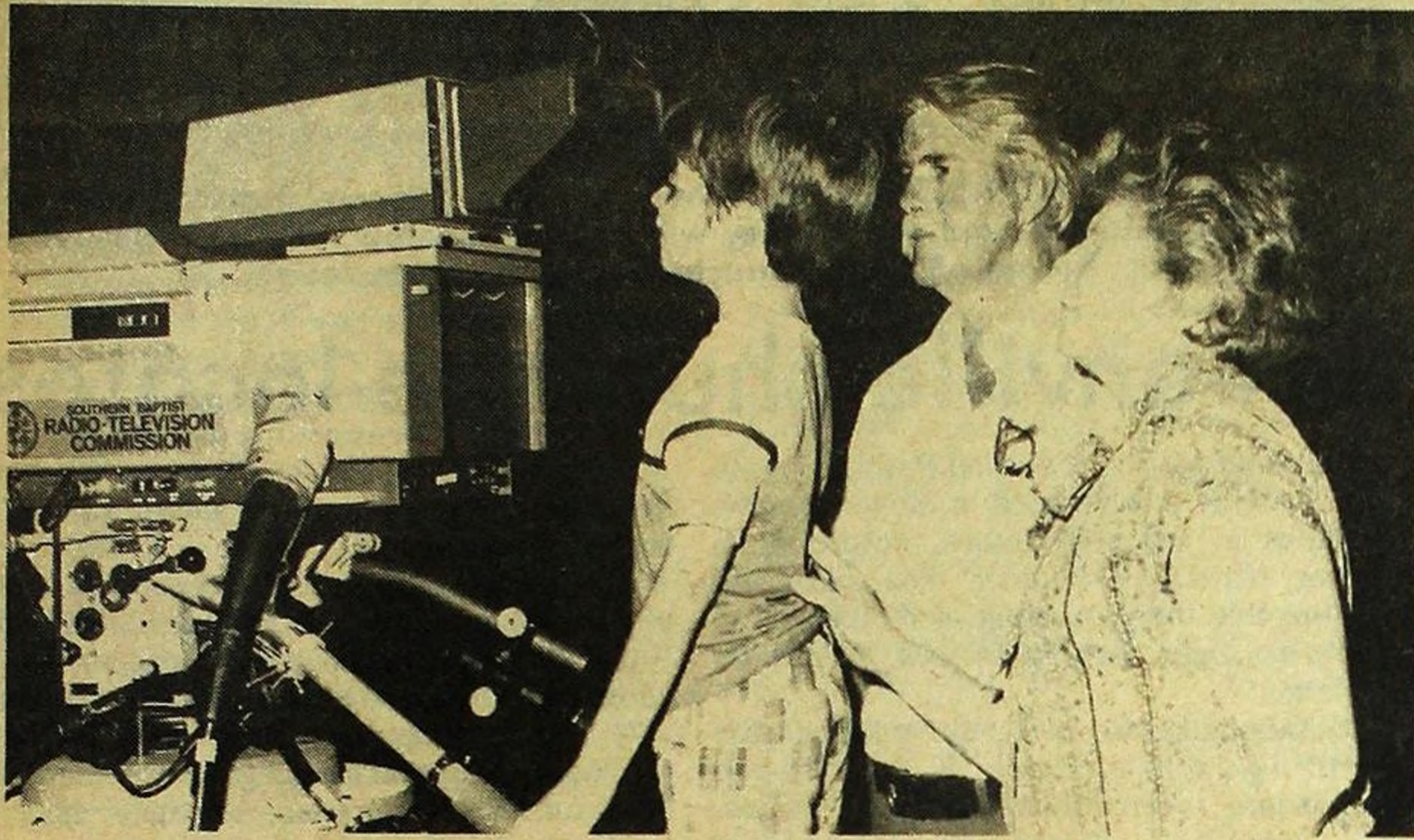


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TOURING RADIO-TV COMMISSION—Eight-year-old Michael McQuitty of Fort Worth, Tex., took his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M.H. Granger Jr. of Newport News, Va., on a tour of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission building in Fort Worth. Earlier, young McQuitty had toured the building with his Royal Ambassador chapter.

Dyer requests Plaza delay until Memphis convention

A resolution passed unanimously by Dyer Baptist Association last week requests that the disposition of Belmont Plaza, the 123-unit apartment for senior adults, be delayed until after the meeting of the Tennessee Baptist Convention next month in Memphis.

The resolution expressed "our love and appreciation to the members of the Belmont Plaza Committee for its dedication, diligence, and long hours of deliberation on the Belmont Plaza problems."

It further stated that "in light of...the Executive Board's action, that we request the president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention and the executive secretary-treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Convention to bring the issue of Belmont Plaza and its sale or transfer to the floor of the 1979 TBC, so that the will and intent of the Tennessee Baptist Convention might be known in regard to Belmont Plaza."

Sanyati schools open in new location

GWELO, Zimbabwe Rhodesia (BP)—Sanyati Baptist schools, closed by guerrillas in Zimbabwe Rhodesia at the end of the first term, have reopened in a new location with almost 95 percent of the previous students enrolled.

The schools reopened for the second term using five churches in the area of Cam and Motor Mine for classrooms, according to Ralph L. Rummage, chairman of the organization of Southern Baptist missionaries in Zimbabwe Rhodesia. Students live with relatives or friends in Cam and Motor Mine or in Gatooma, the major town nearest Sanyati.

Although the Baptist hospital at Sanyati is still operating under local Baptist leadership, Southern Baptist missionaries moved off the compound following the guerrilla murder of Southern Baptist missionary Archie G. Dunaway Jr. in June 1978. Former Sanyati missionaries Mr. and Mrs. Maurice L. Randall are now stationed in Gatooma.

Plaza."

Belmont Plaza was constructed by the Tennessee Baptist Service Corporation through a \$5-million bond issue. The facility was not opened because of the lack of operating funds.

On April 5, a called session of the Tennessee Baptist Convention voted that the facility be sold or transferred "to relieve the Tennessee Baptist Service Corporation as an agency of the Tennessee Baptist Convention from all liability on said lease."

Since the Belmont Plaza Committee interpreted this to mean paying off the bonds, it recommended that the facility be sold to Lawler-Woods Inc. of Knoxville for \$3.5-million and the convention absorb a financial loss of nearly \$1-million.

However, on Sept. 11 the Executive Board voted to retain the financial liability and to transfer the lease on Belmont Plaza to a group of unnamed Baptist laymen who would organize Belmont Plaza Inc. This corporation would secure \$1-million in syndication from investors and take over the operation and future financing of the project.

El Salvador missionaries await outcome of coup

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (BP)

Two Southern Baptist missionary families stationed in El Salvador are waiting in their homes for conditions to stabilize following establishment of a new military government in this Central American country.

Missionary William W. Stennett, in a phone call from San Salvador, told the Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Va., that his family and the N. Hoyt Eudalys are safe in the midst of the coup.

The government of Gen. Carlos Humberto Romero was ousted during the night of Oct. 15 by a new military government led by Co. Jaime Abdul Gutierrez and Col. Adolfo Arnoldo Majano.

Baptist pastor and wife murdered in Oklahoma

OKLAHOMA CITY (BP)—A Southern Baptist pastor and his wife, Richard and Marilyn Douglass, were murdered and their two teenaged children seriously wounded Oct. 15 in their rural home near Okarche, Okla., about 20 miles northwest of Oklahoma City.

The Douglasses were both pronounced dead at the scene. Leslie, a 13-year-old daughter, and Brooks, a 16-year-old son, were "improving" after surgery at Deaconess Hospital in Oklahoma City. The children are expected to recover fully, according to a hospital spokesman.

Police have the identities of two male suspects, identified as "drifters with criminal records," but they have not been apprehended. The suspects allegedly had robbed another home in Hennessey, Okla., where a family was locked in a closet but left unharmed. A car, borrowed from an oilfield worker, was recovered in Fort Smith, Ark. The Douglass car, stolen at the time of the murders, has not been found.

The Douglass children told police one of the men came to their door, asking to use the telephone. While he was still at the phone, a second intruder with a shotgun, entered the home. The telephone wires had been clipped.

All four family members were bound and gagged. Mr. and Mrs. Douglass were shot in the head. Leslie was shot twice, in the upper torso and in the arm. Brooks was hit in the neck and the bullet nicked his heart.

After the assailants fled, Leslie managed to



Douglass



Mrs. Douglass

get loose and untie her brother. The two drove to a physician's home in Okarche, where the doctor notified authorities.

Police are unsure of the motive. Canadian County Undersheriff Jerry Russell said robbery of the home has not been ruled out but it has not been confirmed either. County Sheriff's officers and the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation are working on the case.

Oklahoma Governor George Nigh, a personal friend of Douglass, was among the 2,000 people who attended the funeral, Oct. 18.

Douglass had been pastor of Putnam City Baptist Church since 1972. He and his wife were former Southern Baptist missionaries to Equatorial Brazil. Appointed in 1968, they were language students in Campinas from 1969 to 1970. From 1970 until their resignation in 1972, they did evangelistic work in Belem, Para, Brazil.

An Oklahoma native, Douglass was a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex.

A prolific writer, Douglass was awarded the 1969 George Washington Honor Medal from the Freedoms Foundation in Valley Forge, Pa., for an editorial he wrote.

Mrs. Douglass, 36, the former Marilyn Sue Lacy of Shawnee, was a graduate of Altus (Okla.) Junior College and attended Oklahoma Baptist University and Southwestern seminary. Among her survivors is a brother, Lloyd D. Lacy of Signal Mountain, Tenn.

47-year ministry ends in retirement

After a pastoral ministry spanning 47 years, Carl Triplett entered into retirement, effective earlier this month.

His last pastorate of over 17 years was at Calvary Baptist church, Morristown. While serving there, the membership grew from 784 to 1,105 with more than 700 being added by baptism. The congregation also underwent two building programs valued in excess of \$950,000.

Triplett received three years of training at Clear Creek Baptist Preachers' School in Pineville, Ky., and earned the diploma of Christian ministries at Fruitland Baptist Institute, Henderson, N.C.

Before coming to Tennessee, he was a pastor in North Carolina and Virginia. In his home association, he served as Sunday School director, moderator, and director of missions.

He plans to reside in Morristown where he will continue to preach as supply, interim pastor, and evangelist.

Former pastor dies in airplane crash

JACKSON — Royce Brown Hughes, a former Southern Baptist missionary and a former Tennessee Baptist pastor, died here Oct. 14, when the small private plane he was flying crashed soon after takeoff from the Jackson airport. He was 53 years old.

A licensed pilot with many years of experience, Hughes was taking an 11-year-old boy on a short pleasure flight. The was also killed in the crash.

Hughes was a missionary in South America from January 1964 until he and his wife, the former Bobbie Stephens of Memphis, resigned in May 1972. They served in North Brazil until they transferred to St. Kitts Island in October 1968. Hughes used a plane in his evangelistic work as a missionary.

Prior to missionary appointment, Hughes was pastor of First Baptist Church, Trenton, Tenn. He was pastor there from July 1958 until January 1964. Since resigning as a missionary, he has been involved in several business ventures in the Jackson area.

Born in Lebanon, Tenn., Hughes was a graduate of Union University, Jackson, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

He held student pastorates in Williston, Troy, Lavinia, and Trenton, Tenn., and in Willailla, Ky. He was pastor of Harpeth Heights Baptist Church, Nashville from 1953-55; interim pastor of Union Avenue Baptist Church, Memphis in 1955; and associate pastor of Petworth-Montgomery Hills Baptist Church, Washington D.C. from 1955-58. He was the son of a Tennessee Baptist pastor, the late J. G. Hughes.

Board budget 'increases' but lags behind inflation

ATLANTA (BP) — A 1980 Home Mission Board budget which reflects only a 4.5 percent increase over the previous year has been approved by directors during their fall meeting.

While the \$33,827,457 budget is a record amount for the Home Mission Board, the rate of increase will not keep pace with skyrocketing inflation, says Leonard Irwin, planning section director.

"Because of a limitation of funds, we are not able to increase the budget up to the projected rate of inflation — predicted to be in the double digits," Irwin said. "This places added responsibility on us to spend the money most efficiently."

"Consequently, the Home Mission Board has taken a very serious look at every budget item. We have sought to channel what money we have into the areas of greatest need," he explained. It includes no new projects and no new staff or office positions for 1980, he said.

"We have shifted funds and placed a priority emphasis on enabling missionary personnel to evangelize and congregationalize the

United States in accordance with Bold Mission Thrust (Southern Baptists' effort to reach the world for Christ by the year 2000)," Irwin added. "We will continue to maintain the strength of our mission force."

In fact, he continued, the budgeted increase of \$1,467,937 will go to provide Home Mission board personnel with cost of living wage increases at an average of seven percent per individual.

"One of our major missions guidelines is 'people, not buildings.' Therefore, we are giving primary attention to those ministries which will reach the most people for Christ."

The tight economy places an added importance on the 1980 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for home missions if such ministries are to be expanded, Irwin said.

"The limited number of new projects we will be able to start in 1980 will be funded by money we will receive in addition to the budgeted offering amount," he said.

Currently, the 1979 Annie Armstrong Offering has brought in \$13,917,703, the largest amount ever given to a home missions agency of any denomination in the United States, reported William G. Tanner, executive director-treasurer.

"The offering has reached 92.78 percent of its goal of \$15 million and although we don't expect to reach that goal, the offering is \$1,645,000 above this time last year," Tanner said.

"I wish I could speak to all of the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention personally, just to thank them for what they are doing through the Annie Armstrong Offering," he added.

"When I came to the Home Mission board, I thought the Annie Armstrong Offering was important, but now I realize it is essential. It will become even more essential in 1980 if we are to press toward the goals of Bold Mission Thrust: evangelizing, congregationalizing and ministering to our nation in Jesus' name."

Youth VBS studies Bangladesh, raises funds to feed the hungry

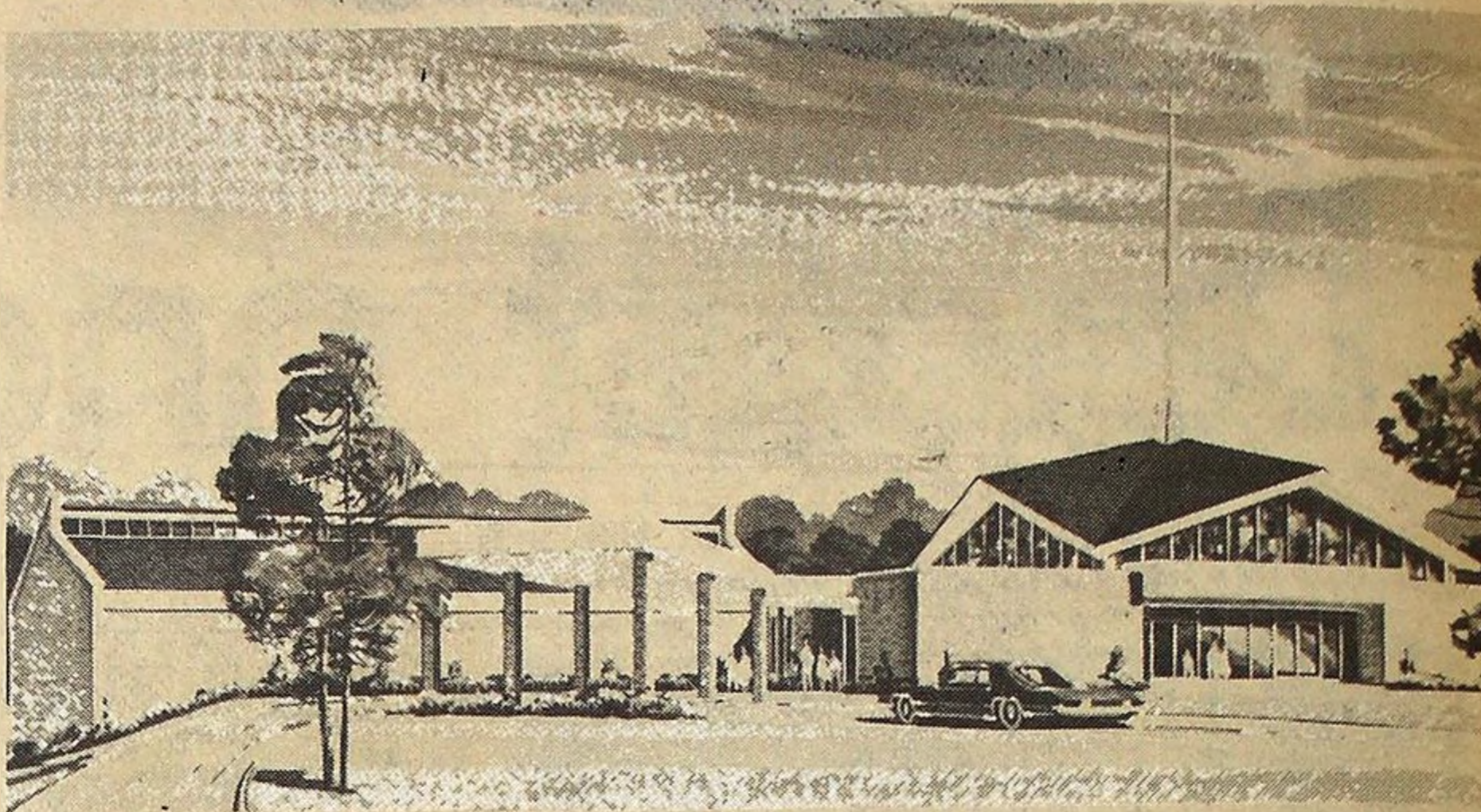
Members of East Commerce Baptist Church in Lewisburg are glad they decided to sponsor a Vacation Bible School for their young people this year.

The week's study and activities did not result in merely fulfilling an assigned task handed down from a state Sunday School department, a Woman's Missionary Union group, or the Home and Foreign Mission Boards. Rather, the six-day effort, involving 15 junior and senior high school students, netted over \$100 to be used to feed residents of Bangladesh, a new feeling for mission needs around the world, and an awakening to the devastation of human beings surviving on one-quarter cup of rice a day.

The young people embarked upon the study right before school began in September. During the week, they built an 8 ft. x 10 ft. hut similar to the homes in Bangladesh, studied about crop raising, ate a main dish of chicken curry from India and Bangladesh, and sponsored a car wash to raise money for hunger relief.

Mrs. James L. England, leader of the group, explained that the church had been hesitant to hold a VBS for their young people this year. They were afraid of busy schedules and lack of interest, but decided to go ahead and hold it right before school began. "Our young people responded so well," she said. "They wanted to be involved, so we really planned."

The underlying theme for the week was commitment to missions. "Many young people have not had much experience with needs or missions," Mrs. England lamented. "Missions is more than just something in a book. We wanted, more than anything else, for them to know that the Lord can use them."



TOWERING OAKS BAPTIST CHURCH—When members of Second Baptist Church in Greenville re-locate next month, they will become members of Towering Oaks Baptist Church. The new \$750,000 structure is nearing completion.

Greenville church re-locates

The congregation of Second Baptist Church in Greenville is scheduled to move into new facilities in the near future, according to Pastor Timothy Alexander. The move will also involve the re-naming of the church to Towering Oaks Baptist Church, Alexander explained.

Containing 22,000 sq. ft., the multi-purpose building will include a fan-shaped auditorium, recreational facilities, educa-

tional space, and space for a new ministry of the church in day care. The auditorium will seat 450 persons.

The building is being constructed at a cost of \$750,000 with Equitable Church Builders of Nashville serving as contractor and architect. Construction was begun in September 1978. The site is approximately one mile from the church's present building. Nine acres will allow for future expansion, Alexander said.

Home Mission Board urges a national hunger survey

ATLANTA (BP) — Directors of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board have urged Congress to fund and implement a national survey on hunger.

A resolution, presented by Nell Bowen of Forsyth, Ga., was one of two actions on domestic hunger taken by directors at their

fall meeting.

The other action urges the 13 million Southern Baptists in 35,400 churches across the nation to join the action by writing letters to senators and congressmen urging a survey to determine the extent, nature, numbers and location of hunger in the United States.

The resolution notes that other groups in the U.S. are also pressing for a national survey on domestic hunger. One such group is Bread for the World, a Christian citizens group, which has called for a national "offering of letters" to influence Congress to improve the nation's response to hunger at home. Bread for the World says some 25 million Americans are below the poverty line.

"The Home Mission board is joining other groups in asking for the hunger survey," said William G. Tanner, executive director-treasurer of the board. "The directors have gone on record in favor of urging Congress to take action."

"We feel it is appropriate for the Home Mission Board to take the lead in this effort among Southern Baptists," added Mrs. Bowen. "The Home Mission board is indeed a channel for administering funds and personnel to help relieve domestic hunger because we have the programs, people and caring concerns to do so."

Mrs. Bowen said most Americans are aware of the problems of hunger abroad, but generally are unaware of the tragic nature of the problem in America. "There are hungry and undernourished people in the United States, but Americans generally are unaware of how extensive the problem is," she added. "We hope Southern Baptists will join in this effort. Hunger is very real in many homes in our nation."

The resolution to be sent to Congress urges the national legislators to "fund and implement a national survey to discover the extent and nature of domestic hunger with the aim of developing remedial programs and legislation to deal with this pressing and life-and-death issue."

In the resolution to be communicated to churches and Southern Baptists, directors noted that an "inward change brought about by Jesus Christ is accompanied by an outward expression in life," and added that "ministering to the hungry among us at home is a responsibility of Christians."

Colorado pastor dies after bout with cancer

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (BP)—Norman Blake, former pastor of Heritage Hills Baptist Church, Colorado Springs, Colo., died Oct. 10 after a bout with cancer. He was 44.

Blake, featured in a Baptist Press article in the Sept. 5 issue of Baptist and Reflector, knew of his impending death and said it gave him a better understanding of life.

"The average person lives doing what he has to and doesn't make many conscious decisions," he said. "Now the problems of life seem so unimportant and insignificant. The fusses and battles people have are so unnecessary."

Blake resigned from Heritage Hills Baptist Church Sept. 23 because his pain wouldn't allow him to function as pastor. The funeral was at First Southern Baptist Church, Colorado Springs, where he was licensed to preach.

Blake had been pastor of churches in Texas and Colorado and was a graduate of Wayland Baptist College and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is survived by his wife, Beverly, and two sons and two daughters.



RA WEEK—More than 200,000 Royal Ambassadors will celebrate Royal Ambassador Week November 4-9, 1979. Royal Ambassadors, the Southern Baptist Convention's mission organization for boys in grades 1-12, is one of the largest boys' religious organizations in the world.

Wood hits proposed lobby disclosure bills

WASHINGTON (BP)—Churches accounting to government for their activities in order to enjoy religious freedom is unacceptable, a Baptist leader told a Senate committee here.

James E. Wood Jr., executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, told members of the Committee on Governmental Affairs that lobby disclosure legislation pending before it, assumes that government has the right to monitor all political activity. "We view such an interpretation of governmental powers with alarm," Wood said.

Wood assured the senators that he was not questioning the motive behind the proposed bills, "but we view the effects as alarming," he noted.

"Accounting to government in the closest, most minute sort of way constitutes entanglement for the churches," Wood pointed out. "What is the compelling state interest in requiring churches to report their activities to government?"

Sen. Lawton Chiles, sponsor of S. 1564, one of the measures under consideration, responded that complete exemption of religious organizations could lead to attempts by such groups as the Unification Church or the Church of Scientology to become state religions. "This could mean a breakdown of separation between church and state," he said.

Wood expressed dismay over Chiles' remarks. "Government has no power to regulate religion," he said. "To suggest that government has the power to police or monitor any religion, whether old or new, is frightening. The premise that government has the right to a full accounting of churches is distressing. We view with alarm this appearance of government monitoring of all political activity."

Abortion foes win another battle in war against federal funding

WASHINGTON (BP) — Abortion foes appear to have won another battle in the ongoing war to stop federal funding of abortion.

In a compromise worked out between the Senate and House of Representatives in 1977, federal funding for abortions has been allowed when the life of the mother is endangered, in the case of rape or incest, or if "severe and longlasting physical health damage" to the mother would result from the pregnancy.

HMB elects Lockwood; appoints missionaries

ATLANTA (BP) — Directors of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board named Quentin Lockwood to direct the board's department of rural-urban missions and approved 37 other persons for mission service during the board's fall meeting.

Lockwood, a home missionary since 1961, will supervise Home Mission Board work with rural churches and churches in cities with populations under 50,000 persons.

He has been pastor of churches in Kentucky and Georgia and served as a director of missions in Nebraska, 1961-68. He was named assistant secretary of the board's pioneer missions department in 1968, and became associate director of church extension in 1971.

Lockwood is a graduate of Georgetown (Ky.) College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Among those approved for missions were two missionaries, four missionary associates, and 31 persons who will receive pastoral aid.

Appointed missionaries were Morris and Twyla Jean Vickers of Baltimore, Md. Vickers will direct associational missions for the Arundel Association of the Baptist Convention of Maryland.

Approved as missionary associates were Michael and Diana Hogue of Las Vegas, Nev., and Jose and Ines Rivas of San Antonio, Texas.



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION — Celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Radio-TV Commission produced radio program, "Country Crossroads," are Jim Rupe (left), executive producer of the show, and Jerry Clower, country and western entertainer. October marked the 10th year of the show, aired on more than 1,200 stations around the world.

Argentine Baptists stand for religious liberty

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — In a public declaration supported by the press and public opinion, the Argentine Baptist Evangelical Convention has called for the country to maintain a pluralistic society with religious liberty. They asked that prescribed educational material not include specific Catholic doctrines as the only truth in such areas as the family, marriage and social problems. The declaration was made after a Catholic sector succeeded in having certain Catholic doctrines included in a civics and moral formation course in the secondary schools. This sector does not represent the thinking of the government or the Catholic church, according to Southern Baptist missionary press representative Frances Roberts.

This year, after weeks of bitter negotiating, the Senate agreed to drop the provision allowing funding for abortions when the mother would suffer lasting damage to her health. Anti-abortion members of Congress, especially in the House, want to eliminate any federal funding of abortion and have been steadily chipping away at Senate resistance. The Senate has held a more liberal view of abortion than has the House.

The most recent action of Congress in this area was an emergency measure. The federal budget for the fiscal year 1980, which began Oct. 1, 1979, has not passed Congress. As a result, federal agencies and programs are operating without any funds. A continuing resolution to provide funds until Nov. 20 became the target for haggling over abortion funding as well as congressional pay raises, another controversial item.

Sen. Warren Magnuson, chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, objected strenuously to attaching what he called "hot potatoes" to appropriation bills. "Frankly, I am getting a little bit fed up," Magnuson said. "The abortion issue has been holding up the whole government. It does not belong on an appropriations bill and particularly a continuing resolution bill."

Rep. Robert Dornan, a consistent anti-abortionist, had said earlier in House debate that he intends to attach an abortion amendment to the Treasury Bill and "every other bill in this House that kills innocent human life."

The continuing resolution will provide funds for the District of Columbia, foreign assistance programs, and the Department of Defense, Labor and Health, Education and Welfare.

Also benefitting from the continuing resolution are Social Security recipients, those receiving Medicare of Medicaid funds, unemployment aid, supplemental security income and a variety of other federal programs which have no connection with the abortion issue.

Stephens, Radio-TV trustees report 'healing experience'

FORT WORTH (BP) — Paul M. Stevens said here he and the members of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission trustees have "had an experience of healing."

And Frederick W. Isaacs Jr., trustee chairman from Cosby, Tenn., said the commission is moving toward naming a new president of the agency, that the list of prospects has been narrowed from "about 60 to fewer than 10," and that a person may be named by Jan. 1.

Stevens said Isaacs made the observations at an Oct. 18 news conference in Ft. Worth after the fall meeting of the commission's trustees.

According to the commission's public relations staff, the conference was held at the request of Jack Tinsley, editor of the Fort Worth-Star Telegram. Isaacs said he had no knowledge of the conference before that morning. Stevens came to the conference with a prepared hand-written statement.

Stevens, who had headed the commission 26 years, was forced to retire as president by the trustees last February. They made the retirement effective Oct. 31, but relieved Stevens as chief administrative officer.

Among reasons cited for the trustees actions were unhappiness with commission management and programming and Stevens' retirement package. Estimated to be worth \$50,000 to \$60,000 a year, the package includes \$27,000 a year from a special nonparticipatory annuity initiated for 16 key commission executives in 1966, another \$13,000 from an annuity participated in jointly by Stevens and the commission, and use of a commission-owned house.

Isaacs said at the press conference that the special nonparticipatory annuity, which drew much criticism, has been terminated and will receive no further commission funds.

Stevens said he met with a trustee retirement committee Oct. 16 and was told that his retirement package would remain intact. He subsequently invited the commission members to his home for coffee, and then he and Mrs. Stevens attended a dinner with the trustees Oct. 17.

In his statement at the press conference, Stevens referred to the events as "miraculous," noting they probably could not occur anywhere "except in a Christian world where men and women of proper and Christian spirit can disagree and at the same time be mature enough to find a common ground."

Harold E. Martin, then executive vice-president, assumed the role of acting chief administrator after Stevens stepped down. Martin resigned in September to take a teaching post.

During Martin's tenure, many long-time commission employees were terminated or left the commission and others had their responsibilities changed.

Charles Roden, a long-time commission employee, has succeeded Martin as acting chief administrative officer of the commission, pending the election of a new president. Both Martin and Roden were praised by Isaacs.

Stevens alluded to the actions involving the employees in his statement. "I am not unmindful of the damage done to the Radio and Television Commission or to the lives and careers of many fine, dedicated former staff people," he said. "No one knows to what extent that damage is, but time will tell."

He thanked "the people of Fort Worth" for their support during the last few months and pledged his support to the new commission president.

Isaacs also expressed his appreciation to the people of Fort Worth for their support of the commission and emphasized the need to look to the future. He further emphasized, however, in remarks after the press conference, that he stands by the actions of the commission over the past year.

"The commission has been going through a transitional period because of a difference of opinion, not a lack of respect," said Isaacs. "We are Christians and mature enough in our concept of our duties to forget hurt feelings

and carry on our responsibility in our ministry to the world."

Since last February, Stevens said he has been sending \$100 a month to the commission as a "gift of love" which the board of trustees knew nothing about. He will now begin sending \$200 a month, he said.

In other action at their fall meeting, Radio and Television Commission trustees:

—Voted to change their usual board meeting times from February and October to March and September.

—Adopted a \$3,810,000 operating budget for the 1979-80 fiscal year.

—Commended Charles Roden, interim chief operating officer, for what he and the staff have done in continuing the day-to-day operations of the commission during the transition period.

—Reemphasized the trustees' position as a policy-making group with no intent or operational duties.

—Heard the report from the transition committee chaired by John Roberts of South Carolina, which brought the board up-to-date on past and present commission personnel, and heard a report from an ad hoc committee, also headed by Roberts, which reported on the direction the commission needs to go in future programming.

As a result of the latter report, the chairman named a special committee to study and bring recommendations for the commission and its future in television programming.

Members of this committee are Clyde Fant, Richardson, Tex., chairman; Jess Odom, Maumelle, Ark.; John Roberts, Greenville, S.C.; Albert Sanders, Macon, Ga.; Frank Morris, Opelika, Ala.; John Wood, Paducah, Ky.; Gary Jossa, Newburg, Ind.; and John Hughes, Independence, Mo.

A nominating committee was appointed to suggest new officers for the board of trustees. That report will be presented and voted on at the March meeting. The new officers will go into office at the June 1980 meeting in St. Louis.

Wilkinson elected associate editor

MEMPHIS (BP) — David R. Wilkinson, director of news and information services for the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission for Nashville, will become associate editor of the Brotherhood Commission's World Mission Journal on Nov. 1.

He was elected by the executive committee of the commission, publisher of the monthly tabloid-format newsmagazine for Baptist laymen. Jim Newton is editor of the 45,000-circulation publication.

Wilkinson succeeds Charlie Warren, who resigned July 15 to become associate editor of the Baptist and Reflector, the Baptist state paper in Tennessee.

Wilkinson, who joined the SBC social action agency in 1977 as a staff writer, worked previously as a communications specialist in the SBC Sunday School Board's office of communications.

During his years as a student at Oklahoma Baptist University, where he was a summa cum laude journalism graduate, Wilkinson was editor of The Bison, the school paper, worked for a period in the school's public relations department, wrote sports for the Shawnee News-Star and served as youth director for two summers at Calvary Baptist Church, Muskogee, Okla.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Wilkinson of Muskogee, where his father serves as minister of education at First Baptist Church. He is married to the former Melanie Orton of Pine Bluff, Ark.



Wilkinson

EDITORIAL

Sunday's most important time

What is the most important time during a church service?

Is it the sermon? Or the special music? Or the Bible reading? Or the offering? Or the times of meditation and prayer? Or the announcements?

All of these have their place, but the most important part of your church's service is the invitation—the period when all of those attending should examine their relationship to God.

The way that many people treat this critical time of a worship service is horribly sacreligious.

There are those who seem to consider that when the pastor announces the number of the invitation hymn, the meeting is over. Their minds quickly shift back to the problems and purposes of their personal lives.

Some are even so inconsiderate as to leave the church building during this most serious time. They make their way out of the pew, squeezing past others, parade down the aisle and out the door—apparently indifferent to the struggling soul that is seeking salvation. Perhaps these who leave early are more concerned about beating the traffic, or being first in line at the cafeteria, or getting home before the kickoff of the TV football game.

There are others who manage to stay physically in the church auditorium, but their thoughts are not on Christian commitment. These are busily collecting Bibles and Sunday School quarterlies, putting on coats and overshoes, or getting the children and their belongings together.

What is the invitation time anyhow?

It is that one key moment toward which everything has been said, sung, and preached.

The purpose of the service is that we who worship would confront God—that we would see ourselves in comparsion to Him, His love, His judgment, His grace, His will. And having seen Him, we can see our true selves.

Perhaps our problem of an irreverent invitation is that we see the invitation as applying only to the non-Christian, the non-Baptist, or the non-church member.

Some churches are properly calling this period as the time of response. All of us, regardless of our relationship to Christ, respond to the message, the music, the worship, and the meditation in one way or another. Either we respond by pledging ourselves anew to God, or we respond by ignoring our need of a

deeper commitment to God and a dependence on Him.

And, if by the grace of God you do not need a positive response in your own life, should not you use this crucial time to pray earnestly for others in the auditorium who have not found Christ as Saviour and Lord? Your prayers will undergird the convicting work of the Holy Spirit.

So, next Sunday use the invitation time:

- (1) to recommit yourself totally to God—publicly (if needed) or privately in prayer;
- (2) to sing meaningfully the invitation hymn that acknowledges Christ's claim on your life;
- (3) to pray for those who need to make a commitment to Christ.

There is no other proper use of the invitation time.

Overcoming fear

FEAR is one of Satan's best tools for keeping us under control.

Many sinners under conviction by God's Holy Spirit are confronted by a number of fears—"What will becoming a Christian do to my relationship with my family, my job, my friends, my way of life, etc.?"

Satan also uses fear to keep a Christian from the commitment that brings the abundant life.

Fear of what church members or a pastor might ask a person to do will keep that person from becoming a church member.

Fear of failure or of embarrassment can keep a person from teaching a Sunday School class or accepting other responsibilities.

Fear of financial uncertainty keeps many Christians from tithing or giving sacrificially.

Fear of not knowing what to say keeps the majority of Christians from witnessing of their faith.

Fear is a formidable foe of faith. What can you do with fear?

Human nature seems to say that the way to overcome fear is by being brave—by building up your courage. Another idea is to grit your teeth and try it. Sometimes we are told to study the methods of those who don't seem to have fear.

The Bible says that love is the way to overcome fear. "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear" (1 John 4:18). The only sure way to dispel fear is by letting God's perfect love dwell in us.

Cicero's comment



By the editor

In recent years we have heard much about "dropouts" — school dropouts, society dropouts, vocational dropouts, etc.

What about a church dropout? It's very easy if you follow these eight steps:

Step 1. Avoid Visitation. To commence this step you must start saying, "If they really wanted to come to church (or accept Christ or join a church), they would whether I visit or not." You have completed this step when you can say convincingly, "Nobody cares about church or religion anymore."

Step 2. Refuse Positions. This begins when you tell the nominating committee, "I've taught this class for... years. Why not let me rest for a few months?" You are ready for the next step when you can say, "If everybody else in the church did their part, there would be enough people and I would not be needed."

Step 3. Business Meeting Bust. This begins by using the phrase "just business meeting" and continues until you can make such statements as "THEY voted down at THE church."

Step 4. Reduce Revenue. There are three progressions to this step: (1) "I believe I'm giving more than my share"; then (2) "I don't believe the Lord expects me to tithe because..."; and finally, (3) "All I ever hear at church is money, money, money."

Step 5. Wednesday Washout. Your first chore here is to say, "Not very many people come to prayer meeting anymore." You become a successful Wednesday night dropout when you can say, "With the children's homework, overtime at the plant, so many meetings, etc., it just doesn't seem worth the trouble to go on Wednesday nights."

Having completed Step 5, you are now ready to begin dropping Sunday.

Step 6. Night Neglect. This step comes pretty easy if you can justify such statements as "The weather is too hot (or too cold) to get out tonight." After you have found 10 ways to adapt that sentence, you are ready to add, "It seems to me that going to church once on Sunday ought to be enough for anyone."

Step 7. Sunday School Slip. This step is so simple to accomplish that there are actually three ways to become a Sunday School dropout. You can use: (1) "Sunday morning is the only morning I can sleep late," or (2) "Another lesson on I've heard that all my life," or (3) "Sunday School is really just for children."

Step 8. Missing Morning. You will find there are two equally good approaches to begin this final step to becoming a church dropout. You can use either "There are so MANY people at church that everybody ignores me" or "There are so FEW people at church that everybody asks me to do something."

SPECIAL BONUS — This church dropout process can be accelerated and even a couple of steps omitted, if you can repeat these three statements:

(1) "I certainly don't intend to leave the church out of my life. My absence is only temporary."

(2) "God (or the church or the pastor or the teacher) doesn't really care what I do anyhow."

(3) "I can study the Bible (or serve God or pray or worship) just as well at home (or at the lake or on the golf course) as at church."

Oh, by the way. There is a simple test which indicates when you have finished all eight steps. You have achieved the status of a successful church dropout, when you can candidly ask, "Who's pastor down at the church now?"

What step are you on?

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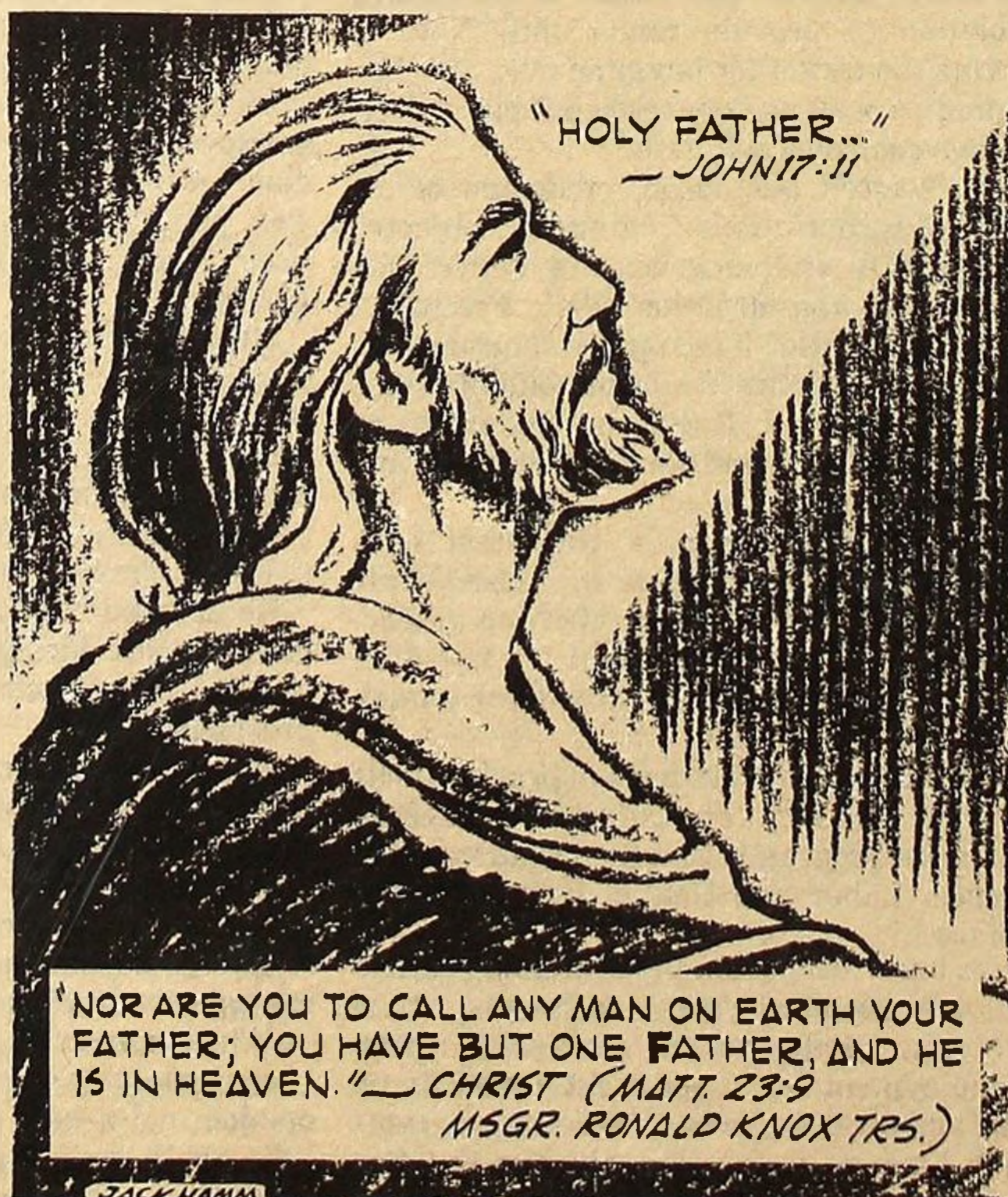
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LISTENING TO THE SON OF GOD



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.

Resignation study

Dear editor:

Thank you for your editorial (Oct. 10) dealing with pastor resignations.

Such a subject is almost anathema among Southern Baptist people. I appreciate the fact that you have the courage to surface such a subject, hold it up to the light of Scripture, and cause us to think about it.

The sad fact of life is that most people in our churches do not know how to handle conflict and thus resort to the way their employers have so often times dealt with them.

Would it be timely if we could:

(1) Study the example of Jesus and how He dealt with conflict?

(2) Study how He instructed us to deal with conflict?

(3) Study such informative methods as Transactional Analysis in the light of the Scriptures?

(4) Relate all these things to church conflict situations, stop thinking with our emotions and start thinking like Jesus?

Thank you again for causing us to think and for your faithful, factual coverage of Baptist news.

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Briarcrest schools

Dear editor:

In your Oct. 3 issue, the article by David Wilkinson mentioned Briarcrest.

Tennessee Baptists should know that Briarcrest Baptist School System, operated by East Park Baptist Church, Memphis, is the largest Christian "private" school in the United States, with over 3,300 students. Briarcrest High School has over 2,000 graduates since its initial senior class in 1975. Over 90 percent of its graduates now attend seminaries and other institutions of higher learning.

East Park Baptist Church, East Park Elementary School, and Briarcrest High School occupy modern buildings appraised at over \$9-million on 20 acres of land. Eight participating Baptist churches in Metropolitan Memphis have Briarcrest Baptist elementary schools.

East Park Baptist Church will be the host to the Tennessee Baptist Convention in November, and messengers and visitors will use these facilities.

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Frightened ministers

Dear editor:

"Must we educate young men for the ministry and have them come out frightened to death about new measures?" This excerpt is from *Revivals of Religion* by Charles G. Finney.

Finney in about 1832 was having difficulty because of opposition to revivals as evils because they were new.

"In a multitude of cases, I have seen great pains are taken to frighten our young men, who are preparing for the ministry, about the evils of revivals," wrote Finney.

It seems churches are so silent as to Christ's compassionate healing that one wonders if a large segment of one's denomination has a zeal for divine healing.

I've heard negative statements as to "faith healers" as though all special healings today were in the occult category. Don't we "faith eat, faith walk, faith heal?"

Meanwhile the practice of James 5:14-15 is avoided so nearly universally as to smack of collusion.

Do we really want someone to tell us why

persons attending Wednesday night prayer meeting are about one-fourth or less of the church members? Unenlisted persons, doubting the church's power, often stay away.

There is comfort in a Cadillac body even though propelled by a Honda motor or else too frequently having the brakes half on. Yet, who wants it?

Isn't it conservative to believe in conserving such statements as "The works I do, ye shall do" and "Freely ye have received, freely give."

Freely give James 5:1-15 on Wednesday night by open invitation.

The priests secured healing for leprosy and asked for tithes.

Jesus said, "He that believeth on me, the works that I do, he shall do also."

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Conserving energy

Dear editor:

May I offer a few comments on the article, "Baptists face tough decisions."

The terminology should have been "Baptists are required to make a logical decision" and not go off on a tangent and use methods of conserving energy and fuel advocated by amateurs of which a large percentage of recommendations smack of the personification of amateurism.

There are methods which are effective in reducing the excessive use and cost of energy and fuel that are too numerous to include in the space allotted.

However, here is just one method which has proven to be effective — six inches of bat type R22 insulation in ceilings that are constructed of lathe and plaster will reduce the heat loss by 88 percent; two inches in floors constructed of sub and finished flooring by 71.5 percent; storm windows; heat resistant glass; humidifiers; location of thermostats; what to do about heating accumulating on high ceilings; setting thermostats for off-peak heating; and other methods, such as lighting.

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Questions 'divination'

Dear editor:

I was astonished to read the article in the Sept. 12 issue concerning the "water witch." The Bible, in no uncertain terms, forbids association with divination (Deut. 18:10-13). In both the Greek and Hebrew, the word divination is used in reference to idolatry and/or witchcraft. To say that it was his "God-given talent" may be treading on thin ice (Jer. 14:14; Joshua 13:22; Ezekiel 13:6-9).

Kite says "he can't explain how he does it." I say put the spirit to the test (I John 4:1). The test in this case may be Duet. 18:21-22. "Wood estimates they hit fresh water more than 80 percent of the time." He must be 100 percent correct if it is of the Lord.

You may marvel at the witness it has been to that area. But remember, "even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light" (2 Cor. 11:14).

I'm not questioning Kite's sincerity. I'm concerned about the many well-meaning Christians, including Kite, who are ignorant of or who rationalize the commandments of God. To me, it is doubly dangerous to use this method of witness to the Mexicans whose religious background deals with spirit worship. Paul had this problem with some new converts in Corinth (I Cor. 10:20-21).

Finally, many may not consider this type of divination to be harmful or associated with the spirit world. However, Paul says "abstain from all appearance of evil" (I Thess. 5:22) and "...maintain always a blameless con-

science both before God and before men" (Acts 24:16).

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'God-given' talent?

Dear editor:

Ever since sin was found in Lucifer, he has been trying to steal God's glory for himself. We should never give Satan credit for the things God does, but neither should we ascribe the things of Satan to God.

Water witching is not a God-given talent, unless by that you refer to Satan, the god of this world. Satan imitates God in giving gifts to men, even unsuspecting Christians. Though these gifts may seem good, they are entirely rotten and are an open door to occult oppression and hindrance. We should not judge such a gift by whether or not it seems good in our eyes, but rather let it be judged by the Word of God.

Deuteronomy 18:9-15 prohibits God's people from practicing divination or witchcraft. God called it an abomination. What God calls evil, we should not call good. Verse 15 teaches us to receive our gifts from Jesus.

Satan is a powerful enemy. Let us not be ignorant of his devices. Everything supernatural is not of God.

If a Christian becomes convicted by Scripture that he has unwittingly practiced an occult "gift," he should renounce it as sin, turn from it forever, confess Jesus as Lord, and ask God's forgiveness.

The Lord our God is one Lord. We must have no other gods before Him.

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Unexcusable ignorance

Dear editor:

Ignorance is historically a stumbling block to the church and its message.

The policy of seeking personal answers in an honest and positive manner is the result when we become aware that we are unaware. But to be unaware and like it is unexcusable. It is unexcusable when people become so steeped in their own ignorance, that they resist sources of information that might benefit them.

Man is threatened by new ideas and thoughts, and retreats into the familiar for security, but this is false security. Anyone who keeps his eyes closed in the face of new and difficult experiences and sources of information is like a blind man and will eventually be left out in the cold.

Ignorance is vengeful and bitter. There is no place for it in the church, for it hurts not only itself and others, but the church as well.

People are all different, and some are more aware than others. Let those blessed with awareness exercise caution in the use of their knowledge while responding with all patience and love to their brothers and sisters seeking greater wisdom, as well as to those who remain complacent in their unawareness.

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More BWA articles

Dear editor:

Pope John Paul II met Duke McCall at the White House Oct. 6. What is special about McCall's being there?

The General Council of the Baptist World Alliance recently nominated him as the next president of the Baptist World Alliance, subject to election at the Baptist World Congress in Toronto in July 1980. At that time David Wong of Hong Kong will complete his five-year term in that office.

McCall had his first meeting with a pope in Rome in 1931. That year, 25 of us young Baptists and our leaders went with Frank Leavell, Baptist student department of the Sunday School Board, to the First Baptist Youth World Conference in Prague, Czechoslovakia. At five Baptist World Congresses since then, I have noted McCall's participation in BWA affairs.

McCall preached at Belmont Heights Bap-

Personal perspective

BY TOM MADDEN
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Someone has suggested that Jesus may have had a yoke over the door of His carpenter's shop in Nazareth. They have gone on to say that people came from miles around to have Him make a yoke for their oxen. For with the yokes made by Christ, their oxen could pull a heavy load, pull more effortlessly, and pull it longer than with a yoke made by anyone else. Whether that was true or not, I do not know. I do know that in Matthew 11:29-30 He states, "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am meek and lowly; and ye shall find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My load is light."



Madden

As I understand it, this was not an unusual invitation from a teacher in those days. If a person took a yoke from a particular teacher, it meant simply he had joined that particular teacher's school. The invitation of our Lord is to join with Him, walk along side Him, and do His will.

There are many different types of yokes. There is the yoke of sin. The person that wears the yoke of sin finds it a difficult walk, for the way of the transgressor is still hard. Others are bearing the yoke of guilt. This is a terrible, painful yoke to bear; and it is totally unnecessary when there is cleansing and forgiveness in Christ. In the first century, many people were wearing the yoke of many tedious traditions. The Jewish people gauged under the yoke of Rome.

When our Lord asked us to take His yoke upon Him, He was asking us to take upon ourselves the yoke of identification. We belong to Him. We are engaged in the same work He is engaged in, and we are walking in the same direction and have sweet fellowship with Him as we walk.

As we take the yoke of Christ upon us, we have someone walking along side us that is older, stronger, and far more experienced, and always pulls a heavier part of the load. The invitation of our Lord is still open. He is still inviting the people to take His yoke upon them. I earnestly wish that everyone might walk with Christ carrying His yoke upon them.

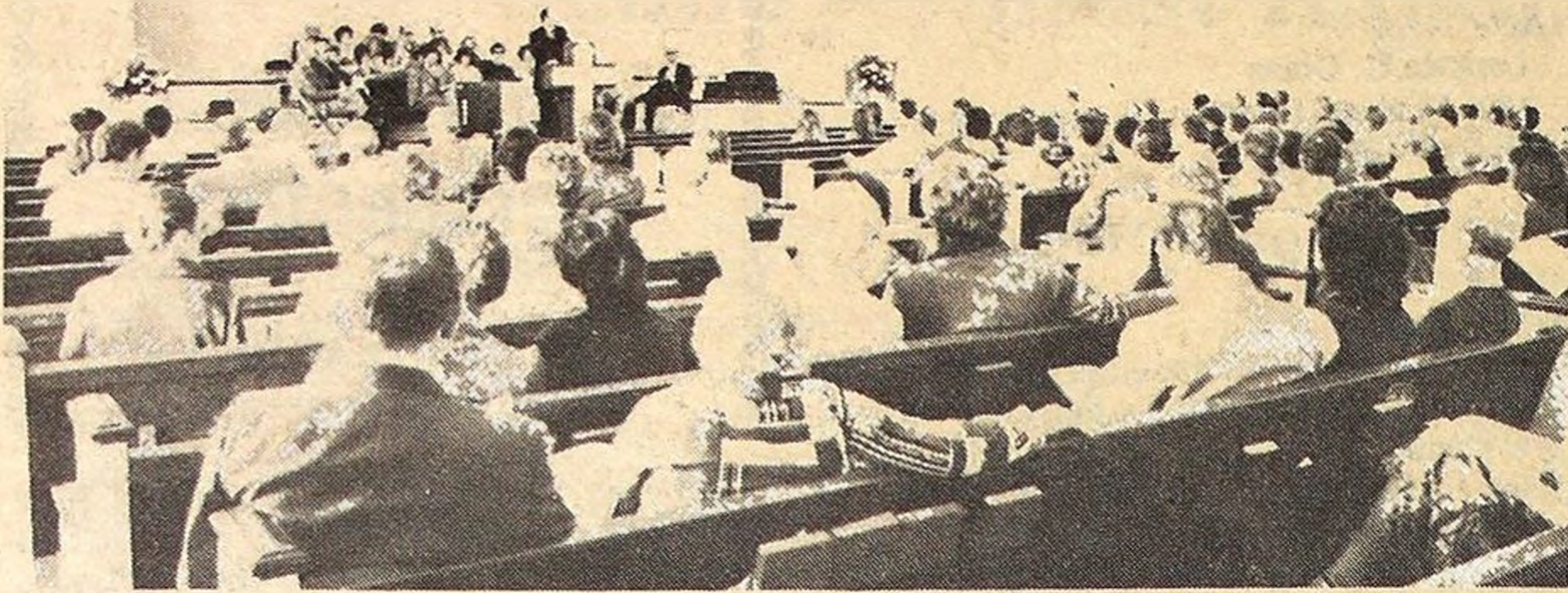
tist Church, Nashville, the day after he met this pope. Thinking now about his interest and involvement since youth, I wonder how much Baptist youth today — and adults, for that matter — know about the Baptist World Alliance and its activities.

Baptists who read *The Baptist World* and some of the other news media know something about the worldwide commitment of the alliance, the remarkable progress the study commissions have helped us make in this decade, and the alliance's important function as a "strong voice for religious liberty, freedom, and dignity for all men," as stated by Robert Denny, retiring general secretary.

But what about other Baptists? For their enlightenment, I request that you include more articles about the organization and activities of the alliance and plans for the Toronto Congress in forthcoming issues of the *Baptist and Reflector*. We do not have the TV and other news coverage the pope had, but printed words also have power.

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I share your interest and enthusiasm about the Baptist World Alliance, and will continue to give consideration to any articles submitted by the BWA office. (editor)



Gallatin church sponsors one mission after another

By Charlie Warren

First Baptist Church, Gallatin, Tenn. knows what it means to be a "mother" church. She has just given birth to a mission congregation at Castalian Springs, Tenn., just as another congregation she started three years ago has dedicated a new church building.

College Heights Baptist Church, Gallatin, begun as a mission of First, Gallatin, in October 1976, met together Sunday, Oct. 21 to dedicate their new \$330,000 building recently erected on Highway 31E between Gallatin and Hendersonville. Only a handful of the College Heights church's more than 225 members remember the first service just three years ago—only 38 people gathered for that first meeting.

For three years they have met at Volunteer State Community College, about a mile from

the present eight-acre church site. Larry Gilmore was called as pastor of the mission soon after it began, and has witnessed the rapid growth of the congregation.

"The growth is exciting," Gilmore said, "but it's even more exciting to see what God is doing in the lives of these people."

Part of the growth can be attributed to the church's strategic location. Although it's in a rural area, it is right in the center of several new housing areas.

Part of the missions strategy of First Baptist Church, Gallatin, is simply to start new congregations where the people are—in rapidly growing areas.

The Castalian Springs location has similar potential, according to Harold Gregory, a retired associational director of missions who agreed to serve as pastor of the new mission. Several new housing areas are within a 10-minute drive of the Castalian Springs Community Center building in which the church meets.

The missions committee of First Baptist led the church to survey the Castalian Springs community in July. They followed up by sponsoring a Vacation Bible School in August. The Bible school enrolled 66 children.

A Sunday School was started in the community center building on Sept. 30, with 24 attending. Worship services followed Sunday School on Oct. 7, with 27 present. More than 30 have attended the past two Sundays.

The mother church, led by its pastor, Harold W. Allen, helped to recondition the community center until property is located for the new work.

"It would thrill you to see the enthusiasm with which the pastor and people of Gallatin got involved in refurbishing this old building," said Gregory. "They had a crew of 35 painting, insulating, rewiring, paneling the walls, installing heaters and light fixtures."

The pastor and several laymen brought beds for the nursery and furniture for the preschool and children's departments, Gregory said.

But the most exciting contribution of First Baptist Church, according to Gregory, is that it willingly provides some of its best teachers and workers to help in the missions it has started.

He said even before the College Heights



REACHING OUT—Members of College Heights Baptist Church gather for a dedication service in their new sanctuary (above left). Their church, started by First Baptist, Gallatin, had humble beginnings similar to the Castalian Springs congregation (above and below). Harold Gregory (below) is pastor of the Castalian Springs group.



church was started, First Baptist had started Southside and Indian Hills Baptist Churches in Gallatin and Grace Baptist Church in Bethpage.

And their record in missions and outreach doesn't stop with the churches they've started. Seventeen percent of their \$358,000 budget goes to missions through the Cooperative Program. In addition, they give more than \$10,000 annually through the special missions offerings.

They have sponsored mission tours for the past two years, taking a volunteer group to New England where they did surveys, worked in Back Yard Bible Clubs and Vacation Bible Schools. This past summer, 28 went to Coghulla, Mexico to deliver a new van the church had purchased for a missionary family, the Ricardo Shields. They also repaired the couple's home.

The church broadcasts its morning worship on a local radio station and the pastor has a 15-minute daily radio program. They are also planning a weekly noonday service in the downtown church.

If that record isn't impressive enough, they are sponsoring a Vietnamese refugee family that arrived Sept. 29th. The church rented a furnished home and is assisting the family in

other ways until the can become self-supporting.

As with the refugee family, self-support is part of their strategy with the congregations they start. They plan to support Castalian Springs however they can until it can "fly," then they'll gently push it from the nest and begin looking for another fast-growing area in which to start a church.

3,000 Sunday Schools begun in three years

NASHVILLE (BP)—A Southern Baptist Convention goal of starting 3,000 new Sunday Schools in three years was surpassed Sept. 30, more than tripling the 909 started in the previous three years.

The final total for the 1976-79 emphasis was 3,013—the vast majority started by churches as mission efforts pointed toward development of new churches.

During the first year, 1976-77, 566 Sunday Schools were started. The second year, 1,174 were begun and the total for the final year was 1,273.

The totals were compiled in the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's Sunday School department from new start reports from state conventions and churches and from requests for free literature which the board provides to new Sunday Schools. Reports were cross-checked to avoid duplication, according to James Lackey, new starts growth consultant.

The goal in starting the vast majority of new Sunday Schools is that they ultimately become churches, Lackey said. For example, a Sunday School started by First Baptist Church, Gallatin, Tenn., was constituted as a church one year later in March 1977. However, he said, Sunday Schools started in locations such as homes for the elderly may remain mission Sunday Schools on a long term basis.

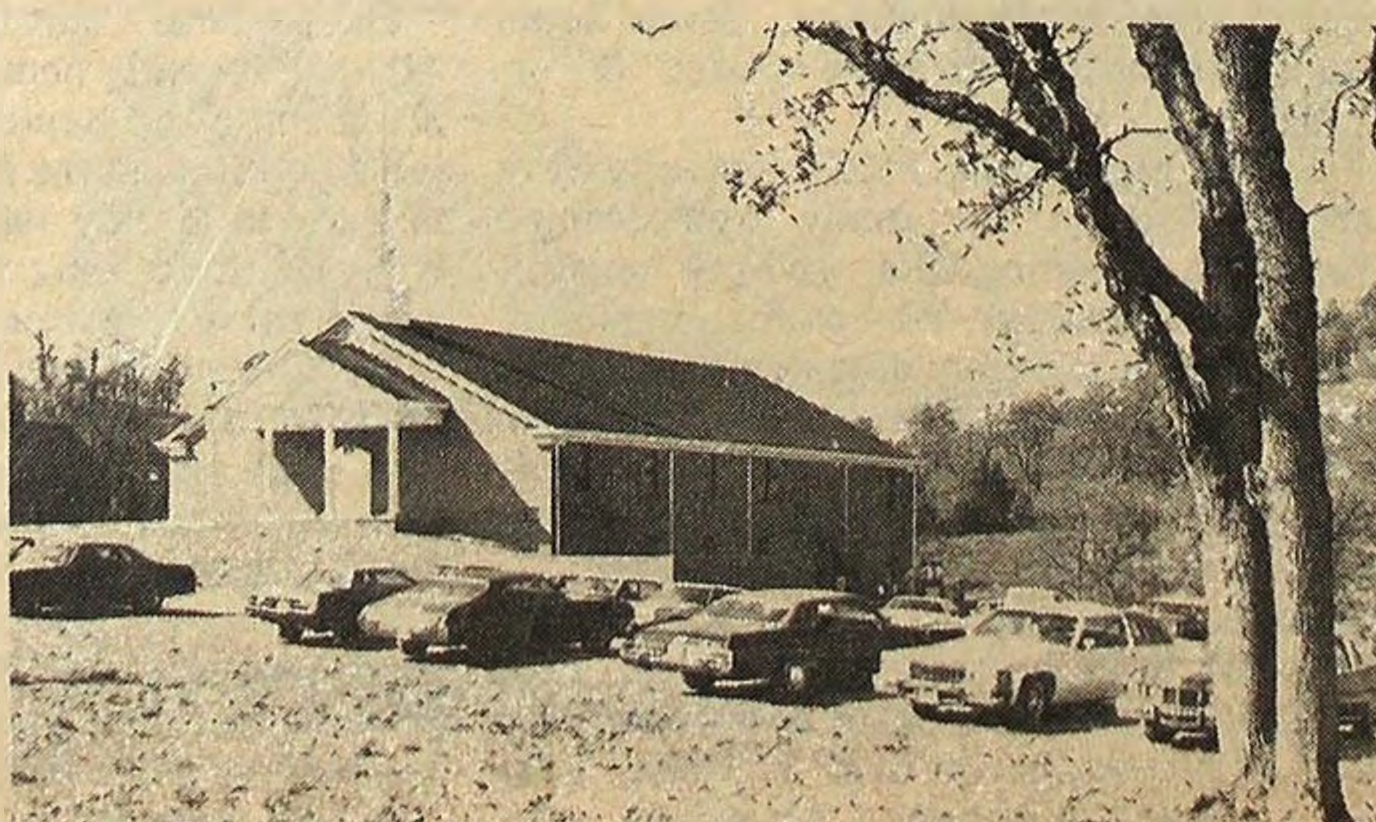
Texas led all state Baptist conventions with 465 new starts. The next 10 in order are Ohio, 193; Florida, 159; California, 142; Georgia, 123; Northwest, 111; Northern Plains, 111; Michigan, 108; Missouri, 104; Arizona, 103; Illinois, 101.



DEDICATORY SERMON—Harold Allen, pastor of First Baptist Church, Gallatin, preaches the dedication message for the new building at College Heights Baptist Church.



TO THE GLORY OF GOD—Larry Gilmore (far left) challenges his congregation as the church's cornerstone is placed in position. The new building (below) is the first permanent meeting place for the three-year-old congregation.



Our People and Our Churches . . .

PEOPLE...

Ron Stansell was licensed to preach the gospel ministry at Hopewell Baptist Church, Savannah, recently. John R. Walker is pastor.

In special services at Greenhills Baptist Church, Collierville, James W. Boyd was ordained as a deacon. R. Sam Stallings is pastor.

David Marlow Price, a student at the University of Tennessee at Martin, was licensed to the gospel ministry recently. The licensing took place at Williston Baptist Church in Williston where Jess Jackson is pastor.

William J. Campbell observed his 10th anniversary as pastor at Berean Baptist Chapel in Nashville Association recently.

James M. Gregg, pastor of Westwood Baptist Church in Nashville, reported the ordination of Thomas Evans as a deacon there recently.

First Baptist Church in Tullahoma ordained David Anderson, Jerry Roper, Kenneth Nutt, Bill Thompson, and Paul Scott as deacons last month. James Porch is pastor.

A deacon ordination service was held at White Oak Baptist Church in Chattanooga for Fred Brannon and Hoyt Samples. Ray Fowler is pastor.

Doug Benningfield and Roy Heady were ordained as deacons at First Baptist Church in

Newport congregation calls Kentucky pastor

Howard C. West, pastor of Flemingsburg Baptist Church in Flemingsburg, Ky. for the nearly four years, has accepted the call to serve as pastor of Northport Baptist Church in Newport. He is already on the field.

West also served as a pastor in Indiana, leading the congregation of First Baptist Church, Middletown. He has been active in associational work, serving as moderator in Kentucky.

He is a native of Hamblen County, Tenn., and attended Boyce Bible School in Louisville, Ky. He succeeds Mike Higgins in the Newport post.

Baptists start Korean TV program to reach viewers in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES (BP) — Southern Baptists' first attempt to share the gospel with Los Angeles' large Korean community, via television, got underway recently with the airing of the first in a series of weekly programs.

The program, called *The Baptist Hour*, features interviews, music, and a Biblical message presented in the Korean language. It's broadcast over the Korean language television station for the Los Angeles metropolitan area.

Featured speaker for *The Baptist Hour* is Don Kim, pastor of Berendo Street Baptist Church. "We're hoping this program will not only reach the non-Christians, but also will make the presence of Southern Baptists known among the Korean people," Kim said.

The thirty-minute special attempts to provide a warm and personal expression of the gospel, Kim explained. Each show features an interview with a Korean layperson who has come to know Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour and gospel music performed by a variety of Southern Baptist Korean musicians.

During the program, viewers are invited to call a special telephone number through which they can receive counseling. To encourage viewers to contact the Korean Baptists, a special free offer is made of a cassette tape recording of the program or one of two free books.

Sparta last month. Ralph Benningfield delivered the ordination sermon. Steve Playl is pastor.

Members of Ardmore Baptist Church in Memphis participated in the ordination service for Lew Carlton, John Kelley, and James Warf. Norris Smith is pastor.

First Baptist Church in Lebanon voted to honor three of its former deacons by naming them as deacons emeritus. Those honored are: Perry Price, Howard Woodall, and Tom Allison. Ray F. Cleek is pastor.

First Baptist Church, Clarksville, ordained Sam Hawkins as a deacon. Pastor John David Laida preached the ordination sermon.

REVIVALS...

First Baptist Church in Etowah reported 61 professions of faith and 150 rededications following a large tent revival in downtown Etowah earlier this month. Harold Hunter, pastor of the first church congregation, was the evangelist.

Brownsville Baptist Church, Brownsville, was led in revival last month by Bobby Smith, Muskogee, Okla. There were several additions and rededications.

Wayne Foropoulos recently led Stanton Baptist Church, Stanton, in revival. There were three professions of faith, two additions by letter, and 10 rededications.

REVIVAL PRAYER REQUESTS...

Jimmy Allen, immediate past president of the Southern Baptist Convention and pastor of First Baptist Church in San Antonio, Tex., is scheduled to lead revival services at First Baptist Church in Knoxville. Nov. 4-7. Douglas Watterson is pastor.

Richland Baptist Church in Nashville will hold revival services Oct. 28-Nov. 4. The evangelist is scheduled to be Clifford Horne, director of Christian social ministries for the Nashville Baptist Association. Services will be held each evening during the week at 7:30 and on Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Larry Johnson is pastor.

Pastors among the region's 20 Korean Southern Baptist churches and missions will be given the names of callers to make follow-up visits, Kim said.

He said that nearly 250,000 Koreans reside in the Los Angeles area. "Many Koreans will view the program out of curiosity," Kim said, just because "they are hungry for any type of program presented in their native tongue."

Funding for the television series was provided by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board through the Key Cities project, a concentrated effort for evangelizing America's major metropolitan communities. The SBC Radio and Television Commission provided technical assistance.

Ray Brown takes mission at Watts Bar Lake

Ray F. Brown, former pastor of Ten Mile Baptist church, Hiwassee Association, is serving as pastor at Lakeside Baptist Mission on Watts Bar Lake between Crossville and Dayton.

Brown served the Ten Mile church for seven years. Lakeside mission is being sponsored by First Baptist Church in Athens. Ansell Baker is pastor of the Athens congregation.

Wiley J. Magee is leading revival services at Greenhills Baptist Church in Collierville this week. Mike Leake, minister of music at the church, is leading the music ministry. R. Sam Stallings is pastor.

Park City Baptist Church, William Carey Association, has revival services scheduled for Nov. 4-9, according to Kelly Carter, pastor. The evangelist will be Jim Dorriety from LeGrange, Ga.

LEADERSHIP...

J.B. Gulley, co-pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Morristown for over seven years, resigned last month. Before coming to Calvary, he served as pastor of Montvue Baptist Church in Morristown for 11 years. At Calvary, he was also children's church director and Vacation Bible School director. Gulley plans to be available for future pastoral work.

James D. Hopkins resigned as pastor of Inglewood Baptist Church in Nashville last month. He is available for future pastoral work.

Bill Bouchillon is serving as interim pastor at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in Gibson County Association.

Ricky Dickerson resigned as minister of music at White Hall Baptist Church, Gibson County Association, in order to enter seminary.

Howard Young accepted the call of First Baptist Church in Adamsville to serve as minister of youth and youth music. Gary R. Kendrick is pastor.

E. B. Bowen, executive secretary-treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes is serving as interim pastor at Allen Baptist Church in Brownsville.

Morristown pastor to lead Harrison-Chilhowee drive

SEYMOUR, Tenn. — William L. Palmer, senior minister of First Baptist Church, Morristown, Tenn., has accepted the state-wide chairmanship of Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy's Century II Advancement Campaign.

"I am glad the Lord has given me this opportunity to work with the academy as it enters its second century of service," said Palmer, first vice-president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

The Century II campaign is a series of campaigns with an overall goal of raising \$2-million. The first three phases began in the fall of 1978 and have generated \$407,431 in pledges. Phases I, II, and III focused on the academy's faculty and staff, trustee, and the Knoxville business community respectively.

The fourth and final phase is aimed toward the 2,700 Tennessee Baptist churches, with a goal of raising \$1,440,000. None of the first three phases involved Tennessee church solicitation. This final phase will coincide with the academy's centennial year.

Capital funds generated by Century II will be used for modernizing existing facilities, constructing a youth life center, adding a floor to the girls dormitory, strengthening and enriching the school's academic program and deaf education opportunities, and increasing the number of student scholarships and working opportunities.

The church phase of the Century II cam-

Citizen's Corner

By Jerry M. Self
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We do not know much about the extent of hunger in the United States. The surgeon general reported to the Senate in 1967 that no information was available on the amount of malnutrition in our country. This year, testimony before the Presidential Commission on World Hunger indicated "the nutritional status of the U.S. population is still largely unknown."

We cannot make a difference in a problem if we do not know clearly what the measure of it might be. However something practical can be done in this case. You can organize an offering of letters.

Encourage your church or interest group within the church to write your congressmen and senators asking them to support a national survey of the nutritional status of our population. The address for representatives: is Washington, D.C. 20515. For Senators write Washington, D.C. 20510.

The letter writing or letter collecting could become a part of a thanksgiving worship service. Hundreds of Christians are already planning to send letters on this subject. Here is a specific, simple action which can make a difference.

You might build on this project by conducting your own local survey. Do you know who the hungry are in your community, where they live, how they manage to exist? Don't be content to spread gossip about welfare abuse until you check by your gate. A usually reliable source has reported a man who only had crumbs to eat. The town or grand division of the state was not given. About all that is known is his mname and that he has been reduced to begging. Look for Lazarus.



Self



Palmer

paign was approved by the Tennessee Baptist Convention Executive Board for October 1979 through December 1980.

Born in Colorado, Palmer holds a bachelor of arts, with honors, and a master of arts degree from Bob Jones University, Greenville, S.C. He has also earned a master of divinity and a doctor of ministry degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C.

Palmer has served as moderator of the Nolachucky Association, president of the Greater Morristown Ministerial Association and president of the alumni association of Southeastern seminary. He has been a trustee of Carson-Newman College, and East Tennessee Baptist Hospital. He is currently on the advisory board of Carson-Newman and a field supervisor for Southern Baptist Seminary's doctor of ministry program.

Layman named moderator in Beech River Assn.

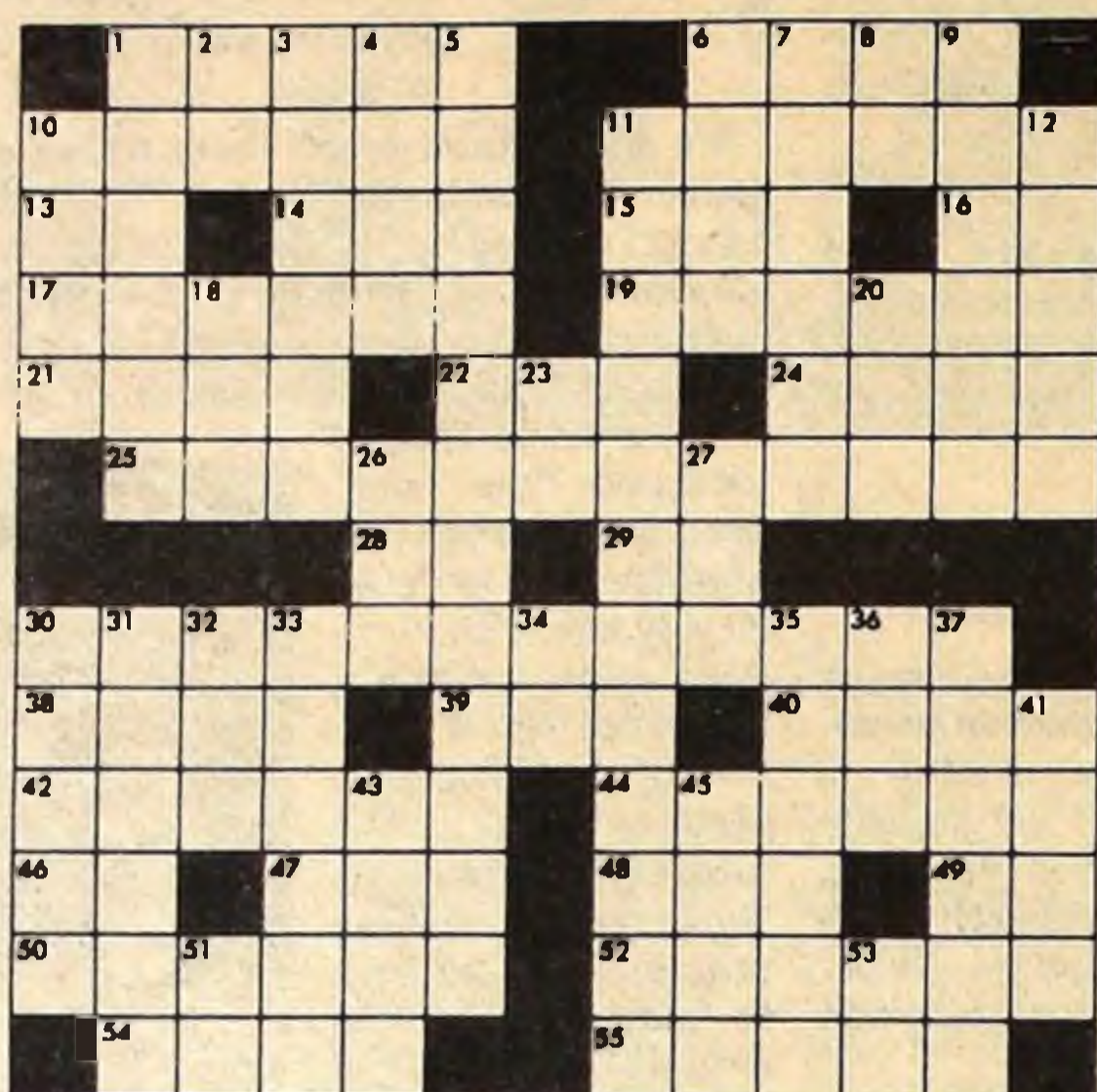
Eddie Wallace, a member of Union Baptist Church in Beech River Association, was elected moderator of that group at its recent annual meeting. He was re-elected.

Other officers who are scheduled to serve with Wallace this year are: vice moderator Cletus Duke, pastor of Darden Baptist Church; treasurer Ruth Carrington, a member of First Baptist Church in Parsons; and clerk Lauren Locke, pastor of Mt. Ararat Baptist Church.

Mitchell Bennett, director of missions for Beech River, said the 1980 annual meeting will be held Oct. 13-14 at First Baptist Church in Decaturville.

Bible Puzzle

Answers on page 10



ACROSS

- 1 "and the — of hell" (Matt. 16)
- 6 Harlequin or black
- 10 "—, stay not" (Jer. 4:6)
- 11 "it shall not be —" (Isa. 5)
- 13 Moabites' dwelling place (Duet. 2:29)
- 14 Breaker or bar
- 15 — one's words
- 16 Account of: abbr.
- 17 "Babylon is —" (Rev. 14)
- 19 Decks
- 21 Biblical pronoun
- 22 Where the vicar lives: abbr.
- 24 Destiny
- 25 "accomplishing the — — —" (Heb. 9)

DOWN

- 28 Ex officio: abbr.
- 29 Drinker's organization: abbr.
- 30 "shall lodge in the — —" (Zeph. 2)
- 38 Proper or common
- 39 "made an — of eating" (Amos 7)
- 40 Narrow inlets
- 42 His angels fought it (Rev. 12:7)
- 44 Weep's partner (John 16:20)
- 46 Time abbr.
- 47 Alphabet
- 48 Mouth: comb. form
- 49 State: abbr.
- 50 Baseball's Jackson
- 52 "Man is like to —" (Psa. 144)
- 54 Virginia —
- 55 Board, of a kind

- 1 Twenty make a shekel (Ezek. 45:12)
- 2 Present
- 3 Sapling
- 4 City or lake
- 5 "for I have — —" (Psa. 55)
- 6 Toward the mouth
- 7 "— — all these" (Col. 3:8)
- 8 Article
- 9 Shed
- 10 Floating platform
- 11 "—, —, be multiplied" (Jude 2)
- 12 Administered medicine
- 18 Famous general
- 20 Tatter
- 23 Suffix for electron or atom
- 26 Poem's division: abbr.
- 27 Cereal grain
- 30 Below
- 31 Door opener (John 10:3)
- 32 Father of the Punites (Num. 26:23)
- 33 Promise
- 34 At home
- 35 Kind of fur
- 36 "— not one to another" (Col. 3)
- 37 Reason
- 41 Remain
- 43 An Ishmaelite (1 Chron. 27:30)
- 45 "for it is — — of consecration" (Ex. 29)
- 51 A Brazilian people
- 53 Man (1 Chron. 7:12)

CRYPTOVERSE

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Today's Cryptoverse clue: G equals W

Pulpit To Pew

By Jim N. Griffith

Unlike a bird in the hand, someone has said: "a bad sermon in the hand should be left there."

This was probably said by the same one who claimed that "he spent a month of Sundays in a bad sermon last week."

Next thing you know someone will suggest this sure fire way to shorten the long-winded preacher's sermons: "On Sunday just before he preaches, the chairman of deacons will read him his rights: You have the right to remain silent. If you speak at length, everything you say over 30 minutes can be used against you."

Still, there are some who find long sermons to their liking and others who accept them with good humor. In a church that does not use a printed order of worship and where the pastor usually preaches about 50 minutes, an usher was attempting to be helpful to a visitor who appeared concerned as the preacher passed the one-hour milestone and kept going.

The usher whispered to the visitor: "Do you know what follows the sermon?"

"Thanksgiving!" was the instant reply.

Interpretation

Walk worthy of God

"Walk worthy of God, who hath called you into his kingdom and glory" ... 1 Thessalonians 2:12

Paul is speaking of the purpose of his exhorting his readers while he was with them. This is a continuation of his defense against the false accusations of the Jews (2:1-11).

Walk is a favorite word of Paul used to refer to one's manner of life: "lead a life" (RSV). The world judges our profession by our conduct. If the lives of the Thessalonian Christians were not different from their pagan

neighbors, this would provide ammunition for Jewish attacks on the Christian gospel. The world sees Jesus through His people.

Worthy renders a Greek word in which is the idea of balances or scales (cf. Eph. 4:1). In the old balance scales a weight was placed on one side in a pan. Then merchandise was put in the opposite pan until it balanced the weight.

In Paul's figure he places God's character on one side of the scales. His readers' conduct is to be as heavy as God's character. Paul is not teaching that they will be as good as God or achieve sinless perfection. The point is that God's character is to be the goal — ever exceeding their conduct but ever challenging them onward and upward. It is akin to Jesus' words: "Be ye therefore perfect (complete), even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect" (Matt. 5:48).

Certainly this is a challenge to every Christian. Any less goal is unworthy of the calling into which they have been called.

Devotional

A winning team

By Rodney Chapman

Whose team are you on? God is the owner and general manager, Jesus Christ is the coach, and the Holy Spirit is the assistant coach of the winning team.

Each day Jesus calls people to be saved and to become a member of His team by accepting Him as Lord and Saviour. He is eager to sign new members to the permanent and everlasting roster in The Lamb's Book of Life.

Jesus is the fairest, kindest, and most caring coach you'll ever want to meet. He loves His team dearly, considers, and treats them as His own, and is always attempting to enlarge His group. He further invites everyone to join and meet Him in a personal and intimate way.

Jesus will answer your questions and problems and provide for your needs. He will pick you up after you have been knocked down and be ever present with you. On His team, no one loses and everyone wins. Team members have injuries, but are never paralyzed; commit fouls, but are never fouled out; have losses, but are never defeated; and make errors which are never counted. God has promised His team members, upon retiring, a beautiful and eternal home where nobody gets tired and everybody loves each other. Be a winner today, and let God sign you to His team which never loses.

Chapman, a junior at Union University, Jackson, is a member of Broadmoor Baptist church, Memphis, but is active in Englewood Baptist Church, Jackson. He served as a summer missionary at Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy, Seymour, earlier this year.



Chapman

CBS-TV 'Flesh and Blood' called 'cheap exploitation'

By David Wilkinson

NASHVILLE (BP)—CBS-TV, which has been trading punches for months with critics from the religious community over a movie about a boxer and his implied incestuous relationship with his mother, has taken another verbal right to the chin, this time from an official of the Southern Baptist Convention's national social ethics agency.

In addition to labeling "Flesh and Blood" a "cheap exploitation of both sex and violence" and "a moral insult to the American people," Harry N. Hollis Jr. of the SBC Christian Life Commission has taken CBS to task for insisting that the TV drama was "family entertainment."

In defending the network's decision to stick with "Flesh and Blood," CBS program practices vice president Donn H. O'Brien assured a network affiliates conference several months ago that the movie was appropriate for prime time viewing. "Adults and children will and should watch this together," he said. "It is family entertainment."

"If CBS defines this as family entertainment, then the network ought to spend some of its multimillion dollar profits to equip its programmers with dictionaries," countered Hollis, after viewing the movie's October 14 and 16 segments. "By showing this movie, CBS has demonstrated a lack of knowledge of the good taste and moral decency of the vast majority of TV viewers in this country. We deserve and we demand more than a sex-ploitive treatment of incest during prime time or any time."

Hollis urged Southern Baptists to continue to voice opposition to such programs by communicating with the network, local stations and advertisers.

Through its three-year old "Help for Television Viewers" program coordinated by Hollis, the Christian Life Commission has been active in stimulating and facilitating grass roots involvement in television reform.

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While it may seem that the use of this form is inconvenient, it will assure all individuals an equal chance of securing their desired accommodations. It will also result in early confirmations by the hotels.

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How To Use The Form

PART I — Accurately fill in the requested information. The confirmation will be mailed to the person whose name appears in Part I.

PART II — From the accompanying map, select four hotels of your choice. Place the names of the hotel on the line in Part II, in the order of your preference. You must select four (4) hotels.

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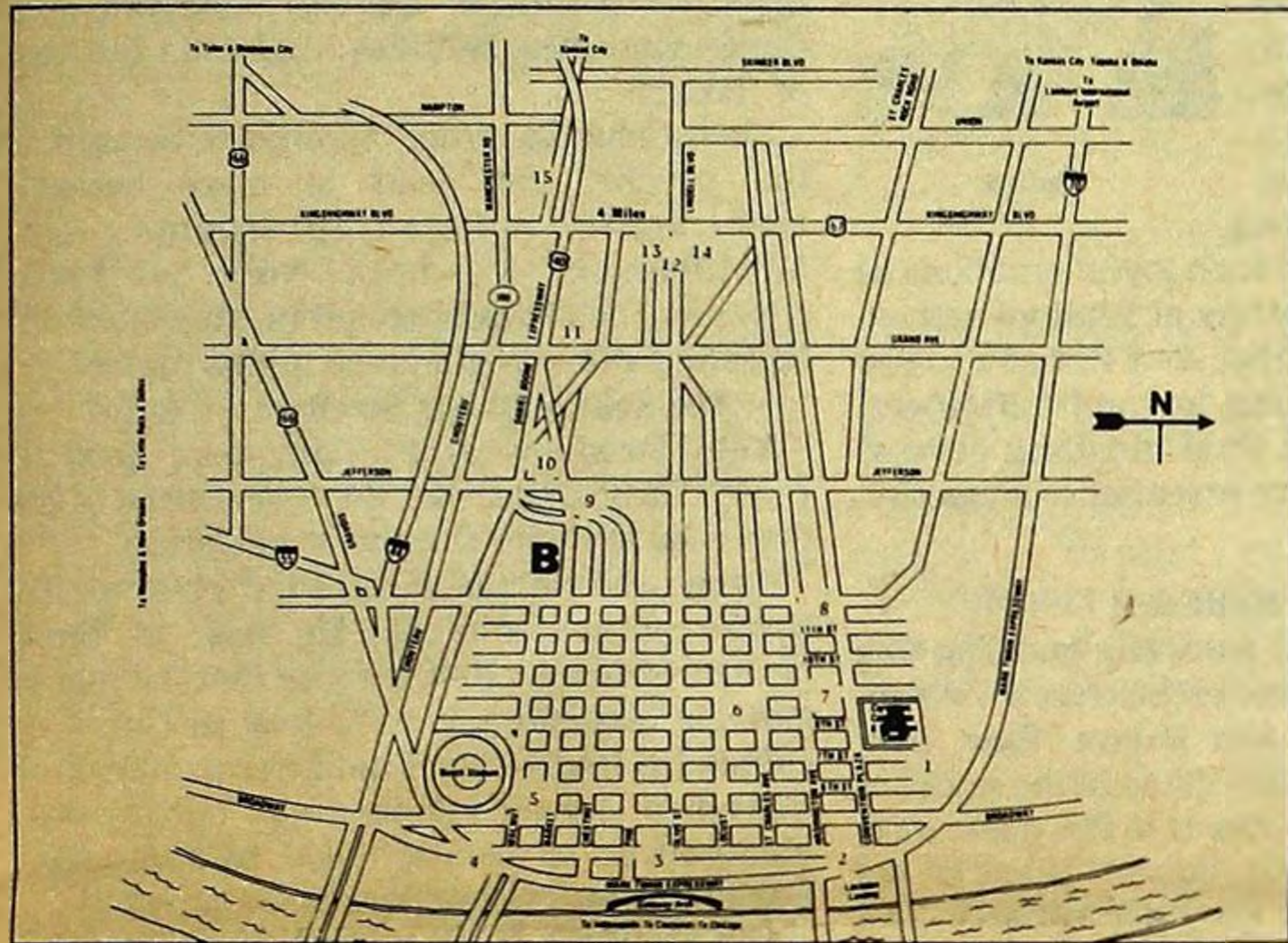
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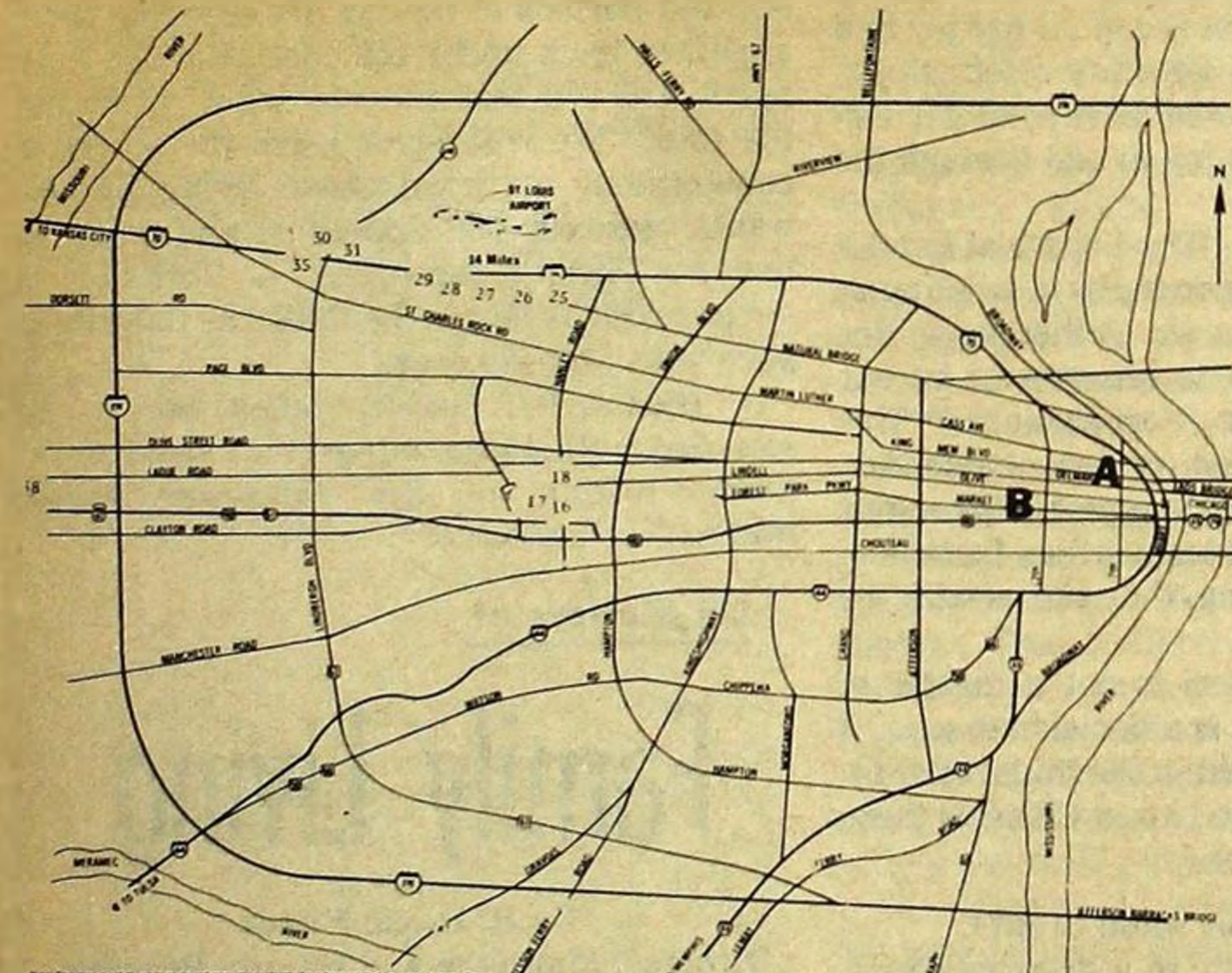
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HOTEL LOCATION AND RATES



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AREA MAP

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B. WMU Meeting

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3	Holiday Inn-Riverfront	\$42-46	\$50-54	\$54		
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5	Marriott's Pavilion	\$49	\$59	\$59	\$63	\$68
6	Mayfair Hotel	\$38	\$46	\$46	\$54	\$62
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10	Rodeway Inn-Downtown	\$35-44	\$44	\$44	\$48	\$52
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15	Quality Inn-Forest Park	\$28-32	\$32-38	\$38		
16	Holiday Inn-Clayton	\$32	\$37	\$37		
17	Ramada Inn-Clayton	\$30	\$42	\$42	\$42	\$42
18	Clayton Inn	\$36-43	\$44-51	\$44-51	\$ +4	\$ +4
25	King's Inn	\$32	\$39	\$39	\$46	\$53
26	Ramada Inn-Airport	\$36	\$42	\$42	\$48	\$54
27	Rodeway Inn-Airport	\$29	\$34	\$34	\$39	\$39
28	Musial & Biggles Hilton	\$33	\$41	\$41		
29	St. Louis Marriott	\$49	\$54	\$54	\$57	\$60
30	Holiday Inn-North	\$34	\$42	\$42	\$46	\$50
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INSTRUCTIONS: Complete requested data using abbreviations as necessary.

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PART III

- INSTRUCTIONS:
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IMPORTANT: No phone orders will be accepted. Hotel locations are shown on accompanying map. Make a photocopy of your order for your files. Housing Bureau processes reservations in order of date received. Confirmations will come direct from your hotel DO NOT SEND DEPOSITS WITH RESERVATIONS. If rooms are not available at hotels of your choice, comparable reservations will be made at another cooperating hotel. If rate requested is not available, next available rate will be assigned. Cancellations and other changes must be made through the confirming hotel.

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Hollis accuses conference of 'far too much rhetoric'

NASHVILLE — After listening to two days of testimony in a regional hearing of the White House Conference on Families, Harry N. Hollis Jr. is more convinced than ever that "the church is the best friend families have" and is doing more than any other institution to ease "the intense and often invisible suffering" felt by families today.

On the other hand, the Southern Baptist Convention official said he heard "far too much rhetoric about family" in the hearing, "and, unfortunately, some of it came from representatives of the religious community."

"If the church is going to make a difference in strengthening family life, then we must move past rhetoric to service, past cliches to genuine compassion," he emphasized.

Hollis, who has directed the Christian Life Commission's family life emphases for the past 10 years, served as a panelist at back-to-back hearings in Nashville and Memphis. He is the only Southern Baptist representative on the 40-member National Advisory Committee appointed by President Jimmy Carter to give direction to the 1980 White House conference. In an effort to "take the conference to the people," the committee is sponsoring hearings in five different regions of the country.

The mid-South hearing included testimony from nearly 300 persons who expressed diverse opinions and represented a wide spectrum of families and social service, private and religious organizations.

Hollis said the testimonies emphasized the "great diversity in the structure of families in society" and underscored the need for the church to "minister to all families, not just the traditional family."

A dominant theme in the hearing, he said, was "family suffering" created by such factors as discrimination, child and spouse abuse, chronic illness, perpetual poverty, and lack of communication. He said he was particularly distressed by the "devastating impact" inflation has on families. The religious community can help, he believes, by working for more fiscal responsibility in government

and by ministering more effectively to the innocent victims of inflation."

Declaring that "most of the time we see only the tip of the iceberg of family suffering," Hollis stressed that the church "ought to be an advocate for families" through social action as well as ministry. "If the church doesn't stand up for some of these people, then who will?"

Foundation

A 'bold mission' gift

By Jonas L. Stewart
executive secretary-treasurer

D.A. Ellis died before "Bold Mission Thrust" was adopted, but he is very much a part of its progress. A pastor, educator, and businessman with unusual ability in business affairs, his pastoral ministry was centered largely in Shelby County.

Upon his death Ellis left most of his estate in trust with the Tennessee Baptist Foundation. A gift from the trust income is sent each month to his aged sister. The remainder is used to "propagate the Baptist faith" (a quote from his will).

It was my privilege recently to deliver a check for \$25,000 to the treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Convention as earnings from this trust to be distributed to world missions through the Cooperative Program. How many people living on earth have given this much for bold Missions during the past year? This great preacher is in heaven, joining those of us on earth in a witness to the world that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Though this is the largest such fund administered for an individual donor, it is not nearly all of the story. The Foundation will distribute nearly one-half million dollars this year to all mission causes, the largest amount of which will go through the Cooperative Program. Other beneficiaries are the children's homes, schools, foreign missions, home missions, local churches, scholarships and several other causes designated by the donors in their wills or by a living trust.

If the nearly one million Tennessee Baptists would leave an average of \$1,000 in trust with the Tennessee Baptist Foundation, this would be almost one billion dollars annually for world missions. Wouldn't you like to be a part of this greatness in giving?

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Sunday School lesson for October 28, 1979

Christ: reason to rejoice

By Jerry Heflin, Bible teacher
Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy
Seymour, Tennessee

Basic Passages: I Peter 1:3-9; Philippians 4:1-19
Focal Passages: Philippians 4:4-13

Recently, in door-to-door visitation, I met a man with whom I had served in the 11th Airborne Division; first in Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and then in Germany. We shared many laughs about the ol' days as young, gung-ho U.S. paratroopers.

My friend had continued in service, had been wounded in Vietnam and retired on medical disability. As he now faced the second half of his life, it was my joy to tell him that through Christ he could know more joy and fulfillment than he had ever known through those exciting days of military service.

Paul must have felt such joyful emotions as he wrote to his supporters at Philippi and encouraged them to realize that Christ and His service provides lasting joy and fulfillment. In this week's lesson Paul mentions several basic attitudes that are essential to a healthy, joyful, Christian life.

The Source of Rejoicing (4:4-5)

Many believers will naturally question this counsel. They have known heartache, disappointment, pressure and failure. How, they ask, can you ask me to rejoice in the midst of circumstances? The answer to this question is to be found by asking them, "What is the source of your joy?" Psalm 104:34 states, "...I will be glad in the Lord." Or to paraphrase it, "He is the source of all my joy." If Jesus lives within, and He is the source of all my joy and He promised never to go away (Heb. 13:5); then I can say "Rejoice always in all circumstances." It is His joy in and through the believer.

In verse 5 Paul said, "The Lord is at hand." This could have reference to His indwelling or His return for the church. Either way, this gives joy. People are to observe us in our pressures and see our "forbearance." This word means moderation, or reasonableness. Some commentators suggest "gracious spirit" would be a good translation. Instead of griping and complaining, they see us with the joy of the Lord.

Rejoicing in situations is not a matter of waiting for emotion; it is a decision to say, "I choose to joy in the Lord in the midst of a difficult situation, because I know Christ is there with me. I am not alone."

Soundness of our Mind (4:6-7)

Another characteristic of a growing Christian is the exercise of alternatives to worry. "Be careful for nothing" means do not worry. The expression comes from a word meaning "a divided mind." A divided mind is an unsound mind and hinders loyalty to Christ. It robs us of joy.

How are we to slay this giant? Not by passively gritting our teeth or by popping tranquilizers. We are told to (1) make these troubling matters the subjects of prayer and be specific; (2) by faith give thanks. This is no Pollyanna theory but a vital spiritual exercise that prevents personal bitterness and releases God's power on a situation. How does it work? I don't know, but it does. You can trust the Word of our God. Don't wait until you feel like it; obey God. (3) The result is peace of mind. You will have a sound mind while those about you will be distressed and divided. An illustration of this is found in Acts 27. Read and note the contrast in the words and behavior of Paul with that of the other folk on board that ill-fated ship.

One can take the position, "I have many problems, and I don't know what I am going to do," or any one can say, "I have many opportunities to learn to trust my God." This is

no pietistic, rose-glassed philosophy; this is the sure Word of God.

Saneness of Mind (4:8)

If your thought-life isn't purged and guided by the Word of God, you are preparing for certain emotional and spiritual hang-ups. Bad thoughts toward each other is well illustrated by Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. Fights between the two families erupted over something as minute as passing on the street and laying a hand on the handle of a sword, or twitching the moustache with the fingers. Their thought-life was impure and so was their relationship with each other. Such negative attitudes among believers can divide churches, families, and even the best of friends.

Such thoughts, when allowed to remain in the psyche, can lead to more serious, emotionally-induced problems. Dr. McMillan, in his book *None of These Diseases*, has helpful chapters which give interesting Biblical guidance in this matter.

The Source of our Strength (4:10-13)

The Christians at Philippi were good to Paul, but he knew that the true source of his provision lay with the power of Christ.

Study well verses 11-13. Paul gives us the secret of contentment. He has, in these periods of deprivation, learned that the root of genuine contentment is to look to Christ to satisfy his total being. Paul gives examples of extremes: abased-abounding, hungry-full, plenty-little. In each of these, he states that Christ has taught him how to be satisfied.

Our culture has encouraged the gluttony of our appetites. Many Christians are discovering that periods of fasting are bringing their appetites back under the control of the Holy Spirit. The Old Testament called it "afflicting the soul." We will never learn the secret of contentment until we cease living by our wants, desires, and appetites, and begin to live by Christ's strengths. A Christian is never joyful as long as he thinks he must keep pace with "the Joneses."

A PRAYER: Father, teach me to be satisfied with those things that need to be limited within my life. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

On Matters of

Family Living

By B. David Edens
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'Bizarre' behavior normal

Head-banging, head-rolling and body-rocking are common among normal children, California researchers report. The finding should calm parents and teachers who fear the worst when kids engage in these baffling and disturbing activities.

Fully one-fifth of 525 healthy youngsters between three months and six years old were rockers, rollers and bangers, according to a study report in *Family Health*.

Understandably, children did most of their rocking while listening to music. They banged their heads (boys were particularly enthusiastic bangers) when they were sleepy. Head-rolling took place when tots were alone in crib or playpen.

The habits weren't linked to social or economic backgrounds, or the child's birth order in the family, psychologists from Pitzer College and Claremont Graduate School discovered. The big news was that these bizarre actions were not linked to behavior disturbance. If adults can only look away, the habits will disappear.

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Sunday School lesson for October 28, 1979

The place of beginning

By George Lewis McGlothlin, pastor
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Basic Passages: Genesis 1-3

Focal Passages: Genesis 1:1-2; 26-27; 2:15; 3:1-7, 9-10

God created on the first day: light; on the second day: firmament; on the third day: plant life; on the fourth day: moon, sun, and stars; on the fifth day: water and bird life; on the sixth day: animals and man.

After each day, the Scripture tells us, "God saw that it was good."

However, after God had completed his whole creation, including man, the Bible says, "God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good."

Soon man, created in God's image and yet possessing a free will, sinned. In Genesis 3, we are told how man relates to God as a sinner.



McGlothlin

First, he, like Adam, tries to clothe himself in his own righteousness (Genesis 3:7).

After Adam sinned, the Bible tells us that "they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons." Basically what they did was to straighten up their lives by putting on self-made clothes to cover their guilt. People today are doing the very same thing. They are trying to cover their guilt of sin in various ways such as being religious, involvement in worthwhile charities, and living a good, moral life. However, as in Adam's case, this is inadequate. The Bible says in Isaiah 64:6, "All our righteousnesses are as filthy rags."

Is there any hope? Yes! The first prophecy of a coming salvation was made by the Lord God Himself to the serpent. "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." (Genesis 3:15). Jesus Christ was and is the fulfillment of that prophecy.

God made his point about man's inability toward self-righteousness even more clearly in Genesis 3:21 where we are told, "Unto Adam also and to his wife did the Lord God make coats of skins, and clothed them."

Second, he, like Adam, tries to hide from God (Genesis 3:8).

God wants man's relationship with Him restored. That, in my opinion, is why God sought out Adam. However, Adam, even with the self-righteousness he had assumed, still felt incapable to stand before a Holy God. Therefore, Adam and his wife "hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden." The "voice of the Lord God" (Holy Spirit) is still seeking out sinners. Man in turn is still hiding — some in taverns, some in drugs, and others in materialism.

We are told even in the last days that man will be hiding from God. "And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; and said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?" (Revelation 6:15-17).

The ancient Spartans taught that nothing was wrong unless it was found out. A Spartan boy stole a fox and hid it inside his tunic. As he was being questioned, the fox began to eat away at the boy's body. When a person hides from God in his sin, the one who is hurt the most is himself.

Third, he, like Adam, tries to point the finger of blame (Genesis 3:12).

Adam was located by God even though he was hiding. God always finds us wherever we are. In the garden, the Lord asked Adam, "Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I com-

manded thee that thou shouldest not eat?" Adam's response was, "The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat."

Why does an unsaved man not want to come to church? The answer is seen in Adam's lack of desire to be in God's presence. Since that time, man has tried to point the finger of blame to someone or something else. However, God did not accept this "passing the buck" then and doesn't now. The Bible says in Romans 14:12 that "every one of us shall give account of himself to God."

In Genesis, chapter 3, we see not only the beginning of sin but also the beginning of grace. Near New York City, there is a tombstone with no name and no date inscribed upon it. There is only one word chiseled there: "Forgiven." Even though man is a sinner, God offers His forgiveness not only in death but in life.

Will you accept His forgiveness?

Missionary resigns from Swiss seminary

RUSCHLIKON, Switzerland (BP) — Southern Baptist missionary Isam E. Ballenger has resigned as president of the International Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland, effective April 30, 1980.

The action came during a seminary executive board meeting in Ruschlikon. It followed a period of more than two years when Ballenger was both seminary president and Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board field representative. In the latter capacity, he served as a personal link overseas between Southern Baptist missionaries in Europe and board headquarters in Richmond, Va.

In accepting Ballenger's resignation, the seminary board "acknowledged with understanding" that Ballenger could not continue as seminary president and also as field representative on a long range basis.

The board expressed gratitude to Ballenger for "outstanding leadership given to the seminary during a period of severe financial crisis." It also thanked him for his part in the reduction and reorganization of staff at the seminary and in securing additional financial support. That leadership, the board said, has resulted in progress toward financial stability and increased student enrollment.

The board thanked Mrs. Ballenger "for the many ways" she has helped the seminary during the staff reduction period.

The 30-year-old seminary has faced increased financial pressure in recent years as the value of the American dollar has declined.

The European Baptist Federation Council agreed about a year ago to accept sponsorship of the financially-troubled institution, and an executive board assumed administrative responsibility. Southern Baptists have continued to contribute substantially to the financial solvency of the school.

Union Univ. campus day scheduled for Nov. 3

JACKSON — West Tennessee high school students are invited to attend Union University's fall campus day, Saturday, Nov. 3.

The day's activities will include discussions with faculty members, a tour of the academic complex and student apartment village, financial aid information, a stage band concert, information on social and fraternal organizations, dinner on campus, and two red-white basketball games.

Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the day's festivities will conclude by 3:30 p.m. For more information contact Union University, Jackson, Tn., 38301.

North American Baptists spotlight Hispanics, elect woman chairperson

MEXICO CITY (BP) — The North American Baptist Fellowship's general committee took several historic steps and spotlighted Hispanic evangelism and enlistment during its meeting in Mexico City.

Meeting for the first time in Mexico, the NABF general committee elected its first woman chairman, Carolyn Weatherford, executive director of the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, and its first Mexican officer, Ernesto A. Uriegas, who will serve as vice chairman. Uriegas is pastor of Getsemani Baptist Church, Mexico City.

Charles F. Wills was named secretary, and Fred B. Rhodes, treasurer, by virtue of their



Weatherford

respective roles as associate secretary and treasurer of the Baptist World Alliance. NABF is one of several regional fellowships operating under the umbrella of the BWA.

Leonard Ballesteros of the American Baptist Churches in the USA told 75 participants from nine national Baptist bodies in the U.S., Canada and Mexico that at least 19-million Spanish language people live in the U.S. and that the number is growing rapidly.

He said these millions present a growing challenge to American churches, both in evangelistic outreach and social concern. "Many Hispanics who were not reached by the church in Latin America have found Christ in their new homes in the U.S.," Ballesteros said.

Fermin A. Whitaker, a Panamanian now on the staff of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga., added, "The world has come to our doorstep." He declared that "the largest Spanish Baptist group in the world is in the U.S.A."

Whitaker urged that Anglo churches develop "a spirit of mission" among Hispanics, at the same time avoiding a paternalistic attitude. Spanish language churches "must be self supporting," he said, to be of maximum influence in Spanish communities.

He said the work of Spanish language churches "is growing by multiplication," and that in some cases Spanish churches are starting Anglo missions.

In addition to the in-depth study of work among Spanish language people, NABF participants also conducted "sharing sessions" on evangelism and education, communications, social concerns, lay development, and stewardship.

Agustin Acosta, general secretary of the National Baptist Convention of Mexico, reported that the number of Baptist churches in his country has more than doubled in the past 10 years, increasing from 200 in 1969 to the present 410. He said another "600 missions are now in the process of becoming churches."

The growth is even more dramatic in Mexico City, the country's booming metropolis and national capital, he said, with the number of churches jumping from 3 to 42 in the last 15 years.

Baptists continue aid to Paraguay

ASUNCION, Paraguay (BP)—Baptist ministry to victims of the May flooding—believed to be the worst in Paraguay since 1905—continues now five months later through Baptist pastors, Southern Baptist missionaries, Baptist churches and the mobile clinic of Baptist Hospital in Asuncion.

Two encampments where Baptists work are comprised of farming families who had to abandon their homes on an island because of the river flood. Water still covers the island.

One Baptist church, LaNueva Jerusalem, has taken major responsibility for the spiritual welfare of those in the encampments. A church member drives a truck out to the camps each Sunday and brings 80 to 125 people to Sunday School.

The visitors outnumber the members, but the members continue in their efforts to reach their guests for Jesus. Some 30 decisions for Christ have been made through the personal work of the pastor, Diosnel Silva Armoa, and church members.

The mobile clinic has received national recognition in Paraguay on television and through newspapers because of its ministry. While the clinic was making one of its usual visits to the camp, Mrs. Alfredo Stroessner, the wife of Paraguay's president, also arrived to give out blankets and other items with a Red Cross team.

A sea of reporters following her activities picked up on the story of the clinic. The chaplain with the clinic had the camp children sing to the president's wife—"I Have a Friend Who Loves, His Name Is Jesus." She asked for two encores of the same song.

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Uruguay missionaries return despite kidnapping, distress

By Wally Poor

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay (BP) — Nine years after his son was kidnapped by communist terrorists, Southern Baptist missionary Jimmie Spann has been able to reconstruct a church which the same group had nearly destroyed.

In August 1970, while home on vacation from Medical school, Stephen Spann was kidnapped and held for about six hours by the communist-backed Tupamaros while the car he had been driving was used in a bank holdup. After the holdup, he was released unharmed.

During the same period, the Paso Molino Baptist Church was being torn apart by the struggle between a leftist pastor — later jailed as a recruiter for the Tupamaros — and those who remained loyal to Christ. Finally, the pastor succeeded in having the truly Christian members expelled and remained in possession of the church's building until his imprisonment. The scandal led to the church being expelled from the Uruguay Baptist Convention.

Shaken by their son's kidnapping and other factors, the Spanns resigned as missionaries. Five years later, they were reappointed and returned to Uruguay in 1976.

Meanwhile, the Uruguayan government had overcome the Tupamaros. The Baptist mission was able to recover possession of the Paso Molino property. The group expelled by the Leftist pastor had continued to meet in other places, and they were allowed to begin meeting once more in the building.

But, it was in ruins. All electrical wiring and plumbing had been ripped out by the group of young toughs the leftist pastor had gathered about him. All the windows were broken out. The church's pump organ had been carried to the balcony and hurled to the floor below, badly damaging it.

Though they were meeting in the building and got another pastor to preach on a part-time basis, the remnant of believers was a small, seemingly defeated group. The church's testimony in the neighborhood was practically nil. Some doubted if a church could ever grow there again.

Spann had returned to Uruguay to supervise the extension department of the Baptist Theological Seminary. However, in December 1977, he accepted the call of the church, which now was named the Ebenezer Baptist Church.

In the next 18 months (before he and his wife returned to Texas on furlough in June, just in time for their son's graduation from medical residency), Spann succeeded in turning around the once nearly dead church. Membership was doubled from 20 to 42. Attendance has quadrupled.

"When he came, there was a spirit of defeatism," says Spann. "Now there is a spirit of growth and outreach. Our growth has been among young people and young adults."

How has Spann managed to revitalize the situation at Ebenezer?

"A regular program — constant, faithful," is Spann's formula. "The people know we're going to be there and that there's something going on."

In the past 18 months the church has had three revival meetings and also participated in the nationwide Luis Palau evangelistic campaign in April 1978. The church has an active youth group which Spann terms "our brightest spot." Missionary Journeyman Becky Thomas worked with the young people.

Spann's wife, Norma, formed a church choir. The church's youth group has sponsored two citywide music festivals. Brazilian Baptist missionary Marinette Vanderlie has worked to build up the church's religious education program. Now newly-arrived Southern Baptist music missionary Joe Benfield has joined the church and started working with the choir.

In addition to his work with his church, Spann serves as zone missionary for Montevideo, working with the 16 existing churches in Montevideo to encourage missionary outreach.

Wally Poor is mission press representative for Uruguay.



TRACK COACH AUTHOR—Ed Temple (left), three-time coach of the U.S. Women's Olympic track team and coach of the world-famous Tennessee State Tigerbelles, explains some of the training program he describes in his autobiography, *Only the Pure in Heart Survive*, to Dessell Aderholt, director of the Broadman Division of the Baptist Sunday School Board which is publishing the book.

Harrison-Chilhowee honors McCarter

SEYMOUR, Tenn. — Lester D. McCarter was honored recently for his 25 years of coaching football at Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy.

"For many years McCarter coached every sport we offered at the academy: football, girls and boys basketball, and baseball," said Hubert B. Smothers, academy president. "Now after 25 years we are giving the coach a chance to specialize. This will be his last year working with the football program in order that he may concentrate his abilities on boys basketball and baseball."

All alumni who played football under McCarter's leadership were invited to join in the academy's tribute during the homecoming football game.

A native of Sevier County, McCarter came to Harrison-Chilhowee in 1955. He attended Pittman Center in Sevierville, and is a graduate of Lincoln Memorial University. In 1950, he became principal of Chilhowee Elementary School.

Over the years the students have always been McCarter's main concern.

"I got a phone call around 9 o'clock one night from a girl in Arkansas. She had been on one of my basketball teams several years ago. She said she was thinking of me and just wanted to call to say how much she appreciated me," McCarter said. "Calls and letters like that perk me up and make it all worthwhile."

McCarter has coached athletes from 13 countries over the years covering a wide range of experience. "Some of our players don't have much background in athletics. I've coached Eskimos and Indians and boys who couldn't speak English," stated McCarter, "but I have been richly blessed."

During the half-time festivities McCarter's



Coach Lester McCarter

family was honored also. He is married to the former Mary Elizabeth Watson. Their children, who have all played under their father's leadership, are Karen McCarter Nease, girls basketball; Randy McCarter, football, basketball and baseball; and Dale McCarter, current quarterback for Harrison-Chilhowee who also plays basketball, baseball and tennis.

The alumni, faculty, staff and students held a reception in the academy cafeteria after the football game in honor of the McCarters.

Cambodians fill home in Colorado

By James Lee Young

DENVER (BP) — Seven Cambodians squatted on the floor, their faces sullen. One of them was physically ill.

The five females and two males ranged in age from nine to 45. "That is going to make a real bunch in our house," said Don Fahrenkrug of Manitou Springs.

Fahrenkrug and his wife, Sue, had just picked up their new charges who had been flown from Bangkok to Hong Kong to Seattle, and then to Denver.

The seven were totally exhausted from their trip. They spoke no English so the prospects of a new homeland and people had to be one of deep and mixed emotions.

The seven came from a farm in Cambodia but fled the country in the midst of government oppression.

"We believe the father of the family may have been killed in the effort to get out of the country," Fahrenkrug said. "These people had only a week to find a U.S. sponsor or they would have been shoved by the Thailand government back across the border into Cambodia," Fahrenkrug said, adding that would have meant certain death.

The Fahrenkrugs read of the plight of refugees and contacted a resettlement group, offering to sponsor boat people with the greatest need. The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta has helped resettle nearly 2,000 refugees this year and many state Baptist conventions have resettlement coordinators.

They discovered the Bous and their son-in-law had escaped out of Cambodia and had only three days to find a sponsor, or they stood a chance of being killed by their own government.

"These people would be dead by now if we hadn't acted," Fahrenkrug said. "What a waste that would have been."

"I read in Matthew 25, about meeting hunger, thirst, and other needs — and I John 3:15-17," Fahrenkrug explained as his motivation for helping.

"We're living here in this country with relatively abundant needs and I just couldn't sit back and do nothing. We have six children of our own and not a lot of money but had to do something in light of the Sermon on the

Mount."

Fahrenkrug is employed by the Colorado Springs Sun newspaper as an engraver.



STRANGE NEW LAND—Say Bou, 9, a Cambodian refugee, isn't sure how to react to her new surroundings in Colorado. Recently within a week of death, this girl and her family were saved when sponsors were found for them in Colorado Springs. (BP) photo by James Lee Young.

Japanese Baptists adopt new statement of faith

SHIZUOKA, Japan—Japan Baptists, while celebrating the 90th anniversary of Southern Baptist missionaries in their country, adopted a new statement of faith, affirming basic Baptist beliefs. During their annual convention they also adopted a philosophy of foreign missions, emphasizing the importance of a partnership between the sending church and national convention churches in the foreign country.

HISTORICALLY FROM THE FILES

50 YEARS AGO

A Baptist church was organized at Troy as a result of the work of Missionary H. J. Williams of Beulah Baptist Association.

In its annual meeting, the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., transacted its usual two-day business in about three hours. It voted \$1,389,939.17 for its 1930 budget, \$522.22 less than the present (1929) budget. Another action of the board was the election of T.B. Ray as executive secretary. Ray had served as acting executive secretary for the past 18 months.

25 YEARS AGO

J.H. Hester was the new pastor of Prescott Memorial Baptist Church, Memphis. He came from Meadowbrook Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas. He succeeded Charles L. Morgan, who served the Prescott church for 14 years.

William J. Self, pastor of Cherokee Heights Baptist Church, Macon, Ga., accepted the call to become pastor of St. Elmo Baptist Church, Chattanooga.

10 YEARS AGO

Wendell Price, superintendent of adult work in the Sunday School dept., and for the past year acting secretary, was named department secretary.

Abe Silliman Jr. resigned as pastor of Cane Creek Baptist Church, Stone association, to become pastor of Mt. Elim Baptist Church in Central association.