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Trustee decision threatens Wake Forest, Baptist ties

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (BP)—Wake Forest University trustees, in unprecedented action, voted to remove the university from control of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

By a vote of 27-6, with two abstentions, the trustees deleted from the Wake Forest charter and bylaws clauses which give the state convention the right to elect or fire trustees; removed the phrase which states that they will operate "as an agency" of the convention; but stopped short of establishing a new procedure to elect trustees which now are elected from North Carolina Baptist churches by the convention.

The action came just 24 days after messengers of the Baptist state convention, meeting in Raleigh, voted 1,276 to 1,048 to continue a study for a new relationship between WFU and the convention.

A statement from James W. Mason, chairman of the board of trustees, said, "There is no arrogance in our conclusions, no impatience, but rather a carefully determined judgment that the board's autonomy must be clearly established before the convention and Wake Forest can appraise how they can best help one another. This has been done."

According to an earlier legal opinion, the trustees have "no duty under the law to carry out any expressed directive made to them by

Application deadline set for Journeymen

RICHMOND, Va.—The deadline to apply for the 1979-81 term of the missionary journeyman program of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board is Jan. 15.

Southern Baptist missions (organizations of missionaries) in countries around the world have asked for more than 145 journeymen in 1979 to fill such jobs as teaching and youth work.

Journeymen are college graduates, age 26 and under, who do not feel led to career mission service overseas, but who would like to apply their training and talents to critical needs abroad before pursuing careers in the United States. Over 950 journeymen have served since the program began in 1965.

Stanley A. Nelson, who directs the selection and training of journeymen for the board, says applications began declining in 1977. Elementary teaching positions are almost always filled, but several other openings may be left empty.

Requests for agriculturalists, prompted by Southern Baptists' increased emphasis on agricultural missions, are among those difficult to fill. He predicts that related positions in food production, fish farming, and village health and nutrition in Bangladesh may also draw few applicants.

Other positions traditionally difficult to fill are secretarial jobs and positions requiring specialist in Venezuela and a German teacher in the Philippines.

Applications and a list of openings are available from the missionary personnel department, Foreign Mission Board, P.O. Box 6597, Richmond, Va. 23230.

the Baptist state convention, or its General Board." The legal opinion said that in conflicts between the trustees and the convention, final authority "legally resides in trustees of the university and not the convention."

"The trustees now have the legal right to select their successors," said Mason, "but it is the clear intent of the board to work closely with the Council on Christian Higher Education of the convention, or other bodies which the convention may choose, in determining how new trustees will be selected and what criteria will be used."

According to a statement the trustees inserted into their charter, they "shall endeavor to work in close harmony with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and to promote its educational ministries."

At the September General Board meeting, Wake Forest President James Ralph Scales asked for "an affiliate" relationship with the convention rather than the current agency role. As an agency, Wake Forest last year received \$815,000 from the convention and is scheduled to receive \$937,000 this year.

Convention president Mark Cortis suggested those funds "could and should" be held in escrow "until the matter is finally resolved." He predicted a recommendation to that effect would be made at the General Board meeting Jan. 30-31 in Raleigh.

Mason told a Greensboro newspaper that "We are determined to operate as a Christian university, hopefully with the Baptist state convention. But we won't knuckle under to economic blackmail."

The convention contribution is less than two percent of Wake Forest's \$58-million budget, but is matched in gifts by the Reynolds Foundation which are contingent on the Baptist affiliation.

Baptists seek survival of only Turkish church

WASHINGTON (BP)—In the wake of an official communication from the government of Turkey that Southern Baptists' only congregation in that country is unauthorized, denominational leaders have protested to both the Turkish ambassador to the United States and the U.S. State Department.

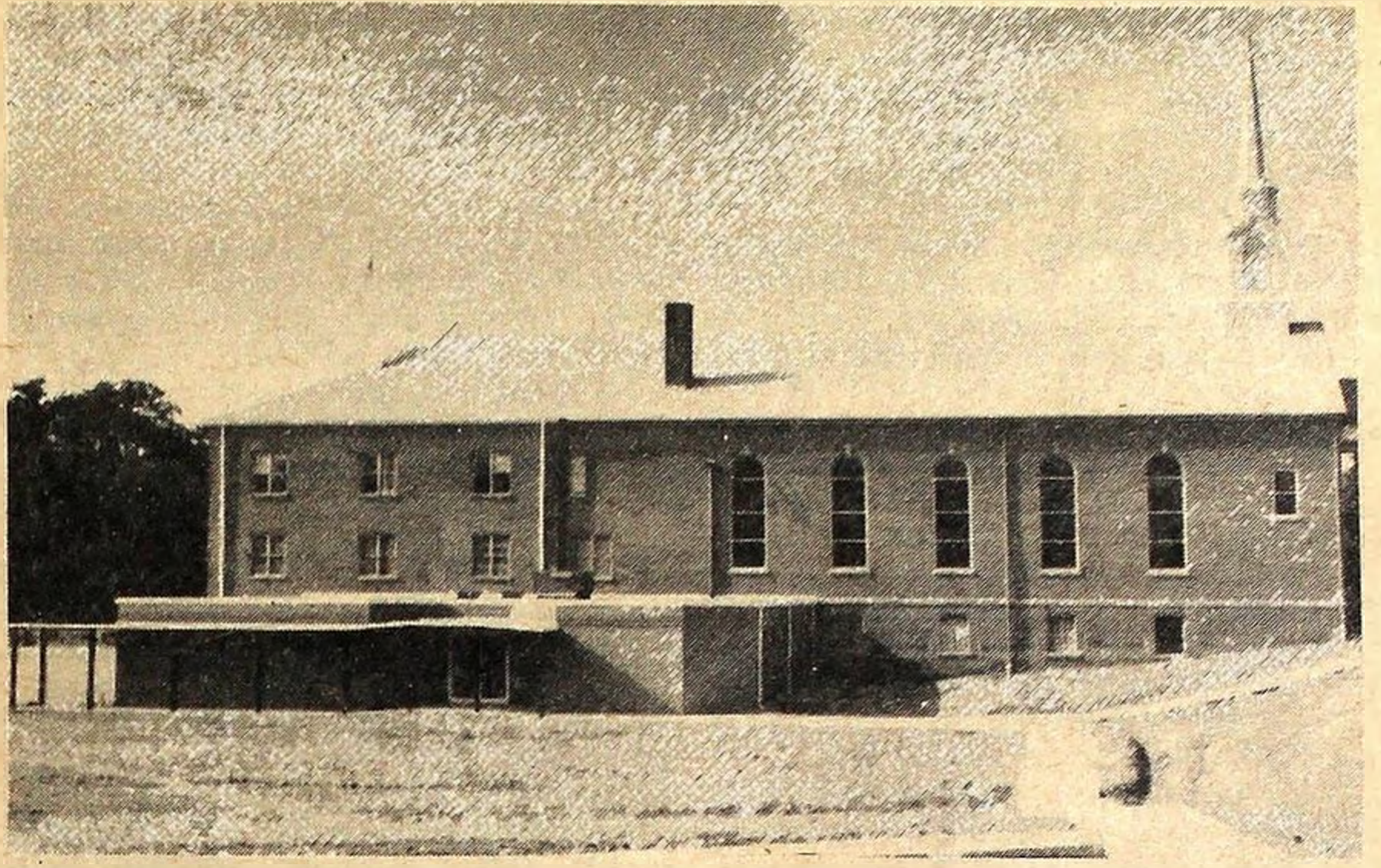
The English-speaking Galatian Baptist Church, located in Ankara since 1966, was described as unauthorized by Turkish officials in early December. The church, which serves mainly Americans but includes other English-speaking Baptists, was led until earlier this year by James F. Leeper, a Southern Baptist missionary. Leeper was expelled from Turkey on Sept. 29, and has been given 20 days of his choosing to return to Ankara to remove his family and belongings.

Until the Turkish communication to the State Department, however, the controversy seemed to center around Leeper, despite the lack of official charges against him. What has become apparent in recent days is that the existence of the congregation itself is at stake.

J.D. Hughey, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's secretary for Europe and the Middle East, in a letter dated Dec. 14, asked the U.S. State Department to seek official authorization for the congregation by the Turkish government.

Hughey pointed out in his letter to Alan Flanigan, who directs Turkish affairs at the State Department, that the church has repeatedly sought official recognition by Turkish officials, but without success. Hughey did note, however, that in early 1971 the governor of Ankara gave his oral approval for the congregation's existence.

Leeper, himself, Hughey said, was granted a residence permit in 1977 "on the basis of his being pastor of the church...It is strange that it took the Turkish authorities 12 years to announce that the church was illegal," Hughey said. The residence permit was revoked in 1978.



PRESCHOOL BUILDING DEDICATED—Preschoolers at Highland Park Baptist Church in Columbia are meeting in a new building, pictured above. Members of the church dedicated the building recently and celebrated 25 years in their present location. Dallas Sugg is pastor.

Highland Park members celebrate dedication, 25 year anniversary

Members of Highland Park Baptist Church in Columbia gathered recently to celebrate two special occasions in the life of the church. The service commemorated 25 years of activity in the present location and the dedication of a preschool facility to the church structure.

The addition was constructed at an approximate cost of \$150,000 by Hayes Construction Co., Lawrenceburg. The building is the first phase of a three-phase program planned by the church. Phases two and three will consist of a family life center and educational building. Architect for the preschool division was Roy Gilleland Associates, Nashville. Former pastor J. Lowell Knupp delivered the dedication sermon.

First services in the present structure were held in August 1953. Total property value is approximately \$650,000, and the church membership stands at 970.

Former pastors and family members were recognized during the service, along with descendants of charter members. The original church was begun in the latter part of the 19th century as a mission of First Baptist Church in Columbia. H. Dallas Sugg is pastor.

McGehee recalls 41 years as pastor

Jerry McGehee, who served as a pastor of churches in Alabama and Tennessee for 41 years, has retired from the active ministry due to heart trouble.

The former Huntland pastor told Baptist and Reflector last week that he is now residing three miles south of Elora, Tenn., just across the Alabama state line. He is able to do some supply and interim work, he added.

His last pastorate was at Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Huntland. He led the congregation for six years. McGehee also served Elora, Donaldson's Grove, Oak Grove, Lexie Cross Roads, Macedonia, and New Hope Baptist Churches in William Carey Association; Hannah's Gap Baptist Church in New Duck River Association; and Keith Springs Baptist Church in Duck River Association. He was instrumental in the establishment of Little Mountain Baptist Mission in that association.

Throughout his ministry, McGehee has remained active in associational work, serving in various offices and on several committees.

He is a native of Jackson County, Ala.

Truman Smith to lead Fordtown congregation

Fordtown Baptist Church in Kingsport called Truman Smith as pastor recently. Smith has accepted the call and will be on the new field this week.

The new pastor has led three churches in Holston Baptist Association.

Enrollments level off at SBC seminaries

NASHVILLE (BP)—Enrollment declines, felt by America's colleges for five years, crept to the six Southern Baptist theological seminaries last fall and stuck a pin in their ballooning growth rate.

After three years of gaining nearly 1,000 students annually, the seminaries increased a negligible 43 students, to a total of 8,892 in all degree and non-degree programs, a growth rate of 0.4 percent.

The growth in degree-granting graduate programs was a meager 0.2 percent, to 8,408, according to figures released by the Association of Theological Schools.

Only Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C., showed a significant increase, gaining 11 percent, to 1,120 in all programs, of which 114 are in evening diploma courses.

Marvin Taylor, statistician for ATS, said the 197 reporting seminaries in the U.S. and Canada showed an overall growth rate of 1.6 percent, the lowest since 1972, and down from last year's 5.1 percent increase.

Southern Baptists this fall accounted for 18.1 percent of the 46,460 students enrolled in seminaries in the U.S. and Canada. Last year, Southern Baptists accounted for 18.5 percent of 45,222 students, in 198 seminaries.

While some denominations showed major increases in seminary enrollment, such as the United Church of Canada with 18 percent, Taylor said generally enrollments stabilized. Enrollment in seminaries of the United Methodist Church and the United Church of Christ declined 1.7 and 3.6 percent respectively.

Statistics indicate a significant increase in female enrollment in programs that traditionally lead to ordination. Southern Baptist

seminaries reported 262 women enrolled in master of divinity programs, compared with 4,402 men.

Overall, enrollment of women in all seminaries has gone up since 1972 from 3,358 to 8,978. Women compose 19.3 percent of enrollment now, whereas in 1972, they made up just 10.2 percent.

Three Southern Baptist seminaries showed small enrollment decreases: Golden Gate, down 2.3 percent; Southern, two percent; Southwestern, 0.8 percent. According to ATS figures, the decreases didn't alter Southwestern and Southern's positions as the largest two seminaries in the world. New Orleans and Southeastern are the fourth and fifth largest, after Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif.

Southern seminary's decline was attributable mainly to a drop of 75 students in the Boyce Bible School, and a drop of 15 in evening school. This fall marked the first decline after 17 straight years of enrollment increase.

Enrollment for four fall terms at Midwestern seminary in Kansas City peaked at 441, an increase of 13, or three percent over last fall's 428. An additional 52 students are enrolled in the School of Christian Training, a non-degree program.

New Orleans Seminary, which last year passed Southeastern to become the third largest Southern Baptist theological seminary, increased five students to 1,145, up 0.4 percent. Of those, 187 are in non-graduate diploma programs.

Southwestern's enrollment dipped 28 students, to 3,447. Of these, 187 are enrolled in extension courses in Houston, San Antonio, and Shawnee, Okla.

A decline of 18 in two off-campus centers dropped Golden Gate's overall enrollment by 11, to 463, although enrollment on the main campus was up two percent. The overall drop was 2.3 percent.

Church growth conference slated for Ridgecrest

NASHVILLE—A Sunday School Growth Conference will be held March 19-21 at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center.

Sponsored by the growth section of the Sunday School Board's Sunday School department, the conference will include features on the Growth Spiral, thinking and planning for growth and building a visitation program.

Leaders will include Jim Fitch, supervisor of the growth section; Andy Anderson, growth consultant and creator of the ACTION enrollment plan; and the Growth Spiral, and Ron Lewis, growth consultant.

The conference is targeted to pastors, ministers of education and Sunday School general officers.

Baptists honor Bob Hope with communicator award



BOB HOPE

Distinguished Communication Award

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP)—Comedian Bob Hope will be guest of honor and receive the Distinguished Communications Medal during the 10th Annual Abe Lincoln Awards program March 1. The awards, sponsored by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, will be held in Tarrant County Convention Center in Fort Worth.

The Abe Lincoln Awards, created by the commission, honors broadcasters across the nation for their achievements in advancing the quality of life in America and helping the industry enrich its service to the public.

The Distinguished Communicators Medal honors persons who have made unusual contributions to this country and is given only when a worth recipient is determined. Eight Abe Lincoln Awards, as well as special service awards, will be presented this year to outstanding broadcasters.

Hope is especially cited for the "continual contributions he has made to his fellowman and his country," said Paul M. Stevens, commission president.

"Bob Hope has emerged on the world scene as unique in his compassion for the American serviceman and in his ability to make the world laugh even in its darkest hours. For four generations his humor and personality have bridged the gap between every segment of American life."

Hope is the first entertainer to receive the medal. Previous recipients include the late Walt Disney, Billy Graham, Lady Bird Johnson, and former CBS president Frank Stanton, now president of the American National Red Cross.

Often hailed as "The King of Comedy" and "Mr. Humanitarian," Hope's appearances before benefit audiences, servicemen and

heads of state have netted millions of dollars for charitable causes, provided encouragement in war zones and included five command performances before Britain's Royal Family.

Although not widely publicized, Hope's generosity to various organizations and universities is almost a legend. He and wife Dolores initially donated 80 acres of land on which the Eisenhower Medical Center in Rancho Mirage is located. The medical center is one of the beneficiaries of the Bob Hope Desert Classic, a professional golf tournament which has raised nearly 17-million in 19 years.

In a recent article Hope said, "My philosophy is, and always has been, that four good laughs a day are the best therapy. Being in front of people makes my juices flow. It's my adrenalin, my high."

North Carolina files form 'under protest'

ASHEBORO, N.C. (BP)—Executive Committee members of the North Carolina Baptist General Board voted to complete a lengthy form from the Equal Opportunity Office on employment practices, but under "protest."

General Secretary Cecil A. Ray asked the committee to authorize business manager Richard Smith to fill out the form but to note the protest as an infringement on the First Amendment.

The action also called for concern to be expressed to the state's Congressional delegation in Washington, including Senators Robert Morgan and Jesse Helms.

The same committee on Nov. 13 voted to delay completing the forms. Smith said that a higher court is now considering a government appeal case in Texas. Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, refused to comply and a lower court upheld its case.

Smith said after discussing the delaying action with an official of the Southern Baptist Annuity Board, who in turn checked with the board's legal counsel and several other state conventions, he felt it "wise" to complete the form "but at least register a complaint."

Bob Hardison writes life and work series

Bob C. Hardison, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Nashville, will write the Life and Work series Sunday School lessons for this quarter, beginning Jan. 7 and continuing through March.

A native of Greenville, Ky., Hardison is a graduate of Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss., and received both the master of divinity and doctorate of ministry degrees from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif.

Before coming to Nashville in May 1975 as pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Hardison was pastor of Friendship Baptist Church, Modesto, Calif.

He is married to the former Violet O. Jennings of Yazoo City, Miss., and they have two sons, Joseph, age seven, and Curtis, age 5.

Presently, he is serving as chairman of the student committee of the Nashville Baptist Association.

Texas Baptist leader dies

LUBBOCK, Texas (BP)—Roy B. Bass, 60, Texas Baptist lay leader and former mayor of Lubbock, died Dec. 16 of an apparent heart attack while working out with his son at the local YMCA.

He was a trustee of Baylor, a former member of the Texas Baptist Executive Board, and a member of the advisory council of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

Bruce Harless named Camp Carson manager

Bruce Harless, Shelby, N.C., has been appointed as manager of Camp Carson near Newport, according to James McDonald, director of the business office, Tennessee Baptist Convention.

A graduate of Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Va., Harless earned the master of religious education degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex.

He has experience in several jobs including, tutor, mechanic, salesman, painter, carpenter, and maintenance. He worked on the summer staff at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center (N.C.) for two years, and has also managed a YMCA day camp.

Harless will be on his new field of service this month, according to McDonald. He succeeds Ernest Bragg, who took disability retirement.

Francis Canty retires from North Fork Church

Francis V. Canty, pastor of North Fork Baptist Church in Rogersville for the past eight years, has announced his retirement. He will reside in Kingsport where he plans to be available for supply and interim work.

A native of Pascagoula, Miss., Canty served Jackson Avenue Baptist Church in that city and Montgomery Baptist Church in Summit, Miss. before coming to Tennessee. Tenures of service in the Volunteer State include Beulah Baptist Church in Kingsport for five years; Cedar Grove Baptist Church, Kingsport, 10 years; and North Fork.

The Mississippi native attended William Carey College in Hattiesburg, Miss. and New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary.



Harless

Missionary's transfusion aids Nicaragua shooting victim

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (BP)—An American, wounded and in danger of losing an arm following a misunderstanding with Nicaraguan officials, received aid from a Southern Baptist missionary.

The missionary, Stanley D. Stamps of Managua, gave badly needed A-negative blood after Jerry White of McAllen, Texas, was wounded Dec. 19. The incident occurred when White and his five American traveling companions failed to stop at the request of Nicaraguan national guardsmen near Leon, Nicaragua. The guard fired on them.

Stamps said the group, driving at night, apparently did not realize that the one signaling them to stop was a government authority and were afraid to stop for anyone else. The six men are believed to be from Kingsway Missionary Institute in McAllen, a language school whose students frequently go into Central American on mission trips.

In a phone report, Stamps said White and one of the other Americans remained in Nicaragua while their four companions went on to Honduras. White is now recuperating, Stamps said, and is expected to be flown to the United States by commercial airline.

Political unrest and fighting have subsided, said Stamps, and "life is going quite normally. We haven't sensed any violence. Curfew and martial law have been lifted and we're moving along." Although encouraged about the situation, Stamps said Southern Baptist missionaries are still using "caution and prudence."

Stamps said hundreds of baptisms will take place during the holiday season and that the Baptist Bookstore in Managua is in its best three-month period in its history.

TBC president views upcoming year

Fred Kendall II: work, grow, disciple

His name is Fred Kendall II, but to many people in Union City, he is known as the town's pastor. He has served in that capacity since 1965, when he came to lead First Baptist Church in the small west Tennessee community of 14,000.

Kendall is to lead Tennessee Baptists during 1979 as a representative of the state convention. He was elected as president during the November state meeting in Nashville. His schedule will include visiting our state's Baptist institutions (hospitals, schools, children's homes); speaking to groups, individuals, and churches regarding the work of the convention; attending state committee meetings as an ex-officio member; and presiding at the 1979 Tennessee Baptist Convention.

To know Kendall is to grasp an understanding of his dreams for the people of his town, for the mission of Tennessee Baptists, and for the spread of the message of salvation through Jesus Christ around the world.

Beginning at home, he feels that his major priority is preaching—followed by ministering to the needs of people. "Preaching is basic," he said. "My call was to preach, so I must remain true to that call of proclaiming the word of God." To his own congregation, he feels an obligation to train them as disciples. "They must grow," he insisted. "They must not be satisfied with just the act of regeneration."

There is ample opportunity for the new president's second priority—ministering to the needs of people. Crowded into the county seat of Obion County are farmers working rich farm land; Employees of the Goodyear plant (which chose to build its largest initial plant in that town); students attending the University of Tennessee at Martin (13 miles from Union City); and tourists from throughout the Southeast travelling to nearby Reelfoot Lake.

A pastor to many

Mrs. Kendall, a third grade teacher, feels that Kendall's strongest point is his compassion for other people. "I see this in his daily ministry," she related. "He wants to have a strong pulpit ministry, but he also spends hours each day with people. He is a pastor to many people who are not members of our church," she added. His attitude toward them and their problems is one of empathy and understanding, she feels. "He is a person of compassion—not of judgment," she concluded.

A son of preacher stock, Kendall was born in Louisville, Ky., while his father was attending Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. As a child, he lived in east Tennessee, Elizabethtown, Ky., and Jackson, Tenn.

Following high school in Jackson, the young Kendall chose to attend Baylor University in Waco, Tex., where he registered as a pre-med student.

Attending a commitment service on the campus one day in 1952, he felt the call to preach. From that point, Kendall directed all of his energies toward the ministry.

"I didn't fight the call," he remembered. "I just went and changed all of my courses to ministerial courses." When he returned home that summer he was called as pastor of Middleburg Baptist Church in Hardin County. The following fall, he transferred to Union University in Jackson and earned a degree in religion in 1955. Three years at Southern Seminary earned him the master of theology degree in 1958. Nineteen years later, he was awarded a doctor's degree from that institution.

The challenges and avenues Kendall faced in his days at school in his early ministry helped shape his feelings toward the task ahead for him in 1979.

Raise spiritual power

He is convinced that the greatest challenge which the Tennessee Baptist Convention faces is to keep the spiritual power of its churches at a high level. "Tennessee Baptists must work toward a goal that will continually unify us," he stressed.

He also sees the importance of strong bonds between TBC institutions and the convention. "In a day when so many institutions within other states are seeking to draw away from their state conventions and become independent, we must reassure our institutions of the fact that Tennessee Baptist churches and people want to support them and maintain strong ties with them."

On the other hand, Kendall says that the convention must inspire the churches within the state to keep a dynamic involvement with the institutions. "Our churches are cognizant that if we have a strong program of missions, evangelism, and ministry, then we must have strong institutions in our state through which these churches can carry out their programs." To maintain the highest level of accomplishment, the new president said that Baptists must be certain to continue electing persons who are dedicated Christians on the boards of trustees and to positions of leadership within various institutions.

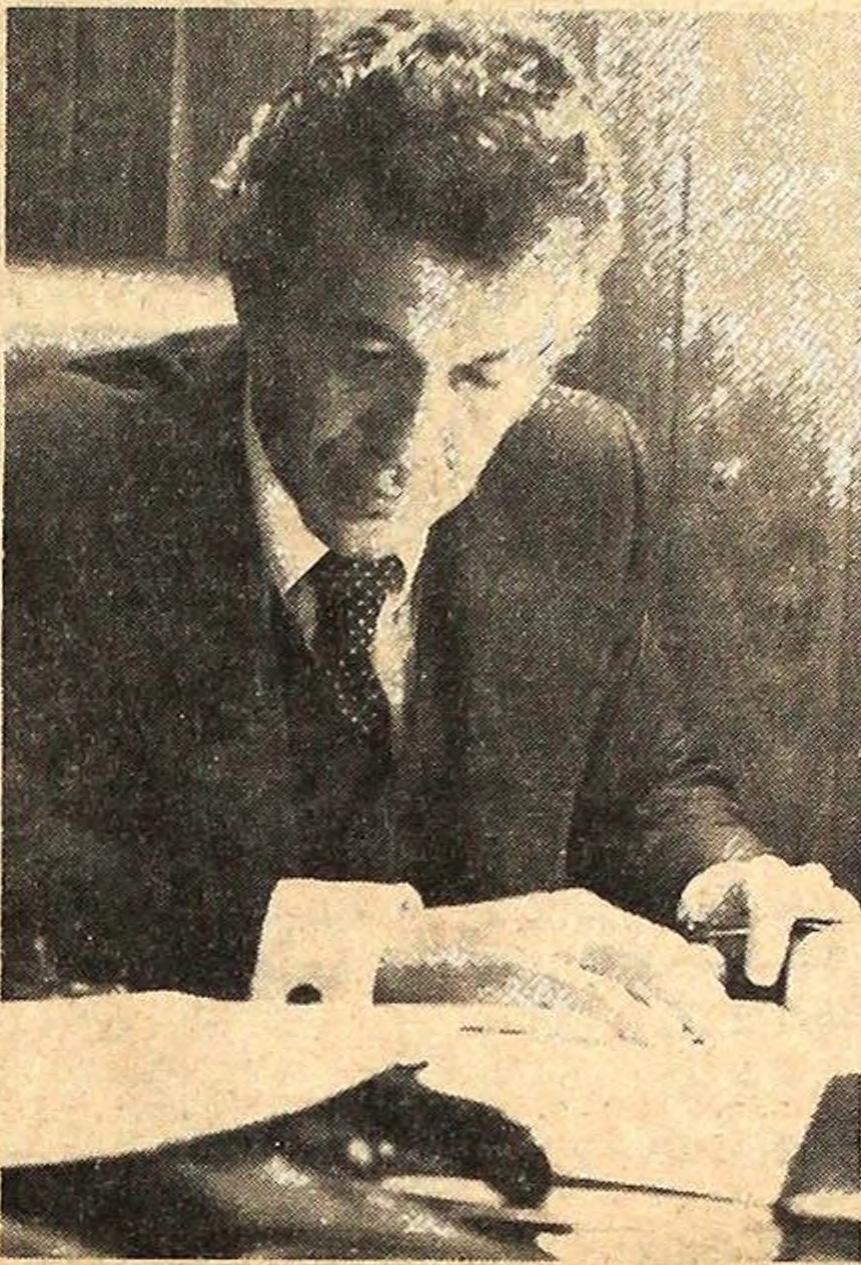
Discipline demanded

The new president sees life ahead for the individual Southern Baptist as "victorious" if the Christian will be willing to discipline himself in concentrated Bible study, the development of a dynamic prayer life, and

the strengthening of family life on the whole.

"We face a grave problem of being tempted to fall under a secularistic and materialistic life style," he observed. This life style precedes falling under the influence of independent movements, substitution of television worship services for the local church, and the diminishing of the role of missions and evangelism in our church programs.

To avoid the sect empires built by individuals and groups, we must come back to a time of realizing the importance of the study of Baptist doctrine, he said. "It will be



PREPARING—Fred Kendall II, Tennessee Baptist Convention president for 1979, studies in his office at First Baptist Church, Union City. He has served the church since 1965.

necessary for our colleges and our seminaries to also emphasize the study of the Bible and Baptist doctrine." He added that churches must continue to be Biblically oriented rather than merely program oriented.

"Of course, the solution to all of these problems is to keep our lives and our thinking directed by the Word of God and to be individually led by the Holy Spirit as we surrender unto Jesus Christ."

One of the "plus factors" for the Southern Baptist Convention is its youth, Kendall feels. "I find that so many of the young people within our churches are committed to living dynamic personal Christian lives and will not just settle for being part of an institution," he observed.

"When I was a young man, I was constantly reminded of what I could become for Christ when I became an adult. One of the main trends relative to our young people today is that they are displaying their current potential in so many ways."

Train in doctrine

An obligation which the Southern Baptist Convention and its churches bears toward its young people is to work diligently to educate them concerning the dangers of groups that would lead them away from the mainstream of Christianity and train them in true doctrine. "Our churches have the finest trained staff members and ministers, and so many of them have the best facilities available for youth programs," he added. He also feels that the Tennessee and Southern Baptist Conventions have developed excellent training materials and programs.

As he leads Tennessee Baptists this year, Fred Kendall II hopes that the people of the Volunteer State grasp the great hope in Jesus Christ for the present and the future. "We have much work to do to further the commitment of the Tennessee Baptist Convention to Bold Mission Thrust," he concluded. "I see a dynamic future for Baptists of this state."

Annuity official urges upgrading

DALLAS, Texas—Unless certain Southern Baptist churches place additional contributions into other Annuity Board funds, many of the 22,000 ministers and church employees who participate only in "Plan A" will end working careers with inadequate retirement income.

Harold Bailey, director of church development at the Southern Baptist Annuity Board, says the amount of much current participation in the board's church retirement program is too low because contributions are based on unrealistic salary levels.

"The old 'Plan A' was established when retirement benefits were built on contributions of 10 per cent of \$4,000 annual salaries and would have been sufficient," explains Bailey.

"This is no longer true. The Annuity Board has long since provided additional plans which allow a church or member to increase retirement benefits by increasing contributions paid into the program that are based on total annual compensations in line with today's economy."

For those already participating in "Plan A," additional participation in another Annuity Board plan is essential, Bailey says.

To supplement retirement contributions of "Plan A" participants, churches may pay additional money into one or more of three funds now called the "Fixed," "Balanced" and "Variable Benefit" funds.

Each fund has its own philosophy, but all the funds are designed to build retirement benefits for participants.

Although "Plan A" participation is still limited to a fixed amount of contribution, no limits are placed on the amounts that can go into the retirement program.

According to Bailey, the Annuity Board is trying to help ministers and churches improve retirement program participation by providing projections of members' benefits based on their total annual compensations (salaries plus benefits).

Those interested should write: Development - Churches, Annuity Board, SBC, 511 North Akard Building, Dallas, Texas 75201.

HCBA announces dates for Bible courses

Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy, a Christian middle and secondary school, announces that pre-registration for the second session of its Bible Education Program is underway for area pastors and laymen who wish to expand their practical theological knowledge.

Incorporating a Friday-night-through-Saturday-morning schedule for the convenience of pastors already involved in full-time ministries and laymen and women who also juggle weekday calendars, Harrison-Chilhowee's Bible Education Program is slated to begin Jan. 12 and run through March 3.

"The first session had a solid beginning with 38 participants, and we feel this next session will see even a broader response as we offer several new subjects and add two faculty members to our Bible education ranks," Academy President Hubert B. Smothers said.

President Carter named for Baptist peace award

VALLEY FORGE, Pa. (BP)—President Jimmy Carter has been named 1979 recipient of the Dahlberg Peace Award from the American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A.

The award goes biennially to an American Baptist individual or group that has made a significant contribution to peace. First Baptist Church of Washington, where Carter is a member, is dually-aligned with American Baptist Churches and the Southern Baptist Convention. Carter, a former trustee of the SBC Brotherhood Commission, is an active Southern Baptist layman.

Carter was named winner of the award "for his positive efforts to help build solid foundations for peace in the Middle East."



PLANNING—The Kendall family looks over a calendar of activities scheduled for the new president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. From left are: Rick, a junior at the University of Tennessee at Martin; Mr. and Mrs. Kendall; and son Scott, a high school junior.

EDITORIALS

To conform or be transformed

When you consider making your New Year's resolutions for 1979, might we suggest words the Apostle Paul penned in Romans 12? These classic verses set some high standards on Christian attitudes, conduct, and service—with other Christians and even with our enemies.

These supreme standards are not to be accomplished without dependence on the first two verses of that chapter.

After having spent 11 chapters examining God's love, salvation, and mercy, Paul now comes to one of his significant "therefores." He notes that before the service (vs. 3-21) must come the sacrifice (vs. 1-2). Our bodies are to be "living sacrifices."

In Christian history some have been called upon to become martyrs for their faith. Paul himself was one of them. But these verses remind us that all Christians must give their bodies just as completely as a continuing sacrifice. Elsewhere, Paul has written that we are "dead in Christ" and we are "crucified with Christ."

In verse 2 Paul uses two verbs which deal with our relationship with this world.

"Be not CONFORMED to this world." The word formed or shaped has the prefix "con" which carries the idea of "together." Don't be shaped along with the rest of the world, Paul says. The Phillips translation expresses the thought vividly, "Don't let the world squeeze you into its mold."

In our day there is much pressure from the world to conform to its standards. Everyone is bombarded with the promise that IF we use the right deodorant, drive the right car, live in the right neighborhood, and drink the right beer—we will be successful, handsome, admired, rich, and sexually appealing.

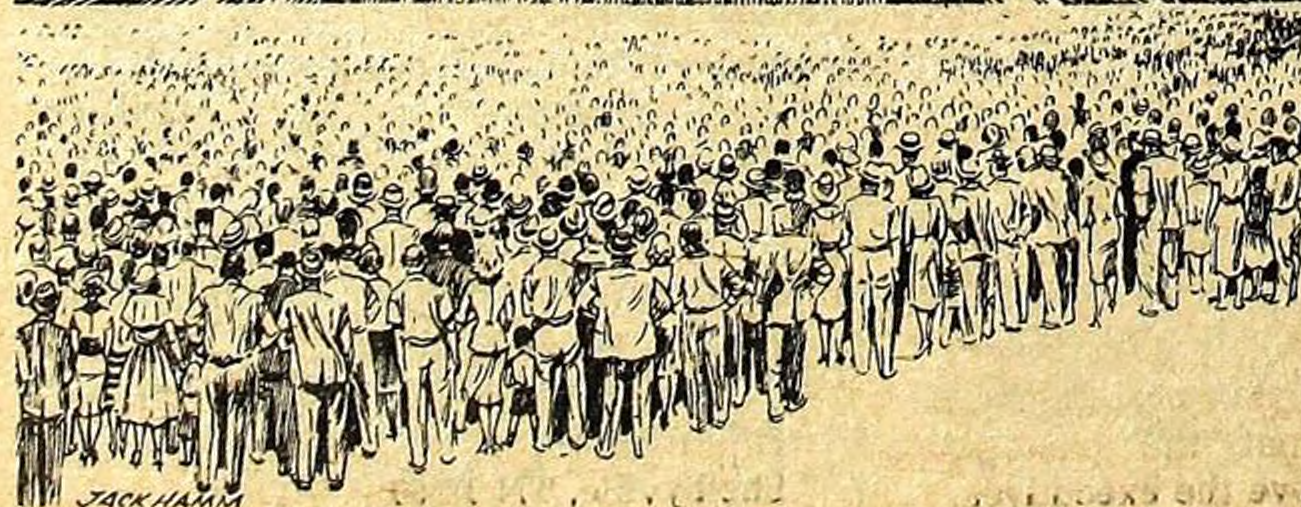
If you don't think there is conformity today, just listen to how many acts are justified by "everybody's doing it." Even those who oppose conformity, conform in their opposition.

"Be ye TRANSFORMED by the renewing of your mind." The prefix "trans" imparts the concept "over," so Paul is saying that we are to be "formed over" or completely changed.

The Greek word used is the same root from which we get our word "metamorphosis" which is used to describe drastic changes, such as a tadpole becoming a frog. It is the same word translated "transfigured" in Matthew 17 as Jesus was revealed to Peter, James, and John in His heavenly glory. There God—not the world—shaped Christ's appearance.

How can you be transformed?

"Behold, I Make All Things New." Rev. 21:5



The word "mind" used here can easily be understood as determination, reason, or will. God remolds us or transforms us as we continually renew or recommit our wills to Him. Then we are able to know and to follow the will of God.

If our lives are shaped by God's will rather than the world's standards, we should have little problem with the resolutions in the remainder of Romans 12. If our relationship with God is proper, we can handle our relationship with ourselves, the church and its members, our spiritual gifts, our service, and all people.

More, faster news

As the Baptist and Reflector begins its 145th year of service to Tennessee Baptists, we present our new tabloid format. In one sense, this size is not new to the publication. For its first 100 years, the tabloid size was used by the Baptist and Reflector.

This change in format was not just for the sake of change. Economic and expansion needs have forced us to look for new ways to accomplish our purpose.

There are several advantages to the new format.

(1) Our standard paper will be a 12-page tabloid, which will provide approximately 50 percent more space each week than previously possible in a 16-page magazine. This will mean that you will receive more news, features, and pictures in every issue.

(2) The new printing and addressing processes are decidedly faster than those previously used. This will mean that each issue will contain more current news—and that many people in the state will receive the Baptist and Reflector one day earlier each week. The paper will now be printed on Monday nights and addressed and mailed on Tuesdays.

(3) These advantages have been accomplished WITHOUT having to raise our subscription rates—in spite of postal costs which have increased our mailing fees by more than 50 percent during the past year!

You will also note a new addressing label on the front of this paper. We are now using a computerized mailing service, rather than the slow Addressograph system. This will mean that changes of address can be accomplished in one week, rather than the two or three weeks in the past. Granted: there may be a few "bugs" in our computer during this changeover, but these will be corrected quickly.

The Baptist and Reflector is "new" in format and appearance. We assure you one thing will not change—our desire to present to you each week the best possible state paper for the Baptists of Tennessee.

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Cicero's comment



By the editor

"Cicero, isn't it wonderful that President Jimmy Carter has taken an outstanding step to aid the work of Southern Baptists," observed Trey D. Shunn, noted authority on Southern Baptist traditions.

Shunn shunned my political analysis and interrupted, "I mean his December announcement that the United States was giving official diplomatic recognition to Red China."

I nodded to acknowledge my knowledge of Carter's decision, but wondered why this was an outstanding step for Southern Baptists.

"Wise up, Cicero," Trey D. Shunn countered. "Surely as a Baptist editor you are aware of those who have served the Southern Baptist Convention as executive secretaries of our Foreign Mission Board!"

Cicero took a copy of the FMB history from the bookcase and began to list the eight men who have served in that strategic post—James Barnett Taylor (1845-1871); Henry Alen Tupper (1872-1893); Robert Josiah Willingham (1893-1914); James Franklin Love (1915-1928); T. Bronson Ray (1929-1932); Charles E. Maddy (1933-1944); Milledge Theron Rankin (1944-1953); and Baker James Cauthen (1953 to present).

Shunn sighed, "I would give you an 'A' for research but an 'F' for interpretation." He noted that for the first 99 years Southern Baptists had a tradition of naming non-missionaries as FMB executives. "Taylor, Tupper, Willingham, Love, Ray, and Maddy never served as foreign missionaries prior to being elected to that post."

Cicero excitedly proclaimed, "Now I understand. Since 1945 these executive secretaries have all been former foreign missionaries!"

Trey D. Shunn smiled, "Yes, but as usual your analysis is merely surface knowledge. Don't you realize that both Rankin and Cauthen were not just former missionaries, but missionaries to China! For the past 34 years we have established a tradition of naming a former missionary to China as the FMB executive secretary!"

Cicero wondered if perhaps this was just a coincidence.

"Nonsense, Cicero," retorted Trey. "Southern Baptists have been 'Moon-struck.' Do you think we would raise \$40-million for missions through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, if Miss Moon had starved herself to death caring for the hungry in Nashville or Atlanta? Surely, you are aware that during the 1930's we had more missionaries in China than on all other foreign fields combined!"

I agreed that our denomination has always been enthusiastic about missions in the highly-populated nation of China. "But what is the connection with President Carter's announcement?" Cicero questioned.

Trey D. Shunn responded that Baker James Cauthen has announced his retirement as FMB executive secretary in December 1979. "Unless something happens quickly, our tradition of naming a former missionary to China to the top FMB post will be violated!"

He added that Carter must use his influence to allow China to permit at least one SBC missionary in China—even if only for a few months.

"That's a pretty high order," observed Cicero, noting that missionaries have not been allowed in Red China for nearly 30 years.

"Surely, if China will accept the Georgia-founded firm of Coca-Cola, it would seem that the nation would accept a missionary from a Georgia-founded denomination," he offered.

"Then, the FMB trustees could name this missionary as their new executive secretary—and thus preserve one of our Southern Baptist time-honored traditions!"

A woman and her will

By Jamel Harrell, secretary
Texas Baptist Estate Stewardship Department

We descended the stairs to the church auditorium, her right hand nestled gently in the crook of my elbow. Seated in the pew, waiting for the evening service to begin, I glanced through the pamphlet given to those at the session on estate planning during church training. It talked about preparing your wife to become a widow.

"I'm going to prepare a companion tract to this one and call it, 'How To Prepare Your Husband To Become A Widower,'" I told Elizabeth.

Neither of us could know then how much I needed the information in that unwritten tract. Before the next Sunday, she was dead. Suddenly, I found myself classified a widower. No warning. No time for preparation. It happened in the twinkling of an eye. But I am glad she had a valid and up-to-date will.

As I promote the traditional "Make Your Will Month" in January 1979, I speak from experience for the first time.

A woman needs a will because of her husband. If a husband faces the awful fact of his wife's death, he soon learns what "community property" is all about—and it's not necessarily bad. It simply means that he and his wife each own half of the assets accumulated during and as a result of their marriage. Perhaps you know that already.

But you may assume that you will receive her assets at her death even if there is no will. This is not true.

If you have children, they will inherit all her community property and most of her "separate property," which is property she owned as the result of gifts or

inheritance.

If there are no children, the husband inherits all of her community property and a portion of her separate property.

In my case, I had been the only wage earner during the 30 years we were married. But she owned half of our property—and rightly so. We have four children, two of whom are married and no longer our dependents. The other two are college students living at home. To provide for them and to assure their education, I needed the total resources Elizabeth and I had. Without a will, her part of our assets would have been divided among the children, still I would have had the responsibility of the two dependents and their college training.

A woman needs a will because of her children. A mother wants the best for all her children. At the time of Elizabeth's death she wanted desperately that all her children have an opportunity for college. In her will she stipulated that even should I die also, her assets would be used to provide college for her children. Without a will, her property would have been divided four ways upon her death, and two youngest children may not have had the chance to complete college. Their mother did what she could in this respect.

A woman needs a will to conserve expenses. In her will Elizabeth provided that I be named the "independent executor," to serve without bond. This saved time and expenses as I set about to carry out her wishes. The steps were to file the will with the Probate Court along with a formal request that I be named "independent executor." Later it took only a few minutes in court for me to be certified as the one to carry out her directions stated in her will.

Wisely, she had provided a self-proving clause. This meant it wasn't necessary that I locate the witnesses to her signature and have them appear in court. Otherwise, that might have been necessary, even if they were long distances away, and it could have been quite expensive.

Since she had named me "independent executor," once I was properly certified and an inventory of her assets filed, my responsibility to the court ended. No bond was required. No additional trips to the courthouse. No accounting to the court after I carried out the provisions of her will.

With proper provisions in a will, the cost of probate is minimal. In my case, it involved a filing fee of \$35 and \$2 each for six Letters Testamentary (the documents issued by the court certifying me as the executor to carry out the provisions of the deceased).

An attorney's service is necessary to insure that everything is done properly and to transfer titles and certificates when necessary. In most cases the attorney's time will be only a few hours, and a reasonable fee would be expected.

The total cost, including the fee for drawing up the will, is usually greatly reduced when there is a will.

A woman needs a will to make gifts to Christian causes. Elizabeth wanted some of her assets to go into our Lord's work. She said so in her will. It was done. Without a will, neither I, nor any other person who might have been appointed by the court as administrator, could have given any part of her assets to any church or other Christian ministry. All of her property would have been distributed exactly as prescribed by law—to her legal heirs—without a will.

A woman needs a will to be assured that her property goes where she wants it to go. Elizabeth's concerns, as expressed in her will, were the education of her children, the needs of her husband, and support of the Lord's work. Since these desires were clearly stated in her will, I can live out my lifetime with the comforting knowledge that her assets were distributed exactly as she wished. I do not have to constantly face the questions, "Did I do with hers what she would have wanted?"

A WOMAN and her WILL



MAKE YOUR WILL MONTH

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.

Local church autonomy

Dear editor:

Local church autonomy, I believe, is in the interest of liberty. I wonder if it is being practiced in relation to James 5:14-15. I say this, because I do not know of an instance where deacons have so prayed, anointing with oil—true symbolism.

We adhere to the symbolism in baptism.

We do not need an ordinance to sing the symbolism in "The Old Rugged Cross."

I'm for local churches having boldness to study the verses—so long neglected and practicing local autonomy in the matter.

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Retirement income

Dear editor:

I read your editorial on "Retirement income" (Dec. 7, 1978) and appreciate what you had to say. I wish, however, to add some comments.

I understand that the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention has released an explanation to our Baptist state papers for the retirement supplement in behalf of Porter Routh. There is some inference in this release that executives are not receiving the same retirement benefits that pastors receive, and that the pastors, somehow, are favored above the executives.

This may be true in theory, but not in actuality.

Most retiring pastors have served for as long as from 40 to 45 years, and many of them have participated in the premium payments to the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention for a comparable period of time.

There are retired pastors who are victims of the depression years, when the denomination was debt-ridden and when salaries were unbelievably low as compared to today's salaries, but their retirement income in today's inflation is seriously penalized by those lean years.

I made a motion at the Southern Baptist Convention that was designed to do something more for these victims of the depression years. This was several years ago. The motion was referred to the Executive Committee, at the request of Porter Routh, but nothing ever really came of this motion other than a survey. The survey revealed that less than \$900 per year per retiree comes from the Annuity Board. I believe that a survey today would reveal that the average income from the Annuity Board of retirees would be about 10 to 15 percent of their salaries at the time of retirement.

Most of us would be grateful indeed, if we were receiving as much as 38 percent which executives receive without a supplement from Cooperative Program funds.

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Three steps to God

Matt. 7:7-8
By Ira S. Perkins

Ask like a child. A boy two feet tall can only ask a six-foot dad for something. He cannot demand, insist, or say, "Hey, you help me." He can only ask but knowing that Dad loves him, he expects to receive. He does not fear but with outstretched hands and a smile, says, "Daddy, take me." Dad reaches down and all is well.

Seek means to ask and put forth effort to receive. When seeking employment, you must offer a skill or service. You must qualify to serve. You cannot buy God's favor, but you must meet His demands.

Sometimes God says: "There is a diamond in this field, go find it!" His gifts are not always refined gold, but sometimes stones to be polished.

When seeking God, we are aware that He is Father, and that we are a son. That same child now bigger does not demand the car, but asks to use it. He takes good care of it and thus expects to receive it. He meets Dad's requirements and thus receives.

Knock is to ask, put forth effort and be persistent. Luke 11:5-8 illustrates this. A neighbor seeks to borrow bread late at night but at first is refused. Finally, the persistent man receives the bread. He knows you are sincere because you continue to knock.

We do not change God's mind, worry Him down, or force Him to act against His will, but He does test our sincerity. If you only ask once, how does He know your desires? You should knock until the door opens and the bread is in your hand.

We should ask hopefully, seek lovingly, and knock persistently expecting to receive because He is our Father and we are His children.

Take these three steps and find God and the answer to your needs.

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Perkins

Priorities said necessary for effective ministries

GRAND PRAIRIE, Texas (BP)—Ministers cannot serve a church 24 hours a day without other, more important priorities in their lives suffering damaging consequences.

"You can't save all the people, solve all the problems, or mend all the broken marriages singlehandedly," explained Ernest Mosley in a Priorities in Ministry conference to church staff members and their spouses from throughout the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

"For the Christian person, above all else, the meaning of life in relation to God must be healthy," said Mosley, supervisor of the pastoral section in Baptist Sunday School Board's church administration department. "Being a Christian is the high calling of God."

Mosley listed six priorities staff persons need to maintain for an effective, successful ministry. They are: Christian person, married person, parent person, church member person, called/employed person, and community person.

Of these, Mosley said, marriage "could be the keenest testing ground for experiencing and expressing Christian values."

"It requires giving all of your attention part of the time," he said. "Marriage ought to provide a feeling of emotional security in addition to food, shelter, and clothing."

"There is not much room in Southern Baptist life for ministers with broken marriages. For ministers, the church can be the problem. You can't meet the needs of family members if you stay at the church all hours of the day and night."

The minister's credibility can be lost or damaged, according to Mosley, if family members are continually relegated to second place on a busy calendar. Children need affection, honesty and availability of the minister-parent.

In spite of all the other demands made daily for the minister's time and attention, at times it is necessary to become an active part of the local community. "As Christians, we are members of two societies," Mosley said. "We can't just exist inside the church and not make an investment in our community."

"Home problems with children or spouse and conflict with a church member can often lead to a loss of spiritual excitement," Mosley said. "Ministers can suffer from a lack of motivation because the relationships out of which ministry must be performed weigh heavily on actual ministry situations."

"You need to say, 'I'm a person with some gifts and some problems.' Then you need to decide whether you feel good or disappointed, angry, and cheated. Each one of us is responsible for giving his life to God as a gift, one that is not worn out, torn up, and destroyed."

"Don't make unrealistic goals of yourself and don't try to do what only God can do," Mosley emphasized. "Ours is a job of humanity, linked up with the divine resources of God."

"Success in the ministry is not measured just in terms of numbers. Your responsibility is to be available to God so your leadership will produce growth."



FOLLOWERS—Mr. and Mrs. Stephens L. Baumgardner followed in their children's footsteps as they were appointed by the SBC Foreign Mission Board in December.

Journeyman's parents follow children into mission work

RICHMOND, VA. (BP)—Children often follow in their parents' footsteps, but Mr. and Mrs. Stephens L. Baumgardner followed in their children's when they joined the missionary force of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Only four months before their December appointment as missionary associates, the Baumgardners saw their two oldest children go to Nicaragua and Nigeria to serve two years as missionary journeymen. Steve Baumgardner and his wife Paula are bookkeepers in Managua, Nicaragua, and Stella teaches in the Baptist Women's College in Abeokuta, Nigeria.

"When we put them on the plane in August, we didn't know we'd be here," said Mrs. Baumgardner on the day of her appointment service.

The Baumgardners had been interested in foreign missionary service since their youth, but had been delayed in attaining this goal.

Baumgardner says he saw his first "real, live missionary" as a 10-year-old boy in a Georgia Royal Ambassador camp. The missionary, Stephen P. Jackson, impressed the young boy as a "real man's man." He was also a missionary to South Brazil—the mission field to which the Baumgardners have been assigned. There Baumgardner will serve as host for the mission (organization of missionaries) and Mrs. Baumgardner will do church and home work.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Baumgardner, who grew up in Alabama as a member of another denomination, was developing a deep conviction that the world needs to know Christ and that his love can heal its problems.

When the couple met in a church training class and began dating, missions was a natural topic of discussion.

While attending New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, they talked to the Foreign Mission Board representative every time he came to campus. Then, with seminary and some experience behind them,

they applied for appointment as foreign missionaries.

But their daughter Stella was almost ready to enter high school, so the board asked them to wait until all the children were in college. Mrs. Baumgardner says the decision was hard to accept at the time, but they felt God had foreseen their future needs when Stella later became seriously ill and received treatment in the United States.

While they waited, they didn't forget missions. They moved to Warren, Ohio, to work in pioneer missions, which Baumgardner calls "the cutting edge." Later he became pastor of Sharron Woods Baptist Church in Plattsburgh, N.Y., where they now live.

Their application was processed quickly. In early December, 14 years after their first application was turned down, they joined their children as Southern Baptist foreign missionaries.

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Criswell's gift not unusual

By Jonas L. Stewart

Much has been made over the generous gift by W.A. Criswell, pastor, First Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex., when he announced that an amount equal to all the church had paid him in salary will be given back, either during his lifetime or at his death. Many others are doing this and without the affluence enjoyed by a \$25,000 salary, free car, lucrative speaking engagements, and free investment service.

The records of the Tennessee Baptist Foundation reveal many who have given their ENTIRE estate back to the Lord. Among them are: George F. Pritchard, Harriman; D.A. Ellis, Memphis; Wert Hanks, Brighton; and Roscoe Butler, Crockett Mills. The list could be longer. We are not at liberty to reveal the name of that retired associational missionary living in a nursing home, who has deposited his life savings with the Tennessee Baptist Foundation, or the retired denominational worker who has given us assets valued in the thousands of dollars.

What Criswell did is a noble thing. He is giving what the church paid him. That's not being exceptionally liberal. Those mentioned above have given their salary plus all other assets.

Some of these contacted the Tennessee Baptist Foundation and found a way to give to the Lord's work while they live. Others made provisions in their wills to preserve their estate for the Lord's work.

The Tennessee Baptist Foundation makes no charges for advising with Christian stewards about using their assets to continue their testimony through a Christian will or living trust.

For information write Tennessee Baptist Foundation, Jonas L. Stewart, executive secretary-treasurer, Box 347, Brentwood, TN 37027.

Baptists' work with Hispanics said 20 years behind needs

NASHVILLE (BP)—Despite recent progress, Southern Baptists are still about 20 years behind in witnessing to Hispanic Americans, a language missions leader says.

Chuck Padilla, associate in the Sunday School department of the California Baptist Convention, and Ruben Cañas, director of language missions and interfaith witness of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, emphasized the urgent need to support churches ministering to Hispanics, the second largest ethnic minority in the United States.

"We're catching up fast. Now we're only about 20 years behind," said Cañas, who moved to Tennessee last year from Chicago where he was pastor of a bilingual church. Cañas praised cooperative efforts in the denomina-

tion to "bridge the gap," and predicted more progress in the next five years.

Both men have participated in a task force of representatives from the Home and Foreign Mission Boards, the Sunday School Board and from state conventions in proposing priority product needs.

Padilla, the first non-missionary ethnic employee on the California Baptist Convention staff, expressed concern that Southern Baptists are not geared up with money, personnel or programs to reach the rapidly growing Hispanic population. He said by 1980 Los Angeles will be more than 50 percent Hispanic.

Both men cited needs for literature translated from English and for books and periodicals written by Hispanics for Hispanics. Preschool and adult age groups have the greatest need for materials in Spanish because a larger percentage of children and youth tend to be bilingual.

In other areas, Cañas emphasized the need to help Hispanics learn English to function in society while, at the same time, recognizing their desire to maintain their culture and language at home and at church.

"We need to work with people in their setting," he said. "Most language groups are indigenously inclined. We need to respect their desire to maintain their culture, family, and lifestyle patterns."

Belmont to get funds from auction of art

The Mary Northern Art Collection will be auctioned Jan. 20 with the proceeds from the sale being divided between Belmont College, Nashville, and the Hospital Hospitality House. Miss Northern, a graduate of Ward-Belmont College, died in 1978. The once-prominent Nashville socialite was discovered to be living in poverty conditions.

A limited number of prints from two different paintings may be ordered for \$15 each through church offices or the public relations office at the college.

The auction of the originals will be held at 2:00 p.m. Jan. 20 at Maryland Farms in Brentwood.

AU director resigns

SILVER SPRING, MD (C/SNS)—Andrew Leigh Gunn resigned December 20, 1978, as executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State. Gunn, a United Methodist minister, will return to the parish ministry.

Americans United for Separation of Church and State is the largest nondenominational association dedicated to religious liberty and church-state separation.

New inmate worship center opens at Filipino prison

MINILA, Philippines—More than 400 people attended inauguration services for a new Inmates Bible Center at New Bilibid Prison, Manila, Philippines. This is the first time prison officials have granted permission for such a building.

Need for the center developed when prisoners showed interest in Bible study classes being held at the prison. Roger Arienda, a former radio-television commentator jailed as a political activist shortly after martial law was declared in 1972, was instrumental in planning the building.

He became a Christian while in prison and was the main organizer of the Bible study classes. Arienda, who has led some 75 other prisoners to Christ, will be lay pastor of the center. He hopes to be a Baptist evangelist when he is released from prison.

The building plan was drawn by Jesus Larrabaster, a prisoner with training in civil engineering and also a new Christian. The prisoners built the center themselves.

Our People and Our Churches . . .

PEOPLE . . .

Highland Park Baptist Church, Columbia, ordained James H. Howell and Michael O'Neal as deacons recently. H. Dallas Sugg is pastor of Highland Park.

Natchez Trace Baptist Church, Camden, licensed Timothy Patterson to the gospel ministry recently. Jessie L. Brown is pastor.

Jerry Burden is scheduled to be ordained as a deacon at First Baptist Church in Donelson on Sunday, Jan. 7. Tom Madden, executive secretary-treasurer, Tennessee Baptist Convention, will be the guest preacher. Ralph Harris is pastor.

Jack Shannon, Jim Tenpenny, and Clay Stewart were ordained as deacons at Manley Baptist Church, Morristown. The church's interim pastor, Raymond DeArmond, delivered the message.

Clifford Long Potts, deacon, trustee, associate teacher, and moderator for Westwood Baptist Church, Nashville, died last month. James Gregg is pastor at Westwood.

Mack's Grove Baptist Church, ordained David Mansfield, Larry Moubay, Calvin Perkins, Gerald Taylor, and Tom Spence as deacons.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Anderson, Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, observed their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 23. A reception was held in the Pollard Activity Building at Bellevue. Adrian Rogers is pastor.

Shelbyville Mills Baptist Church, Shelbyville, elected and ordained two new deacons. The examination and ordination were conducted last month for John Swing and Larry Thompson. The ordination message was brought by Bob Mizell, director of missions for New Duck River Baptist Association. J. Harold Stephens, interim pastor, conducted the services.

David Ferguson, Everett Medling, and Bill Robinson are scheduled to be ordained as deacons at Eudora Baptist Church in Memphis on Sunday, Jan. 7. Fred Wood is pastor.

Woodmont Baptist Church, Nashville, is scheduled to ordain Joe Morrell to the gospel ministry on Sunday, Jan. 7. Bill Sherman is pastor.

Fiftieth wedding anniversary observances were held last month at McCalla Avenue Baptist Church, Knoxville, for Mr. and Mrs. H.A. Doyal.

Broadmoor Baptist Church, Memphis, ordained Ken Barrett, Carman Bell, Charles Booker, Mike Bowley, Bobby Griffin, Hollis Halford Jr., John Herring, Fred Nichols, Bill Reid, Charles Saleeby, Stan Vassar Jr., Mike Ware, Jim White, and Dale Wilson as deacons. E.E. McAteer delivered the ordination message. Jack May is pastor.

Beryl Vick Jr., minister of music at Immanuel Baptist Church, Nashville, observed his 10th anniversary in that post last month. The church honored him at a special deception. David George is pastor.

Montvue Baptist Church, Morristown, ordained Allen Black to the gospel ministry at the request of Calvary Baptist Church in Newport. L.E. Twitchell, associate pastor at Montvue, preached the ordination sermon. Glenn A. Toomey, director of missions, Nolachucky Baptist Association; J.H. Stogner, director of missions, East Tennessee Baptist Association; Harvey Evans; and Luke Connard participated in the service. Oliver Wolfenbarger is pastor.

Paul Hogue was ordained to the gospel ministry by Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, falls. The ordination message was brought

by Waymon Hogue, brother of the candidate. Also participating in the service were W.W. Shanklin, director of missions, Dyer Baptist Association; Mrs. Paul Hogue; Joe Naylor; David Petrie; and Jerry Baker, pastor at Mt. Vernon. Hogue is pastor of Williams Chapel Baptist Church.

Second Baptist Church in Memphis is scheduled to ordain Dan Fields, Glenn Hunt, Forrest Laws, Danny Lester, and Clint Powell Jr. as deacons. The ordination service will be held on Sunday, Jan. 14. James Hatley is pastor.

LEADERSHIP . . .

Franklin Denham, minister of music and youth at Lincoln Park Baptist Church in Knoxville, has accepted a call to Highland Baptist Church in Meridian, Miss. He is scheduled to begin his new work on Jan. 21. James A. Atchley is pastor of the Knoxville church.

James Keith was called as interim pastor of Maney Avenue Baptist Church, Murfreesboro.

Richard Holden has resigned as pastor of First Baptist Church in Huntsville, Tenn. to become a student at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, La. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Holden of Knoxville.

Doyle Jennings, minister of music and youth at Huntingdon's First Baptist Church, has resigned to go to First Baptist Church in York, Ala.

Enon Baptist Church, McKenzie, called Vance Rushing as interim pastor.

Ralph Berry, pastor of Fairview Baptist Church in Knoxville for the past seven years, has accepted the call as pastor of First Baptist Church in Whitel, N.C. not in Hitnel, as reported in the Dec. 21 issue of the Baptist and Reflector. Berry has served churches in North Carolina, Kentucky, and Tennessee. He is a native of North Carolina.

Highland Park Baptist Church, Jackson, called Warner Earle Fusselle as interim pastor. He began his new duties Dec. 17, coming from the interim pastorate of Beech Grove Baptist Church in Mercer.

Grace Baptist Church, Johnson City, called David Shorter as director of music. He served previously at Skyline Heights Baptist Church and comes to Grace from Clifton View Church. Both churches are in Johnson City. Allen Davis is pastor.

Frank Chenault completes fifth RA service aide

Frank Chenault, 16, a member of Scenic Hills Baptist Church in Memphis, has completed five service aide awards under the Royal Ambassador program of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The award, which requires 750 hours of work in the RA program has earned Chenault \$1,200 in scholarship money to be applied to college tuition over a period of four years. He will be presented with the national service aide award plaque during the Tennessee Baptist Convention at East Park Church in November.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Chenault, he plans to attend a Southern Baptist college following his graduation, possibly entering the music or recreation ministry.



Chenault

Kenneth Brixey is serving as interim minister of music at Eudora Baptist Church in Memphis. Brixey has served in similar posts at Glen Park Baptist Church and Parkway Village Baptist Church, both in Memphis. He also served as minister of music at Calvary Baptist Church in Jackson. Fred Wood is pastor at Eudora.

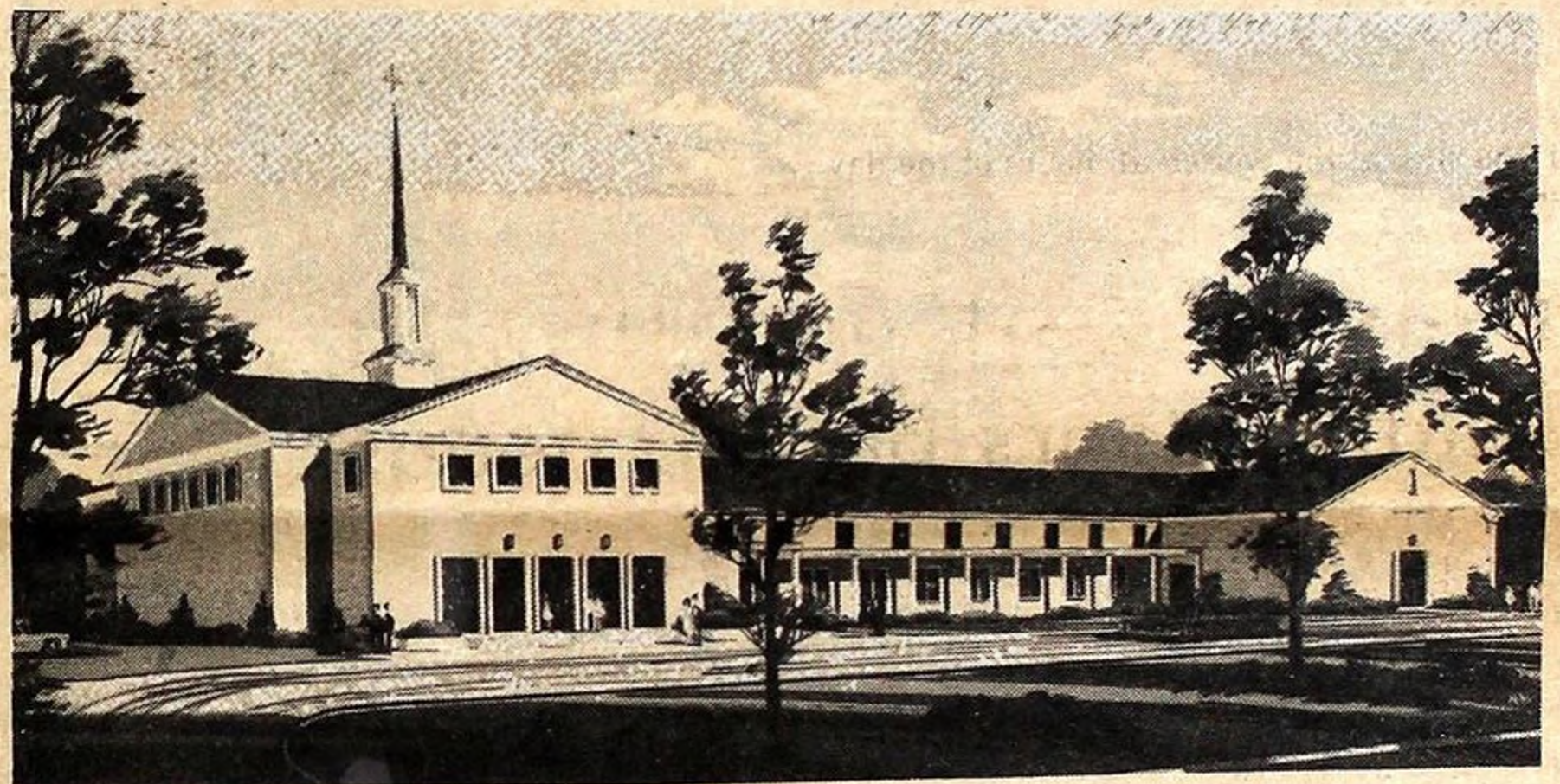
Ross Woody was called as full-time director of music, youth, and recreation at Hillcrest Baptist Church, Nolachucky Baptist Association. He has served the church as part-time minister of music.

Glenn O'Bryan, interim minister of music and education at First Baptist Church in Milan, was called to serve the church as minister of music and youth.

Gary Gerhardt was called as interim pastor at Calvary Baptist Church, Humboldt.

David Petrie resigned as pastor of Gates Baptist Church, Gates, effective Dec. 31. He will reside in Dyersburg.

Ed Davis is the new interim music director at First Baptist Church in Loudon. He is president of the Tennessee School for the Deaf and the son of Mr. and Mrs. L.L. Davis, Loudon.



CHURCH DEDICATED—Grace Church in Nashville dedicated new million dollar facilities at Old Hickory Blvd. and Brick Church Pike recently. The church, with a history dating back to 1906, sold its former buildings at 1100 Lischey Avenue in Nashville to build in the new location. Fred E.A. Johnson is pastor.

Union trustees approve new core curriculum

Union University's trustees have approved a new core curriculum for the college which is the first such curriculum modification in nearly 25 years.

The new curriculum, described as a "restructuring of the former core curriculum" by vice-president for academic affairs Hyran Barefoot, provides fewer mandatory course requirements and more course options—or electives—for students.

Meeting at the college, the trustees approved the changes "which will serve to provide each students with a broadly based approach to his college education. The new core will continue to stress the fine arts, historical, and literary fields coupled with religious courses as in the past, but it will enable the student more flexibility in choosing the electives he desires," Barefoot added.

Under study for more than two years, the new core changes, for example, a calisthenics-style physical education class for a more educational approach to physical fitness. Rather than actually engaging in physical exercise, students will study in the classroom various ways they can keep themselves physically fit throughout their lives.

The new curriculum does not affect students currently attending Union but only those who will enter during the fall of 1979 and succeeding semesters.

Maple Grove Baptist Church, Del Rio, called Fred Burgin as interim pastor.

Steve Turner was called as associate pastor of Alpha Baptist Church, Morristown. A graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, he earned the master of theology degree last month. While a student in Forth Worth, he was pastor of Bethel Baptist Church in Weatherford, Tex. Prior to his seminary training, he served as minister of youth in churches in North and South Carolina.

Horce Hamm ended a nine-year ministry at Hillcrest Baptist Church in Morristown last month and has accepted the pastorate of the Fuquay-Varina Baptist Church in North Carolina. Hamm led the Morristown church to double its total giving, increase mission gifts by 500 percent; and erase the church debt in his nine years of leadership.

James Cross resigned as pastor of West Side Baptist Church, Dyersburg, last month.

Members of Georgian Hills Baptist Church, Memphis, voted to call Frank Lott as minister of music. Lott will serve in the post on a part-time basis. Paul H. Shell is pastor.

In other business, President Robert E. Craig announced Union has experienced a 6.8 percent increase in student enrollment this year and a 60 percent increase over the past 10 years. This increase was achieved during a period when many colleges nationwide were experiencing drops in enrollment, the educator added.

Trustees also heard reports on new campus construction of single and married student housing. Milan businessman Argyle Graves reported that 55 rooms for women and 36 rooms for males were completed. The married student units, first such structures in the history of the institution, are expected to be ready for occupancy by the first day of the spring semester, Feb. 11.

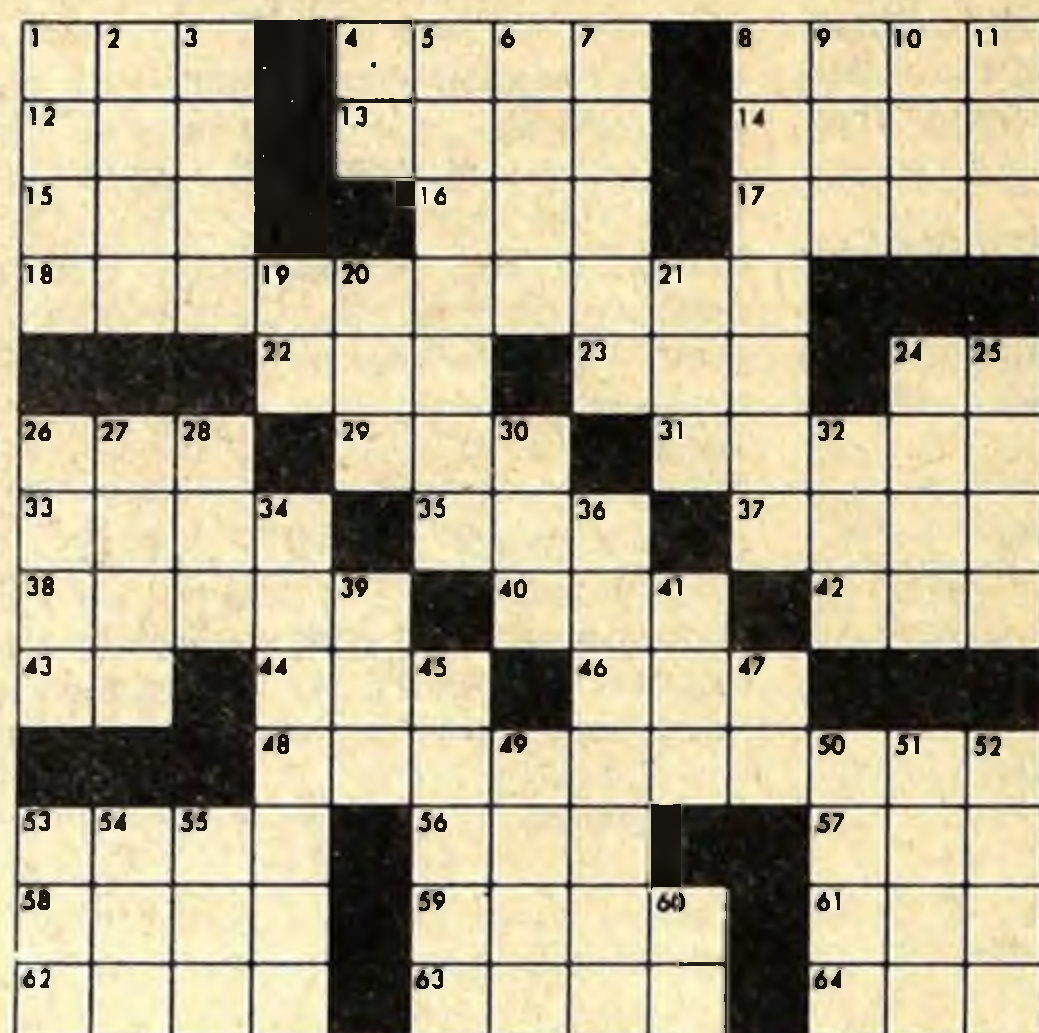
Ga. picks associate editor

ATLANTA (BP)—Michael E. Jones has become associate editor of The Christian Index, state newspaper for the Georgia Baptist Convention. He succeeds W.D. (Dub) Joiner, who has become editor of The Metter (Ga.) Advertiser.

Before joining The Christian Index, edited by Jack U. Harwell, Jones spent six years as a cartographer with the mapping and graphics session of the Georgia Department of Transportation, where he also edited an employee publication.

Bible Puzzle

Answers on page 10



ACROSS

- 1 All unrighteousness
(1 John 5:17)
4 Peak
8 It is good
(Luke 14:34)
12 Chemical suffix
13 Gun
14 Butter substitute
15 Born
16 Financial abbr.
17 Darius (Dan. 11:1)
18 Satan bruiser (Rom.
16:20; 3 words)
22 "stand in the —"
(Ezek. 22)
23 Medical men: abbr.
24 Of age: abbr.
26 Rocky crag
29 Academic degree
31 Cloth measures
33 Flaming
35 Command to Peter
(Acts 10:13)

- 37 Affirmatives
38 "the — of the world"
(John 8)
40 Greek letter
42 Pronoun
43 Attention word
44 Dawn goddess
46 Sea eagle
48 "word of —"
(Rev. 3)
53 "bond or —"
(Eph. 6)
56 Direction: abbr.
57 Building adjunct
58 Ireland
59 — Domini
61 Sun god: poss.
62 "I must —" (John 9)
63 Katherine,
sometimes
64 Scottish grandchild

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DOWN

- 1 "— praises"
(Psa. 47:6)
2 Prefix for graph
or gram
3 Necessity
4 Jewish month
5 "being a —"
(Acts 14)
6 Word on the wall
(Dan. 5:25)
7 Inward: anat.
8 "they said, —"
(Matt. 16)
9 English country
festival
10 "— captivity
captive" (Eph. 4:8)
11 One third of a game
19 Bashan's king
(Josh. 9:10)
20 Rage
21 "— day and night"
(Luke 18:7)
24 Jabal's mother
(Gen. 4:20)
25 Being
26 "— cedar trees"
(2 Ki. 19)
27 Medley
28 Fit out
30 "full of —"
(Psa. 104)
32 Thing: law
34 Blessed ones
(Matt. 5; 2 words)
36 "— of the
testimony" (Num. 9)
39 Trifle
41 Man (1 Chron. 7:7)
45 Say
47 Direction: abbr.
49 Girl's name
50 Old Roman ruler
51 Potter's need
52 Otherwise
53 Indefinite number
54 — Grande
55 Sin
60 Faroe island
whirlwind

Interpretation

Not seen, but loved

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls."—1 Pet. 1:8-9

Peter has just referred to "the appearing (revelation) of Jesus Christ" who will return to judge the wicked and reward the righteous (1 Pet. 1:7). It is against this background that we may understand verses 8-9.

"Whom" refers to Jesus Christ. Since His readers live in Asia Minor, Peter assumes that none of them saw Jesus in the flesh. "Seen" renders a verb meaning to see with the natural eye. Yet they love Him. "Love" (agapate) means the highest kind of love (1 John 4:8). It is a selfless love which focuses entirely on Him. Though they have not seen Him, they both love and believe in Him.

In the phrase "see Him not, yet believing" suggests Jesus' words to Thomas (John 20:29). Though John's Gospel had not been written, Peter was present when Jesus spoke them. And they made an indelible impression on him. The evidence is that Peter did not believe in Jesus' resurrection until He appeared to him (Luke 24:34; 1 Cor. 15:5). But Jesus' words "Blessed are they that have not seen, yet have believed," probably initially referring to the Apostle John (John 20:8), also found expression in the lives of Peter's readers.

For this reason they "rejoice with joy unspeakable," or joy too great to be put into words. This joy is "full of glory." It is a glorified joy. And this in the midst of persecution!

"Receiving" means to receive what is promised. "End" (telos) refers to goal of their faith. And this refers to "the salvation of your souls." As Christians they were already saved. So "salvation" refers to final salvation. Or full salvation, including not only regeneration—an accomplished fact— but also sanctification (salvation of the Christian life) and

glorification (sum-total of glory and reward in heaven). This gave them strength to endure persecution.

No matter what evil men may do to the Lord's people on earth, they by faith love and await the return of Him who is both Lord and Saviour. Then they will see Him face to face, and will receive His gracious full-salvation—something the world neither knows nor can take away.

On Matters of

Family Living

By Dr. B. David Edens
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Parent's love for child leads list for 1970s

"Am I loved?" A youngster's answer to that question is not determined by direct experience alone, but is influenced by many outside factors, reminds Harvard psychologist Jerome Kagan. Parents should not be made to feel that they can give the young child enough "emotional security" to keep him safe from the hounds of self-doubt for a lifetime.

Children quickly absorb society's current definitions of parental love. "The child comes to discover what privileges, actions, and treatment are supposed to reflect parents' concern and affection," compares his lot with that of other kids and then decides whether or not he's lucky in love. The decision is far from final.

The feeling of being loved or unloved fluctuates with age, circumstance, and stage of development, Kagan points out in *Infancy: Its Place in Human Development*. Also, treacherous memory may twist early childhood experiences into shapes that have little resemblance to the actual event or atmosphere. How many of us have shocked our parents with our versions of family incidents experienced as children and, in turn, been shocked by our own children's remembrance of things past?

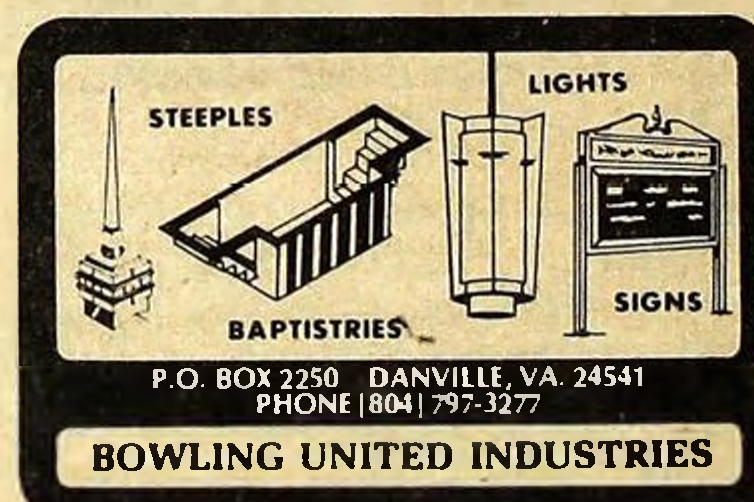
According to this specialist, no research "demonstrates unequivocally" that there is a relationship between specific child-rearing practices and a child's feeling that he or she is loved and appreciated.

"Parental love is a belief held by the child, not a set of actions by a parent," says Kagan. "The feeling that one is valued does not stem from any particular set of actions, but from the child's construction of those actions."

Children from blue-collar homes, for example, are likely to encounter more punishment and restraint than middle-class kids, but "there is no evidence" that they feel less favored than youngsters growing up in more liberal households.

Is parental love in early childhood really the linchpin that holds the adult together in later life? The role that ambiguous thing called "love" plays in mental health is still unclear, Kagan maintains. "We look at distressed adults and assume that they were not loved, forgetting that many factors could have intervened between an early childhood full of love and an unhappy adulthood. Of the millions of children who do not receive adequate amounts of early affection, only a small proportion develop pathology, and of the group with adult pathology, a large proportion may have been loved during early childhood."

A study of history reveals that society's standards for "good parents" also change with the times. Until 300 years ago, love was far down on the inventory of parental virtues. Responsibility for providing decent food and shelter, a solid education, religious faith, and character-training ranked high among parental duties. Love for children may have been assumed; it was seldom mentioned. In the American society of the 70s, love leads the list.



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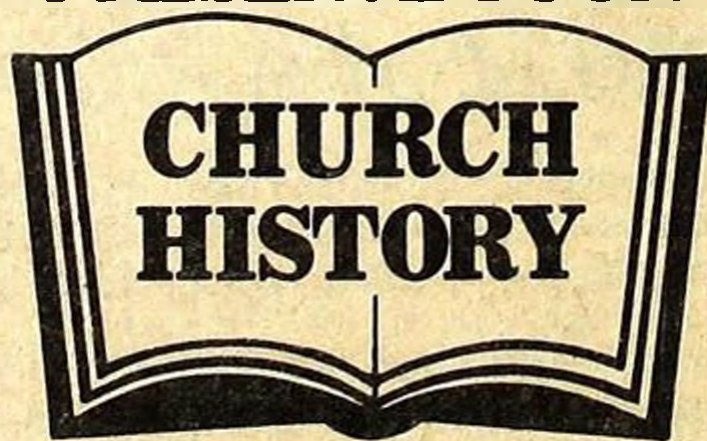
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Anita Bryant's SBC appearance rated as top Baptist news story in 1978

By Robert O'Brien

NASHVILLE, (BP)—Developments related to Anita Bryant's highly publicized visit with Southern Baptists in Atlanta won first place in balloting of Southern Baptist editors for the top 10 Baptist Press (BP) stories of 1978.

Miss Bryant's Atlanta episode edged out the murder of Southern Baptist missionary Archie Dunaway in Rhodesia, which finished second. The Dunaway story collected eight first place votes on ballots returned to five for the Bryant story, but appeared on four less ballots.

The hoopla during the week of the Southern Baptist Convention's annual meeting included 2,000 gays picketing Miss Bryant's appearance at the SBC Pastors' Conference, while 20,000 persons attending the conference gave her thunderous ovations. Later in the week, Miss Bryant lost the election for SBC first vice-president by a vote of two to one, but SBC messengers followed that up with a vote to commend her for her stance against homosexual rights.

In close balloting, which saw 11 different stories receive first place votes, other finishers in the top went like this:

3. First Southern Baptist Consultation on Women grapples with place of women in church-related vocations; related stories about increasing number of women on SBC boards and agencies; election of several women to vice presidencies of state Baptist conventions; voted by South Carolina Baptists to study the role of women. (3 first place votes)

4. Continued decline in Southern Baptist baptisms and enrollments in most church program organizations, while overall membership and giving continue to rise. (2 first place votes)

5. President Jimmy Carter and SBC President Jimmy R. Allen team up to urge support of the Mission Service Corps, the SBC program to put 5,000 volunteer missionaries in the field in the U.S. and abroad by 1982; meeting in Washington of Carter and Allen with prominent Baptist lay people produces projected \$1-million in pledges for MSC. (3 first place votes)

6. Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Atlanta shatters all-time record for registration of messengers to the SBC by more than 4,000 with registration of 22,872; record attributed to the location of the convention in the heart of SBC population. (4 first place votes)

7. Traffic accident claims the life of Glendon McCullough, executive director of the SBC Brotherhood Commission; committee studies proposal, made following his death, that the commission merge with the SBC Sunday School Board.

8. Five of six states facing legalized gambling reject it, including four states in which it appeared on the ballot in statewide referendum; Baptist Press analysis documents corruption and financial disaster of legalized gambling and deceit used nationwide by pro gambling forces. (1 first place vote)

9. Tuition tax credits, which drew the opposition of many religious leaders and President Carter, dies in Congress. (1 first place vote)

10. Retirement criticism: Two state Baptist editors and Ohio Baptist convention criticize use of Cooperative Program funds to supplement, by \$500 a month, the retirement of Porter Routh, executive secretary-treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee; response of retirement committee of Executive Committee says action taken because Routh's retirement would have been only 38 percent of his

final income; several editors support Executive Committee action as necessary to supplement an inadequate retirement program and urge agencies and churches to follow minimum SBC Annuity Board recommendations (10 percent of compensation) to avoid retirement inadequacies and such use of Cooperative Program funds in the future. (1 first place vote)

Although voting was close throughout the 10 positions, five stories, which finished ninth through 13th, waged an even tighter battle for a top 10 spot. All five appeared on less than 50 percent of the ballots.

Razor-thin margins separated tuition tax credits (9th); the retirement issue, which gained the top 10 by the barest of margins (10th); the continuing controversy surrounding the relationship of Wake Forest University to North Carolina Baptists (11th); controversy related to support by Virginia Baptists of the University of Richmond following statements denying the divinity of Jesus by a

UR professor and campus lifestyle issues (12th); and world-hunger-related stories, including the first Southern Baptist Convention on World Hunger, which urged specific action to combat hunger (13th).

Two other stories which gained a first place vote but did not finish anywhere near the top 10 were postage increases, which have sent Baptist editors scrambling to meet a 50 percent increase in one year (14th place); and the report of the death of a Southern Baptist pastor's sister in Jonestown, Guyana, and analyses of Baptists on the implications of the mass-murder suicide in Jonestown (17th place).

The BP top 10 vote reflects a 71.4 percent return on 42 ballots from state Baptist editors, Baptist Press bureau chiefs, and the Baptist Press national office. Tabulation was based on a statistically-weighted system designed for Baptist Press by Martin Bradley, manager, research services department, SBC Sunday School Board, Nashville.

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Recognition of China increases need for prayer, Cauthen says

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—United States recognition of communist China presents a great prayer challenge to Christians but does not yet indicate any softening of that government's ban on Christian work, Baker J. Cauthen said.

Cauthen, executive director of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board and a former missionary to China, said the board stands ready to respond to any indication that the communist government would admit missionaries "and would certainly welcome it if they did."

China was Southern Baptists' first foreign mission field. Work started there in 1846, and the last Southern Baptist missionary left in December 1951. At one point more than half of the denomination's total mission force was in China—210 out of a total of 413 missionaries in 1937. The board now has 2,914 missionaries in 94 countries.

Cauthen urged prayer for the work in Taiwan, where Southern Baptists have had missionaries since 1948, and for Christian people inside mainland China "that they may

continue doing what they can for the Lord."

"We also need to pray," he said, "that God may use these recent events to help bring about the reopening of churches in China and permission for resumption of mission work with China's 800-million people."

The Foreign Mission Board leader made his comments after President Jimmy Carter's dramatic announcement Dec. 15 that the United States would open diplomatic relations with communist China in January and give notice to Taiwan that it will end its defense agreements within a year.

LeRoy B. Hogue, chairman of the Southern Baptist missionary organization in Taiwan, telephoned the board Dec. 18 to report that missionaries have had "absolutely no unpleasant experiences" as the result of President Carter's announcement. He told area secretary George H. Hays that mission and convention leaders plan to issue a joint statement "that we expect to continue working together without any kind of break in relationships."

Southern Baptists have 107 missionaries assigned to Taiwan. Six of these are new missionaries scheduled to leave for Taiwan soon after the first of the year. Hogue told Hays that these new personnel should proceed with their plans to fly to Taiwan. He said missionaries have taken no special precautions "because there has been no need for it" in Taipei or other parts of the island.

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Lesson for Sunday, January 7

The just shall live by faith

By Bob C. Hardison, pastor
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Basic Passage: Romans 1:1-17; 15:14 to 16:27
Focal Passage: Romans 1:1, 7-17

Martin Luther once said that the epistle to the Romans is the clearest gospel of all. It is the nearest thing to a theological treatise that we have in the entire Bible.

The epistle is the gospel taught to saints rather than the gospel preached to sinners. A thorough knowledge of this book will give us a basic understanding of the doctrines of Christ, sin, justification by faith, and divine providence. It was written by Paul from Corinth approximately A.D. 59. In our present scripture passage Paul sets the stage for the entire letter.



Hardison

Paul's Greeting (Rom. 1:1,7)

In New Testament times it was customary for a letter to begin with a salutation identifying the writer, addressing the persons to whom the letter was sent, and giving a brief word of greeting. Thus Paul begins the letter to the Romans in that manner. However, this greeting is distinctive in that he is introducing himself to Christians he did not know personally.

Paul had never been to Rome, the capitol of the Empire. The believers there only knew him by reputation. Being aware that false accusations probably had been made against him by his enemies, he refers to himself as a "servant of Jesus Christ" (v.1). This is a remarkable self-designation for one who formerly sought to destroy the church of God. Paul's Damascus Road encounter with the risen Lord caused the arch-persecutor of the followers of Christ to designate himself as Christ's slave.

Next, Paul refers to himself as "a called apostle." The word "apostle" is a transliteration of the Greek word "apostolos," which describes a person sent out on a special mission. The Judaizers charged that he was not a true apostle. Even though he was not one of the original twelve, he was called by the Lord (see Acts 9:15). He did not ambitiously claim apostleship, but referred to it as his commission by Christ. Thus, as an apostle, he had the authority to write the letter to the Christians in Rome.

This commission "separated" him to proclaim the gospel. His deep sense of commitment to the purpose of God for his life would not let selfish ambitions, interests, or actions hinder him from completing his calling.

In verse 7 Paul refers to the Christians in Rome as "saints." Because of the current usage of the word "saint" as a "holy person" or "sinless person" few people today feel comfortable with this designation. Paul was not referring to them as angels in human form. The New Testament term "saint" describes any Christian who has been born again and set apart for service to God. Then Paul expressed his hope that God would bless

the Christians of Rome with grace and peace.

Personal Concern (1:8-15)

In verse 8 Paul expressed thankfulness to God for the faithful Christians in Rome, and in verse 9 he elaborated upon his love for them. As Christ's apostle, Paul in verses 10-11 indicated his desire to come to Rome to strengthen this strategic church. He said he would accomplish this by imparting a "gift" to them.

This probably means an insight into the Christian faith. He especially desired to make known the truth about salvation. Paul believed a person could be saved in only one way: through faith in Christ. But his opponents (Judaizers) insisted that Christians also must observe the technical laws of the Jewish faith to be righteous. Paul refuted any effort to wed works and faith. He insisted that Gentiles and Jews are saved alike—by grace through faith. Paul ends his introduction by telling them that he is fully ready to preach the gospel, the good news of what God has done in Jesus Christ to those who are in Rome also (v. 15).

Righteousness through faith (Rom. 1:16-17)

In these two verses Paul states the theme and sums up the message of Romans. The rest of the letter is an elaboration of this theme: righteousness through faith.

Paul begins by affirming that he is not ashamed of the gospel (v. 16). The reason Paul was not ashamed of the gospel was "it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." The word translated "power" is *dunamis*, from which we get our word dynamite. There is spiritual dynamite in the message of Christ. The gospel he preached was not just an idea or a philosophic system. It had the power of God in it.

This salvation of which Paul spoke was offered to "everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." He was not advocating universalism. The offer of God in Christ was to everyone, but only those who believe in the Son as Savior receive salvation. Each individual must trust in Christ before he would receive the salvation.

In verse 17 Paul goes on to talk about the righteousness that brings salvation. We need to get fixed clearly in mind what he meant by "the righteousness of God." Righteousness is not only an attribute of God, it is also the activity of God in delivering people from the power of evil.

Nygen in his Commentary on Romans says that "the righteousness of God is a righteousness originating in God, prepared by God, revealed in the gospel and therein offered to us." God's righteousness bestows upon us a standard of righteousness that we could never meet because of our sin.

Man is separated from God and weighted down by guilt. He cannot break out of his bondage of sin alone. Thus man cannot achieve this righteousness that is the character of God by his own efforts; it can only be his by receiving it as a gift of God's grace through Christ.

This righteousness of God is "revealed from faith to faith," meaning it is out of faith that we receive the gift of God's righteousness. Salvation is an event and a process. A person is saved by faith, and he lives a sanctified life through faith. Paul concludes that theme by quoting Habakkuk 2:4, "The just shall live by faith."

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LIFE AND WORK SERIES
Lesson for Sunday, January 7

A new person in Christ

By Bob R. Agee
Dean of Religious Affairs
Union University, Jackson, TN

Basic Passages: I Peter 1:13-25; Romans 8:1-14; II Corinthians 5:16-17; Ephesians 2:1-10
Focal Passages: Romans 8:1-4; Ephesians 2:1-10.

So many people have the mistaken notion that becoming a Christian just requires believing some facts about Jesus and joining the church. The New Testament, however, goes to great lengths to show that being saved involves so much more than that. The experience of becoming a new person, not through our own ability or power, but by and through God's abundant provision.

God's abundant provision (Rom. 8:1-4)

People who have opened their lives to receive Christ as their personal Savior are described as being "in Christ." The phrase represented what the Apostle Paul believed about the results of being saved. God made it possible for people to be so identified with Jesus that they come to belong to Him.



Agee

To be "in Christ" carries with it great benefits. People who are "in Christ" have been set free from condemnation for their sins. In chapter seven Paul described the continuing struggle that Christians have with temptation and sin. But even though there is an on-going struggle, those who are "in Christ" are not condemned because they make mistakes.

But there is a second very important benefit described. People who attempt to live without Christ are bound by the law of sin and death. Man has no answer to the problem of sin and no answer to the problem of death.

The law of Moses attempted to deal with the problem of sin and death but was rendered ineffective by the flesh. The law of Moses is effective in dealing with man's sin problem only if man keeps every detail of every law and does it in the proper spirit. But no one is able to keep the law to that extent.

But God provided a new law, a new means of entering into a right relationship with God. That law Paul called "the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus." God provided for that new law by sending His own Son in human form. He did what no other had ever done. Jesus kept every detail of the law of Moses and poured the law full of meaning. Everything that the law required to atone for sin, Jesus carried it out.

Because Jesus totally fulfilled every requirement of the law and did it as a human being, He condemned sin in the flesh. He proved adequately that man can be set free from the law of sin and death.

God dealt with man's sin problem because man himself could not adequately deal with it. He provided the means through Christ for us to be set free from the law of sin and death.

Life before Christ (Eph. 2:1-3)

The Apostle reminded the Ephesian believers of what their plight was before they accepted Christ. To portray the seriousness of a person's condition before being saved, he employed three word pictures.

The Apostle declared that before a person becomes a new person in Christ he is dead. For emphasis he employed two words to identify the cause of that state of deadness. The word translated as trespasses is a word that referred to individual sinful acts. The other word that is translated as sins is a word that referred to the attitudes of rebellion against God. A man's attitudes as well as man's behavior can produce a state of spiritual deadness.

But before Christ comes into a person's life he is not only dead, he is also characterized as being a child of disobedience. Instead of living a life of obedience to the will of God, the unbeliever obeys the natural urges and appetites. He gives in to his sinful, human nature rather than obey God.

Paul recognized that there were two sources of evil at work. Man is by nature sinful. His natural inclination is to rebel against God. But Paul acknowledged that there is a realm of evil beyond human nature. There is at work in the world a power more powerful and more diabolical than what originates in the heart of man. The ruler of that realm of wickedness is called "the prince of the power of the air."

Paul employed a third word picture to characterize the life before Christ transforms it. He declared that before Christ changed his life he lived and thought out of a corrupted nature. When the nature is corrupt, a person acts and thinks in response to lust and other inordinate human desires.

God provides an answer to the sources of evil, and He replaces that corrupted nature with a new nature.

What God has done (Eph. 2:4-6)

Paul believed that man at his best could never deserve one drop of Jesus' blood. He never claimed any merit that earned God's love. Paul consistently credited God's mercy, love, and grace with sending Jesus to die for man's sin.

God acted in keeping with His nature when He offered the gift of salvation. His nature is to love, to show mercy, to care about people in spite of their sin. The law required people to pay for their own sins. But God is described as being rich in mercy. He acted, not out of wrath in response to sin, but out of the great love with which He loved us. Because His nature is to love, God offers forgiveness and salvation instead of death.

Out of the abundance of His love, God offers a transformed life. He takes a life characterized as "dead in trespasses and sins." When one is quickened, he has been given a new sensitivity. He has been made to come alive. The quickened life begins to wake up to the potential that is in him. A person can never be all that God created him to be until he has been made alive in Christ.

But God offers another benefit for the transformed life. The saved person is allowed to experience a foretaste of heaven. He is resurrected spiritually in anticipation of the promised physical resurrection. Paul employed the idea of several occasions that in Christ a person is raised from a state of spiritual death to a new life. When God saves a person, a resurrection takes place.

In Christ, a person can sit in heavenly places. The Apostle believed that the fellowship with God that a saved person enjoys is a foretaste of the perfect fellowship he will enjoy in heaven. He implied that the spiritual fellowship of believers was a colony of heaven here on earth.

Purpose and process of our salvation
(Eph. 2:7-10)

The Apostle believed that God had two purposes in mind when He provided a means of salvation for us. The first purpose was to manifest the abundance of His grace. The author saw that every time a person accepted Christ it was a testimony to the exceeding riches of God's grace. There is no limit to God's grace. In the accumulated wealth of His grace, there is sufficient amount to provide for all of those who will believe in Him.

God's second purpose in offering salvation was that He might bring into being a new creation. God had a special purpose for man when He created him. Because of man's sinfulness, that original purpose has been marred. In Christ, God brings into being a new creation who was saved to live the way God has designed for him. The new person is born for good works. He has a new nature that results in a new kind of behavior.

As Paul saw the Christian experience of salvation there were two important dimensions; God's part and our part. God provides

The new year, 1979, should be welcomed as the blessing of a new opportunity. Viewed from the right perspective, the new year is an unspoiled, unmarred page in your book of time.

The new year is an expression of the good news: the gospel of another chance.

In a word, the new year is like a new broom, inviting us to sweep clean. For in the new days before us, we can alter old habits, change old thoughts, and cancel old regrets.

To make the new year truly new, we can be dreamers of new dreams, heralds of new hope, chanters of new cheer, and proclaimers of new purpose through the One who said, "Behold, I make all things new."

As you see the needs of your fellowman, remember this:

To help your brother along the road—

To do his work and lift his load

To add your gift to the world's good cheer—

Is to enjoy a happy new year.

grace. The word grace is generally understood to refer to God's unmerited, undeserved love. Therefore salvation cannot be earned. Instead, salvation is a gift from God.

Man also has an important function in the salvation experience. God's grace is the source of salvation. Man's faith is the means of appropriating that grace. Salvation is described as coming by grace through faith.

Faith is the important human ingredient in the salvation experience. Faith is the expression of confidence in God's power and ability. It is the attitude and disposition of trust in God's ability to forgive and to take care of His own. Faith also involves the conscious commitment of the life to the will and purpose of God.

God bestows salvation, not on the basis of works, but in response to faith.

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Miami ministry works behind lights, beaches

By Phyllis Faulkenbury

MIAMI BEACH—The first question most people ask missionary Bob Tremaine is, "What do topless dancers wear to Bible study?"

The 6'6" Tremaine began a Tuesday night Bible study attended by showgirls at the Americana Hotel shortly after his move here two years ago.

He became acquainted with a husband/wife comedy and acrobatics team who wanted to start a Bible study at the Americana where they worked.

He agreed to help. The first year resulted in 15 professions of faith.

The Bible study is not typical in many ways. The showgirls wear more makeup than the average woman. Sometimes they dress differently.

And their prayer requests are sometimes out of the ordinary. With a serious expression, one young woman asked the group, "Pray that my future mother-in-law goes blind during the show tomorrow night—or that she at least has to leave before I'm on."

Tremaine, who holds the Bible study in a banquet room between the shows (which he never attends), said, "If I had my way, I'd shut down the whole business. But unless God goes into their midst in the form of a believer, they won't know he loves them."

Tremaine begins each study by listening. Then he relates his faith to these situations. "Right now we're talking about what a person has to do to become a child of God. If I tell them that, God will do the rest."

The Bible study at the Americana is only a



BOB TREMAINE
Minister to Miami Beach

small part of Bob Tremaine's total ministry. But the confidence he has there is reflected in his other work, despite cultural difficulties.

When Tremaine's friends heard he was moving to the well-known resort (from Massachusetts where he had worked for many years), they teased, "Why are you getting out of missions?"

The Tremaines found, however, the travel brochure-like scenery was just a backdrop for a "waiting room filled with those waiting to die, trapped either by their economic situation, or placed there by families."

"Sixty-eight percent of the south beach live

on social security; the median age is 68," said Tremaine. "They have nothing to look forward to but old age and loneliness."

Tremaine laments that in the midst of this population concentration: "We have only one little Baptist chapel."

Yet the chapel has grown from an average Sunday attendance of 39 to more than 250. Offering has jumped from \$125 to more than \$700 per week.

Tremaine's goal is to equip his church members to reach out into the community. He leads three discipling classes: "That's where they learn to live the Christian life," he said, emphasizing dependence on God, rather than on other people or things, for strength. "Too often, you're happy if all your happenings happen to happen the way you want them to happen."

Tuesday nights bring still other groups into First Baptist Church. While Tremaine teaches one of his discipling groups, an English class, a Spanish class, and an Alcoholics Anonymous group all meet in other parts of the building.

Glenda Tremaine, Bob's wife, is an integral part of Tremaine's ministry, as is the rest of his family. "Our work has never been 'daddy's job,'" said Glenda, who Tremaine refers to as the "power behind the throne."

The support he gains from family helps Tremaine look to additional work. He is making plans for new outreach programs: two bread trucks have been donated to the church. He hopes to remodel them for transportation of the elderly. Plans also are underway for sewing and ceramics classes.

"You see people and you see where they hurt, and you see where God wants to take them. And you know God will take them where he wants them to be," said Tremaine.

"With that kind of confidence, you can go into any situation and know that good things will happen."

23rd missions conference set for Southern campus

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—"Building Bridges" is the theme of the 23rd annual Student Missions Conference at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Feb. 23-25.

"The conference will focus attention on the

need, response, and commitment required for authentic missions involvement in our world," says Eddie Lee Whitmire, chairperson for this year's conference. "We will view the 'bridges' of personal and corporate concern and involvement," she explains.

The three-day conference annually draws more than a thousand college students to Louisville to examine issues relating to Southern Baptist missions. This year's conference begins with a 7:30 p.m. general session on Friday, Feb. 23.

Speakers and conference leader featured this year include Davis L. Saunders, SBC Foreign Mission Board secretary for eastern and southern Africa; Wana Ann Fort, missionary doctor in Sanyati, Rhodesia; Wendell Belew, director of the missions ministries division of the SBC Home Mission Board; and Donald and Lynne Gurney, missionaries serving the Colorado Springs area and the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Karen Ballard, a former journey man in Korea; and Bill McCann, a former US-2 volunteer in Wyoming, will also be featured.

Special music during the conference will be provided by composer George Gagliardi of Nashville, along with seminary student musicians.

Other special activities during the conference include the "Do Drop Inn" on Saturday afternoon. This will provide live entertainment as well as opportunity for those attending the conference to meet students from other schools.

"The World Market Place" will feature national dress, discussions with furloughing missionaries, journeymen, US-2 volunteers, summer missionaries, seminary faculty, mission board personnel, films, and international music.

To register or for further information write: 1979 Student Missions Conference, P.O. Box 375, 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville, KY 40206.

Pastor's lack of faith fails to discourage mission gifts

ANGOLA, Ind. (BP)—Pastor Bob Loffer confessed to an "insidious disease" he called "no-faith-itis" when suggesting to the members of Hillcrest Baptist Chapel an appropriate goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions.

Since it passed its 1977 goal of \$125 by about \$10, he suggested that the Southern Baptist congregation set a goal of \$175 to \$200 this year. But a member spoke up and said since the church, which started in March 1976 with 15 members, had doubled in size, the goal should be \$400.

Well, that was too close to \$500 not to go for that nice round figure, so they raised it again. To mark progress toward their goal, members lit one of 15 lights on a missions map each time they reached a plateau.

The excited congregation discovered 15 didn't go equally into 500, but it would go 40 times into 600, so they closed the meeting with a goal of \$600, four-and-a-half times what they gave last year.

"I have been guilty of not challenging my people to their full potential," Loffer said. "Instead, they challenged me."

Sanyati's 25th anniversary brings bittersweet ideas

By Mary Jane Welch

DALLAS (BP)—Christmas Day, the silver anniversary of Sanyati Baptist Hospital in Rhodesia, brought bittersweet memories for the Southern Baptist missionaries who have served there.

It brought memories of Archie G. Dunaway Jr., who was killed there by guerrillas last June, and memories of other, happier days to missionary physician Mrs. M. Giles Fort, who has served there with her physician husband since the hospital's earliest days.

Neither the hospital nor their home was completed when the Forts, now on furlough in Dallas, arrived at Sanyati. While waiting for the hospital to be finished, they worked in a crude mud and pole building. There Mrs. Fort first took care of a premature Rhodesian baby. Fort performed difficult operative deliveries, often by lantern light with inadequate instruments.

"As the child's mother and I knelt on the

floor of that old clinic building, sponging his convulsing body to lower the temperature, praying together, our tears flowed down together," she says. "God's presence was felt, and God cemented a love between us which has lasted through these years."

That orderly later became the hospital's first African director of nursing.

Over the years, the Forts saw the hospital grow using funds from the Cooperative Program and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions. A clinic program reached into surrounding areas. New staffers and training for the old ones resulted in many new services—ophthalmology, dentistry, nutrition training, midwifery school, and pharmacy.

But the hospital staff always stressed medical evangelism as their primary goal, says Mrs. Fort. "At first we held daily services under a tree near the hospital building or in the hall when the weather was bad," she explains. A chapel was added later.

The outlook for Sanyati looked very bright when the Forts left on furlough in May 1978. Fort left his work clothes in the closet so he could get to them as soon as he got back. A month later they heard the news of Dunaway's death. Though a missionary physician and a missionary dentist still visit the hospital, it is now operated by the African staff on a limited basis.

"Someone said that missionaries are 'need-oriented' people, responding to the needs of hurting people in this world," says Mrs. Fort. "Thus we are hurting as we think about the present situation and our hearts yearn for the people we love in Rhodesia."

It is difficult to predict the future of the Sanyati hospital, but the Forts hope to return to the place where they've served for 25 years. "We hope," she says, "to spend the rest of our missionary career as part of this ministry."

HISTORICALLY FROM THE FILES

50 YEARS AGO

J. Walter Camp of Jackson resigned as pastor of Maple Springs Baptist Church near Mercer, and A. U. Nunnery of Parsons was called as his successor.

W.R. Hill of Dyer accepted the call to become pastor of First Baptist Church, Lenoir City. He succeeded W. C. Creasman who resigned to accept the call of First Baptist Church, Shelbyville.

25 YEARS AGO

Edgefield Church, Nashville, purchased a lot on which a proposed mission building was to be constructed. The church raised more than \$10,000 in a special offering for the mission building fund. J. T. Spurling was pastor.

First Baptist Church, Newport, reported that a mission had been started under the direction of Joan Alexander. Another mission which began a year earlier had been organized into a church. On a recent Sunday members gave \$17,639 in cash toward erecting a new building at First Church. Lowell D. Milburn was pastor.

10 YEARS AGO

Ninth Street Baptist Church, Erwin, dedicated its three-story educational building. It provided space for offices, adults, young adults, primary, and nursery departments. The basement had recreational and serving facilities. A. Graham Brooks was pastor.

E. H. McCaleb, pastor of First Baptist Church, Gainesboro, for 12 years retired from the active ministry.