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Belmont Plaza Inc. shares information

By Al Shackleford

The officers of Belmont Plaza Inc. have assured the Baptist and Reflector that they intend to share as much information as possible about the corporation, its plans for the operation of Belmont Plaza, and its relationship to the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Herb McCarthy, corporation president, and Herman King, secretary, said they are open to any question and "are not trying to hide anything. We are Tennessee Baptists, and are just as interested as anyone else in seeing that everything is done right," McCarthy said.

The officers said they were overwhelmed by the interest in the project, from investors and prospective residents. One Baptist layman from Houston, Tex., called to ask if he could invest. McCarthy said the corporation had already received commitments for more than the \$1-million which would be received from syndication to operate the senior adult facility.

There will probably be five or six Tennessee Baptist

laymen who will provide the syndication money, using the depreciation for tax purposes until the operation begins to show a profit in about the ninth year.

These investors, who will be limited partners, are people who are in the 50 percent tax bracket, who earn at least \$100,000 per year, and have a net worth of at least \$500,000, according to McCarthy. "These are Baptist laymen who are concerned about our ministry to senior adults and the financial integrity of Tennessee Baptists," he added.

Belmont Plaza Inc. is composed of 20 Tennessee Baptists who have purchased the \$100,000 in stock offered by the new corporation. These were sold in \$5,000 lots. An additional \$50,000 in stock will be issued to meet the Internal Revenue Services' requirement that a general partner, which is Belmont Plaza Inc., must have in escrow an amount equal to 15 percent of the syndication funds.

The corporation has named an eight-member Board

of Directors whose main thrust will be the coordination of ministries for Belmont Plaza residents.

Four of the directors will be the officers of Belmont Plaza Inc.: president, Herb McCarthy, minister of education at Judson Baptist Church, Nashville; vice-president, Herbert Gabhart, president of Belmont College, Nashville; secretary, Herman King, Nashville; and treasurer, Claude Blankenship, Nashville.

The other four directors will be Raymond Langlois, pastor of Judson Baptist Church; Bill Sherman, pastor of Woodmont Baptist Church, Nashville; Jack Spence, Nashville businessman and a member of Woodmont Baptist Church; and Osta Underwood, Nashville attorney and a member of Belmont Heights Baptist Church.

McCarthy said that some of the directors are stockholders in Belmont Plaza Inc., but not all.

The corporation intends to enter into a contract with American Retirement Corporation of Nashville to

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Pastors to view professional, personal aspects at Memphis

Pastors attending the 1979 Tennessee Baptist Pastors' Conference in Memphis next month will be confronted with messages dealing with personal and professional concerns in their lives. The ministers will hear addresses on tension, finances, depression, and effective preaching, incorporating the theme of "On Being a Pastor."

Meeting at East Park Baptist Church on Monday, Nov. 12, the three-session conference will be under the direction of president Joe R. Stacker, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Concord.

The professional side of the pastors' lives will be covered by messages from Franklin Paschall, pastor of First Baptist Church in Nashville; and Wayne Ward, professor of Christian theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

Paschall, who will speak on the "Pastor and His Preaching," has led the Nashville congregation since 1956. He has also been extremely active in his service to the denomination, participating in numerous evangelistic and mission crusades, and acting as a

member and trustee on both SBC and statewide committees.

Ward has been a Baptist educator and minister since 1940. His pastorates have included churches in Arkansas and Kentucky, and his contribution as an educator has spanned nearly 30 years. He plans to elaborate on areas within doctrinal preaching and evangelistic preaching to the pastors.



Carpenter

The personal aspects of the life of a minister will be dealt with in messages by Bob Carpenter, pastor of White Haven Baptist Church in Memphis;

John Lee Taylor, pastor of West Jackson Baptist Church in Jackson; Darold Morgan, president of the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention; and Jerry Self, Tennessee Baptist Convention public affairs and Christian life consultant. Stacker will deliver the president's message at the evening session of the conference.

Calvin Metcalf, pastor of Central Baptist Church in Fountain City (Knoxville) will present a special drama of the gospel, focusing on Simon Peter. The pastor of the Knoxville church frequently uses dramatic monologues during the presentation of a message.

Music for the conference will be brought by Jimmy Stroud, pastor of Third Creek Baptist Church in Knoxville; Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Randolph, Second Baptist Church, Memphis; the Shelby Singers, a group of ministers of music from Shelby County Association; Beth Lanham and Sarah Ogle, concert artists from First Baptist Church in Memphis; the Common Bond, a student choir from Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro; and the sanctuary choir from Colonial Baptist Church in the host city.

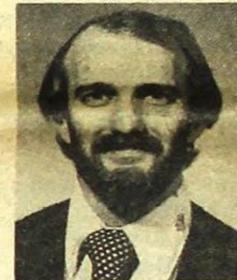
The election of officers is scheduled to take place at 3:30 p.m. Monday. Sessions are slated to begin at 10 a.m., 1:45 p.m., and 6:45 p.m. All sessions are on Central Standard Time.



Carroll



Weatherford



Terry



O'Brien

Missions speakers featured at 91st annual WMU meeting

Two Southern Baptist missionaries and two Baptist agency executives will be the featured speakers at the 91st annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Tennessee Baptist Convention, which will meet in Memphis next month.

The WMU will hold its three-session meeting at Whitehaven Baptist Church, Memphis, Nov. 12. This year's theme, "The Gift in Thee," is based on II Timothy 1:6-7.

Home missionary Tim C. Terry, director of international ministries for Illinois, will speak during the opening session. William R. O'Brien, secretary of the Foreign Mission Board's denominational coordination department, will speak during the Monday after-

noon session and sing during the other two sessions.

The closing session, Monday evening, will feature Webster Carroll, missionary to Uganda, and Carolyn Weatherford, executive director of the national WMU organization.



Stillman



Mrs. Stillman

Leading the opening meditations during each session will be Peter and Jennie Stillman, Tennesseans who recently returned to the United States after serving two years as Southern Baptist missionary journeymen to Kobe, Japan.

In addition to the speakers, the women will hear reports and presentations from various WMU activities and organizations and will elect new officers, including a new president to replace Mrs. Claude Jennings of Lebanon who will be completing the traditional four-years as president.

Before assuming his present position in September 1976, Tim Terry was working in a special language missions project in New York City with the Home Mission Board's

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BYW banquet set for 6 p.m. Nov. 12

The annual state BYW banquet, Nov. 12 at 6 p.m. during the WMU annual meeting at Whitehaven Baptist Church, Memphis, will be addressed by William O'Brien, secretary of the Foreign Mission Board's denominational coordination department.

O'Brien, a former missionary to Indonesia for 11 years, will provide special music and deliver a message on world missions.

The deadline for reservations is Nov. 5. For reservations or more information contact Woman's Missionary Union, Tennessee Baptist Convention, P.O. Box 347, Brentwood, Tn. 37027.



Paschall



Metcalf



Self



Taylor

FMB approves record budget, but some needs remain unmet

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has voted a record \$76,760,167 budget for 1980, but even this amount falls short of meeting some capital needs overseas, board members were warned.

Executive Director Baker J. Cauthen expressed hope that strong giving in the 1979 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions may make it possible to finance many of these capital projects.

The new budget represents an increase of 7.84 percent over the current budget, but the rate of increase is below the 12.24 percent increase reflected in the 1979 budget and the 14.59 percent hike voted for 1978.

The board designated \$5-million for capital needs, compared with \$8-million in this year's budget. Capital funds cover such items as purchase of missionary homes, grants and loans for construction of new churches, and building needs of various mission-sponsored institutions overseas.

One of the major pressures in the new budget, in addition to meeting higher operating costs brought on by inflation and an increased number of missionaries, is an estimated \$1-million required to help missionaries pay U.S. income taxes.

Until this year missionaries and other Americans living overseas have been exempt from paying this tax unless their income exceeded \$20,000 a year. Missionaries are subject to taxes imposed by the countries where they serve.

Bills have been introduced in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives to restore the exemption to religious and charitable workers overseas, and the board authorized two of its members to go to Washington, D.C., to confere with key congressmen on the legislation.

Joe N. McKeever of Mississippi, chairman of a special subcommittee which has been studying the income tax situation, and John G. Alley of Louisiana were designated to make the trip accompanied by others they feel could be of help.

The board, meeting Oct. 8-10 amid reports of growing U.S. economic problems, head a strong statement from Cauthen that Southern Baptists will not allow such current problems as inflation, economic woes or energy crises to keep them from "entering whatever doors the Lord may open in overseas missions."

Cauthen, responding to the tribute of more than 400 persons who gathered in Richmond to honor his 26-year leadership of the Foreign Mission Board, said the denomination's Bold Mission Thrust momentum will continue because it is "commanded by our sovereign Lord, energized by the Holy Spirit, and rests upon the intercessory prayers and united ef-

forts of our people."

Southern Baptists now have almost 3,000 missionaries working in 95 countries, with the Sudan scheduled to become the 96th in January. Bold Mission Thrust goals adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention call for 5,000 missionaries serving in 125 countries by the end of this century.

The board also appointed 19 new career missionaries, honored 10 retiring missionaries, and heard reports on medical and relief response to Caribbean hurricane victims. Harold E. Hurst, associate to the board's medical consultant, described how a 12-member Southern Baptist medical disaster team provided medical treatment for more than 26,000 persons in the Dominican Republic following Hurricane David.

The team, one of four which has been on standby since the medical disaster response plan was started two years ago, also helped to provide food to more than 25,000 persons during its 12-day stay in the Caribbean.

Hurst said one team member, an orthopedic surgeon from Florida, called the trip "the greatest thing that ever happened to me." The team's efforts, coordinated with those of Southern Baptist missionaries in the country, effectively conveyed the message that Southern Baptists are a caring people, Hurst added.

Several of more than 50 Dominican university students who volunteered to help the team accept Christ at two open-air services held on Sunday afternoon after working with team members all week.

In an appointment service at First Baptist Church, Richmond, the board named its first new missionaries to Uganda since former President Idi Amin was deposed and religious freedom was restored to the country.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll H. Camp of Mississippi and South Carolina will join Mr. and Mrs. G. Webster Carroll and Mr. and Mrs. James L. Rice, who continued work in the country even after Amin banned Baptist churches there, and Mr. and Mrs. Billy L. Oliver, who transferred to Uganda from Yemen, Oct. 1.

The October appointment service brought the total number of missionaries appointed this year to 277, down from the 294 appointed by the end of October in 1978. With two more appointment services scheduled this year, personnel secretary Louis R. Cobbs said he expects the year's total to be between 320 and 330, slightly below the record 350 approved last year.

Jerry Self testifies in hearing of White House family conference

NASHVILLE—Jerry Self, public affairs and Christian life consultant for the Tennessee Baptist Convention, in a testimony before a public hearing of the White House Conference on Families held here Oct. 12, encouraged the conference not to overlook family problems of ministers.

"Clergy family problems are sometimes considered unique by the ministers themselves but for the most part are similar to what many other families experience," Self said. "There are unrealistic expectations imposed upon ministers by their churches and by themselves as well.

"Severe time demands cut into family time," he continued. "And there is a combination of a sense of isolation—no one is like us, no one understands us, no one is close to us—with continually being in the public eye, a fishbowl feeling. Confusion over roles, disagreements about child rearing, conflict over finances, disillusionment, breakdowns in communications all happen in clergy families too."

Self was one of several witnesses at Nashville's hearing at the State Capitol Building. The hearing was one of a series of



CAUTHEN CONGRATULATED—Southern Baptist Convention President Adrian Rogers (right) congratulates retiring Foreign Mission Board executive, Baker J. Cauthen, during a luncheon held in Cauthen's honor. Rogers, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, said his first contact with Cauthen came when he went to Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Conference Center as a teenager.

Belmont Plaza shares...

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manage the facility, with the Board of Directors charged with "managing the managers."

Belmont Plaza would be operated as a rental facility for senior adults, with monthly rents ranging from \$495 to \$775. This would provide an apartment, lunch and dinner every day, all utilities (except personal telephone), and maid service every two weeks. There would be a full-time nurse on call at all times. An activities director would be employed. Special diets would be offered to meet residents' needs. Transportation would be available to shopping and recreational activities. All units contain a kitchenette. The second person in each apartment would pay \$185 per month.

A person would be guaranteed that these fees would remain stable during the one-year lease. A deposit of not more than two-months rent would be required to move in.

McCarthy is optimistic that the facility could be rented-up within 90 days, based on the number of inquiries he has received. He is hopeful that residents can begin moving in before the end of this year.

There would be some remodeling, such as turning a storage room into a meeting and activities area.

The corporation officers are confident that all questions about the relationship between the Tennessee Baptist Convention and Belmont Plaza Inc. will be answered by an agreement which is being worked out by attorneys representing the convention, Belmont Plaza Inc., and the bond counsel. They said provisions of this agreement will be shared with Tennessee Baptists through the Baptist and Reflector when it is finalized, perhaps next week.

Ogden Stokes, attorney for the Health and Education Facilities Board which authorized the issuing of \$5-million for the construction of Belmont Plaza, is working with all parties to effect the transfer of the lease from the Tennessee Baptist Service Corporation to Belmont Plaza Inc. He is also securing a clarification from Internal Revenue Service concerning the tax-free bonds, since Belmont Plaza Inc. is a profit corporation.

When this is secured, McCarthy said, the bond indenture will be rewritten to take out provisions for a \$1,250,000 reserve fund and to release to Belmont Plaza Inc. the \$457,000 currently in reserve.

Then Belmont Plaza Inc. will issue a circular offer as required by the Securities and Exchange Commission which would explain its legal and financial involvements. This will allow the corporation to receive irrevocable letters of credit or notes from the investors.

The transfer of the lease will then be made, so that Belmont Plaza Inc. can open the facility. At that point the corporation will assume the financial obligation for operation and for the monthly principal and interest payments.

McCarthy stated that the officers of the corporation will be responsible for the day-to-day supervision of the facility to make sure that the management firm is performing in keeping with the corporation's ideals.

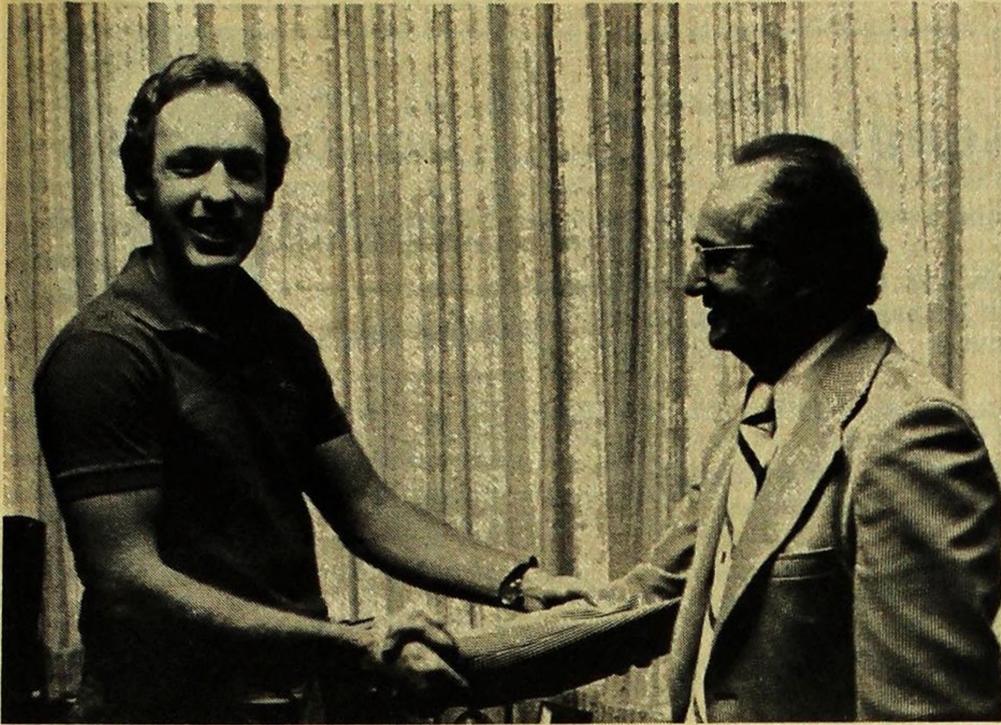
Before entering the ministry, McCarthy was owner and operator of Seaside Enterprises in North Carolina, a firm which was involved in real estate, construction, and insurance. He has a graduate degree in business from the University of North Carolina.

King and McCarthy emphasized that Belmont Plaza Inc. has no official relationship to any Baptist church. "We all are Tennessee Baptists first, with a desire to help our convention with a difficult problem."

They repeatedly stated their intention to provide as much financial protection as possible for the convention and the Tennessee Baptist Service Corporation through the agreement that is being prepared.



TENNESSEANS HONORED—Mr. and Mrs. William R. Medling of Nashville received plaques of appreciation for 33 years of missionary service in Japan and Okinawa from Baker J. Cauthen, retiring executive director of the Foreign Mission Board.



TENNESSEAN GETS SCHOLARSHIP—Lavell Seats (right), registrar and dean of students at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., congratulates Tennessee student Mark Wilson upon receiving one of the six presidential scholarships awarded each fall at Midwestern. Wilson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Wilson, entered the seminary in August. Keith Wilson is superintendent of the Baptist Children's Home, Memphis.

Refugee resettlement rate up, but needs still remain unmet

ATLANTA (BP) — Although Southern Baptists are resettling Indochinese refugees at the quickest pace in several years, sponsors for the newcomers are not stepping forward fast enough, a Home Mission Board resettlement coordinator said.

"We settled more refugees in August than we have at any time since 1975, when refugee camps were located in the United States and American awareness of the problem was at an all-time high," said Gene Tunnell. "We also had a good month in September, and October is off to a strong start.

"But we're held back by the availability of sponsors," he added. "We urgently need them, especially those who can help families of five to seven members.

"We can accommodate every sponsor (person, church, group of churches, or association of churches) with a refugee family," Tunnell said. But without sponsors, the families must await placement.

Despite the pressing need, resettlement figures from recent months provide reassurance that headway is being made.

In August, 116 sponsors resettled 527 persons, Tunnell said. September was "right on the heels" of the record month, with 83 sponsors placing 408 persons, and in only the first five days of October, 160 persons were settled by 28 sponsors. Each sponsor is responsible for one family.

The recent surge in resettlement followed a challenge issued in early July, requesting Southern Baptist associations of churches to sponsor at least 1,000 refugee families by Nov. 1. William G. Tanner, board executive director-treasurer, extended the challenge and appointed a special committee to facilitate the effort.

As of early October, 405 families totaling 1,883 persons had been resettled.

Response among Tennessee Baptists, while still slow, has increased recently.

"Since the publication of the Baptist and

Carson-Newman to present musical, 'Shenandoah'

JEFFERSON CITY — Carson-Newman College's Lyric Theatre will present the Broadway musical, "Shenandoah," at 8 p.m. nightly, Oct. 25-27.

The production, directed by Frederick Schreiner, conducted by Joe Ray, and choreographed by Carly David, will be presented in the Gentry Auditorium in the college's Henderson Humanities Building.

For tickets or more information, contact Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, 37760.

Reflector article (on refugee response, Sept. 5 issue) we've had an average of one inquiry a day during the working week," said Ruben Canas, language and interfaith witness program leader for the Tennessee Baptist Convention who coordinates refugee sponsorship efforts for Tennessee Baptists. "The majority are carrying through in seeking to sponsor refugees.

"While it's true that Tennessee has been slow to respond, it's encouraging to have this kind of response lately," he said.

Canas said he has been invited to speak about refugee resettlement at associational meetings and various churches. He said he is willing to assist interested churches whenever he can, no matter how small the church is.

"Our people need to be reminded that that's why we're here," he said.

He is also encouraged that some churches that have already sponsored refugee families, are now sponsoring a second or third family. His own church, First Baptist, Nashville, just voted to sponsor another family, he said.

A packet of materials to assist churches, groups, and individuals with refugee sponsorship, is available free by writing Ruben Canas, Tennessee Baptist Convention, P.O. Box 347, Brentwood, Tn. 37027.

Potential sponsors may contact Canas at the Tennessee Baptist Convention or Gene Tunnell at the Southern Baptist Refugee Office, 2715 Peachtree Road, N.W., Atlanta, Ga., 30305 or call 404-873-4041.

Cookeville-sponsored refugees fail to arrive; search launched

First Baptist Church in Cookeville informed Baptist and Reflector this past weekend that a refugee family which they are to sponsor did not arrive at Nashville's Metropolitan Airport on Saturday. The church is attempting to locate the family.

Bob Netherton, chairman of the missions committee, said the church received a phone call from World Church Services in San Francisco on Friday, Oct. 12, telling them that the six member Chue family did not arrive in San Francisco on a plane which left Thailand. National news wire reports, received later, said that a group of refugees attempting to board a plane in Thailand were ambushed by communist forces. The wire reported some refugees were killed, and others were injured; but no names were released.

Netherton told Baptist and Reflector on Sunday afternoon that World Church Service is trying to determine if any of the Chue members were wounded or killed. The organization indicated it may be a week before the Cookeville church learns of its refugee family's whereabouts.

"We will just wait and pray," Netherton said. "We are ready for them to come, but we will have to wait to get word."

The family consists of father Her Nhia Chue, mother Doua Vang Chue, and children Chang Her, 8; Sou Her, 6; Ver Her, 4; and You Her, 1.

Washington church deacons vote to oust Chas. Trentham

WASHINGTON (BP)—The deacons at First Baptist Church here voted 27 to 11 to recommend to the church that Charles A. Trentham's contract as senior minister not be renewed when it expires next February.

The vote followed a recommendation by the deacons' pastoral staff committee that the 60-year-old pastor of President Jimmy Carter be terminated in part because of his two divorces and what the committee called his "poor judgement by becoming involved with a young woman of the congregation who is also divorced."

The recommendation will be brought before the entire congregation for a vote on Nov. 28.

Trentham, in an interview with Baptist Press, vigorously denied any immorality or wrongdoing in his relationship with a 26-year-old woman, declaring, "I am not a philanderer." He also denied reports that the relationship began after the woman came to him for counseling. The woman "never sought and never received counseling from the pastor," Trentham declared.

He noted that when he was called as pastor of the church in January 1974, the church had full knowledge of his first divorce, which occurred during his 21-year tenure as pastor of First Baptist Church, Knoxville.

Even after his second divorce, Trentham said, he received approval of his deacons to remain as pastor. At the time he was quoted as saying that First Baptist "does not shoot its wounded soldiers."

Milton Jones, former deacon chairman and chairman of the selection committee which recommended Trentham as pastor six years ago, said that the effort to oust him has been spearheaded by six "life deacons," a group of older members of the deacon body. They initially presented the pastor with a demand that the relationship end and that the woman leave the church.

Although Trentham acknowledged initially agreeing to the demands, he said he later reconsidered and chose to ignore them. The life deacons then accused him of breaking his promise and demanded his resignation by the end of the last summer. Trentham told them he would offer his resignation, effective when his contract ends in February.

Upon reporting his decision to Bill McBeath, chairman of the deacons, however, McBeath objected to the propriety of the life deacons' actions, questioning their authority to take matters into their hands. After McBeath advised him against resigning, Trentham again reconsidered and decided not to resign.

The life deacons then launched a telephone campaign among all active deacons, seeking his ouster.

McBeath offered his resignation as chairman of the deacons, saying he could not in good conscience present the resolution on termination to the church. Only eight of the deacons, however, voted to accept McBeath's resignation.

Frank McAnear, moderator of the church, told the Washington Post that "no one has ever accused him of any violation of morals." Former moderator Robin Clark also came to Trentham's defense in a statement reported by the Washington Star. "I worked closely with him for three years and found him highly professional and ethical and concerned about the church," Clark said. "Since when does a minister give up his private life?"

Some of the life deacons, along with other church members, also expressed displeasure with his co-sponsorship of a group called "Meeting of Peacemakers" which, until recently, met weekly in the church building to discuss issues relating to war and peace, including disarmament.

Trentham told Baptist Press that he is convinced majorities on both the pastoral staff committee and the deacons had made up their minds to seek the termination before the matter came to a head.

He expressed the hope that the majority of the congregation is "weary" of the controversy and will overrule the deacons' action.

Although insisting he has "been put at a great disadvantage" because of the "garbled reports" of the controversy, Trentham said he sees himself as "the unifier of the church." He said that he "cannot get into divine quarreling over a domestic issue" in the church.

"I must look forward to the time when, beyond this turmoil, there can be healing," Trentham said. "Consequently, I am not challenging statements made by my adversaries. There have been far more times than most people could imagine that I have chosen to forgive rather than to reply to accusations."

Trentham is a native of Knoxville and a graduate of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City. He has been a professor of religion at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and has been pastor of Tennessee Baptist churches in Piedmont, Benton, New Market, and Knoxville.

HMB program uses building consultants

ATLANTA (BP) — A program to help small churches prepare for volunteer groups who come to construct their buildings has been initiated by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Increasing numbers of projects, as well as the need for better planning on the part of churches wanting to build, have necessitated the program, said Bill Wilson of the board's special mission ministries department.

"Last summer, we assigned about 85 construction groups to churches all across the country, and we'll probably have between 100 and 125 groups in 1980," Wilson said.

"With that many projects handled through the HMB office in Atlanta — often thousands of miles from the churches — communication can fail, resulting in stalled construction efforts," he explained.

"We need to be efficient and provide better coordination between these people," Wilson added. "That means we need to send out trained consultants to work with the churches; give them counsel."

The program will make consultants available free of charge to churches in "new work" areas that plan to build. The consultants will be "mature Christians who have construction backgrounds and have led at least two volunteer construction groups." Eight of them have been secured, and more are being added.

The program goes into effect Dec. 1, after which churches which request volunteer groups assigned by the Home Mission Board will need to request a visit by a consultant. Consultants also will be available to assist small churches which need guidance but don't need builders.

The Home Mission Board church loans division and the Baptist Sunday School Board architectural department are assisting in the effort.

EDITORIAL

Time to elect TBC messengers

Early indications would indicate that a record number of messengers and visitors may attend next month's Tennessee Baptist Convention. The annual meeting will be Nov. 13-15 at East Park Baptist Church, Memphis.

Registration cards are available from the Tennessee Baptist Convention office in Brentwood or from associational offices. Requests for such cards have exceeded previous years, and additional registration cards are being printed.

Two factors seem to indicate there may be a large attendance at the 1979 TBC: (1) There are a large number of Baptists in the Memphis area, and (2) there seems to be a growing amount of interest in issues which might be faced at this year's convention—such as, the disposition of Belmont Plaza.

Space will apparently not be a problem, since the host churches auditorium has 2,400 seats.

Because of questions which arose about registration procedures at this year's Southern Baptist Convention, perhaps it would be well to review the registration procedure for the Tennessee Baptist Convention, as provided in the TBC Constitution.

The convention in session is composed of messengers elected by and certified by churches which cooperate with the state convention. A cooperating church is defined by the Constitution as "such churches as contribute financially to the Convention or its agencies and subscribe to and support the principles, programs, and policies of the Convention."

A messenger must be a member of the church from which he is elected.

How many messengers is a church entitled?

An amendment of Article II concerning the number of messengers from any church was presented and was approved on its first reading at the 1978 TBC. It will be considered at the 1979 TBC, and if approved, will apply to future sessions of the state convention.

However, for the 1979 TBC the present Constitution will determine the number of messengers allowed.

Each cooperating church—regardless of the

number of members—will be entitled to one messenger.

Then a church will be allowed an additional messenger for each 100 members beyond the first 100 members. No church can have more than 10 messengers.

Applying this provision, churches can have these messengers:

Less than 200 members—one messenger.

200-299 members—two messengers.

300-399 members—three messengers.

400-499 members—four messengers.

500-599 members—five messengers.

600-699 members—six messengers.

700-799 members—seven messengers.

800-899 members—eight messengers.

900-999 members—nine messengers.

More than 1,000 members—10 messengers.

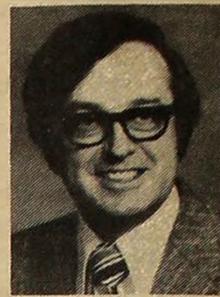
There is no limit to the number of non-messenger visitors who may attend. Visitors are encouraged to register as "visitors," but, of course, are not allowed to vote.

We cannot predict how many messengers will be in Memphis next month. Since the sessions of the state convention are the highest authority in Tennessee Baptist life, we would hope that there will be a large number of messengers from a large number of TBC churches.

So, elect your messengers in a church business meeting. Secure registration cards from the state convention office or your association office and have these signed by the church moderator or clerk. (Messengers seeking to register without registration cards will be referred to the Credentials Committee).

Among important business items to be considered by messengers to this year's convention will be the Executive Board's record Cooperative Program budget goal (see page 7, October 10 Baptist and Reflector); nominations for all TBC boards and Committees (see page 8-9, Oct. 10 Baptist and Reflector); the election of convention officers; recommendations from the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws; recommendations from the World Hunger Committee which was authorized by the 1978 TBC; and various other motions and resolutions. Additional items and recommendations will be printed in the Baptist and Reflector before the Nov. 13-15 sessions.

Cicero's comment



By the editor

Last week I journeyed to Richmond, Va., where, along with about 600 other Southern Baptists, I attended a retirement luncheon for Baker James Cauthen, executive director of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. Cauthen will retire at the end of December, after 26 years in this strategic post.

It was my privilege to represent Tennessee Baptists at the luncheon.

The three and one-half hour luncheon featured many testimonials from missionaries, FMB staff workers, and board members. It was a fitting tribute to a man who has been such a vital part of the mission advance of Southern Baptists.

Since the Foreign Mission Board was holding its October meeting of the full board, I went up to Richmond on Monday night so I could sit in on some of the various meetings of the board and its committees.

I had visited the FMB headquarters about 10 years ago when the FMB had held a special orientation for Baptist state paper editors. However, this was the first time I had been there when the board was in session.

During my two days in Richmond, I had the opportunity to tour the building—which had been enlarged since my earlier visit—and to chat with many of the employees. Then, I sat in on the meetings of the administrative committee and the personnel committee on Tuesday.

The appointment service for 19 new Southern Baptist missionaries was held on Tuesday night, and the full board met on Wednesday morning.

All of this was climaxed with the luncheon last Wednesday.

It was exciting to hear the reports of our missionaries—and learn of the tremendous opportunities on mission fields around the world.

During the business sessions, the board approved a \$76-million budget for the coming year—and yet at the same time heard of so many challenging opportunities that are still unmet. One of the major problems is that tragic word "inflation." Here in the United States, all of us are aware of what is happening to the cost of items, but in many places in this world the inflation rate is two and three times greater than ours.

The board felt it was necessary to increase the missionary compensation, even though these missionaries may not be able to purchase as many of the "tools" to assist their work as desired. It was reported that each year a larger portion of the FMB's budget must go for missionary compensation, with a declining percentage of the budget for buildings and supplies.

Another highlight was last week's vote to send missionaries into our 94th country. There were indications that this number could grow to 96 by the end of the year.

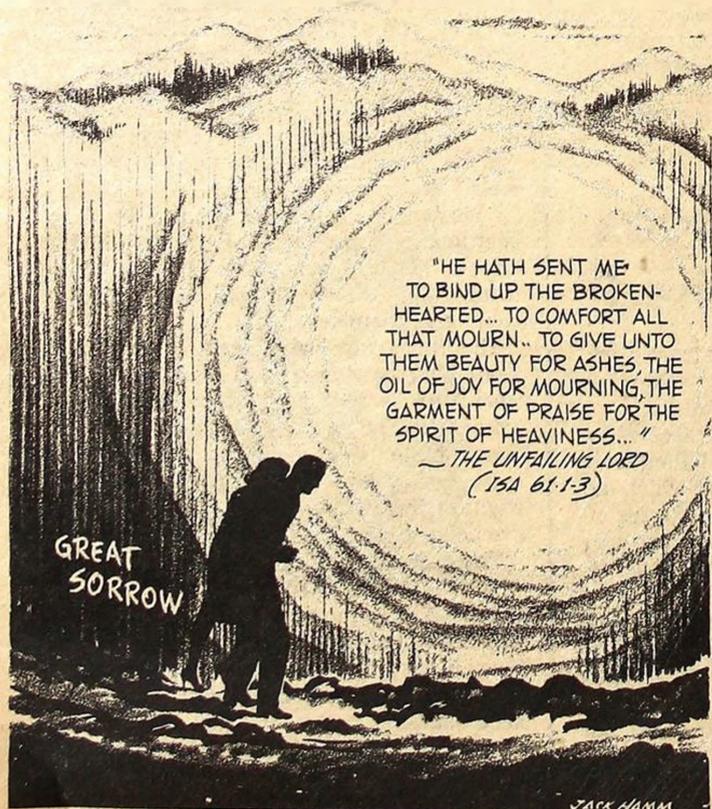
Southern Baptists can take pride in what God is accomplishing through our Foreign Mission Board. This can be especially seen in what has happened during the 26-year tenure of Baker James Cauthen.

When Cauthen assumed the position of executive director in 1953, we had 910 missionaries on 32 mission fields with a total budget of \$6.5-million dollars. Today there are about 3,000 missionaries on 94 mission fields with a 1980 FMB budget of \$76-million.

Much of this growth can be attributed to the vision, challenge, and inspiration Southern Baptists have received from Cauthen.

Cauthen's retirement gave us the opportunity to reflect on what God has led Southern Baptists to do. Yet, last week's meeting focused strongly on what is being done and what must be intensified if the goals of Bold Mission Thrust are to be achieved.

Voice In The Valley



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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.

An open letter to pastors

Dear Brothers in Christ:

Thank you for the opportunity of serving as president of the Pastors' Conference for this year's Tennessee Baptist Convention. I consider it a great honor and a serious responsibility to plan a program for you that will be beneficial and inspirational. After meeting and talking with Bill Foote, our vice-president, and Maurice Hayes, our secretary, I feel that we have put together an excellent program.

The theme for our Pastors' Conference this year is "On Being A Pastor." The idea behind this theme is that a pastor in our day and time faces many challenges as well as many opportunities of service to our Lord Jesus Christ. The complexity and drama of preaching the gospel, shepherding a flock, and seeking to be a part of a bold mission thrust is often more than one man can honestly handle by himself. Being a pastor demands a sense of relationship but to the Lord Jesus Christ and to the body of Christ, his church, where we minister and serve. Our program for this year seeks to meet the needs of the pastor on a practical and inspirational level.

With this in mind, I would like for you to covenant with me that in the days before our conference meeting in Memphis, you will pray for the Holy Spirit to bless these sessions. Pray for each speaker, each person who will lead us in the special music, and each of us who serve you as officers. It is my prayer, and I trust will be yours, that when we leave the conference we will be better able to serve our Lord as pastors. I look forward to seeing all of you who can possibly attend our conference at the East Park Baptist Church on Nov. 12.

Joe R. Stacker
President

Baptists' procedure

Dear editor:

In April, the Tennessee Baptist Convention voted not to keep the Belmont Plaza project and operate it as a rental facility. The convention voted to get rid of it completely by sale or transfer and remove the indebtedness.

In September, the Executive Board decided to keep the debt, keep the property, operate it as a rental facility, and in the process, give away a half-million dollars to a corporation.

If the action of the Executive Board stands, we will have a situation by which the whole convention concept and process has been reversed. Are we ready for such a precedent?

The corrective is simple; let the board bring the matter back to the convention in November. To do otherwise is to court disaster!

Regardless of one's feelings about the Belmont Plaza project itself, for the Executive Board to follow through on their actions at this point is to destroy the integrity of both the convention and the board. Nobody ought to be more concerned about this than the members of the Executive Board themselves!

Preservation of the convention process is of far greater importance than a single piece of property. Destruction of the process may cost much more than \$5-million!

Every concerned Baptist ought to write now to: Tom Madden, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Tennessee Baptist Convention, P.O. Box 347, Brentwood, Tn. 37027; Fred Kendall, II, President, Tennessee Baptist Convention, P.O. Box 622, Union City, Tn. 38261; and Gerald Stow, President of the Executive Committee, 18 S. Walnut Street, Cookeville, Tn. 38501. You ought also to talk with the Executive Board members who live in your area. This is a most critical issue!

Please, let us not crucify the convention process upon a \$5-million cross of gold called Belmont Plaza!

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Wasted money

Dear editor:

I have been reading everything you've printed on the big expensive building that there has been so much controversy about.

I feel millions of our dollars have been wasted. I am thankful to be a part of a church which is a great supporter of the Cooperative Program. I can proudly say we give 21 percent of our contributions, besides money given for other mission work.

I am all for building houses for our senior

citizens as "low income housing," for there is such a great need for this. If we are spending our money, "correction": God's money for it is His, because it is given through tithes and offerings, but if it is being spent on apartments that cost from \$400 up to \$700 a month rent, people like that don't need help. Our elderly people on fixed incomes, who have a hard time just to make ends meet, are the ones who need our help. We don't have a member of our church who could afford to pay this type of rent.

I believe the people who are responsible for this are the ones who will have to give an account to God for the way this money was wasted.

Have we as Southern Baptists been told the full story on just how much this has cost us? Couldn't this money have been used much better to help some of our missionaries who have it so rough, or our needy children?

I have never believed in designating our tithes, for it says to bring them into the storehouse and to give with a free spirit, but such things as this makes one wonder.

I am afraid this is going to hurt our Cooperative Program, God forbid, which I think has done such great work. The handling of God's money is a big responsibility, so we need responsible, dedicated men of God to be in charge.

If I am wrong, I apologize; but if I interpret what I have read of this event, there has been a great amount of money wasted. If so, it is a tragedy, for there is so much need for missions.

Juanita Padgett
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Minority rule

Dear editor:

For years I have been troubled by what appears to be rule by the minority, and a statement by Porter Routh printed in your June 27 issue confirms my conviction. We have allowed a few to rule the SBC for years.

Doesn't it seem strange that we go through the democratic process to elect the president of the convention, but we allow a select few to choose the executive secretary-treasurer?

The question of who has the power to do what seems to be a problem. Routh says the presidency is a non-staff position, inferring that the president has no authority, but that a staff position does.

I realize we have given the power to the Executive Committee to select the executive secretary-treasurer, but I wonder if we know what we have done? We say our manner of controlling boards and agencies has checks

Devotional

No place for complacency

By Dorothy Lipham Steen

"Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves"
(James 1:22).

When James wrote those words, he put wings, feet, and hands to the gospel of Jesus. Christians who need James' advice will not be pew-sitters but go-getters.

Some Christians sit complacently in church, doctrinally secure, feeling that they are saved—saved from hell. They feel that they "have it made." The rest is left to God. They accept no further responsibilities.

James' ideas of Christians doing more than listening to sermons and studying the Bible would seem troublesome and a bother to these people.

How thankful I am that all of today's Christians are not so placid.

Recently, my husband and I returned to Jackson, Mississippi, to help his parents repair their flood-damaged home. They had been evacuated by boat on Easter morning. We had visited them then to see what could be salvaged and what had to be discarded. After weeks of drying out, the house was ready for us to work on it.

We were delighted when Jackson's First Baptist Church offered to help, but we did not know then how much help we would receive from his parent's church.

The single adult Sunday school department provided volunteers—10 in all. Some worked a few hours; others came for several days. They scraped wall paper, sanded, and painted.

The assistant minister's wife helped hang new wallpaper. Neighbors washed curtains and brought food.

The church as a whole gave generously so that each flooded church family was given a cash gift to help with expenses.

How refreshing it was to be a part of a Christian group doing the work of the church—helping those who needed help.

How grateful we all should be for today's Christians who are doers of the Word. If you and your church have fallen into the habit of listening to God's Word but never getting around to doing anything about the needs of people in your community and around the world, reread James. Consider how much could be accomplished if all Christians became "doers of the Word."

Mrs. Steen is a member of Immanuel Baptist Church, Nashville, where she serves as a teacher in the adult dept.



Steen

Personal perspective

BY TOM MADDEN
TBC executive secretary

I am writing this week's paragraphs from Brownsville where I am preaching a revival at the Poplar Corner Baptist Church. In addition to being with the pastor, Earl Wells, and his good people, I have had the privilege of visiting in several of the churches of Haywood Association.

As I have tried to preach and visit and witness this week, I have been impressed once again with the primacy of evangelism. I believe our Lord wants us to always have a sense of urgency about us to stay with the central task of evangelism.

I believe basic to the many forces that contribute to a deepening spiritual life is the force of prayer. I read recently Lewis Drummond's book, *The Awakening That Must Come*. In one of his chapters, he lists some definite scriptural prayers for revival.

"Lord, convict me of my specific sins that need cleansed in the blood. (1 John 1:9)

"Lord, give me the spirit of prevailing prayer. (Rom. 8:26)

"Lord, burden me deeply over the headlong rush to destruction many engage in. (Romans 9:1-3)

"Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit mightily upon us. (Acts 4:31)

"Lord, revive your work in the midst of the years. (Hab. 3:2)"

The evangelization of the world in this generation is still our goal. God needs faithful, praying, prevailing believers.

Thurman Allred named bivocational consultant

NASHVILLE—Thurman W. Allred has been named consultant in the church administration department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board with a special assignment to work toward making board programs more applicable to needs in bivocational pastors.

Statistics indicate that more than 9,000 churches in the Southern Baptist Convention have bivocational pastors, many of whom often face shortages of time and finances. Allred's new position is the first at the Sunday School Board to deal primarily with bivocational pastors.

Allred will conduct general pastoral ministries conference for bivocational pastors and work with other consultants in designing conferences in special content areas. He also will work with directors of associational missions to determine the unique needs of bivocational pastors and assist in developing training projects and materials to meet these needs.

A native of North Carolina, Allred was a consultant in associational relationships for the board's church administration department before assuming his new role. Prior to joining the board staff in 1973, he had been an associational director of missions and had been pastor of several churches, all in North Carolina.



Madden



Allred

Analysis

Carter-John Paul meeting: a church-state watershed

By Stan Hastey

WASHINGTON (BP) — Just 20 years ago the scene would have been politically unthinkable — the president of the United States welcoming the head of the Roman Catholic Church to the White House.

In 1960, when he was running for president, Roman Catholic candidate John F. Kennedy found strong resistance to his candidacy on account of his religion, particularly among Baptists in the south. He felt compelled to defuse the church-state issue at the eleventh hour by pledging to Baptist ministers in Houston that if elected, he would bend over backwards to avoid even the appearance of impropriety in relationship with his church.

The most often voiced of those fears was that somehow a Catholic president would inevitably pay obeisance to the pope in Rome.

To his credit, John Kennedy kept his promises in the church-state field and presumably destroyed forever the myth that a Catholic president couldn't be his own person.

Another major factor permitted Carter, who had to deal with the issue of his Southern Baptist beliefs in his campaign, to invite Pope John Paul II for their dramatic meeting at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.

It began to develop shortly after Kennedy's assassination. John XXIII, another expansive pope, had convened the Second Vatican Council in 1962. At its conclusion three years later after four sessions, its products included a Declaration on Religious Freedom, which for the first time put the Roman Catholic Church on record in support of a principle held dear by Baptists throughout their history.

Despite the importance of the contributions of John XXIII and John Kennedy, however, a compelling argument can be made that it took Jimmy Carter, the Southern Baptist deacon and Sunday School teacher, to bring the pope to the White House.

Some commentators will no doubt argue that the president's primary motivation was political, that at a time when his own popularity was at an all-time low he invited the popular pontiff in order to bask in his presence.

But while the obvious political advantage to Carter, particularly among American's 50 million Catholics, cannot be ignored, the fact remains that the president believed that inviting the pope would not hurt him politically.

The occasion itself was impressive. While the first family and Vice President and Mrs. Walter F. Mondale waited under the north portico of the stately mansion, the pope's limousine turned off Pennsylvania Avenue with the roar of the street-side crowd in the background to make the short drive around the north White House grounds. On seeing his hosts, he waved to them with his now characteristic, hands-uplifted gesture. The greetings included a kiss for Amy Carter.

On the north lawn, the president, with nearly 1,500 dignitaries which included members of the cabinet and congress and justices of the Supreme Court, greeted the pope in Polish: "May God be praised!"

"You have moved us as a champion of dignity and decency for every human being," the president declared, "and as a pilgrim for peace among nations."

In his response, the pope quickly made what was obviously for him and the president a key point. "It is indeed a great honor for me to meet with the president of the United States," he said in his precise, grammatically-perfect English, "during a visit of which the aims are spiritual and religious in nature."

At no point during his week-long visit which culminated in Washington did John Paul speak in his role as head of the Vatican State. Had he done so, the church-state implications could not have been healthy.

In a second ceremony, this one on the south lawn after a 45-minute meeting of the two men in the oval office, the spiritual nature of the pontiff's visit was dramatically

underscored, first by a rendition of "The Lord's Prayer" by the Metropolitan Opera's Leontyne Price.

As he had done in his earlier remarks, Carter alluded to America's implementation of the principle of separation of church and state. Yet, he declared, "Our nation was not founded to deny human beings a life of the spirit, but to welcome the spiritual into our lives — and I join all Americans in welcoming Pope John Paul with open hearts into the lives of a free nation. You are welcome with us, your holiness."

The president went on, "Our America was founded to give a home to all who sought religious freedom. For us today, freedom of religion is not just a valued relic of a bygone age, or of national pride, it is a practical necessity for our nation's forward course."

He spoke of the pope's mission in America as primarily "pastoral." As if to underscore the point, he turned to John Paul to ask if he agreed. The pontiff, who championed religious freedom as a bishop in communist-controlled Poland, replied simply, "You are right."

For his part, the pope chose to address most of his remarks to the issues of disarmament and human rights. But urging the consummation of arms control agreements among nations, he all but endorsed the SALT II treaty now threatened with death in the U.S. Senate.

But the most dramatic moment, and the one which best capsulated the care with which both men treated the sensitive church-state implications of the visit, was saved for last.

After finishing his remarks and stepping aside to acknowledge the prolonged ovation of the 6,000 invited guests, pope and president whispered to each other. Suddenly, unexpectedly, John Paul approached the podium again. "With the permission of the president of the United States," he said, "I will offer a blessing."

And then, on a stunningly beautiful October afternoon in Washington, standing behind the seal of the presidency, he did just that.

Carter and John Paul II 'surprised' at response

WASHINGTON (BP)—President Carter expressed surprise during his nationally broadcast news conference here Oct. 9 at the extent of Pope John Paul's popularity with the American people.

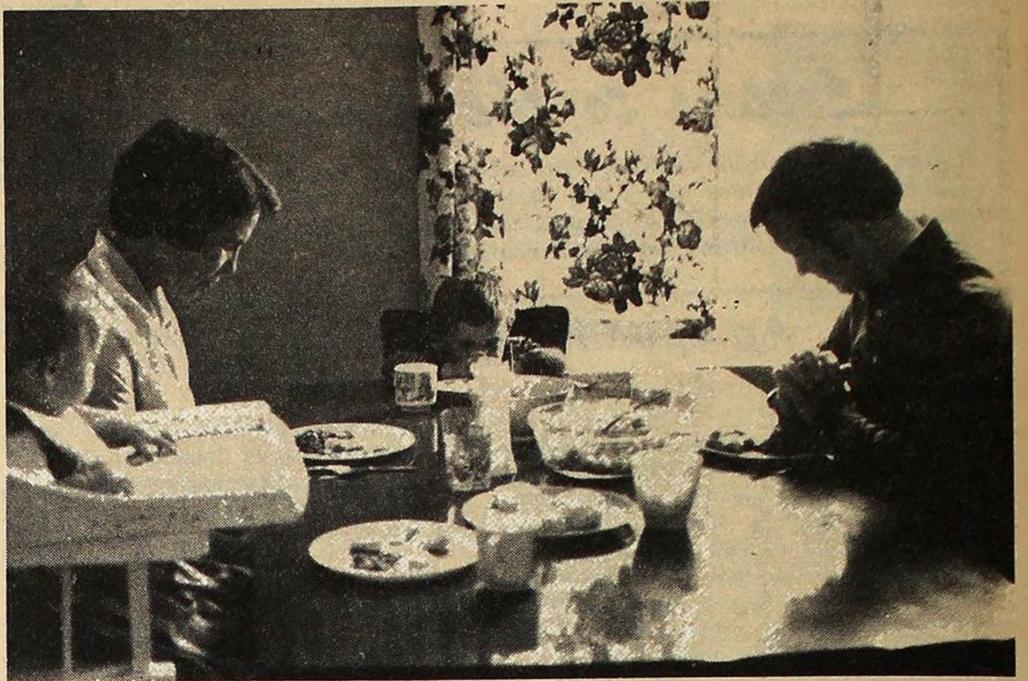
Asked by a reporter to reflect on the meaning of the pontiff's recent week-long visit, Carter replied that both he and John Paul II were "surprised at the degree of warmth and enthusiasm among American people in welcoming the pope."

He continued, "I expected the welcome to be warm and friendly, but I had no idea that it would be that enthusiastic and would involve that large a number of people—and neither did he."

The president said he is convinced that "there's an innate hunger in our country for moral and ethical and religious principles—things that do not change during a time of rapid change brought on by a technological revolution throughout the world. I believe there's a hunger for things that are decent and honest, for principles of which we can be proud."

Carter went on to observe that for many people the pope "accurately mirrors...those aspirations and hopes."

The president said that during their 45-minute conference in the oval office Oct. 6, one of the subjects discussed was the opposition of officially atheistic nations to the "inherent desire of people for religious belief."



EVEN MKS PEEK SOMETIMES—Peter Swann may be a new MK (missionary kid) learning Swahili with his parents in Limuru, Kenya, but he's still "just a plain kid" who occasionally eyes his plate during prayer. His parents, Beverly and Roger Swann, are bound for Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, to their new assignments.

Missions call leads Swanns to assignment in Tanzania

By Laura Lee Stewart

LIMURU, Kenya—Missions has held a major claim on the lives of Tennessean Roger Swann and his wife, Beverly, since long before they met. They are now in language school in Limuru, Kenya, preparing to work in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, but this isn't the first mission experience for either of them.

Both served as missionary journeymen, Beverly in Honduras and Roger in Kenya, but their paths never crossed. Roger, who was born in Knoxville and lived in Maryville, Niota, Corryton, and Bulls Gap, finished his term two years before Beverly was employed. She was born in Florida and grew up in Louisiana.

It was at the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, where both were employed in the treasurer's office, that they finally met. Beverly's job was short-lived after she met Roger. Board policy prohibits both marriage partners from working in the home office at the same time.

The Swanns even considered a wedding date in light of missions and chose June 21—a date after overseas tax returns were finished when Roger could easily leave his work.

They always kept the possibility of overseas service as career missionaries before them. In 1978, the time and place seemed right, and they accepted the call to service in Tanzania.

Roger's assignment would be business manager, but they soon learned he had many more jobs and titles. He would also audit local mission books and books of missions in some other countries. He would work in mass media with a special emphasis on a film library and cassettes.

Beverly had more than one job, too. Finding a place where both could make a contribution had been a consideration during their search. In Dar es Salaam, Beverly would set up and operate a book deposit. She would get Sunday School, women's and church development materials from Baptist Publications, Nairobi, Kenya, and dispense them to stations in Tanzania. She would also use her accounting skills as mission bookkeeper.

Before going to Tanzania, the Swanns are learning Swahili in language school in Limuru, the city where Roger served as a journeyman.

But they have gotten to visit Tanzania. During mid-term break from language school they went with their young children, Peter and Susan, to Dar es Salaam.

When their car broke down as they returned from Baptist Hospital in Mbeya, Tanzania, where they will work on accounting books, their hard-earned knowledge of Swahili paid off. No one spoke English. Their enthusiasm for learning the language took a giant step

forward.

But the trip also whetted their appetite to get to Dar es Salaam and the work for which God had prepared them through many years of mission experience.

Swann is a graduate of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City.

Laura Lee (Mrs. R. Jay E.) Stewart is missionary press representative for Kenya.

HISTORICALLY FROM THE FILES

50 YEARS AGO

Cheek Dormitory at Tennessee Baptist Children's home, was destroyed by fire including most of the clothing of the children who occupied the dormitory. Insurance on the building would help replace it, and since it was erected as a memorial to Major Cheek of Nashville, one of his sons gave a substantial check to help replace it. The net loss, not including the children's clothing was more than \$5,000.

F. M. Dowell Jr., a sophomore at Carson-Newman College and son of the former pastor at McMinnville, Tenn., preached his first sermon at French Broad Avenue Church, Asheville, N.C., where his father was pastor.

The Baptist Sunday School Board added another quarterly to its list of publications. It was the Baptist Adult Union, intended to serve the older people who had organized unions and wanted to train themselves for more efficient work in the churches. The first quarterly was scheduled to appear in December for the coming months of January, February, and March 1930. Price per quarterly was 10 cents.

25 YEARS AGO

S. M. Mulkey was named pastor of South Knoxville Baptist Church, Knoxville. He succeeded Nolan P. Howington who resigned to become pastor of First Baptist Church, Little Rock, Ark.

Our People and Our Churches . . .

LEADERSHIP...

Sonny McBay was called as full-time minister of youth and activities of Silverdale Baptist church, Chattanooga. He had been serving there as interim youth director. Herschel Woodburn is pastor.

Lee Somers accepted the call as part-time minister of music at Apison First Baptist Church. He is a native of Kentucky and a graduate of Murray State University in Murray, Ky. In addition to his duties at the church, he is choral director at a local high school. Harlan Williams is pastor.

Evangelist David Walker served as interim pastor for Central Baptist Church in Hixson earlier this fall. The church reported several additions to the membership during his tenure.

Ron Bright, Glenwood Baptist Church, Knoxville, was named minister of youth and associate pastor at North Cleveland Baptist Church in Cleveland recently. A graduate of Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, Bright has been in full-time youth work for the past four years. Gene North, minister of music at the church, has been serving as youth minister. He will now focus his attention to music and assist in the education ministry of the church. Don Long, pastor, noted that Bright will also begin a children's worship service during the morning worship hour.

Lowry Wagner Stiles of Cleveland has been called as minister of music and youth at First Baptist Church in Charleston. He is already on the new field of service. A native of Madisonville, he led the music program for two churches after attending Hiwassee College in his native city. He also assisted the youth ministries in the churches he served. Byron Gibson is pastor of the Charleston church.

Glenwood Baptist Church, Clinton Association, called Drew S. Gaylor Jr. as interim music director. Hayward Highfill is interim pastor.

Roland C. Hudlow is serving at Crieewood Baptist Church in Nashville as interim minister of education.

Alan Mattingly resigned as minister of education at Cherokee Baptist Church, Memphis, to accept a position in Kansas City.

Big Sandy Baptist Church, Western District Association, called Betty Holland as youth director. She is a student at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Steve Hall, assistant pastor at First Baptist church in Lenoir City, resigned to accept a position as associate pastor of a church in Brandenton, Fla.

Calvary Hill Baptist Church, Dyer Association, called Sammy Emerson as minister of music and youth. He comes to the post from Alamo, Tenn., and is already on the field. Jackie Harris is pastor.

Northview Baptist Church in Pineville, La., called Ivy Ingalls as pastor. Ingalls has served as pastor of First Baptist Church in Halls. R. G. Elliott is serving as interim pastor at the Halls church.

Camla Elliott is the new youth director at First Baptist Church in Cookeville. She is a graduate of Union University in Jackson, where she was active in the Baptist Student Union, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and several other organizations. In 1978, she served as a BSU summer missionary to Buffalo, N.Y., and in 1979 was a summer youth minister for the Natchez Trace Baptist Church in Camden. Gerald Stow is pastor of the Cookeville congregation.

John Shillington, minister of music at Two Rivers Baptist Church, Nashville, has accepted a post with Solid Rock Evangelistic Association in Shawnee, Ok., where he will serve as a music evangelist. He expects to move to Oklahoma after Oct. 31. Shillington told Baptist and Reflector that he hopes to be involved in concerts and evangelistic meetings in the pioneer mission areas of the convention, as well as throughout the rest of the nation.

CHURCHES...

Harlan B. Williams, pastor of First Baptist Church, Apison, reported that dedication services were held at that church recently for newly completed educational facilities.

Members of Hillcrest Baptist Church, Morristown, honored one of its former pastors, W.T. Smith, in special services recently. The membership presented him with a love offering of \$1,141.65. Smith, pastor emeritus of the church, served as pastor from 1964 to 1970. Joel Wood is pastor.

In Clarksville, Hillcrest Baptist Church held dedication services and note burning ceremonies retiring an indebtedness of \$182,000 on the building. During the past seven years, the debt decreased by \$115,000, while mission giving increased from less than three percent of total giving to 15 percent this year. The church was constituted in October 1965 from First Baptist Church in Clarksville. Marvin E. Hines is pastor.

Calvary Baptist Church of Elizabethton celebrated its 50th anniversary last month. Former pastors Don Peek, James W. Hopper, and George Westmoreland brought the messages. Former members Melville Kelly, Carroll Bilheimer, and Audrey Blevins Welch directed the music. Ray Sorrells is pastor.

Members of First Baptist Church in St. Bethlehem were hosts for a community service recently in that city. The message was delivered by Chaplain Jack Wood, Fort Campbell, Ky. Other Baptist churches participating were Spring Creek, Kirkwood, and Parkview. Doyle Russell is pastor.

PEOPLE...

First Baptist Church in Franklin ordained Harold Brown, Ron Kimbrell, and Durwood Huffman as deacons on Sunday night, Oct. 14. Virgil Peters is pastor.

David B. Moore, interim pastor at Gray Southern Baptist Church, Holston Association since last spring, was ordained to the gospel ministry recently. The ordination message was preached by W. Maurice Fain, pastor of Rockland Baptist Church in New York. Frank Proffitt, pastor of Fort Robinson Baptist Church in Holston Association, served as moderator. Moore is a graduate of Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City and plans to continue his education at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Ordination services were held at Grace Baptist Church in Johnson City for Michael Oaks and Robert English recently. Oaks plans to enter the field of evangelism, and English is the new pastor of Hulon Baptist Church in Erwin.

First Baptist Church in Lebanon was scheduled to ordain Joe Hankins as a deacon on Sunday, Oct. 14. Ray F. Cleek is pastor of the Lebanon congregation.

West Main Baptist Church in Alexandria ordained Billy Walker as a deacon last month. Amos Jarman is pastor.

Mike Dennison and Will Deming were ordained as deacons at Calvary Baptist Church in Jackson earlier this month. Paul Clark is pastor.

Deacon installation services at First Baptist Church in Pulaski included the ordination of Bill Garner Foster to the diaconate this month. Clarence K. Stewart is pastor.

Chinquapin Grove Baptist Church, Bluff City, licensed Glen Sellers to the gospel ministry recently. Sellers is attending Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Tex. David Tydings is pastor.

D. William Dodson Jr., pastor of First Baptist Church in Martin, said that the church ordained Ben Joe Baker and Earl Wright in services there.

Bill Sherman, pastor of Woodmont Baptist Church in Nashville, was the guest lecturer for the Staley distinguished Christian scholar lecturers program at Belmont College in that city last month. The theme for this year's lecture program was "Pathway to Purpose."

Carl Hayes, C. H. Philpot, and Allmon Shankle were ordained as deacons by Scenic Hills Baptist Church in Memphis recently. William E. Burney is pastor.

Black Oak Heights Baptist Church, Knoxville, ordained Sam Watts, Carl Rhyne, Don Vittetoe, Joseph Whitton, Jimmie McElroy, Albert Bailey, and Kyle Wires as deacons last month. Pastor J.C. Parrott gave the ordination address.

Ernest Leonard, Howard Seitz Jr., and Paul Tompkins were ordained as deacons by Silverdale Baptist Church in Chattanooga. Herschel Woodburn is pastor.

Woodland Baptist Church, Jackson, ordained Donald R. Watt as a deacon earlier this month. Bob Erwin is pastor.

First Baptist Church in Bluff City ordained Howard Edwin Adams Jr. as a deacon. Adams is director of the youth department at the church. Dennis E. Kenney is pastor.

Robert Thompson, pastor of Murray's Baptist Church, Sweetwater Association, was honored recently for his 10 years of service to the church. A special dinner was held at the church to commemorate the occasion.

Ronald Mitchell Lane, after announcing his call to preach the gospel recently, was licensed to preach by Lincoln Park Baptist Church in Knoxville. Ted J. Ingram is pastor.

The congregation at First Baptist church in Apison ordained Van Whitmire to the ministry of deacon recently. Ralph Norton, Chattanooga, was the guest speaker. Harlan Williams is pastor.

Whiteville's First Baptist Church ordained Bobby Pinner and Carter White as deacons earlier this month. The message and charge to the candidates were brought by Pastor Don Hammons.

Graceland Baptist Church in Memphis ordained Joe Richardson as a deacon in recent services. E. Lowell Adams is pastor.

In Murfreesboro, Grace Baptist Church ordained James Fuller and Mack Haley as deacons. Robert Fesler is pastor.

Jimmy Lambert was ordained as a deacon by Patterson Baptist Church in Rockvale recently. Gerald Maggart is pastor.

Mickey Branson was scheduled to be ordained as a deacon this month at Lyons Creek Baptist Church, Strawberry Plains.

A deacon ordination service was held earlier this month at First Baptist Church in White House. The candidates were Doyle Denton, Bill Denning, and Floyd Creekmore. W. Thomas Mosley is pastor.

Lillian Archilles joins E. Tenn. hospital staff

KNOXVILLE — Lillian Archilles has joined the administrative staff of East Tennessee Baptist Hospital as vice president, nursing services.

In her new position, Mrs. Archilles will manage the departments of inpatient nursing, operating and recovery rooms and emergency room services.

Mrs. Archilles, a native of Toronto, Canada, came to the hospital from Mobile, Ala., where she served as a consultant to Mobile Infirmary. Her previous experience includes: assistant administrator, nursing service, Scott & White Hospital, Temple, Tx.; director of educational programs, Art Centre Hospital, Detroit, Mich.; director of education programs, Bon Secours Hospital, Baltimore, Md.; special projects coordinator, Albert Einstein Medical Center, Philadelphia; personnel assistant, Connecticut Mutual Insurance Co., Hartford, Conn.; assistant director of nursing and supervisor of inservice education, Mount Sinai Medical Center, New York; and inservice education director and director of nursing service, Toronto East General Hospital, Toronto, Canada.

She received her R.N. from Toronto East General Hospital, her B.S.N. from the University of Toronto, and her M.S. degree from Southwest Texas State University, San Marcos.



Mrs. Archilles

Northern Association names new director

Joseph F. Day, a high school principal in Maynardville, has been named as director of missions for Northern Association, according to an announcement from Leslie Baumgartner, Tennessee Baptist Convention missions department director.

The new position will be bi-vocational for Day, Baumgartner said. An ordained Baptist minister, he has led churches at Tazewell, Tenn., and in Florida and Michigan.

He is a graduate of Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate, Tenn., and earned the master of education degree from the University of Florida, Gainesville. Additionally, he completed post graduate work at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

Benin lets Baptists buy land in Abomey

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—Following long delays, Southern Baptist missionaries in Benin have purchased land for a missionary residence in Abomey and have promising prospects of purchasing additional land.

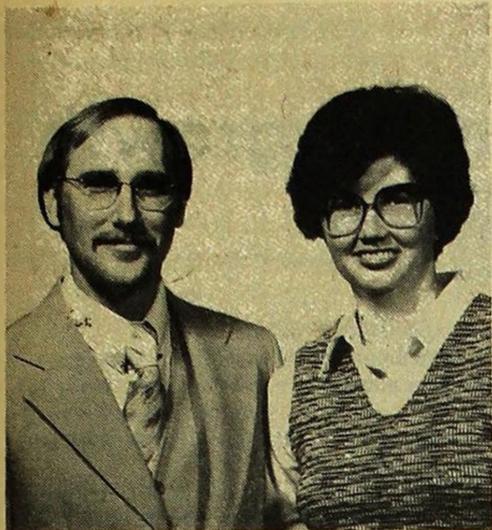
John E. Mills, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's secretary for West Africa, said that with signed papers in hand, construction of the residence should begin soon. The house most likely will be occupied by the Dutton Bonnells.

For about three years development of Baptist work in Benin has been slow because of the inability to secure land, Mills said. Work has moved ahead, he added, "but not with the thrust we would like."

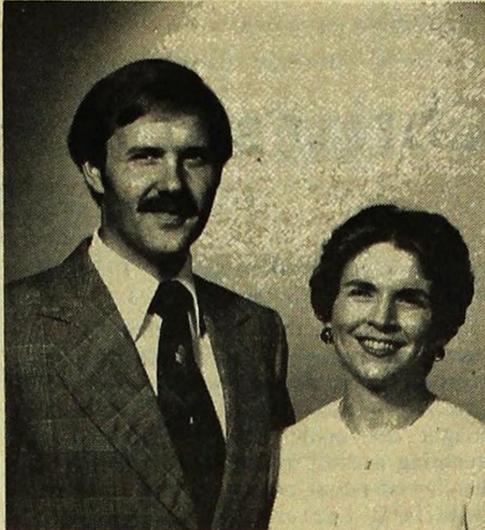
A church is located in Abomey, where Bonnell is pastor, and also a center which serves as headquarters for a reading room, and the Bible Way Correspondence Course, where both he and his wife work.

Now that missionaries have been able to purchase land in Abomey, Mills said that prospects look good for securing land in Cotonou for missionary residences and for a dental clinic and student work.

Mills said he feels that the restrictions on land purchase are easing as the Marxist government in Benin sees the validation of the Foreign Mission Board policy of noninterference in local politics.



ROGER, LINDA RUCKER
Appointed to Lebanon



CYRUS, MARY ANN BUSH
Missionaries to Korea

Tennessee couples named as foreign missionaries

Two couples with Tennessee backgrounds were among the 19 new missionaries appointed by the Foreign Mission Board on Oct. 9. The appointment service was held at First Baptist Church, Richmond, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus W. Bush were appointed to serve in Korea, where he will be a general evangelist and she will be a church and home worker.

Bush is a native of Tazewell. He is a graduate of Cumberland College, Williamsburg, Ky., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex. He has served as pastor of Lebanon Baptist Church, Cleburne, Tex., and minister of music at Corinth Baptist Church, London, Ky.

Mrs. Bush, the former Mary Anne Ramsey of Shreveport, La., is a graduate of East Texas Baptist College, Marshall, Tex., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. She taught school in Shreveport and Fort Worth, Tex.

The family includes two children: Jenny Elizabeth, born in 1977, and Jonathan, born in 1979.

The couple met in Korea, where he was stationed in the U.S. Army, and she was a Southern Baptist missionary journeyman. While there, he was a chaplain's assistant and song leader for Seoul International Baptist

Church, and she was teaching at Korea Christian Academy.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger W. Rucker were named to Lebanon where he will work in general evangelism and she will be a church and home worker.

Mrs. Rucker is the former Linda Stovall. Although she was born in Eddyville, Ky., she spent most of her early life in the Tennessee cities of Baxter, Celina, and Madison. She is a graduate of Murray State University, Murray, Ky., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex.

During college days she was a summer missionary under the Kentucky Baptist Convention and a GA camp counselor for the Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union. She has worked as a recreation leader at First Methodist Church and at the YMCA, both in Fort Worth.

Rucker is a native of Texas. He is a graduate of Baylor University, Waco, Tex., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Presently, he is pastor of Val Verde Baptist Church, Holland, Tex.

The Rucker family includes a one-year-old daughter, Katurah Lynn.

Both the Bush and Rucker families will go to Pine Mountain, Ga., in January for a 14-week orientation before leaving for missionary service on their respective fields.

WMU meeting...

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department of language missions. A native Texan, Terry speaks Russian, German, French, Spanish, and Czech, as well as English, and has written curriculum materials for elementary Russian.

Also a native Texan, O'Brien served as a missionary to Indonesia for 11 years. Between his missionary service and accepting his present position, he was a consultant for a Christian foundation and pastor of a church in Fort Worth.

Webster Carroll has been a missionary to East Africa since 1956, serving in Tanzania until transferring to Uganda in 1963. He maintained his Uganda assignment even through the politically-troubled years during which Idi Amin ruled the African nation. A native of West Virginia, he is a graduate of Tennessee's Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, and was a pastor in Russellville, Tenn., before he was appointed as a missionary.

Miss Weatherford assumed the top post of the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union in October 1974. Previously, she was executive secretary of WMU for the Florida Baptist Convention.

Mr. and Mrs. Stillman were both employed by the Foreign Mission Board as program assistants at the Kobe (Japan) Friendship House. Both graduates of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, they were both members of Southern Knoxville Baptist Church when they became journeymen. Now living in Knoxville, Stillman is working in the

art department of an advertising firm and she is working on a master's degree in music at U.T.

The Monday morning session, which begins at 9:30, will include reports from the WMU state staff on Acteens by Linda Knott and on Baptist Women by Beulah Peoples.

Mary Jane Nethery, Tennessee's WMU executive director, will present her report during the afternoon session, which begins at 1:45 p.m. Her report will include a presentation by Vickie Dunwoody, a student at UT Memphis and a medical missions volunteer, who has served as a summer missionary in Ghana in 1978 and in India in 1979.

The afternoon session will also include the election of officers and a staff report on Girls in Action and Mission Friends by Jannie Engelmann.

The newly-elected officers will be presented during the Monday evening session, which begins at 7:15 p.m. Miss Weatherford will close the 1979 Tennessee WMU convention with a message on the meeting's theme, "The Gift in Thee."

50 campers accept Christ

BAPTIST VILLAGE, Israel — More than 50 youth made professions of faith in Christ at the "Potters Wheel Camp" during five weeks of camps here for Arabic and English-speaking young people. R. Donald Mantooh, Baptist representative and co-director of the camps, attributed the encouraging response to a strong emphasis on personal Bible study and special training sessions for the counselors.

BSU students to gather for state convention

Music, missions, character studies, and preparation for a life of "being, going, and giving" will highlight the 1979 Baptist Student Union Convention on Oct. 26-28, according to Glenn Yarbrough, Tennessee Baptist Convention student department director.

The meeting will be held at Union University in Jackson, and will be led by Joan Watts, state BSU president.

Following the convention's theme, "Here is my Life, Being/Going/Giving," speakers will include missionaries on furlough Mr. and Mrs. John McGuckin; Pastor W. Lee Prince, Union Avenue Baptist Church, Memphis; and Wilbur W. Swartz, professor emeritus of preaching, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, La.

Yarbrough said a highlight of this year's convention will be the music and the musicians. David Ford, professional musician from Nashville and former minister of music at First Baptist Church in that city, will present a concert on Friday evening. He will also lead a seminar on "The Soloist in Worship." Three singing groups from Tennessee colleges will bring special choral presentations. The groups scheduled are: "Common Bond," Middle Tennessee State University; the Gospel Choir, from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville; and the BSU choral group from Union University. College students will conduct the congregational singing.

A special emphasis this year will be the student missions bazaar, where students who served during the summer of 1979 will show and discuss their places of service. During the regular program, three special presentations



Prince



Ford



Swartz



McGuckin

will also depict their work.

Conferences offered will include: "What to Expect at a Southern Baptist Seminary," "Developing the Discipline of a Quiet Time," "Marriage Preparation," "Communicating Across Cultural Chasms," and "Journeyman Adventures."

Registration for the convention begins at 4 p.m. on Friday. Larry Murphy, Union BSU director, will direct the registration and housing for the visiting students. All sessions are on central time.

Youth to explore careers, education at Newport conference next month

Tennessee high school students will have an opportunity to explore education and career opportunities at the 1979 Christian Career Conference at Camp Carson next month. Scheduled to be held Nov. 2-3, the conference will follow the theme of "My Way, God's Way."

Johnnie Hall, TBC church training director, said that young people "must prepare their minds and emotions to be receptive to what God wants them to do and to be." Following that premise the students will hear messages on how to prepare their minds, church vocations, secular vocations, education, and commitment.

Specialized conferences on pastoral ministry, music ministry, youth ministry, educational ministry, the church office, missions, and the denominational ministry will be offered.

Secular fields to be explored are medicine, teaching, technical jobs, business world, science, homemaking, and law. Conference leaders in these fields include: R. Eugene Galloway, Elizabethton physician; Mrs. James Austin, educator, Nashville; John A. Hausser, La Follette, vocational school teacher; Gene Pippin, Knoxville businessman; Albert L. Myers, chemistry professor at Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City; Mrs. James McCluskey, pastor's wife in Knoxville

Baptist Christmas show can be aired locally

NASHVILLE—The executive producer of "At Home with the Bible" has announced a plan where churches and associations may sponsor the series' Christmas segment on local television, cable or radio.

"At Home with the Bible," a weekly radio and television program produced by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board and the Radio and Television Commission, airs weekly in some cities, but executive producer Don Fearheiley said the Christmas program could be aired as a special.

The 30-minute Christmas program features host and Bible teacher Frank Pollard interpreting the Christmas story. The series' music group, "A Joyful Sound" presents several selections from the musical Celebrate Life as well as traditional Christmas carols.

Fearheiley urged interested groups to make immediate contact with station program directors.

When a station expresses interest in airing the program, he said sponsors may obtain an audition tape free by writing or calling him at the Sunday School Board. Also, Fearheiley said a tape will be sent to the station at no cost to the sponsors in time to air in December.

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Baptist media specialists sidestep obstacles in Mexico

By Jennifer Anderson

MEXICO CITY (BP) — Christian media specialists here, facing government regulations restricting the use of words like "Bible" or "God" in radio broadcasts, have devised ways to produce evangelistic radio programs that are acceptable to government authorities.

"Our content is religious but our program isn't," explains a convincing and enterprising Jim Watson. Watson is assistant to the director of Medios Educativos, the Baptist media group that occupies offices at Mexican Baptist Theological Seminary. Besides Watson, Medios is composed of David and Lorna Daniell, Southern Baptist representatives to Mexico City; and Sofia Alarcon, a Mexican Baptist. Daniell is director, Mrs. Alarcon is general manager, and Mrs. Daniell is graphic artist.

Medios Educativos is forced to do things differently because of Mexico's stiff radio broadcast regulations. "We're very low key," says Watson. "But everything we do is identified as being Baptist and with a Christian

organization. We get as much as we can on the air that the government allows."

Mexico's government requires programs to use a Mexican-born announcer and won't allow "God" or "Bible" to be aired. "But we can talk about 'the Word,' 'the Father,' 'Scriptures,' or 'the Creator,'" Watson says. "It's just one of those things in Mexico."

With these in mind, Medios Educativos has produced "Sabe Usted?" ("Did You Know?"), one of its most popular programs. The series takes a historical or scientific fact or a social issue, explores it by interviewing specialists in the country, then, in conclusion, makes a spiritual application — all in compliance with government mandates.

For instance, one "Sabe Usted?" starts up with a strong, fast-beat song leading into the Mexican announcer's introduction to the program. This particular broadcast deals with the importance of vaccinations against disease.

A prominent Mexican physician is interviewed on the topic, then a government health department official airs his views. Wrapping it up the announcer tells the audience that a "vaccination for sin is a new life in Christ." He reads II Corinthians 5 from the Scriptures: "Therefore, if any one is in Christ, he is a new creation."

The program closes with a special gift — this time a calendar. "Every program offers a gift, if they'll write us," says Watson. "And with that special gift we also send a correspondence course about the Bible and Christianity."

Medios Educativos means educational media, "which kind of lends itself to that type of thing — educational," says Watson. "As you can see our programs are religious. But they also give information."

Letters from across Mexico express people's interest in knowing more. In the case of one woman who was contemplating suicide, "Sabe Usted?" helped her find a new life — she became a believer.

Watson and the media team are convinced that programs like "Sabe Usted?" work. "Yep," he says. "There's no doubt about it."

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Christ's pattern for growth

By Jerry Heflin, Bible teacher
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Basic Passages: Psalms 92:12-15; Philippians 3:1-16
Focal Passages: Philippians 3:3-16

Paul's work in the various churches was closely followed by the visits of other teachers referred to as "dogs," "evil workers" and "the concision." These were Jews who thought one could not be saved without becoming a Jew: grace, plus circumcision, plus Jewish ritual, etc. Twentieth century churches still have this problem. There are those who teach grace, plus baptism, plus holding on to the end, plus ritual, plus, plus, etc.

Those who teach a human merit salvation are often more zealous than we who believe we hold the truth of Grace. Truth without zeal is as deadly an error as zeal without truth. One misleads unbelievers; the other avoids winning the unbeliever. In both cases the world perishes without Christ.

In Philippians chapter 3 Paul emphasizes that our salvation comes without the aid of human pedigree; and our Christian growth, likewise, is dependent on Grace and our personal relationship of intimacy with the risen Saviour. Paul also indicates that human achievement may stand in the way of our Christian growth. The activity of the flesh is no substitute for the power and leading of the Spirit through a crucified life.

Paul's Pedigree Reviewed, Philippians 3:3-6.

No amount of human attainment or personal righteousness can help us merit salvation. Paul gives his personal experience to warn against the false teachers who had troubled all the churches he had found. "If any other man thinketh to have confidence in the flesh, I yet more." He is thinking of the proud, false teachers.

If ever a fellow could be saved by pedigree, Paul could have. He lists seven items. Four are hereditary and three are of his own merit.

A. Hereditary (v. 5a). (1) CIRCUMCISED THE EIGHTH DAY — Paul was not a proselyte but a Jew by birth; (2) OF THE STOCK OF ISRAEL — a descendent of Jacob (Israel) and a member of the elect nation; (3) TRIBE OF BENJAMIN — this tribe provided Israel's first king, and this tribe remained loyal to Judah when the kingdom was divided; (4) A HEBREW OF THE HEBREWS — he was a pure-blood Jew and had retained his national language and culture, unlike others who had been influenced by Greek ideas and practices.

B. Personal achievement (vs. 5b, 6). (1) A PHARISEE — Paul belonged to the most conservative, loyal party of Jews, ardent supporters of the Law; (2) ZEALOUS — he was no slouch or lukewarm Jew. The only people I have seen that come close to Paul's enthusiasm are the "Big Orange" fans of East Tennessee; (3) TOUCHING THE RIGHTEOUSNESS WHICH IS IN THE LAW, FOUND BLAMELESS — Paul was morally and ritualistically a model man. After meeting Christ he saw how much a sinner that he was.

Priorities Re-evaluated, Philippians 3:7-11

Since meeting Christ, Paul's priorities have shifted radically. In verse 7 he counts all the former privileges as loss. They were good in themselves, but they led him to build on a false foundation, inasmuch as they kept him from true faith and righteousness, now, his first priority is to know Christ in a day-by-day intimate experience. Because of this paragraph and related expressions in other parts of the letter, this has been referred to as the "Epistle of the Experimental Knowledge of Christ."

"Yea, doubtless" represents several Greek particles indicating fervent emotion. All former and present attainments are actually a disadvantage if they keep one from knowing

and experiencing Christ.

Paul is like a fellow working on a beach who notices a cluster of precious gems. While he sits gazing at them, he notices another gem of so much greater value that the former pile fades from his view.

Verses 10 and 11 tell the depth of Paul's desire to experience all of Christ: resurrection, suffering, death, resurrection of the dead. These expressions should be studied individually, but the sum total adds up to absolute submission to the will of God. Surrender is a repetitively deepening process. Paul confesses that he hasn't arrived (v.12). As a friend said, "I wish there were one big experience we could have and get all this maturing business over with." Such a shortcut will never come to us.

Purpose Explained, Philippians 3:12-14

To Paul, the Christian life was not a performance of external rites or a recitation of dry creeds, but a living relationship with Christ. He is determined to have all Christ means for him to have.

In explaining his driving purpose, he uses the figure of a runner in a race. He has made progress but has not reached his goal of perfect fellowship with Christ and complete likeness to Him.

Verse 13 is a very powerful medicine, "...forgetting those things which are behind." What freedom we would have if we placed all our past under the blood. All the hurts, angers, resentments and unforgiveness would be purged and the church renewed.

The terminology Paul uses expresses also the idea that the Christian life is not a stagnant waiting for the Lord to return. There are definite goals for which we strive.

Verses 15 and 16 are an exhortation to us to accept the challenge of total surrender. Such submissive faith will change our lives. What we really believe will change our lives. We only really believe what we act upon; the rest is mere religious talk. Paul's life is a demonstration of this truth.

PRAYER: Father, the wounds of Calvary need to reach all my priorities. Uncover what I have unconsciously or consciously hid from Thee. Help me to let go. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Iowa sets target date for convention status

BETTENDORF, Iowa (BP) — The Iowa Southern Baptist Fellowship, in annual meeting at First Baptist Church, Bettendorf, adopted the largest budget in its history, received reports of consistent growth, and set a target date for achieving full status as a state Baptist convention.

With 64 churches and chapels and some 8,679 members, the Iowa Fellowship hopes to organize in October 1982 to begin operations as a state convention on Jan. 1, 1983. Currently, 34 state Baptist conventions cover work of Southern Baptists in all 50 states.

The organization as a convention will take place only if the Iowa Fellowship, now affiliated with the Missouri Baptist Convention, achieves 70 churches with 10,000 members with an average 10 percent gifts to missions.

In a prepared statement to the fellowship in annual session, A. Wilson Parker, executive director, emphasized that the priority continue to be reaching people and that the convention status should be a result of starting churches where they are needed to reach people.

Parker also noted that the Iowa Fellowship has experienced growth in every area of measurable success. Program enrollments in the local churches, as well as total membership, averaged a consistent growth of seven to eight percent in 1979. The brightest spot in the year of growth was a 35 percent increase in baptisms reported by the churches, he said.



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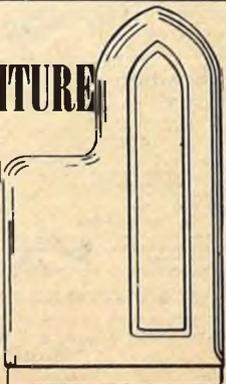
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The purpose of the Bible

By George Lewis McGlothlin, pastor
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Scripture Passages: John 20:30-31; 2 Timothy 3:14-17; Luke 24:44-48

Is it important for us to know...
...that 1.5 billion Bibles have been printed since Johann Gutenberg printed the first one?
...that 30 million copies of the Bible are sold annually?
...that if you placed every Bible in the world alongside one another it would make a line 17,000 miles long?
...that 98 percent of all homes in the United States have at least one Bible?



McGlothlin

No! What is important is that we know the purpose of the Bible.

A prisoner who was condemned to solitary confinement had the Bible as his only companion and studied it for several years. He gathered the following facts: it contains 3,586,489 letters; 773,692 words; 31,173 verses; 1,189 chapters; the word "and" occurs 46,277 times; the middle verse is the eighth verse of the 118th Psalm; all the letters of the alphabet are found in the twenty-first verse of the seventh chapter of Ezra; the longest verse is Esther 8:9 and the shortest verse is John 11:35. The thing that speaks to me is that this prisoner spent several years obtaining facts but not fully realizing the purpose of the Bible.

What is the purpose of the Bible?
One purpose of the Bible is to point men to Jesus.

The Apostle John in writing the Fourth Gospel says, "But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through His name" (John 20:31). The primary purpose of the Bible as well as John's Gospel is to point men to Jesus as Saviour and Lord.

Edwin Rushworth, a skeptic all his life, resolved to read for an hour a day from the Bible. "Wife," he said after reading the Bible for the first time, "if this book is right, we are all wrong!" A week later, after reading the Bible, he said, "Wife, if this book is right, we are lost!" After several more readings, he said, "Wife, if this book is right, we may be saved!"

Indeed, the main purpose of the Bible is to point men to Jesus as Saviour.

Another purpose of the Bible is to guide the believer in conduct.

Paul tells Timothy that the "scripture...is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" (II Timothy 3:16). To say that the Bible should not determine the conduct of a believer is nonsensical.

Someone criticized Gipsy Smith for making a moral point in his message. The man said, "I have been through the Bible 40 times, and I never found what you have been preaching." Gipsy responded by saying, "It is not how many times you have been through the Bible, but how many times the Bible has been through you."

Still another purpose of the Bible is to encourage believers in world evangelism.

The first attempt to encourage believers in world evangelism was not the Southern Baptist Convention's "Bold Mission Thrust." Rather, it was about 2,000 years ago when Jesus had his disciples gathered together for one of the last times. Dr. Luke presents the details of that meeting in his book — Luke 24:44-48. Jesus indeed encouraged the disciples to evangelize the world.

Two young sisters were disputing about which was the last book of the Bible, and one was heard to explain to the other, "Barbara, I tell you the Bible does not end in Timothy; it ends in Revelations."

If we are to reach the world for Christ by 2000 A.D., we must remember that the Bible

tells us about Jesus encouraging His disciples in world evangelism. If we take the message of the Bible seriously, it will "revolutionize" our lifestyle by causing us to go into all our world with the gospel. What part will you play in this gigantic effort?

On Matters of

Family Living

By B. David Edens
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Abstract thinking

The capacity for abstract thinking develops years later than we expect it to, two researchers warned the Association for Supervision and Curriculum. At age 11, 90 percent of pupils are still too immature, neurologically, for abstract or conceptual learning, Herman Epstein, Brandeis University, and Conrad Toepfer Jr., State University of New York, Buffalo, are convinced.

Epstein, a professor and specialist in biophysics, and Toepfer, an association professor of education, believe that this delayed "spurt" in brain growth explains the generally low level of academic achievement in the junior high years. Revise the junior high curricula so that emphasis is placed on concrete experiences rather than on conceptual, abstract approaches to sciences, math and social studies, and kids' school performance will improve, they predict. At age fourteen, 25 percent of pupils are developmentally ready for abstract thinking.

Their studies show that brain development critical to abstract thinking occurs earlier in girls, which may account for girls' greater success in current junior high programs.

Even gifted children may flounder in the junior high trough, Toepfer's study of 2,500 academically talented youngsters indicates. In a surprising number of cases, these fine minds had not yet reached the state of biological readiness required for abstract thinking.

"Expand their experiences," advises teachers working with the gifted, "instead of attempting to drive them on to a higher level of thinking" than brain development permits.

Courtney/Clawson team moves base to Houston

NASHVILLE — Christian artists Ragan Courtney and Cynthia Clawson are moving the home base of their music ministry from Nashville to Houston, Texas, where they will become "artists-in-residence" at Houston's Second Baptist Church.

"Ragan and Cynthia's acceptance of this honor will give them the rare opportunity to continue their international ministry while having the support of a church fellowship with dreams of a world-wide ministry," said Linda Miller, personal manager for the husband-wife team.

Courtney, writer, poet, and actor, is best known among Baptists as author of Christian musical dramas such as Celebrate Life, Beginnings, Bright New Wings, Angels, Acts, and Lottie D. Cynthia Clawson, singer and recording artist, has produced five solo albums and has performed throughout the United States.

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Prayer day may draw one million women

WASHINGTON (BP)—A few scattered gatherings of European Baptist women praying for peace and understanding following World War II has grown into a massive Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer, expected to attract as many as a million women to thousands of prayer centers in a hundred nations Nov. 5.

The day of prayer, now an annual event, is sponsored by the Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance. Marie Mathis of Waco, Texas, department president, said that women gather in groups "as small as two or three" or as large as a thousand.

Some meet in the shade of a tree in Kenya; some gather at a community center in the outback of Australia; others in a church auditorium in more affluent nations.

The things they have in common are their faith in God, concern for Christian witness, and a suggested program listing prayer requests and seeking God's blessing on their efforts in widely diversified situations in all parts of the world.

Robert S. Denny, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, views the worldwide participation of Baptist women in the annual day of prayer as "another amazing evidence of the oneness of Baptist people in their international love for one another and their common concern for Christian objectives."

Mrs. Mathis said that 200,000 copies of an English language program have been distributed for the meetings, and that uncounted numbers of other copies are being made available in a hundred other languages.

In addition to their prayers, the women contribute, often sacrificially, to a financial offering used for a variety of benevolent projects, and for bringing women from remote countries to international meetings such as the Baptist World Congress in Toronto in July 1980.

Filipinos urged to give one peso for missions

MANILA, Philippines—The executive committee of the Luzon Baptist convention is challenging every Baptist on Luzon, largest island in the Philippines, to give at least one peso a year for local mission projects. If the challenge is met, the convention will have enough money to send a Filipino missionary to an area in northeastern Luzon. Several associations have already agreed to the plan; others will be contacted later.

Union Association meets

Messengers attending the annual meeting of Union Baptist Association recently, re-elected Dennie Moore, pastor of Quebeck Baptist Church, as moderator.

Other officers, also re-elected, are: vice moderator Royd M. Roberts, pastor of Ole Bethel Baptist Church; treasurer Robert Beadle, a member of First Baptist Church in Sparta; and clerk Mrs. Donna Farmer, a member of Gum Springs Baptist Church.

The 1980 meeting has been scheduled for Oct. 2 at First Baptist Church in Doyle, according to Moore.

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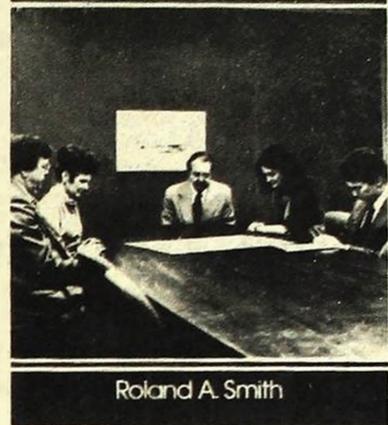
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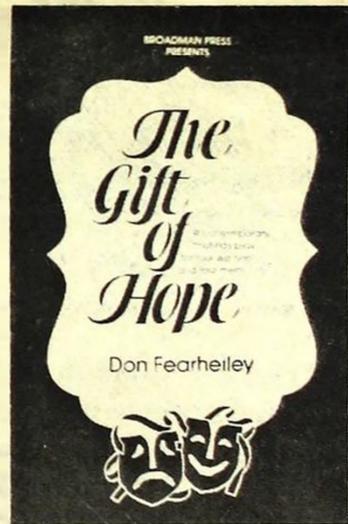
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Chattanooga pastors' wife excels on her own merits

By Jacqueline Durham

June McEwen of Chattanooga developed her education and career parallel with the busy life of a mother and a pastor's wife. Over a period of 25 years, she moved through various stages from a 19-year-old bride to a teacher with a master's degree.

June, a contributing, active member of her husband's churches, always has been aware of the "oughts" connected with being a pastor's wife. However, the subtle difference is that she "was not willing to let the expectations of the church be my first consideration."

This healthy position seems to have created a greater impact in all arenas. "It sounds 'pat,' I know," said June, "but it was a long, painful process to decide that I could be me."

"Being me" for June Holland McEwen means teaching English at a girls' preparatory school where she chairs the 10-year-old accreditation committee, teaching Sunday School, serving as a member of the Symphony Guild (and a member of various other boards and committees at dif-

ferent times), writing book reviews and occasional articles, and, now, writing some short stories and personal reflections.

June came from a background of an east Tennessee (Kingston) divorced family that did not provide formal religious instruction or nurturing but that did give her security from a large extended family. The family moved to Knoxville when June was 13. She began attending church on her own, riding a bus. Subsequently, all eight members of her family were baptized.

"The church became my extended family in the adolescent years," said June. "That is where I was accepted and loved."

Having made a decision to "enter full-time Christian service," June enrolled in an independent Baptist Bible college in Texas after high school. There she met Jack McEwen from Missouri. Within a year, they were married and living on their first church field.

"We were young and enthusiastic," said June. "We worked so hard, calling on every

house in the community. The church grew from 20 to 150. Through some experiences in that community, Jack and June decided to become Southern Baptists.

Their decision was accompanied by definitive action. They "hopped in the car, went to Waco, Texas, and entered Baylor University," June remembers. "If we were going to be Southern Baptists, we decided the thing to do was go to school."

June attended only one year, then worked at various jobs to help Jack graduate. When they were called to their first church in Daisy, Tennessee, June attended her first WMU meeting — as the pastor's wife.

After a few years, the McEwens were Texas-bound again. Jack studied at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, and served as pastor in nearby Arlington. June studied for one year in the seminary's associate program. During the Daisy and seminary years, the children were born: Melanie, now 24; and Jeff, 20.

When Jack was pastor of small churches, June "worked alongside him as sort of an assistant pastor." During his seminary studies, June recalled, "It dawned on me that I needed direction to do something myself."

When Jeff was 4 and June 34, Jack encouraged her to go to college. She had less than a quarter's credit. But, home again in Tennessee, she entered the University of Chattanooga.

She worked as art, feature, and associate editor of the university newspaper; won a best feature writer award; was president of Mortar Board; and graduated magna cum laude.

The six years following college were spotted with graduate courses. June received her master of education degree in secondary English in 1974.

Meanwhile, she taught high school and college English and worked as a research specialist with the county school system. She also remained involved in community activities: board member for the Baptist Student Union and Hunter Museum Art Association, and member of the city-county committee for Head Start.

After completing graduate school, June worked as administrative assistant to the superintendent and later as administrative coordinator in the program division of the county schools. She left the education system in 1976 to serve as executive director of the YWCA. When it was merged with the YMCA in 1977, she began her present job — teaching English at a girls' preparatory school.

A local leader included June among the three or four women who have had the greatest impact on Chattanooga. June believes it is because she has been involved on all fronts — church, community, and career.

June believes all churches should give women an opportunity to serve. Naturally, Jack McEwen has a healthy regard for the abilities of women. He wants at least one woman on every decision-making committee at the church he pastors, First Baptist, Chattanooga.

The mature women in the church "felt strongly that the time has come for women to be given places of leadership and service," said June.

She feels that the church has been enriched by women, largely because of WMU. "This influence extends to local community problems," said June. "Women have a broader world view; they feel less racial pressure, and this makes a profound difference."

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LOVE OF TEACHING—June McEwen still enjoys teaching Sunday School, even after teaching all week at a girls' preparatory school in Chattanooga, where her husband is pastor of First Baptist Church.

Graham to speak at BWA congress

WASHINGTON—The 75th anniversary Congress of the Baptist World Alliance at Toronto (Canada) July 8-13, 1980 will open with an historical pageant and close with a challenge by evangelist Billy Graham.

Warren R. Magnuson, program committee chairman, said that the congress, the 14th in a series begun in 1905, will seek to incorporate inspiration, information, interaction and instruction in its six days of activities.

Morning plenary sessions in Maple Leaf Gardens will open with Bible study, for which study helps will be available. The morning program then will proceed to items of congress business and reports of Baptist life and work in various parts of the world as guided by BWA's several departments and divisions.

A world Fellowship Celebration, planned for Wednesday afternoon, will give all con-

gress participants a "get-acquainted" opportunity in an informal setting. Sectional special interest groups will meet on Thursday and Friday afternoons.

All evening sessions will be inspirational and informative in nature, opening with the historical pageant on Tuesday evening. Speakers will include Nilson Fanini of Brazil, Edwin I. Lopez of the Philippines, William A. Jones of the United States, and evangelist Billy Graham. Graham will be the Saturday night speaker, an evening that also will feature the Roll Call of Nations.

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