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## SBC seminarians support Biblical inspiration

### Dallas press conference denies charges of 'liberal' teachings

DALLAS (BP)—Presidents of the six Southern Baptist Convention seminaries held a joint press conference in Dallas in an effort to put to rest charges of "liberal" teachings levied by a group which says it is contending for Biblical inerrancy.

The presidents, in Dallas for the SBC Inter-agency Council meeting, said they were deeply concerned over a "blanket accusation" by some Baptists "regarding the view of the Bible by those who teach at the seminaries."

The Baptist Standard, news publication of Texas Baptists, reported in its May 9 issue that Paige Patterson, president of the Criswell Center for Biblical Studies, and Houston appeals court judge Paul Pressler said alarm over "liberal" teaching in Southern Baptist seminaries had prompted meetings in at least 15 states to encourage messengers to elect a president committed to Biblical inerrancy at the SBC annual meeting, June 12-14 in Houston.

During the interview with reporters from Baptist and secular media, the six seminary presidents said they know of no professors in Southern Baptist seminaries who fail to uphold the principles of the statement of Baptist Faith and Message adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Kansas City, Mo., in 1963.

The document says in part that "the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is the record of God's revelation of himself to man...It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter..."

The seminary presidents said in a joint statement to the media that they are committed to helping Southern Baptists continue their tradition as "a Bible-centered people, firmly believing and striving to practice what

the Bible teaches..."

They affirmed their "belief in the Bible and in what it says about itself, for example, that 'All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness' (2 Tim. 3:16).

Declaring that each seminary officially subscribes to the Baptist Faith and Message statement, the presidents said that "each person who teaches on the faculty or serves in the administration of a Southern Baptist seminary personally signs a statement affirming his belief in these principles and promising to teach or administrate in accordance with and not contrary to this or a similar guideline of faith."

Russell H. Dilday Jr. said that when he became president of Southwestern seminary, Fort Worth, last year, he met with each faculty member and they had "an unquestioning and enthusiastic commitment" to the principles that the Bible is divinely inspired... They don't deserve this irresponsible blanket accusation," said Dilday.

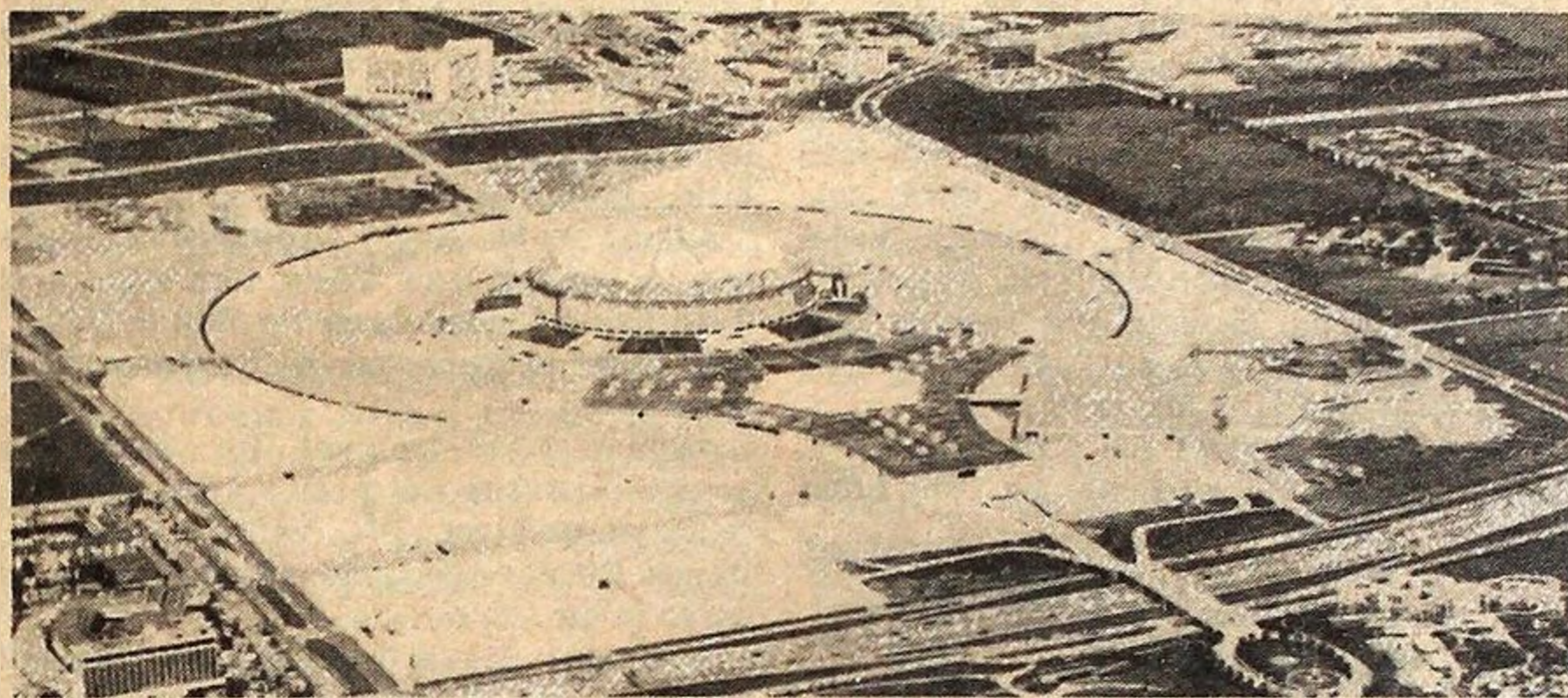
Dilday said that if a member of his faculty were teaching anything contrary to the central doctrine of the New Testament, he would take immediate action.

"If I did not (do the same), our trustees would take action," echoed Landrum Leavell of New Orleans seminary.

All the presidents denied having any faculty members who would call into question the creation accounts in Genesis or the bodily resurrection of Christ as reported in the New Testament. They challenged those who have made such claims to produce evidence.

Duke K. McCall, longtime president of Southern seminary, Louisville, Ky., said much of the debate is over "the fallibility of

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**RALLY SITE**—Houston's famed Astrodome will be filled with 57,000 Baptists for a Bold Missions rally June 13 during the Southern Baptist Convention. The unique service will be relayed via satellite to locations throughout the nation.

## June 13 program announced for Astrodome extravaganza

HOUSTON, Texas (BP)—Growing enthusiasm points to a record breaking attendance at the Bold Mission Thrust Rally in Houston's Astrodome, June 13, which will travel via two satellites to locations all over the country, according to Southern Baptist Convention President Jimmy R. Allen.

The rally, scheduled as the Wednesday evening session of the 134th SBC annual meeting, will be fed to Western Union's Westar I and RCA's Satcom I "to maximize the number of earth stations which can receive and relay the signal," said Robert Taylor, the SBC Radio and TV Commission vice-president coordinating technical arrangements.

Billed by Allen as the first time in history that a convention session of a Christian group has been carried via satellite and electronic media simultaneously to many points across the United States, the rally has attracted growing attention.

Satellite rallies have been scheduled in at least a dozen cities, which may attract about 75,000 persons to large screen presentations from the extravaganza in the Astrodome. It will also be screened at numerous churches and on a variety of commercial and cable TV outlets as Southern Baptists dedicate 1,100 missionaries.

Allen, who has spearheaded the effort, hopes to fill the 57,000-seat Astrodome itself with persons who have come to see Southern Baptists focus the eyes and ears of the world on Bold Mission Thrust, the SBC's plan to present the gospel to every person on earth by the year 2000.

Evangelist Billy Graham will close out the meeting with a message and challenge for more than 1,000 persons to dedicate themselves to missions. Challenges will also be issued at satellite rallies. Before Graham speaks the 1,100 missionaries, appointed for terms ranging from a year to a career, will kneel beside an equal number of persons from a wide range of Southern Baptist leadership and pray. An 8,000-voice choir, led by Graham team member Cliff Barrows, will sing.

The program will get underway at 7 p.m., Central Time, and 8 p.m., Eastern Time, with a flag processional of all the 50 states and 94

nations where Southern Baptists have missionaries and feature a program packed with missions.

The evening will feature messages by Baker James Cauthen, executive director of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., and William G. Tanner, executive director of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga., and testimonies from home and foreign mission personnel.

They include Scott Appleton, former professional football player now a Mission Service Corps volunteer; Cherry Chang, church growth consultant to Asians in Los Angeles for the Home Mission Board; John Cheyne, associate consultant on relief ministries for the Foreign Mission Board; and Ronnie Boswell, a furloughing foreign missionary from Brazil working this year with Texas Baptists.

Appleton, a former All-American football player with the University of Texas and win-

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## Nashville, Opryland to host Royal Ambassador Congress

NASHVILLE—Opryland U.S.A., a nationally-recognized theme park, will be in full swing when boys from around the country attend the Sixth National Royal Ambassador Congress here July 10-12.

The meeting will be at the Grand Ole Opry House, adjacent to the park which features 21 popular rides and a wide range of musical shows.

Opryland is a live musical tribute to the history of America and her music. Music areas, all designed and decorated in period Americana, are the settings for 15 live musical shows which offer a variety of American music.

Humorist Grady Nutt, yo-yo champion Bunny Martin, basketball star Bobby Jones, and numerous home and foreign missionaries will be featured at the conference. Based on the theme, "Boldly Go...And Tell," the conference is designed to lead boys to a commitment to assume personal responsibility to share Christ with the world.

"We are pleased with registration so far," said Bob Banks, director of the Brotherhood Commission's program section and general chairman of the RA Congress. "Almost half the boys who attended the National RA Congress in 1973 registered in the last two months before the congress."

"With registration at 1,559 in early May, registration is slightly ahead of the total signed up two months prior to the 1973 congress. If registrations continue to come in as steadily as they are now, we expect between 3,000 and 4,000 boys to attend."

Adults who wish to bring boys to the three-day congress should complete a congress form, enclose registration for each person and mail the form and a \$12.50 registration fee to Congress Registration, Brotherhood Commission, 1548 Poplar Ave., Memphis, Tenn. 38104. Forms may be obtained from the state brotherhood offices.

Upon receipt of the forms, the Brotherhood Commission will send request forms for hotel, motel, camping, and dorm space.

## Knoxville to view SBC session live

Baptists in Knoxville and surrounding counties will have the opportunity to view a special Bold Mission Thrust rally, broadcast live from the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston on June 13.

Knox County Baptist Association is sponsoring the telecast which will be picked up by satellite from the Astrodome in Houston on Wednesday night. The special service will include a message from evangelist Billy Graham and the dedication of Southern Baptists to mission service.

The showing will begin at 7:30 p.m. (EDT) at the Knoxville Civic Coliseum, according to Clarence Jett, director of missions for Knox County Association. The service will be projected by Magna-Verde Productions Inc. of New York City.

"We hope for this to be one of the most meaningful, richest services our people have ever seen," Jett said. He added that most churches in the area would hold their Wednesday night services at the coliseum.



# Groups schedule 1979 summer programs

Tennessee Baptist young people and children will open the summer season at Camps Linden and Carson for the 1979 season, according to Jim McDonald, business director, TBC. Royal Ambassadors and Girls in Action are scheduled to attend week-long camps beginning June 4.

The entire camp schedule is full from June through September, McDonald stated. Any dates that were open have been reserved by churches.

Camp dates, organizations involved, and key personnel for Camp Linden is as follows:

**June 4-8, June 11-15, and June 18-22**—The theme for the weeks will be "The Light That Lights the World." Camp weeks are for Girls in Action, ages 9-11. Missionaries scheduled for the opening week include: Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Young, Fukuoka, Japan; Ruth Ford, Indonesia; and Ruben Canas, language missions, Tennessee. Joining Miss Ford June 11-15 will be Paul Hall, Christian social ministries, TBC; Anne Margrett, Argentina; and Oline Allen, Thailand and Vietnam. The final GA week at Linden will be led by Hall, Miss Ford, and Mrs. Margrett.

**June 25-29**—Acteens for girls ages 12-17. The theme for the week will be "The Light That Lights the World." Key personnel slated include:

Ruth Ford, Indonesia; Martha Morrison, Malaysia; Ernest Pip-pin, Argentina; James S. Wright, Jamaica, NY; Ruben Canas, language missions; Dick Wakefield, Missouri pastor; and Michael Pearson, pastor of Salem Baptist Church in Liberty, Tenn.

**June 30-July 1**—Tennessee Baptist conference of the deaf. Sponsored by the missions department, the conference pastor will be Carl Earwood, Irving Tex. Earwood is former pastor to the deaf at Congress Avenue Baptist Church in Austin, Tex. Others on the program will be Ruben Canas, missions dept., Mary Jane Pendley, East Ridge Baptist Church, Chattanooga.

**July 2-6**—Tennessee Baptist missionary

and education convention sponsored by the National Baptist Convention.

**July 13-15**—Man and boy retreat, sponsored by the Brotherhood department, TBC. Retreat leaders and program personnel had not been finalized at press time.

**July 16-20**—Royal Ambassador camp for boys ages 9-17. Program personnel had not been finalized at press time.

**July 23-27 and July 30-Aug. 3**—Church training week for all family members and church participants. Pastors for the weeks will be Charles Sullivan, Southland Baptist Church, Memphis; and Bill Sherman, Woodmont Baptist Church, Nashville. Davey Henderson, Southland church, and Gene Spencer, First Baptist Church, Old Hickory, will serve as ministers of music.

**August 6-10**—Royal Ambassadors camp for boys ages 9-17. Program personnel had not been finalized at press time.

**August 13-17**—Royal Ambassador canoe trip for pioneer RAs. Young men will travel from Camp Linden down the Buffalo River. This event is sponsored by the Brotherhood department.

**August 17-18**—retreat for part-time volunteer ministers of music sponsored by the music department, TBC. William Anderson, Baptist Sunday School Board is scheduled to assist in the retreat.

**September 22**—leadership retreat for all church training workers in the local church. Individual conferences for workers in each age group will be offered.

The June schedule at Camp Carson will convene on June 11. The summer activities there will include:

**June 11-15**—Royal Ambassador camp for boys ages 9-17. Program personnel had not been enlisted at press time.

**June 15-17**—Man and boy retreat, sponsored by the Brotherhood department, TBC. Retreat leaders and program personnel had not been finalized at press time.

**June 18-22**—Royal Ambassador camp for boys ages 9-17.

**June 25-29**—youth camp for the hearing impaired, sponsored by the missions department, TBC. The camp will be directed by James G. Gregory, Tennessee Valley Authority, Knoxville. Danny Bice, Fort

Worth, Tex., will be the youth camp pastor. Bice is pastor to the deaf at North Fort Worth Baptist Church.

**July 2-6**—Girls in Action camp for girls ages 9-11. The theme for the week will be "The Light That Lights the World." Missionaries appearing on the program will be: Ruth Ford, Indonesia; Carl Yarnell, Malaysia-Guam; Martha Morrison, Malaysia; and Virginia Wingo, Italy.

**July 9-13**—camp for Acteens, girls 12-17. Juanita Harper, Christian social ministries; Mrs. Leroy Allbright, Zambia; Ruth Ford; Martha Morrison; Anne Margrett; and Georgia Mae Ogburn, Chile, will assist.

**July 13-15**—missions conference for couples, sponsored by Woman's Missionary Union, TBC.

**July 16-20**—camp for Girls in Action, ages 9-11. The girls will hear Juanita Harper, Marion and Jackie Hayes, Providence, Rhode Island; Ruth Ford, Martha Morrison, Paul Hall, Christian social ministries, and Anne Margrett.

**July 23-27 and July 30-August 3**—Music weeks for youth. The first week will feature: junior high choral director David Peninger, Fernwood Baptist Church, Spartanburg, N.C.; senior high choral director Robert Snead, Shreveport, La.; band director Doug Smith, Louisville, Ky.; and camp pastor Charles Redmond, First Baptist Church, Lenoir City.

Leadership for July 30-August 3 will include: junior high choral director Paul Hall, Samford University, Birmingham, Ala.; senior high choral director Wes Forbis, William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo.; band director Doug Smith; and camp pastor Jack McEwen, First Baptist Church, Chattanooga. The camps are open to any young person who participates in the music program of his local church, through choir or orchestra. Instruction will be given in theory, voice, conducting, handbells, keyboard, and worship.

**August 6-10 and August 13-17**—Church training week for all family members and church participants. Robert J. Norman, Belmont Heights Baptist Church, Nashville; and Joe Stacker, First Baptist Church, Concord, will serve as camp pastors. Leading music will be Frank Marshall, Belmont Heights church;



Yarnell



Smith

and Bruce Forlines, Wallace Memorial Baptist Church, Knoxville.

**August 17-18**—Weekday early education workshop, sponsored by the Sunday school department, TBC. The target group is daycare, mother's day out, and kindergarten teachers and directors; pastors, ministers of education, administrators, and committee members.

**August 20-24**—Pastors' Retreat for all Tennessee pastors. Jack Stanton, Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Mo., will serve as camp pastor. Speakers will be Ted Davis, McMinn-Meigs Association; D. William Dodson, First Baptist Church, Martin; James Harris, Holston Association; and Tom Madden, Tennessee Baptist Convention. Bill Blevins, Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, will lead the Bible study.

**September 7-8**—retreat for part-time ministers of music. This retreat is sponsored by the church music department, TBC. Louis Ball, Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, will assist in the retreat.

**September 15**—leadership retreat for all church training workers in the local church. Individual conferences for workers in each age group will be offered.

## Sevier County church issues call to pastor

First Red Bank Baptist Church near Sevierville called Eugene Smelcer as pastor on Sunday, May 20.

Smelcer is a former pastor of New Red Bank Baptist Church, Oldhams Creek Baptist Church, and Pearl Valley Baptist Church, all in Sevier County.

The new pastor is a native of Oklahoma, but was raised in Sevier County.

## Astrodome...

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ner of the prestigious Outland Trophy for outstanding college lineman, played professionally with the Houston Oilers and the San Diego Chargers.

A recovered alcoholic, Appleton accepted Christ because of the ministry of First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas, where Allen is pastor. He now serves as a Mission Service Corps volunteer in San Antonio under the sponsorship of the church, operating the church's unique restaurant ministry, the Fourth Street Inn.

Mission Service Corps is the SBC program to send volunteer missionaries for one to two years service to work with career missionaries on home and foreign mission fields.

Just before Graham speaks, Allen will deliver a challenge to the missionaries and Carolyn Weatherford, executive director of the Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham, Ala., will lead a dedicatory prayer.

## Seminary presidents...

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human language."

"We are in agreement on the inspiration and authority of the Scriptures," he said, "We think the issue is over the fallibility of language."

The presidents were asked if there is a problem in the use of the word "inerrant."

McCall said, "Words have different force...The original manuscript, which we do not have, is inerrant...If you're talking of an existing manuscript, you can't say it's without error. If you're using inerrant to mean the message of God comes through by the Holy Spirit, it's inerrant."

McCall told reporters he holds to what he wrote in the Southern seminary alumni magazine, The Tie: "If God had thought I needed an inerrant, infallible, verbally-inspired copy of the Bible, He would have preserved the original text on a golden tablet."

He had also written, "We may use all of the strong language we want about the original autographs of the Bible, but my faith can survive with the Holy Scripture available to me today."

In the Dallas interview he said, "The Bible doesn't depend on a Ph.D. from Southern Seminary to be able to find truth there, but anyone who can read" (can find truth).

Taking issue with the use of the word "inerrancy" by critics of the seminaries, Randall Lolley of Southeastern seminary, Wake Forest, N.C., said "inspired" is a stronger word. "We deal with inerrant documents every day that are not inspired," he said.

President Milton Ferguson said that at Midwestern seminary, Kansas City, Mo., "We not only believe the Bible is dependable

and reliable and has truth for its subject without any mixture of error, we believe the original manuscripts were inspired by God.

"The nature and authority of the Word of God is a mystery and supersedes the capacity of human reason fully to comprehend," he added.

Baptist Standard Editor Presnall Wood asked the presidents to respond to statements in a Dallas newspaper that "disillusionment with the seminaries is at a crescendo pitch."

Record enrollments at the seminaries, (nearly 9,000) seem to deny the charges, said William Pinson of Golden Gate seminary, Mill Valley, Calif. "Our own applications are up 34 percent," he added.

Dilday said he senses the opposite of disillusionment. "I don't believe we're seeing this drift as you describe...The majority of our budgets comes from Southern Baptist churches. They trust our seminaries to train the people who are going to be pastors of their churches."

Leavell said, "The bottom line for all six seminaries is our confidence and concern for Bold Mission Thrust (Southern Baptists' campaign to present the gospel of Christ to every person on earth by the end of the century). "We don't want anything to get in the way of Bold Mission Thrust," said Leavell. "It's the greatest thing God has given Southern Baptists."

Throughout the interview, the presidents deplored what they called "blanket accusations," "broad-based statements" and "stereotyping." "This is no time to be dividing our convention," said Dilday. "This manipulating, political kind of thing diverts us from our main purpose of evangelism and missions."

## Rising floods strike Paraguay; FMB sends \$6,000 for victims

ASUNCION, Paraguay (BP)—Weekly rains have crept up on Paraguay, causing flooding and threatening to strike the South American country with a "slow disaster."

Already some 16,000 people in this city of 500,000 have been affected by the flooding. Countless others throughout the country are also in need as the rain continues. It is believed to be the worst flood in Paraguay since 1905, and follows on the heels of weeks of flooding in nearby Brazil, where hundreds were left dead and thousands homeless.

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board immediately made available \$6,000 for purchase and distribution of food and food-related items to flood victims.

"This is just a gradual thing," said William A. Hickman Jr., Southern Baptist missionary to Paraguay. "The water is going up by several inches every day. This is the major problem. This is a slow disaster."

In Asuncion, water has covered the docks in

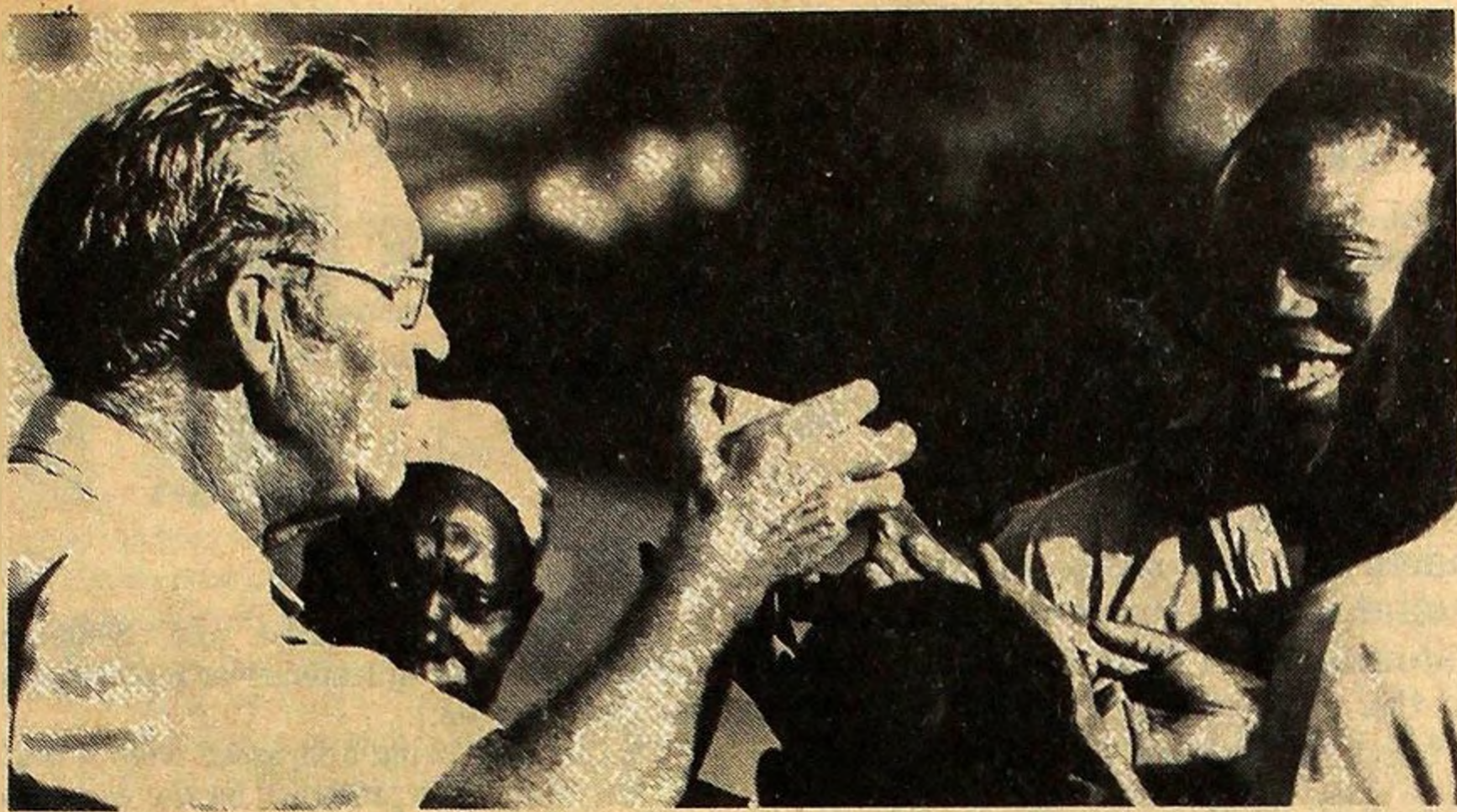
the port area. Water also has risen in Encarnacion, a major city southeast of Asuncion, but flooding is not as serious there. Other cities, however, have been completely flooded and people evacuated.

Baptist pastors already have set a date for gathering and distributing foodstuffs to needy people, said Alex F. Garner, another Southern Baptist missionary in Asuncion. In addition, Paraguayan Baptists, churches, organizations, charities and schools are participating in the disaster relief efforts.

No lives have been lost but Hickman said the flooding "causes lots of illness and the people quit work to try to take care of what little they have. So then they don't have food and then they become ill. It's kind of a vicious cycle."

The Baptist mobile clinic, however, was at one flood-stricken site soon after the flooding took its course and attended 300 people in one day.





**DISTRIBUTING AID**—Southern Baptist missionary G. Webster Corroll, a Carson-Newman graduate, gives out food and medical supplies on his first trip into Uganda following the ouster of Idi Amin.

## Brotherhood agency adopts budget, to seek more laymen in missions

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (BP)—Trustees of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission approved an operating budget of \$2,285,350 for 1979-80, requested two missions volunteers to do Brotherhood work, and heard a challenge from a retiring denominational executive to enlist more laymen in Christian missions endeavors.

An expected recommendation of a new executive director to succeed Glendon McCullough, who died in a traffic accident on Aug. 23, 1978, did not materialize. Jack Deligans, of Livermore, Calif., chairman of

the agency trustees, said a search committee planned to recommend William E. Hardy Jr., but he declined the position at the last minute without explanation.

Hardy, a minister of education at First Baptist Church, Columbus, Miss., has just completed two one-year terms as chairman of the agency trustees. He had resigned as chairman of the search committee when he became a candidate for the position of executive director.

The new budget, up four percent from the present one, calls for an average increase of 8 percent in staff salaries and an addition of a darkroom technician to the 45 member staff.

The two missions volunteers, requested through the Mission Service Corp program of the Home Mission Board, are for field work among Baptist men and for circulation promotion of agency periodicals.

Trustees asked J.T. Williams of Tallahassee, Fla., to lead in funding and finding the circulation promotion specialist after the millionaire land developer told agency leaders he and a group of influential Baptist laymen were interested in using their expertise in behalf of the denomination without cost.

Porter W. Routh of Nashville, who retires July 31 after 28 years as executive secretary-treasurer of the denomination's Executive Committee, threw out a challenge for involvement of more laymen in Southern Baptist projects to share the Christian message throughout the world within the next 20 years.

"Bold Mission Thrust must become more than a denominational slogan or the best made plans of people, churches, agencies," cautioned Routh. "It must become the beating heart of Southern Baptists."

In other action, the trustees agreed to hold a national meeting in August 1983 to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the men and boys missions movement among Southern Baptists.

## Houston school offers SBC transportation

HOUSTON, Texas (BP)—Houston Baptist University will furnish transportation from Houston Intercontinental Airport to downtown hotels for messengers arriving for the Southern Baptist Convention and related meetings.

The service will begin at 8 a.m. Sunday, June 9, and end at noon Tuesday, June 12.

By June 1, messengers to the SBC should send their name, address, date and time of arrival, airline and flight number, and hotel name to Barney Walker Jr., development office, Houston Baptist University, 7502 Fondren Road, Houston, TX 77074, or call 713-777-0171.

# People and Churches . .

## LEADERSHIP...

First Baptist Church in Mt. Juliet called Belmont College senior **Robbie Robison** as summer youth director. Robison was a member of Two Rivers Baptist Church in Nashville. Billie Friel is pastor of the Mt. Juliet congregation.

**Bob Sorrell** was elected to serve as minister of church administration for Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis on May 20. Sorrell has been a member at Bellevue since 1975, is a Sunday School teacher, chairman of the budget planning committee, and former chairman of the deacons. He is a Memphis businessman. Adrian Rogers is pastor at Bellevue.

**Brad Pirtle** will serve as summer activities director for Ivy Memorial Baptist Church in Nashville, beginning this week. Verlon Moore is pastor.

**Barry Lord**, associate pastor/minister of music at Manley Baptist Church in Morristown has accepted the call as associate pastor and minister of music at First Baptist Church in Fort Payne, Ala., effective June 18. Richard Emmert is pastor at Manley church.

**Wayne Wilson** has accepted the call as minister of music to First Baptist Church in Portland. He comes to the post from Valley View Baptist Church in Nashville where he served in a similar capacity. Richard Patton is pastor of First church in Portland, and Dwayne Sheumaker is pastor of the Nashville congregation.

Lincoln Park Baptist Church, Knoxville, called **Roland Cowden** as summer youth director. Cowden completed his first year as a student at Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City. Ted J. Ingram is pastor at Lincoln Park.

## PEOPLE...

First Baptist Church in Maury City was the site of a reception for Mr. and Mrs. W.B. Kelly recently on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. James R. Jones is pastor of the church.

Mount Harmony Baptist Church, Riceville, ordained **Bruce Yates** to the gospel ministry on Sunday, May 20. Yates is a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and has accepted a call to serve the Union Band Baptist Church in Howardtown, Ky. Harold Firestone is pastor of the Riceville congregation.

**John R. Bumpus** was licensed to the gospel ministry by members of First Baptist Church in Shelbyville earlier this month. He has been a member of the Shelbyville congregation

## Curtis to write uniform lessons

**Ben Curtis**, professor of religion at Belmont College, Nashville, will write the uniform Sunday school lesson series carried in Baptist and Reflector for the months of June, July, and August.

A native of Jackson, Miss., Curtis is a graduate of Mississippi College and received the bachelor of divinity degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, new Orleans, and the doctor of religion from Baylor University, Waco, Texas.

Before going to Belmont College five years ago, he served as a clinical chaplain in the children's and adolescent unit of Central State Hospital, Milledgeville, Ga.

Curtis is currently serving as a pastoral counselor with Christian Counseling Clinic, Nashville; part-time consultant to the church administration department, career guidance section, Baptist Sunday School Board; and teacher and deacon at Immanuel Baptist Church, Nashville.

since 1961 and recently announced his decision to enroll at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Tex. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bumpus.

**Thomas Boyd Turner**, a May 1979 graduate of Vanderbilt Divinity School, Nashville, was ordained to the Christian ministry by Glendale Baptist Church in that city. He is the son of Pastor A. Boyd Turner, who is a Southern Baptist pastor in Greenville, S.C. The younger Turner has been serving part time as an assistant pastor at East Commerce Baptist Church in Lewisburg. Carl N. Price, pastor at Lewisburg, and Richard Smith, pastor of the Glendale congregation, spoke at the ordination service.

## REVIVALS...

Rover Baptist Church in Eagleville held revival services recently which resulted in one profession of faith, one addition by baptism, and 12 rededications. The evangelist was **Wallace Rowland**, pastor of Wartrace Baptist Church in Wartrace. **Steve O'Neil**, music director at First Baptist Church in Shelbyville, led the singing. **David Wall** is pastor.

**Lloyd Bardowell**, pastor of Bell Avenue Baptist Church, Knoxville, was the evangelist for revival services at First Baptist Church in Martin earlier this month. **Roger Cowen**, minister of music at the Martin church, served as the music evangelist. There were 16 professions of faith and four additions by transfer of membership. One hundred and two persons made public commitments for prayer. D. William Dodson Jr. is pastor at Martin.

Greenwood Baptist Church in Johnson City concluded revival services with evangelist **Bud Pate**, pastor at Boones Creek Baptist Church in Johnson City. **Benny Humphrey** led the music. As a result of the revival, there were several professions of faith, and 11 additions by baptism. **Thomas Straka** is pastor.

Members of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Humboldt reported 10 additions to the church following revival services there. There were nine additions by baptism and one by letter. **Mickey Dalrymple**, Moulton, Ala., was the evangelist. **Terry Adams**, First Baptist Church, Trenton, led the singing. **Richard Holloman** is pastor.

Georgia pastor **John Dudley** was the evangelist for revival services at Mt. Hermon Baptist Church in Murfreesboro earlier this month. **Fred Vanhook** was the song leader. The church reported three professions of faith, several rededications, and one addition by statement. **Timmy Miller** and **Steve Fisher** made public decisions to enter the gospel ministry. **James Davis** is pastor.

A youth-led revival was held recently at Rocky Valley Baptist Church in Lebanon. Services were conducted by **Mike Christian**, pastor of First Baptist Church, Gordonsville. Music was under the direction of **Eddie Christian**, with **Mark Caruth** and **James Jordan** assisting. There were three additions and several rededications.

First Baptist Church in Jackson reported 115 decisions following their recent revival with evangelist **Steve Davis**. The decisions included 69 rededications, nine additions by letter, 17 additions by baptism, and 20 professions of faith. The music ministry was presented by **Tim and Vicki Seelig** and **Greg Owens**. **R. Trevis Otey** is pastor.

**Fred Steelman**, pastor of Red Bank Baptist Church, Chattanooga, was the evangelist for revival services at First Baptist Church in Sevierville. There were 20 professions of faith, eight additions by letter, and 15 dedications. **Eugene Spencer**, First Baptist Church, Old Hickory, led the music. **Grant Jones** is pastor at Sevierville.

## Messengers reminded of SBC parking woes

HOUSTON, Texas (BP)—Messengers to the 134th Southern Baptist Convention in Houston, June 12-14, are being urged by local committee and convention planners to go the extra mile in cooperating despite difficult parking and transportation problems in Houston.

During the daytime, SBC messengers will not be allowed to park at the Summit for sessions on the morning and afternoon of Tuesday, June 12; the morning of Wednesday, June 13; and the morning and afternoon of Thursday, June 14.

**Tim Hedquist**, assistant to the treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee, said sheets of information will be available at check-in at 39 convention hotels to help messengers work out transportation.

He said the convention has established a hotline number in Houston—850-0735—for persons who have questions about travel. The hotline will be open Monday, June 11, 1 p.m.-9 p.m.; Tuesday, 7 a.m.-9 p.m.; and Wednesday and Thursday, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.

Buses will run continuously from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. each day and will be numbered and color-coded for easy identification. Messengers with cars are urged to drive during the day to the Rice Stadium Parking Lot, at University Blvd. and Greenbriar, and take a shuttle bus (Bus No. 4) to the Summit. Parking is \$1 per car. It also costs \$1 to ride the bus to the Summit and \$1 for the return trip. Messengers are urged to give rides to those without cars.

Messengers may park free at the Summit for the Tuesday and Thursday evening sessions and may park at the Astrodome for the Wednesday evening session for \$2.

Messengers without cars may ride to the Summit or the Astrodome from three locations—The Hyatt Regency, Downtown Holiday Inn, and the Rice Stadium Parking Lot during the day—and also from the Shamrock Hilton at night. Feeder buses will take messengers at other convention hotels to the departure point of the shuttle bus.

Total cost from the hotel to the Summit or Astrodome is \$2. Bus tickets may be purchased at the Summit, various hotels or the bus at the hotel.



## EDITORIAL

# Choosing the next SBC president

When the Southern Baptist Convention meets in Houston next month, the expected 18,000 messengers will face an important decision, "Who will succeed Jimmy Allen as SBC president?"

Allen, who is not eligible for re-election because of the constitutional limit of two consecutive one-year terms, has been a tireless promoter of mission advance in our denomination. His election in 1977 coincided with the launch of Bold Mission Thrust, and in many ways he has become the spokesman for our important challenge to confront every person on earth with the gospel by the end of this century.

Allen has rightly focused on missions and evangelism—those twin objectives which have channeled Baptists' efforts throughout the SBC's history.

Now, the messengers in Houston will face a significant choice. A new president will be named. Who will be elected? What will be the course toward which the new president will seek to lead our denomination?

The process by which Baptists elect their officers is unusual, to say the least.

There is no nominating committee which prepares a list of candidates. No one openly declares himself to be a candidate for the office—as this will certainly insure defeat.

Over the years the procedure has been for a concerned person to contact a prospect he considers to have the necessary qualifications for this important post. If there is any interest by the prospect, the person might write letters or make telephone calls to his friends, informing them of his intention to nominate this prospect.

Hopefully, this entire process has been saturated with prayer.

This year, however, a new process is being introduced.

For the first time in the memory of SBC historians, meetings are being held before the convention session to enlist support for a specific candidate.

During recent months, such meetings have been held in at least 15 states to encourage churches to send as many messengers as possible to Houston to elect an SBC president who is committed to Biblical infallibility (see Baptist and Reflector, May 16, page 8).

These meetings are being promoted by Paige Patterson, president of Criswell Center for Biblical Studies in Dallas, and Judge Paul Pressler of the Houston Appeals Court.

Patterson told the Dallas Morning News that "for 25 years the liberal element in the convention has

been campaigning lustily." If this is true, the liberal element has been less than successful, since the SBC has not had a "liberal" president during this period!

Patterson has stated that his followers have decided the best way to stress their views is to capture the offices of president, first vice-president, and second vice-president for the next six years. The president, in consultation with the other officers, appoints the SBC Committee on Committees, which in turn nominates to the convention the Committee on Boards, which in turn nominates to the next year's convention the members to all SBC boards and commissions.

The Patterson-Pressler group has not specified who their candidate in Houston will be. However, Patterson told the Dallas Morning News that he could support any of these three:

—Jerry Vines, pastor of Dauphin Way Baptist Church, Mobile, who was defeated in a run-off with Allen at the 1977 SBC. The president of the 1977 SBC Pastors' Conference is reported to be the group's choice.

—Bailey Smith, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Okla., and president of the 1978 SBC Pastors' Conference.

—Richard Jackson, pastor of North Phoenix Baptist Church, Phoenix, Ariz.

According to rumors we have heard, three other prominent Southern Baptists are expected to be nominated:

—Abner V. McCall, president of Baylor University, Waco, Texas, since 1961.

—William Self, pastor of Wieuca Road Baptist Church, Atlanta, and current SBC second vice-president.

—Douglas Watterson, pastor of First Baptist Church, Knoxville, and current SBC first vice-president.

Since there are no pre-announced candidates, the slate of nominees among which the messengers will select their president on June 13 may include additional names—and only a few of these mentioned above.

We have great confidence in the SBC messengers, under the direction of the Holy Spirit, making the proper choice. Traditionally, the convention has elected officers who give excellent leadership.

And, we question any group who seeks to line up bloc voting for a one-issue candidate. We do need an SBC president who is committed to all of the beliefs and distinctives of Southern Baptists.

## Cicero's comment



By the editor

This week the Baptist and Reflector achieves another milestone—or millstone, as the case may be.

This issue is being addressed from a mailing list which was produced by the computer at the Tennessee Baptist Convention office. This is the fulfillment of a dream and a plan we have been working toward for two years, and which was supposed to take place six months ago.

For many years our subscription list had been handled on Addressograph plates—a slow, expensive process. The problems with this system had intensified as the size of the Baptist and Reflector mailing list had increased.

About two years ago I was thrilled to learn that the convention had decided to upgrade the computer in the TBC accounting office. On investigation we discovered that the new computer would have the capacity of handling our mailing list.

The computer was ordered and the change-over was projected to become operative on Jan. 1, 1979, when we changed to our new format and new printer.

However, problems arose—and persisted. Here are a few of the major ones.

(1) Some parts of the computer did not arrive on schedule.

(2) The programmer, who was to "teach" our computer to handle our mailing list, missed his Oct. 1 deadline. In fact, when he had not done anything by Jan. 11, I terminated our agreement and found another programmer.

(3) Because of our inactive programmer, we contracted with a computer firm to produce our mailing list and to undertake the tremendous task of converting the near 80,000 names from a printed list to magnetic tapes. The company met our Jan. 1 deadline, but...

(4) When we ran our first mailing list on Jan. 1, it was discovered that approximately 9,500 subscribers had not made the transition from the old list to the new list. My staff and the computer company spent most of the month of January finding the omissions and adding these to the files.

(5) In our old system we had used "letters" to designate the churches on the mailing label. In the new system we would use "numerals." We had thought that a computer program could be written to handle this change-over automatically. However, over the year there had been as many as 10 different letter combinations for the same church!

(6) When we finally got the numeric codes in place, we were ready to feed the data into our computer—but it wouldn't accept it. It seems that our computer was not properly set up. This correction was made, but it cost us more time.

(7) Then we had to make all the additions, changes, and deletions to our computer that had happened during the change-over process.

(8) Another unanticipated problem came because our outside computer firm maintained our file by zip-name codes, rather than church codes. This made it impossible for us to revise church lists or even change addresses without a mailing label.

BUT NOW... we are producing our own mailing lists. We also have complete control over the list. We still have a large backlog of church lists to revise, but hopefully within the next few weeks we will be up-to-date.

Certainly there will be other problems to iron out. No doubt some of our subscribers did not make the transition to our computer.

Thank you for your patience. I promise you better service in the near future!

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"JESUS TOOK HIM BY THE HAND, AND LIFTED HIM UP; AND HE AROSE." — MARK 9:27



## 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.

### Need for tolerance

Dear editor:

The Baptist and Reflector (May 23) reports Harold Lindsell as saying "that liberals ought to leave the Southern Baptist Convention."

In urging so-called "liberals" to get out, Lindsell takes a stand contrary to Baptist heritage, principle, and spirit. Each Baptist, whatever his or her doctrinal stripes, has the right to express his or her convictions persuasively and has the responsibility to listen in fairness as others express theirs.

I pray that the day will never come when any single doctrinal ideology, whether fundamentalist or conservative or liberal or radical, corrals the Southern Baptist Convention. Our strength as Southern Baptists is cooperation in freedom for the purpose of cultivating a genuine love for God and neighbor in word and deed. Consequently, we emphasize experiential religion, evangelism and missions, rather than agreement about doctrine.

God forbid that anyone should come to a Baptist meeting or house of worship in a spirit of prayer and love for God and neighbor, searching for hospitality and freedom to express openly his or her deepest convictions, and not be welcomed and engaged in dialogue for mutual edification.

God forbid that any Baptist ever be urged to leave the Southern Baptist Convention because he or she has expressed a contrary view.

Let us never cease to oppose intolerance in ourselves, our churches, our convention, our society, and our world; and let us oppose it with the only effective antidote—tolerance.

The stronger we grow as Baptists, the truer we are to our heritage; the farther we adventure with our Lord in faith, the greater will be our capacity to tolerate diversity and to value pluralism.

Move over, Harold Lindsell; there is room for all of us in God's love and in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Thomas B. Turner

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### Decrease in baptisms

Dear editor:

May I offer a few comments on the reduction in the number of baptisms from 1977-78 in Southern Baptist churches.

Sadness and consternation must have reigned supreme in the heart and mind of the members of our denomination on learning on the disparity in baptisms.

Is it possible that we are reliving the days of Noah when they were eating, drinking, and making merry and had no time for God or the days of Sodom-Gomorrah, a nation filled with vice of every description?

The most destructive force to the ethical, moral, and spiritual life of man is that of the dazzling attractive web of worldly pleasure woven by the devil to entice and to ensnare the morally and spiritually weak in the dens of iniquity.

The pages of history, yellowed by time, record incident after incident of individuals and nations who have rejected the love, mercy, and saving grace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, embraced worldly pleasure, and have gone down in shame and disgrace.

"And God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do the things which are not convenient, predestined to damnation" (Romans 1:28).

Jack W. Goans

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### Soul to heaven?

Dear editor:

From the dozens of letters I received to my letter written to the Baptist and Reflector (March 7) headed "Body to dust," none has answered what I wanted to know.

In this letter I am going to use members of my family.

My father, my mother, a sister, and a brother have passed on. All Christians and members of a Baptist church, they died in three different states and their funerals preached by three different Baptist preachers. All their bodies would go to the grave to return to dust. God settled this part of the question when He drove Adam out of the Garden of Eden, and I believe it with everything I've got.

The preachers also said their souls had departed their bodies and had gone to heaven to be with Jesus. This I do not believe and is what I wanted to know where it specifically states it happens this way or in this manner.

To get into heaven one must be immortal, and you cannot find immortal soul or immortal spirit in the Bible.

I am in my 13th year as a teacher of an adult Bible class in a Baptist church. I have seven different translations of the Bible, five references, two concordances, 10 or 11 translations of the New Testament, dozens of pamphlets on different subjects, and two correspondence courses in Bible study—and in all of this I have not found where one's soul goes to heaven to be with Jesus. I ask again where is it found?

It is not my objective to make this a debating issue in the paper, and if I were editor, I'd see that it wasn't.

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### Irresponsible writing

Dear editor:

I am writing in response to a letter (May 2) concerning the article in the April 21-27 TV Guide which featured an interview with Walter Cronkite.

I agree with Roy E. Canfield that much was revealed in the article which is unbecoming to one in such a prominent position in our society.

However, Cronkite is, no doubt, subject to many frustrations and anxieties as he gathers, screens, and dispenses information to the American public. Like many others, he seems to have fallen into the habit of using indiscreet phrases to express his frustrations.

As offensive as I found Cronkite's language, I was even more disturbed by David Shaw's deliberate exposure of his subject's faults. His quoting of Cronkite's verbal expressions added nothing to his story. He merely succeeded in marring the public image of an effective newsmen.

This type of irresponsible journalism will do our country no good. To reveal all is not necessarily the making of a good story. There is always the matter of good taste to be considered.

Martha L. Carpenter

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### Praises BSSB purchase

Dear editor:

I was thrilled to read in the Baptist and Reflector (May 2, 1979) that the Baptist Sunday School Board had purchased the A.J. Holman Bible Co.

We are the people of the Book, and now we are printing and distributing the Book. Praise the Lord!

Thomas E. Bryant Jr.

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## Fred Ritter to lead Memphis' Rose Hill

The congregation of Rose Hill Baptist Church in Memphis extended a call to Fred Ritter to serve as pastor. He comes to Memphis from the pastorate of Samburg Baptist Church in Samburg, Tenn.

For the past 10 years he has served as pastor in St. Louis, Cape Girardeau, and Canalou, Mo., in addition to the Samburg post.

A native of Advance, Mo., he is a graduate of Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau and attended the extension program of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Ritter has worked as a youth director and Royal Ambassador camp pastor. In August 1977 he participated in a two-week evangelistic crusade in the Republic of China.

Rose Hill's former pastor R.J. Bostick, who helped found the church 16 years ago, is now serving as pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Booneville, Miss.

### 1980 youth dates set for evangelism meet

Dates have been set for the 1980 Youth Evangelism Conference in Nashville, according to Malcolm McDow, state evangelism director.

Sessions will be held Friday, March 7, and Saturday, March 8 at Vanderbilt Memorial Gymnasium. The Friday sessions will begin at 4:00 and 8:00 p.m., and Saturday sessions will be held at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Personal witnessing conferences are also scheduled.

McDow stated that he likes to inform Tennessee churches of the dates as early as possible so that they can make motel reservations for their youth groups. The evangelism department encourages each church group to make its own reservations if possible.

### West Lonsdale pastor accepts Huntsville call

Members of First Baptist Church in Huntsville have called Leon Mayo, pastor of West Lonsdale Baptist Church in Knoxville, as pastor. The move was effective May 27.

In addition to the West Lonsdale congregation, which he has led for over 13 years, Mayo has been pastor of Dupont Baptist Church in Sevier County and Union Grove Baptist Church near Jackson. He is a native of west Tennessee.

Mayo attended Bethel College in McKenzie and has taken courses through the Seminary Extension Division, Nashville.

## Personal perspective

BY TOM MADDEN  
TBC executive secretary

A portion of the 16th verse of the 28th chapter of Acts has helped me understand some of God's leadership in my life. I suspect it is true in the lives of most believers. The portion I refer to is this, "And when we came to Rome."

Paul had stated that "oftentimes I purposed to come unto you, (but was let hitherto,)" (Rom. 1:13) God's word also states that Paul must preach the gospel in Rome also. I believe that Paul had in mind that he would go to Rome in the same manner as he had traveled to Galatia or Corinth. Once there, he would establish a base of operation and then begin to preach and teach.

God had another plan. Paul would arrive as a prisoner. His headquarters would be a prison and his congregation would be soldiers to whom he would be chained. It was while a prisoner of Rome he wrote his "Imprisonment Epistles." It is believed that some of the Roman soldiers he won to Christ were later sent out to Roman outposts carrying their faith with them, thus further spreading the gospel throughout the Roman world.

God's plan for Paul's entering Rome may have been different than Paul's way, but it was surely the best way.

God's ways are not man's ways! God's ways are the best ways...in all our lives.



Madden

### Bonner succeeds Stewart as Foundation president

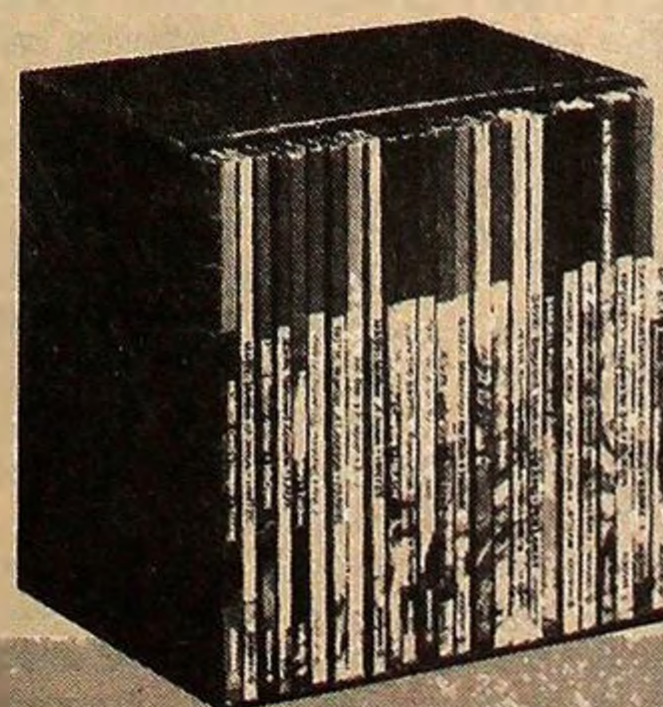
SAN DIEGO, Calif. (BP)—Harry Bonner, executive director of the Northwest Baptist Convention Foundation, has been elected president of the Association of Baptist Foundation Executives.

Other officers are vice president Hollis Johnson, Nashville, executive secretary-treasurer, Southern Baptist Foundation; and secretary-treasurer, William Kersch, executive director, Oklahoma Baptist Convention Foundation.

Jonas Stewart, executive secretary of the Tennessee Baptist Foundation, is the immediate past president of the association and presided over the San Diego meeting.

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# Congressional staff report urges research on cults

WASHINGTON (BP)—A Congressional investigative report on the murder of U.S. Rep. Leo J. Ryan has recommended stepped-up research on cults, review of Internal Revenue Service rules on the tax-exempt status of churches, and the inclusion of the subject of cults on the agenda of a White Conference on the Family.

The report grew out of the investigation which followed the death of Ryan, a California Democrat, last year in Jonestown, Guyana. It was prepared by a staff investigative group for the House of Representatives Committee on Foreign Affairs at the instructions of Rep. Clement J. Zablocki, Wis., chairman of the committee.

Although it is not an official report of the committee, the findings may be used in deciding if future action is needed in response to the murder of Ryan, members of his party, and the mass suicide/murder of the followers of the People's Temple in Jonestown, Nov. 18, 1978.

The report notes that Jim Jones' group, People's Temple, had tax-exempt status as a "church." It recommends periodic review of qualifying status "in order to assure that originally stated purposes and objectives are still being fulfilled and that the nature and general activities of an organization deemed to be a 'church' under IRS guidelines have not changed over time."

"The issue of People's Temple's status as a 'church' is also significant in connection with First Amendment protections it sought and received," the report acknowledges. It notes that this is "a difficult and complex matter" which goes beyond the mandate of the investigative group.

The report concludes that the People's Temple "may have been a bona fide church in its Indiana and early California origins" but that "it progressively lost that characterization in almost every respect." By 1972, according to the report, it could be accurately described as a "sociopolitical movement."

"Under the direction and inspiration of its founder and director and the Marxist-Leninist-Communist philosophy he embraced, People's Temple was in the end a socialist structure devoted to socialism," the report asserts. "Despite that fact, People's Temple continued to enjoy the tax-exempt status it received in 1962 under Internal Revenue Service rules and regulations."

The report also deals with the possibility of the People's Temple being revived. It notes signs of an internal power struggle and the alleged existence of a "hit squad" to

eliminate opponents. "There is evidence to suggest Jones and some of his key lieutenants discussed and had 'understandings' to eliminate various individuals, including national political leaders," the report notes.

Acknowledging the complex and emotional nature of the issue of cults, the report concludes that "too little is known about...cults or the dynamics and methods of such groups and their leaders. It is not unreasonable to conclude, in fact, that cult groups in the United States tend to thrive because of this lack of understanding and information."

The report recommends "on an urgent basis, that the professional scientific community undertake a concentrated program of research and training aimed at understanding fundamental questions in this area."

The final recommendation of the report is the inclusion of cults on the agenda of a White House Conference on the Family "with special reference to their mode of operation, the style and tactics of their leaders, and means and methods by which parents and their children can avoid becoming involved with such organizations."

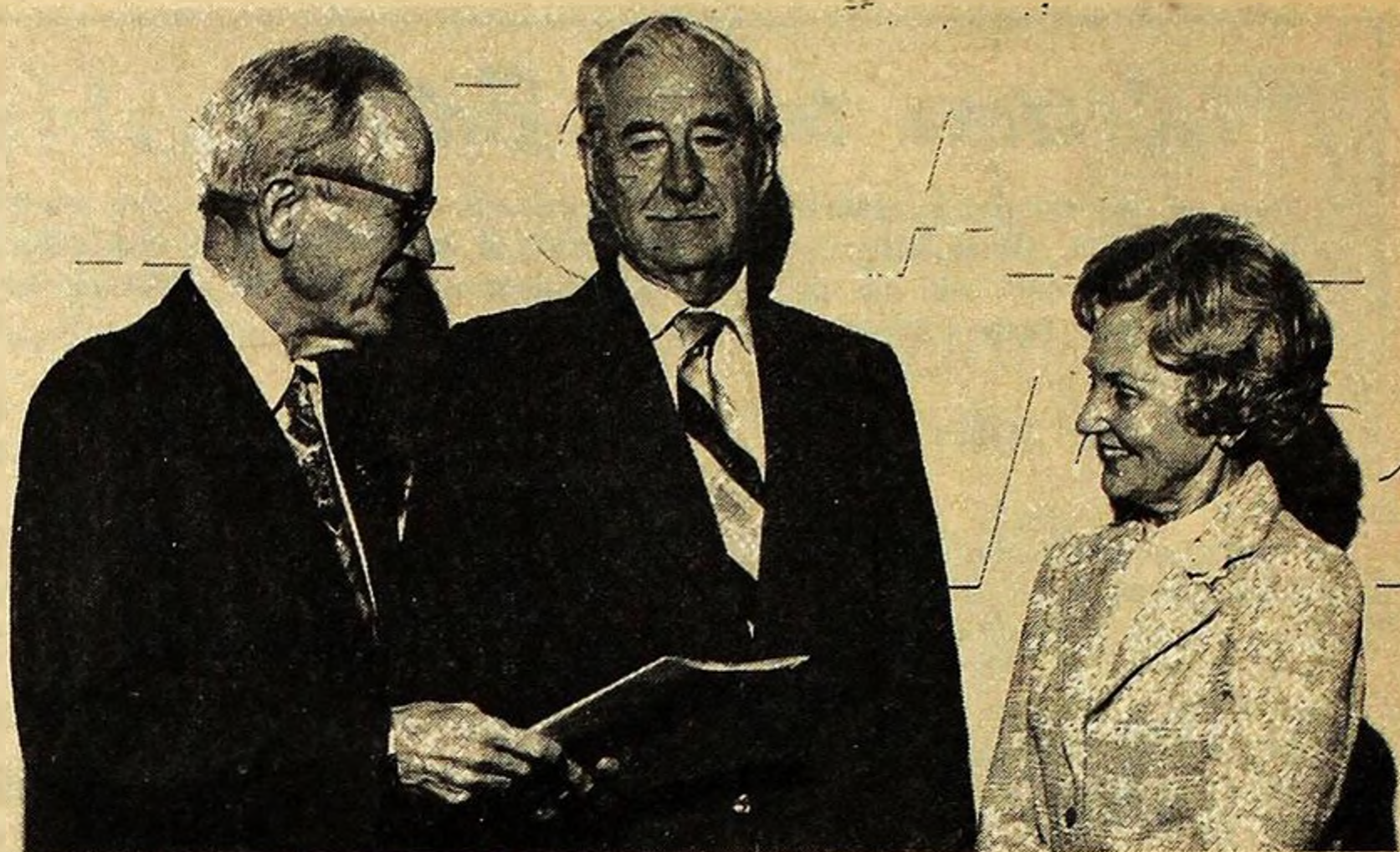
## Nursing seminar slated in Jackson June 20

The Union University department of nursing and the Rural West Tennessee Emergency Medical Service will co-sponsor a nursing seminar June 20 at the Ramada Inn in Jackson.

Titled "Psychological Intervention in the Emergency Room," the one-day continuing education seminar will be designed for emergency department nurses, paramedics, emergency medical technicians, and other health care providers involved in emergency care, explained Linda Hendon, R.N., a nurse specialist with the Emergency Medical Services at the Tennessee Department of Health.

"Purpose of the program will be to acquaint these professionals with the care of some of the most commonly psychological difficulties present in emergency situations," she added. After attending the seminar, participants should be able to assess the psychological and emotional status of the patient, develop plans of care for common psychological crisis encountered in the emergency room, and identify their own feelings and coping responses as well as their influence on the patient's response.

The faculty will consist of Harry Berryman, clinical psychologist at the University of Tennessee Family Practice Center; Alma Woods, a registered nurse and director of Health Services at Lambuth College; and Mrs. Hendon.



**PROPERTY GIVEN**—FMB executive director Baker J. Cauthen (left) receives the deed to a 233-acre farm Harwood and Louise Cochrane of Richmond. The property will be developed as an orientation center for new missionaries.

# Richmond layman gives land for FMB orientation center

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—A 233-acre farm near Richmond has been donated to the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board as the site for a new orientation center for missionaries preparing to go overseas.

Harwood and Louise Blanks Cochrane, a couple active in Richmond's Tabernacle Baptist Church, donated the property. Cochrane is chairman of the board of Overnite Transportation Company of Richmond, a trucking firm he founded in 1935 and has built into the eight largest motor common carrier of general commodities in the United States.

The land, conservatively valued at \$500,000, is called "Gold Mine Farm," since at one time prospectors tried unsuccessfully to pan for gold in a creek on the property.

The Cochranes' own farm home is about a mile from Gold Mine Farm. They drive about 25 miles each way to attend Tabernacle Church, where he is a deacon and president of the endowment fund and she teaches an adult women's Sunday School class.

The board now uses facilities at Callaway Gardens, near Pine Mountain, Ga., to provide 14-week training sessions for missionaries going to 94 countries around the world. But with growing numbers being appointed for overseas service, the board voted in April to "look with favor" toward developing its own center in the Richmond area nearer the board's home offices.

A committee has been appointed to plan development of the program and do a financial feasibility study. No estimates on cost of buildings and other facilities can be made until the studies are completed.

About 200 missionaries a year receive orientation at the Georgia resort facility, where use is limited to its "off" season. But it is envisioned that the multiple-use center in Richmond eventually would serve a much larger number.

Cochrane, a Virginian who started out driving a horse and wagon for a dairy company in Richmond, decided to go into the trucking business at the age of 21. This year he was recognized by Jaycees as "Free Enterprise Man of the Year" and by Financial World as "Chief Executive Officer of the Year" in motor transportation for 1978.

Mrs. Cochrane is a member of the University of Richmond's board of trustees.

## Hungarian churches erect new buildings

BUDAPEST—Six new buildings are under construction by congregations of the Hungarian Baptist Church (Union), according to Laszlo Revesz, vice-president.

One of the projects is that of Revesz' own congregation, the Pestlorinc church in Budapest. The first service in the new quarters is expected this coming October.

Other construction projects scheduled for completion during 1979 are those of the Kazincbarcika church, about 250 kilometers north of the capital; Tiszagynlahaza, a country church about 200 km. east of Budapest; and at Pecs-Vasas in southern Hungary.

Work is to be completed by Baptists at Vac, a small town just north of Budapest, on their new building in 1980.

Earlier this month, a ceremony of laying the cornerstone for the Budafok (Budapest) Church building was held.

## Brazil's seminary gains brings building needs

RECIFE, Brazil—A record enrollment of 483 students in the schools of theology, music and religious education has forced North Brazil Baptist Theological Seminary to expand its facilities.

High enrollment in March made classroom and dormitory space sparse. Even chapel facilities were outgrown. In response, the North Brazil Baptist Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries here) donated its mission house adjacent to the seminary. Built from railroad ties about 70 years ago, the two-story house is being renovated for use as a library.

Brazilian Baptists, involved in their own interpretation of Bold Mission Thrust, have set goals for Baptist work in Brazil to be completed by 1982—their centennial year. The North Brazil seminary has already exceeded its goals by 10 percent.

## Brotherhood leader to teach at SEBTS

WAKE FOREST, N.C.—William Clemmons of Memphis, has been elected associate professor of Christian education by the trustees of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary here. Presently Baptist Men's consultant with the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, Clemmons will begin teaching in the fall semester 1979.

Clemmons attended the public schools of his home town, Nashville, and is a graduate of the University of South Carolina. He also holds degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

He was pastor, Tusculum Hills Baptist Church, Nashville, 1956-59, and a missionary to Italy, 1959-69. In Italy, Clemmons was pastor of churches and director of student work in Perugia.

On returning to the United States, he became director of the Program of Vocation Guidance for the Baptist Sunday School Board. From 1973-76, he was director of the Vineyard Conference Center in Louisville. Since 1976, he has been in his present position.

# Congress seeks to lift ban on foreign aid to Uganda

WASHINGTON (BP)—Measures which would lift prohibitions on U.S. aid to Uganda are expected to go to conference soon to resolve the differences between the Senate and House of Representatives versions.

During the last Congress, both houses voted to exclude Uganda from all foreign aid in 1979 because of the human rights violations of former president Idi Amin, and impose a trade embargo. Since the fall of Amin's regime earlier this year and the installation of a new government, Congress has voted to restore aid to Uganda in 1980.

The prohibitions on aid for 1979 still exist, however, and the need for emergency, humanitarian aid seems acute. On May 16, President Carter lifted the trade embargo with Uganda but congressional action is necessary to renew direct financial aid.

Rep. Donald J. Pease, Ohio, said that inflation in Uganda is 700 percent over last year. "Consumer prices are nearly beyond comprehension," he said. "Milk costs three dollars a quart and a gallon of gas goes for \$120."

Rep. Stephen J. Solarz, N.Y., said the economy of the country "is in a state of virtual collapse." The measure, which he sponsored, would redirect about \$5-million from other countries to Uganda immediately.

Rep. Edward J. Derwinski, Ill., expressed the hope that much of the aid could be distributed through church agencies. "Christian missionaries...have been a traditionally strong element in Ugandan society," he said. "Religious and charitable organizations...have long experiences and excellent records for success in emergency humanitarian relief programs such as are now needed in Uganda."



# Southern Baptist Convention

Houston, Texas, The Summit, June 12-15

THEME: "Bold Mission While It Is Yet Day!"

## Tuesday Morning, The Summit

- 9:00 Music for Inspiration—Sanctuary Choir, First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas, Lanny Allen, minister of music
- 9:30 Call to Order  
Congregational Singing — Sam Prestidge, Dallas, Texas, director  
Scripture—Charles J. Scalise, New Haven, Connecticut  
Prayer—T. B. Maston, Fort Worth, Texas
- 9:45 Report of Registration and Constituting of Convention — Lee Porter, Nashville, Tennessee  
Report of Committee on Order of Business—James L. Pleitz, Dallas, Texas, chairman
- 9:55 Welcome—Mayor Jim McConn, Houston
- 10:00 Response—Dan Stringer, Portland, Oregon
- 10:10 Recognition of Fraternal Messengers from Other Baptist Bodies
- 10:20 Convention Photograph
- 10:25 Announcement of Committee on Committees, Committee on Resolutions, Committee on Tellers
- 10:30 Report of Executive Committee (First Section) — Porter W. Routh, Nashville, Tennessee
- 11:10 Business and Introduction of Resolutions
- 11:45 Congregational Singing — Sam Prestidge, Dallas, Texas, director
- 11:50 Music—Sanctuary Choir, First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas, Lanny Allen, minister of music
- 11:55 President's Address—Jimmy R. Allen, San Antonio, Texas
- 12:30 Benediction — Sally Aldridge, Batesburg, South Carolina  
Adjourn

## Tuesday Afternoon, The Summit

- 2:00 Music for Inspiration—Alabama Singing Men, Paul M. Hall, director
- 2:30 Congregational Singing — Paul H. Stewart, Montgomery, Alabama, director  
Scripture—John T. Simmons, Brushton, New York  
Prayer—Betty Greenwood, Tulsa, Oklahoma
- 2:45 Election of Officers
- 3:05 Report of Executive Committee (Final Section) — Porter W. Routh, Nashville
- 3:45 Southern Baptist Foundation Report—Hollis E. Johnson III, Nashville
- 3:55 Congregational Singing — Paul H. Stewart, Montgomery, Alabama, director
- 4:00 Business and Election of Officers
- 4:45 Benediction—Paul Y. Wong, Memphis, Tennessee  
Adjourn

## Tuesday Evening, The Summit

- 7:00 Music for Inspiration — The Singing Men of Texas, Robert Burton, guest director
- 7:25 Congregational Singing — William J. Reynolds, Nashville, director
- 7:35 Scripture — James L. Bunch, Mansfield, Ohio  
Prayer—Annie L. Ivey, Burlington, North Carolina
- 7:45 Business and Election of Officers

- 8:00 Report of Six SBC Seminaries—William Pinson, Mill Valley, California, presiding
- 8:20 Sunday School Board Report—Grady C. Cothen, Nashville
- 8:40 Christian Life Commission Report—Foy Valentine, Nashville
- 8:50 Congregational Singing — William J. Reynolds, Nashville, director
- 8:55 Music—The Singing Men of Texas, Robert Burton, guest director
- 9:00 Speaker — Charles W. Colson, McLean, Virginia
- 9:30 Benediction — Benjamin Ortiz, Sr., Kansas City, Kansas  
Adjourn

## Wednesday Morning, The Summit

- 9:00 Music for Inspiration — Choir, First Baptist Church, New Orleans, Harry Cowen, minister of music
- 9:30 Congregational Singing — Al Washburn, Mill Valley, California, director  
Scripture—Nell T. Bowen III, Forsyth, Georgia  
Prayer—Byron Mathis, Pascagoula, Mississippi
- 9:45 Committee on Committees Report
- 9:50 Committee on Boards Report
- 9:55 Miscellaneous Business Report
- 10:25 Brotherhood Commission Report—
- 10:35 Historical Commission Report—Lynn E. May Jr., Nashville
- 10:45 Congregational Singing — Al Washburn, Mill Valley, California, director
- 10:50 Music — Choir and Orchestra, First Baptist Church, New Orleans, Harry Cowen, minister of music
- 10:55 Convention Sermon — William Hinson, New Orleans
- 11:25 Business  
Committee on Resolutions (First Report)  
Miscellaneous Business
- 12:15 Benediction—Billy Whitt, Pontiac, Michigan  
Adjourn

## NO SESSIONS WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

## Wednesday Evening, Astrodome

- 6:30 Pre-service Music — Texas Baptist All-State Youth Choir and Band, Lloyd Hawthorne and Greg Berry, directors
- 7:00 Bold Mission Thrust Rally  
Music — 8,000-Voice Choir, Cliff Barrows, Greenville, South Carolina, director  
Procession of Flags of Nations and States  
Scripture  
Prayer  
Home Mission Board Report—William G. Tanner, Atlanta, Georgia, and testimonies from home missions personnel  
Congregational Singing—Cliff Barrows, Greenville, South Carolina, director  
Foreign Mission Board Report—Baker James Cauthen, Richmond, Virginia and testimonies on evangelism and world hunger from Ronnie Boswell, Brazil, and John Cheyne, Richmond

- Missionary Dedication Service — Jimmy R. Allen, San Antonio, Texas, and Carolyn Weatherford, Birmingham, Alabama  
Special Music — 8,000-Voice Choir, Cliff Barrows, director  
Message on Bold Mission Thrust—Billy Graham, Montreat, North Carolina
- 9:00 Invitation to Missionary Service — Billy Graham  
Adjourn

## Thursday Morning, The Summit

- 9:00 Music for Inspiration — First Baptist Church Choirs, Bowling Green, Kentucky, Carl Moman, minister of music, director
- 9:30 Congregational Singing—Frank Gonzalez, Houston, Texas, director  
Scripture — Jose Sanchez, Las Cruces, New Mexico  
Prayer—Aurelia R. Downey, Washington, DC
- 9:45 Radio and Television Commission Report—Harold E. Martin, Fort Worth, Texas
- 10:00 Annuity Board Report—Darold H. Morgan, Dallas, Texas
- 10:10 Woman's Missionary Union Report — Carolyn Weatherford, Birmingham, Alabama
- 10:20 Southern Baptist Commission on the American Baptist Seminary Report—Arthur L. Walker, Jr., Nashville
- 10:25 Education Commission Report—Arthur L. Walker, Jr., Nashville
- 10:35 Stewardship Commission Report — A. R. Fagan, Nashville
- 10:45 Congregational Singing
- 10:50 Business  
Committee on Resolutions (Final Report)  
Miscellaneous Business
- 11:45 Address: Baker James Cauthen, Richmond, Virginia
- 12:15 Benediction—Glen Cantrell, Jefferson City, Missouri

## Thursday Afternoon, The Summit

- 1:30 Music for Inspiration—Evangelistic Singers
- 2:30 Congregational Singing — Leon Westerhouse, Birmingham, Alabama, director  
Scripture—Jerry Ritchie, Monroe, Louisiana  
Prayer—B. B. McGee, Ackerman, Missouri
- 2:45 Baptist World Alliance Report—Robert S. Denny, Washington, D.C.
- 2:55 Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs Report—James E. Wood, Jr., Washington, D.C.
- 3:05 Address: Porter W. Routh, Nashville

- 3:30 Miscellaneous Business and Reports  
Committee On Baptist State Papers  
Denominational Calendar Committee—Henry B. Huff, Louisville, Kentucky
- 4:30 Benediction—John H. Chafin, Sr., Dothan, Alabama  
Adjourn

## Thursday Evening, The Summit

- 7:00 Music for Inspiration—Baylor University Choir, Euell Porter, director
- 7:25 Congregational Singing—Lanny Allen, San Antonio, Texas, director
- 7:35 Speaker—Jerry Clower, Yazoo City, Mississippi
- 8:00 Congregational Singing—
- 8:15 Music—Baylor University Choir, Euell Porter, director
- 8:25 Speaker—Emmanuel Scott, Los Angeles, California
- 9:00 Benediction—  
Adjourn

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### Sunday Evening

Homer G. Lindsay Jr., presiding

- 6:30 Welcome—Homer G. Lindsay Jr., Pastors' Conference president and pastor, First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Florida
- 6:35 Music—Orchestra and Choir, First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Florida
- 6:45 Prayer—Homer G. Lindsay Sr., pastor emeritus, First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Florida
- 6:50 Message—Adrian Rogers, pastor, Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee
- 7:20 Congregational Singing — Jack Price, gospel singer, Garland, Texas, director
- 7:25 Special Music—Orchestra and Choir, First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Florida
- 7:30 Solo—Jack Price
- 7:35 Message—W. A. Criswell, pastor, First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas
- 8:05 Congregational Singing — Jack Price, director
- 8:10 Offering
- 8:15 Special Music—Orchestra and Choir, First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Florida
- 8:20 Solo—Jeanne Rogers, First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Oklahoma
- 8:25 Message—James Robison, evangelist, Hurst, Texas
- 9:00 Benediction—Bailey E. Smith, pastor, First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Oklahoma.

### Monday Morning

Cecil J. Chambers, presiding

- 9:00 Special Music—First Baptist Church, Orlando, Florida
- 9:10 Prayer—James T. Draper Jr., pastor, First Baptist Church, Euless, Texas
- 9:15 Message—James A. Ponder, director of evangelism, Florida Baptist Convention
- 9:45 Congregational Singing — Jack Price
- 9:50 Special Music—Cruse Family, Jacksonville, Texas

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- 10:00 Message—Ralph W. Stone, pastor, North Jacksonville Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Florida
- 10:30 Congregational Singing — Jack Price
- 10:35 Offering
- 10:40 Special Music — First Baptist Church, Orlando, Florida
- 10:45 Message—Richard Jackson, pastor, North Phoenix Baptist Church, Phoenix, Arizona
- 11:15 Congregational Singing — Jack Price
- 11:20 Special Music — First Baptist Church, Orlando, Florida
- 11:30 Message—Jim Henry, pastor, First Baptist Church, Orlando, Florida
- 12:00 Benediction

### Monday Afternoon

Homer G. Lindsay Jr., presiding

- 1:00 Special Music — First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Florida
- 1:10 Prayer—Fred A. McCormick, First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Florida
- 1:15 Message—Bobby Welch, pastor, First Baptist Church, Daytona Beach, Florida
- 1:45 Congregational Singing — Jack Price
- 1:50 Solo—Lonnie Parsons, San Antonio, Texas
- 1:55 Message—William H. Ricketts, pastor, Prince Avenue Baptist Church, Athens, Georgia
- 2:25 Congregational Singing — Jack Price
- 2:30 Offering
- 2:35 Solo—Claude Rhea, chairman, Samford University music department, Birmingham, Alabama
- 2:40 Message — Clark Hutchinson, pastor, Eastside Baptist Church, Marietta, Georgia
- 3:10 Election of Officers
- 3:20 Congregational Singing — Jack Price
- 3:25 Special Music — "Sonshine," youth choir from First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Florida
- 3:30 Message—Eddie Martin, evangelist, Lancaster, Pennsylvania
- 4:00 Congregational Singing — Jack Price
- 4:05 Concert—Bill and Gloria Gai-ther, Alexandria, Indiana
- 5:00 Benediction

### Monday Evening

Homer G. Lindsay Jr., presiding

- 6:30 Special Music—Orchestra and Choir, First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Florida
- 6:40 Prayer—William A. Long Jr., First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Florida
- 6:45 Message—Jimmy Jackson, pastor, Whitesburg Baptist Church, Huntsville, Alabama
- 7:15 Congregational Singing — Jack Price
- 7:20 Special Music — First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Florida
- 7:25 Message—Charles F. Stanley, pastor, First Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia
- 8:05 Congregational Singing — Jack Price
- 8:10 Offering
- 8:20 Special Music — First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Florida
- 8:30 Message—Jerry Vines, pastor, Dauphin Way Baptist Church, Mobile, Alabama
- 9:15 Benediction

## Woman's Missionary Union

Civic Center Music Hall, June 10-11

THEME: "Go Quickly and Tell"

### Bold Mission Thrust Rally

Sunday Afternoon, June 10, 3:00

Concert: Singing Men of Southeast Texas with Orchestra Accompaniment, directed by Thad Roberts, minister of music, South Main Baptist Church, Houston, Texas

Theme Interpretation: "Go Quickly . . . Now"

Prayer Calendar: Carole Putman home missionary, Conroe, Texas; W. C. Ruchti Jr., foreign missionary, Rome, Italy

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### Hymn

Message: William G. Tanner, executive director-treasurer, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Georgia

Missions Cluster: Directed by Louis R. Cobbs, secretary for missionary personnel, Foreign Mission Board, and Donald W. Rhymes, director, department of missionary personnel, Home Mission Board

"My Church . . . My Call"

Della Joe Hamrick, home missionary, Cubero, New Mexico; Claudio Iglesias, home missionary, Albuquerque, New Mexico; M. Giles Fort, Jr., foreign missionary physician, Zimbabwe/Rhodesia; Wana Ann Fort, foreign missionary physician, Zimbabwe/Rhodesia; David Fort, foreign medical missions volunteer; and Helen Ruchti, foreign missionary, Rome, Italy

### Hymn

Recognition of Retiring Executive Director, Foreign Mission Board

Message: Baker James Cauthen, executive director, Foreign Mission Board

Prayertime

Sunday Evening, June 10, 5:30

Dinner for Women in Church-Related Vocations, Sheraton-Houston Hotel

Ticket sales in advance from Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, 600 N. 20th Street, Birmingham, Alabama 35203

Monday Morning, June 11, 9:30

Theme Interpretation: "Go Quickly . . . Now"

Prayer Calendar: Ernest Myers, executive secretary, Nevada Area Baptist Convention, Reno, Nevada

### Special Music

Address: "Baptist Women Year in the Church"

Mrs. A. Harrison Gregory, Danville, Virginia, President, Woman's Missionary Union, SBC

### Hymn

Missions Cluster: Directed by Bobbie Sorrell, director, education division, Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, Birmingham, Alabama

"Churches Reaching Out in My State and Around the World"

### Hymn

Recognition of Local Committee

Introduction of Acteens National Advisory Panel

Gina Butera, New Orleans, Louisiana; Vicki Hammond, Freeland, Maryland; Jackie Joiner, Columbiana, Alabama; Brenda Schaub, Kansas City, Missouri; Deborah Walton, Jasper, Alabama; and Susan Washburn, Blue Mountain, Mississippi

Election of Officers

Special Music

Recognition of Retiring Executive Secretary-Treasurer, SBC Executive Committee

Message: Porter W. Routh, executive secretary-treasurer, SBC Executive Committee

Benediction

Monday Afternoon, 1:45

Concert: Bell Choir, Westbury Baptist Church, Houston, Texas, directed by Hart Morris, minister of music

Theme Interpretation "Go Quickly . . . Now"

Prayer Calendar: Betty Comer, home missionary, Atoka, Oklahoma; J. Marvin Leech, foreign missionary, Indonesia

### Hymn

Message: Charles W. Bryan, secretary for Middle America and the Caribbean, Foreign Mission Board

Missions Cluster: Directed by Eula Mae Henderson, executive director, Texas Woman's Missionary Union, Dallas, Texas, and Huis Coy Egge, Corsicana, Texas, president, Texas Woman's Missionary Union

"The Joys and Crises of Missionary Life"

Margaret Dunaway, foreign missionary, Zimbabwe/Rhodesia, and Hal Boone, former foreign missionary, Houston, Texas; Loraine Shores, home missionary, Zapata, Texas; and Jo Ann Goatcher, home missionary physician, Van Horn, Texas

### Hymn

### Special Music

Message: Mildred McWhorter, home missionary, Houston, Texas

Benediction

Monday Evening, 7:00

Theme Interpretation: "Go Quickly . . . Now"

Prayer Calendar:

### Hymn

Report of WMU Executive Director: Carolyn Weatherford, Birmingham, Alabama

Missions Cluster: Directed by Catherine Allen, assistant to the executive director, Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, Birmingham, Alabama

"Pastors and Woman's Missionary Union Working Together Through the Church"

Harry Varnadoe, pastor, Francis Baptist Church, Palatka, Florida; Alice Babbette Christy, Vermillion, South Dakota; Bob Sena, pastor, First Mexican Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas; Frank Pollard, pastor, First Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi

### Hymn

Testimony: Gene Watterson, pastor, First Baptist Church, Shelby, North Carolina

### Special Music

Message: "Filled with Joy, Run to Tell" Jimmy Allen, San Antonio, Texas, president, Southern Baptist Convention

Benediction

## Baptist programs placed in top 50 markets

FORT WORTH—Baptist radio programs proclaiming the Christian message are now heard on 50 percent more stations in the top 50 markets than they were six months ago, announced Claude Cox, marketing director, Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission.

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"How's the Mother's Day Offering coming in?" is the most common greeting at this particular time. I greatly appreciate the interest and respond usually in the following way: "We had greater interest in churches asking for the free materials." That is certainly a good indication of interest. We have begun receiving gifts from churches but it is much too early to know what the bottom line will be."



Evans B. Bowen

Many churches find some day other than Mother's Day better for their own church program. We recognize that every church must work its own program. However, many of our Baptist people do not understand that we keep our books open until July 31 for receiving Mother's Day offering.

It isn't too late for churches or individuals to have a part in the Mother's Day Offering. Our goal this year is \$450,000. This money is used for operational needs. That simply means that we use it to buy food, clothing, and medical needs for the children. We do not use the Mother's Day Offering for capital improvements. Those needs are very real but we look for other ways to meet them.

We plan our budget each year many months ahead. It is necessary for sufficient time to allow each Committee to study it before its final approval by the Convention in November. In that budget is our Mother's Day Offering Goal. We move in faith that the Goal will be reached. Really, it doesn't require too much faith when you study the past records of the support that Tennessee Baptists have given to TBCH through the years. Our Goal always represents our needs. God will supply our needs through His people.

Our work is going well. The school year is almost at an end. Excitement always runs high at the thought of freedom from books and classrooms for a few weeks. Our staff has come to expect our children to demonstrate their feelings in much the same way your own children react. We just have more of them.

## Where Now?

Graduation is a great experience for every youth! Twelve years of study, play, anger, joy, frustration mixed with other human emotion finally brings one to the full realization that the diploma says those struggles are at an end. Six of our "children" reached that goal this month.

We know and they know—they have not arrived. Some will be continuing their education at Union University and Belmont College this fall. Others are not too sure what the next step will be. But that isn't too different from the youth you will find in any given church. Some are very definite about future plans and others will flounder for awhile before finding their places.

Our staff is anxiously awaiting to give all the assistance that will be accepted as decisions are made. These youth have received much good teaching and training at their respective Home. Whatever, they may do immediately—they will ultimately make the right choices. We have faith that Christ will honor the love that has been shown and His Word that has been taught. They will be all right!



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## Certificates Awarded

Several staff members of Tennessee Baptist Children's Home, Franklin, have been taking the Basic Course for Residential Child Care Worker, sponsored by the Middle Tennessee Association for Child Care Workers (MTACC). The curriculum was prepared by Group Care Consultants of North Carolina, and the credits received can be applied to the Continued Education Division of UT Nashville.

Covered in the 23-session course were seven major areas: Developmental Planning, Developmental Needs, Separation, The Cottage, Discipline, The Group, and The Job. Mr. and Mrs. Dean Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Arland Casey, Mrs. Carolyn Ridenour, Mrs. Evelyn Waller, and Mrs. Linda Neal participated in this class from October 3, 1978 through April 24, 1979, and presentation of their certificates was held on April 26, 1979, following a luncheon held at Belmont College. They took the time and effort needed to absorb and apply that which was presented through the class. (Pictures below)



Franklin Houseparents

## Life On Memphis Campus

What is it like living at the Memphis Children's Home (West Tennessee Baptist Children's Home)? We believe that question can be answered with some pictures.

Miss Mary Burrows and Mrs. Stella Perkins come every Monday to work in the Library. Many children find joy in reading good books. They also find help when they are "boggled" down in an assignment. Life at the Memphis Home is studying and learning.

Some of the children are admiring the beautiful white roses growing in the back yard of the Davis Cottage. Life is like living in a beautiful home with "brothers" and "sisters" and being surrounded by beauty.

Superintendent Wilson takes time to talk with five of the boys who enjoy a bike, a "Big Wheeler" and most of all enjoy being out of school. Life at the Memphis Home is fun.

Then comes the "moment of truth." Two boys find lawn mowers just waiting to be used. The grass grows so fast! When they get it cut and trimmed, it will only be to do again next week. Life at the Memphis Home is learning how to work. It is learning responsibility. The good thing is not just learning to work but earning money while you learn.

## Houseparents Needed

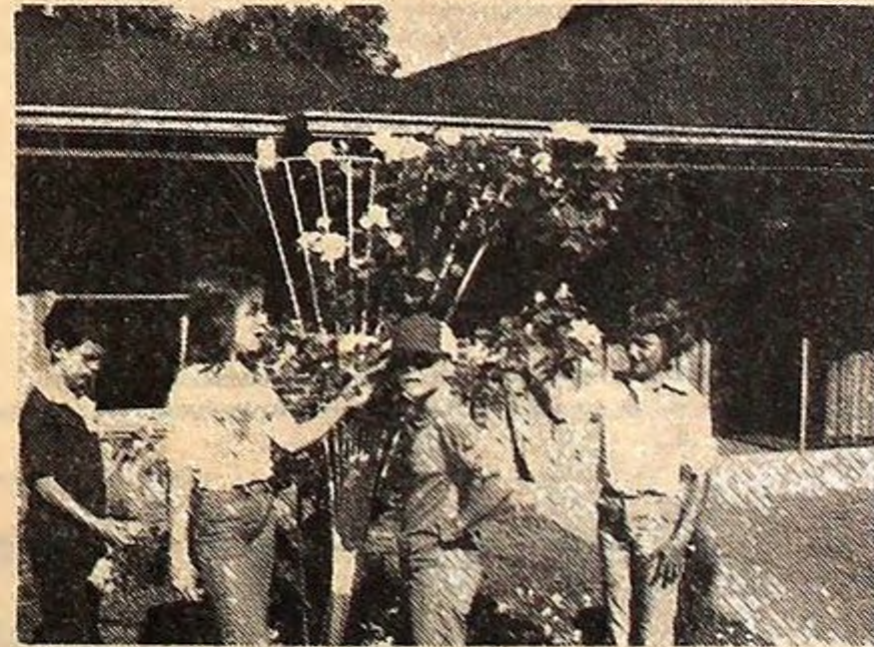
We are looking for some fine Christian couples to serve as houseparents in the cottages. Just one thing needs to be said in the very outset. You must have a sense of "calling from the Lord" to serve effectively. No one can tell you everything that will be in your job description any more than a parent can know everything that must be done in advance.

Houseparents are very special people. They are able to love boys and girls who find it quite impossible to return that love. They are patient with boys and girls who have never been taught consideration of others. They are firm in discipline without being loud and angry. They are long-suffering and yet very kind and understanding. They are able to look at a youngster who appears to be little more than a "mass of confusion" and see the future young man or young lady that love, understanding, and God's grace can produce. See! Houseparents are very special people.

You may secure applications by contacting any of our Homes or the Central Office. We are looking for those couples whom the Lord has already called.



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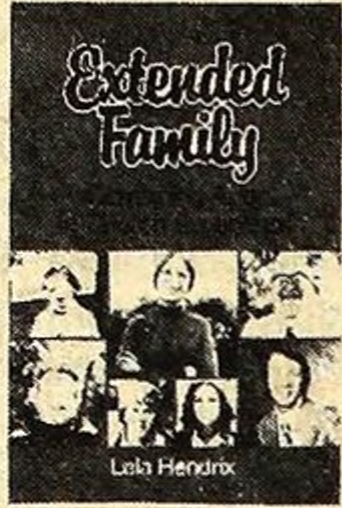


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## Devotional

# Brand-X cookies

By Frances Waldrup

Once I was asked to grocery shop for a neighbor of mine who was sick. She had a husband and five children to buy for, so you can just imagine the length of her shopping list. Carefully, she went over the list with me in detail naming brands she used, sizes, and quantities, and the prices. When she came to the last item on the list she said, "This is the brand of cookies I get them. They don't like them so the cookies last a lot longer."

At the time I just smiled and was naturally quite amused. I guess I even questioned her love for her family. Since that day I spent grocery shopping for my neighbor, the cookie incident has come to my mind many times. I have tried to figure my friend's reasoning, but I have to admit that her philosophy, if indeed she had any, eludes me. I have thought many times of her statement and in comparison, I have thought of how differently God deals with us.

First, the cookies were evidently not a reward or my neighbor would have wanted the cookies to be something special.

Second, my neighbor certainly did not think the cookies were necessary for the well-being of her family, or she would have wanted the best cookies.

And third, she must have been selfish to have been concerned only with her image of being a good manager by never running out of cookies.

How unlike our Heavenly Father! He wanted us to have the very best, and He gave His Son so we could have life and have it more abundantly. As for our well-being, our Heavenly Father gives us eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. And God was not selfish because He gave His only begotten Son to die for us. He did all of this because He loves us with an everlasting love.

Mrs. Waldrup is church secretary at Central Baptist Church, Bearden, Knoxville.



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## UNIFORM SERIES Lesson for Sunday, June 3

# Saul failed, David anointed

By Ben Curtis, professor of religion  
Belmont College, Nashville

Basic Passage: 1 Samuel 13:1 to 16:23

Focal Passages: 1 Samuel 15:10-16, 22-23; 16:1

Around 1020 B.C., Israel entered into a new form of political existence, namely, kingship. Israel would now see herself as a nation or a political entity, whereas formerly she had seen herself as a people or a worshipping congregation.

The account in I Samuel of the advent of kingship reveals a strong ambivalence in the hearts of the people. One view was negative, seeing the king as God's concession to human weakness and a lack of faith in God Himself as king (I Sam. 8:6-8, 10:17-19). Another view was positive, seeing the king as God's gift to relieve the anxiety and chaos of Israel, particularly in the face of the threat of the Philistines (I Sam. 9:15-16).

Both attitudes seem to be rooted in the actual experience of Israel, for in the beginning the monarchy was seen as a fresh start, a new possibility of providence in answer to the people's cry of affliction; however, Israel later had disillusioning experiences with kings who were more interested in power and affluence than the well-being of their people. Hopefully, the spiritual lesson we can deduce from the move to the kingship is this: God does not despise our humanness and frailty and in the face of our needs God sends a gift of grace, such as a king.

Saul was the first king of Israel. Actually, he was a transitional figure between Samuel, the last of the judges, and David, the first king whose hereditary line establishes a dynasty. The choice of Saul as king is confirmed by the presence of the Spirit of God in his life. At first this takes the form of ecstatic behavior, possibly a frenzied kind of dance where a person gives evidence of being turned into another man. (I Sam. 10:5-13). Later, for Saul being possessed by the Spirit of God takes the form of the manifestation of the power to act with determination and effectiveness (I Sam. 11:6, 7). This reminds us of the same kind of movement in the New Testament, where being possessed by the Spirit was initially marked by charismatic behavior but later was associated with a steadfast development of Christian character (Gal. 5:22-23).

I Samuel pictures Saul as a tragic figure. He is a mixture of good and bad qualities, but a fatal flaw leads to his downfall. Saul started out with humility, hiding at the scene of his election (I Sam. 10:21-23); he was courageous, rescuing the men of Jabesh-Gilead (I Sam. 11:1-11); he was religiously

## Thielepape accepts call of west Nashville group

Joel Thielepape, pastor at Ewing Baptist Church near Goodlettsville for the past nine years, accepted the call to serve as pastor of Charlotte Road Baptist Church in west Nashville recently. He is already on the field.

A native of Hays County, Texas, Thielepape attended the University of Corpus Christi and Southwest Texas State College in San Marcos. He also attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. For 11 years, he was pastor of Kinney Avenue Baptist Church in Austin, Tex.

Active in denominational work, the pastor was a member of the Executive Board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas and was moderator of associations in Austin and San Marcos. He is active in the work of Nashville Baptist Association and presently is president of the Nashville Baptist ministers' Conference.

devout, sticking to his vow of obedience even at the possible cost of Jonathan (I Sam. 14:36-46).

But Saul seemed to be quite impetuous, rashly making decisions without considering their long-term consequences. I Sam. 13, where Saul foolishly usurps the function of priest and offers a sacrifice, pictures such an action: the army is encamped at Gilgal, surrounded by Philistines, and Saul feels the pinch of the nervousness of his men. He jumps the gun by doing what properly belongs to Samuel.

Here is the manifestation of the fatal flaw of Saul: he was a solitary type when he had actually been called to a corporate responsibility. He did not seem to trust other people enough to confer with them, and his latent mistrust drove him to attempt to run the whole show.

In the Bible, God is always pictured as redeeming and developing people, first Israel, then the church. The New Testament promise "where two or three have met together in My name, I am there among them" (Matt. 18:20, NEB) is also teaching that for the people of God the will of God is often discerned corporately thru the discipline of reasoning, sharing, and praying together.

Prophet, priest, and king were meant to complement each other; they were not meant to compete and to exclude the advice or function of the other. So it is today with the leadership and membership in the church. The whole counsel of God for the Body of Christ cannot be conceived and proclaimed by solitary, divisive actions. God has called us to live together as members of an organic union.

The particular historical context for the downfall of Saul occurs with the Amalekites in I Samuel 15. The Amalekites were Bedouins living to the south of Judah. Traditional enemies of Israel, they had been a source of harassment since the Exodus when they attacked the refugees from Egypt and blocked their entrance into Canaan (Exod. 17:8-16, Num. 14:45). In the time of Saul they were a constant threat to security because of the preoccupation with the Philistines.

In seeking to attack the Amalekites, Samuel prescribed for Saul the conditions for war, namely the herem. Herem is a term meaning "ban" and it is a description of a holy war. In ancient times, a holy war for Israel carried with it the condition of "to devote to destruction" all persons (including women and children) and property as an act of religious devotion to God. In light of the revelation of Jesus Christ, the practice of the herem is hard for some to understand today. Historically, two factors emerge: (1) the herem was a fact of life in many of the nations and not experienced as a religious contradiction; (2) the very survival of Israel depended upon victory over her enemies. Theologically, the whole notion gives rise to the time-honored concept of "progressive revelation" in Christian doctrine which says that the journey from the Old Testament to the New Testament includes an expansion of man's understanding of the nature of God.

Saul failed to practice the herem and spared the life of Agag and the best animals. For this he was condemned by Samuel in a very famous utterance that summarizes the prophetic outlook: "obedience is better than sacrifice and to listen to Him than the fat of rams" (I Sam. 15:22, NEB). The spiritual lesson to be learned from the failure of Saul is that persons of every generation face the same temptation, i.e. to rationalize the demands of faith for the sake of convenience. Faith always calls for a radical response, and we are constantly tempted to dilute faith by the values of our surrounding culture.



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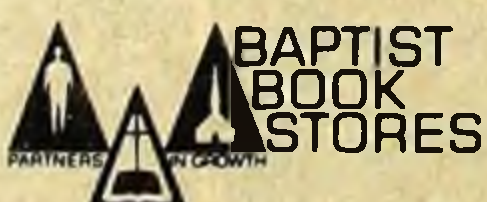
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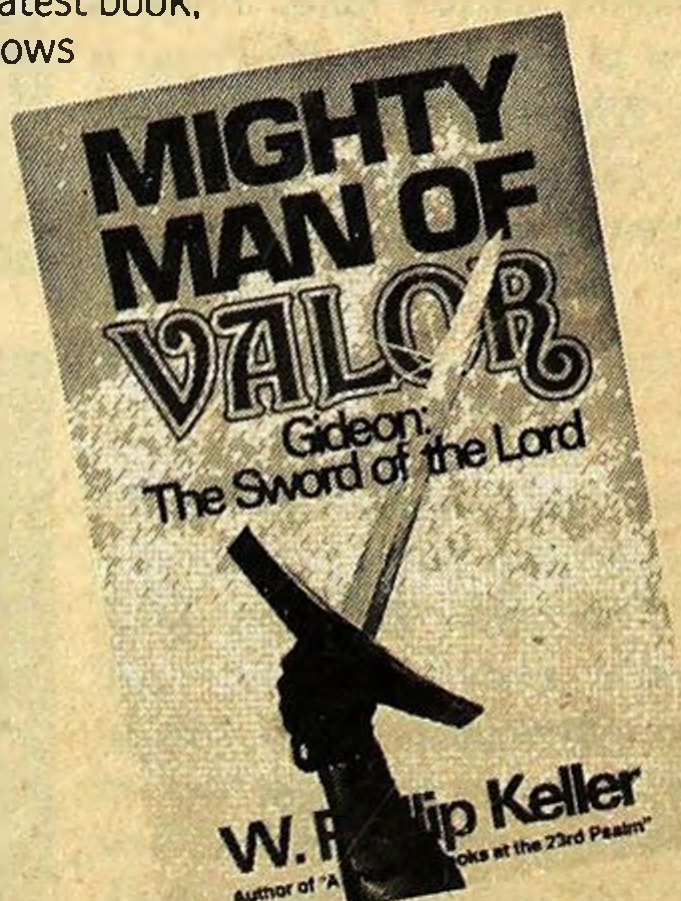
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# Sins of affluence

By Jack May, pastor  
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**Basic Passages:** Amos 5-6  
**Focal Passages:** Amos 5:12, 14, 21-24; 6:1a, 4-7

A group of tourists were being guided through the slum area of a large American city. A group of dirty, poorly dressed children were playing in the streets. One of the group said to the guide: "Do you think the parents really love these children?" "Oh, yes," replied the guide. "They love the children, they just don't hate the dirt!"

Two things always characterize the true prophets of God in every age:

First, their hatred for and condemnation of sin! Among the poor, but also among the rich!



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Second, their compassion for the sinners and confidence that God would forgive, even at the eleventh hour if the people would genuinely repent. Amos was such a prophet. Discipled by the desert, he had little patience with the city folk who lived in luxury and oppressed those who were weak. It is against the background of affluence and the sins thereof that Amos speaks out. As always, this message is most timely for our age. The church must never forget that it is not enough to just "love" people; we must also have a "hate" for the dirt of sin, if it is in the "poorhouse" or in the "Whitehouse." Sin is sin and will be dealt with severely by our Father in Heaven.

**God's awareness of sin: Amos 5:12**

Amos reminded the people of his day and ours that God is well aware of their sin. The English Version of the Scripture translates this verse: "I know how terrible your sins are, and how many crimes you have committed!" Amos is saying that Jehovah is no absentee God. America needs to know that God is aware of her sins. This means that we need to remember what the Word says: "Be sure your sins will find you out!" Friend, what about that hidden act of immorality that you thought no one knew about? I have news for you. God knows and deep in your heart you know that He knows! What sin is there in your life that makes you think of God as an absentee God?

**God's approach to the sinners: Amos 5:14**

Amos would have been unfit to be a prophetic voice unless he had compassion, and offered some hope that the calamity of which he spoke might be averted. The thrust of Amos' message was that since one's true self is known by his deeds, Israel must prove her fellowship with God by living according to His commands.

God hated sin and Amos had no doubt about this; but he was equally confident that the Lord would be gracious to any remnant, no matter how small that would come to Him in faith and would practice righteousness as a way of life.

I'm afraid that all too often we are quick to pronounce judgement upon sin with a "hell-fire and brimstone" approach, but say little about the compassion and love of the same Father God who must judge and punish sin. The world will have little use for a doctor who can only tell them what is wrong, but not prescribe a cure. Likewise, the world needs to know that God hates the "dirt," but He loves the "children who are dirty!"

**God's advice to His people: Amos 6:1a, 4-7**

Verses 4-6 give a graphic picture of the affluence in Amos' day. Being wealthy was not a sin, but gaining wealth the wrong way and using it improperly was and is a terrible sin.

In verse 1, God gives them advice in the form of a warning: "WOE TO THEM THAT ARE AT EASE IN ZION, AND TRUST IN THE MOUNTAIN OF SAMARIA." He warned them that God would punish sin and that His first hearers would in fact go into captivity. In a positive way, God was, through Amos, advising His people to turn from their evil sins of affluence, repent, and be saved. His advice is still the same for affluent America, where 20% of the world's population has 80% of the world's wealth.

Samuel H. Miller, in *Man the Believer*,

speaks pungently of our day. He says: "It is strange and ironic that in America, where it is so often assumed that we are a thing-loving people, we do not really love things. We make a lot of them; life is cluttered with them; we misuse them, squander them and waste them; but we do not love them. If we loved them, we would have fewer of them, and in the few we loved, we would see the shadow of that moving grace and power that comes from God!"

As we consider this message on the Sins of Affluence, perhaps a good question for all to consider is: "How much is enough?" Remember, "Your sins will find you out!" but also remember that as far as Amos was concerned, and your writer as well, "The situation is never hopeless!"

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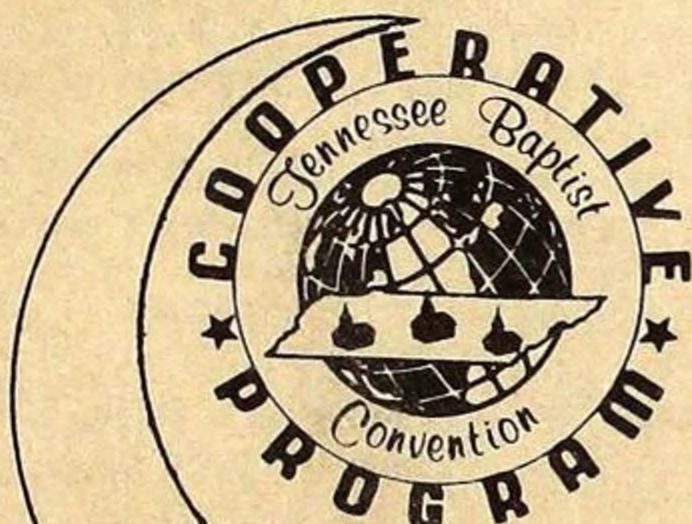
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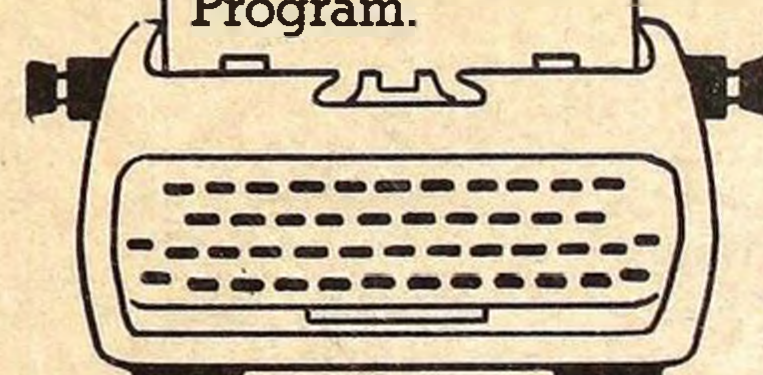
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# Political events affect Middle East missions

By Ruth Fowler  
for Baptist Press

Political events continue to affect the work of Southern Baptists in the Middle East, and the forecast for the future is mixed.

One of the most radical changes in the last few months has been in Iran. The future of Baptist work is uncertain "because we don't know if people who are now in power will continue in control," said J.D. Hughey, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's secretary for Europe, the Middle East, and South Asia.

He pointed to the return of the Henry E. Turlingtons to their English-language congregation in Tehran as a positive sign for the future of Baptist witness.

"We don't really know what an 'Islamic Republic' is," Hughey said. The judicial system will probably be based on a literal or fundamentalist interpretation of the Koran, the Muslim holy book.

"It would be comparable to our trying to live by all the laws of the Old Testament," Hughey said. "Even in Israel the Hebrew law is not followed literally in every detail."

In Muslim countries people of other religions usually have been allowed to follow their own customs or practices. Iran, however, may become one of the strictest Muslim countries. Muslim law would not just affect the judicial-political system, Hughey pointed out, but also dress, moral practices, and daily conduct. In these areas non-Muslims would be expected to conform at least enough to avoid offending strict Muslims.

Hughey is counting on the tradition of freedom for minority groups to allow Southern Baptist work to continue in Iran. "I am not altogether pessimistic or apprehensive," Hughey said. "Even the most rigid Muslims will have to make concessions to human rights and the 20th century."

Baptist work in Iran has been confined mainly to English-language congregations and the main effect on Baptist work will be

the reduced number of Americans living in Iran. The first church service since the new government's takeover had 15 persons from six nationalities present, but no Americans other than missionaries.

"Our hopes (for continuing work) are concentrated on the great cosmopolitan city of Tehran where there are many English-speaking people," Hughey said. "Work in Ahwaz (an outlying town) is less likely to be renewed."

Elsewhere in the Muslim world, Hughey points to Morocco and Libya as examples of countries that tolerate Christian worship and practices among foreigners. Southern Baptists have English-language work in both countries. If the visa for John Allen Moore is approved for Baptist work in Turkey, perhaps that Muslim nation can be added to the list of those tolerating minority religions.

Southern Baptist missionaries also would like to live and work in Egypt, where the recent Egypt-Israel peace treaty has won strong popular support.

Residence permits which would allow additional missionary organizations to send representatives to Egypt have been hard to obtain in recent years, although missionaries whose boards or agencies have been long-established in Egypt have been permitted to work.

Southern Baptist missionary J. William Trimble travels regularly from another Middle East country to work with Baptist groups

in Egypt but would welcome the opportunity to live in Egypt.

"Egypt has a larger Christian minority than any other Arab country except Lebanon," Hughey explained. Suppression of the large Coptic Church of Egypt would be "unthinkable," he said. "This provides a kind of guarantee of toleration for Christian religious practices."

Hughey doesn't see that the recent peace treaty will bring any change in work in Israel, where Southern Baptists have had evangelistic work for many years.

"In Israel, Baptists are respected, tolerated, and well-known, though not numerous," he said. "There is officially and unofficially a rather strong belief that Jews who are religious should follow Judaism," Hughey pointed out. Much of the evangelistic work done by Southern Baptists in Israel is not among the Jews, but among Arabs.

Southern Baptist representatives living in Jerusalem are working in the West Bank area. As this area's political standing changes, Hughey does not expect the Baptist work to change greatly. Because Baptists are working in both Jordan and Israel—the two countries mainly involved in this disputed area—the work in the West Bank should be allowed to continue, he said.

Baptist work in Gaza, mainly a medical ministry, may change, not because the presence of representatives would not be welcome, but because the need for medical

care may increase.

"Regardless of political developments we will continue to have mission work in Israel, Gaza, and the West Bank," Hughey said. "Our representatives are usually recognized as non-political. They are pro-person regardless of what government they live under. If Gaza does not remain under the jurisdiction of Israel, the hospital will be even more needed." Israel, which has the highest ratio of doctors to people of any nation in the world, operates hospitals in Gaza and near the Gaza-Israeli border.

In Lebanon, which has a population that is half Muslim and half Christian (or Western), Baptist work goes on amid increasing tensions. This nation is pulled in different directions by Syria and Israel, according to Hughey.

"The Palestinians are an extra element, sort of a nation within a nation. They want a home of their own but for now they are in Lebanon," he said.

"But in spite of the present disorder and threat of greater disorder, the ministries of Southern Baptists in Lebanon are continuing in a magnificent way," Hughey said.

Those involved in such international ministries as the seminary, publications and broadcast work have no intention of leaving the conflict-ridden nation. What will happen to Lebanon and the missionaries working there is uncertain. "It's all very 'wait and see'," Hughey said.

This uncertainty is evident in many parts of the Middle East. What happens politically, Hughey says, can affect the Baptist witness, but is not likely to end it.

## House committee hears testimony on deregulation of broadcasters

WASHINGTON (BP)—Witnesses differed on broadcast deregulation in testimony before the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Subcommittee on Communications.

Ralph M. Jennings, deputy director of the Office of Communication of the United Church of Christ, strongly opposed abandoning the present public interest standard or the Fairness Doctrine of the 1934 communications law which governs broadcasting.

"Prudence suggests that we await the millenium before abandoning the protections offered in the Communications Act of 1934," Jennings told the subcommittee. He further stated that "we are fools indeed if we believe the combined actions of self-serving men and women, devouring one another in the market place of economic gain, can afford us superiority in the market place of ideas."

Daniel D. Villanueva, president of KMEX-TV, Hollywood, Calif., however, urged the subcommittee to deregulate television immediately. The proposal before the subcommittee, H.R. 3333, would deregulate television over a 10-year period and radio immediately.

Villanueva argued that broadcasters would meet the needs of their community simply

"because it makes good business sense."

Grace Baisinger, president of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, charged that the bill "strips away those provisions of law and regulatory mechanisms by which the public interest could be perceived or enforced. What it leaves in their place are a passing nod to the 'public interest,' and the raw forces of the marketplace to work their will."

Speaking for the Society of Professional Journalists, Betsy Ashton, television newswoman in Washington, "applauded" the possibility of the repeal of the Fairness Doctrine and the equal time clause of the 1934 law because "both interfere with the First Amendment rights of broadcast journalists."

"Why is it necessary to have the government continue to second-guess the judgments of television news reporters and editors to determine if all sides of a particular issue have been given a 'reasonable opportunity' to air their views?" Ashton asked. "The potential effect of this requirement...is to allow special interest groups, rather than professional journalists, to dictate coverage of controversial issues."

Hearings on H.R. 3333 before the communications subcommittee will conclude on June 5. Hearings in the Senate on similar measures, S. 611 and S. 622, will begin that same day.

## Hungary Baptists report increase in baptisms

BUDAPEST—Although he is glad to see that the number of church-goers and baptisms is increasing, "the real value is in the growing number of those who have been converted and born anew," Janos Laczkovszki told the annual assembly of the Hungarian Baptist Church (Baptist Union) in his presidential message.

"It is this increase that can make the congregation a dwelling place and an instrument of God's Holy Spirit," he said.

But he also cautioned that "it is in the working days—in the rhythm of the weekdays—that our faith and piety must prove their genuineness...as an integral part of the socialist society in which we have found our place and recognized our service."

## HISTORICALLY FROM THE FILES

### 50 YEARS AGO

First Baptist Church, Ripley, called O.O. Green who was serving as pastor at Hazlehurst, Miss.

A.A. McClanahan Jr. was called as pastor of Chamberlain Avenue Baptist Church, Chattanooga.

### 25 YEARS AGO

Una Baptist Church, Nashville, dug a basement for a new educational unit and on May 9, 1954, Pledge Day, a total of more than \$10,000 was received in cash and pledges. Eugene Roberts was pastor.

Hermitage Baptist Church, Hermitage, held groundbreaking services for its first unit in a building program. This unit was to provide for the Sunday school and a temporary auditorium. Robert Startup was pastor.

### 10 YEARS AGO

Virgil R. Peters, pastor of Saturn Drive Baptist Church, Nashville, resigned to accept the call of First Baptist Church, Franklin.

First Baptist Church, Chattanooga, called William Eugene Spears as pastor. He succeeded Luther Joe Thompson who went to Richmond, Va., to become pastor of First Baptist Church. Spears came to Tennessee from Emerywood Baptist Church, High Point, N.C.

## Citizen's Corner

By Jerry M. Self  
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My SBC calendar declares Sunday, June 3, religious liberty Sunday.

Usually such a designation reminds me of our great Baptist heritage. Remember those who stood up for freedom of conscience, the right of the individual to discover God's will personally. The background for this quest for liberty includes an established religion which attempts to force its rituals and dogmas on everyone.

Where do Tennessee Baptists stand in relation to our heritage? Comparing the most recent annual report of the convention to projections for the 1980 Tennessee census reveals that two of every nine Tennesseans is a member of one of our convention churches. The number of Baptists in the legislature reflects a similar percentage. Everywhere you look in public life you find Baptists: mayors, councilmen, judges, U.S. congressmen, and even the president.

We are no longer a minority struggling for the right to exist. We are the largest non-Catholic body of believers in the United States. Thank God, we have the stewardship of influence, power, resources, and institutions.

Perhaps it is time for us to look at the other side of liberty. What is our responsibility to those who pray and preach in a different fashion from us but lack the strength of our numbers?

We must be alert that a sense of brother and sisterhood doesn't turn into a protective paternalism. The power to help the weak and hinder the wrong can become the power to help the "in" group and hinder the "outs."

Protecting the status quo, asking the government to fund our institutions, excusing questionable actions as bureaucratic necessity—these are all signs that an Exodus people has lost touch with their redemptive history.



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