Singing; Welcome by Bill Kennedy; Special music by Marshall Vaughn
- 10:20 Message by Forrest Watkins
- 10:45 Singing; Special music by Central Church, Hixson
- 10:55 Message by Bill Bruster
- 11:25 Singing; Special music by Marshall Vaughn
- 11:30 Message by Jack May

#### MONDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:45 Special music by First Church, Concord; Singing; Announcements; Special music by Central Church, Hixson
- 2:20 Message by Adrian Rogers

- 2:55 Special music by Baptist Memorial Hospital nurses
- 3:00 Message by Jonas Stewart
- 3:30 Election of officers
- 3:45 Singing; Special music by Dick Barrett
- 4:00 Message by Henry Linginfelter

#### MONDAY NIGHT

- 6:45 Special music by Central Church, Hixson; Singing; Announcements; Special music
- 7:15 Message by Virgil Caldwell
- 7:45 Singing; Special music by Central Church, Hixson
- 8:00 President's message by Bill Kennedy
- 8:35 Special music
- 8:45 Message by Adrian Rogers
- 9:15 Prayer of Victory!



A recent visitor to the office of a certain executive noticed a number of decorative paperweights on his desk.

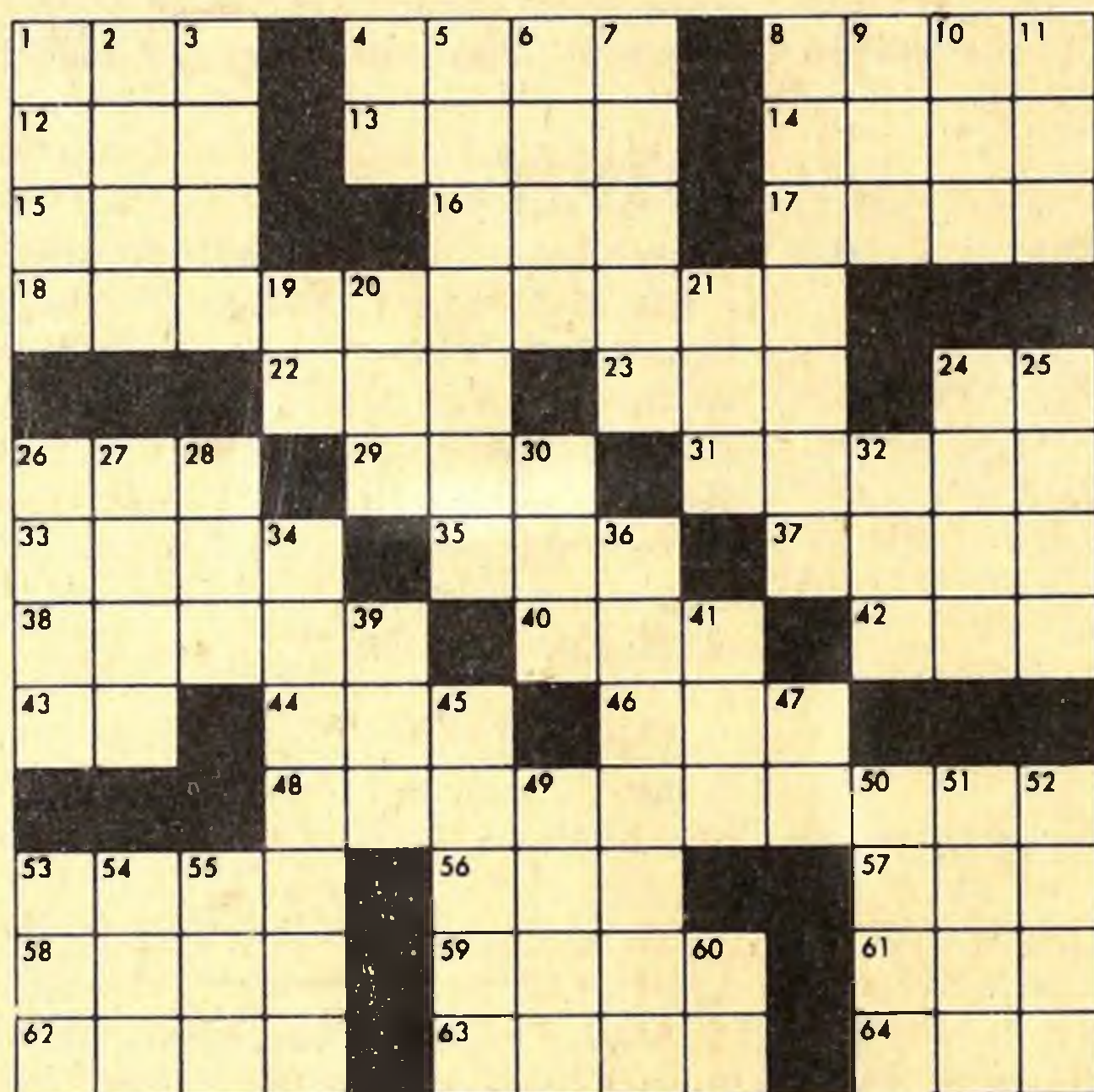
One paperweight in particular caught the eye of the visitor. It was a wooden box with a battery sticking out of the top of the box. After looking at the box, the visitor asked why the battery was connected to it.

"That," said the man, "is a rare battery powered paperweight."

Come to think of it, this unusual paperweight bears a striking similarity to some church members:

- 1) They have power that is not being used.
  - 2) Like the paperweight, they are decorative. They just sit there. If anything, sitting is part of their doctrine.
  - 3) Furthermore, as with the paperweight, the main purpose of some church members is to throw their weight around.
- They take no constructive action.  
And regrettably, their principle aim in life—even in their church—is to hold things down.

## Bible Puzzle Answers on page 18



### ACROSS

- |   |                                       |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| 1 Bottom's complement (Matt. 27:51)     | 33 Land measure                       |
| 2 Young oyster                          | 35 Hang loosely                       |
| 8 Where some fell (Luke 8:6)            | 37 A Philippine people                |
| 12 Self                                 | 38 "— of the ointment" (Mark 14)      |
| 13 Place (1 Chron. 5:26)                | 40 School, of a kind                  |
| 14 Clinton's "ditch"                    | 42 Japanese game of forfeits          |
| 15 "with his glorious —" (Isa. 63)      | 43 Tin: symbol                        |
| 16 Form of address                      | 44 King of Midian (Num. 31:8)         |
| 17 There is one (Eph. 4:4)              | 46 Gypsy gentleman                    |
| 18 Result of godly sorrow (2 Cor. 7:10) | 48 What God made Christ (1 Cor. 1:30) |
| 22 Sign of the zodiac                   | 53 Village (Josh. 15:55)              |
| 23 Slightly sweet                       | 56 Lyric poem                         |
| 24 Academic degree                      | 57 Be in debt                         |
| 26 Impossible for God to do (Heb. 6:18) | 58 Lamb                               |
| 29 Scrap                                | 59 Fuzz                               |
| 31 Brilliance                           | 60 Grassy place                       |
|   | 62 "— no man" (Matt. 16)              |

### CRYPTOVERSE

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Today's Cryptoverse clue: O equals S

- 63 Bristle  
64 Insect (Prov. 6:6)

### DOWN

- 1 "Lest he — my soul" (Psa. 7)
- 2 Fairy tale character
- 3 "and the — of her strength" (Ezek. 33)
- 4 Used to enjoin silence
- 5 "— and teachers" (Eph. 4)
- 6 Heard at the Met
- 7 Mountain lakes
- 8 Isaac's wife (Rom. 9:10)
- 9 Spanish gold
- 10 El —
- 11 "the — of David" (Rev. 3)
- 19 Kind of train: abbr.
- 20 New: comb. form
- 21 Letter
- 24 South American beverage
- 25 Laurel
- 26 "walk in his —" (Dan. 9)
- 27 "— — do all things" (Phil. 4:13)
- 28 Vetch
- 30 Child's game
- 32 Old Albanian coin
- 34 "— redemption" (Heb. 9:12)
- 36 Woollen or linen (Lev. 13:47)
- 39 Late day
- 41 Clean
- 45 Baal and others
- 47 Rushmore: abbr.
- 49 Singer Adams
- 50 Kansas town
- 51 Man's name
- 52 Tidy
- 53 Encountered
- 54 Pub specialty
- 55 "the — of gladness" (Heb. 1)
- 60 Tantalum: symbol

On Matters of

## Family Living

By Dr. B. David Edens  
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### Suburban homes, schools delay child's maturity

Parents still struggle to give their youngsters the gift of a suburban childhood, assuming that any package containing a pleasant house, a backyard, an attractive school, and physical safety has to provide the best of good starts.

A new study, *Growing Up Suburban*, suggests that the gift package may also contain a potentially poisonous gas—a prolongation of childhood that makes it hard for suburban children to take their places as adults in the real world at the other end of the bus or train line.

Edward Wynne of University of Illinois, author of the study, proposes that the home and particularly the school environments of suburbia are emotionally unhealthy for youngsters. The spacious house, the yard, the up-to-date school building don't have much to do with raising emotionally healthy children "beyond a modest threshold level," he says. What is missing is the diversity of demanding, eyeopening, first-hand experiences, and contacts that prod children toward maturity.

Suburban life throws children in the company of other children for much of the time, despite the dutiful if resentful corps of adults who contrive activities for the young and chauffeur them to the scene. The physical safety enables parents to leave children alone or with each other with a minimum of guilt or concern. The houses permit privacy but encourage isolation of family members. In a strange sense, life is impersonal.

The handsome, well-equipped schools tend to be college-prep mills, with individualization provided by computers. Wynne points out that the schools tend to have so many subdivisions that many parents never develop ties to the educational system. Some super-modern schools have abandoned the old-fashioned ceremonies designed to create community spirit—assemblies, for instance.

Because academic test scores are generally higher in suburban schools than in rural or urban systems, the ironic plight of the suburban kid hasn't drawn much attention, Wynne observes. Now, mounting evidence of antisocial and self-destructive attitudes and activities among suburban school children is making the news and raising questions that educators and parents can't ignore.

The high suicide rates, drug-use, and delinquency are telling us that crab grass is the least of suburban dwellers' worries.



## What's in a name?

By Wilda Greene

I once knew a woman named Susie who had a terrible disposition. She was a relative, and the words "Have you heard the latest. . . ?" became the standard opening for letters among kinfolk. I am afraid I was so influenced by this particular personality that in after years I would associate her unbecoming behavior with every other Susie I met. It was hard for me to understand that no two Susies are alike.

It is much the same with some of our Biblical characters. For example, if we hear the name Ananias, what sort of person comes to mind?

There was a disciple in Jerusalem who sold a plot of land and laid part of the proceeds at the disciples' feet, representing the part to be the whole. The disciple was named Ananias, and he was a liar and suffered for being one.

There was a disciple in Damascus whom the Lord sent to the blinded Saul of Tarsus. In the same power of the Holy Spirit that had blinded Saul, this disciple was to restore his sight and in the personal touch give him a new concept of his experience. This disciple was named Ananias. He stands for faith and truth and spiritual daring for his God. He moved in the Spirit in obedience and was blessed thereby.

There was a high priest in Jerusalem who in examining Paul before the Sanhedrin, commanded that he be struck on the mouth. His name was Ananias. He was cruel, unjust, indifferent to the Spirit of God. He missed an opportunity really to know Paul, one of the greatest figures of that day.

What an array of different people bore the name Ananias—the fake, the liar, the cruel, and the just and righteous. I have a name, and so do you. There must be literally hundreds who have the same names we do. Yet, each of us has characteristics that will be associated with that name. Will we be remembered with joy and thanksgiving, or as someone who was a bore and caused unhappiness?

*Mrs. Greene is a member of Immanuel Church, Nashville, where she serves as an adult Sunday school teacher.*

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## Interpretation

## Both just and justifier

By Herschel H. Hobbs

*"That he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus."—Romans 3:26*

The Bible speaks of righteousness in three ways: what God is in His nature; what He demands of man, but which in his own power man cannot achieve; what God bestows upon man in/through Jesus Christ. It is not sufficient for one to do the best he can (Rom. 3:20). For one to be saved by his own righteous deeds, he must equal the perfect righteousness that is in God, which, of course is impossible.

It was for this reason that Christ became incarnate as Jesus of Nazareth. Man might say that God is unfair in His demand for perfect righteousness in man. But Jesus lived in a flesh and blood body in a corrupt world, and was tempted in all points as man is—yet, without sin. Thus he showed that God is *just* in His demand.

Then having lived a perfect life, Jesus was made sin—not sinful but *sin*. In His death on the cross, He paid the price for man's sin. Thus in Christ, God is the "justifier" of man. Therefore, Jesus Christ proved that God is both "just" and the "justifier." These words are akin to the Greek word for "righteousness."

But notice that *justifier* does not apply to every person. It does not teach *universalism* or that all people will be saved. It applies only to "him which believeth in Jesus." It is

through our faith in Him that God bestows upon us His righteousness. God in Christ provided salvation for all. But it becomes a reality in experience only for those who trust in Jesus as Savior.

If a lost person at the final judgment accuses God of being unfair in His demand, and that it is impossible for one to meet it, God will point to His Son and say, "One did. If one did, all could." Thus the lost are without excuse before God (Rom. 1:20).

So the question is not whether or not you are doing the best you can. It is whether or not you have laid hold upon the *best* that God in Christ has done. And the time to answer that question is *now*, not at the final judgment when the records of the ages will have been completed.

## HISTORICALLY

### FROM THE FILES

#### 50 YEARS AGO

C. E. Patch of Waynesboro accepted a call to become pastor of the church at Bell Buckle.

Hickory Grove Church, Gibson County Association, became debt free when it raised \$2,000 after the morning worship service. W. F. Carlton was pastor. Following the service, the church voted to go to half-time preaching.

#### 25 YEARS AGO

Lauren Sprunger, director of music and education at Eastland Church, Nashville, resigned to accept a position as associate pastor in charge of music and promotion at McCalla Avenue Church, Knoxville.

Nashville's Grace Church presented Bledsoe Association with Broadman Hymnals to use in its mission program.

#### 10 YEARS AGO

Riverdale Church, Knoxville, entered a new \$120,000, 400-seat auditorium and a two story educational wing. Ed A. Young was pastor.

Watauga Baptist Association celebrated its 100th anniversary at First Church, Elizabethton. Frederick Billings, pastor, Grace Church and moderator of the association, presided. Halie Riner was chairman of the centennial committee.

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## Paschall to serve on advisory group

NASHVILLE—A Tennessee pastor, H. Franklin Paschall, has agreed to serve on the Sunday School Board's new home Bible study advisory committee.

Paschall, pastor of First Church, Nashville, will serve a two-year term on the 20-member group.

The committee "will monitor Home Bible Study and share candidly their opinions for improving 'At Home with the Bible,' Home Bible Study Guide, and all of our correspondence relationships with members," said Don Fearheiley, supervisor of the Bible correspondence section.

"At Home with the Bible" is a weekly television and radio program of Bible study, music and interviews. The Home Bible Study Guide is a monthly publication including Bible background material, involvement activities, and study questions which persons may answer and send in for grading. People may enroll in the Bible correspondence course without seeing or hearing the program.

Fearheiley said the committee members were selected on the basis of their commitment to reaching people with Bible study in their homes and because they represent varied backgrounds and viewpoints.

## Evangelist Robison given large tract

FORT WORTH, Tex.—A Virginia businessman has purchased and given to the James Robison Evangelistic Association for its use, the east Texas branch of Ambassador College.

F. William Menge paid \$10.6-million for the 1,600 acre-facility, formerly owned by Herbert W. Armstrong's Worldwide Church of God. It's located north of Tyler in Big Sandy, Tex. Robison's association puts the property value at between \$30-million and \$50-million.

The property includes 330 buildings, 25 houses, a 16,000-seat convention center, 60-acre lake, 9-hole golf course, a landing strip, airplane hanger, four large dormitories, and a gymnasium which seats 3,500.

Recreational facilities include a track, soccer fields, baseball diamonds, a 60-acre lake for fishing and boating and a white sand beach and swimming area.

Robison a Southern Baptist evangelist, plans to hold youth camps, retreats, conferences, and Christian discipleship training on the site as well as to build a retirement center. (BP)



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# Missouri upholds Bible inerrancy refuses to take ordination stand

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—Doctrinal issues took center stage during the 144th annual session of the Missouri Baptist Convention, as messengers exhorted Baptist colleges to uphold Biblical inerrancy but refused to take a position on ordination of women.

In three different resolutions, messengers urged establishment of doctrinal guidelines for the colleges or that the convention take position on doctrinal issues such as ordination of women or the existence of a personal Devil.

Ron Moseley, pastor of First Baptist Church, Macon, Mo., introduced a resolution to "exhort" the trustees of the four Baptist colleges affiliated with the Missouri Baptist Convention to "preserve doctrinal integrity" by employing or continuing to employ professors who believe in "the inspiration of the whole Bible, the inerrancy of the original manuscripts, the existence of a personal Devil

and a literal Hell, the actual existence of a primeval couple named Adam and Eve, the literal occurrence of the miracles as recorded in the Bible, the virgin birth and bodily resurrection, and personal return of the Lord Jesus."

The convention's Resolutions Committee attempted to refer the matter to the various boards of trustees, pointing out that the resolution violated the convention's Constitution and smacked of credalism.

However, the messengers refused. Moseley declared the resolution only "exhorted" the trustees and did not demand anything. About 60 percent of the messengers present and voting supported his position and the original resolution carried.

The New Madrid Baptist Association in southeast Missouri asked the convention to condemn ordination of women as "unscriptural" and "erroneous." However, the messengers supported the Resolutions Committee's position that the request violated the convention's Constitution concerning local church autonomy and was out of order.

In other action the 1,197 messengers approved a convention budget of \$8.1-million and directed a study of a possible statewide counseling ministry under the direction of the state convention.

The new budget designates 34 percent of all Cooperative Program receipts to mission causes outside Missouri through the Southern Baptist Convention's national Cooperative Program budget for world missions.

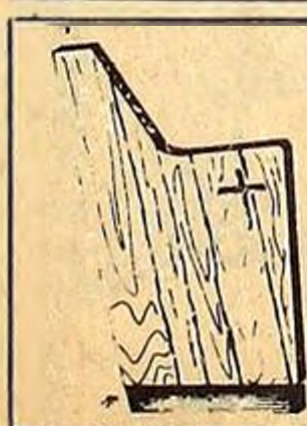
Other resolutions adopted by the messengers included opposition to an ambassador to the Vatican; to "by-pass procedures" used by the U. S. Department of Education to skirt Missouri's prohibitions against public funds going into parochial elementary and secondary schools; and to an upcoming constitutional amendment on sweepstakes gambling in Missouri. (BP)

## Belmont College to consider graduate study in education

Belmont College, Nashville, is currently studying the feasibility of offering graduate studies in education. A committee composed of representatives from the various curricular areas of the college is examining factors which would have an impact on such a program.

The first phase of the study will investigate the need for a graduate program and assess the areas of interest of prospective participants. Other factors to be studied include: (1) the cost of providing a graduate program, (2) the adequacy of library holdings and other instructional resources, (3) the impact that a graduate program might have on the undergraduate college, and (4) the procedures and requirements for receiving accreditation for graduate studies.

Anyone wishing to provide input or receive information concerning this study should contact: W. David Driskill, Graduate Programs Study, Belmont College, Nashville, Tenn. 37203.



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# Reverence for the Sabbath

By John H. Tullock, chairman  
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Basic Passages: Exodus 20:8-11; Deuteronomy 5:12-15; Matthew 12:1-12  
Focal Passages: Matthew 12:1-8; Exodus 20:8-11

In the summer of 1975, my wife and I were in Israel where we were touring the country prior to taking part in an archaeological project.



Tullock

Late one Friday afternoon, we were on a walking tour of Mea Shearim, the Orthodox quarter of the city of Jerusalem. The hour of sundown was rapidly approaching. On every hand, the devout Jews were making preparations for the approaching Sabbath. Children were being dressed in their best clothes, meal preparation was going on, and the streets were being barricaded to prevent the entry of traffic to interrupt the time of worship and rest. All business ceased as the day of worship began.

When one compares that scene with what happens on Sunday in our country, it causes me to wonder about what we have done to a day designed for refreshing the spirit and the mind of man. Instead of a day of rest and worship, it increasingly is becoming just another day for rushing about, going nowhere in particular.

### Jesus and the Sabbath commandment (Matt. 12:1-8)

Matthew sets Jesus' teaching concerning the Sabbath in the context of an incident involving His disciples (Matt. 12:1-8) and a healing incident in the synagogue (Matt. 12:9-12). The rabbis, in attempts to define what was meant by the admonition not to do any work on the Sabbath (Exod. 20:10) had good intentions. But as so often is the case in trying to determine what was right, they took an extreme position which placed the strict observance of their interpretations as having priority over any other need. In so doing, the Sabbath had become more important than human need.

In the rabbinic interpretation, plucking grain and rubbing it in the hands was defined as threshing grain and thus was work. Jesus defended the right of the disciples to do so on two grounds: 1) The hunger of the disciples; and 2) His lordship over the Sabbath (Stagg). As to the first reason, He cited two examples from the Old Testament. David, Israel's greatest king (whom none dared to criticize) had come into the Shrine at Nob and had eaten

the shew bread ("bread of the Presence" RSV), food which was lawful only for the priests to eat.

The priests, furthermore, were allowed to violate the law carrying out their religious duties.

Instead the Pharisees were reminded of Hosea 6:6 where the prophet warned Israel, "I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice" (RSV). The Lord of the Sabbath was greater than the temple and its regulations. Men's needs, furthermore, took precedence over the observance of men's rules. The same principle was involved in the healing of a withered hand (9-14) which is a part of the larger context of this lesson.

### The commandment stated (Exod. 20:8-11)

The commandment elaborates on the principle found in the creation account in Gen. 2:2, 3. In Jewish theology man was supposed (as much as was possible) to carry out on earth what God did. Earthly Jerusalem, for instance was supposedly patterned after the heavenly Jerusalem (See Rev. 20:2).

In the area of conduct, man was to pattern himself after God's example. Thus as God rested on the seventh day, so man was to follow the principle of one day of rest in seven. Deuteronomy's version of the commandment adds the interpretation that such a period of rest should be observed for humanitarian reasons.

As Israel had been a servant in Egypt and had longed for rest but probably got none, so a man's servants should be given one day in seven to rest and worship (Deut. 5:15).

### The commandment and us

Should Christians push for laws that would enforce business closings on Sunday? Jesus' reaction against the laws of His day seem to indicate that the answer is "No." On the other hand, Christians should lead in setting the example by making Sunday a day of worship and meeting human needs.

For example, what about that lonely person in the nursing home who feels abandoned by friends and family, or that sick friend who needs her house cleaned; or, that fatherless boy who needs a man to be his friend? Couldn't our Sundays be kept much more in line with Jesus' teachings if this was what we were concerned about?

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"I will sing of the mercies of the Lord for ever" (Psa. 89:1).



# Money—barrier or bridge?

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Basic Passage: Luke 16:19-31  
Focal Passage: Luke 16:19-31

This parable is a masterpiece of the storyteller's art. No necessary word or detail is omitted, not unnecessary one included. It presents a study in contrasts: rich and poor, good and evil, life and death, heaven and hell, and what money can do and what it can not do. That last contrast is the concern of this lesson.



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Some things money  
cannot buy:  
(Luke 16:19-22a)

A common concept among the ancient Jews was that a man's financial and social status reflected his standing before God. Jesus strongly refuted that concept when He said to "the Pharisees . . . who were covetous (literally, silver lovers) . . . ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God" (vs. 14-15). He then told this story to illustrate that statement.

By every human standard the rich man was a fine, upstanding, and successful man. Surely God must have looked upon him with great favor, for he "was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day" (v. 19). If he were living today, he would probably echo the modern saying, "Somebody up there likes me." His contemporaries would agree with him, surely one so blessed by material things must have found great favor with God.

If the apparent success of the rich man was thought to depict righteousness; then, conversely, the pitiful plight of Lazarus was thought to depict wickedness. Even the disciples were prejudiced in that direction. When they "saw a man which was blind from his birth . . . His disciples asked Him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man or his parents, that he was born blind? Jesus answered, Neither" (John 9:1-3).

To more forcefully drive home the idea that illness and poverty were not necessarily synonymous with wickedness, Jesus did something in this parable which He did in no other. He gave a name to one of the characters. Lazarus is the Latin form of the Hebrew name Eleazar which means "God is my help." It was no accident that He chose that specific name. While the rich man put all of his confidence in the purchasing power of his money, Lazarus put his faith in God. It appeared that the rich man was getting the best deal. But, while the rich man had everything money

could buy, Lazarus had something money could not buy. He had salvation!

A bridge can be built with money:  
(Luke 16:26-28)

Let us never be so naive as to think that the rich man was lost just because he was rich, nor that Lazarus was saved just because he was poor. The rich man was lost because of "the love of money"; which, said the Apostle Paul, "is the root of all evil" (II Tim. 6:10). He never looked beyond himself. His lack of compassion upon poor Lazarus "which was laid at his gate full of sores" was but symbolic of his disregard for the sufferings and needs of everyone except himself. Had his attitude been more compassionate, he could have shared his great wealth as an instrument of service to both God and man.

It takes money as well as time and talent to reach men with the message of Christ. The rich man became very mission minded when it was too late, and he had no money to give. All he could do was beg, "Send (Lazarus) to my father's house: for I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come to this place of torment" (v. 27). Such compassion during his lifetime could have led him to accept those values of life which characterized Lazarus and gained him eternal life.

Beyond the touch of money: (Luke 16:29-31)

When all is said and done, a man's relationship with God is dependent upon whether he accepts the revelation God has given him. We have become prone to believe that men respond to God because of some great miraculous feat. We are seeking the spectacular manifestation of God's miracles. The rich man believed such would convert his brothers, "If one went unto them from the dead, they will repent."

The answer he received has been proven time and time again, "If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead" (v. 31).

A place where money cannot go:  
(Luke 16:22b-24)

While it seemed that the rich man had everything and Lazarus had nothing; actually, in the

light of eternity, Lazarus had everything and the rich man had nothing. When each faced death, he passed into a realm divided by a "great gulf" where God reversed the categories and values of human society so that material possessions did not matter.

The rich man died, and was buried and in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments" (v. 22-23). The word herein translated "hell" is the Greek word *Hades* which usually means the grave. Here, however, it took on a larger dimension including the concept described by the word *Gehenna*, the place of eternal punishment for the unredeemed. Jesus gave no argument for the existence of heaven or hell but took it for granted that each existed.

In hell the rich man was in torments, dramatically contrasting the luxuriant life he enjoyed on earth where his money purchased every comfort his heart desired. But, in hell he had no money. The Apostle Paul wrote, "We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out" (I Tim. 6:7). He was a pauper! He could not buy a drop of water to cool his burning tongue nor hire the services of Lazarus to return from the dead to warn his brothers who were making the same mistakes with their lives he had made with his. He became a beggar, having traded social positions with Lazarus.

Something better than money: (Luke 16:25)

The worst part of hell for the unredeemed is not the suffering but the constant vision of what they missed. The rich man "seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom" (v. 23). It is torture, indeed, for man to have the objects of his deepest desire within his vision but just beyond his reach.

The Greeks illustrated that facet of hell with the story of King Tantalus, who, though especially blessed, showed such a lack of compassion that he committed many grave crimes, even killing his own son. He was punished by being chained in a pool of clear water which barely touched his chin. Just above his head hung branches of all manner of fruit trees, weighed down with ripe tempting fruit. Constantly tortured with hunger and thirst, he incessantly sought to sip the water and to grasp the fruit; but, always the water receded from his parched lips and the branches moved away from his grasping hands. We get our word "tantalize" from his name. The rich man was tantalized by visions of what he had missed.

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