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Tennessee Baptist Convention set for Memphis, Nov. 13-15

Nearly 2,000 messengers and visitors from Tennessee churches are expected to attend the 105th annual session of the Tennessee Baptist Convention which will be held Nov. 13-15 at East Park Baptist Church in Memphis.

The theme for this year's convention is "Equipping for Church Advance."

Featured speakers selected by the Committee on Arrangements include H.D. Hudson, pastor of First Baptist Church, Puryear; Bill Bruster, pastor of Central Baptist Church of Bearden, Knoxville; Clyde Fant, pastor of First Baptist Church, Richardson, Tex., and Tom J. Madden, executive secretary-treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

In addition the convention sermon will be preached by William J. Purdue, director of the Bible School at Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, and the president's address will be by W. Fred Kendall II, pastor of First Baptist Church, Union City.

Between inspirational sermons, the messengers will consider reports from the convention's Committee on Boards and committee on Committees, which will name Tennesseans to serve in positions related to TBC institutions. (These reports are printed on pages 8-9).

Another major business item will be the consideration of a recommended \$15-million Cooperative Program budget-goal for the coming year. The recommendation, which will come from the Executive Board, will include a \$13-million basic budget, and an additional \$2-million mission challenge goal (see goal on 7).

College and seminary professors will present devotionals at the opening of the seven sessions. Four of these will be given by Wayne Ward, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. The other three will be by professors at the three TBC colleges: Bob Agee, Union University, Jackson; Mrs. William Blevins, Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City; and John Tullock, Belmont College, Nashville.

The convention will open at 9:00 a.m. CST Nov. 13, when President Kendall calls the convention to order. That Tuesday morning session will deal with reports of the Committee on Credentials and the Committee on Arrangements; treasurer's report, which will include the presentation of the proposed budget-goal; and Purdue's convention sermon.

There will also be reports from the Tennessee Baptist Foundation, the Baptist and Reflector, and the Tennessee Baptist hospitals.

At the Tuesday afternoon session, new

pastors and church staff members who have come to Tennessee will be recognized. There will be reports from the convention ministries division which includes Brotherhood; church media, church recreation, and historical society; and Sunday School.

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee will present its report, and the session will be closed by a message from H.D. Hudson. This session will also include the first of two scheduled miscellaneous business sessions.

The Tuesday night session (which will begin at 6:45 p.m.) will feature reports from Tennessee Baptist schools and the Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes. The president's address by Kendall will conclude the session.

The election of officers will open the Wednesday morning (Nov. 14) session, which will also feature the report of the TBC Executive Board and the adoption of the budget-goal. This session will end with a message by Tom Madden.

During the Wednesday afternoon session, the messengers will hear reports and recommendations from the Committee on Arrangements, the Committee on Boards, and the Committee on Committees, and will vote on recommendations presented Tuesday from the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. This session will also hear reports from the Tennessee Baptist Service Corporation and departments which work under the Convention ministries division: evangelism, church training, church music, and the Tennessee Woman's Missionary Union. The afternoon session will end with the second and last miscellaneous business session.

On Wednesday night the messengers will hear reports from protection plans, church-ministers information, Cooperative Program and stewardship, and public affairs and Christian life. A message by Clyde Fant will conclude this session.

The final session of the 1979 TBC will be Thursday morning (Nov. 15). Reports will be heard from the convention ministries division's departments of missions, student work, and church administration. There will also be reports from the Committee on Resolutions; the Committee on the Journal; the Hunger Committee, which was authorized by the 1978 TBC; the American Bible Society; and the United Tennessee League.

The officers of the convention will be recognized, and the convention will adjourn after a message by Bill Bruster.

In addition to Kendall, the other officers of the convention are first vice-president William L. Palmer, pastor of First Baptist Church, Morristown; second vice-president, J.V. Reeves, pastor of Smyrna Baptist

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Tennessee runs ahead of goal in Cooperative Program giving

With only one month remaining in the current budget year, gifts to missions through the Cooperative Program are running ahead of the goal, according to Tom J. Madden, executive secretary-treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

In spite of September's receipts, which were the lowest of any month since April 1978, Madden reported that during the first 11 months of the budget year Tennessee Baptists are 1.7 percent ahead of the pace needed to meet the convention-adopted \$11.8-million goal. The 11-month goal would be \$10,816,666.67, while receipts for the November 1978-September 1979 period have reached \$11,003,559.10.

Madden noted that these Cooperative Program receipts are 7.6 percent ahead of the \$10,221,975.31 given during the same months of the previous year. This is a gain of \$781,583.79.

September's Cooperative Program gifts were \$729,544.78, which is \$253,788.55 (25.8 percent) below the 1979 monthly goal, which is \$983,333.33.

Madden observed that the convention's books for September closed on Friday, Sept. 28 two days before the last Sunday of the month. Since many churches send in their Cooperative Program mission gifts after the last Sunday of each month, these churches' September contributions were not received until after Oct. 1.

Last month's Cooperative Program receipts were 23.5 percent below the amount given during September 1978.

Belmont Plaza Inc. registers charter; officers revealed

Belmont Plaza Inc., a group of Baptist laymen who are to operate Belmont Plaza has filed its charter with the Secretary of State's office in Nashville.

On Sept. 11, the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention voted to transfer the lease on the 123-unit high-rise for senior adults to Belmont Plaza Inc. The group would take over the operation and financing of the facility.

The charter was filed with the Secretary of State on Oct. 2. The incorporator listed on the charter is Bob F. Thompson, an attorney with Bass, Berry, and Sims, a Nashville legal firm who is representing Belmont Plaza Inc. No other names appear on the charter, but the principal office is listed at 516 Amalie Court, Nashville, which is the residence of Herb McCarthy, minister of education at Judson Baptist Church, Nashville.

McCarthy told the Baptist and Reflector

that he is the registered agent and the president of Belmont Plaza Inc. He said the other officers are vice-president, Herbert Gabhart, president of Belmont College, Nashville; secretary, Herman King, a member of Judson Baptist Church and a retired attorney for the Baptist Sunday School Board; and treasurer, Claude Blankenship, an accountant who is a member of Judson Memorial Baptist Church.

McCarthy reported that the attorneys representing the Tennessee Baptist Convention, the bond counsel, and Belmont Plaza Inc. have had one meeting and feel that there is no problem in working out all the details of the transfer. "They are being very careful for the protection of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, the bond holders, and the investors," he added.

"The attorneys are now in the process of putting together all the documentation and working out an agreement to be signed by all parties, so that everybody will know where the others are going," McCarthy said. "The TBC will feel more protected because it will have some hard, cold legal documentation committing us to certain acts."

McCarthy noted that the response from prospective renters has been overwhelming, with about 80 residents ready to move in immediately. "The rent-up time will be shorter than originally anticipated, based on the response we've had since the announcement." Information about the facility can be secured by writing to Belmont Plaza Inc., P.O. Box 40052, Nashville, TN 37204.

Belmont Plaza Inc. will name a Board of Directors to oversee the operation of the apartment building. McCarthy said some of these will be the same people as compose Belmont Plaza Inc., but not all.

He said that all the stock to be issued by Belmont Plaza Inc. had been subscribed and the \$1-million in syndication funds from investors has been committed.

McCarthy express his commitment to share every aspect of the agreement as soon as possible, so that Tennessee Baptists will have this information before the convention meets next month in Memphis.

TBC messengers must reserve rooms

Hotel reservations in Memphis for the Tennessee Baptist Convention must be made immediately, according to information received from hotel managers in that city. The convention will meet Nov. 13-15 at East Park Baptist Church, Memphis.

Because another large convention will be meeting in Memphis at that time, hotel rooms are scarce. Several hotels have reserved rooms for use by messengers to the Tennessee Baptist Convention. However these rooms must be claimed by individual messengers before Oct. 15, or these rooms may be released to other groups.

According to reports from Memphis hotel managers, as of Oct. 1 reservations for only about one-half of the allotted rooms have been received.

The hotel managers warned that convention attenders who arrive in Memphis on the day the convention opens can not expect to find rooms available.

Baptist Joint Committee supports human rights/church-state actions

By Stan Haste

WASHINGTON (BP) — The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs has voted to support a lawsuit filed by the American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A. and the American Civil Liberties Union against the city of Philadelphia for its announced intention to pay for a costly altar where Pope John Paul II celebrated mass on October 3.

The action by the Washington-based agency followed a report on the legal action by attorney Earl Trent, house counsel for the Division of National Ministries of the American Baptist Churches.

In other actions during its 49th anniversary meeting, the Baptist Joint Committee called on the U.S. Senate to ratify the SALT II treaty and adopt two United Nations-approved human rights covenants, and urged Congress to pass the Refugee Act of 1979, liberalize U.S. immigration policy and pass the Fair Housing Amendments of 1979.

The Baptist Joint Committee also named as its first general counsel veteran staff member John W. Baker, the agency's director of research services since 1969. Baker earned a doctor of jurisprudence degree from American University's law school and is a member of the Pennsylvania bar. He also earned a doctor of philosophy degree in political science from the University of California, Berkeley.

Controversy over the Philadelphia portion of Pope John Paul's U.S. visit erupted when Frank Rizzo announced the city would pick up the whole tab for expenses incurred, including the large altar where the Pope celebrated mass before hundreds of thousands of participants and spectators.

Two Philadelphia taxpayers, including American Baptist minister Mary Anne Forehand, filed suit in a federal district court challenging the use of public money for the altar. No objection was registered either in the suit or in the Baptist Joint Committee statement to public funds expended for police or fire protection or for other public safety measures.

Attorney Trent and lawyers for the city subsequently agreed to have the judge in the case hear arguments after the Pope's visit. As part of the agreement, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia agreed to pay the city \$75,999 in the event the court rules against the city.

Trent told the Baptist Joint Committee, however, that the \$75,999 originally estimated as the cost of building the altar has now risen to about \$500,000. He accused city officials of "repeated lies" during the proceeding and predicted that the Baptist position would win.

While voting to give its staff authority to lend "all appropriate support" to the lawsuit, the Baptist Joint Committee action also expressed a welcome to Pope John Paul and

acknowledged specifically the appropriateness of spending public money for all necessary public safety precautions during the visit.

The Baptist agency also voted to send a telegram to Cardinal John Krol, Archbishop of Philadelphia, urging him to follow the example of the Washington Archdiocese in footing the bill for expenses involving public worship events. The telegram commended Cardinal William Baum of Washington for his announced intention to have the archdiocese pay for such events.

In formally declaring its support for ratification of the SALT II treaty, the Baptist group joined three member denominations which had already endorsed the measure. The American Baptist Churches, the Progressive National Baptist Convention, and the Southern Baptist Convention all passed resolutions last summer approving the treaty.

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TALLEST BUILDING—The CN Tower, the world's tallest free-standing building, is a landmark which will greet the thousands of Baptists attending the 14th Baptist World Congress in Toronto, July 8-13, 1980.

Politicians urge Baptists to fight for human rights

WASHINGTON (BP) — Several prominent public figures, speaking to a Religious Liberty Conference here, say it's time for Baptists and government to get serious about human and civil rights violations, turning words into action.

Congressman John Buchanan, a Southern Baptist minister and U.S. representative from Birmingham, Ala., said "Baptist Christians have done many good things in the world, but we have not given the attention we should to civil rights in the U.S."

Buchanan opened the conference on the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, which sponsors the conference. He told the leaders from nine Baptist bodies in the United States and Canada that government can be a decisive force for good, but it needs help from the Christian church.

He credited government for having an impact on violators of human rights in several nations of the world "by keeping human rights in the forefront in our foreign policy," but he also maintains Christians need to be advocates for religious dissidents in other nations where their own countrymen cannot speak.

He referred to Russian Baptist Pastor Georgi Vins, who came to the U.S. in April as part of an exchange for two Russian spies. Vins has said letters from the West to Soviet authorities contributed to his release from prison and to better conditions while he was there.

Buchanan also called for increasing attention to women's rights, the rights of children and rights for minorities. He said we must make sure that every person born into our society, regardless of his race, creed or economic status, has every opportunity to become the most and the best it is within that person to be.

"Until we do that, we cannot know of what we've robbed the world," he said. "We don't know into which child of which creed or which race God has placed the cure for cancer."

Notre Dame professor John J. Gilligan, former Ohio governor and former administrator of the Agency for International Development, criticized government for spending its energies making speeches about human rights rather than taking action about human rights.

"Our efforts to advance the cause of human rights would be more convincing and more effective if we were to back our words with deeds," said Gilligan, "and if we were as ready to take the lead in devoting our resources to the task of global development as we are to take the lead in making speeches about human rights."

He pointed out that the U.S. is spending less

than one-fourth of one percent of its gross national product to help Third World nations develop. Thirty years ago, the U.S. devoted three percent of its GNP to help rebuild Europe, he said.

Gilligan told participants in the conference that government policy toward the Third World should be three-pronged — to help nations feed themselves; to assist them in developing educational systems; and to help them put together health programs.

Rep. John Conyers Jr., D-Mich., charged U.S. churches with being the "polite captive of the state" and expressed "serious doubts" about its willingness to be independent.

The Detroit congressman said that if his assumption is true, "It follows that it's exceedingly difficult to go as far" as the church should in changing the status quo.

Conyers, a black Baptist, said he sees his role in part to "help alleviate the pressures in the church against progressivism so that we can deal with redistribution of resources and opportunities which is what it's all about."

The strongest attack on churches came from a black Baptist pastor who charged that white churches in America have perpetuated the institution of racism.

William A. Jones Jr., pastor of the Bethany Baptist Church in Brooklyn and current president of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, declared, "Many white clergy are mere puppets rather than prophets ... The white church historically and presently is an instrument of the American system, sanctifying its sins and giving inspiration to its iniquities."

The black leader identified the key components of the American system which perpetuate racism as "the American trinitarian formula of capitalism, racism and militarism."

Another prominent public figure, Assistant Secretary of State for Human Rights Patricia M. Derian, declared that while human rights considerations occupy an unprecedented place in the formulation of U.S. foreign policy, "We have an endless distance to go."

Derian, the first highly placed state department official with a specific assignment for human rights issues, also predicted that the U.S. will likely break diplomatic relations with the right-wing government of Chile for its failure to put on trial or extradite to the United States three Chilean citizens accused of the murder of former ambassador to the U.S. Orlando Letelier. Letelier was Chile's representative to the U.S. during the regime of Marxist President Salvador Allende.



JEWISH GROUP HONORS BAPTIST AGENCY—Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs executive director James E. Wood Jr. (right) accepts the Isaiah Award for Pursuit of Justice from Rabbi Matthew Simon of the Washington chapter of the American Jewish Committee.

Baptist agency recognized for human rights stands

WASHINGTON (BP)—The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs received the prestigious Isaiah Award for contributions to human rights from the Washington chapter of the American Jewish Committee at a luncheon here.

Baptist Joint Committee Executive Director James E. Wood Jr. received the award for the Baptist agency, which is celebrating its 40th anniversary by sponsoring a Religious Liberty Conference on Church, State and Human Rights in the nation's capital.

Rabbi Matthew Simon of Temple B'nai Israel and a member of the executive board of the American Jewish Committee presented the two-foot-high wooden sculpture of the Old Testament prophet, declaring that the Baptist agency has spoken for 40 years "on every concern that is our joint concern."

Rabbi Simon praised Baptists generally, noting that Jews and Baptists share a common heritage of exile, dissent and commitment to the principle of separation of church and state. "We have learned well from the Baptists," he said.

The Jewish leader, speaking to nearly 300 Baptists and Jews at the joint luncheon, paid further tribute to Baptists for championing the cause of freedom in repressive countries and declared: "We need voices that can call the judgement of God upon men."

In his response, Wood paid tribute to the American Jewish Committee for its own human rights record, including its defense of religious liberty, aid to survivors of the holocaust, contribution to the creation of the State of Israel, efforts in having basic human rights guarantees written into the United Nations charter, and its role in refugee relief.

Wood, who also praised recent joint efforts by the Jewish committee and the NAACP to relieve tensions between blacks and Jews, said human rights was "the primary reason" for the Baptist Joint Committee's formation in 1939.

Suicide victim graphically illustrates revival sermon

NASHVILLE (BP) — "If I could have just held on."

Like a recurring nightmare, this thought, says ministerial student Roger Kelsey, has tormented him since September 30 when a young suicide victim slipped from Kelsey's grasp and fell to his death in the Cumberland River.

The victim, a man in his early 20s who has not yet been identified, dangled some 15 seconds over the railing of the Shelby Avenue Bridge in Nashville, before shaking loose from Kelsey's hold.

Kelsey, a religion major at Belmont College, a Baptist school, was driving back to campus Sunday night with his fiancée Phyllis Williams after delivering the last sermon in a weekend revival at Fatherland Baptist Church, Nashville. Crossing the bridge, they saw a young man standing on a pipe over the

bridge's railing.

"At first I thought that somebody had already jumped in," he recalled the next day. "I thought the man on the railing was going to jump in after someone."

Kelsey stopped his car to see what was happening.

"As I was walking over to the man, another man rushed up to him and grabbed his arm. It was then that I realized what was happening so I ran those last few steps.

"As I got to him, he broke loose from the other guy. I had just grabbed his arm when he let his feet slip from the pipe he was standing on. He started jerking and after a few seconds got loose from me.

"As he was going down, he spread out so that he fell flat into the water."

"Ironically," said Kelsey, "I preached a sermon on suicide among young people at the revival on Friday night. I told the congregation that suicide is the third largest cause of death among people ages 17 to 24. That fact has certainly come home to me."

Kelsey, a member of Nashville's Lockeland Baptist Church, expressed regret at not being able to try and talk the man out of jumping.

"Sometimes I feel that I should have been able to pull him up. At others times I am mad at the first man who rushed at him."

Kelsey says that his pastor at Lockeland Baptist Church, Herbert Higdon, is helping him to work through his "mixed emotions."

Admitting that he is confused that "God would allow me to be there and not be able to save the man's life," Kelsey, however, feels that the tragedy has given him "a stronger commitment to preaching and witnessing.

"Jesus Christ was this man's answer to what caused him to get on that bridge. And the sad thing is that for everyone that jumps off a bridge, there are thousands more dealing with the same problems."

Mobile Bible conference postponed after hurricane

MOBILE—The Heart of America Bible Conference scheduled for October 11-13 in Mobile has been postponed due to the devastating effects of the recent Hurricane Frederic.

The conference will be rescheduled for a date in 1980, according to Mike Huckabee, director of communications for the James Robison Evangelistic Association, co-sponsor of the meeting.

Huckabee cited the lack of hotel accommodations and extensive damage to the meeting facilities as factors contributing to the decision. Jerry Vines, pastor of Dauphin Way Baptist Church and Fred Wolfe, pastor of Cottage Hill Baptist Church, both in Mobile, surveyed the situation and found it impossible to recover from the damage to the area in time for the conference.

Committee supports...

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Because of those actions, the Baptist Joint Committee joined the Religious Committee on SALT, a coalition of 27 national religious groups actively lobbying for passage.

The statement incorporated a portion of a document adopted in July by the Baptist World Alliance urging not only ratification of the embattled SALT II treaty but calling for new arms control agreements and for "the development of national policies which will give greater funding priority to non-military security measures."

In another related action, the Baptist Joint Committee urged Senate ratification of two human rights covenants adopted unanimously by the United Nations General Assembly in 1966.

The international agreements, which took effect in 1976 and have been signed by more than 50 nations, have been largely ignored by the Senate for allegedly political reasons. Opposition, mainly from the right wing of American politics, centers on fears that the covenants would undermine U.S. sovereignty and deny to U.S. citizens rights protected by the Constitution.

Supporters of the international covenants on economic, social and cultural rights and civil and political rights counter by arguing that no nation has been asked to surrender sovereign rights and that the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that no treaty with foreign governments can take precedence over individual rights guaranteed by the Constitution to U.S. citizens.

The action by the governing board of the Baptist agency gives its staff authorization to lobby for Senate ratification of the covenants. Baptist Joint Committee Executive Director James E. Wood Jr. has long advocated their approval.

Action on U.S. refugee policy followed a presentation to the Baptist committee by Gene V. Tunnell, consultant on refugees for

the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. He urged the group to push for passage of the Refugee Act of 1979, which he said is needed to repair the "patchwork" approach the U.S. has taken toward refugee policy.

In passing its resolution on refugees, the Baptist Joint Committee also approved suggestions by Tunnell that it work to defeat an amendment to the measure which would eliminate the authority of the president to exercise "parole" authority in emergency situations where refugees fleeing their countries seek admission to the U.S.

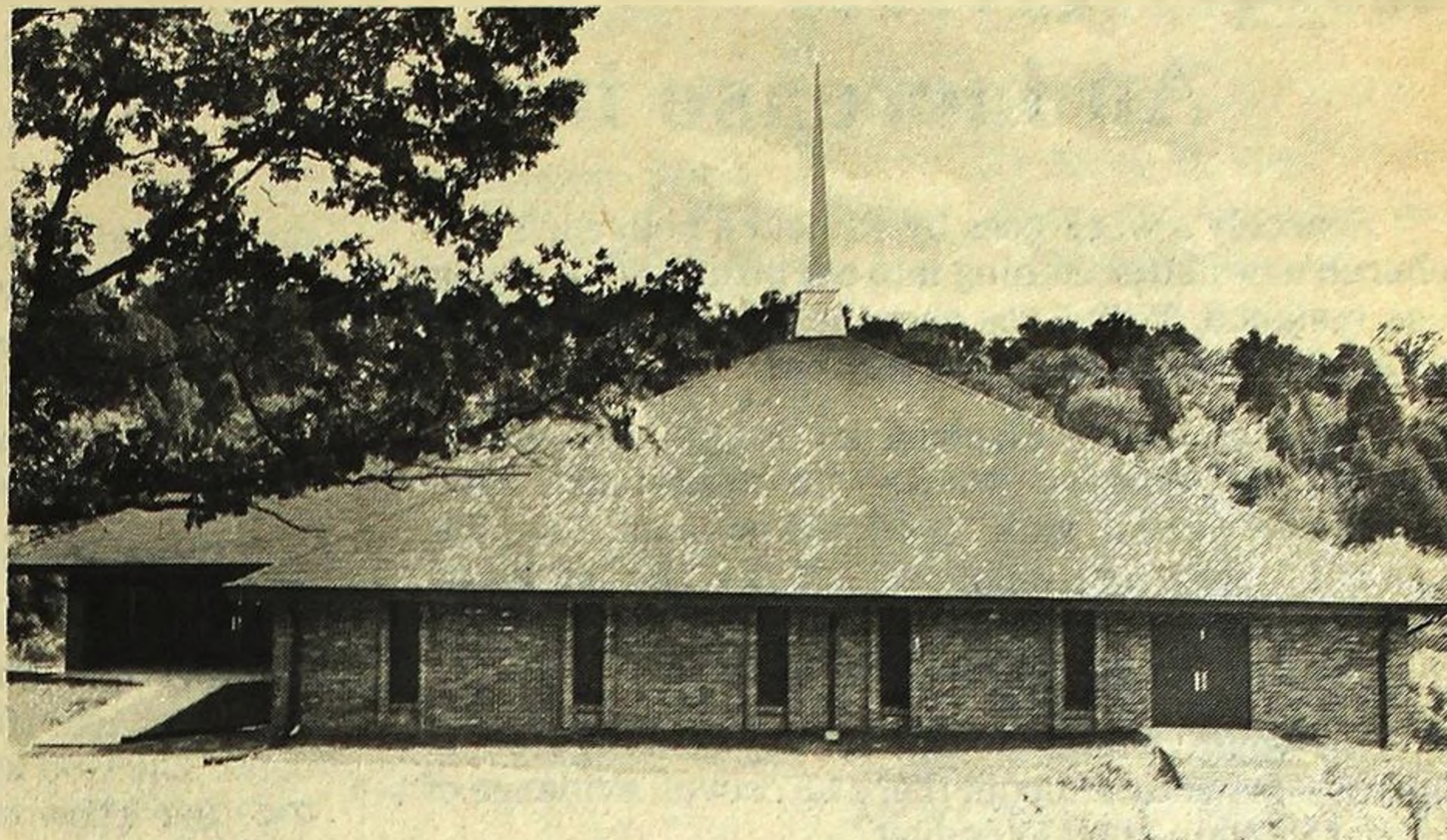
The statement also urges governments to respond to the present plight of Indo-Chinese refugees by bringing in larger numbers and asks the U.S. government to establish refugee resettlement centers in this country.

In addition, the resolution urges an overall liberalization of U.S. immigration and naturalization programs and encourages the normalization of relations with countries such as Vietnam in order to help alleviate refugee problems at their source.

On another issue, the Baptist committee asked its staff to work for passage of the fair housing amendments currently pending in Congress. Present law, while forbidding discrimination in housing on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin, has been difficult to implement. Enforcement efforts have been limited and court suits are too costly for most victims.

The proposed amendments would give the Department of Housing and Urban Development authority to investigate charges of discrimination, hold hearings, present evidence, and make binding orders on violators of the law.

In other actions, board members approved a record 1979-80 budget of \$329,300, of which \$291,850, or 88.6 percent, is contributed by the Southern Baptist Convention, including \$19,000 from the Southern Baptist Foundation. They also approved an across-the-board seven percent raise for staff employees.



First Baptist Church, Antioch

Antioch Baptists hold dedication for new worship facilities

Members of Antioch's First Baptist Church gathered at the congregation's new site on Sunday, Sept. 23, to dedicate a 12,500-square-foot facility.

Constructed by National Church Builders, Plano, Tex., the structure is valued at nearly \$500,000, including furnishings. It contains a

sanctuary and complete educational facilities. The sanctuary also contains a baptistry, which is the first one the church has had since 1812, according to Eugene Brownlee, general chairman of the building committee. The new structure is located directly across Una Antioch Pike from the old First Baptist Church.

The dedication message was brought by Carl Duck, director of missions for Nashville Baptist Association. Interim pastor Johnnie Hall, state director for church training, led in the service along with Steve Hawkins, chairman of the deacons. Former pastors present for the ceremony included: C.S. Wright (1935-45), the oldest living former pastor; Norris Hite (1946-50), now pastor at Old Hickory; William D. Fox (1960-68), now pastor of Trace Creek Baptist Church in New Johnsonville; S. Ray Jones (1970-77); Charles Treadway (interim 1977-78), Baptist Sunday School Board; and O.L. Taylor (1978-79).

The church's history dates to 1810, 30 years after the first permanent settlers arrived at Fort Nashborough. The old sanctuary was constructed in 1887 and still stands.



Larry E. High

Larry High named Maryland editor

LUTHERVILLE, Md. (BP) — Larry E. High, associate editor of The Maryland Baptist since September 1975, has been elected editor of the state Baptist paper, effective Oct. 1.

High, 29, is the youngest of the current group of editors of 34 state Baptist newspapers, covering Southern Baptist work in 50 states.

He succeeds Richard G. Puckett, who resigned July 31 to become executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State. Puckett served The Maryland Baptist for 13 years. High has served as acting editor since Puckett's resignation.

A Maryland native, High is a graduate of the University of Maryland at College Park and of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

While a seminary student he served as staff intern for the Western Recorder, state Baptist paper for Kentucky, and publications editor for the Long Run Baptist Association. Following graduation from Southern seminary in 1974, High was full time seminary news director and managing editor of the alumni publication, The Tie, until returning to Maryland the next year.

High is chairman of the Maryland history committee and is the state commissioner to the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. He has also served on the SBC's Committee on Committees.

Rogersville minister to join Stewardship

A Tennessee pastor has been named to serve on the staff of the Southern Baptist Convention Stewardship Commission, according to James L. Powell, director of Cooperative Program promotion. James Austin, pastor of First Baptist Church in Rogersville, will join the staff as assistant director of promotion on Oct. 15.

Austin has led the Rogersville congregation for seven years. Prior to that he was pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Kingsport and Cedar Grove Baptist Church, Kingston. During those pastorates, he was a member of the Tennessee Baptist Convention Executive Board; chairman of the Christian services committee; off-campus professor for Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City; a member of the advisory board at Carson-Newman; and president of the East Tennessee Pastor's Conference.

A native of Chattanooga, he is a graduate of the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. Also, he attended Carson-Newman.

He is scheduled to be at work in Nashville on Oct. 15.

Summertown pastor called to lead Southside church

Jim Wright, pastor of Brace Baptist Church in Summertown, was called recently as pastor of Southside Baptist Church in Mt. Pleasant. He is already on the new field of service.

A native of Summertown, Wright served the Brace church for about 18 months.

EDITORIAL

An increase in pastor 'resignations'

Scarcely a week goes by without a notice in some church newsletter coming into our office that a pastor has resigned. With 2,700 churches in Tennessee, this might be considered rather normal.

However, what disturbs us is the increasing number of pastors whose "resignations" are announced along with such statements as, the pastor's "plans are unknown" or his "future plans are not announced." What this really says in most cases is that the pastor has been fired.

We would defend the right of any congregation to dismiss its pastors should there be proven evidence of immoral or unethical conduct.

But there seems to be a growing trend in Tennessee Baptist churches that, when problems of any sort arise, it is considered to be the pastor's fault. So, the idea comes to church leaders that if the pastor were to leave, all would be well.

When this disenchantment occurred in times past, the pastor was generally given a reasonable length of time to find another church in which to continue his God-given ministry. Now it seems that the pastor must "resign" immediately.

Added to the ousted pastor's problem, is the tradition that a church's Pulpit Committee usually refuses to consider a prospective pastor who is not an active pastor. Too often, the committee fails to investigate the reason that the pastor "resigned," because the committee is under the misconception that the pastor is a failure or he would not have had to leave his last pastorate.

Another disturbing trend is the increasing number of churches who are having a "vote of confidence" on their pastors. For some reason—perhaps for no reason—the church's leaders decide that the congregation should vote on whether or not they have confidence in the way the pastor is performing his ministry.

This procedure has no place in Baptist life. It only serves to sow the seeds of discord and division within a congregation or between the pastor and the congregation. It presents a "no win" situation.

Actually, the vote of confidence is a cop out by church leaders, some of whom are apparently

dissatisfied with the pastor's ministry but have no basis on which to force him to leave.

We need to remember that God is vitally involved in the calling of a pastor by a church. The congregation—following what it believes to be God's will—accepts. The pastor is more than a mere employee.

There are no perfect pastors or perfect churches. Problems will arise—Satan will see to that.

However, both the pastor and the church must be extremely careful in any effort to dissolve this sacred bond. The God who brought the pastor and the church together knew of the coming problems—and intends to give the patience, strength, and wisdom necessary to solve or at least minister in spite of these.

Hearsay reports

By Hudson Baggett, editor
"Alabama Baptist," Birmingham

Much has been said and written recently about integrity regarding the Bible. But we should think about integrity in a broader sense as well.

What about honesty in dealing with one another?

Aren't ethical considerations a vital part of the Bible message we hold so dear?

Does not the Bible upon which we firmly stand warn us against bearing false witness?

Sometime ago a letter came to me from a person who was upset because of alleged liberals and infidels in the Southern Baptist Convention. I asked that he send me the names of the liberals and infidels to whom he referred. He sent me a list which included men whom I had known personally and respected for years. Most of them are known as conservatives among Southern Baptists.

The list was compiled by someone else for the letter writer. He took the list, without question, passed it on to me with an insistence that those on it be condemned. This experience has caused me to see again that some people define a liberal as one who doesn't agree with them.

We cannot afford to believe hearsay about persons or things without question. Nor can we afford to pass on such information, especially if it slanders the character of someone.

All criticism is not bad. Disagreements are inevitable. But the spirit with which we criticize or disagree demonstrates our regard or disregard for honesty, integrity and fair play. We may be orthodox in doctrine and a heretic in spirit.

Cicero's comment



By the editor

Cicero was attending the annual meeting of Parliamentary Baptist Association last week at Peaceful Baptist Church. Everything had gone well.

At the start of the afternoon business session, Moe D. Rater, the association's moderator, informed the messengers that he had been studying his Roberts' Rules of Order night and day, and he intended to conduct the miscellaneous business session in a proper way. He held up his copy of Roberts' Rules and pointed to its dog-eared pages.

He stood with gavel in hand for two minutes—but there was nothing but silence. "Surely, someone has a motion to make!" Moe moaned.

After a few more minutes of silence, Anne Knonce, arose to her feet.

"The chair recognizes the messenger for a motion," Moe proudly proclaimed.

"Actually, I don't have a motion, but an announcement," Anne answered.

"You are out of order!" The moderator exclaimed, as he pounded the gavel. "This is a business session—not an announcement period."

Anne Knonce stayed on her feet. "I just thought that since there were no motions presented that I could announce that the associational WMU meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. Thursday at Central Baptist Church."

The gavel banged—twice. "Out of order! Either make a motion or take your seat!" the moderator exclaimed.

"Alright," Anne conceded "I move that I be allowed to make a motion that the associational WMU meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday at Central Baptist Church."

While Moe D. Rater was searching his Rule of Order, the motion was seconded and A. Mindy rose to her feet. "I am opposed to the motion. We last met at Central Baptist Church in 1972. We haven't met at my church, Faroff Baptist Church, since 1969. I move to amend the motion to substitute 'Faroff Baptist Church' for 'Central Baptist Church'." Mrs. Mindy's pastor seconded the motion to amend.

Moe was still flipping pages as Indy Pendant started speaking to a point of order. "The chair should declare the motion and the amendment out of order, since if we pass or defeat this we are dabbing in WMU affairs—and we all know WMU is an auxiliary, not an organization of the association."

Moe thought she may be right—and continued to search his rules.

"Point of order," bellowed Bayh Booke. "If we pass this motion, we must be responsible for anything said or voted at the WMU meeting, I am not a member of WMU."

Glut Tonney was on his feet calling for a point of inquiry. "If the WMU meets way over at Faroff Baptist Church, my wife won't be home until 1:00 p.m. My point of inquiry is who's going to fix my lunch on Thursday?"

Dee Laye made a motion to table. "That way we won't have to vote on Anne being allowed to make her announcement." Several agreed, feeling that in reality the announcement had already been made.

"To table this would be a bad precedent," stated Cooper A. Shun. "We would in essence be saying that a messenger's motion should not be voted on by the association."

Moe D. Rater finally got the floor. "A motion to table is not debatable," he ruled.

"I am not debating it," Cooper chided. "I'm opposing it."

As Cicero left to make it to another associational meeting, I heard Bro. Hood's point of inquiry, "If this passes, can I make a motion that I be allowed to announce that the Brotherhood will meet..."

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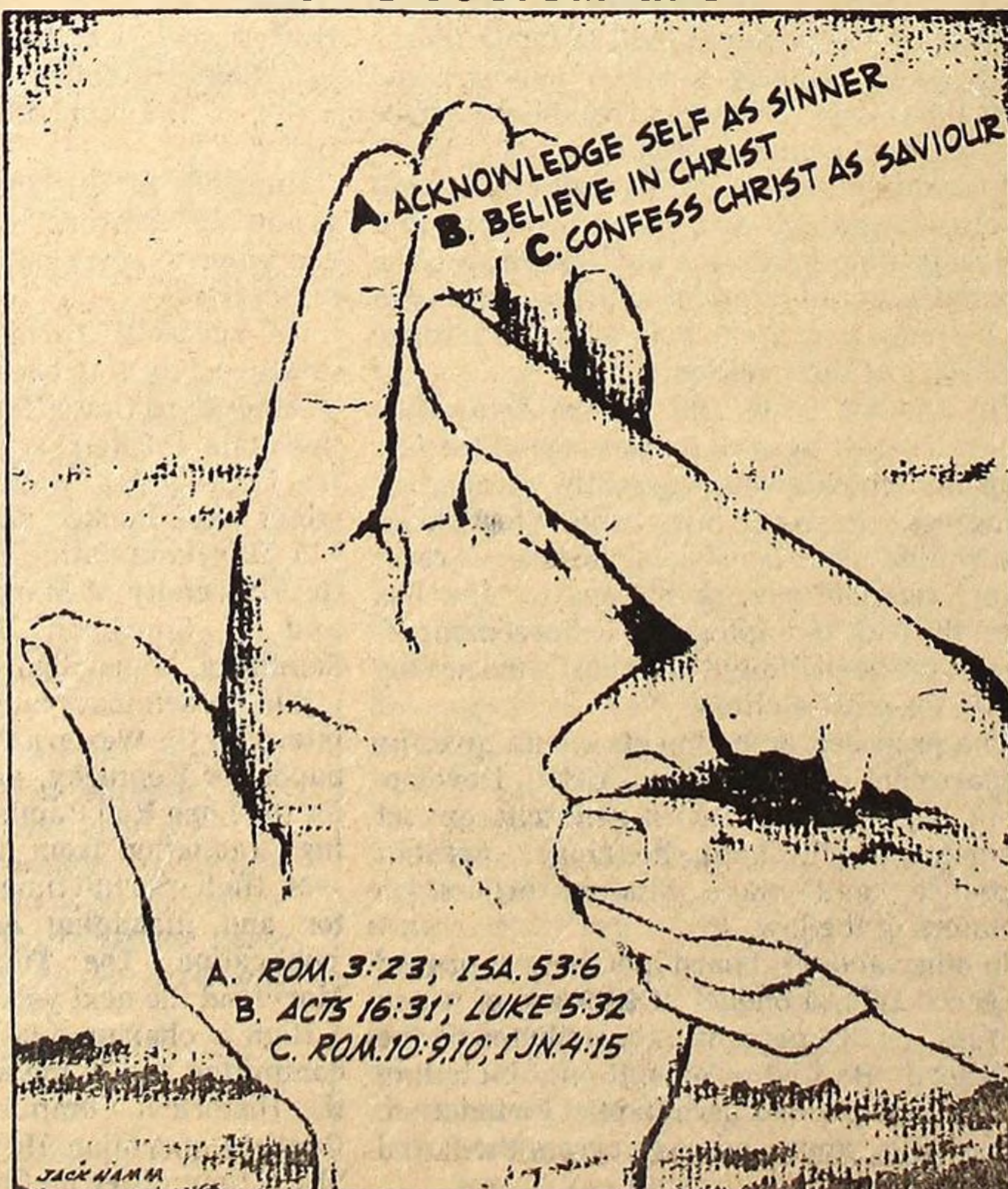
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Letters to the Editor...

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.

A bigger issue

Dear editor:

The Executive Board's actions at the September meeting with regard to the disposition of the Belmont Plaza property should turn on the red light of alarm for every Tennessee Baptist!

First, I express my deepest appreciation for those members of the special committee and the Executive Board who took seriously their responsibility to try to carry out the actions of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. To these, all Tennessee Baptists are indebted!

Your report states that the Executive Board chose to reject the recommendation of the special committee which had been selected to work out details for the sale or transfer of the Belmont Plaza project as instructed by the convention in its April meeting. Instead, the Executive Board made a decision of its own to keep the property, including the full \$5-million debt, give away the almost half-million dollars presently held in the bond account, and operate the facility as a public, high-rise, high-rent tenement-house. The only change is a shift from Tennessee Baptist Service Corporation to Belmont Plaza Inc., whoever that is, as the operating agent. By their action on this matter, the Executive Board has created a totally different issue than just the disposition of the Belmont Plaza property.

At issue now is the question of who owns, operates, and decides on use and disposition of properties, and who is the final voice of authority for the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

If the action of the Executive Board stands, we will have a situation by which the whole convention concept and process has been reversed. The Executive Board will be acting in place of, and contrary to, the convention! If this is true, then the convention becomes a farce. It would become an advisory body to the Executive Board!

Are we Baptists ready for this?

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Words in quotation

Dear editor:

It is with much interest in the past months (before and after the Southern Baptist Convention) that I have noted words in quotation marks that should be defined so a reader would know which category he falls in.

Would you please define the following as to your meaning—liberal, moderate, conservative, and ultraconservative.

It would appear that these are usually used in conjunction with Biblical inerrancy.

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Writers put words in quotation marks because there are not universally accepted meanings to such labels. Another person is usually labeled a "liberal" if he is to the theological left of the writer, and an "ultraconservative" if that person is to the theological right of the writer. (editor)

Preachers obeying God

Dear editor:

There are preachers today who are preaching the Word of God to give God the glory and honor, and that is the right way to do things by God's Word—and God will be pleased.

(1) Keep all of your sheep the way God says in His Word.

(2) Keep your mind on God. He is the Holy One and true.

(3) Remember God is mightier than you. He made His servant.

(4) Preach God to lost men always and keep peace in your church.

(5) Some want self-glory that is wrong in God's sight.

(6) Give all yourself to God in heart and spirit.

D.L. McClure
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Support for Anita

Dear editor:

It is amazing that Anita Bryant's denomination did not stand up with her. The excuse was they are sorry for these people. People have a right to their private lives and nothing would have been said, but when these people announced they were going into the school room and teach the children this way of life, Anita Bryant rose up against this.

She and her husband, Bob Green, have four children, and her slogan was "Save the Children."

To show their opposition, some people up East burned the Bible.

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Personal perspective

BY TOM MADDEN
TBC executive secretary

I have enjoyed reading a recently published book entitled, *Creative Stewardship*. Included among the many excellent chapters is one on the purpose of giving to the local church.

An underlying purpose is simply to glorify God. Giving is one of our expressions of praise. We are giving a portion of our strength, time, and talent as we give our tithe. I believe it is an expression of recognizing the sovereignty of God and that every good gift we have, including the gift of life itself, is from God.

Another purpose in giving is to help meet the needs of people. Jesus teaches that when we give to people in need, we give directly to the Lord himself. I believe when you and I give through out church, we are ministering to needy multitudes, few of whom we will know about in our lifetime. However, our Christ knows both them and us.

Giving helps us keep our priorities straight. It is an indication of whether we are laying up treasures in heaven or in the business of building bigger barns on earth.

Our Saviour depends on our giving to support the life, ministry, and mission of the church. He could have devised another plan but knew this was the best. It makes us genuine partners in the gospel. Giving allows us to go indirectly to serve and love where physically we may never be able to go.

We should be aware that God's saving grace frees us to give as God has given to us. Christian giving depends upon God's grace toward us and upon grace at work within us.



Madden

Apprentice planters pioneer new program

ATLANTA (BP)—Five apprentice church planters are pioneering a Southern Baptist Home Mission Board program designed to transform seminary graduates with limited pastoral experience into seasoned church starters.

William G. Tanner, the board's executive director-treasurer, commissioned the apprentices in Atlanta's Druid Hills Baptist Church.

The apprentices are Derald Frederick Adams of Elkhorn, Wis., who will serve in Greenfield, Ohio; Alan Gilley of Atlanta, Ga., assigned to Snellville, Ga.; Donald Wayne Hall of Pinehurst, N.C., sent to Oswego, N.Y.; Steven Burgi Moorhouse of Carroll, Iowa, who will work in Gunnison and Crested Butte, Colo.; and Dan Moseley of Carmel, Calif., sent to Hanover, N.H.

Pastors and missionaries who are experienced church planters will supervise the program, Tanner said. Terms of appointment are for two years, coordinated through the board's Church Extension Division. After the apprenticeship, the men will be eligible for church pastoral aid from the division.

The board hopes to assign 20 apprentice church planters by the end of the year and 20 more in 1980. They will be assigned to new work areas in the Southern Baptist Convention.

September CP marks 2nd highest month

NASHVILLE (BP) — Southern Baptists recorded the second highest month in the history of the denomination's Cooperative Program unified budget and exceeded the 1978-79 national basic operating and capital needs budgets.

But the denomination made only a relatively small dent in the challenge portion of the budget for Bold Mission Thrust, the SBC effort to proclaim the message of Christ to the entire world by the year 2000.

The national Cooperative Program figure for September, the final month in the fiscal year, totaled \$5,845,075, to push the final figure for undesignated giving to national causes to a record \$64,165,480. That exceeds the \$62 million basic operating budget for SBC missions efforts and the \$2 million capital needs budget, and represents an 11.75 percent increase over \$57,418,384 contributed last year.

But it made only a dent of \$165,480 in the \$11 million Bold Mission Thrust challenge portion of the budget for contributions above the \$64 million earmarked for basic operating and capital needs. The overage, according to SBC vote, will be divided as follows: 54 percent of the Foreign Mission Board, 30 percent to the Home Mission Board, nine percent to the Radio and Television Commission, six percent apportioned among the six theological seminaries, and one percent to the Brotherhood Commission.

Total giving in 1978-79 amounted to a record \$119,076,383, a 13.05 percent hike over the previous year. The total giving includes the Cooperative Program figure of \$64,165,479 and another \$54,910,904 in designated gifts. The later figure is 14.61 percent ahead of the previous year.

With the 1978-79 fiscal year complete, Southern Baptists will seek to reach \$83 million in Cooperative Program funds in 1979-80. That includes \$68,500,000 in basic operating needs, \$2,500,000 in capital needs and \$12,000,000 in Bold Mission Thrust challenge funds.

The \$5,845,075 given in September amounts to a 16.57 percent increase over the amount given in the same month in 1978. It is second only to the all-time record month of \$6,002,367 given in January 1979. Total giving in September amounted to \$6,846,464, an 18.27 percent jump over September 1978. That amount includes \$1,001,389 in designated contributions, a 29.22 percent increase over last September.

Citizen's Corner

By Jerry M. Self
Public affairs and Christian life consultant

By Jerry Self

It may be too late to do much good, but let's try.

Cambodia is experiencing a famine which could wipe out half of their population. Two and one-quarter million people may die in the next 60 to ninety days. The population of Cambodia is only four million now. Those who have recently left—in the last week or so—report there are virtually no children still alive under the age of four.

As a response to the tragedy Bread for the World has released the following statement:

"Contact President Carter by mailgram or phone at (202) 456-1414 urging him (a) to rush substantial aid into Cambodia, not only to the border, and (b) to ask Congress for enough funds for a massive famine relief effort for all Cambodians."

As we respond to such a request, it is important to understand the difference between this emergency action and long range programs attacking the causes of hunger throughout the world. Also, we need to be aware of the distinction between working through our Foreign Mission Board in treating the whole person in a gospel ministry and making a Christian impact on political structures.

Usually we encourage long-range ministry approaches to our common ills. But there is room and need for both. This problem calls for a quick political response.

East Tennessee pastors to meet at Carson-Newman

JEFFERSON CITY—About 100 Baptist pastors are expected to attend the East Tennessee Baptist Pastors Conference on the Carson-Newman College campus, Oct. 11.

The group will hear several speakers, including Calvin Metcalf, pastor of Central Baptist Church, Fountain City; Malcolm McDow, director of evangelism of the Tennessee Baptist Convention; Robert Shurden, associate professor of religion at Carson-Newman; and Riley Rutledge, pastor of North Johnson City Baptist Church.

N.C. General Board OKs new Wake Forest charter

ASHEBORO, N.C. (BP)—The General Board of the North Carolina Baptist Convention and its executive committee have approved the proposed new relationship between the Baptist state convention and Wake Forest University.

Final approval must come with a two-thirds vote from messengers at the annual session of the Baptist state convention in Winston-Salem, Nov. 12-14.

Wake Forest trustees and the state convention's Council on Christian Higher Education have already approved the relationship changes which will give the trustees some voice in electing their board, subject to approval by the convention.

Previously, all trustees of the school had to be Baptists from North Carolina chosen by the convention. If the new relationship is approved, trustees will nominate their replacements and one-third of the 36 trustees can be Christians from outside North Carolina. Also, Wake Forest will be removed as a budget item from the state convention.

The general board also voted to release \$496,000 held in escrow for Wake Forest. Funds had been cut off Dec. 8 when the trustees amended their charter without convention approval. Wake Forest is scheduled to receive \$936,937 for 1979 from the convention's budget.

The new plan, which will be subject to review every five years, will go into effect Jan. 1, 1981 if approved at the convention.



Self

HMB staff members discover a 'home' mission opportunity

CONYERS, Ga. — North Rockdale Baptist Chapel proves Carlisle Driggers and Bill Slagle practice what they preach.

As Home Mission Board staff members, they travel across the United States urging Southern Baptists to reach their neighbors for Christ.

But at home, on their own time, they co-pastor the chapel, a brand-new mission nestled in one of Atlanta's fastest-growing areas.

Driggers explained his involvement: "About two years ago, someone circulated a memorandum encouraging board personnel

to be involved in Bold Mission Thrust (Southern Baptists' effort to reach the world for Christ by the year 2000).

"That got under my skin. I began to think that if our family could be involved, I wouldn't mind. I'd like that," he said.

Later, when Driggers and Slagle talked about the challenge, they began to think about their community. Both recently had moved to the north Rockdale county area on the eastern fringes of Atlanta.

"Officials say 40,000 people live in Rockdale County now, and that will expand to 100,000 in 20 years," Driggers said. "This is the second-fastest growing county in the seven-county metro Atlanta area."

"And in the northern part of the county, there was a 15- to 20-square-mile area with no Southern Baptist church," Slagle added.

"Consequently, we convinced ourselves the need (for a church) was real," he said.

Once committed to starting a church, the men drew upon resources acquired during years of Christian service: Driggers, a regional planning coordinator, is a former pastor; Slagle, assistant division director for church extension, was for 20 years a missionary church starter in Ohio and Indiana.

They solicited sponsorship for the project from an established Southern Baptist church, secured permission to meet in J.H. House Elementary School, obtained free training literature and received hymn books.

Young people from Rainbow Park Baptist Church in Decatur, Ga., conducted a survey of the area. Results revealed at least 163 potential members for the mission, and Driggers and Slagle began visiting as many prospects as possible.

Finally, in mid-September, 25 people gathered in the school's cafeteria for North Rockdale's maiden service.

"A blank page is before us," Driggers told them. "We need ideas, and we need help. We need people to meet with us and think with us. We need people who are compassionate, who will be open to people with needs, who will help others in our community."

Both men work for the mission without pay, funneling money that might go toward their salaries as pastors in a strong education program.

The program includes teaching members to minister among themselves, Slagle said. "We'd like to see church members grow up to care for each other" in such a way that they help each other and reach out to the unchurched among them.

"We're working to equip the members to effectively serve in the church," Driggers continued. "We want the congregation to grow naturally and the members to develop a high level of love and a high level of trust."

As North Rockdale members moved toward these ideals, Driggers and Slagle will work themselves out of their adopted jobs. Their unspoken goal is to lead the congregation to grow to such a size that members will need a full-time pastor to guide them.

But until that time comes, Driggers and Slagle will continue to go to work for the mission when they're not working at the board, practicing what they preach.

Mayor names Wiggs Pusan's honorary citizen

PUSAN, Korea — Southern Baptist missionary Charles W. Wiggs recently received an award from the mayor of Pusan, Korea, for his service to the people of Pusan over the past 18 years. The mayor gave Wiggs a gold key to the city and made him an honorary citizen of Pusan. He is the 27th person to receive the award since it was established in 1953. The mayor also expressed appreciation for Wallace Memorial Baptist Hospital and thanks for the \$390,000 worth of free care given Pusan citizens during 1978. Wiggs was administrator of the hospital from 1962 until 1978 when he became associate administrator-treasurer, stepping down to a Korean administrator.



TEACHING THE CHILDREN—Ray Viliamu tells children a story during Sunday worship. He's broken with tradition to give the stories more emphasis.

Viliamu comes home to Samoa after being gone 18 years

By Everett Hullum

PAGO PAGO, American Samoa (BP) — After 18 years, Lefanoga Viliamu came home.

Home to the white beaches, verdant forest, sapphire waters. Home to the mountains and moods of the barefoot culture whose patterns and pace are as gentle as waves in the sun-dappled harbor.

His home, American Samoa — born of prehistoric volcanic explosions in the ocean, nurtured and molded by the pounding waves — is foreign to most in the United States. Yet American Samoa has been a U.S. territory since 1900. The four islands of 76 square miles and 33,000 people — mere pinpoints in the vast Pacific — are 4,500 miles and many mental light years southwest of San Francisco.

Almost two decades ago, Viliamu left the islands for the mainland. He became a Christian and a pastor with a burning desire to return to Samoa where Christianity had been introduced in 1831. But it's influence is eroding. Nothing, however, opened up for nine years.

An opening came when he preached to his stepfather, Mageo. A matai (chief, head of a clan), Mageo was a former Congregationalist pastor and had served the Samoan government and schools before migrating to Hawaii.

In Hawaii, Mageo was jailed briefly on a minor mail-fraud charge. Viliamu visited his stepfather. For the first time, he came to know — and love — the man who had married his mother a few years before.

In 1976, Viliamu returned to Samoa as a Southern Baptist missionary. There he found his people threatened by the winds of mechanization and U.S. money. He also found a "spiritual vacuum." Dozens of fale sa, literally holy houses, existed on the islands, from the old Congregationalist to new Mormon and Baha'i.

Baptist was new. Viliamu explains: "They asked, 'What is that?' when we started. They did not understand how to cross from being deeply religious to have a living relationship with Jesus Christ."

Mageo invited Viliamu to come to American Samoa to begin a Christian school. Viliamu, however, felt a church should be started first. "A church should be the mother of whatever we do," he explains.

Happy Valley Baptist Church was started and 18 persons attended the first Sunday. The church now includes some Anglos, local teachers, and some Korean fishermen. Most members are Samoan.

Viliamu blends ideas from the mainland with Samoan concepts to create a fellowship

that emphasizes the importance of each individual. At times, when he's exasperated at the snail's pace or an old, unwieldy practice, he refers to his people as "they." At such times, he says, "I feel like an outsider, coming back. I was away so long..."

Despite Viliamu's background, the first years of his ministry on American Samoa have not been easy. The family has faced a mysterious, deadly fever which struck their daughter. She recovered but only after a doctor in Hawaii diagnosed the illness. They have also had to face life which is vastly different than the supermarket and drugstore-filled one they had known on the mainland.

Adjustment was difficult for Lena, Viliamu's wife, whom he married in Texas. Lack of privacy, unfamiliar language and customs and general differences caused pain and loneliness. But Lena says Southern Baptists "couldn't have found a better person than Ray (what Viliamu called himself in the states because some friends couldn't pronounce his name) to serve here."

Viliamu's witness and ministry have brought new stirrings in the Christian body on American Samoa. Says his 63-year-old stepfather, "Ray was sent by God to help his people. I see a big change because of how Ray teaches."

Union U. Theatre offers senior citizen matinee

JACKSON — The Union University Theatre has added a senior citizen matinee to its regular production schedule and is offering certain productions for limited touring performances, according to Denise Stevenson, theater director.

"We are expanding our production schedule to accommodate a Wednesday matinee of each regular production for senior citizens," she said. "This growing segment of our community will now be able to view theatre presentations at a reduced cost and away from the crowded evening viewing conditions."

She also announced that special banquet entertainment will be available. She said Union's drama troupe now has several one-act plays in its repertoire and will be able to present in-house performances for limited touring engagements.

Interested churches and civic groups should contact Union University for more information.



STRENGTH THROUGH FAITH—Dene Day tells how her faith gave her strength to carry on after her husband died.

Faith aids Dene Day in husband's death

NASHVILLE — "If I could have envisioned the worst thing that could happen to me, it would have been to lose my husband," said Dene Day, wife of the founder of the Atlanta-based Days Inns of America.

Those fears were realized late in 1978 when Cecil Day died at 44 following a painful bout with cancer. With the death of her husband, Dene Day became chairman of the board, president and chief executive officer of Days Inns.

Mrs. Day describes how her Christian faith has enabled her to work through the grief of her husband's death and assume leadership of Days Inns and other subsidiary businesses on a fall segment of the radio-TV program, "At Home with the Bible," a joint production of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board and the Radio and Television Commission.

Mrs. Day said she experienced miracles in her husband's illness. One night at home his temperature soared to 108 degrees. Extra ice delivered that day saved his life. He lived two more months.

"By his having an extra couple of months he helped prepare us for his death," she said. During that time Cecil Day planned his funeral and shared things with his wife and five children which continue to give them strength.

Dene Day did not step into the presidency of a corporation unprepared. She had served as a corporate officer of each of their companies.

With her husband's full encouragement, she had developed her potential in the business world, in civic organizations, and in abstract design in flower arranging as an accredited national flower show judge.

"My husband always felt if I didn't develop then I couldn't be happy or be much help to him," she said. "The Lord gave Cecil a special vision to prepare me, not even knowing I would have to be on my own."

Our People and Our Churches . . .

PEOPLE...

Eastanellee Baptist Church, Riceville, ordained Larry Price as a deacon on Sunday, Sept. 30. Oran Creasman is pastor.

Jerome Reid, Doyle Barnett, Ronnie Carter, and Bob Watts were ordained as deacons at First Baptist church in Englewood recently. Fred Wohlwend is pastor.

Members of Powell's Chapel Baptist Church, Concord Association, honored B.B. Powers recently for his many years as a Baptist pastor in Tennessee. Powers' first pastorate was at Powell's Chapel in 1936. During his tenure there, the church went from meeting once a month to holding services each Sunday. He also began a Baptist Young People's Union there. Other locations where he led congregations include: Murfreesboro, Columbia, Mt. Juliet, Waynesboro, and Madison. He was recently elected pastor emeritus of the Powell's Chapel church. Gary Rickman is pastor.

dained R.J. Pace, Herbert Hobbs, Terry Peck, and Bob Mitchell as deacons. Tom Broadway, chairman of the deacons, gave the charge to the candidates. Woody Parker, minister of education, gave the charge to the church. David Moore is pastor.

REVIVALS...

Revival services were held last month at First Baptist Church in Bemis. Led by Jonas L. Stewart, executive director-treasurer, Tennessee Baptist Foundation; and Pat Roper, music evangelist from Greenville, S.C., there were several professions of faith and numerous other decisions. Pat Kough, is pastor.

Several decisions were reported following revival services at First Baptist Church in Bluff City recently. The evangelist for the services was Jim Lindsay, Proclaim Ministries, Elizabethton, Tenn. Dennis E. Kenney is pastor.

was led in revival recently by H.B. Smith of Centertown. Smith is the father of Pastor Jerry R. Smith. There were five additions and several rededications.

Aloca evangelist Henry Linginfelter led revival services for First Baptist Church in Bolivar recently. There were 17 persons for baptism, 59 rededications, one commitment for music ministry, one mission volunteer, and eight by promise of letter. Dick Barrett, Bremen, Ga., led the music. George Johnson is pastor.

REVIVAL PRAYER REQUESTS...

Carl J. Duck, director of missions for Nashville Baptist Association, is scheduled to lead revival services at Inglewood Baptist Church in Nashville beginning Oct. 14. The services will continue through Oct. 17. Paul Koonce, minister of music at the church, will lead the music ministry.

BSU post filled, merger studied

The former state Woman's Missionary Union and Baptist Student Union director for the West Virginia State Baptist Convention, Delores Eggleston, has been named as BSU director for Belmont College in Nashville and as associate director at Peabody College of Vanderbilt University. Announcement of the appointment came from Glenn Yarbrough, state student director, and Tom Madden, executive secretary-treasurer, Tennessee Baptist Convention.

A native of Florida, Mrs. Eggleston, is a graduate of Tift College in Forsyth, Ga., and earned a master of religious education degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex.

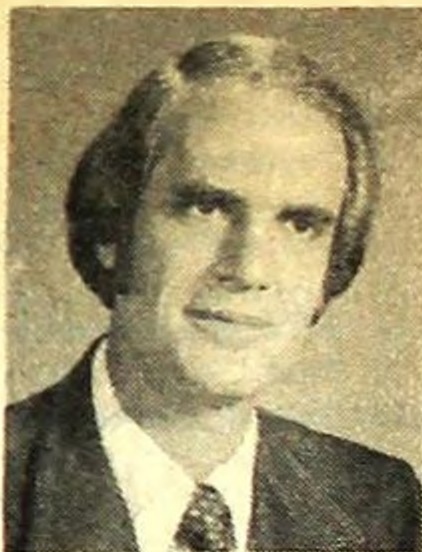
The BSU program at Belmont is sponsored jointly by the college and the TBC. Barry W. Vincent, director of Baptist work at Peabody, will supervise her work there, where she will be largely responsible for work with internatials.

Yarbrough told Baptist and Reflector that the state missions committee and personnel from Peabody and Vanderbilt BSUs will study the effect of the recent merger of the two schools in relation to the functions of student work on those campuses. He said the Peabody program is presently operating as it operated last year. "We did not realize, however, how quickly Vanderbilt would implement the merger," he added. Studies and discussion are now in progress.

Golden Gate staffer called to Maryville

Nobel Brown, vice-president for student relations at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, Calif., was called as pastor of First Baptist Church in Maryville. He is scheduled to be on the new field of service Oct. 14.

Brown has been at Golden Gate since 1974, filling the posts of director of admissions and student concerns, dean of students, and adjunct professor of Greek and New Testament. Prior to that, he was an editor in the young adult section of the Baptist Sunday School Board Sunday



Brown

School department. For 10 years he was a Southern Baptist missionary to Nigeria, serving as head of the New Testament and Greek department at Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary in Ogbomosho. His patorates have included churches in Kentucky and California, as well as several interim positions.

A native of Ohio County, Kentucky, Brown earned his undergraduate degree from North Texas State University in Denton. He received the B.D. from Golden Gate, and a Ph.D. from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Morristown Baptist takes first pastorate

Tom Owens, who was ordained recently to the gospel ministry at Fernwood Baptist Church in Morristown, has accepted his first pastorate. Members of Valley View Baptist Church near Mooresburg called Owens last month, and he is already on the field.

A native of Morristown, Owens had been a member at Fernwood for about 13 years.

Convention...

(Continued from page 1)
Church, Burlison; recording and statistical secretary, Wallace Anderson, Brentwood; registration secretary, Mrs. Alice Byram, Brentwood; and treasurer, Tom Madden, Brentwood.

A detailed listing of the convention program will be printed in a later issue of the Baptist and Reflector

BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE Executive Board TO THE Tennessee Baptist Convention

- We recommend that the basic Cooperative Program budget goal for 1980 be set at \$13,000,000, and the Cooperative Program Challenge Goal an additional \$2,000,000.
- We recommend that 35% of the Cooperative Program budget receipts be distributed through the Southern Baptist Convention and 65% be distributed through the Tennessee Baptist Convention.
- We recommend that all subsidiary units live within their income and that in case of declining receipts or financial depression, the Executive Board review budgets at midyear to make necessary adjustments.
- We recommend that any money beyond the basic budget goal be divided 35% to Southern Baptist Convention causes and 65% to Tennessee Baptist Convention causes.
- We recommend that the 65% for Tennessee Baptists causes be distributed as follows: 35% for educational institutions; 65% for Bold Mission Thrust (creative ministries).
- We recommend that, after reviewing the budget requests submitted by the various Executive Board Committees, the following budget for 1979-80 be adopted:

| 1980 BUDGET REQUESTS — OPERATING AND CAPITAL Administration, Central Admin. Departments, and Agencies | | |
|---|-------------------|-------------------------|
| | Budget 1978-79 | Proposed 1980 Budget |
| Convention Services (Gen. TBC & Ex. Bd.) | \$ 233,200 | \$ 258,700 |
| Annuity Board Programs (Office) | 52,580 | 57,864 |
| Executive Offices | 259,774 | 264,351 |
| Central Admin. Departments | 593,271 | 660,611 |
| Baptist and Reflector | 449,028 | 500,368 |
| Tennessee Baptist Foundation | 123,116 | 137,311 |
| Contingency Fund | 35,391 | 15,458 |
| Executive Board Reserve Fund | 25,000 | 25,000 |
| Operating Funds — Administrative | \$1,771,360 | \$1,919,663 |
| Less Annuity Board Refund | (26,290) | (26,290) |
| Less BSSB Allocation (Ch. Min. Info.) | (3,000) | (4,500) |
| Less B&R Anticipated Income | (270,000) | (290,000) |
| Less Earned Interest | -0- | (69,197) |
| Total Operating — Administrative | \$1,472,070 | \$1,529,676 |
| Capital Expense: | | |
| Office Equipment, Ex. Bd. Bldg. | \$ 33,385 | \$ 48,745 |
| Total Operating & Capital | \$1,505,455 | \$1,578,421 |
| Adm., Central Adm. Depts., Agencies | | |

| Convention Ministries Division | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Departments | Budget 1978-79 | Proposed 1980 Budget |
| Brotherhood | \$ 92,328 | \$ 107,650 |
| Church Music | 82,294 | 90,526 |
| Church Training | 147,284 | 160,878 |
| Church Administration | 12,137 | 6,500 |
| *Senior Adult Ministry | 7,250 | 8,500 |
| Church Media, Recreation and Hist. | 28,102 | 35,104 |
| Evangelism | 102,017 | 105,465 |
| Missions — Office | 122,879 | 137,568 |
| Student — Office | 73,588 | 79,449 |
| Sunday School | 137,562 | 149,854 |
| TOTAL | \$ 805,441 | \$ 881,494 |

| Statewide Ministries | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| | Budget Requests | Proposed 1980 Budget |
| Annuity Board Programs | \$ 627,034 | \$ 688,300 |
| Camps | 221,833 | 234,277 |
| Church Building and Loan | 6,939 | 7,783 |
| Disaster Relief Fund | 25,000 | 25,000 |
| Mission Lot and Bldg. Fund | 50,000 | 50,000 |

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|--------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Missions — Program | 408,286 | 450,931 |
| Student — Campus Work | 390,619 | 439,286 |
| Pastoral Counseling | 2,500 | 2,500 |
| Properties — Maintenance Mgr. | -0- | 46,000 |
| TOTAL | \$1,722,221 | \$1,944,077 |
| Capital Expenses: | | |
| Camps | \$ 125,500 | \$ 160,555 |
| Student — Campus | 60,000 | 60,000 |
| Total Capital | \$ 185,500 | \$ 220,550 |
| Contingency Fund | \$ 12,561 | \$ 15,459 |
| Auxiliary — Woman's Missionary Union | \$ 205,000 | \$ 221,950 |
| Total Convention Ministries Division | | |
| Programs | \$2,930,713 | \$3,283,530 |
| (Less Income from Other Sources) | (521,977) | (589,407) |
| Net Total — Conv. Min. Div. | \$2,408,736 | \$2,694,123 |

| Educational Institutions | | |
|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| | Budget 1978-79 | Proposed 1980 Budget |
| Operating | | |
| Carson-Newman College | \$ 839,396 | \$ 923,230 |
| Belmont College | 620,204 | 682,224 |
| Union University | 620,204 | 682,224 |
| Harrison-Chilhowee Academy | 178,648 | 196,515 |
| CRV Scholarship Fund | 66,000 | 72,600 |
| Audits | 37,700 | 33,600 |
| Total Operating | \$2,362,152 | \$2,590,393 |
| Capital | | |
| Carson-Newman College | \$ 282,322 | \$ 310,554 |
| Belmont College | 157,253 | 172,978 |
| Union University | 157,253 | 172,978 |
| Harrison-Chilhowee | 60,395 | 66,435 |
| Total Capital | \$ 657,223 | \$ 722,945 |
| Total Education Institutions | \$3,019,375 | \$3,313,338 |

| Benevolent Institutions | | |
|---|-------------------|-------------------------|
| | Budget 1978-79 | Proposed 1980 Budget |
| Operating | | |
| Hospitals | \$ -0- | \$ - |
| Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes Inc. | 625,000 | 675,000 |
| Tennessee Baptist Service Corporation | 98,015 | 99,018 |
| Audits | 38,500 | 31,100 |
| Total Operating | \$ 761,515 | \$ 804,118 |
| Capital | | |
| Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes, Inc. | \$ 45,000 | \$ 60,000 |
| Total Benevolent Institutions | \$ 806,515 | \$ 864,118 |
| GRAND TOTAL, Cooperative Program Requests | \$7,740,081 | \$8,450,000 |

| RECAP OF REQUESTS, 1980 | |
|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Convention Ministries Division | \$2,694,123 |
| Convention-Administrative Depts. | 1,578,421 |
| Educational Institutions | 3,313,338 |
| Benevolent Institutions | 864,118 |
| | \$8,450,000 |

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| SBC 35% | \$4,550,000 |
| TBC 65% | 8,500,00 |
| Total | \$13,000,000 |

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| Challenge Budget | |
| SBC 35% | \$ 700,000 |
| TBC 65% (35% Education Institutions) | 1,300,000 |
| (65% Bold Mission Thrust) | \$2,000,000 |

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| TOTAL BASIC BUDGET | \$13,000,000 |
| CHALLENGE BUDGET | 2,000,000 |

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| TOTAL TBC BUDGET | \$15,000,000 |
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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BOARDS 1979-80

The Committee on Boards of the Tennessee Baptist Convention presents the following nominations for terms expiring 1982 and for vacancies created by those who have left the state, resigned, passed away, or moved from one grand division to another.

Bold face type indicates person nominated. The asterisk (*) indicates the filling of a vacancy.

Gary Anderson, Chairman
J.W. Abney
Ervin Cook
Samuel Dean
F. M. Dowell
Baylon Hilliard
K. V. Holt
Hiram Lemay
Henry Preston
Carl Price
David Sharp
H. D. Standifer
Leroy Summers
Deryl Watson
Paul Williams

EXECUTIVE BOARD Term Expiring 1982

1. **James McCluskey**, Knoxville **EAST**
2. E.E. Carrier, Mountain City
3. C. E. Harris, Knoxville
4. Roy Miller, Knoxville
5. Robert Sharp, Knoxville
6. John Shepherd Jr., Kingsport
7. Jerry Songer, Chattanooga
8. Fred Steelman, Chattanooga
9. Henry Linginfelter, Alcoa
10. Herschel Woodburn, Chattanooga
11. John Franklin, Maryville
12. Herbert Jones, Caryville
13. Donald Dorris, Cross Plains **MIDDLE**
14. Norman O. Baker, Waynesboro
15. James Porch, Tullahoma
16. William H. Coles Jr., Nashville
17. Paul Durham, Nashville
18. John Daley, Nashville
19. Mrs. Robert Gay, Lawrenceburg
20. Raymond Langlois, Nashville
21. Osta Underwood, Nashville
22. Joe McGehee, Lewisburg
- 23.
24. William E. Boyer, Medon **WEST**
25. Paul Clark, Jackson
26. Darrell Clarke, Humboldt
27. James Hatley, Memphis
28. Paul Mayhew, Union City
29. Dennis Pulley, Trenton
30. James J. Smith, Bolivar
31. H.D. Hudson, Puryear
- 32.
33. Raymond Boston, Dyersburg

EXECUTIVE BOARD Term Expiring 1981

1. Ray Brown, Ten Mile **EAST**
2. Jack Cunningham, Knoxville
3. Charles Earl, Strawberry Plains
4. Jack Kilpatrick, Turtletown
5. Earl McCosh, Morristown
6. Earl Wilson, Knoxville
7. J. C. Parrott, Knoxville
8. Robert Stitts, Chattanooga
9. Harlan Reynolds, LaFollette
10. **James Sorrell**, Johnson City
11. Melvin Faulkner, Erwin
12. Obie Campbell, Loudon
13. Dale Martin, Johnson City
14. Mrs. Robert Gillam, Nashville **MIDDLE**
15. Harold Allen, Gallatin
16. Marion Wells, Murfreesboro
17. Thurman Haston, McMinnville
18. John Laida, Clarksville
19. Lloyd Lawrence, Nashville
20. Roger Shelton, Nashville
21. Don Pharris, Livingston
22. Oscar Trainer, Gordonsville
23. Paul Tabor, Lawrenceburg
24. **Wilford Hunter**, Wildersville **WEST**
25. James Chatham, McKenzie
26. Howard Kolb, Memphis
27. Pat Landrum, Brighton
28. Margaret McSwain, Paris
29. Mrs. Trevis Otey, Jackson
30. Mrs. David Stewart, Brownsville
31. J. G. Wise, Trezevant
32. Jerry Powell, Martin
33. Robert H. Burton, Memphis

EXECUTIVE BOARD Term Expiring 1980

1. James Austin, Rogersville **EAST**
2. Mack Bingham, Bearden
3. Herman Callahan, Chattanooga
4. John Churchman, Knoxville
5. David Hyers, Knoxville
6. Houston Inman, S. Pittsburg
7. Bill Kennedy, Hixson
8. Mrs. Mac Lambert, Jefferson City
9. J. B. Morris, Dayton
- 10.
11. M. L. Arbuckle, Cleveland
12. Raymond Smith, Maryville
13. Ray McCall, Nashville **MIDDLE**
14. Murphy Martin, Manchester
15. Stanley Brumfield, Nashville
16. William E. Crook, Nashville
17. Tom Henry, Lebanon
18. Carl Methvin, Shelbyville
19. Rudy Newby, Tullahoma
20. Don Schultz, Fayetteville
21. Bill Sherman, Nashville
22. Eual Urserly, Clarksville
23. Gayle Alexander, Alamo **WEST**
24. Douglas Brewer, Jackson
25. Kester Cotton, Milan
26. Jerry Faust, Toone
27. Fred Tubbs, Somerville
28. **Matt Tomlin**, Selmer
29. Thomas Pope, Brownsville
30. Paul Shell, Memphis
31. Jack Land, Memphis
32. Norvil Jones, Counce
33. Paul Woodford, Ripley

TENNESSEE BAPTIST FOUNDATION Term Expiring 1982

1. Gayle Alexander, Alamo
2. Bill Delaney, Chattanooga
3. John O. Ellis, Nashville
4. O.C. Nugent, Nashville
5. Bernie W. Cobb, Brownsville

TENNESSEE BAPTIST FOUNDATION Term Expiring 1981

1. William Kennedy, Johnson City
2. Gene Taylor, Memphis
3. Glenn Staphel, Chattanooga
4. McKnight Fite, Knoxville
5. Mrs. A. O. Buck, Nashville

TENNESSEE BAPTIST FOUNDATION Term Expiring 1980

1. Stanley Brumfield, Nashville (executive board member)
2. Howard Cockrum, Knoxville
3. Howard Guthrie, Dyersburg
4. Dale Kelley, Huntingdon
5. Rudy Newby, Tullahoma (executive board member)

TENNESSEE BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES Term Expiring 1982

1. E. W. Barnes, Jonesboro
2. Ron Clay, Lake City
3. Ray Hester, Nashville
4. Irvin Hays, Bartlett
5. Ted Ingram, Knoxville
6. Ronald Young, Memphis
7. Howard Olive, Maryville
8. Fate Thomas, Chattanooga
9. Forrest Watkins, Chattanooga

TENNESSEE BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES Term Expiring 1981

1. Ronnie Batchelor, Greenfield
2. Mrs. Carmen Keathley, Memphis
3. Pat Kough, Bemis
4. Robert Kirk Walker, Chattanooga
5. John McCommon, Jackson
6. Mrs. Vivian Cunningham, Maryville
7. Mrs. Robert E. Turner, Nashville
8. Mrs. Clyde Willhoit, Chattanooga
9. Mrs. George Miller, Nashville

TENNESSEE BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES Term Expiring 1980

1. John Ashby, Chattanooga
2. Leon Bolton, Memphis
3. Charles E. Gibbs, Nashville
4. George Horton, Nashville
5. Frank Ingraham, Franklin
6. Harold D. Smith, Columbia
7. H. K. Sorrell, Brownsville
8. Clifton Woolley, Memphis
9. James H. Cooley, Signal Mountain

BELMONT COLLEGE Term Expiring 1982

1. Mrs. Artie Brooks Holliman, Nashville
2. Drew Maddux, Hendersonville
3. Virgil Moore, Columbia
4. Josephine Pile, Nashville
5. Clinton Swafford, Winchester
6. George West III, Brentwood
7. Ray Fowler, Chattanooga
8. Roger Abington, Goodlettsville
9. Morris C. Early, Nashville
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BELMONT COLLEGE Term Expiring 1981

1. Goebel Bunch, Nashville
2. David George, Nashville
3. Don McCoy, Dickson
4. Bernard Barkley, Nashville
5. Reuben Trussell, Fayetteville
6. M. L. Barrett, Nashville
7. Roland Kimberlin, Bruceton
8. Lowell Smith, Cookeville
9. Herman Jacobs, Nashville
10. Charles G. Hitner, Nashville
11. Billy Thompson, Clarksville

BELMONT COLLEGE Term Expiring 1980

1. Walton Chappell, Franklin
2. James Hopkins, Nashville
3. Ed Kennedy, Nashville
4. Robert S. Parsons, Brentwood
5. I.C. Thomasson, Nashville
6. Charles Wheeler, Hendersonville
7. Robert Hammer, Madison
8. Robert Woody, Hendersonville
9. James H. Harrell, Nashville
10. William Sheridan Jr., Nashville
11. John Justice, Nashville

CARSON-NEWMAN COLLEGE Term Expiring 1982

1. Mrs. Martha Ashe, Knoxville
2. Joe Haynes, Knoxville
3. Marion G. Book, Cleveland
4. James P. Crutchfield, New Tazewell
5. George Lockette, Harriman
6. John Wallace, Morristown
7. Theron Hodges, Pigeon Forge
8. Dillard Mynatt, Oak Ridge
9. Marvin Gibson, Cleveland
10. Don Erwin, Chattanooga
11. Elbert L. Willson III, Athens

CARSON-NEWMAN COLLEGE Term Expiring 1981

1. Maxfield Bahner, Chattanooga
2. Jodie Helen Brown, Erwin
3. Bill Bruster, Knoxville
- 4.
5. H. D. McNeeley, Kingsport
6. William I. Powell, Jefferson City
7. David H. McConnell, Newport
8. Mrs. J. Kent Blazier, Kingsport
9. John Ellis, Jefferson City
10. Robert C. Fox, Oak Ridge
11. Jack D. Sanford, Memphis

CARSON-NEWMAN COLLEGE Term Expiring 1980

1. W. Carroll Logan, Knoxville
2. Ansell Baker, Athens
3. Robert H. Bible Sr., Morristown
4. Henry Blanc, Jefferson City
5. Melvin Harris, Nashville
6. Eugene Leamon, Maryville
7. Robert McCray, Dandridge
8. Calvin Metcalf, Fountain City
9. E. Jack Sherwood, Knoxville
10. Lonas Tarr, Jefferson City
11. I. Lee Arnold, Chattanooga

UNION UNIVERSITY Term Expiring 1982

1. James H. Austin, Maury City
2. Albert Hansard, Memphis
3. Paul Barkley, Adamsville
4. Thomas N. Hale, Camden
5. Glenn Rainey, Jackson
6. Mrs. W. R. Roberts, Jackson
7. Charles Sullivan, Memphis
8. James L. Thomas, Jackson
9. R.G. Jordan, Henderson
10. George B. Jones, Memphis
11. James Threlkeld, Memphis
12. Joe Walker, Ripley
13. Marvin Sandidge, Memphis
14. Wesley Pitts, Collerville
15. John Lee Taylor, Jackson
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UNION UNIVERSITY Term Expiring 1981

1. George Harvey, Jackson
2. George Hill, Huntingdon
3. Ben Langford, Jackson
4. Thomas Lillard, Jackson
5. Cecil Ebersold, Memphis
6. Trevis Otey, Jackson
7. Jesse Price, Somerville
8. Bill Adcock, Newbern
9. Howard Kirksey, Murfreesboro
10. Harold Brundige, Martin
11. Jerry Glisson, Memphis
12. David Nunn, Halls
13. Gene Howell, Bolivar
14. Hobart Townsend, Parsons
15. Mrs. Glenn Raines, Memphis
16. A. V. Pickler, Chattanooga

UNION UNIVERSITY Term Expiring 1980

1. John Adams, McKenzie
2. Mrs. William Cockroft, Memphis
3. P. O. Davidson, Memphis
4. Byron R. Epps, Cookeville
- 5.
6. Ken Hanna, Paris
7. W. M. Gurley, Memphis
8. Kenneth Leathers, Jackson
9. Ramsey Pollard, Memphis
10. Lee Prince, Memphis
11. Sam Reed, Dyersburg
12. Adrian Rogers, Memphis
13. S. Powers Smith, Henning
14. Kenneth Story, Memphis
15. Paul Williams, Jackson
16. Thomas L. Moore, Dresden

HARRISON-CHILHOWEE ACADEMY Term Expiring 1982

1. Wes Goddard, Alcoa
2. Glen Grubb, Maryville
3. Luther Ogle, Gatlinburg
4. W. F. Hall, Seymour
5. Ed R. Seanor, Chattanooga
6. John Buell, Knoxville
7. R.H. Filler, Knoxville

HARRISON-CHILHOWEE ACADEMY Term Expiring 1981

1. Mrs. George Clark, Nashville
2. Mrs. Keith McBrayer, Maryville
3. Sam King, Seymour
4. Robert E. Hill Sr., Knoxville
5. Robert Lemay, Nashville
6. Mrs. Breck Ellison, Knoxville
7. Fred Lawson, Maryville

HARRISON-CHILHOWEE ACADEMY Term Expiring 1980

1. R. T. Bales, Morristown
2. McKinley Braden, Knoxville
3. Thomas Cate, Maryville
4. Don Dills, Dyersburg
5. Russ Dunham, LaFollette
6. Mrs. Lanier Ferguson, Memphis
7. Morris Frank, Smyrna

BAPTIST HOSPITAL NASHVILLE Term Expiring 1982

1. L. Bracey Campbell, Nashville
2. Gordon Stoker, Nashville
3. H. Franklin Paschall, Nashville
4. Henry Thomas, Lawrenceburg
5. Donnie Weiss, Dickson
6. Elmer Woolard, Lebanon
7. William C. Mays, Nashville
8. Grant L. Jones, Sevierville
9. Charles Overby, Nashville

BAPTIST HOSPITAL NASHVILLE Term Expiring 1981

1. Frank Cole Jr., Nashville
2. Virgil Peters, Franklin
3. James Brakefield, Nashville
4. Lewis Moore, Nashville
5. Howard Smith, Gatlinburg
6. James H. Winters, Nashville
7. Mrs. William Rowan, Nashville
8. Jerry Oakley, Springfield
9. Guy Bates Sr., Joelton

BAPTIST HOSPITAL NASHVILLE Term Expiring 1980

1. A. E. Batts, Nashville
2. Joe Carr, Nashville
3. Charles Creagh, Nashville
4. John Gifford, Nashville
5. W. Fred Kendall, Nashville

6. Walton Smith, Clarksville
7. James L. Sullivan, Nashville
8. Devaughn Woods, Nashville
9. William Fox, New Johnsonville

BAPTIST MEMORIAL HOSPITAL MEMPHIS Term Expiring 1982

1. Fred Kendall II, Union City
2. Robert L. Orr, Dyersburg
3. S. Powers Smith, Henning

BAPTIST MEMORIAL HOSPITAL MEMPHIS Term Expiring 1981

1. Hugh M. Willson, Niota
2. C. M. Pickler, Memphis
3. Clifton Ward, Chattanooga

BAPTIST MEMORIAL HOSPITAL MEMPHIS Term Expiring 1980

1. J. Ralph McIntyre, Brentwood
2. Irvin Hays, Bartlett
3. Glenn Rainey, Jackson

EAST TENNESSEE BAPTIST HOSPITAL Term Expiring 1982

1. J. Don Hill, Knoxville
2. James A. Hutson, Knoxville
3. Edwin Litton, Knoxville
4. Leonard Rogers, Knoxville
5. Mrs. Andrew Johnson, Knoxville
6. Mrs. Ralph Rule, Knoxville
7. Herbert Ward, Knoxville
8. Richard Patton, Portland
9. Robert C. Burch, Knoxville

EAST TENNESSEE BAPTIST HOSPITAL Term Expiring 1982

1. Virgil Gentry, Knoxville
2. John Riddle, Jefferson City
3. John B. Waters Jr., Sevierville
4. Breck Ellison, Knoxville
5. Mrs. James McSween, Newport
6. Buford Bible, Knoxville
7. Norman Willie, Chattanooga
8. Gary Marsh, Kingston
9. Herbert Cox, Athens

EAST TENNESSEE BAPTIST HOSPITAL Term Expiring 1980

1. George Childs, Knoxville
2. William Fortune, Knoxville
3. Harold Harrison, Fountain City
4. Byrl Logan, Bearden
5. Don Mirts, Knoxville
6. Jack Prince, Knoxville
7. Robert Sanders, Knoxville
8. Joe Stacker, Knoxville
9. Horace Wells, Clinton

TENNESSEE BAPTIST SERVICE CORPORATION Term Expiring 1982

1. Mrs. Thomas Bryan, Nashville
2. Robert Orr, Dyersburg
3. Tom Patton, Jackson
4. Marvin Robertson, Bolivar
5. Howard Peterson, Nashville
6. R. Page Powell, Johnson City

TENNESSEE BAPTIST SERVICE CORPORATION Term Expiring 1981

1. Harley Fite, Jefferson City
2. Jim Yarbrough, Memphis
3. David Stewart, Brownsville
4. Hamilton Traylor, Maryville
5. Leonard Wedel, Franklin
6. Amon Swanger, Chattanooga

TENNESSEE BAPTIST SERVICE CORPORATION Term Expiring 1980

1. Sam Hodges, Nashville
2. L. B. Jennings, Tullahoma
3. Gaye McGlothlen, Nashville
4. Joseph Nickell, Maryville
5. Kenneth L. Ross, Nashville
6. Clarence Stewart, Pulaski

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES Term Expiring 1982

1. Maurice Coleman, Waverly
2. Roy Gilleland, Nashville
3. Wrex Hauth, Millington
4. Anderson McCulley, Sweetwater
5. Glen Patton, Wartburg

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Interpretation

Courage in the faith

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"We were bold in our God to speak unto you the gospel of God with much contention"
1 Thessalonians 2:2

Paul's Jewish opponents in Thessalonica attacked his motives in preaching the gospel there. So he recites some history to his readers. "Yourselves" (v. 1) is emphatic. "Know" renders the verb for perceptive knowledge. In the face of Jewish slander, they themselves had full firsthand knowledge of his "entrance" (eisodon eis, into, hodon, way, or his way in) to Thessalonica. And their Christian faith was evidence that his work bore fruit.

In verse 2 Paul speaks of his trouble in Philippi. "Suffered before" (propatheo) refers to his suffering before coming to Thessalonica. "Shamefully treated" relates to the illegal beating and imprisonment of Paul and Silas who were Roman citizens (Acts 16). This was followed by the trouble in Thessalonica (Acts 17:1-9). We may add to these things Paul's later troubles in Berea,

Athens, and Corinth (Acts 17:13-18:10).

The point in reciting these things is to show that in spite of it all, Paul did not forsake his European mission to return to Asia. The reasons given by some pastors and others in a Christian vocation for leaving were Paul's reasons for staying. Jewish opposition did not discourage but challenged him.

"Were bold" ("had courage," RSV) does not center in Paul himself but "in our God." Bravery is not the absence of fear but doing one's duty in spite of it. This resource that apostle found in God. He continued to preach the gospel in Thessalonica "in the sphere of much opposition." "Opposition" renders agoni (note "agony") used of the striving of an athlete in a contest or of a soldier fighting in battle. No matter what his opponents threw at him, he was able in God's power to counter with greater effort.

A Christian should always be certain he/she is in God's will where He wants His servant. This assurance will give courage and strength in faith and effort.

Committee reports...

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COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES Term Expiring 1981

1. Gene Gafford, Memphis
2. Dillard West, Covington
3. Dwayne Zimmer, Nashville
4. Ed Johnson, Kingsport
5. David Jicka, Daisy

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES Term Expiring 1980

1. James Davis, Murfreesboro
2. Durwood Howard, Memphis
3. Tom Mosley, White House
4. Charles A. Redmond, Lenoir City
5. Hoyt Wilson, Lexington —
Temporary Chairman

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Durwood Howard, Chairman
Raymond Boston
James Davis
Billie Friel
Gene Gafford
David Jicka
Edward Johnson
Thomas Mosley
Howard Olive
Robert Peek
Charles Redmond
William Thomason
Dillard West
Hoyt Wilson
Dwayne Zimmer

COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS Term Expiring 1982

1. Jere V. Adams, Lenoir City
2. Dewey Kerr, Johnson City
3. Mike Adams, Grand Junction
- 4.
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Term Expiring 1981

1. Bruce Robinson, Oak Ridge
2. Murray Mathis, Murfreesboro
3. Norris E. Smith, Memphis
4. Reuben L. Trussell, Fayetteville
5. Pete Roberts, Lebanon

Term Expiring 1980

1. Hershel Chevallier, Knoxville
2. Leon Edwards, Ashland City
3. Robert L. Orr, Dyersburg
4. John Perkins, Johnson City,
Temporary Chairman
5. John Rushing, Clarksville

COMMITTEE ON AUDITS Term Expiring 1982

1. Guy Hale, Maryville
2. Garnott Cothorn, White House
3. Mrs. Mildred Rutledge, Kingsport
4. J. Earl Morgan III, Dyersburg
- 5.

Term Expiring 1981

1. Herbert Vandergriff, Loudon
2. Andy F. Hardy, Nashville,
Temporary Chairman
3. James Nowell, Milan
4. Paul Veazey, Paris
5. Martin Haggard, Waynesboro

Term Expiring 1980

1. Luther Carlisle, Memphis
2. Marvin Gibson, Cleveland
3. Frank Proffit, Kingsport
4. Bob Thomson, Smyrna
5. Jesse Smith, Murfreesboro

COMMITTEE ON BOARDS Term Expiring 1982

1. Gary Baker, Alcoa
2. Richard Emmert, Morristown
3. Dan G. Farmer, Greenbrier
4. Clarence Carder, Columbia
5. Jerry A. Dunn Sr., Paris

Term Expiring 1981

1. Erwin W. Cook, Knoxville,
Temporary Chairman
2. Hiram Lemay, Nashville
3. Deryl Watson, Rutherford
4. Paul Williams, Jackson
5. C. Henry Preston, Chattanooga

Term Expiring 1980

1. J. W. Abney, Friendship
2. Sam Dean, Clinton
3. F. M. Dowell, Nashville
4. Baylon Hilliard, Covington
5. Carl Price, Lewisburg

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS Term Expiring 1982

1. Ronald Hicks, Kingsport
2. Philip Kazee, Oneida
- 3.
4. Thomas Pirtle, Martin
5. Jack Chapman, Dyersburg

Term Expiring 1981

1. William Mitchell, Maynardville
2. Bill Fox, New Johnsonville
3. James Kinsey, Union City
4. Wilburn Nelson, Chapel Hill
5. J. C. Reed, East Maryville

Term Expiring 1980

1. Joe Elliott, Murfreesboro
2. Barney Flowers, Humboldt
3. Charles Sullivan, Memphis
4. Don Peek, Lafayette, Tenn.,
Temporary Chairman
5. Tom Sulter, Nashville, resigned

COMMITTEE ON THE JOURNAL Term Expiring 1982

1. Bill Edmonds, Knoxville
2. Russell Oldham, Clarksville

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4. Stephen R. Atwood, Hollow Rock
- 5.

Term Expiring 1981

1. Clay Frazier, Mt. Carmel
2. James Hutchings, Lebanon
3. Charles E. Orr, Paris, Tenn.,
Temporary Chairman
4. Ivan C. Roley, Waynesboro
5. Elmer Sharp, Maryville

Term Expiring 1980

1. Leroy Carpenter, Johnson City
2. Richard Holloman, Humboldt
3. Donald McRae, McMinnville
4. Lon Shoopman, Madisonville
5. Joe Trybone, Dyersburg

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS Term Expiring 1982

1. Robert E. McCullough, Louisville
2. James Robert Stroud, Knoxville
- 3.
4. Jerry W. Massey, Memphis
5. Dan C. Watkins, Jackson

Term Expiring 1981

1. Barney H. Rickman, Smithville
2. Emery Farmer, Cornersville
3. Dan Hodges, Memphis
4. Lesley McClure, Murfreesboro
5. Robert G. Lee, Cordova

Term Expiring 1980

1. E. W. Barnes, Jonesboro
2. John Adams, McKenzie, Tenn.,
Temporary Chairman
3. Ralph Harris, Nashville
4. Charles McKnight, Murfreesboro
5. Ron Sorah, Calhoun

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE Term Expiring 1982

1. Marshall E. Hargrave, Jefferson City
2. Carl L. Strickler, Kingsport
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Pulpit To Pen

by Jim N. Griffith

A certain woman had contracted with a landscape architect to beautify her yard. When asked by the horticulturist what she wanted to plant, she replied: "Oh, just something very colorful that requires no care!"

The man shook his head and said, "If that's all you want, you might as well buy and plant a lot of plastic flowers!"

Reminds you of the kind of life some Christians want to live: "Colorful" and "requiring little work."

Trouble is, the only fruit produced by that sort of life is plastic—the kind that goes up in smoke with the wood, the hay, and the stubble.

"Wishing well churchianity" is widely practiced today by those who stop by the church on their way out of town, throw a few coins in the offering plate, and make a wish that is supposed to last all week.

To put it another way, this is called Brylcreem Christianity: "a little dab will do you."

Nursing center residents find love in Sunday School

CANTON, Miss. (BP)—Each Sunday afternoon, two buses pull up to First Baptist Church in Canton carrying the entire congregation.

It's not the regular membership; most of them went home at noon. Instead, this congregation consists of about 105 adults who are residents of the Canton Nursing Center.

Into the church fellowship hall they bounce, giving the volunteers who operate the program affectionate kisses, hugs and infectious smiles.

The program is a weekly Special Sunday School for the residents of the nursing center. It includes crafts, a Bible study and a worship service, led by Louis Smith, pastor of First Baptist Church.

"Every level of retardation is represented in this group," said Lorraine Middleton, a voice and piano teacher who directs the program which has been going on for three years.

She told the Mississippi Baptist Record that the residents look forward to the program all week. "They start putting out their clothes on Wednesday," she said.

Said one resident, "I love coming here so much because they love me here."

She added that some of the residents have passed up trips to the circus, the zoo, and other outings so they wouldn't miss the services.

The Bible study, according to Mrs. Middleton, is kept to the basics. "We're able to give short memory verses," she said.

On Sunday, the top class went through the first five of the Ten Commandments. Some of

Baptist youth invited to winter conferences

NASHVILLE—Winter Youth Celebrations sponsored by the church training department of the Sunday School Board will be held Dec. 28-31 at Ridgecrest and Glorieta Baptist Conference Centers.

Registration is limited to the first 700 correspondents at Glorieta and the first 1,200 at Ridgecrest.

Jeanette Cliff George, actress and director of the "After Dinner Players" based in Houston, Texas, will be on the Glorieta program and a conference leader.

George and the "After Dinner Players" will lead a special two-day drama conference offered to the first 70 youth that sign-up.

Author and Pulitzer nominee, Peter Jenkins, will speak and share experiences from his book, A Walk Across America.

Participating in the Ridgecrest conference will be David Meece, Cynthia Clawson and Ragan Courtney.

Meece, a musical entertainer, will present a concert on Friday evening. Clawson and Courtney, the husband and wife music/drama team will perform on Sunday.

To register or for more information write Glorieta Baptist Conference Center, Box 8, Glorieta, N.M. 87535, or Ridgecrest Conference Center, Box 128, Ridgecrest, N.C. 28770.

the divided classes use 4th-6th grade material, the others use material for ages four to six.

"You have to choose your words very carefully," she said, "they take things so literally."

Smith leads the group in the same children's sermon he teaches to the children in the regular services. "We have to have Jesus in our hearts to be happy," he tells them.

Smith says the program only costs the church about \$300-\$400 each year. First United Methodist Church in Canton offers one bus and driver, and First Baptist Church, Canton, sends the other.

"We have difficulty getting leadership for this group," admitted Smith, who added that anyone who got to know the people would lose their inhibitions quickly.

Said Mrs. Middleton, "If you're going to look for sincerity, the love, they're giving back six times more than we give."

Walker watches new education bill

NASHVILLE (BP)—While expressing fear of a "new surge of restrictive regulations," a Southern Baptist education official expressed "cautious optimism" about the creation of a new cabinet-level Department of Education.

Arthur L. Walker, Jr., executive director-treasurer of the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, said that many SBC educators have opposed the legislation creating the new department. He cited "a real fear" among them "that more centralized power in the area of education will result in the continued build-up of regulations interfering with church-related schools."

The Education Commission is the SBC's liaison with 72 colleges, schools and seminaries with a total enrollment of 165,272 students.

The bill, now at the White House for President Carter's signature, gained final congressional approval after compromises were made on different House and Senate versions of the bill in a conference committee.

Opponents of the bill in the House of Representatives had earlier succeeded in attaching several controversial amendments to the bill. The amendments called for a ban on busing of students to desegregated schools, permission of so-called voluntary prayers in public schools and a ban on racial and sexual quotas for college admission.

The House-Senate conference committee compromise bill dropped the controversial amendments.

Approval of the new department, which will bring together most federal education-related agencies, was hailed by President Carter as "a significant milestone in my effort to make the federal government more efficient."

The new department will have an initial budget of about \$14.1 billion and will have between 17,000 and 18,000 employees.

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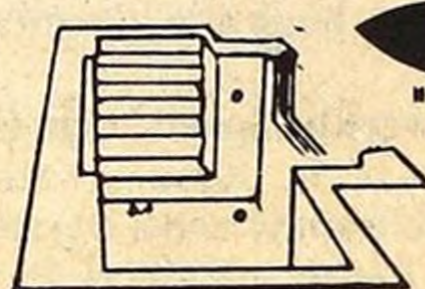
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Lesson for Sunday, October 14, 1979

Christ sets servant example

By Jerry Heflin, Bible teacher
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BASIC PASSAGES: Mark 10:35-45; Philippians 2:1-11

FOCAL PASSAGE: Philippians 2:1-11

An elementary tactic of warfare is "divide and conquer." In last week's lesson we saw that such division among our ranks may occur through persecution from without. When these tactics fail, Satan will often turn within to hinder the unity of the body of Christ. The deceiver is adept at fashioning a thousand stakes to drive in our hearts.

The Lordship of Christ means not only that we stand firm under persecution, but that we also shoulder the responsibility to keep the unity within the body-life. In John 17:21, Jesus states that such unity will be the badge of authenticity for His ministry through us. Preservation of that unity calls for the abdication of pride from the throne room of our lives. Someone has defined pride as "avoiding necessary character change by expecting others to fit their ideas and feelings around mine." In Philippians 2 we are challenged to follow the example of Jesus who humbled Himself, even to the death of the cross.

The call to Humility (Phil. 2:1-4)

Least anyone think this subject is unimportant, let him be reminded that the Bible states "God resists the proud and gives grace to the humble." (1 Pet. 5:5). Genuine humility creates a "servant's heart" within the body of Christ—a desire to help others be successful even at our own expense. Humility greases the gears of the church. The church at Philippi had strongly contrasting members: a wealthy purple dealer from Asia, a slave girl of Macedonia and a jailor in the service of Rome. Such a diverse group must have divine motivations to love and serve with each other. Paul appeals to five motivations:

First, he appeals to unity, (1) Encouragement in Christ: "consolation" (KJV) also means exhortation. Paul appeals to their relationship in Christ, the common life-source. Divisiveness is as much a freak in the body of Christ as it would be in a baseball hitter who, as he stood to swing, suddenly discovered that his arm refused to work with his eye. His only hope of a hit is dependent on the unity of the eye and arm; (2) Love: if we don't have that quality we know where to get it (Romans 5:5); (3) Participation in the Holy Spirit: we share a common indwelling resource and He is not divided. Wouldn't we be in a mess if Father, Son and Holy Spirit had a board meeting and had a falling out? (4) Personal affection and sympathy: this refers to a companion who reaches out with a tender heart; (5) To fulfill Paul's joy: what better way to cheer the old prisoner's heart than to learn of their mutual love and unity. Such would make his joy full.

Next, Paul makes some practical appeals. Two hindrances to unity are specifically men-

tioned: (1) Selfishness, which produces rivalry and strife; and (2) conceit, which produces petty ambitions and personal conceit. It is difficult to work with a person whose opinions must be deferred to, who wants to run everything, and who is pushy and domineering. We of "the cloth" are not exempt from such behavior. Try and organize a united campaign among the churches or let Brother Gumpshun be promoted ahead of us or let Brother Geewhackerjaw get a call to First Baptist Church of whatchacallit and a spirit of rivalry and jealousy often emerges. Such pride blinds us to an appreciation of the differing gifts within the body.

Christ's Example (Phil. 2:5-11)

One can almost hear Paul say, "Fellows, ladies, I want to show you what I mean by unity and humility. Let's look to Jesus and pattern our behavior and attitudes after Him." At this point let each of us pull off our shoes; we are walking on holy ground to attempt to understand the humbling of our Savior. A Christ's humbling (vs. 5-8). These verses have been the subject of heated controversy, and one must write as he understands the meaning. This is very deep water in which we need to soak rather than drown. Here are the key expressions:

"Let this mind..." Let Christ's way of thinking and behaving be your frame of reference for your attitude toward life.

"In the form of God." This signifies that Jesus is the very essence of God. Paul attests to His deity. Before his incarnation (taking human flesh), Jesus radiated the Glory of God very God. But this equality to the Father was not something to which he clung at all times. He was willing to lay aside factors within that equality with the Father in order to be our Redeemer. As to what and how much He laid aside the scholars still debate.

"No reputation." This is translated as "emptied Himself." In other words, He stripped Himself of divine privilege. He could not deny His deity when He became man, but he laid aside the outward, visible manifestations of deity. He became subservient as a man. Remember that after 30 years folk in his hometown could only say "Isn't this the carpenter's son?" (Matt. 13:55). Jesus was willing to become a nobody so that we could become somebody. What a mortal blow to human pride. Whatever the depth of meaning in these verses, it staggers the mind and spirit and motivates us to give our all to the One who first gave His all.

"In the likeness of man." How can Jesus be fully God and fully man at the same time? If someone could adequately explain this subject, let him write a book and establish his fortune. Such deep revelation demands not reason but faith.

"The death of the cross." The length and depth of Christ's humiliation is that He made it the business of His life to let go until even His life was given. The stigma of the cross and its humiliation must be seen from a background of Jesus' own day. It was an instrument of utter shame and disgrace, so much so that a Roman citizen was not permitted to suffer it. Even the Law of Moses prescribed a curse on one who died such a death (Deut. 21:23; Gal. 3:13). B. Christ's exaltation (vs. 9-11). In God's economy the way up is down. Jesus, through His humbling, is raised up and given the supreme Name in the universe. The world will acknowledge Christ as Lord; for many it will be too late.

We Christians must be reminded that what Christ asks us to yield is meant to be our profit. We can never out-give God.

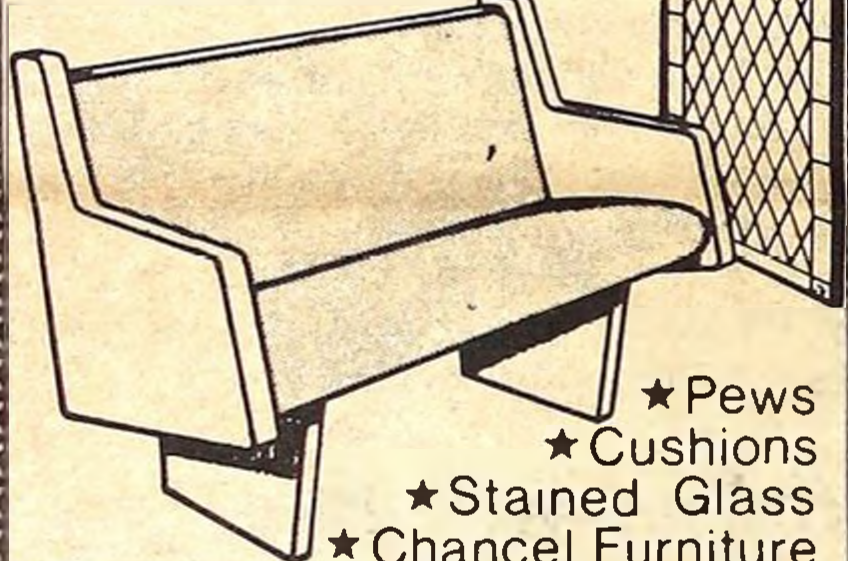
A PRAYER: Father, teach me to hold lightly in my hand the temporal things of this life. Teach me to yield willingly and joyfully and make it the business of my life until I am called or Jesus comes. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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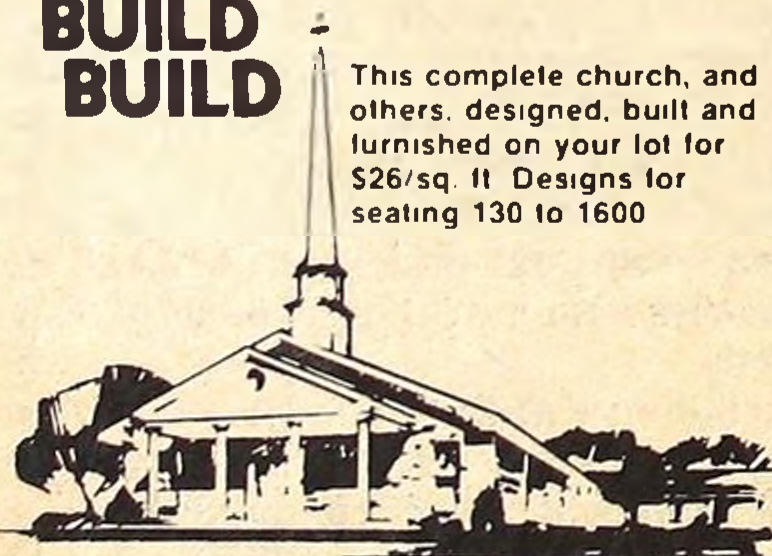


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How the Bible came to be

By George Lewis McGlothlin, pastor
First Baptist Church, Huntland

Basic Passages: Jeremiah 36; Luke 1:1-4; Philippians 2:1-15
Focal Passages: Jeremiah 36:1-3, 17-18, 32; Luke 1:1-4; Philippians 2:1-5

Pastor James W. Brouger told about a Bible class he had in his California church.

Will Rogers and Jack Dempsey were two of its members. One Sunday he announced he would begin teaching the Epistles the next week.

Turning to Will, he asked, "Will, do you know what the Epistles are?" Rogers answered promptly, "You bet your life; they're the wives of the apostles." The class laughed.

Not to be outdone, Rogers said to Dempsey, "You don't need to laugh, Jack. I'll bet you five dollars you can't say the Lord's Prayer." Dempsey took the challenge of the comedian and said, "Now I lay me down to sleep; I pray Thee, Lord, my soul to keep."

According to Brouger, when Dempsey finished, Rogers handed him five dollars and said, "Jack, I didn't think you could do it."

Many people are not only unfamiliar with what the Bible says but also how it came to be. How did the Bible come about?

First, it came about by revelation.

In Jeremiah 36:1, we are told "this word came unto Jeremiah from the Lord." God was active in revelation throughout the Old Testament as seen repeatedly with, "Thus saith the Lord." King Jehoiakim did not like the revelation that Jeremiah received from the Lord, so he had burned in the fire the first written copy of God's revelation to the prophet.

A tourist looked nonchalantly around a Florence picture gallery and exclaimed, "Are these your masterpieces? I certainly don't see much in them." "Sir!" said the curator, "These pictures are not on trial. You are."

God has revealed his Word to men over a period of 1,500 years. It is not on trial. We are.

Second, it came about by inspiration.

Paul, writing to Timothy for the last time, said, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" (II Tim. 3:16). Every believer should be able to say with D.L. Moody, "I know the Bible is inspired because it inspires me." Yet, what does inspiration mean? William Evans, in his book *The Great Doctrines of the Bible*, explains the difference between revelation and inspiration. He says:

Revelation is that act of God by which He directly communicates truth not known before to the human mind. Revelation discovers new truth, while inspiration superintends the communicating of that truth... Inspiration... vouches only for the accuracy of the record."

That is precisely what Luke, physician-turned-writer, was doing in his writing to Theophilus, an unsaved man. "That thou mightest know the certainty of those things, wherein thou hast been instructed" (Luke 1:4). The eyewitness accounts and historical information that Luke gathered were inspired by God. Such portions of Scripture are as much God's Word as the "thus saith the Lord" passages.

A friend once told President Grant that Sumner did not believe in the inspiration of the Bible. "Of course Sumner doesn't believe in the inspiration of the Bible," answered Grant. "He didn't write it." God not only revealed His Word; He inspired it as well.

God illuminates what he has revealed and inspired.

The Apostle Paul wrote 14 inspired letters. Some were sent to churches, others to specific individuals. Illumination is God giving men

understanding of Himself. Philippians 2:1-4 is part of a letter from Paul to the church at Philippi. Only as the Holy Spirit applied these admonitions to the Philippians' hearts would they assume the attitude of Jesus.

One time there was a man who had read the Bible time and time again over the years. Another man came to him, amazed at his understanding of Scripture. "How are you able to read the lines. Now God helps me read in between the lines as well." That's illumination. The believer had available God's insight into Scripture.

Henry VIII had William Tyndale burned at the stake in 1536. Tyndale's last words were,

"Lord, open the king of England's eyes." The year after his martyrdom the Bible was published throughout England by the command of this very English king. The Lord not only opens the eyes of believers toward the truth but also can get unbelievers to see certain needs.

A young lady once laid down a book she had just finished reading with the remark, "That was the dumbest story I have ever heard." In the course of time, she became engaged to a

man with the same name and initials as the author of that book. One day she mentioned the book to him, asking, "Isn't that a coincidence?" "No," he said, "I wrote that book." That evening she went home and reread the story. This time, it was so interesting she couldn't put it down. Why? She knew and loved its author.

When we love Jesus more, the Bible which God revealed, inspired, and illuminates will be more dear to us.

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Albright's 'become' African to minister more effectively

By Jim Newton

PETAUKE, Zambia (BP) — "They're not really Americans — they're Africans," according to Ruben Nkhata, pastor of the Chichiri Baptist Church, Blantyre, Malawi.

For 19 years, Buddy and Jean Albright have been missionaries to Malawi and Zambia in the heart of eastern Africa. For the past 11 years, they have been developing an agricultural demonstration farm and a pastors' training center in the eastern province of Zambia.

But they feel it's not what they do but what they are as missionaries that's important.

Albright has developed a school to help train and equip national pastors for their ministries. He's busy, but is always willing to drop his current project to spend an entire day in an African funeral in the village.

And no matter how big a rush he might be

in, he always stops to offer help whenever he passes a broken-down car or truck on the highway. It's this characteristic that enabled him to obtain the 750 acres where his training center and the agricultural demonstration farm are located.

In 1970, the paramount chief of a chain of villages in eastern Zambia had given to Baptists a small piece of property for use by the Baptist mission, but the mission had to get permission from a Zambian rural council committee to use the property.

The chairman of the committee was opposed to Baptist use of the land, Albright learned, but he was never able to get an appointment to see the chairman, even though he tried repeatedly.

Finally one day as Albright waited in the office talking to the secretary, the chairman burst into the room. "He took one look at me

and remembered immediately that several months earlier I had stopped and helped him when his car broke down on the highway," Buddy recalled.

As a result, Buddy's request to use 20 acres of land escalated into sudden approval for use of 750 acres of land previously set aside by the British as an "intensive cultivation area" for farming. The property is two miles deep and 3,300 feet wide, fronting the major highway from Petauke to Chipata, Zambia.

The Albrights live on the farm, close to the land they helped clear by hand. Their house has no electricity in the bedrooms — only candlelight. Mrs. Albright cooks over a wood-burning stove in a kitchen reminiscent of rural life in America during pre-depression years.

Outside the house the most prominent feature is a water tank sitting atop a wood-

burning fireplace — a homemade hot water heater. Beside it sits an old-time washing machine with a hand-cranked wringer.

Behind the Albright home stands a steel-frame building with walls of elephant grass and a thatched roof. There the pastors' training school meets one week each month. Nearby is a "dormitory" where preachers attending the school can spend the night.

Modern "necessities" are luxury items the Albrights do without. To them, having is not as important as being.

What being means to Buddy and Jean becomes apparent when they go into the villages not far from the farm. They are greeted immediately by scores of Zambians. Children flock around them, grinning and chattering.

As the women of the village approach, there are a few words of greeting, and suddenly the people burst into joyous singing. Clapping their hands and swaying to the music, Jean and the village women join in a welcoming ceremony. Love radiates from their faces.

Buddy chats quietly with the men, looking deep into their faces with obvious compassion and concern.

Buddy hardly looks the part, but he is an authority on cultural anthropology. He hopes to complete work on a doctor of philosophy degree in anthropology at the University of Kentucky while on furlough this year.

He feels strongly that Southern Baptists



"AFRICAN" MISSIONARIES—Leroy (Buddy) Albright, Southern Baptist missionary to Zambia, claps and sings with Zambian Baptists during an evangelistic crusade.

have not adequately applied anthropology to missions and have not grappled effectively with the problems of white Americans trying to win Africans to Christ.

"The basic problem is that we (Americans) have the wrong grandmothers, and we can't change that," he insists. "What we've got to do is to train and equip Africans to win their own people to Christ."

And that's what he has been trying to do through the pastors' leadership training school. For nine months each year, each Baptist pastor at 20 preaching points in the Petauke area goes to the training center for a week of intensive study taught by Albright.

He has established a similar program for pastors of churches east of Petauke near the Mozambique border. But Albright doesn't like to talk a lot about the training school or what he feels it has accomplished.

To him, the training school is "doing" and he's more concerned about "being" a loving, caring, concerned Christian in the everyday relationships with the people he and Jean obviously love deeply.

Adapted from World Mission Journal, June 1979.

Thailand Baptist break giving, baptism records

BANGKOK, Thailand—Southern Baptists' 30th year of missions work in Thailand was marked by record baptisms and giving among Baptist Thais, according to missionary press representative Maxine Stewart. Contributions amounted to \$117,209, a 62 percent increase over the previous year. Thai baptisms numbered 173, a 19 percent increase over last year's figures. In addition, 343 Indochinese refugees were baptized.

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Rooms will be held until 6 P.M. on date of arrival. For late arrival, please send \$25.00 or written company guarantee.

TENNESSEE BAPTIST CONVENTION

November 12-15, 1979

GROUP CODE NO _____

SCHEDULE OF RATES

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|---|--|
| Single Occupancy (1 person) | |
| Double Occupancy (2 persons) | |
| *Suites | |
| Additional person (each) | |
| Names of additional person(s) sharing room: | |
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*Availability of suites subject to reconfirmation.