

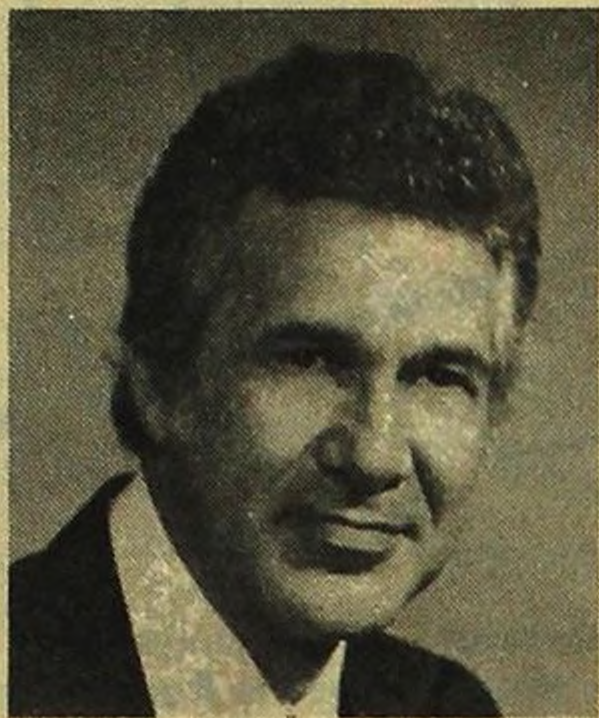
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TBC to elect officers, consider record budget

The consideration of a record Cooperative Program budget-goal for the Tennessee Baptist Convention, the election of officers, and a vote on a restructured TBC Constitution and Bylaws will be among the major items scheduled during next week's state convention in Memphis.

The 105th annual session of the Tennessee Baptist Convention will meet Nov. 13-15 at East Park Baptist Church.

Other business items on the tentative program (which is printed on page 9) will be the election of members to various TBC boards and agencies and recommendations from the World Hunger Committee which was created at the 1978 TBC.

Another issue which could come up next week is a vote on the disposition of Belmont Plaza, a high-rise for senior adults, which messengers to a called state convention April 5 voted to sell or to transfer.

Interspersed between the business and reports from TBC departments and institutions will be five inspirational messages by three Tennessee pastors, two convention employees, and Clyde Fant, pastor of First Baptist Church, Richardson, Tex.

The Tennessee speakers are Bill Bruster, pastor of Bearden's Central Baptist Church, Knoxville; H.D. Hudson, pastor of First Baptist Church, Puryear; the president's address by W. Fred Kendall II, pastor of First Baptist Church, Union City; Tom J. Madden, TBC executive secretary; and the convention sermon by William Purdue, director of the Bible school at Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City.

The Executive Board will recommend a \$15-million Cooperative Program budget-goal for the November 1979-October 1980 convention year. This represents a 27.1 percent increase over last year's \$11.8-million budget goal. The budget will feature \$13-million for the basic budget and a \$2-million challenge budget.

The recommendation will propose that 35 percent of the Tennessee Cooperation Program be shared with missions and ministries

Women's luncheon planned next week in Memphis

June Hatley, president of the fellowship of Tennessee ministers' wives, said the annual luncheon for that organization will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 14, at Second Baptist Church in Memphis.

Using a theme of "25 years and still going," the women will hear a special message at the meeting. Bus service will be provided from East Park Baptist Church, site of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, to Second church, Mrs. Hatley reported.

supported through the Southern Baptist Convention's Cooperative Program. This will be increased from last year's 34.5 percent.

The \$2-million challenge budget will be divided this way—35 percent for the SBC Cooperative Program and 65 percent for TBC Cooperative Program. The Tennessee portion will be divided with 35 percent going to TBC educational institutions and 65 percent for Bold Mission Thrust projects in Tennessee.

A breakdown of the budget items was printed in the Oct. 10 issue of the Baptist and Reflector.

The messengers will elect officers for the Tennessee Baptist Convention and also trustees and members for 11 boards and eight committees of the state convention. (The report of the Committee on Boards and the Committee on Committees was printed in the Oct. 10 issue of the Baptist and Reflector).

At the Tuesday afternoon session messengers will hear the report of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee and will vote on amendments of the Constitution which were presented and approved on first reading last year. Changes to the Bylaws will be introduced at the Tuesday afternoon session and voted on during the Wednesday afternoon session. The committee's report was printed in the Oct. 31 Baptist and Reflector.

Although most of the recommendations concerning the Constitution and Bylaws are to clarify and to rearrange the current documents, there are some significant changes proposed. One would allow every church—regardless of size to have two

messengers rather than the current one messenger. The requirements for additional messengers would be reduced.

The issue concerning the disposition of Belmont Plaza could come up for discussion and for action at next week's TBC, although at press time there are no recommendations about the facility scheduled for presentation.

On Sept. 11, the Executive Board voted to transfer the lease on the project to Belmont Plaza Inc., which was reported to be a group of unnamed Tennessee Baptist laymen. At the board meeting, the members were told by

Claude Blankenship, an accountant who is a member of Judson Baptist Church, Nashville, that the \$5-million bond issue would have to be rewritten to remove any reserve fund, to give \$456,858 currently held in reserve to Belmont Plaza Inc., and to substitute the Tennessee Baptist Convention for the Tennessee Baptist Service Corporation as liable for the bonds.

It has since been announced that Blankenship is the treasurer of Belmont Plaza Inc. Other officers are president, Herb McCarthy, minister of education at Judson Baptist Church; vice-president, Herbert C. Gabhart, president of Belmont College, Nashville; and secretary, Herman King, retired Sunday School Board employee who is a member of Judson Baptist Church.

Belmont Plaza Inc. filed their incorporation papers with the state on Oct. 2.

According to the motion passed by the board on Sept. 11, Belmont Plaza Inc. would secure \$1-million in syndication from investors who would use the project for tax depreciation. These investors have been secured, and they have formed an organization called Belmont Plaza Associates, whose attorneys submitted an "agreement" to the TBC on Oct. 19. This agreement, which details obligations of Belmont Plaza Associates and the state convention, is currently being examined by the convention's attorneys.

The completion of the transfer has apparently been delayed by two problems: (1) Since Belmont Plaza Inc. is a "for profit" corporation, a ruling from Internal Revenue Service will have to be secured that interest on the bonds will still be non-taxable. At press time this had not been obtained. (2) Attorneys involved in the negotiations have expressed concern that the Sept. 11 action by the Executive Board was not appropriate, because messengers to the April 5 TBC had voted that the leasehold interest 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."

The Executive Board is scheduled to meet next Monday, just prior to the opening of the convention. According to unconfirmed reports, the board may reconsider its Sept. 11 action and vote to make their previous action as a recommendation to the convention. There is also a possibility that the board may consider an entirely new offer and recommend it to the messengers.

According to the tentative program, the board will make its report to the convention on Wednesday morning. The motion passed Apr. 5 asked "that the Executive Board report back to the next annual meeting of the Tennessee Baptist Convention concerning all aspects of Belmont Plaza."

Phone number given to reach messengers

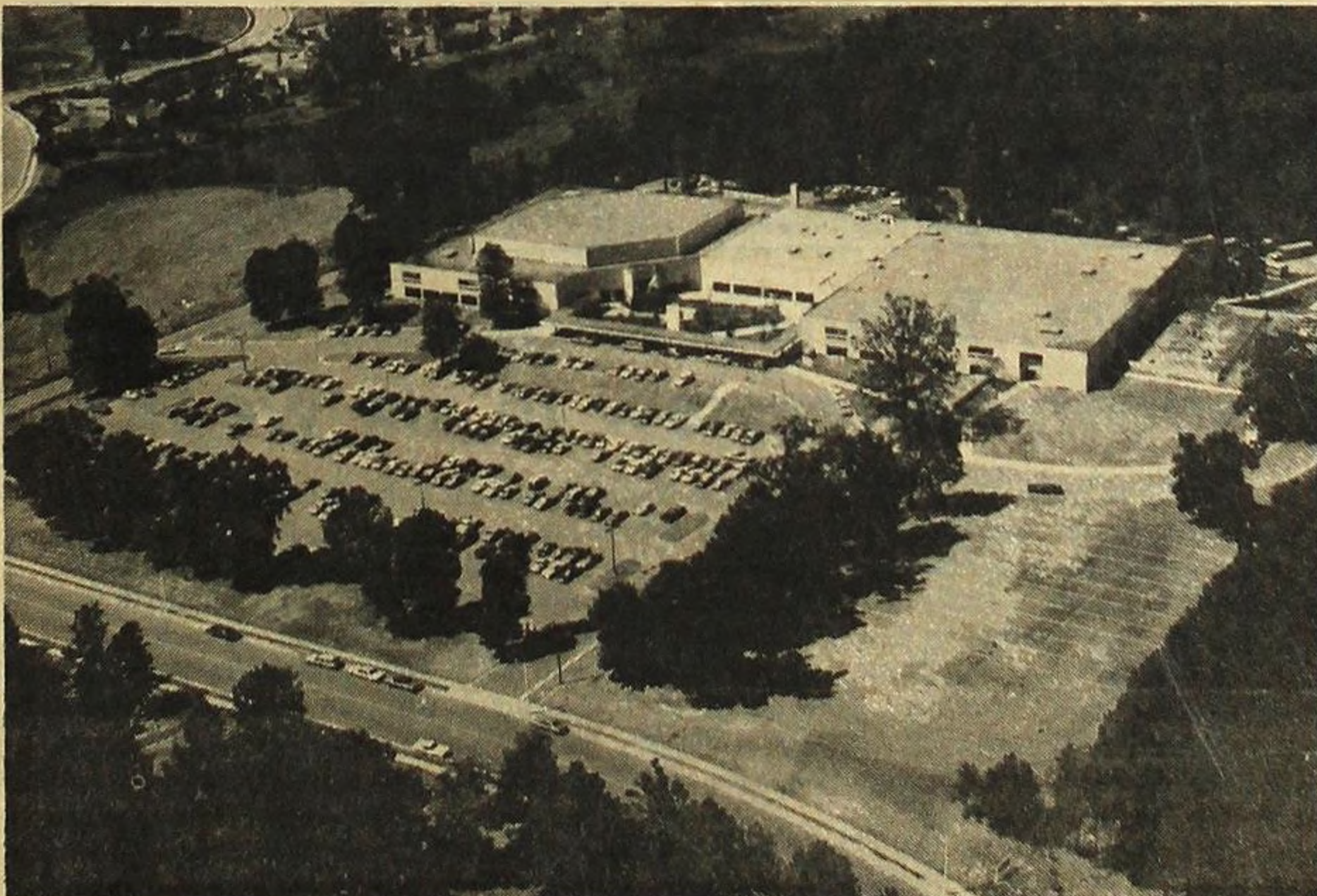
A convention office will be maintained next week at East Park Baptist Church, Memphis, during the Tennessee Baptist Convention. A special telephone has been installed to be used by those wishing to contact messengers and visitors attending the convention. The number is:

(901) 682-6608.

Messages can be telephoned to this number, and these will be given to convention attenders.

Convention officials are asking that this number be used, rather than the host church's office.

The Press Room will also have a special telephone with the number of (901) 761-2978.



EAST PARK BAPTIST CHURCH, site of the annual Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Tennessee Baptist Convention

"Equipping for Church Advance"

East Park Baptist Church, Memphis, Nov. 13-15

(All times listed are Central Standard Time)

TUESDAY MORNING

Music director: Harold Maples
Organist: Mark Duvall
Pianist: Robert Matthews

- 9:00 Call to order; Invocation by James Harris
- 9:05 Report of Committee on Credentials by Don Peek; Committee on Arrangements report by H.K. Sorrell
- 9:20 Singing
- 9:30 Devotional by James Stokes
- 9:45 Welcome by Wayne Allen
- 9:55 Announcements
- 10:05 Treasurer's report and presentation of budget by Tom Madden
- 10:30 Tennessee Baptist Foundation Baptist and Reflector
- 10:50 Tennessee Baptist hospitals
- 11:05 Singing; special music
- 11:20 Convention sermon by William Purdue
- 11:50 Benediction by B.E. Rickman

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Music director: Wayne Randolph
Organist: Becky Todd

- 2:00 Invocation by John Wilkinson
- 2:05 Devotional by Wayne Ward
- 2:20 Recognition of new pastors and church staffs by Tom Madden
- 3:35 Recognition of fraternal messengers
- 2:45 Reports: Brotherhood; church media, church recreation, Historical Society; Sunday School
- 3:15 Singing
- 3:20 Constitution and Bylaws Committee report by Denzel Duke
- 3:35 Miscellaneous business
- 3:50 Special Music
- 4:00 Message by H.D. Hudson
- 4:40 Benediction by Kenneth Richey

TUESDAY NIGHT

Music director: Bert Briley
Organist: Libby Pierce
Pianist: Mark Edwards

- 6:45 Tennessee Baptist Chorale directed by Louis Ball
- 7:00 Invocation by Richard Patton
- 7:05 Devotional by Wayne Ward
- 7:20 Tennessee Baptist Chorale
- 7:30 Tennessee Baptist schools
- 7:55 Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes
- 8:10 Singing
- 8:25 President's Address by W. Fred Kendall II
- 8:55 Benediction by Doug Cather

WEDNESDAY MORNING

Music director: Earl Holloway
Organist: Sandra Paul
Pianist: Mrs. Alan Storey

- 9:00 Invocation by Lee Gray
- 9:05 Devotional by Wayne Ward
- 9:20 Election of officers
- 9:35 Committee on Audits report by P.O. Davidson
- 9:45 Report of Executive Board by Gerald Stow; adoption of budget
- 10:35 Election of officers (continued)
- 10:45 Singing; special music
- 11:00 Message by Tom Madden
- 11:30 Benediction by W.D. Thomason

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Music director: Norman White
Organist: Mrs. Jean Jones
Pianist: Mrs. Kent Jackson

- 2:00 Invocation by David Jicka
- 2:10 Devotional by Bob Agee
- 2:25 Report of Committee on Arrangements by H.K. Sorrell
- 2:30 Election of officers (continued)
- 2:40 Report of Committee on Boards by Gary Anderson
- 3:00 Report of Committee on Committees by Durwood Howard
- 3:10 Special music; Singing
- 3:20 Report of church music; evangelism; Woman's Missionary Union; church training

- 4:00 Report of Constitution and Bylaws Committee by Denzil Duke
- 4:15 Tennessee Baptist Service Corporation
- 4:25 Miscellaneous business
- 4:55 Benediction by Joe Mayberry

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Music director: Lee Simmons
Organist: Don Reasons
Pianist: Al Mashburn

- 6:45 Union University Choral Group
- 7:00 Invocation by J.G. Wise
- 7:05 Devotional by Mrs. William Blevins
- 7:20 Protection Plans
- 7:30 Church-ministers information
- 7:40 Cooperative Program and stewardship
- 7:50 Public affairs and Christian life
- 8:00 Special music
- 8:10 Message by Clyde Fant
- 8:40 Benediction by Edsel West

THURSDAY MORNING

Music director: Bill Choate
Organist: Ruth Harrod
Pianist: Cecile Spencer

- 9:00 Invocation by B.C. Willcutt
- 9:05 Devotional by John Tullock
- 9:20 Reports by missions; student; church administration
- 9:50 Committee on Resolutions report by Ron Sorah
- 10:00 Singing
- 10:05 United Tennessee League
- 10:10 Committee on Journal report by Lon Shoopman
- 10:20 American Bible Society
- 10:25 Hunger Committee report by Earl Davis
- 10:35 Recognition of outgoing officers by Tom Madden
- 10:40 Recognition of incoming officers by W. Fred Kendall II
- 10:50 Special music
- 11:00 Message by Bill Bruster
- 11:30 Benediction by W.D. Burke

Chattanooga RA earns program's highest honor

A Chattanooga Royal Ambassador, Wayne Woody, has completed work for his fifth service aide award in the areas of education and application, according to Kenny Rains, state RA director.

The award requires a minimum of 750 hours of service and work in the RA program. Service Aid is a part of the RA program sponsored by churches in the Southern Baptist Convention.

A junior in high school, Woody earned \$1,200 in scholarships for his work and also is the recipient of the national service aide award from the Brotherhood Commission.



Woody

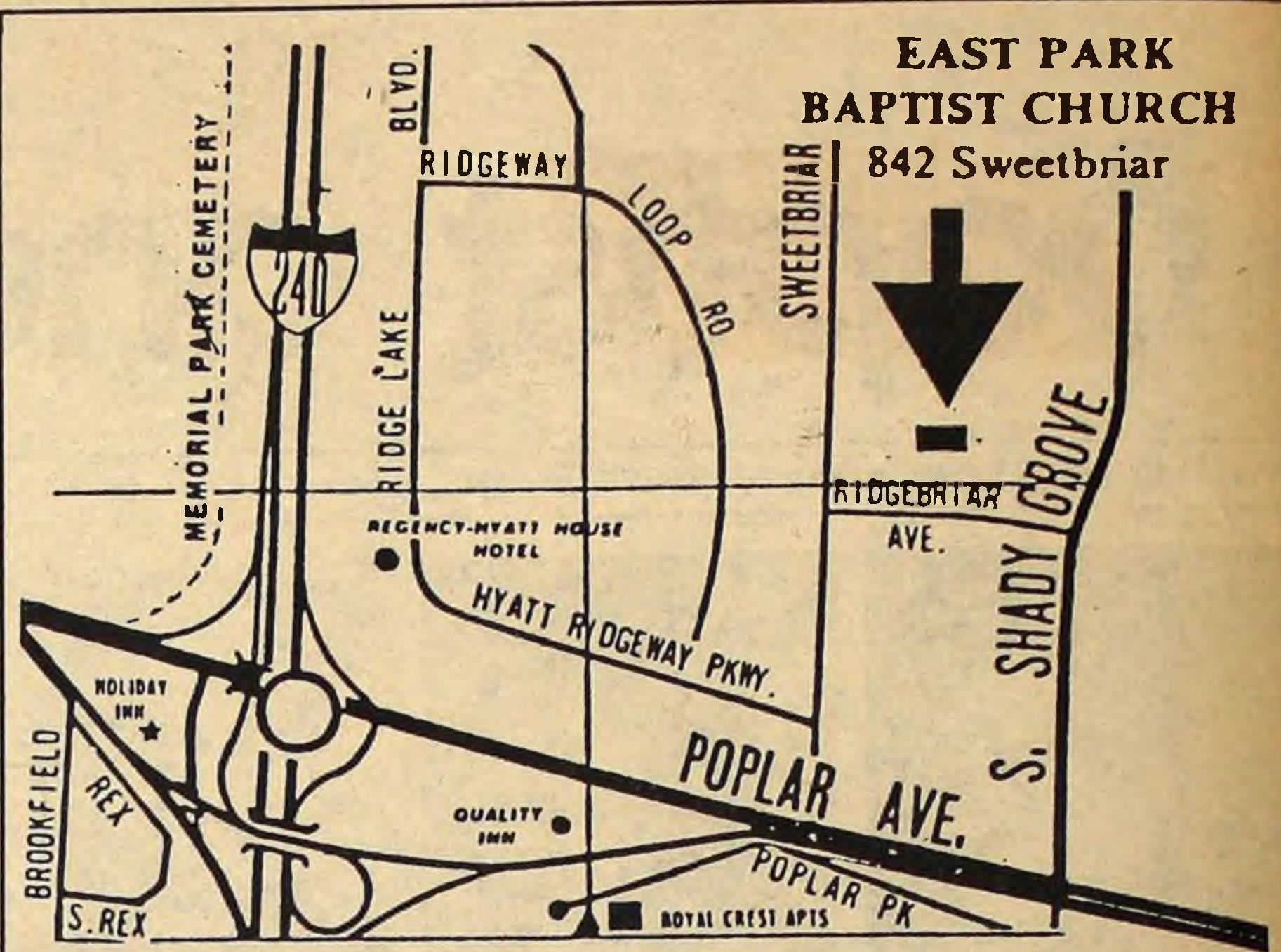
Rogers, Bennett to appear on TV; second interview in six weeks

FORT WORTH, Tex. (BP) — Two top Southern Baptist Convention leaders will appear on national television for the second time in six weeks, Sunday, Nov. 11.

Adrian Rogers of Memphis, president of the SBC, and Harold Bennett of Nashville, executive secretary-treasurer of the SBC's Executive Committee, will participate in a half-hour conversation on ABC-TV's weekly public affairs presentation "Directions."

The program will examine current ministries and future goals and aspirations of the Southern Baptist Convention. Time shown on ABC affiliates will vary in different areas. Rogers, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, was elected president of the convention at the SBC's annual meeting last June in Houston. Bennett succeeded Porter Routh, who retired Aug. 1.

The two convention leaders appeared Sept. 23 on the NBC television special, "The Thrust Toward 2000," which was produced in cooperation with the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, as is the Nov. 11 showing of "Directions."



Coming from Nashville (Interstate 40), change onto Interstate 240 and proceed south (toward Mississippi). then exit at the Poplar Avenue (this exit divides after exiting from Interstate 240, one fork goes west toward downtown and the other fork goes east toward Germantown. Take the EAST exit toward Germantown, proceed to the 2nd traffic light and turn left onto Shady Grove Road (heading back north). Come one long block to Ridgebriar, turn left on Ridgebriar to East Park Baptist Church parking area.

Hunger committee to ask Baptists for support in India project

A special study committee, named by the 1978 Tennessee Baptist Convention to study world hunger, will bring a recommendation to the TBC meeting in Memphis next week that Tennessee Baptists enter into a project with the Foreign Mission Board to implement a hunger relief program for India. The program will involve the use of a minimum of \$500,000 over a three-year period.

Earl Davis, chairman of the special committee, told Baptist and Reflector the program will be based on intense feasibility studies in that country by the FMB and its consultants. Out of the feasibility studies will come specific projects designed to attack the "root causes" of hunger. Possible projects may be: agriculture programs, nutrition clinics, water provision and sanitation, and food storage.

"Instead of merely handing out food, we hope to equip the people with ways to solve their own problems in the future," said Jerry Self, TBC public affairs and Christian life consultant. Self pointed out that none of the \$500,000 will be used to purchase food.

Davis expressed hope and emphasized the importance of the use of Tennessee Baptist lay persons in future projects. "We, as a convention, need to decide what we want to do about world hunger and then coordinate all of our efforts through the Foreign Mission Board," he said. "No other state convention has entered into a joint project of this type. It will be the first for a state convention and the Foreign Mission Board."

Southern Baptist missionaries in India have already initiated an invitation to the board to

get a program on hunger relief started. "This resolution will communicate Tennessee's willingness to become involved in the project," Davis stated.

In a meeting with the hunger committee last week, John Cheyne, associate consultant on hunger relief, FMB, said experts agree that the decade of the 80s will be known as a decade of famine. It is going to be more and more difficult to get into countries with the gospel unless we show sensitivity to human needs, he pointed out.

India is presently closed to direct evangelistic mission activity, but mission doctors, nurses, teachers, agriculturists, etc., may enter the country.

If the recommendation passes at the convention, Self said any church wishing to contribute to hunger relief should send their gifts to the TBC and mark them for the India project.

Serving on the seven member committee with Davis are: Roy Miller, Maryville; Larry Taylor, Jefferson City; Danny Jones, Henning; Steve Bingham, Lebanon; J.C. Carpenter, Manchester; and Lee Prince, Memphis, author of the motion to create the committee.

The committee plans to finalize its statement on the India project on Monday night, Nov. 12 in Memphis.

Radnor staffer assumes first church pastorate

Daniel Martin, assistant pastor in charge of the bus ministry at Radnor Baptist Church in Nashville, will assume his first full-time pastorate this month. He has been called to lead the congregation of Wrigley Baptist Church in Wrigley (Alpha Association).

A native of Las Cruces, N.M., Martin attended Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond, Hyles-Anderson Bible College in Hammond, Ind., and Campbellsville College in Campbellsville, Ky. Belmont College, Nashville, awarded him a bachelor of science degree earlier this year.

In addition to his work at Radnor, Martin was employed in Louisville, Kentucky at the Ninth & O Baptist Church as assistant minister of evangelism.



Martin



NEW HARRISON-CHILHOWEE OFFICERS — Newly-elected officers of Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy's Board of Trustees are (left to right) Betty McBrayer of Maryville, secretary; Wesley H. Goddard of Louisville, Tenn., vice-chairman; Jane S. Ellison of Knoxville, chairman; and Hubert B. Smothers, academy president.

Harrison-Chilhowee elects 1st woman trustee chairman

SEYMOUR—Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy's Board of Trustees, during its quarterly meeting here, elected Jane S. Ellison of Knoxville as the first woman ever to chair the board.

'Baptist Bowl' a possibility?

NASHVILLE (BP)—It probably hasn't happened before but the computer possibilities are beginning to send a ripple of interest along the Bible belt.

Two Southern Baptist affiliated-universities boast football teams ranked in the top 20 nationally in the Oct. 31 edition of the United Press International rating and a "Baptist Bowl" is an intriguing possibility.

Wake Forest University, a school of about 5,000 students in Winston-Salem, N.C., and Baylor University, with about 10,000 students in Waco, Tex., have clobbered enough opponents with the sword of righteousness to earn No. 14 and No. 18 ratings respectively. Wake Forest is ranked 14th in a similar Associated Press poll although Baylor has not cracked the top 20.

The 14 major bowls require 28 teams so there is a statistical possibility that Wake Forest and Baylor could meet, if each continues to perform well. Baylor has lost only to No. 1 ranked Alabama, and Houston, which leads the Southwest Conference as of Nov. 9. Wake Forest has lost only to North Carolina State, as of Nov. 2.

Wake Forest should holler for a rematch since the two teams met in the 1948 Dixie Bowl in Birmingham, with Baylor a 20-7 winner.

Knoxville pastor presents drama monologue at Union

JACKSON—Calvin Metcalf, pastor of Central Baptist Church of Fountain City, Knoxville, will present a dramatic monologue at Union University, Nov. 12.

He will portray the personality of Simon Peter during a chapel presentation at 10 a.m., complete with Biblical costume.

Metcalf is pastor-advisor for the Baptist Student Union at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and is a trustee of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City.

She is the first woman ever elected to chair the board of trustees of any Tennessee Baptist educational institution, although women have served on these boards for several years.

Mrs. Ellison has served on the academy's board for nine years and was secretary for eight of those years. Hazel Ruth Schubert, Mrs. Ellison's mother, was the first woman to be elected to Harrison-Chilhowee's Board of Trustees in 1961. Upon the mother's death, her daughter was elected to fill the unexpired term. A boys dormitory at the academy is named in honor of Mrs. Schubert.

"I feel it is an honor to be able to serve in this capacity and I look forward to working with the academy as it prepares to enter its centennial year," Mrs. Ellison said.

Other officers were also elected during the meeting. Wesley H. Goddard of Louisville, Tenn., was named vice-chairman. Goddard is a banker with Citizens Bank of Blount County. Betty McBrayer of Maryville was elected secretary for a second term.

BJCA urges exclusion of churches from lobby bill

WASHINGTON (BP) — Exclusion of churches from lobby disclosure legislation pending before the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee was the major thrust of testimony presented by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

The Baptist statement charged that S. 1564, introduced by Sen. Lawton Chiles, D-Fla., would unconstitutionally inhibit the free exercise of religion and entangle government and churches by "imposing time-consuming and expensive record keeping and reporting on churches in carrying out their religious mission."

The statement said many religious groups consider it an integral part of their mission to speak to government to try to influence the development of public policy.

Barry W. Lynn, legislative counsel for the office for Church in Society of the United Church of Christ, also testified against the legislation. "The Congress takes a great risk if it acts in a way which may stifle any legitimate advocacy work... gaining access to the political system has been very difficult for many groups. I ask you not to put any new and unnecessary obstacles in our paths," Lynn said.

Similar legislation in the House of Representatives is pending in the Judiciary Committee.

Group launches effort to fire Georgia editor

ATLANTA (BP)—Efforts will be made at the Georgia Baptist Convention meeting Nov. 12-14 in Savannah to fire Georgia Baptist editor Jack Harwell and possibly other convention employees alleged to hold "liberal" views of the Bible.

Another possibility includes efforts to change established procedures for electing the next executive secretary of the convention's executive committee when the incumbent, Searcy S. Garrison, retires.

The *Christian Index*, edited by Harwell, said the efforts are spearheaded "by a group of ultra-conservative Georgia Baptists concerned about the alleged 'liberal drift' in the convention."

In another action, the Dodge County Baptist Association, comprised of 38 churches, voted 75 to 22 in its annual meeting that the Georgia Baptist executive committee "dismiss the editor of *The Christian Index* because of his lack of faith in the entire Bible as the infallible word of God and that this be presented as a motion at our Savannah convention..."

In another action, the association voted 73 to 19 that the convention vote in November "to remove any employee of the Georgia Baptist Convention who denies the Bible is the infallible, inerrant word of God."

At least two other associations, Merritt association and Atlanta association, have voted support of Harwell, as has the Atlanta Baptist Pastors' Conference, according to a *Christian Index* spokesman.

William A. Powell of Buchanan, Ga., editor of *The Southern Baptist Journal*, who has led efforts over the years against Harwell, told Baptist Press that letters have been mailed

throughout the state criticizing Harwell's views on the Bible. The criticism is based on a personal letter Harwell wrote about five years ago.

Powell also said churches are being urged to elect their full quota of messengers and that he is polling some 500 Georgia Baptist churches on his mailing list to see how their messengers would vote on Harwell. He denied he was encouraging messengers to be instructed how to vote.

The *Christian Index* reported that strategy has been mapped in at least three meetings, each attended by about 40 pastors and laymen, to bring motions to the convention floor.

Doyal Conley, pastor of Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, and chairman of the group at the most recent meeting which took place in Macon, told the Georgia paper: "Listed as the most important issue was the need for an editor of *The Christian Index* who has a theology that is in harmony with traditional Baptist beliefs, one that will not promote apocryphal editions of the Bible and one that will use *The Index* to promote and encourage evangelistic efforts across Georgia to promote Bold Mission Thrust, and not allow it to be just a social report on Baptist life."

Conley also said in a prepared news release: "The next issue of importance was the desire to see the Georgia Baptist Convention select a search committee for the next executive secretary after Searcy S. Garrison's retirement, and that the convention itself employ the next chief executive."

The statement added: "Many expressions of approval and gratitude for the job Garrison has been and is doing were made, and the desire for a convention-appointed search committee does not in any way reflect on the record of the current executive secretary. It is a desire to see the decision placed into the hands of the entire convention, rather than a handful of people."

Garrison has not announced any retirement plans. He will be 67 years of age in November. In March, the convention executive committee asked him to remain on the job until age 70. He has not responded to that request.

Trentham dismissal may be reconsidered

WASHINGTON (BP)—President Carter's pastor, dismissed by a vote of the congregation of First Baptist Church in Washington Oct. 28, may have a second chance to argue for his retention.

According to church moderator Frank McAnear, the likelihood of a second vote on renewal of Charles A. Trentham's contract arose when a church member who voted against the pastor sought to have the church's action reconsidered before the Oct. 28 meeting was adjourned.

The member, who according to McAnear, was unhappy that he and others were not allowed to speak during the debate, has now indicated that he will reintroduce his motion to reconsider at the next regularly scheduled business meeting Nov. 28.

Robert's Rules of Order provides that a person voting on the winning side may move reconsideration of the issue at hand. McAnear told Baptist Press that the matter could have been disposed of Oct. 28 had not another member quickly moved adjournment, a non-debatable motion which takes precedence over any other. When the congregation voted overwhelmingly to adjourn, the door was left open for the Nov. 28 prospect of reconsideration, McAnear said.

The congregation voted not to renew Trentham's contract when it expires Feb. 15. He was dismissed by a 166-140 vote.

McAnear said numerous members want to avoid another showdown over the matter and there remains an "outside chance" that the individual who wants to move for reconsideration will not go through with the motion.

State dept. appoints son of missionaries

WASHINGTON (BP)—William B. Bowdler, son of an emeritus Southern Baptist missionary, has been appointed assistant secretary of state for inter-American affairs, effective Jan. 1, 1980, pending Senate confirmation.

Bowdler is currently the director of the bureau of intelligence and research for the U.S. Department of State. In the fall of 1978, he was the U.S. negotiator with representatives from Guatemala and the Dominican Republic who attempted to mediate a settlement of the political crisis in Nicaragua.

He has been the U.S. ambassador to El Salvador, Guatemala, and South Africa.

Bowdler was born in Argentina, where his parents, George A. and Ruth Bowdler, were Southern Baptist missionaries for 37 years. His father is deceased and his mother, an emeritus missionary, resides in Richmond, Va. He is a graduate of the University of Richmond.

Missionary recovers; returns to Portugal

LISBON, Portugal (BP)—On Oct. 25, two years after Southern Baptist missionary Ernest Harvey was brought to the United States on a stretcher, he arrived back in Lisbon, Portugal, continuing to recover from the illness that had threatened his life.

Harvey lost consciousness soon after he became ill with herpes simplex encephalitis (a viral type of brain inflammation), and had to be flown to the United States. He was listed in serious condition for about three weeks and remained hospitalized another month. Lengthy recuperation at home followed, but his condition now has improved to the point that doctors permitted the couple to return to the mission field.

Harvey's wife Jan said of her husband's recovery, "It seemed for so long that going back was completely out of the question, but the miracle happened, and we are on our way."

EDITORIAL

Matters for Memphis Messengers

Nearly 2,000 messengers from Tennessee Baptist churches will convene next week in Memphis and face some important issues in the life of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Since any messenger can make a motion on any subject, it would be difficult to predict every matter to be considered, but these seem to be some of the possibilities.

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM GOAL

The Executive Board will recommend a challenging budget-goal for the Cooperative Program with a Challenge budget included. The goal for the convention year (November 1979-October 1980) will be \$15-million — \$13-million for the basic budget and \$2-million for the challenge section.

In recent years, the Cooperative Program gifts received above the budget were divided by the Executive Board at its December meeting. The concept of the challenge budget could change all that — unless the Lord were to lead Tennessee Baptists to exceed the \$15-million goal!

One of the questions which came up each December was should the same percentage shared with the SBC Cooperative Program under the budget be continued into the overage? Usually this was done, but not always.

Under the proposal, the same 35 percent share in the basic budget section would be shared in the challenge section. Incidentally, the 35 percent share is an increase from the 34.5 percent shared with the SBC Cooperative Program in last year's budget.

The \$15-million goal is a 27.1 percent increase over last year's \$11.8-million goal. It would be 21.1 percent above the reported receipts during 1978-79 of nearly \$12.4-million.

CONSTITUTION, BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

The messengers will vote on extensive changes to the TBC Constitution and Bylaws. The Bylaws will be presented on Tuesday with the vote on Wednesday. The constitutional amendments were approved on first reading last year, and will face a final-approval vote on Tuesday.

Basically, the changes are merely a restructuring of these documents.

However, there is at least one significant change concerning the number of messengers permitted. Under the present Constitution, each church is allowed one messenger with one additional messenger for each 100 members beyond the first 100. Under the amendment, each church would be allowed two messengers with one additional messenger for each 100 members or fraction thereof beyond the first 100 members.

No church will be permitted more than 10 messengers.

We like the amendment, since the more messengers who attend and participate in the decisions, the more meaningful the decisions are.

FUTURE CONVENTIONS

The convention will vote to set the meeting site of the 1981 state convention, and to select the preacher of the convention sermon for the 1980 TBC which will meet in Johnson City.

CONVENTION OFFICERS, TRUSTEES

Elections are an important part of any Tennessee Baptist Convention session. We have heard very few names mentioned as possible nominees

for the next TBC president, but tradition would dictate that the new president will come from east Tennessee.

Because of events which have occurred during the past year, there seems to be more interest than usual on the election of trustees and directors of various TBC institutions and agencies.

BELMONT PLAZA

According to discussions we have heard from around the state, the disposition of Belmont Plaza could be the major business item at next week's convention.

The facility for senior adults was built by the Tennessee Baptist Service Corporation and financed by a \$5-million bond issue through the Health and Education Facilities Board of Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County. The project was completed in February, but the TBSC could not open it because of the lack of operating funds.

A called state convention was held April 5, and the messengers voted to sell or to transfer it "to relieve the Tennessee Baptist Convention from all liability on said lease."

A committee authorized by the called TBC — the Belmont Plaza Committee — after five months of work voted that the only way to satisfy the convention's instructions was to sell the facility and pay off the bonds. They recommended to the Sept. 11 Executive Board meeting that Belmont Plaza be sold to Lawler-Woods Inc. and the convention absorb a loss of nearly \$1-million.

However, the Executive Board voted to reject the committee's recommendation and to transfer the facility to a group of unnamed Baptist lay people who were forming Belmont Plaza Inc. This group would raise \$1-million from investors (who would use the depreciation for a tax write-off), but the bond indenture would have to be rewritten to give to the project the \$456,858 currently held in reserve.

Although it was not mentioned in the proposal, the rewriting of the bond indenture would remove the required reserve of \$1,250,000. Under the present indenture, this reserve and the interest it would earn would be used to make the \$1,555,000 balloon payment due in A.D. 2004.

The bonds would stay in place with either the name of the Tennessee Baptist Service Corporation or the Tennessee Baptist Convention on them as ultimately liable, if the project failed.

In our Sept. 19 editorial, we asked — "Did the action by the Executive Board fulfill the instructions given by the April 5 TBC?"

That question may be answered next week. The deal with Belmont Plaza Inc. has not been completed, so it could be brought up at the convention — in fact, there is discussion that the Executive Board at its Nov. 12 meeting might vote to bring the proposal (or perhaps another proposal) to the messengers for their consideration.

Regardless of what happens concerning Belmont Plaza next week, we sincerely hope that the disposition of this project — which has dominated Tennessee Baptists' thoughts for nearly one year — will be finally settled.

Please pray that God will lead us to the best solution that will advance His Kingdom and increase the work of our state convention.

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"I WILL BLESS THE LORD WHO COUNSELS ME;
HE GIVES ME WISDOM IN THE NIGHT. HE TELLS
ME WHAT TO DO." — PSL 16:7 (L.B.)



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Letters to the Editor...

Letters on any religion-related subject are welcomed. Letters of over 300 words will not be used. Other letters may be shortened at the discretion of the editor. No unsigned letters will be printed, but writer's name will be withheld for sufficient reason. Letters must contain complete address.

Aid for Cambodians

Dear editor:

More than 2-million Cambodians face immediate starvation unless they receive massive aid. The United States has the capacity of providing substantial aid. So far our government has contributed only \$625,000, and this just for Cambodians who have managed to reach the border.

UNICEF and the International Committee of the Red Cross have negotiated arrangements with the Cambodian government on Phnom Penh for the handling of aid. This clears the way for a broader U.S. response. Lives are lost each day that the administration and Congress fail to act.

The people of the United States and their lawmakers can help save these lives. The president must propose and Congress must approve without delay generous food aid and additional funds to help all Cambodians.

Arthur Simon

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Christians should share

Dear editor:

The world is facing another holocaust—the stark reality of the impending “starvation—death” of two-and-one-half to three-million human beings in Cambodia within the next six months! That is more than 100,000 each coming week.

According to our fact-finding Tennessee senator, Jim Sasser, “This will sound the death knell for the entire Khmer race.”

Congressman Bill Boner reports an additional \$37-million to President Carter's original \$110-million. These millions will only meet a temporary need. Babies and children under five years of age are nearly all dead of starvation. Everywhere in Cambodia is the horrible gruesome picture of disease and suffering and starvation, sorrow, and death. What a contrast to our well-favored America! No one needs to starve to death in our land.

Then why should we not share in Christian compassion our plenty with these ill-fated, unfortunate people! Could we not give of our stored-up shelves, our money, to keep some fellow human beings from dying? It was beautifully put by James Russell Lowell in these words: “Not what we give but what we share; for the gift without the giver is bare: He who gives himself with his alms feeds three: himself, his hungering neighbor, and me.”

Let us share in the spirit of the One whose birthday we celebrate, a fund of compassion through the Foreign Mission Board of our convention.

William Hall Preston

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Take-home leaflets

Dear editor:

This letter concerns feelings regarding some of our preschool Sunday School literature.

There was once a time when our denomination provided every Sunday of the year the most beautiful leaflets imaginable on which was printed a truly thought-provoking Bible story for small children. Stories which brought the response, “Tell it again!” And stories which, much to the delight of the child, could be carried home.

Today our little ones receive a book once a quarter and are told stories each Sunday comparable to the following:

“God made the pretty green grass.

“God made the pretty blue sky.

“God gave us eyes to see the grass and sky.

“Thank you, God, for making pretty things for us to see.”

The above is a nice thought to share with a

child. However, I find that a three-year-old is capable of far more involved thinking about the Bible than the above “story” affords.

And since I know workers in other churches who are going outside our denomination in order to meet the needs of their children, I thought it only fair that our dissatisfaction be made known.

This letter, I realize, probably should go to the Sunday School training department. However, I felt its public appearance might bring responses from others which would be beneficial as we think of our future literature for our children.

Betsy Bean

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I am told that the Baptist Sunday School Board has never published (at least in the memory of present Sunday School leaders) take-home leaflets for three-year-olds. The board continues to publish such leaflets for four and five-year olds, and these are offered on the regular church literature order.

My examination of “Living,” the take-home booklet for three-year-olds for the current quarter reveals stories about Timothy, David, the creation, and the birth of Jesus. (editor)

Witchcraft questioned

Dear editor:

I was glad to see the two letters in the Baptist and Reflector questioning the divination and “God-given talent” of water witching using Scripture to back up their beliefs.

I was glad to see others, beside myself, believe that water witching is of the devil. The black art of witchcraft was condemned by law (Exodus 22:18; Deut. 18:9-14; I Sam. 28:3-9; 2 Kings 23:24; Isaiah 8:19; Acts 19:18-19). In Galatians 5:20, we are told witchcraft is one of the works of the flesh.

At this season of the year I always like to get in my say against witchcraft, and I wonder why we Baptists and many other Christians have so many Halloween parties and often in our churches.

Sara Bradford Saunders

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Knox hear Cauthen call for response

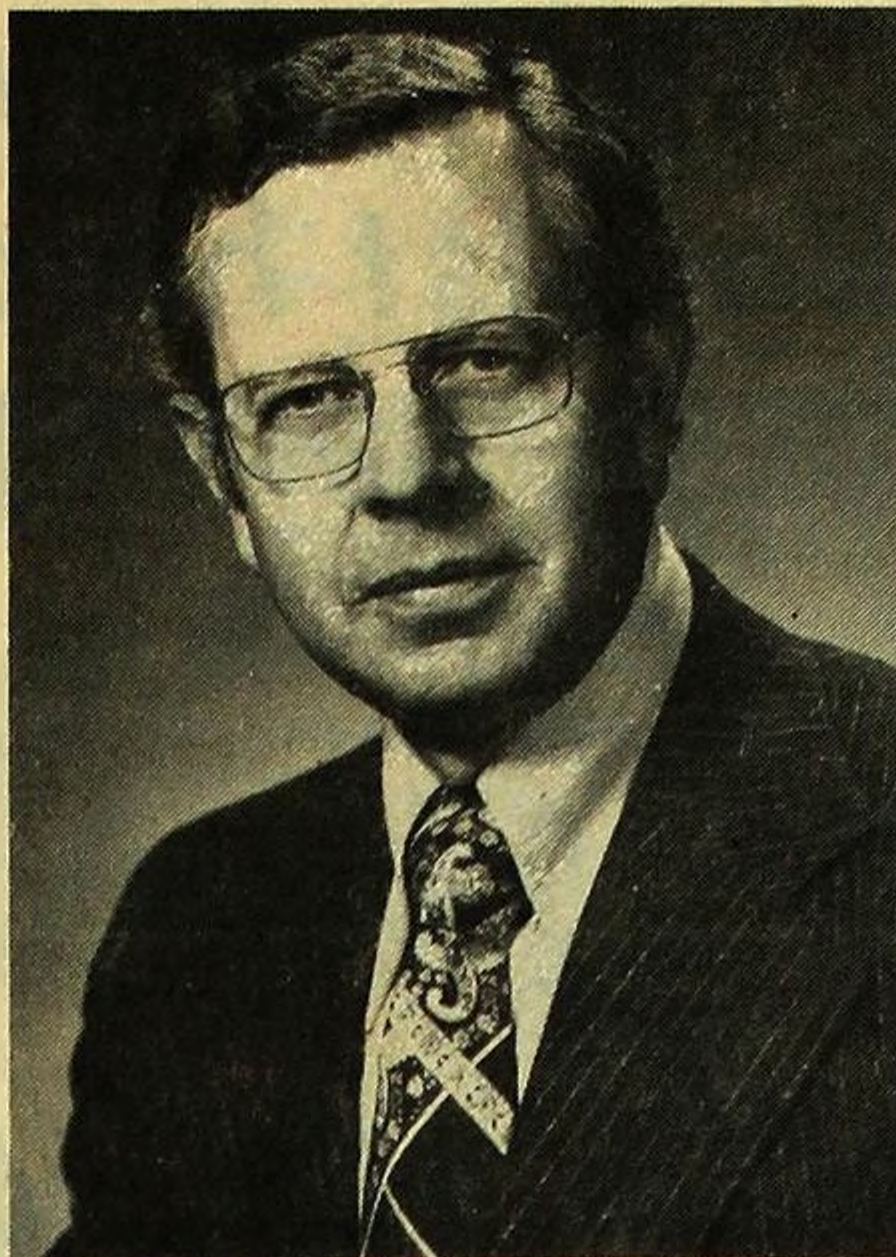
Baker James Cauthen, executive director, Foreign Mission Board, told messengers attending the Knox County annual associational meeting last month that Baptists must respond to the world's cry of distress with the message of the kingdom of God. He cited current tragedies in hunger, meaning for life, and lack of hope and contrasted the cost of Bold Mission Thrust to the influence of “me-ism” in today's society.

In addition to challenging the Baptists to place their lives at the disposal of the Lord, he told them that “to get out of the will of God is the most expensive thing you can do.” He then called for authentic repentance and love in churches.

Messengers also voted to accept Parkway Baptist Church into the membership of the association. The congregation is led by Charles Grigsby.

Officers elected to serve for the coming year include: moderator Taylor Smith, pastor of West Haven Baptist Church; vice-moderator Aubrey Hay, pastor of Oakwood Baptist Church; treasurer Robert Breazeale, a member of First Baptist Church in Knoxville; and clerk Jimmy Stroud, pastor of Third Creek Baptist Church.

Salem and Mt. Harmony Baptist Churches will host the 1980 sessions of the annual meeting on Oct. 20-21.



Richard T. McCartney

McCartney named Oklahoma editor

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. (BP)—Richard T. McCartney has been elected editor of the Baptist Messenger and director of communications for the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, effective Dec. 1.

McCartney, who succeeds Jack Gritz as editor of the state Baptist paper, served a previous period with Oklahoma Baptists, 1958-62, when he was director of public relations.

McCartney currently serves as assistant to the executive director and director of public relations for the Baptist General Convention of Texas, which he joined for a second time in 1977. He also directed public relations for Texas Baptists, 1962-68.

On both occasions in Texas, he has served as chief of the Dallas bureau of Baptist Press, news service of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The election of McCartney combines for the first time the roles of editor and communications director. For the past several years, the Oklahoma convention hasn't had a communications department as such. Communications has been handled by a news writer under the convention's associate executive director, according to executive director Joe Ingram, who has served as interim editor since Gritz was retired by the convention's administrative committee, Sept. 11, after 30 years of service.

A native of Ozark, Ark., McCartney was pastor of churches in Texas, Oklahoma, and Missouri and spent 12 years in radio and television news, management, and sales before first joining Oklahoma Baptists.

Before he joined Texas Baptists for the second time in 1977, he was president of two public relations counseling firms in Oklahoma City—Arthur Davenport Associates, a religious firm, 1968-76; and McCartney & Associates, 1976-77.

McCartney is a graduate of John Brown University, Siloam Springs, Ark., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex. He is married to the former Barbara Anne Treadwell of Duncanville, Tex., and has three children.

'Lottie' offering buys Caribbean church site

GRAND CAYMAN—Because of funds given through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions, First Baptist Church on Grand Cayman Island has a site on which to build—and a campaign going to match the Lottie Moon gifts.

The church purchased just over an acre on this Caribbean island. Now church members are challenging each other to match further gifts from the Christmas offering to construct a suitable building.

The Lottie Moon offering and the Cooperative Program are the two principal support channels for Southern Baptist foreign missions work.

Personal perspective

BY TOM MADDEN
TBC executive secretary

My attention was focused recently upon the 28th verse of the fourth chapter of John. The verse is in the context of Christ talking with the woman of Samaria at the well of Sychar. The verse goes like this, “The woman then left her water pot, and went her way into the city...”

Someone has suggested that by leaving her water pot, she was saying that she was abandoning her former way of life. This could very well be true. However, I would like to suggest another reason. She knew that the Christ, through His grace, had trans-



Madden

formed her own life and soon would be on His way out of Samaria. She knew of others who needed the Christ, and if she returned to the village, balancing the container filled with water on her head, she might not get there in time to invite them to hear the Christ before He left. I think she excitedly cast away the container, because it would impede her speed, and with excitement and joy went running back into the village saying, “Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?”

The thrust of it into my own soul is this—while I do not carry a water pot on my head, I very well may have some things in my own life that keep me from sharing the exciting news of the Christ. She sensed that she must seize upon this opportunity to present her friends to Christ, and make the most of it. I could pray that each of us might have this same sense of urgency to share the good news of Christ and to separate anything from us that would impede our manner of sharing this Christ. He still shares with us water. Should we drink, we shall never thirst again.

Baylor given \$1-million

WACO, Texas (BP)—The Carr P. Collins Foundation Inc., of Dallas, has committed \$1-million to establish the Carr P. Collins Chair of Finance in Baylor University's Hankamer School of Business.

Collins, founder of Fidelity Union Life Insurance Co., was a Baylor trustee from 1924-33, 1935-42, and 1958-61. He received an honorary doctor of laws degree from Baylor in 1952.

New building opens at Carson

A new activities building, constructed at a cost of \$238,000, was completed at Camp Carson recently and shown at a builders' open house on Sunday, Oct. 28.

The 5,388 sq. ft. structure contains activities and rehearsal space, a performance hall with a seating capacity of 225, lecture space, and choir space.

Built with an exterior wood deck at the main entry, the building is related to a natural outdoor amphitheater. It also has a covered concrete exterior performance space.

Architects for the structure were Johnson and Bailey of Murfreesboro, and the general contractor was Roy D. Brown, Cosby.

Camp Carson, located six miles south of Newport, has been operated by Tennessee Baptists since 1949. It contains a total of 225 acres and is valued at over \$1-million.

Tennessee Baptists will dedicate the building next summer in connection with music week, according to James McDonald, TBC business manager.

Frail bodies, staring eyes call out for Baptist help

By Martha Skelton

ARANYAPRATHET, Thailand (BP)—An old teakettle or pot, a mat, a rolled-up blanket—evidence that a Cambodian refugee family has staked claim to this piece of ground. Then the blanket moves, a bony arm comes up, and an emaciated head emerges. That "roll" is a person.

Thousands of Cambodian men, women, and children are clustered in makeshift refugee camps along the Thailand border. Many are too sick or too weak to go on. They live in improvised lean-tos made from whatever they can find—twigs, a piece of plastic, a blanket.

They sleep on the ground or on mats, usually with minimal cover. Because the daytime heat can be unrelenting, shelter by blanket, tree, or bush is sought. But the evenings in Thailand are cool and increasing numbers of refugees are developing respiratory infections. Shade grows nearby; heaters and sweaters don't.

There is an orderliness to the refugee camp. Disruption takes energy. Each morning when medical teams, such as one from Baptist Hospital in Bangkok, Thailand, arrive, the less ill are lined up quietly at the "in-patient" tent to receive a checkup and medication. The more seriously ill are taken to the "hospital" area—a section set aside under some trees away from the living areas.

Many times family members stay with ill relatives. Doctors can't always tell which person is the patient. Hunger has given almost all the refugees frail bodies and dazed, staring eyes that do not follow movement or express emotion.

Yet even in these conditions there are touches of tenderness. A big sister helps a little one sit up for a drink of water. Litter bearers gently lower a critically ill man onto a mat in the "hospital" area. A mother brings her baby in and holds it as its eyes flare in fear of the stranger who is trying to help.

Doctors and nurses circulate quietly and as quickly as possible, talking through translators to the Cambodians, examining patients, dispensing medicine, hanging an intravenous feeding from a tree limb.

Simple communication is difficult for an English-speaking doctor. He asks a question in English to a Thai-speaking aide, who asks an aide who understands Thai and speaks Cambodian, who in turn asks the patient. Answers take just as long.

Food—rice with a fish sauce—is prepared in large quantities. The people do not eat as you would expect the starving to—quickly, in great quantities.

"They don't so much eat like they're starv-



EYES SPEAK OF TRAGEDY — The eyes of Cambodian refugees tell of the struggle, fear, and hunger they've known. Jerry Jackson (right photo), volunteer physician from Birmingham, Ala., examines a refugee in the hospital area of a camp near the Thailand-Cambodia border.

ing as they eat like they've forgotten how," observes Southern Baptist missionary Jerry Hobbs, an evangelist working out of Bangkok Hospital who served as interpreter and aide for the hospital's emergency medical team working in the camp.

Some of the refugees seek to supplement their rations. Near the housing camp is a small, murky pool and children squeeze the ooze through their fingers looking for fish to eat.

Because battle-torn Cambodia has not had a regular food crop since 1975, the small children have known nothing but deprivation. They sit quietly in camp, sometimes assisting parents with chores such as fetching water. Their size belies their age; a child that looks a skinny age seven may actually be in his early teens.

The hills of Cambodia are just a few miles away from the temporary camps. Often the sounds of war rumble in the distance, over the coughing, occasional conversation, and a weak baby's cry. The Thai government now has moved most of the refugees away from



the border into more permanent "holding camps." But while they were near the border, the tension of the situation could be seen on their faces, felt in the air. When artillery fire penetrated border camps in recent weeks, all refugees who could muster any strength fled in fright. They know the horrors of war.

For these people, being a refugee means not being able to stand your country any longer and having no other countries ready to stand you. It is eating others' food, drinking others' water, living in areas totally determined, changed or closed by others.

Strength is sitting up, walking. Malnutrition

emaciates the adults, stunts the children, bloats the babies. Resources are wood and shrub twigs on the refuse piles around the edges of the camps, discarded materials, leftover clothing and cover sent from the plenty of other countries.

For some, the refugee camp will be a beginning; for some, it is the end. Bodies daily are wrapped in a blanket, tied to a pole, and taken out for burial by litter bearers.

For Southern Baptists and many others who are trying to help, these refugees have become a living symbol of the people Christ called "the least of these."

Heat, mosquitos, thirst can't stop Baptist volunteers in Caribbean

SANTO DOMINGO (BP)—For dozens of Southern Baptist craftsmen, life in the Caribbean means almost unbearable heat, mosquitos, and nearly constant thirst.

But team members have reported that it's worth the living conditions to see the expressions of appreciation in the eyes of the homeless when their new homes are completed and they can move in.

Few buildings remained intact when Hurricane David roared across the Dominican Republic several weeks ago at 185 miles an hour, terrorizing the five million people and destroying their livelihood.

Now construction teams of Southern Baptist men enlisted by state Baptist Brotherhood departments are paying their own transportation to the Caribbean and using their vacations to build little concrete block homes for the islanders.

"The people have nothing left and I do mean nothing," reported James Hatley, a disaster relief consultant at the Brotherhood Commission who is spending five weeks on the island, coordinating a construction project.

"Most of the male children are naked and the little girls wear only briefs," Hatley said. "In spite of their great loss, the people are making progress and are remarkably content."

The men have eight new concrete block homes completed or in process while carpenters are helping reconstruct frame homes from scrap lumber that families have salvaged.

The laymen Hatley is coordinating are

working in a community 50 miles from Santo Domingo which was especially hard hit by the hurricane. They are a part of a Southern Baptist effort, in cooperation with the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, to build 300 to 500 houses on the island during the next three months, if relief contributions from Southern Baptists are forthcoming.

"The conditions are so primitive and the temperature is so hot that we are able to work only seven or eight hours a day," Hatley said. "We are consuming huge amounts of drinking water which we must haul 50 miles."

"We have no communication with the outside world," Hatley added. "We've hired a cook to prepare breakfast and dinner, and we eat Army C rations for lunch."

Two of the laymen overhauled a generator and a pump to provide lights and bath water for the work teams, and they rigged bunks for beds in the devastated beach home of a former dictator, the Brotherhood consultant said.

"The people are grateful to Southern Baptists, particularly the laymen from the state conventions, for making these homes possible," he said.

Interim director named for Northwest convention

PORTLAND, Ore. (BP)—William K. Peters, missions director for the Northwest Baptist Convention, will serve as the convention's interim executive director until an eight-person search committee finds a successor for Dan C. Stringer.



NUTT UNSHELLS NEW BOOK — Grady Nutt, Southern Baptist humorist who recently joined the cast of "Hee Haw," presents a copy of his latest book, *So Good So Far*, to the TV show's executive producer, John Aylesworth. Looking on are Eddy Messick and Mike Cowart, vice-presidents of The Benson Company, Nashville. Impact Books, a division of The Benson Company, published the book, which is Nutt's autobiography.

Convention related meetings set

Southwestern announces speaker for alumni

David Garland, professor Old Testament at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, will address alumni from that institution at a Tennessee meeting on Nov. 14.

The luncheon meeting will be held at East Park Baptist Church, host for the Tennessee Baptist Convention. Larry M. Taylor, pastor of First Baptist Church in Jefferson City, serves as president of Southwestern alumni from the Volunteer State.



Garland

Cos Davis to address New Orleans alumni

Alumni from New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary will gather on Tuesday, Nov. 13 in Memphis for their annual Tennessee meeting.

Convening at the noon hour at East Park Baptist Church, the group will hear Cos Davis, faculty member at New Orleans. The luncheon will be served in the church's dining room.

Paul Woodford, pastor of First Baptist Church, Ripley, is the Tennessee president of alumni.

Chilhowee alumni to gather

A multi-media presentation will highlight the evening for alumni of Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy when they gather for a dinner on Wednesday, Nov. 14 in Memphis. The meeting will be held at Morrison's Cafeteria at 1016 Park Ave., according to academy president Hubert Smothers.

'Today, tomorrow' slated as Belmont alumni theme

East Park Baptist Church in Memphis will host the annual meeting of alumni from Belmont College on Tuesday, Nov. 13, according to Herbert C. Gabhart, Belmont president.

Gabhart will speak to the group at a dinner held in the fellowship hall of the church at 4:59 p.m. The theme for this year's program is "A Great Today and a Better Tomorrow." The president also plans to report on the current state of the school and its future plans.



Gabhart

Cherry Mound joins Robertson Assn.

Cherry Mound Baptist Church, previously affiliated with Bledsoe Association, was voted into membership of Robertson County Baptist Association at its recent annual meeting. Cherry Mound is led by Pastor Robert Wilson.

In other associational action, Bill Cohea, a member of North Springfield Baptist Church, was elected moderator to succeed James N. Prewitt, pastor of Barren Plains Baptist Church.

Bethel pastor Frank Evans will serve the association as vice-moderator for the first time. Re-elected to posts were: treasurer Mrs. Jo Nelle James, a member of Flewellyn Baptist Church, and clerk Thomas Ray Cooper, a member of North Springfield.

Barren Plains Baptist Church and First Baptist Church in Ridgely are scheduled to host the 1980 annual sessions on Oct. 20-21.

East Park pastor assumes Shelby moderator's post

Wayne Allen, pastor of East Park Baptist Church in Memphis, was elected moderator for Shelby County Association during its annual meeting last month. Allen served the association last year as vice-moderator. He succeeds Charles Baker, a member of Germantown Baptist Church, in the post.

Charles Sullivan, pastor of Southland Baptist Church, will serve as the association's vice-moderator. The treasurer and clerk, who was re-elected, is Bill McIlwain, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church.

Georgian Hills and Graceland Baptist Churches will host the 1980 associational meetings on Oct. 13-14.

Citizen's Corner

By Jerry M. Self

Public affairs and Christian life consultant

An important piece of federal legislation could have a significant impact on our foreign mission program. Bills concerning missionary taxes are now in committees of both houses. The Senate finance committee is studying S. 1703, while H.R. 4796 is before the House ways and means committee.

The story on this legislation goes like this: In 1978 the tax laws were revised to close loopholes by which some Americans escaped paying taxes by working outside the country. Such a revision was needed, but it went too far.

Our missionaries work for a tax-exempt employer and perform charitable services. No one has ever complained that they are overpaid nor that young people volunteer for foreign missions because it is a great tax dodge.

The bills which are currently in committee in the United States House and Senate would exclude the first \$20,000 of a missionary's salary from federal taxes.

The Senate finance committee is chaired by Senator Russell Long. Representative Al Ullman chairs the House ways and means committee. Harold Ford of Memphis and John Duncan of Knoxville are Tennesseans on the House ways and means committee. They may be addressed at the House of Representatives, Washington D.C. 20515. Write them that you favor these bills which would correct the current tax burden placed on missionaries.



Self

Walter Hill church voted by Concord

First Baptist Church of Walter Hill was voted into associational membership at the annual meeting of Concord messengers last month.

Officers elected to serve for the coming year are: moderator Joe Elliott, pastor of Belle Aire Baptist Church; vice-moderator Don Edwards, pastor of Southeast Baptist Church; treasurer Horace Welchance, a member of First Baptist Church in Murfreesboro; and clerk Sue Webb, a member at Taylor's Chapel Baptist Church. Elliott succeeds Paul Dinkins in the moderator's post. Dinkins is pastor at Giles Creek.

The spring meeting of the association will be held April 20 at Third Baptist Church in Murfreesboro.

Eual Ursery assumes Cumberland position

Cumberland Association messengers elected Eual Ursery, pastor of Little Hope Baptist Church in Clarksville, as moderator of that group for the coming year. The Clarksville pastor succeeds Earl Forderhase, pastor of Parkview Baptist Church, in the post.

Present at the annual meeting were US-2ers Bruce and Jacki Day, workers with Gracey Avenue Baptist Church.

Other officers elected to serve for the coming year are: vice-moderator Howard Lee, pastor of Slayden Baptist Church; treasurer Virgil Allison, pastor of Harmony Baptist Church; and clerk Mrs. Norman McWhorter, a member at Gracey Avenue.

William Tanner, executive secretary of the Home Mission Board, is scheduled to be the featured speaker at the 1980 fall semi-annual meeting Oct. 20. The meeting has been scheduled for First Baptist Church in Clarksville. The spring meeting will be held April 21 at Gracey Avenue Baptist Church.

Waynesboro man named as new moderator

Junice Ackley, pastor of First Baptist Church in Collinwood relinquished the duties of moderator for Indian Creek Association to a Waynesboro pastor last month. Ackley was succeeded in the post by Norman O. Baker, pastor of First Baptist Church.

The association's new vice-moderator is Zeno Lindsey, a member of the Collinwood church. The treasurer and clerk, both re-elected are Emory Middleton, a member of Philadelphia Baptist Church; and Mabel Devore, a member of Baker's congregation.

Green River Baptist Church in Waynesboro and First Baptist Church in Clifton will host the 1980 meetings of the association on Oct. 12-13.

Maury moderator honored at meeting

The 1979 minutes of the 57th annual meeting of Maury Baptist Association were dedicated to layman John Larry Phillips, in recent associational action. Phillips, a member of First Baptist Church in Columbia, served as moderator for the association and recently announced his call to the ministry. It was noted that Phillips has been exceptionally active in benevolent, civic, and community endeavors.

Elected to succeed Phillips as moderator was Dallas Sugg, pastor of Highland Park Baptist Church. Serving with Sugg will be: vice-moderator Calvin Morris, associate pastor at Pleasant Heights Baptist Church; treasurer B.A. Messick, a member of Rock Springs; and clerk Ron Brown, associate pastor of First Baptist Church in Columbia.

Hamilton adds church to association's list

Riverside Baptist Church in Chattanooga was voted into associational membership last month when messenger to Hamilton County Association held their annual meeting. Riverside is led by Pastor Eulas Hughes.

Douglas Miller, pastor of Philadelphia Baptist Church, was re-elected as moderator for the association. Other officers who will serve during the coming year are: vice-moderator Jerry Songer, pastor of Central Baptist Church in Chattanooga; treasurer W.A. Plemons, pastor of Hickory Valley; and clerk E. Elwood Settle, pastor of First Calvary Baptist Church in Chattanooga.

Martin pastor re-elected to lead Beulah work

D. William Dodson, pastor of First Baptist Church in Martin, was re-elected to lead the work in Beulah Association at that group's recent annual meeting.

Elected for the first time to serve with Dodson was: vice-moderator T.C. Thurman, pastor of First Baptist Church in Troy; and treasurer Bill Flood, a member of First Baptist Church in Union City. Messengers re-elected Mrs. Robert Armour as clerk. Mrs. Armour is a member of First Baptist Church in Troy.

On Oct. 20-21, 1980, messengers are scheduled to gather at Willingham Memorial Baptist Church in Ridgely and Mt. Pelia Baptist Church in Martin.

Chapel makes application for Watauga affiliation

Nelson Baptist Chapel, a mission of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Mountain City, applied for membership to Watauga Association during its recent annual meeting. Constituted in April, the mission is led by Pastor Otto Giles.

The association's newly elected moderator is Homer Salyer, pastor of Caldwell Springs Baptist Church. Salyer succeeds Daniel H. Lewis in the post. Other officers are: vice-moderator Murray Jackson, interim pastor at Siam Baptist Church; treasurer Ralph Gardner, a member of Immanuel Baptist Church; and clerk Sue Anderson, a member of Siam.

C-N alumni to hear

President Cordell Maddox

An address by college president Cordell Maddox and a multi-media presentation "Rise Up" will highlight the alumni meeting for Carson-Newman College next week in Memphis.

The group will gather at East Park Baptist Church in that city on Nov. 13 at 5:30 p.m.

Also representing the east Tennessee school will be Rob Clark, Don Mitchell, and William Purdue.

TREA sets meeting

Members of the Tennessee Religious Education Association will hold their annual meeting on Nov. 12 at Temple Baptist Church in Memphis. The meeting will convene at 6:30 p.m. and will conclude following a banquet.

This year's president is Criss Prewett, minister of education at Broadway Baptist Church in Maryville.

Southeastern sends alumni representative

Woody Catoe, director of student affairs at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C., will address Tennessee alumni from the school at a meeting in Memphis on Nov. 13. The luncheon meeting will be held at Prescott Memorial Baptist Church.

Catoe plans to discuss enrollment, new faculty, and recent developments on the campus, including a progress report on the \$3.5-million campaign.

Robert H. Burton, Memphis, is president for Tennessee's chapter.



Catoe

Eudora church to host Union University alumni

College administrators from Union University in Jackson will address alumni from that institution at a fellowship dinner Nov. 13 in Memphis. The meeting is held annually in connection with the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Sponsored by the college's office of alumni affairs, the dinner will be held at Eudora Baptist Church at 5:30 p.m. The church is located at the corner of Poplar and Perkins.

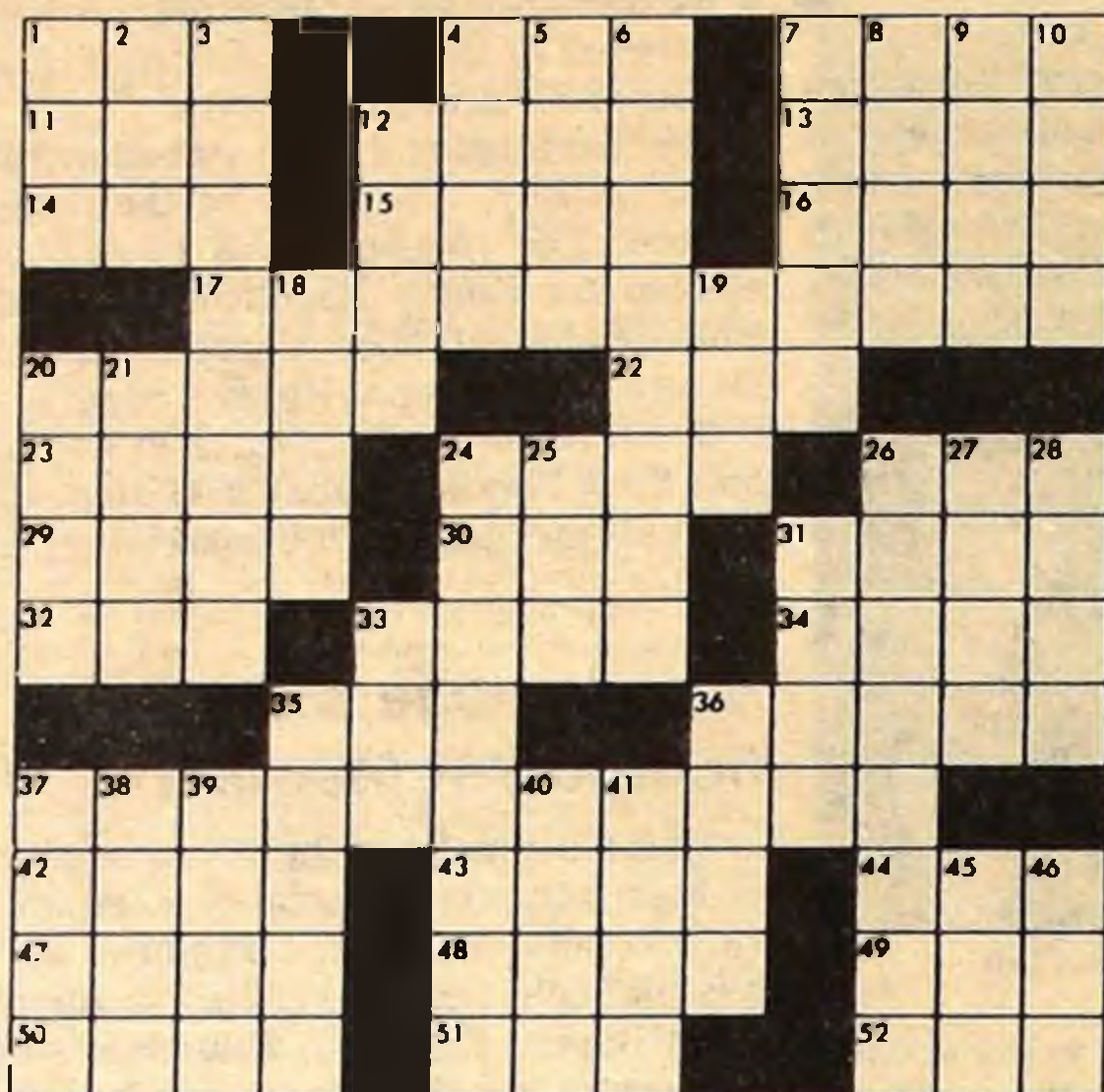
Midwestern group to meet

The Tennessee alumni chapter of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., will meet Nov. 14 at 12:30 p.m. in Memphis. Quality Inn East, Poplar Ave., will be the site for the gathering.

Hoyt Wilson, Lexington, serves as president of the group.

Bible Puzzle

Answers on page 10



ACROSS

- 1 Tittle's partner (Matt. 5:18)
 4 Barnyard sound
 7 Sunk fence
 11 Gold in Spain
 12 "thou whited —" (Acts 23)
 13 And others: abbr.
 14 Church ordinance: abbr.
 15 Spoken
 16 Girl of song
 17 "to eat the —" (1 Cor. 11)
 20 "he would not — the time" (Acts 20)
 22 Positions: abbr.
 23 Russian river
 24 Departs
 25 Heavy weights: abbr.
 29 "and — to be entreated" (Jas. 3)
 30 A Chonan people
 31 "and he — out lightnings" (Psa. 18)
 32 Pigment
 33 "the — of life" (Rev. 20)
 34 Biblical weed
 35 Father of the Ardites (Num. 26:40)
 36 Edomite duke (Gen. 36:16)
 37 Lord Jesus Christ (Jas. 2:1; 3 words)
 42 Always
 43 Fetid
 44 Long time
 47 He made a great feast (Luke 5:29)
 48 Fewer

DOWN

- 49 Land measure
 50 Handle
 51 Law officer: abbr.
 52 Baseball abbr.
 1 Patient one (Jas. 5:11)
 2 Money of account
 3 "it is impossible — him" (Heb. 11)
 4 Tribal poet-singer
 5 An Indonesian people
 6 "and — with tongues" (1 Cor. 14)
 7 "healings, —" (1 Cor. 12)
 8 Over
 9 American Patriot
 10 Winglike
 12 "in every good —" (2 Thess. 2)
 18 But
 19 Labor organizations: abbr.
 20 Petitioned
 21 "— one for another" (Jas. 5:16)
 24 "they lie in a —" (Ezek. 34)
 25 Built by Shamed (1 Chron. 8:12)
 26 "being high priest —" (John 11)
 27 Feminine name
 28 Hold back
 31 Evening or North
 33 Christian form of address: abbr.
 35 Sea (Acts 27:27)
 36 "as there be — many" (1 Cor. 8:8)
 37 Girl's name
 38 Kiln
 39 Races the motor
 40 mirth
 41 Roster
 45 Sphere
 46 Nor's partner: abbr.

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Pulpit To Pew

By Jim N. Griffith

A woman in a certain community contacted her pastor and said she wanted the church to reactivate the Sunday night service.

"I like to see the church lighted as I drive by," she insisted.

This is similar to the attitude of the man who never attended prayer meeting, but moved his membership when the Wednesday night service was dropped from the church schedule. Said he: "I don't want to belong to a church that doesn't have prayer meeting."

All of this focuses on a weakness in the church today. So many want others to "let their light shine."

Truth is, some have already changed the words of the old chorus to a more convenient rendition: "This little light of yours—I'm going to let it shine."

A fine black minister friend of mine summed up the problem. "Last Sunday," he said, "I preached on the subject: 'Somebody's Light Has Done Gone Out'—and it ain't the church's light."

Interpretation

Warning against illicit sex

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication" 1 Thessalonians 4:3

Keep in mind that Paul's readers were fresh out of paganism, a way of life in which pagan religion regarded sexual freedom and promiscuous practice as normal and natural. Pagan deities were grossly immoral, their worship involving the sex act. Women called priestesses were provided in the temples for this purpose. The "mysteries" of Dionysus and Cabiri were both in Thessalonica, so these new Christians were constantly exposed to their sex abuses. In such an atmosphere they needed bolstering in moral character.

So Paul reminds them that God's will calls for their sanctification (consecration, purity). They were now set apart to serve the true God. "Will" without the definite article shows that sexual purity is not the only thing God wills, but it is a part of His will that His people "should abstain from fornication." Strictly speaking "fornication" referred to illicit sex involving unmarried people. But it came to be used to include adultery which involved one or two married people.

The Revised Standard Version reads "wife" (v. 4, "vessel," KJV) which seems to be correct. Each man should have his own wife (monogamy) in holy living and honor. "Concupiscence" refers to all kinds of immorality (v. 5). This was typical of the life style of pagans. God has called us unto

holiness, not uncleanness (v. 7). Unclean living is a rejection of God, who has given us His Holy Spirit who indwells our bodies (v. 8). We should not defile His temple, our bodies, but use them to His glory (1 Cor. 6:13bff.).

These words were fitting advice in Paul's day. But in the pagan mores of today, they sound a modern note.

On Matters of

Family Living

By B. David Edens

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Beware of leaky buses

Children who get off the school bus complaining of headache or nausea may be suffering from carbon monoxide poisoning, warns the U.S. Department of Transportation.

The agency estimates that as many as one in three school buses is discharging harmful levels of carbon monoxide into bus interiors at levels exceeding the 20 parts per million (PPM) level considered potentially dangerous. More than 5 per cent of buses examined were emitting carbon monoxide levels over 50 PPM.

"On a nationwide scale, this could mean that more than two million children are exposed daily to carbon monoxide levels exceeding 20 PPM and more than one million pupils are exposed to levels over 50 PPM," the Transportation department points out.

Noting that this serious situation is not covered by any federal regulations, safety authorities urge all state, local, and private bus agencies to upgrade inspection and maintenance procedures. The governor of each state is advised to order reexamination of school bus inspection and maintenance practices, and to demand strict and continuous compliance with tightened-up requirements.

Major causes of the poisonous gas seepage into bus interiors are defects in the exhaust system; rusted areas in the bus body; leaks around windows, accelerators, brake pedals and emergency doors, and tailpipes that do not extend beyond the body of the bus.

Weatherford, Gregory to visit African women

RICHMOND, Va.—Carolyn Weatherford, executive director, and Mrs. A. Harrison Gregory, national president of the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, will lead women's conferences in Eastern and Southern Africa next January and February.

Joan Carter, Southern Baptist missionary who directs women's work in Kenya, is coordinating their conference for single women missionaries at Brackenhurst Baptist Assembly, Limuru, Kenya. Afterward Miss Weatherford and Mrs. Gregory will lead conferences for Baptist women in Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia, Malawi and South Africa.

BSSB Bible publishing firm moves office to Nashville

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—The A.J. Holman Company, a Bible publishing company purchased by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board May 1, 1979, is moving to Nashville from Philadelphia, effective Nov. 1.

The total inventory of the Holman Company was shipped to Nashville in May, according to James W. Clark, executive vice president of the Sunday School Board.

"The move of the Holman Company to Nashville is a logical one," Clark said, "since many of the Holman functions already are being performed here."

In addition to the inventory, all new production ordered since May 1 has been shipped directly to the Sunday School Board's warehouse and orders from dealers have been received and processed in Nashville since early May. Accounts receivable also are already maintained at the board.

Clark said the move "will shorten the lines of communication, centralize necessary records, improve decision making, and speed up customer service."

"Key personnel who have served Holman will remain with the Sunday School Board following the move to Nashville," Clark explained.

"C.E. Andrew, president of the A.J. Holman Company, will remain in Philadelphia until at least Dec. 31 to complete work on two major Holman publishing projects in the Philadelphia area."

Andrew and two sales persons will join the board. Eight clerical personnel from Holman's original staff of 11 persons have elected to seek employment in the Philadelphia area, a board spokesman said.

Records, plates, negatives, files, contracts, and any other paperwork related to the business, plus a collection of old Bibles, are involved in the move.

Clark added that as current contracts expire, Holman book publishing will be assumed by Broadman Press, making the Holman Company solely responsible for Bible publishing at the Sunday School Board.

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 10:50 Special Music..... Jimmy Stroud
 11:00 "Whoing and Doing"..... Jerry Self
 11:30 Special Music..... Shelby Singers
 11:40 "The Pastor in the Pits"..... John Lee Taylor

MONDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:45 The Common Bond sings about Jesus
 2:00 Congregational Singing
 2:05 Welcome and Announcements
 2:10 "The Pastor & His Preaching"..... Franklin Paschall
 2:50 Special Music..... Beth Lanham & Sarah Ogle
 3:00 "The Pastor & His Financial Dilemma — A Dialogue"..... Darold Morgan
 3:30 Election of Officers
 3:40 Congregational Singing
 Special Music..... Common Bond
 3:55 "Doctrinal Preaching"..... Wayne Ward

MONDAY EVENING

- 6:45 "The Singing Parson"..... Jimmy Stroud
 7:00 Congregational Singing
 7:05 Welcome
 7:10 Drama of the Gospel (Simon Peter)..... Calvin Metcalf
 7:35 Congregational Singing
 Special Music..... Common Bond
 7:50 The President's Message..... Joe R. Stacker
 8:20 Sanctuary Choir..... Colonial Baptist
 8:30 "Evangelistic Preaching"..... Wayne Ward

Tennessee Woman's Missionary Union

"The Gift in Thee"

Whitehaven Baptist Church, Memphis, Nov. 12

(Times for program items are not provided)

MONDAY MORNING, 9:30 a.m.

Hymn
 "The Gift of Love" by Jennie and Peter Stillman
 Calender of Prayer; Organization; Presentation of Hostess Committees by Mrs. H.L. Mooneyhan; Book Store information by Mrs. Dorothy Hill
 Acteens by Mrs. Emerson Knott
 Announcements; Hymn
 Musical presentation by Bill O'Brien
 Baptist Women by Beulah Peoples
 Hymn; Greetings by Bob Carpenter
 Special music by Bill O'Brien
 "Working Among Internationals" by Timothy C. Terry

Layman elected in Carroll-Benton

Messengers to the 50th annual meeting of Carroll-Benton Association elected Ed Wiley, a deacon at First Baptist Church in McKenzie, as moderator.

Wiley is the first layman to serve as moderator in Carroll-Benton since 1945. His election came after he had given the historical report which featured an article presented 25 years ago by his father, E.K. Wiley. The elder Wiley was one of the founders of the Carroll-Benton Association and served as its moderator from 1936 until 1939.

The Baptists also honored Joe Harris, recently retired as director of missions, by naming him missionary emeritus. Harris served for 15 years in the head post.

Accepted into associational membership was Cooper's Chapel Baptist Church, led by Pastor Charles Wainscott.

Other officers who will serve for the coming year are: vice-moderator John Adams, pastor of First Baptist Church in McKenzie; reasurer Amos Anderson, a member of First Baptist Church in Huntingdon; and clerk Jillian Rice, a member of Prospect Baptist Church at Hollow Rock.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, 1:45 p.m.

Hymn
 "The Gift of Music and Art" by Jennie and Peter Stillman
 Report of the executive director by Mary Jane Nethery
 Election of officers, Mrs. Harold L. Mooneyhan
 Hymn
 Mission Friends, Girls in Action by Jannie Englemann
 "Whole Gospel, Whole Church, Whole World" by Bill O'Brien

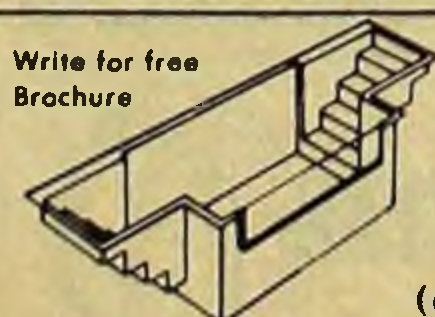
MONDAY NIGHT, 7:30 p.m.

Hymn
 "Counting Our Gifts" by Jennie and Peter Stillman
 Baptist Young Women by Beulah Peoples
 "The Challenge of Uganda" by Webster Carroll
 Hymn; Presentation of officers
 Special music by Bill O'Brien
 "The Gift in Thee" by Carolyn Weatherford

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David Hudson re-elected in Tennessee Valley

David Hudson, pastor of Salem Baptist Church in Tennessee Valley Association, was re-elected to the post of moderator by messengers in that annual meeting.

Other officers, also re-elected, included: vice-moderator James Simerly, a member of First Baptist Church in Spring City; treasurer James M. Roberts Jr., a member of First Baptist Church in Dayton; and clerk Mrs. Alda Roberts, also a member of the Dayton congregation.

Messengers will gather Oct. 16-17, 1980 at Clear Creek Baptist Church and First Baptist Church in Spring City.

Fayette Assn. meets

Messengers to Fayette Association's annual meeting last month honored several churches for growth in attendance and elected officers to lead the work for the coming year.

Re-elected as moderator was Jesse Price, a member of First Baptist Church in Somerville. The new vice-moderator is Marvin Green, pastor of Rossville Baptist Church. Also re-elected was the treasurer and clerk Mrs. Layton Watson, a member of First Baptist Church in Gallaway.

Price's church is scheduled to host the 1980 meeting Oct. 16-17.

Wall, Haskins feted by Stone members

Hazel Wall, who has served for over 25 years as church training director in Stone Association, was honored recently when messengers to that association dedicated the 1980 annual minutes to her. Ms. Wall was also the first campus Baptist Student Union president at Tennessee Tech University in Cookeville in 1928-29. She is in her 26th year as associational church training director.

Another recognition went to Dan D. Haskins Jr., BSU director at Tennessee Tech, on his fifth anniversary in that post.

Messengers elected Curry Mitchell, pastor of Midway Baptist Church, as moderator. He succeeds Gerald Stow, pastor of First Baptist Church in Cookeville. The new vice-moderator is Gerrald Bland, pastor of First Baptist in Monterey.

Re-elected to the posts of treasurer and clerk were: George H. McKay, and Ms. Wall. They are both members of First church in Cookeville.



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Sevier County convenes

The pastor of First Baptist Church in Wears Valley, Drake Kimbrell, was elected moderator of Sevier County Association at its annual meeting last month. Kimbrell succeeds Ralph Cline, pastor of Zion Hill Baptist Church in the post.

Elected to serve with Kimbrell were: vice-moderator D.A. Cole, pastor of Zion Grove Baptist Church.

Lola B. Moon was re-elected as treasurer and clerk.

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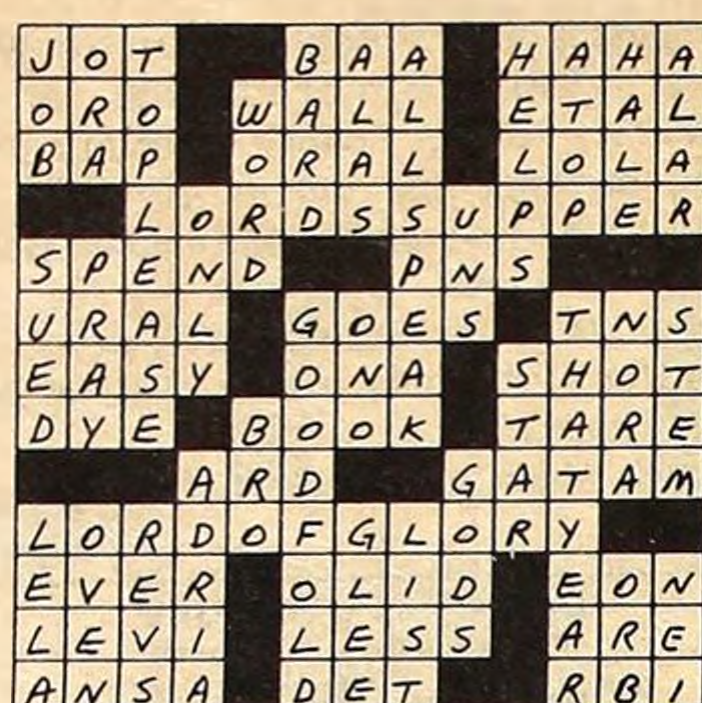
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JEFFERSON CITY—Carson-Newman College has received \$2,600 in Kodak employee/alumni grants through Eastman Kodak Company's 1979 Educational Aid Program.

In recognition of the contributions made by college and university graduates to the company's business success, Kodak employee/alumni grants—\$650 to privately supported schools and \$150 to publicly supported institutions—are awarded to accredited institutions for each undergraduate or graduate year completed by those who graduate and join Kodak within five years of their graduation. These grants, awarded during the graduate's fifth year of employment, are made on behalf of those employees who are utilizing their academic training in the performance of their job duties.

This year, the Kodak employee/alumni grant was made to C-N on behalf of George M. Moody, Jr., a 1974 graduate in business administration. The grant dollars are used for Kodak Undergraduate Scholarships.

UNIFORM SERIES

Lesson for Sunday, November 11

God builds a new community

By Jerry Heflin, Bible teacher
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BASIC PASSAGES: Ephesians 2:11-3:13
FOCAL PASSAGES: Ephesians 2:11-22

In Eden alienation was introduced into the world through the disobedience of our first parents. On hearing the voice of God, Adam and Eve hid out of fear (Gen. 3:8,10). Someone has said that the meaning of verse 9 is "Adam, where art thou—NOW?"

Through the ensuing centuries, separation and alienation have become a daily part of our sinful natures. Husbands and wives fight, children rebel, families squabble, nations quarrel, ideologies clash. The world is looking for a solution. Paul tells us we have such a solution—Jesus Christ. If mankind knew who He was and would accept His Lordship, they could live in peace and harmony.



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Jesus breaks down barriers. There is no greater example of this than the experience of the early church. When Jesus chose the twelve apostles, He chose two who were at opposite poles: Matthew, the tax collector for Rome; and Simon, belonging to the party of Zealots, the national fanatics and very anti-Roman. Jesus broke the barriers.

In the early church Christ broke the most difficult barrier—that of Jew and Gentile. The roots of Jewish separation go back to the Old Testament. God wanted His people to be separated from heathen practices. They had strict laws governing that separation. By the time of Jesus, the Jews had gone to extremes. They would have nothing to do with Gentiles: not enter their houses or pass through their countries. Such attitudes would be a roadblock to building the church, for in Christ the Jews and Gentiles were to be made as one in the New Community.

In this week's lesson, we are told what Jesus can do if people would give Him full reign in their lives.

Conditions of Gentile separation (2:11-12)

In verses 1-10 of chapter 2, Paul reminded the people of their old unregenerate state:

"Dead in trespasses and sins" (v.2), "children of wrath" (v.3). Less they become proud as the Jew had become proud, Paul reminds them that they were saved solely by means of Grace (v.8), and were God's workmanship (v.10).

Gentiles had been considered foreigners, strangers to the Abrahamic Covenant. Verse 12 describes five tragic conditions of mankind. Two relate especially to the Gentiles: "Alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise." Not only were Gentiles separated from the privileges of Israel, but they were separated from Christ. Pagan religion led to death, for idols gave no life.

One's idols can be made of stone, gold, metal, or fiberglass. Whatever gathers the loyalty of our hearts has the potential to become an idol.

The oneness brought about by God
(Eph. 2:13-18)

A. The need (vs. 13-15). The "middle wall of partition" was probably the Mosaic Law. That law, with its Levitical system, separated Israel from other nations. The wall around the Temple setting off the court of the Gentiles was symbolic of the cleavage. In Christ the eternal moral laws remain, but the ceremonial laws have been done away so that believers can become "one new man" (v.15), which is the church.

B. Basis for this oneness (v.16). The hated cross forever blew down divisions among people's privileges to come to God. In Christ no one is excluded because of race, sex, or economic condition.

C. The result (vs.17-18). The Gospel of peace and reconciliation is given to Jew and Gentile. The wall in Jerusalem's Temple can no longer keep people from God. Christ is the Holy of Holies, the Veil. Through Him we enter into the very presence of God (Heb. 4:16). The lion-clothed Aborigine in Australia has as much access to God as Billy Graham has access to God.

Qualities of the new community
(Eph. 2:19-22)

What is the potential among Christians who seriously bow to the authority of Christ in building the New Community? Paul answers in four ways:

A. Common Friendship (v.19). Each is a full-fledged member of the Body of Christ. We are members of the same family. We are all "saints" in the Lord—by act of Calvary and not by an ecclesiastical hierarchy.

B. Common Foundation (v.20). Christians are compared to a house with a foundation and cornerstone. As a house rests on a common foundation, so the church rests on the foundation of the Apostles' teachings. Some erroneously think that the foundation rests on Peter. Jesus is the Cornerstone or Capstone. In Paul's day, cornerstones were placed at the juncture of two walls to tie them together; they were also placed as capstones at the top of arches. The weight of the arches was on that stone. If it was removed, the arches collapsed.

C. Common Builder (v.21). Jesus is a good carpenter and is seeking to build His church according to Heavenly blueprints. Our lack of love and harmony can slow down the construction process.

D. A Common Purpose (v.22). Believers are the dwelling place of God on earth. We are one. This oneness and unity of purpose is necessary so that the world will know Christ is for real (John 17:23).

Jesus' prayer of John 17 is still in force. "That we may be one..." We must continue to cooperate with God so that the world sees our love that wipes away barriers of culture, race, social status, age, and nationality.

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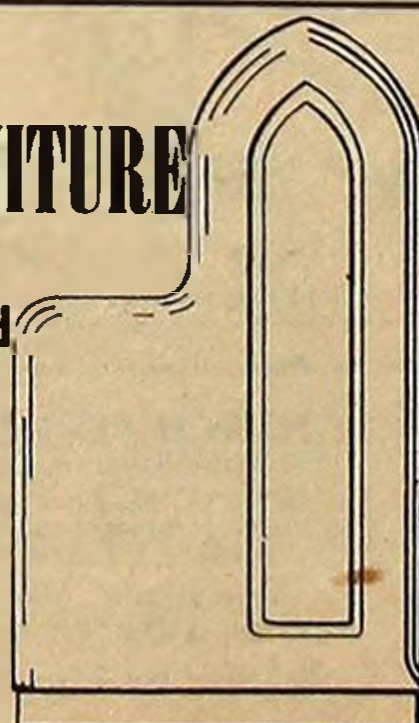
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LIFE AND WORK SERIES
Sunday School lesson for November 11

God acts on our behalf

By George Lewis McGlothlin, pastor
 First Baptist Church, Huntland

Basic Passages: Exodus 3; 19:1-6
Focal Passages: Exodus 3:13-17; 19:3-6

Napoleon once said, "If Socrates would enter the room we should rise and do him honor. But if Jesus Christ came into the room we should fall down on our knees and worship Him." How true! But why?

The reason is because of what Jesus Christ has done in our life. A little band of Indian converts in northwest Canada came to a missionary with a strange request. "We are always hearing what God has done," they said. "Now tell us what He is going to do." God is presently acting on our behalf. In what ways?



McGlothlin

One way God acts on our behalf is by answering our questions.

Exodus 3:13-17 tells us about Moses preparing to go back to Egypt to lead God's chosen people out of the land of bondage. We get the gist of the passage in verses 13-14: "And Moses said unto God, 'Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, 'The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you'; and they shall say to me, 'What is His name'? what shall I say, unto them?' And God said unto Moses, 'I AM THAT I AM:' and he said, 'Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you'."

God answered Moses' questions. He answers our questions, too, in His time and His own way but always through the Word of God by the leadership of the Holy Spirit. One who conducted a study of the Scriptures reveals the astounding fact that more than 50 percent of the record of all that Christ said and did was directed at everyday problems—attitudes, afflictions, and the eternal well-being of individuals. While God answers believers' daily questions, there is only one basic question the Lord answers for the unconverted. It is, "What must I do to be saved?"

Another way God acts on our behalf is by reminding us of His redemption.

The people of God had been led out of the land of bondage and were now in the wilderness. In Exodus 19:3-6 God speaks to Moses out of the mountain. He says in verse 4, "Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself."

Abraham Lincoln is not to be credited with the freedom of the Negro slaves. A political enemy could have made that statement, but it was Lincoln himself who said it. When Richmond was captured, Lincoln went to get a firsthand look. When he landed, a Negro yelled, "Glory, Hallelujah!" The Negro and several others dropped to their knees as the president approached. "Don't kneel to me," Lincoln said. "You must kneel to God only and thank Him for your freedom."

God told Moses two things: (1) Moses did not free God's chosen people; (2) Moses was to remind God's people that He alone had freed them. God constantly reminds us that Jesus Christ has removed the sinful shackles of our life by living and dying on the cross, shedding His precious blood for us.

In an antique shop was a skillfully engraved copperplate picture. When looked at closely, it appeared to be only writing. When viewed from a distance, though, it revealed the face of George Washington. The face was depicted distinctly in the shading of the letters. A close view revealed only letters; a distant view revealed a person. In the wilderness, the people saw only their immediate problems and failed to remember God's salvation. Exodus 19:3-6 is a distant view of God at work.

Still another way God acts on our behalf is by giving us something to do.

In Exodus 19:6, God told Moses, "And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests." These believers in the wilderness were to be an instrument in God's hand to reach others for God. Priest comes from a Latin word, pontifex. This word means to be a bridge. We are a bridge to a lost world revealing Jesus Christ as the only Lord and Saviour.

Two boys were playing war. They were dressed like real soldiers. Their father asked them, "What are you doing, boys?" "Oh, we are playing war!" "But," said the father, "I don't hear any firing of guns, nor do I see any clashing with the enemy!" "Oh, but we are generals, Daddy!" answered the boys. In

God's army, there is only one general, Jesus Christ. As believers, we are His soldiers with a specific task—reaching a lost world for Christ.

Stenburg, the artist, was engaged to paint a picture of the crucifixion. When he finished the painting, he inscribed beneath it the following words: "All this I did for thee; what hast thou done for Me?" Over and over again, God has acted on our behalf. How active are you on His behalf?

Baptists in Mobile express deep and abiding appreciation to Baptists and others from Tennessee who ministered to us and who helped us minister to others following Hurricane Frederic. A special word of thanks to Archie King, Director of Brotherhood, Tennessee Baptist Convention for coordinating this effort.

M. Pat Harrison, Coordinator Disaster Relief, Southern Baptist & Alabama Baptist Conventions

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MESSAGE TO ATLANTA — Pastor Ronnie West of Cliftondale First Baptist Church tells news representatives that Atlanta is "submerged in a moral dilemma." West's congregation rented the billboard in the background in an effort to slow Atlanta's crime rate.

Billboard addresses city crime problem

ATLANTA (BP)—An angry young pastor who believes in "going public" with his feelings has led in erection of a huge sign in downtown Atlanta in an effort to help stem the tide of murders there.

The sign, located near Atlanta Stadium, where east-west and north-south interstate highways meet, is in one of the most visible locations in Atlanta.

It reads: "Stop and Think. Human Life is Precious. Thou Shalt Not Kill."

Ronnie West, pastor of Cliftondale First Baptist Church, led his congregation to contract for erection of the sign. It will stay up 12 weeks, at a cost of \$3,400.

The sign is located in a spot where another Atlanta citizen wanted to put up a sign warning visitors not to enter Atlanta, because of alleged improper police protection.

The sign company refused to erect that sign and instead erected the sign underwritten by Cliftondale First Baptist Church.

Atlanta's major crime rate has increased by 26.2 percent in 1979 over 1978. The homicide rate increased 52.7 percent. The great majority of the homicides are domestic quarrels, not street murders.

West, a former policeman, said, "Our sign is just one effort to sensitize people to the precious value of a human life. All of us, and that includes church members and church leaders, have a vital stake in Atlanta."

"We need to do everything possible to proclaim the sacred value of human life and human personality. Maybe our sign will cause just one person to rethink human values."

Routh brings first-hand knowledge to classroom

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP)—Porter W. Routh, recently-retired executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee, says interpreting the denomination to seminary students from an insider's viewpoint is a challenge.

"It is one thing to be involved in denominational life on a day-to-day basis, but it's another thing to translate this involvement into principles in social science so it becomes relevant," he says.

Routh is teaching Baptist heritage and denominational administration courses at Louisville's Southern Baptist Theological Seminary this fall. He will teach similar courses at Midwestern, Southeastern, and Golden Gate Baptist seminaries in succeeding semesters.

Routh, executive secretary-treasurer for 26 years, says he notes more readiness among students to "accomplish something" in the denominational system.

Renewal participants challenged to face the 'decade of the laity'

TOCCOA, Ga. (BP)—Lay leaders from throughout the Southern Baptist Convention welcomed a prediction and accepted a challenge during the seventh annual National Renewal Evangelism Conference.

"The 80s will be known as the 'decade of the laity,'" said James Smith, executive director of the Brotherhood Commission. "Out of a spirit of renewal, there will develop great volunteerism. God will use spirit-filled laity" in the coming years, he explained.

His message was amplified by Ralph Neighbour, pastor, author, and urban evangelism strategist from Houston, Texas. He urged renewal leaders to "get to the heart of New Testament evangelism" by adopting lifestyles of servanthood.

"Smith's prediction and Neighbour's challenge, as well as the response they generated, validated the direction lay renewal has taken in the past several years," said Reid Hardin, director of renewal for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, which joined with the Brotherhood Commission to sponsor the meeting.

"We've reached a watershed, and the (renewal) movement is turning outward," he added. "Laymen are saying, 'We're ready to go now.' They can accept a call to action just as well as missionaries and pastors."

Smith stressed that the laity should not be mobilized exclusively for humanitarian causes. "Our role is to minister to men—to lead them to Christ," he said.

"That's right," Hardin added. "For years, laymen have been set aside as activists to participate only in the physical aspects of ministry. But the laity that have been involved in renewal have journeyed inward. They have discovered a spiritual maturity that will enable them to stretch outward and effectively minister to those around them."

"This conference was characterized by a deep, quiet mood as people evaluated the cost of commitment that will be necessary to evangelize this nation and the world," he said.

Much of the evaluation followed lectures in which Neighbour shared his concept of TOUCH (Transforming Others Under Christ's Hand) ministry.

"I believe God is up to something in this

generation," he told participants. "But we have to become aware of the millions of Americans who have no church orientation, from the earliest childhood until they reach adulthood."

"The Christian community must be led to recognize that the most powerful form of evangelism in the New Testament centers on serving unbelievers," he added. "Jesus emphasized the servant lifestyle and illustrated what that means by his own existence."

"When a man is not yet receptive to the message of salvation, we can earn the right to give him that message by serving him and allowing him to observe our radically different lifestyles."

Neighbour challenged Southern Baptist laity to learn to wash feet, clothe the naked, feed the hungry... (and) help the poor, who will not hear the gospel until it flattens them with its impact."

Kim Cawley elected in Western District

Kim Cawley, pastor of Springhill Baptist Church in Paris, was elected moderator of Western District Association at its recent annual meeting. Cawley succeeds Paul Veazey, pastor of Maplewood Baptist Church, in the post.

Also elected to serve for the first time was vice-moderator Malcolm Norton, pastor of Jones Baptist Chapel.

Charles Conger and Charles Orr, both members of First Baptist Church in Paris, were re-elected treasurer and clerk, respectively.

Brazil's Foreign Board elects new executive

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (BP)—Waldemiro Tymchak, a son of Russian immigrants, has become executive secretary of the Brazilian Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

At his inauguration, Tymchak told Brazilian Baptists, "The foreign missions program can only be as strong as the local church is strong."

His election came six months after the death of Alcides Telles Almeida, the board's executive secretary for 24 years. Tymchak is the 13th executive secretary to be elected during the board's 72 years of existence. Before assuming the post, he had been pastor of two churches in Brazil.

Born in Curitiba, Parana, Brazil, Tymchak has theological degrees from South Brazil Baptist Theological Seminary in Rio and Spurgeon's College of the University of London.

The Brazilian Foreign Mission Board has 61 missionaries under appointment to 11 countries and 40 candidates for appointment.

Supreme Court rejects non-smoker's appeal

WASHINGTON (BP)—The Supreme Court has rejected a claim by a group of non-smoking government workers that the federal government has a legal obligation to provide them with what they call a "safe and healthful work environment."

A spokesman for the group said it will now turn its efforts to Congress in an attempt to have legislation enacted which will better protect the rights of non-smoking government workers.

Without comment, all nine justices declined to schedule for argument the claim brought by the group, who call themselves Federal Employees For Non-Smokers' Rights.

In earlier decisions in the case, both the U.S. District Court and the Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia had ruled against the non-smokers, whose specific argument was that the Occupational Safety and Health Act at least implies that the government itself is subject to the law's requirement to provide a safe and healthy atmosphere for its employees.



BOOK PRESENTED — Mrs. Mary Helen Boston, widow of the late H.H. Boston receives the first copy of *Glory—What a Price*, a collection of Boston's sermons. Hubert Smothers, president of Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy, presents the book as Fred Kendall II, pastor of First Baptist, Union City, looks on.

Academy gives book to Tennessee pastors

SEYMOUR—*Glory—What a Price*, a collection of sermons by the late H.H. Boston, is being given to every Baptist pastor in Tennessee by Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy here in conjunction with the Century II Advancement Campaign.

"Harrison-Chilhowee has joined Boston's widow, Mary Helen Boston, in a joint venture to pay tribute to Boston and to say "thanks" to the pastors of Tennessee. The book is being given as an expression of appreciation from the academy for the pastors' dedicated leadership," said William Palmer, statewide campaign chairman.

Born near Union City, Tenn. in 1897, Herbert Hoyt Boston's ministry of 56 years provided leadership to the Baptists of both Oklahoma and Tennessee.

During his later years, Boston was the director of development for Union University in Jackson, Tenn. A position he held until his retirement.

The book of sermons is being given to the pastors for their support of the academy over the years, and to introduce them to the church phase of the Century II Campaign according to Herbert Smothers, president of the academy.

The Century II Campaign is a series of Campaigns with an overall goal of \$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, trustees and the Knoxville business community respectively. The fourth and final phase is aimed toward the 2,700 Tennessee Baptist churches with a goal of \$1,440,000.

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.

BFMF Directors vote to keep name, work

The executive committee of the Board of Directors of the Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship has voted to continue the organization under that name, according to an article in the October issue of *The Southern Baptist Journal*, the fellowship's publication.

When the directors met in Houston during the 1979 Southern Baptist Convention, a motion was made that the organization might consider changing its name or disbanding. On Sept. 11, the eight directors present for the executive committee voted unanimously to continue the name and work of the BFMF. *The Southern Baptist Journal* states.

The next meeting of the BFMF directors will be in Nashville, Dec. 11-12.

HISTORICALLY FROM THE FILES

50 YEARS AGO

W. D. (Doug) Hudgins Jr. was the new pastor of the church at LaFollette. He had been serving as educational director of Fifth Avenue Church, Knoxville.

The church at Camden extended a call to H. A. West of Gleason as pastor.

25 YEARS AGO

Editor Richard N. Owen commented in an editorial, "In the times that deeply test us, we find the power of God to sustain. Only when faith is tested can it be shown that it truly works."

Island Home Baptist Church, Knoxville, dedicated its new educational building. Millard R. Brown was pastor.

10 YEARS AGO

Robert H. Mizell, for six years pastor of Ardmore Baptist Church, Memphis, was named superintendent of New Duck River Baptist Association. He succeeded J. H. Harvey who resigned to become pastor of Ward's Grove Baptist Church in Rutherford County.

Raymond A. Boston was the new pastor of First Baptist Church, Humboldt. He had been serving as pastor of Oakhaven Baptist Church, Memphis.