

# Baptist and Reflector

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## Executive Board action

### Letters, wires asked to Iranian officials

At its meeting last week, the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention divided the overage for the 1978-79 Cooperative Program gifts; voted to investigate the possibility of a ministry at Expo '82 in Knoxville; and urged Tennessee Baptists to send letters and wires to the Iranian Embassy asking the release of 50 American hostages.

The board met Dec. 10-11 at the Baptist Building in Brentwood.

In other actions the board divided itself into seven standing committees for the coming year and heard a report on the progress of selling Belmont Plaza, a 123-unit apartment building for senior adults in Nashville. (The personnel of the Executive Board committees is printed on page 3).

On recommendation from its public affairs and Christian life committee, the board voted to urge Tennessee Baptists to write or to wire the Iranian Embassy in New York asking that the 50 American hostages be released. The motion noted that many Iran officials do not believe that the American people are in support of President Jimmy Carter's stand in this crisis. The address is Iranian Embassy, 622 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10017.

The motion was amended to add that the Executive Board should also send a letter to the embassy on its own. The amendment passed on a fairly close vote, after opposition was expressed that letters from individuals were more important than letters from organizations.

The Executive Board also passed a motion that a wire be sent to President Carter assuring him of prayers and support for his policies in handling the Iranian hostage situation.

Tennessee Baptists' giving to missions through the Cooperative Program during the October 1978-November 1979 budget year resulted in an overage of \$589,976.24 above the goal of \$11.8-million. According to the procedure adopted by the 1978 Tennessee Baptist Convention, any overage is to be divided by the Executive Board.

The program committee recommended that the division of the overage follow the procedure adopted by the 1979 TBC for the \$2-million challenge budget in the 1979-80 budget goal. This is that 35 percent will go to

the SBC Cooperative Program and the remaining portion will be divided with 35 percent to educational institutions and 65 percent to state mission projects.

As approved by the board, these amounts will be shared:

—\$206,491.68 to missions supported by the SBC Cooperative Program;

—\$134,219.60 to TBC schools (\$40,365.88 each to Belmont College, Carson-Newman College, and Union University, and \$13,421.96 to Harrison Chilhowee Baptist Academy);

—\$25,000 toward the new student center at Chattanooga;

—\$25,000 toward a proposed activities building at Camp Linden;

—\$75,000 for the New Work Revolving Loan Fund;

—\$25,000 to support current mission programs;

—\$60,000 for capital needs at TBC camps;

—\$9,805.40 for the construction of an entrance foyer at the TBC building in Brentwood;

—\$1,200 for an advertisement in a Nashville newspaper noting that city's 200th anniversary;

—\$13,259.56 for a proposed ministry at Expo '82, which will draw 2-million people to Knoxville during a six-month period in 1982.

The only discussion concerning the division of the overage came on an amendment from Bill Sherman, Nashville, that \$100,000 of the \$206,491.68 for the SBC be designated for world hunger relief.

The amendment was defeated after several board members opposed the concept of designating "undesigned" Cooperative Program money.

Concerning Belmont Plaza, Bill Coles told the Executive Board that the necessary steps are being taken to fulfill the motion approved by last month's TBC that the facility be sold to Belmont Plaza Inc. He said that the closing would possibly be in mid-February.

The next scheduled meeting of the Executive Board will be May 6 in Brentwood. All meetings of the board are open to visitors.



Henry



Sampson



Allen



Criswell

## Program speakers announced for evangelism conference

Tennessee Baptists will witness "Launch '80...Evangelism" as they attend sessions of the 1980 Tennessee state Evangelism Conference in Nashville next month. The theme will be conveyed through messages and music at Belmont Heights Baptist Church, Jan. 21-22, according to Malcolm McDow, state director of evangelism.

Two Texas pastors, W.A. Criswell and Jimmy Allen, will join Florida pastor Jim Henry, Michigan pastor Frederick Sampson II, and several denominational leaders and Tennessee pastors in the two-day event.

Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church in Dallas since 1944, has spoken at numerous Southern Baptist meetings throughout his long service. He has addressed the Southern Baptist Convention 12 times and served as its president for a two-year term, 1968-70. Additionally, he was a member of the State Executive Board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas and was a trustee of several institutions. He will speak to Tennessee Baptists on Monday and Tuesday evenings.

Allen, president-elect of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, is immediate past president of the Southern Baptist Convention. At its convention in Houston, Allen spearheaded efforts for the presentation of a massive Bold Mission Thrust rally in the Astrodome. The service was transmitted throughout the United States via satellite and saw the dedication of 1,100 missionaries and the volunteering of 1,200 others for missions. Allen has served as pastor of First Baptist Church in San Antonio since 1968. The church

is noted for its expressions of ministry and missions, with a major emphasis on the combination of evangelistic outreach and social ministry and witness.

He will speak on Monday evening and Tuesday morning.

Speaking at the opening sessions will be Detroit pastor Frederick Sampson. He is minister to the Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church in that city. A frequent lecturer, he has addressed the National Baptist Convention, USA Inc., the National Baptist Sunday School and BTU Congress, and has spoken on several college and university campuses.

Former Tennessee pastor Jim Henry, now minister of First Baptist Church in Orlando, Fla., will speak Monday evening and Tuesday afternoon. Before assuming the Orlando pastorate, he led the congregation of Two Rivers Baptist Church in Nashville for 12 years. He has served as a trustee for the Foreign Mission Board, the Baptist Sunday School Board, Belmont College in Nashville, and was a member of the TBC Executive Board while in Nashville.

Representing the Home Mission Board of the convention will be Kenneth E. Carter, director of the associational evangelism department. Carter gives leadership and planning to evangelism as it relates to associational strategy.

Roy J. Fish, professor of evangelism at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., will lead the Bible study at each session.

Tennesseans scheduled to appear on the program include: Tom Madden, executive secretary-treasurer of the TBC; Bill Sherman, pastor of Woodmont Baptist Church in Nashville; Benny Jackson, Memphis evangelist; Carroll Owen, TBC director of convention ministries; and Charles Sullivan, pastor of Southland Baptist Church in Memphis.

Special music will be presented by various individuals and groups throughout the state.

McDow urged any interested Tennessee Baptist to attend the sessions, especially the Tuesday evening session, which is annually designated as "Laymen's Night." Sessions will begin on Monday at 2 p.m. and 6:45 p.m.; and on Tuesday at 9:15 a.m., 2 p.m., and 6:45 p.m.



Fish

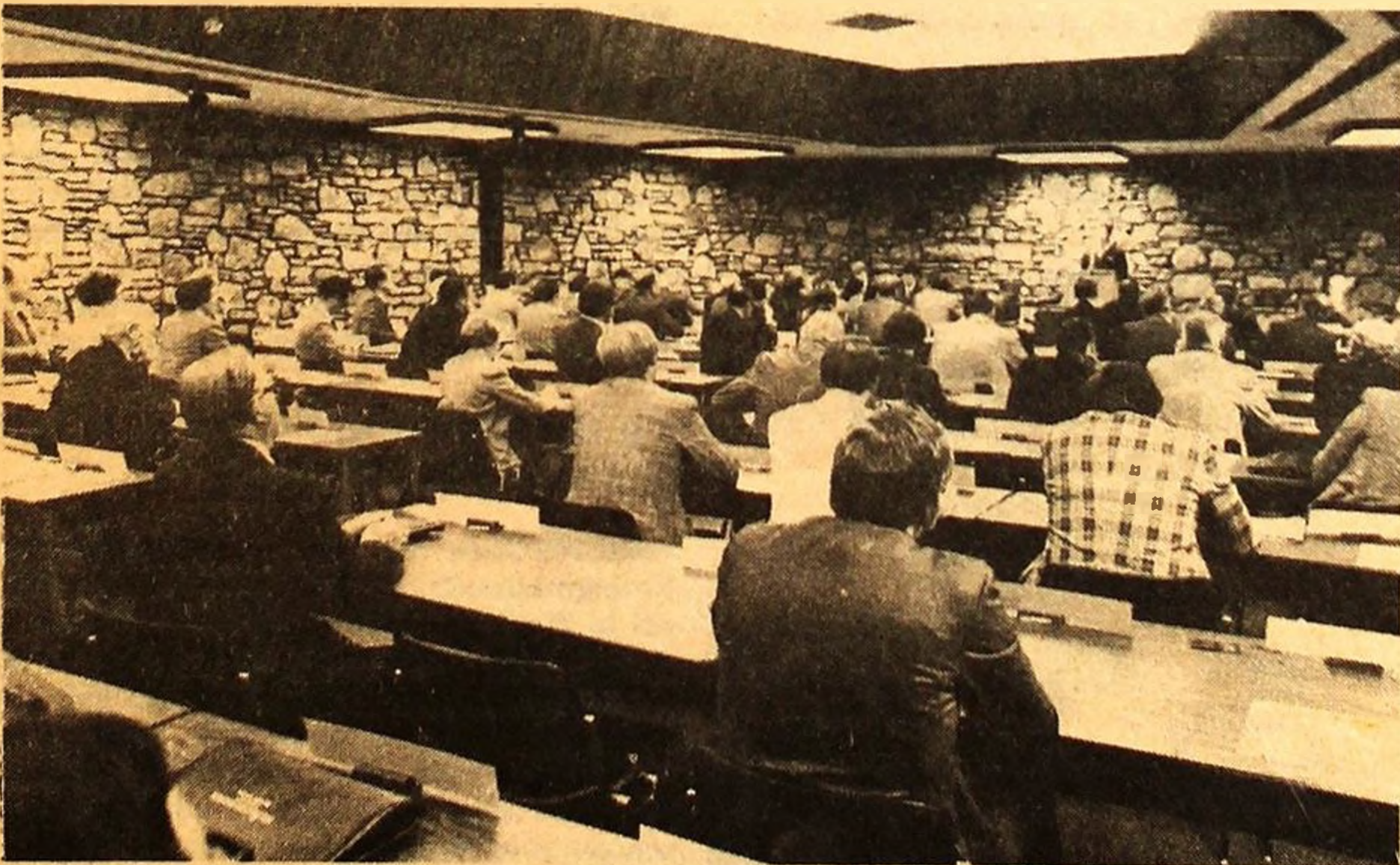
## Wood denounces 'deprogramming'

WASHINGTON (BP)—The executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs joined two recent victims of deprogramming in denouncing the controversial technique.

At a press conference sponsored by the Alliance for the Preservation of Religious Liberty, James E. Wood Jr. repeated his concern over a series of hearings on the so-called "cults" by some members of Congress. He said he views such hearings "with considerable alarm."

The news conference was called in part to call attention to the fact that deprogramming is now being used in cases where young peo-

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IN SESSION—Earl Wilson presides over his first session of the Executive Board since being elected president of the body. The board met last week in Brentwood.

# Radio-TV Commission elects Jimmy Allen

FORT WORTH, Tex. (BP)—Jimmy R. Allen of San Antonio, Texas, immediate past president of the Southern Baptist Convention, has been elected president of the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Since 1968, Allen, who hopes to begin his new duties Jan. 15, 1980, has been pastor of the 9,500-member First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas, the sixth largest SBC church.

Tennesseean Fred Isaacs of Cosby, chairman of the Radio and Television Commission's trustees, announced Allen's appointment Tuesday, Dec. 11, at a news conference held at the commission after a called meeting of the agency's full board of trustees. Isaacs headed the search committee which submitted Allen's name for consideration by the board.

Trustees pledged their full support to the 52-year-old Allen, who was elected unanimously to succeed Paul M. Stevens, commission president for 26 years, who was forced by trustees to retire last February. They made Stevens' retirement effective Oct. 31 but relieved him immediately as chief administrative officer. Harold E. Martin, executive vice president, who has since left to take a teaching post, and Charles P. Roden, a long-time commission employee, have served as interim chief administrators during the search for a new president.

Isaacs said Allen will receive a basic salary of \$45,000 per year, plus a 10 percent annuity contribution of \$4,500 and \$9,600 in housing allowance.

Isaacs called Allen, who has had a broad background in local, state, and national affairs, "one of the more effective and powerful Christian workers in this generation."

In his opening remarks, Allen urged the denomination to utilize the radio and television in Bold Mission Thrust, the SBC plan to confront everyone in the world with the Christian message by the year 2000. He also expressed interest in developing deeper relationships with other Southern Baptist agencies and working closely with local churches and noted the commission's established rapport with radio and television networks.

"When we have doubled our mission personnel at home and abroad, doubled our financial support and our number of congregations, we will still have not been used of God to touch every person with his message unless we utilize to the fullest extent the medium of mass communications," Allen said, who pledged the commission's full commitment to Bold Mission Thrust.

He also expressed a desire for a continued close working relationship with the denomination's mission and education agencies, saying he viewed the commission as a "resource tool and servant of total fellowship of Southern Baptists."

He said Christians must discover new ways to spread the gospel through radio and television. To do this, he said, the commission will not only continue to nurture its existing "excellent relationship with national television and radio networks" but will also "explore ways and means of accelerating a more direct prime time witness through television."

## Academic dean resigns from Belmont College

NASHVILLE—Glen Kelley, executive vice-president and academic dean at Belmont College for the past 11 years, has announced his resignation effective at the end of the 1980 summer sessions.

Kelley, a graduate of the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, said he is exploring some business opportunities outside the field of education. He is a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve and a former member of the Arkansas House of Representatives.

Although noting that he's "in grief" over leaving the pastorate, Allen said he is excited about the challenge of exploring the limitless possibilities of spreading God's word through the broadcast media. It is "a plow I must put my hand to," he said, adding that "God's leadership" caused him to rethink an initial reaction to refuse the opportunity.

In his 12 years at First Baptist Church, San Antonio, he led his church in a program of evangelism and social ministry, which included baptisms ranging from 225 to 558 a year, a street ministry, counseling service, hunger program, a free medical clinic, three Spanish language missions, and extensive work in refugee settlement. In 1979, the church has baptized 417 persons.

Allen has had an unusual combination of backgrounds in ministry and media. For four years, he hosted a youth discussion and music program on KMOL-TV, San Antonio, and appeared regularly to present the "Moral Side of the News" as a segment of KSAT-TV, which also broadcasts the church's Sunday morning worship service. He also has written a weekly column for the San Antonio Express News for 11 years.

In his duties as SBC president, Allen was featured several times on national television and distinguished himself as an advocate of Bold Mission Thrust and Mission Service Corps. He was the driving force behind a gigantic Bold Mission Thrust Rally at the Astrodome in Houston during the 1979 SBC meeting which was seen around the country via satellite transmission.

He was a consultant to President Jimmy Carter at the Camp David domestic summit conference in 1979 and successfully negotiated with Prime Minister Menachem Begin and other Israeli leaders on the subject of freedom of religion in Israel.

Active in many leadership roles, he has served as national president of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, president of Texas Baptists, a member of the SBC Executive Committee, and as a member of the boards of a number of other SBC and Texas Baptist agencies.

Before becoming pastor in San Antonio in 1968, he served for seven years as the executive secretary of the Christian Life Commission of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, nine years as a pastor, two years as director of Royal Ambassador work for Texas Baptists, and several years as a youth evangelist and student pastor.

A graduate of Howard Payne University, Brownwood, Tex., Allen also earned bachelor of divinity and doctor of theology degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., and holds honorary doctorates from the University of Richmond (Va.) and Howard Payne.

He is married to the former Wanda Massey of Brownwood, Tex., and has three sons.



Jimmy Allen



**END OF AN ERA**—During his last appointment service as executive director of the Foreign Mission Board, Baker J. Cauthen (left) joined in applause for his wife as she received her retirement plaque from John W. Patterson, board president.

## Cauthen ends final service with a blessing and a wave

By Mary Jane Welch

HAMPTON, VA. (BP)—Having closed his last missionary appointment service as executive director of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Baker J. Cauthen raised his hand over his head for a joyful wave to the thousands who shared the occasion with him.

"God bless you everyone," were his parting words, ending a three-hour service filled with missionary testimonies, special presentations, and messages from Cauthen and Adrian Rogers, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis.

Held in Hampton Roads Coliseum at Cauthen's request, the service, which drew about 6,000, was hosted by five Baptist

associations—Blackwater, Mid-Tidewater, Norfolk, Peninsula, and Portsmouth. Fifty-one persons from the largest crowd to attend a Southern Baptist missionary appointment service in the Tidewater area responded to an invitation at the close. Some made professions of faith and others committed themselves to Christian service, possibly on the mission field.

Addressing the 28 persons appointed to mission service, Cauthen recalled that he and his wife stood where they were 40 years earlier. He said that someday they would stand, like him, a few days from retirement and say, "What is my testimony? My testimony is 'my cup runneth over.'"

Greeted by a standing ovation, Cauthen yielded most of his time to Rogers and then introduced his successor, R. Keith Parks. Parks, veteran missionary and board administrator, has had "25 years getting ready for the task that now awaits him," Cauthen pointed out.

"God blesses us primarily through people. Through Baker James Cauthen, he has blessed literally the people of our world," said Parks.

Saying Cauthen had asked him to preach a Biblical sermon, Rogers gave a message based on Acts 1:8. He told the new missionaries that wherever they went, they could be sure that all people have a sin problem, that they have a hunger for God, that they can be saved by Jesus, and that God has given a universal command to all Christians to go.

Before presentation of the new missionaries, board president John W. Patterson of Richmond gave retirement plaques to Cauthen and his wife, the former Eloise Glass. Mrs. Cauthen's plaque noted that she had been related to the Foreign Mission Board all her life, first as a missionary child, then as a missionary, then as a staff's wife.

The year's final appointments brought the total for 1979 to 332, the second highest figure in board history. The record was set in 1978 when 350 persons were appointed. That marked the first time that more than 300 missionaries were named in a single year.

## Transkei missionaries request 1st volunteers

UMTATA, Transkei—Missionaries on Southern Baptists' newest mission field, Transkei, requested two volunteer agricultural specialists as one of their first actions after beginning work here.

They made the request after H. Eugene Meacham and Dudley A. Phifer, Southern Baptist missionaries from Texas, and Marion G. (Bud) Fray Jr., the Foreign Mission Board's field representative for Southern Africa, received assurances from government offices that agricultural specialists would be strongly welcomed, according to Rebecca Phifer, missionary press representative.

## C-N sets registration for seminary courses

JEFFERSON CITY—Registration for two seminary courses to be taught at Carson-Newman College during its spring semester will be held Monday, Jan. 14.

The registrar from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., through which the courses are to be taught, will be on campus to enroll students as they attend the first sessions of the classes.

"The Book of Job," a study of the history and nature of the wisdom literature of the Old Testament, will be taught by Clyde T. Francisco, a Southern seminary professor and writer of three books about the Old Testament.

"Church Renewal" will be taught by Findley B. Edge, the author of four books and a Southern seminary professor of religious education. Students in the course will study the nature of the modern church and attempt to clarify its ministry.

The registration fee is \$100 per course. Classes are open to persons with baccalaureate degrees wishing to work toward a master of divinity degree, and to Carson-Newman religion majors.

For more information write Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn. 37760.

## First new personnel sent to Zimbabwe Rhodesia

RICHMOND, Va.—The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board assigned new personnel to Zimbabwe Rhodesia in November for the first time since the guerrilla murder of Southern Baptist missionary Archie G. Dunaway Jr. in June 1978. One-year volunteers Mr. and Mrs. Raymond L. Justice, a retired couple from Portland, Ore., are scheduled to leave around the first of the year for Gwelo, where he will be bookstore manager and will train nationals in bookstore management.



Mr. and Mrs. Bowie



Mr. and Mrs. Taylor

## Two Tennessee couples named as new foreign missionaries

Two couples with Tennessee connections were appointed as foreign missionaries during the December meeting of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

They were among 28 persons named as missionaries at the special service in Hampton, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth W. Bowie will work in Peru, where they served two years as Southern Baptist missionary journeymen. He will be an agricultural evangelist and she will be a church and home worker.

Bowie was associate campus minister of the Baptist Student Union at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville and she was a

substitute teacher in Knoxville. They are now students at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo.

Born in Holton, Kan., Bowie grew up in McLouth. He received the bachelor of science, master of science and doctor of philosophy degrees from Kansas State University of Agriculture and Applied Science, Manhattan.

Mrs. Bowie, the former Linda Orton, was born in Coffeyville, Kan., but grew up in Topeka. She received the bachelor of science degree from Kansas State University.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Taylor Jr. will work in North Brazil, where he will be a seminary teacher and she will be a church and home worker.

Born in Greenwood, Miss., Taylor also lived in Milan, Tenn., while growing up. He received the bachelor of arts degree from Union University, Jackson, and the master of divinity degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He expects to receive his doctor of philosophy degree from Southern this month.

Taylor was pastor of Center Baptist Church, Trenton; Antioch Baptist Church, Henderson; and two churches in Kentucky.

Mrs. Taylor, the former Nita Kaler, was born in Paducah, Ky., but also lived in Milan. She attended Union University.

The Taylors have a daughter, Amy Rose, born in 1972, and a son, Andrew Todd, 1977.

Both couples will go to Pine Mountain, Ga., in January for a 14-week orientation before leaving for the field.

## Deprogramming...

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ple have been converted not into "cults" but into established churches.

The two star witnesses were Debby Dudgeon, a Canadian who left the United Church of Canada to become a Roman Catholic, and Becky Gascho, of Lexington, Neb., who left her family to join a fundamentalist, independent Baptist congregation. Both women said their parents kidnapped them and hired deprogrammers who attempted unsuccessfully to force them to change their minds about their new church allegiances.

The Church of Scientology, one of the "cults" in question, has been particularly active in organizing and staffing the Alliance for the Preservation of Religious Liberty.

"All religions are equal before the law," Wood declared. That 14th Amendment guarantee applies to church groups as well as to individuals, he said.

Wood went on to include the Church of Scientology, Unification Church, Children of God, Hare Krishnas, and other controversial sects in a list of groups which deserve equal protection.

At the same time, Wood emphasized that government has a responsibility to investigate and prosecute individuals or groups, regardless of their religious identity, if there is probable cause that they have committed crimes. He cited the Jim Jones community in Jonestown, Guyana, as one instance in which government failed to respond, though he said there was clear evidence that Jones had violated a variety of federal laws.

## Nursing school shows gain

GAZA—While many colleges and universities are suffering a declining enrollment, some institutions of higher learning are experiencing an upswing. The school of nursing at Gaza Baptist Hospital recently capped 29 students, the largest class in school history. The capping ceremony marks the completion of the first year of a three-year program. The number of students admitted was increased last year because the hospital program represents one of only three opportunities for higher education in the Gaza Strip.

# Executive Board divided into standing committees

The Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention was divided into standing committees during its Dec. 10-11 meeting in Brentwood.

The board members accepted a report by a nominating committee, which was chaired by John David Laida, Clarksville. Other members of the committee were Fred Steelman, Chattanooga; Don Pharris, Livingston; Raymond Boston, Dyersburg; John Churchman, Knoxville; and Paul Clark, Jackson.

The nominating committee recommended the distribution of 15 new board members on the seven committees and the chairman and vice-chairman of each committee.

### Administrative Committee

Gayle Alexander, chairman, (W) At Large  
Charles D. Earl, vice-chairman (E) At Large  
Stanley Brumfield (M), At Large  
E.E. Carrier (E), At Large  
Paul Clark (W), chairman, Tennessee Baptist

### Program Committee

William E. Crook (M), At Large  
John Daley (M), Chairman, Public Affairs and Christian Life committee

### Education Committee

Fred Kendall II (E) At Large  
Howard Kolb (W), chairman, Education Committee  
John Laida (M), At Large  
Pat Landrum (W), chairman, State Missions Committee

### Public Affairs and Christian Life Committee

Roy Miller (E), At Large  
William Palmer, president, Tennessee Baptist Convention

### Denominational Cooperation Committee

Paul Shell (W), At Large  
Jerry Songer (E), chairman, Christian Services Committee

### Executive Board

Osta Underwood, vice-president, Executive Board

Earl H. Wilson, president, Executive Board  
\*The president of the Executive Board is an ex officio member of all standing committees.

### Christian Services Committee

Jerry Songer, chairman (E)  
John Shepherd, vice-chairman (E)  
Gayle Alexander (W)  
Paul Durham (M)  
James Hatley (W)  
Willford Hunter (W)  
Houston Inman (E)  
Jack Kilpatrick (E)  
Mrs. Mac Lambert (E)  
Joe McGehee (M)  
J.C. Parrott (E)  
Thomas W. Pope (W)

Don Schultz (M)  
Bill Sherman (M)  
Mrs. David Stewart (W)  
Miss Osta Underwood (M)  
J.G. Wise (W)

### Denominational Cooperation Committee

Donald Pharris, chairman (M)  
Murphy Martin, vice-chairman (M)  
Herman Callahan (E)  
Bill Edmonds (E)  
Thurman Haston (M)  
David Hyers (E)  
John Laida (M)  
Henry Linginfelter (E)  
Dale Martin (E)  
Miss Margaret McSwain (W)  
Mrs. R. Trevis Oley (W)  
Paul Tabor (M)  
James Redding (W)  
James J. Smith (W)  
Herschel Woodburn (E)  
Paul Woodford (W)

### Education Committee

Howard Kolb, chairman (W)  
John Churchman, vice-chairman (E)  
M.L. Arbuckle (E)  
Norman Baker (M)  
William E. Boyer (W)  
Stanley Brumfield (M)  
Robert H. Burton (W)  
Obie Campbell (E)  
Kester Cotton (W)  
Tom Henry (M)  
Norvil Jones (W)  
Fred Kendall II (W)  
Bill Kennedy (E)  
James Porch (M)  
Jerry Powell (W)  
James Sorrell (E)

### Public Affairs and Christian Life Committee

John Daley, chairman (M)  
Raymond Smith, vice-chairman (E)  
Darrell Clarke (W)  
Jack Cunningham (E)  
Donald Dorris (M)  
Jerry Foust (W)  
John Franklin (E)  
Herbert Jones (E)  
Earl McCosh (E)  
Carl Methvin (M)  
Roy Miller (E)  
Dennis Pulley (W)  
Paul Shell (W)  
Matt Tomlin (W)  
Oscar Trainer (M)  
Eual Urserly (M)

### State Missions Committee

Pat Landrum, chairman (W)  
William E. Crook, vice-chairman (M)  
Harold Allen (M)  
Mack Bingham (E)  
James Chatham (E)  
Melvin Faulkner (E)  
Mrs. Robert Gay (M)  
C.E. Harris (E)  
James Lee (M)  
Paul Mayhew (W)  
Rudy Newby (M)  
William Palmer (E)  
Harlan Reynolds (E)  
Robert Stitts (E)  
Fred Tubbs (W)  
Marion Wells (M)  
Earl H. Wilson (E)

### Tennessee Baptist Program Committee

Paul Clark, chairman (W)  
Fred Steelman, vice-chairman (E)  
Raymond Boston (W)  
Douglas Brewer (W)  
E.E. Carrier (E)  
William H. Coles, Jr. (M)  
Charles D. Earl (E)  
Mrs. Robert Gillam (M)  
H.D. Hudson (W)  
Grant Jones (E)  
Raymond Langlois (M)  
Lloyd Lawrence (M)  
Ray McCall (M)  
James McCluskey (E)  
Bill Morris (E)  
Robert Sharp (E)  
Roger Shelton (M)

## Adams, Evette receive awards for five years of service

Two employees of the Executive Board were presented awards on Dec. 10 in recognition of five years of service.

They were Mike Adams and Ray Evette.

Adams has been manager at Camp Linden for the past five years. He is a native of Nashville, and prior to assuming the post at Camp Linden, he was employed in the maintenance department of Baptist Hospital in Nashville.

On January 1, Adams will become properties maintenance manager for the Executive Board.

Evette joined the Sunday School department in October 1974 as director of preschool and children's work. A native of South Carolina, he is a graduate of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex. He has served on church staffs in Texas and South Carolina.

Evette also is director of the preschool division at Brentwood Baptist Church, Brentwood.

During last week's meeting, the Executive

Board voted to change to awarding of service pins to employees after each five years of service. The new policy will begin in 1980.



**ANNIVERSARIES**—Mike Adams (left) and Ray Evette were presented gifts by the Executive Board last week, noting five years' service.

## EDITORIAL

# 'Become' is the Christmas verb

In viewing the coming of Jesus Christ into this world, John in his Gospel uses the significant phrase, "The Word became flesh, and dwelt among us" (John 1:14).

The word "became" is truly an important word as we consider this verse—and the meaning of Christmas.

The Word (Jesus Christ) was already existing in the beginning. He was with God, and He was God. He participated in creation.

Paul further expounds this doctrine in Colossians 1 when he wrote, "For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in the earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him."

But this Jesus became flesh, a human being. "He became like man" (Philippians 2:7, TEV). Jesus became that tiny babe Who was laid in a manger.

Then Jesus became a grown man, following the human principle of growth. "And the Child continued to grow and became strong, increasing in wisdom;

and the grace of God was upon Him" (Luke 2:40, NASV).

Although Jesus was sinless, he became a sinner by taking our sins. He "chose" to be a sinner—not because of His sins, but because of our sins. "He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him (II Corinthians 5:21, NASV).

The next "became" that comes to mind is in Philippians 2:8, "And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." He became our Saviour by taking our place of punishment and death. He died on the cross, when in reality we should have been nailed to Calvary's tree.

Then came the glorious resurrection. Jesus completed His earthly mission—and the purpose for which He came on that first Christmas—by rising from the grave.

"But now is Christ risen from the dead and become the first fruits of them that slept" (I Corinthians 15:20). Jesus became the first of many who would overcome death.

Because of what Jesus "became," we also will become like Him.

Perhaps the real question of Christmas is, "What have you become, because of what Jesus became?"

Have you become a believer?

Have you become a forgiven sinner, grasping the promise of eternal life?

Have you become a witness of the message of Christmas?

When Jesus chose His first disciples, He said to Peter and Andrew, "Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men" (Mark 1:17). The power and love that made Jesus become flesh, become a Man among men, become sin for us, become obedient to death on the cross, and become the first fruit of the resurrection, is now available to us through Jesus Christ Who will make us become fishers of men.

## Letters needed

The crisis in Iran is now into its seventh week. Fifty American citizens are still held hostage. Diplomatic overtures, military or economic threats, and even the departure from the United States of the shah have proven fruitless in attempts to secure the release of the hostages.

May we make a request of you? Would you IMMEDIATELY write a letter or send a telegram to the Iranian Embassy asking for the release of the Americans being held in Iran? It may seem like a small, insignificant action, but we are told that such communications are very important. We need to convince the Iranian officials that Americans are concerned about the hostages and support our president in his efforts to secure their release.

Last week the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention passed this motion: "We recommend that Tennessee Baptists be encouraged to write or wire the Iranian Embassy in New York City urgently requesting the immediate release of the American hostages held in Iran. Wires and letters should show respect but be clear and firm about our position as Americans and demand for the hostages' immediate release."

The address is Iranian Embassy, 622 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10017.

We join with the Executive Board in asking that you, your friends, and church members send these communications as soon as possible. Letters from individuals carry the most influence.

How wonderful it would be if we could have as many letters sent to the Iranian Embassy as were sent to the Federal Communications Commission about an inaccurate petition!

## Cicero's comment



By the editor

A popular contest format of other years was to have the entrants describe a certain event or product in "25 words or less." Of course, the winners were selected on the basis of originality, neatness, and aptness of thought—and how much they praised the event or product involved.

How would you describe Christmas, in 25 words or less?

Before you get too involved, you should be warned that it has already been done in such an adequate way, that the most you can hope for is a distant second place.

God Himself in John 3:16 gave the true meaning of Christmas in exactly 25 words (as translated in the King James Version): "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Now that you have checked my arithmetic, look at those familiar words.

Christmas can best be described as we examine it in relationship to God's love.

God loved the people who walked in great darkness, and He gave His Son to be the Light of the world.

God loved families, and He gave His Son to be a member of the family of Mary and Joseph—and in reality a member of every family who wants Him. Every home Jesus visited during His physical life on earth reminds us of the joy and healing He brings to families and their homes.

God loves people with all kinds of needs, and He gave his Son to minister to them. When John the Baptist sent his disciples to ask Jesus about His messiahship, Jesus responded, "Tell John...the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good tidings preached to them." No person in need today has to question if God loves them.

God loved people with abilities and resources, and He gave His Son to call them to actions with eternal significance. Fishermen, tax collectors, persecutors, and many others were called and challenged to use their abilities and resources for God's worthy purpose.

God loved people who suffered, and He gave His Son to suffer for all persons. Anyone who suffers can find comfort in the fact that Jesus suffered and understands suffering. Jesus came as the Great Comforter, in order that where healing is not granted, the grace of God can abound.

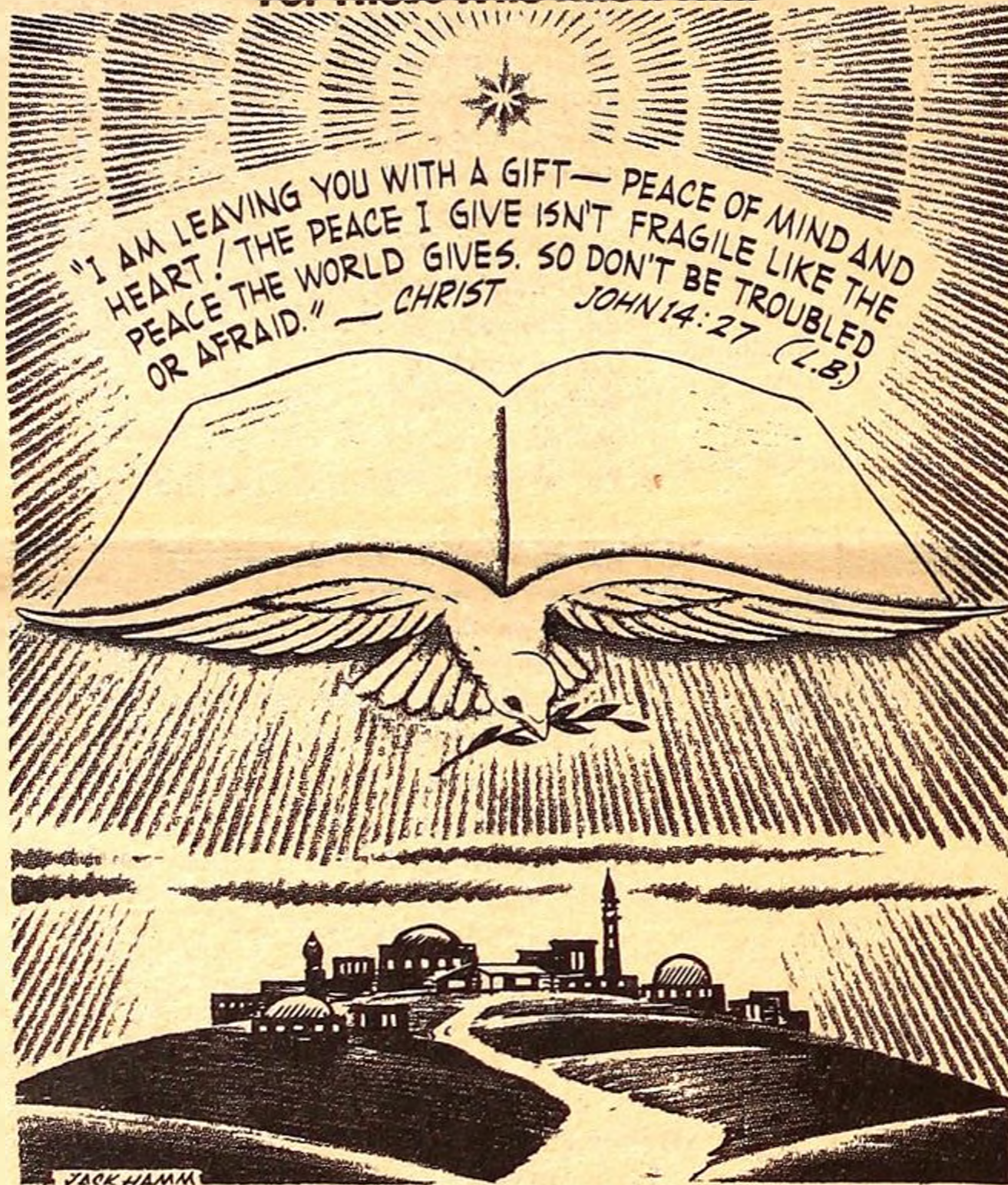
God loved mortal mankind, and He gave His Son to provide meaning and assurance—even in the face of death. Jesus died on the cross, the cruelest instrument of death, to illustrate to all that death is not a gruesome end, but a joyous beginning. "Death, where is thy sting? Grave, where is thy victory?"

God loved the unlovely, and He gave His Son to convince us that God loves the unlovely. In our human attitudes, we say to others, "You change your unloveliness and become lovable—and then, I will love you." But in Christmas, we see that God loves the unlovely. "God commended His love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

God loves the condemned sinner, and He gave His Son to provide the way to forgiveness of sin and to eternal life. Without the Christ of Christmas, there is indeed no hope for lost sinners. God in His mercy offers everlasting life to all of the whosoever who believe on Jesus Christ.

Those 25 words of John 3:16 have often been described as the most important verse in the entire Bible. These words are also perhaps the best definition of what Christmas is all about.

### For Those Who Know Him



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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.

### Devotional aid

Dear editor:

A family quiet time for reading the Scriptures, plus some devotional comment, and prayer should be a part of the daily experiences of all Christians. It is easy for this significant spiritual exercise to become casual, routine, and unprofitable.

Southern Baptist literature furnishes several alternative choices for devotional reading, such as *Home Life*, *Open Windows*, etc. We have used all of these with profit.

In September 1978 we purchased a set of the *Broadman Bible Commentary*. At that time we decided to use our new commentary in our daily devotional period to study the Gospel of Mark in preparation for the January (1979) Bible Study. We found that the commentary lends itself beautifully for daily family devotional reading. Its structure is composed of short self-contained passages of Scripture plus a careful exposition of the meaning of the passages, averaging approximately one and one-half pages of reading material.

We have our devotions each morning at the breakfast table just before the meal is served. It helps us to combine our Bible and devotional reading into realistic Bible study. It has been an exciting spiritual experience.

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## Personal perspective

BY TOM MADDEN  
TBC executive secretary

Someone has stated that being a Christian these days is like being dropped behind enemy lines, and that spiritual warfare is going on all around us. Paul, writing to the Ephesians, states that we must put on the "whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand." (Eph. 6:13) We need the armor of prayer when Satan attacks us or when we assail Satan to claim those he has dominion over.

We need the helmet of salvation. Satan's favorite place to begin is the mind. We need to claim the mind of Christ.

The breastplate of righteousness may symbolize protection for the heart; for Satan wants desperately to get to our heart.

The loincloth of truth, or the belt of truth is to protect our emotions, which in the first century, were thought to reside in the solar plexus. This was the best that held all the armor of the Roman soldiers in place. Truth makes our spiritual armor secure.

Feet that are shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace means that the disciple is prepared to take the gospel to anyone for whom we are to pray.

As Satan tries to shoot his fiery darts through our mind, heart, and emotions, God gives to us the Shield of Faith.

Spiritual victory is to be won by the Word of God.

God's armor is used for advance, not retreat. God commands us to march into Satan's territory and reclaim for God those things that Satan has stolen out of God's kingdom. The battle is on! The watchword is "Advance Boldly."



Madden

### Take-home leaflets

Dear editor:

Thank you for publishing my letter (Nov. 7) concerning the literature for our little ones. It is true that the children do hear a variety of stories from the Bible, but these are far too simplistic for the average three-year-old of today (you know, the "Star Wars" generation).

I am enclosing a sample (and I have more) of the superb literature that our denomination once provided every Sunday of the year for our three-year-olds. There is absolutely no comparison in both attractiveness and, especially, story content.

Those who are going outside the denomination for help have not found anything as attractive, but they have found something more suitable than what the SBC is now offering.

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With your sample in hand, I have found out that this type of materials was indeed published by the Sunday School Board between 1931 and 1940. These were discontinued before any of the present preschool staff at the board were employed, I was told. (editor)

## Baptists respond after earthquake

CALI, Columbia (BP)—Thousands dig through the rubble while the estimated 400 death toll rises in the aftermath of the powerful Dec. 12 earthquake which rocked the Columbia-Ecuador border area—the worst to hit the area in 70 years.

Southern Baptist missionaries are reported safe and have begun administering food and assistance to needy victims with a \$7,500 emergency allocation from the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's hunger relief fund. No mission property was damaged.

After a meeting with Columbian officials, missionaries moved quickly to request medical supplies, blankets, and water purification systems for hard-hit Tamaco, where 3,000 are homeless and at least 40 deaths were reported, said John R. Cheyne, associate consultant for relief ministries at the Foreign Mission Board. The board responded by sending a shipment of medical supplies, 1,000 blankets, and six water purification systems.

A number of villages from Buenaventura along the Columbian Pacific coastline south to northern Ecuador have been "hit extremely hard and some destroyed," said H. Robert Tucker Jr., missionary field representative for western South America. He told of at least one small village of which no traces are left.

Tucker, stationed in Cali, has been in contact with the Foreign Mission Board via ham radio because the quake disrupted telephone communication. He said the missionaries were well received by government officials and given an open door to aid victims.

Reports said the initial earthquake, which registered up to 8.1 on the Richter scale, lasted close to five minutes and was followed by repeated tremors and severe tidal waves. The quake was five times worse than the Nov. 23 quake in Columbia, according to reports.

Missionary James E. Giles, president of the International Baptist Theological Seminary in Cali, organized a team of six seminary students to go to the coastal city of Tumaco, then to Gwapi by canoe to give whatever assistance they can and to assess the needs.

### Professor reports

## Religion, politics blend, giving Khomeini all power

By Steven L. Higdon

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP)—It's essential that western nations understand Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini is both a religious and a political leader says Bryant Hicks, a teacher of world religions.

"An ayatollah, in a sense, has more power than a Roman Catholic pope does," says Hicks, associate professor of Christian missions and world religions at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

"A Roman Catholic pope has to work through his college of cardinals. The ayatollah doesn't consult anybody. Whatever God (Allah) tells him, he tells the people and that's it. The ayatollah is looked upon as one who has all the answers of life."

Hicks, who was a foreign missionary in the Philippines where there is a strong Muslim influence, told Towers, Southern's campus newspaper, that "It doesn't even occur to him (Khomeini) to ask whether it's legitimate to force his will on someone else. If it's of Allah, then it's legitimate."

The aggressive acts perpetrated by Khomeini's supporters, including the holding of 50 American hostages at the embassy in Tehran and storming of embassies in Pakistan and Libya, are not typical of Muslims, Hicks said.

"It is not typical for the group to be this belligerent and this unreasonable," he said. "Islam basically means 'submission.' It comes from the Hebrew shalom, which means of course, 'peace.'"

"In the beginning, because it had to assert

itself, there was warfare. But in this century, Islam simply up to this point has not been belligerent and aggressive.

"They do not try to attack people who disagree with them. Their basic teaching is that everyone has a right to his own religion."

"Religious fanaticism blinds people, causes them to be irrational, causes them to be unreasonable in their demands and expectations," Hicks said about the ayatollah's targeting of America for his wrath.

"At the same time I think there's no question but that the United States is deeply involved in the shah's coming to power and staying in power. The shah stood for everything that countered what the Ayatollah Khomeini is pushing for. Since the United States was the perpetrator of this as far as he's concerned, that is why so much of his venom is directed to the United States."

"You would say in Christian terms that the shah is antichrist. He is what represents everything contrary to what the idea of the Ayatollah Khomeini is. When the ayatollah was looking for a focus for his religious fanaticism, the shah was already there and we were behind him, and all that hatred comes from the feeling that we messed up their country through the shah."

Hicks clarified that an ayatollah was supposedly the successor of Mohammed himself, but that there are many ayatollahs. And, he adds, "If (this one) feels that Allah is leading him to do this, that legitimizes it irrespective of anybody's rights."

Higdon is editor of Towers, Southern's campus newspaper.

### 'At Home with the Bible' to win NRB merit award

NASHVILLE (BP)—"At Home with the Bible," weekly Southern Baptist television program, will receive the National Religious Broadcasters award of merit for best Christian television program of the year.

The program, the second TV show to ever receive the NRB award of merit, began airing in October 1978. It is a joint production of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board and the Radio and Television Commission.

The NRB will present the award at its annual convention in Washington, D.C., attended by representatives of the 900-member organizations which produce religious radio and television programs and operate religious stations.

In announcing the award, NRB executive director Ben Armstrong said, "Not only does 'At Home with the Bible' show superb quality technically but it is outstanding as an innovation in the field of religious broadcasting." Armstrong cited the board's home Bible correspondence course which is promoted on the program for "linking the viewer with the programmer in a vital two-way relationship."

The program's executive producer, Don Fearheiley; producer, Bob Thornton; and host, Frank Pollard, expressed appreciation for the award.

### Displaced pastors aid Bold Missions effort

SALISBURY, Zimbabwe Rhodesia—Southern Baptist missionaries in Zimbabwe Rhodesia plan to use pastors displaced by the country's guerrilla war to implement Bold Mission Thrust.

Southern Baptist missionary David M. Coleman of Tennessee and two Salisbury pastors, authors of the plan, suggested evangelistic outreach to two mushrooming townships, Zengeza and Glen View.

Zengeza, which includes 2,300 squatter tents, has more than 60,000 people living there. Glen View now has 22,000 residents, but is projected to have 50,000 by December, said Ralph L. Rummage of Oklahoma, chairman of the organization of Southern Baptist missionaries in the country.

## Citizen's Corner

By Jerry M. Self  
Public affairs and Christian life consultant

It is almost that time again: three more weeks to the opening of the Tennessee General Assembly. Of course you were thinking of Christmas, but soon after Christmas state representatives and senators will convene in Nashville for the second half of the Ninety-first General Assembly.

Perhaps that makes this a good time to dust off our citizenship. As calisthenics, remind yourself that the first half of the ninety-first assembly ran last year from January to past Easter. The second half will occupy a similar length of time in 1980.

Now for a light conditioning job, glance through this list of issues. Most of what is said and done in the next few months will probably be overshadowed by the tight money situation caused by reduced gasoline tax revenues.

Pari-mutuel gambling will dance forth as the perennial seductress. This time the offer will be "If you take race track gambling, you can have bingo back, too."

A variety of liquor bills will be provided by a study committee. There seems to be a good chance for returned local control in liquor licensing.

Prison advances are a possibility due to another study committee and a third such committee will offer legislation on obscenity to replace the law recently declared unconstitutional.

Now the final exercise to prepare you for your civic duties: Send your representative and senator a Christmas card. That will remind you of the name and address and might start a good habit to be continued through the spring.



Self

# Former UN official chides Americans for selfishness

By Dan Martin

NEW ORLEANS (BP)—"Jesus Christ is the only hope" in the current critical world situation, a noted world statesman told Southern Baptist evangelism leaders here.

Charles Malik, one of the signers of the United Nations Charter, soberly told Southern Baptist leaders that the "world situation is critical. We are facing very serious issues. We may be heading toward a great turning point in history while we sit here."

He chided Americans for seemingly being interested only in freedom for the hostages held in Iran where there are "a half dozen problems infinitely more important" to history and to the world.

"I believe that upon Christians today evolves the historic task of awakening the world to the fact that Christ is the only hope. The full responsibility is on Christians. And Baptists have a tremendous part to play in that," said Malik, a Greek Orthodox.

Malik, 73, from Lebanon, was president of both the General Assembly and the Security Council during many years of service in the United Nations. He also was co-chairman—with Eleanor Roosevelt—of the Human Rights Commission. Currently, he is pro-

fessor emeritus at the American University in Beirut. He also has been active in the "Here's Life" campaign of Campus Crusade for Christ, International, and serves on its executive board.

Malik stunned the Southern Baptists with his assessment of world conditions and American response to it. He chastized Americans for preoccupation with hostages in Iran. "All I read in the paper is about the hostages. If all you are concerned about is the release of your hostages, then the rest of the world is confirmed in its opinion that you do not care about the rest of the world, only about yourselves," he declared.

He said a number of problems are infinitely more important to the world and to history than the release of 50 American hostages held in the U.S. embassy in Tehran.

"The first thing more important is the question of the flow of oil from the Middle East," he said. "Eighty-five percent of the oil in the world comes from there. The question is how we preserve the safety of the flow of oil to industrialized nations."

"For the first time since Pearl Harbor, this country is united as never before. This moral and political unity that has been forged as a result of the crisis in Iran is a God-send. Please do not squander it...waste it...dissipate it only on the release of the hostages. It would be a terrible waste if this nation's unity were sold only for the release of the hostages," he said.

That unity is necessary, he added, if America is to be the power it must be in the world. "At the rate by which you have been retreating, doing nothing, or doing precious little and then congratulating yourselves that you have done even this little, is it any wonder that you are in the mess that you are in Iran?"

He criticized American belief that the nation can withdraw into itself. "Fortress America is finished. Fortress America, much as you cherish that notion, is an allusion."

Malik pointed to the fact that "every square inch on earth is only 15 minutes from any other place on earth and can be reached with tremendous nuclear power."

"Economically, it is impossible for Americans to withdraw from the world. There is no self-sufficient country in the world today. Americans must face that fact."

Malik told Southern Baptist religious leaders that "great world conflict today is between freedom and totalitarianism. The issue is between the freedom of man and what liberates him and lifts him up in his dignity and what enslaves him and diminishes his stature."

Man is being progressively enslaved today almost everywhere in all sorts of ways and nobody seems to care, he said. "The real issue is not equality, nor development, nor justice, nor peace. The issue is freedom. But the realm of freedom in the world keeps on shrinking and shrinking and shrinking every day."

"There have been instances of free people getting enslaved, but in not one instance in the past 34 years have there been enslaved people becoming free. There are revolutions for servitude, but where are the revolutions for freedom?"

Malik told the Southern Baptist leaders that they must wake up. "The greatest secret weapon—indeed the only weapon you have in America—is freedom, but yet the West does not want to wield that weapon or to back it up politically or militarily."

As he concluded his hour-long address, Malik urged Christians everywhere to unite so that a "continuing moral and spiritual and intellectual message can be offered to this drifting, thirsting world just about to go to pieces. The world is so hopelessly lost in humanism, materialism, relativism, cynicism, legalism, rationalism, atheism, self-worship."

"Jesus Christ is the only hope for the world," he concluded.



**LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS**—William J. Reynolds (left) of the Sunday School Board, and Don Hammonds of the Home Mission Board, fielded questions about the new effort to encourage more volunteer music missionary activities in the Southern Baptist Convention.

## Musicians asked for missions

NASHVILLE (BP)—The importance of music to most Southern Baptist churches is the basis for a challenge to state church music secretaries to involve more musicians in volunteer missions efforts.

Don Hammonds, director of special mission ministries for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, told the group, meeting in Nashville, that the primary thrust is for volunteer musicians to spend time in new work areas on vacations, missions trips, or during revival time. While there, the musicians will sing and train persons responsible for the local church music program.

Some of the music secretaries from areas where Southern Baptist work is new said youth choir tours which are a series of one-

night performances across the country do not meet the needs of training local musicians. The large groups with elaborate musical equipment often have more members than the churches where they perform and tend to overwhelm local congregations.

The need is for adult and youth groups, families, or individuals who will spend a few days in a location conducting workshops, leading Bible study activities, and assisting local church members in plans for ongoing music programs.

Music secretaries representing new work areas agreed that capable people are available in local churches, but they need to be trained to be effective. Donations of discarded equipment and outdated materials do not help, they said. Good equipment and current materials, however, are always welcome and appreciated.

Southern Baptist Home Mission Board Executive Director-Treasurer William G. Tanner issued the challenge to musicians in a letter to William J. Reynolds, secretary of the church music department of the Sunday School Board. The Home Mission Board presently has no music missionaries under appointment. Music volunteers could help fill the gap.

Last year, 691 youth groups and 165 adult groups were placed for volunteer missions activities through the special mission ministries department, representing more than 34,000 people. The goal for next year is 45,000 volunteers.

Hammonds stressed that large or small groups can be effective, giving small churches equal opportunity to become involved in a Bold Mission Thrust activity, the SBC effort to reach the world with the gospel by the year 2000. Hammonds' department will help place groups according to their financial resources and talents.

Time commitments can range from a week to several years. The long-range volunteer could be a bi-vocational individual who supports himself while carrying out his mission efforts.

State music secretaries also suggested that some volunteers consider an interim position for several months in a new work area, letting church members lead the music ministry in their home church. This would allow trained musicians to stay in an area for an extended time, greatly increasing their effectiveness and the benefits to local church musicians.

A key point expressed throughout the discussion of volunteer musicians was the return on investment for the home church when volunteers return from the mission field. Their excitement from seeing results where resources are limited or numbers are small will be shared with all church members and heighten enthusiasm for Bold Mission Thrust, the secretaries said.

## House passes bill on domestic violence

WASHINGTON (BP)—The House of Representatives passed and sent to the Senate a bill designed to curb the growing problem of physical abuse and violence within American families.

Passed 292-106, the measure calls for coordination of all federal programs that deal with domestic violence by a new interagency council composed of representatives from federal agencies, state and local government, and members who have themselves been victims of or worked with victims of such violence.

In addition, the bill authorizes the department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) to distribute 75 percent of the funds appropriated by the measure to the states for distribution at the local level.

The bill will cost \$15-million for fiscal year 1981, \$20-million for 1982, and \$30-million for 1983, when it expires.

Another 15 percent of the funds will be spent in the states to administer programs relating to domestic violence, develop a media campaign on the subject, encourage citizen participation in projects, make annual reports to HEW and state legislatures, and provide technical assistance at the local level. The other 10 percent will go to HEW for program development and coordination.

An estimated two million American couples have used a lethal weapon against one another and husband-wife violence is estimated to include at least half of all American families. Testimony before the committee on education and labor said that during 1975, one-fourth of all persons murdered in the United States were killed by a family member and half of such victims were killed by a spouse.

Rep. Paul Simon, a prime sponsor and floor manager of the bill, told Baptist Press after its passage that "Violence is, unfortunately, very much a part of the American scene."

### On Matters of

## Family Living

By B. David Edens

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### Poor parenting often results from divorce

Following divorce, both mothers and fathers go through a temporary phase of bad parenting that launches the whole family on a slide from bad to worse, a two-year study shows.

The accustomed chores of child-care—getting kids fed, bathed, clothed, to bed, to school—become mountainous tasks. Children, already upset by the change in the family set-up, now lose the comforting structure of routine as well and their behavior reflects their confusion and anxiety.

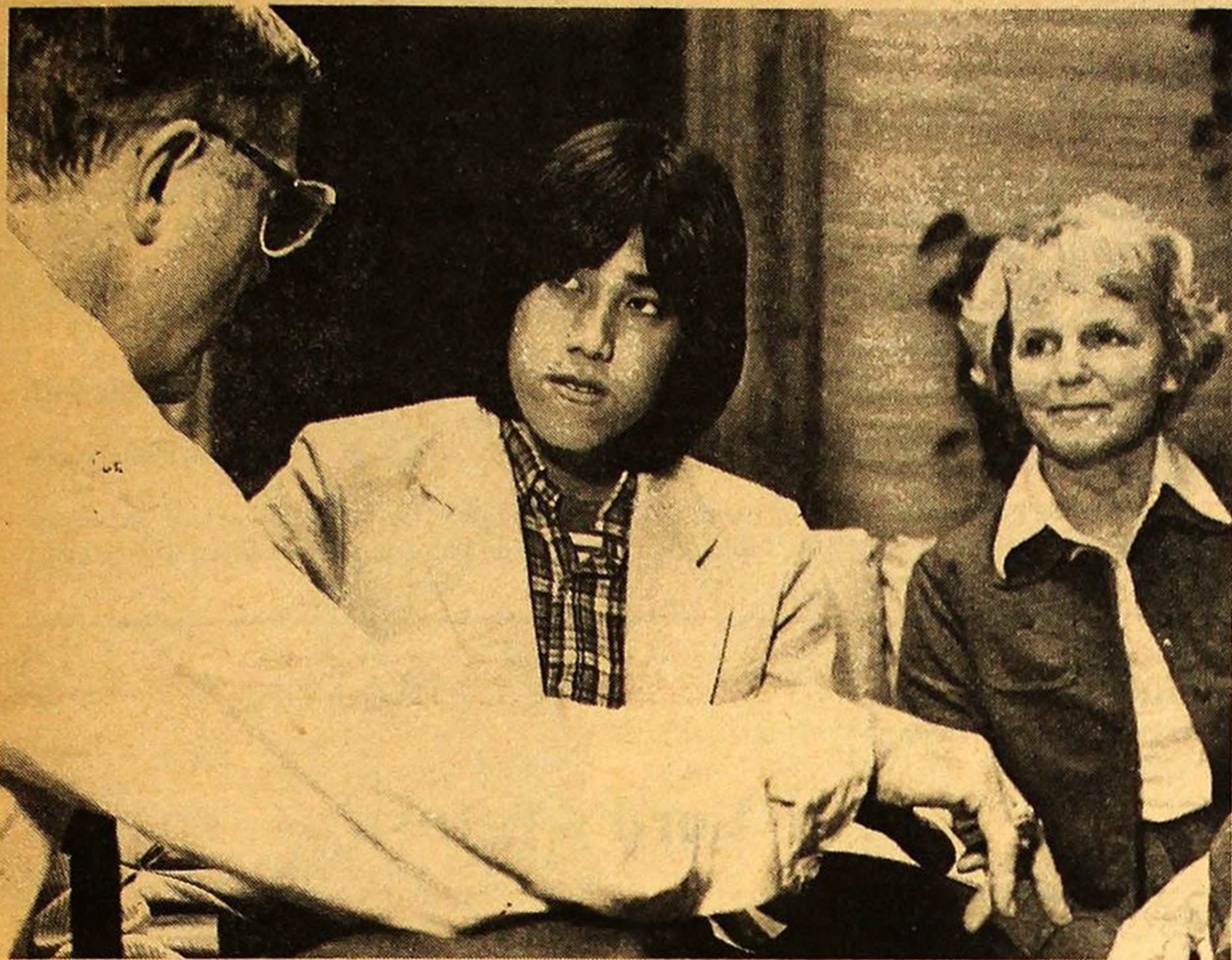
A year after the divorce, adults and children tend to be unhappier than they were two months after the event, University of Virginia professor Marvis Hetherington told a seminar at the University of Michigan for Early Childhood Development and Education. Fortunately, recovery sets in sometime between the first and second year.

All the mothers in the psychologist's study of 96 white, middle-class divorced families had custody of the children, and they found the responsibility crushing. In the case of the stay-at-home mothers, life as a single parent was an alienating as well as exhausting experience. Working mothers fared better.

Although employment away from home had a positive effect on the morale of newly divorced women, children showed the negative impact of a double loss if the mother took a job soon after the break-up. Youngsters adjusted better when mothers stayed home with them during the first year, the research showed.

A good, supportive relationship between mother and father seemed to be as important to the mother's mental health as to the child's. Hetherington suggests that the quality of a divorced couple's relationship with each other be a critical factor in allocating the second parent's visitation rights. Her study showed that the calibre of mother-father relationship determined, to a great extent, whether time spent with dad was detrimental or beneficial to the child.

Ultimately, children develop better in a harmonious single-parent family than in an intact family unit riddled with conflict, the psychologist concludes.



**INTERNATIONAL CHRISTMAS MINISTRY**—During Christmas of 1978, 803 Foreign college students participated in 31 Friendship International Houses coordinated by National Student Ministries. The annual program provides international students an opportunity to spend Christmas with a Christian family.

## Baptist students at Vandy host banquet for Iranians

By Norman Jameson

NASHVILLE (BP)—Iranian students in the United States are being severely effected by the economic freeze President Carter put on Iranian assets in retaliation for the seizure of Americans at the embassy in Tehran.

About 50 students and wives shared a traditional holiday meal at the Vanderbilt University Baptist Student Center in Nashville, and some indicated they had only enough money to remain in the United States a few weeks.

Government checks for students at Vanderbilt's Peabody College of Education stopped coming four months earlier when the shah lost control of the government. While they may be students in America, those at Vanderbilt are professors and government workers in Iran and have been sent to the U.S. to gain expertise in specific areas. That's why the government pays their expenses.

No bank will cash even personal checks from Iran and since visas do not permit the student to work in America, there is no way to get money, and savings are being rapidly depleted.

Said one: "I am selling my car to take care of this month's expenses. I don't know what I'll do after that."

The dinner, served by Baptist volunteers and hosted by Barry Vincent, Baptist Student Center director and coordinator of ministries to internationals for the Nashville Baptist Association, was part of regular weekly services to Iranians.

The Baptist Student Center has classes for English, crafts, and cooking, specifically for the wives of the Iranian students, who otherwise may be lonely and frustrated in a strange culture.

Immediately after students in Iran seized the American embassy and took 50 hostages, Iranians in the U.S. expected retaliation against them. They stopped jogging, quit going to classes, had extra locks put on their doors, and stayed sheltered in their apartments. Everyone called their English teacher individually and asked if she still wanted them to come to class.

When she told them to come, Vincent said she demonstrated the kind of consistent attitude "that communicates something about my faith and my relationship with God and the world that I feel is worth communicating."

The Iranians, speaking on the 38th day of captivity for American hostages, said they don't expect the United States to return the shah to Iran. Sayed M. Moshiri, a professor of science education at the University of

Tehran, said the shah's return would not be necessary to end the tension between the two countries.

All that's required, he said, is for the shah to abdicate and return to Iran the "hundreds of billions of dollars he's stolen." When told that those who held the American hostages are demanding nothing less than the shah's return, Moshiri and others indicated they could not know what the captors were thinking and that they do not trust the news reports Americans receive from Tehran.

But they've learned that neither can they trust the reports Iranians are receiving from America since they had a letter from family in Iran expressing concern for their welfare because they heard that Americans were throwing Iranian students into the ocean.

Attitudes exhibited by the Iranians at the dinner indicated why there are serious misunderstandings between the two nations. The Iranians believe the shah is an employee of the CIA; that he is in the United States plotting with the CIA, Henry Kissinger and the Rockefellers, whose banks hold the shah's "billions," to return to the throne in Iran; that Iranians did not know methods of torture until the CIA introduced them to the shah who used them to control Iran by terror; and that America put the shah back on the throne in 1953 when he had been kicked out of the country by irate citizens.

The Iranians displayed an intense dislike of Kissinger, former President Nixon's secretary of state. They feel American foreign policy still follows the direction set by Kissinger, who Moshiri thinks actually enjoyed seeing the torture of Iranians.

"I really think ordinary criminals kill only once and then are caught," Moshiri said. "But educated criminals like Kissinger kill millions and millions and get away with it. We sincerely believe that the pain and misery of Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, and the loss of all of them is the result of Kissinger's grand design. The same tragedy will repeat in the Middle East and the Kissinger plan will be implemented at cost to the American people. The tragedy is the American people must pay the cost of Kissinger's grand design."

The students and their wives all indicated they would return to Iran when finished with school. They consider the Ayatollah Khomeini their spiritual leader and say even his tactics are an improvement over the shah.

They were grateful for the hospitality shown by the Baptist Student Center and said they have not been the subject of harassment by Americans when they are on the street.

## Missionaries face no peril say Puerto Rican Baptists

By Erich Bridges

AGUADILLA, Puerto Rico (BP)—Puerto Rican Southern Baptist leaders urged Christians in the United States not to fear for the safety of American missionary personnel in Puerto Rico after two terrorist attacks less than a week apart on United States Navy personnel.

Following the first attack on a busload of sailors which killed two and wounded 10, McKinny Adams, moderator of the Puerto Rican Baptist Association, assured the American Christian community that evangelicals on the island are "safe and secure and continuing with plans to win Puerto Rico for Christ."

Following a second attack Dec. 9, when gunmen fired on a Navy patrol, Ed Richardson, executive area director for Southern Baptists in Puerto Rico, restated the assurance that civilians need feel no danger there. "We still feel this is the work of a group of terrorists, of criminals, whom the Puerto Rican authorities will soon apprehend," he said.

Richards said he felt when those responsible for the terrorism are caught, their acts "will be exposed as Communist inspired." All political parties in Puerto Rico have condemned the acts, he said, except the Socialists.

Three military "independentista" groups have claimed responsibility for the first attack, which Adams said was "more against the people of Puerto Rico than against the U.S. Navy or the United States." "It was a cowardly, vicious attack, well planned by a handful of radical maniacs and possibly supported by outside political influence," he said.

The tiny, loosely organized independentista groups advocate the use of violence to gain Puerto Rican independence from the U.S. They declared that the first Navy ambush was an act of revenge on behalf of several independentistas killed last year in a gun battle with Puerto Rican police.

Anti-American activity in Puerto Rico has increased since the return of four Puerto Rican radicals five months ago. The four were involved in attacks on President Harry Truman and the U.S. House of Representatives and had served about 20 years in U.S. prisons.

President Carter released the four against the wishes of the Puerto Rican governor, according to Richardson. The increase in anti-American rhetoric began soon after their return, he said.

Baptists in Puerto Rico feel that while civilians need have no fear, military personnel may continue to be the focus of anti-American activity.

Adams noted that while many of Puerto Rico's 3.4 million people view independence as a "natural" move for progress on the island, "far less than one percent" of the population favors violence as a way to achieve it (independence).

"The overwhelming majority of Puerto Ricans welcome Americans and an American presence here," he said.

Carlos Cortes, a Puerto Rican native and pastor of First Baptist Church in Aguadilla, the largest Spanish-speaking Southern Baptist congregation on the island, echoed

Adams, calling the terrorist attack "an isolated incident."

"Terrorism has never been a way of life in Puerto Rico," Cortes said. "It would be very unfair to blame all Puerto Rican independentistas for the ambush. I myself am for independence. It's natural to desire that, but most independentistas are not anti-American."

"An American is just as secure anywhere in Puerto Rico as he would be in any American city," he said.

Adams and Cortes added that Puerto Rico is "wide open" to the gospel and that evangelicals on the island welcome the help and support of American Christians.

Southern Baptists operate 28 churches and missions in Puerto Rico.

## Annuity Board votes increased benefits

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP)—Decision to issue a "13th check," approval of two percent good experience credit in certain "A" retirement plans, and two organizational changes highlight action taken by the Southern Baptist Annuity Board trustees here.

For the 13th time since beginning the practice in 1967, the Annuity Board will mail a 13th check (extra benefit) to annuitants who participate in plans that qualify for the additional payment.

The Annuity Board is the denominational agency which administers retirement and insurance programs for Southern Baptist ministers and church and institutional personnel.

This year's "bonus" 13th check amounts to 10 percent of an annuitant's total annual benefit, said Darold H. Morgan, board president. "The fact that we can send 10 percent extra to our annuitants indicates we performed well in investments during 1979," he said. "Our primary ministry is to provide the greatest benefits possible."

Besides the 13th check, which the board gives in years when investment performance permits, the trustees approved the application of two percent good experience credit (credit in excess of assumed earnings for the board's Plan A) to accrued benefits in plans A10, A11, and A25.

Application of the credit takes effect Jan. 1, 1980, if earnings for the rest of 1979 remain stable.

The organizational changes involve the development and operations divisions.

The trustees authorized the placement of the development division under the supervision of executive vice-president Pat McDaniel. "Moving the development division under the executive vice-president completes the organizational changes adopted by the trustees in 1970," Morgan said. "It will help improve coordination of all the work of the board."

Vice-president Harvey Kennedy will head the operations division, which McDaniel previously directed along with his work as executive vice-president. Kennedy has served as vice-president and director of management systems, an area in the operations division.

In other action, the trustees approved a \$4,468,100 operational budget for 1980 and authorized a five percent cost of living increase effective Nov. 1, for all personnel through the supervisory level.

The trustees were also told the board showed strong gains in investments. Through Sept. 30, the board reported total assets of \$646,325,992, an increase of \$76,591,521 since Jan. 1, 1979. The variable benefit fund reached a new high of \$2.34 per unit value.

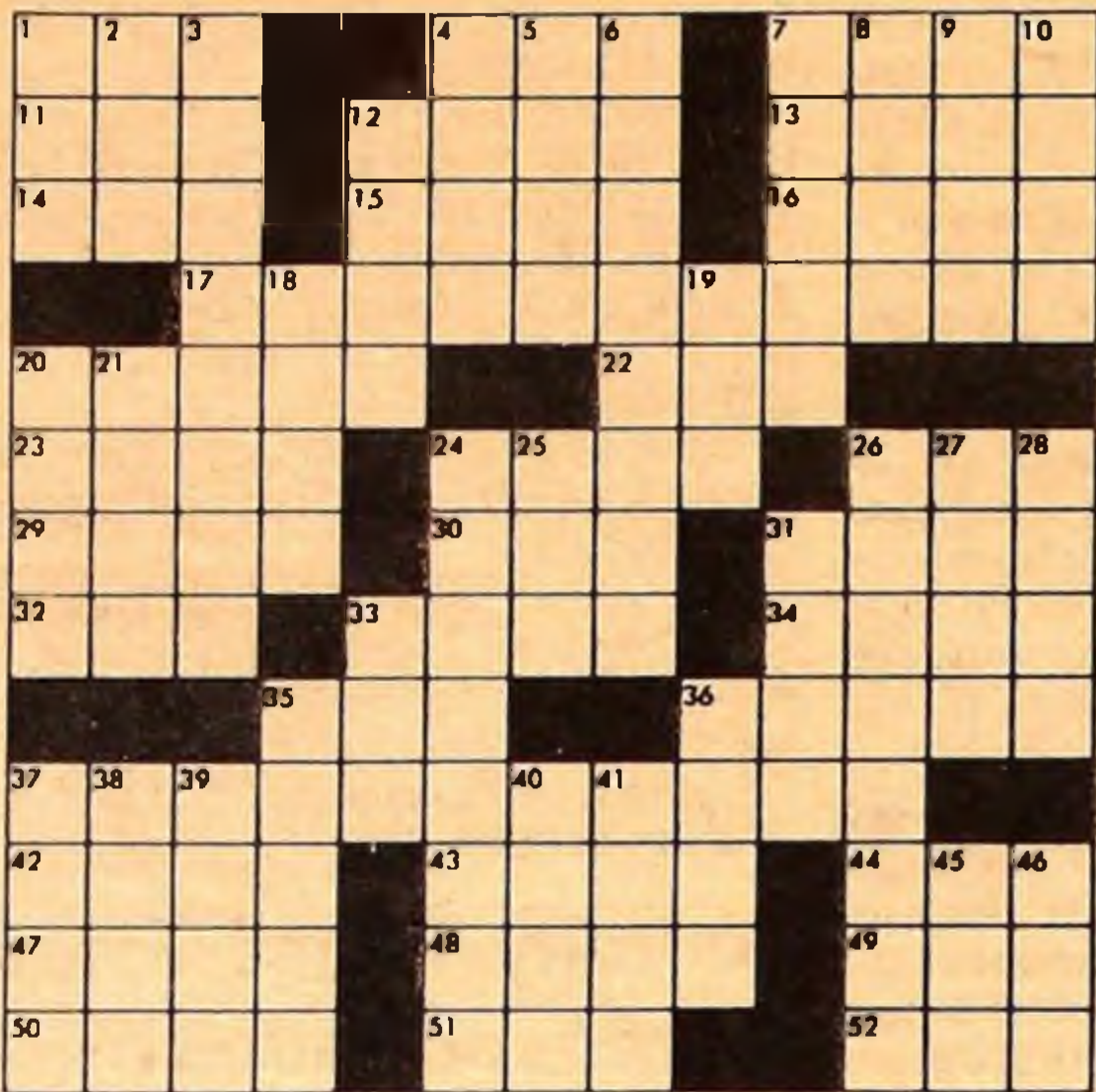
Morgan said the Annuity Board will seek bids from national insurance companies on the total insurance program the board administers. The board will use the Wyatt Company as consultant to help develop specifications for submission to insurance companies as part of the bidding process, he said.

## Bike aids mission effort

MAFEKING, Bophuthatswana—Southern Baptist missionaries in Bophuthatswana launched a bike bookstore project in November. A traveling salesman will ride the bike into townships surrounding Mmabatho to sell Bibles, New Testaments and Christian books. The missionaries plan to open a bookstore in Mmabatho in March, but the mobile branch will reach people who have no transportation into town. A Christian interested in spreading God's word donated the bicycle, said Jo (Mrs. Gary R.) Tallman, Southern Baptist missionary press representative for Bophuthatswana.

## Bible Puzzle

Answers on page 10



### ACROSS

- 1 Advertisements  
4 "I will destroy the —" (Ezek. 34)  
7 Toil  
11 Small taste  
12 "that — me evil" (Psa. 40)  
13 "— out the mote" (Luke 6)  
14 Through  
15 Arrow poison  
16 Man (2 Sam. 23:11)  
17 "into the —" (Acts 16)  
20 Stuffed  
22 "Ye did — well" (Gal. 5)  
23 India, and others  
24 Brief shower  
26 Candelnut

- 29 Animal (Luke 19:30)  
30 Twitch  
31 "God shall — the trumpet" (Zech. 9)  
32 Compass reading: abbr.  
33 "neither bond nor —" (Gal. 3)  
34 — California  
35 Extinct bird  
36 Pays  
37 "the — of the saints" (Col. 1)  
42 Highway  
43 Mountain pass  
44 "He is of —" (John 9)  
47 Church part  
48 Not his  
49 — Sea  
50 Deposits: abbr.

- 51 Golfer's mound  
52 Member of congress: abbr.

### DOWN

- 1 Snake  
2 "shall — in your sins" (John 8)  
3 "and — the blood" (Lev. 1)  
4 Very good  
5 Tribe (Luke 2:36)  
6 "part of —" (Acts 5)  
7 Country (Rom. 15:24)  
8 Carries  
9 Table spread  
10 Man's name  
12 "rebuked the —" (Luke 8)  
18 Cozy place  
19 Furrow  
20 In all of Egypt (Ex. 8:16)  
21 Party to: 2 words  
24 "the crooked shall be made —" (Luke 3)  
25 Dessert  
26 "wipe away —" (Rev. 7)  
27 Speck of dust  
28 Milkfish: pl.  
31 Judge's bench  
33 In favor of  
35 Biblical people (Isa. 13:17)  
36 Pests  
37 Enoch's son (Gen. 4:18)  
38 Negative reply: slang  
39 Fastener  
40 Biblical pronoun  
41 Swiss river  
45 Direction to a horse  
46 Edition: abbr.

### CRYPTOVERSE

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Today's Cryptoverse clue: Q equals T

## Pulpit To Pew

By Jim N. Griffith

A few days before Christmas a small girl, shivering on the streets of a large city, slipped inside a church to warm herself.

Hearing the minister say, "Jesus is the light of the world," she approached him after the service and asked if what he said were true.

"Why, yes," the minister said.

"Then," said she, "I wish He would come down to our alley—'cause it's awfully dark down there."

And no matter what the circumstances of life may be, the light of faith can shine in our hearts.

This is the good news and good cheer of Christmas: The greatest event in human history was not when man walked on the moon, but when God's Son came down to walk with us on earth.

## Interpretation

### The Lord's return

By Hershel H. Hobbs

*"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God"...*  
1 Thessalonians 4:16

Some of the believing loved ones of the Thessalonians had died since Paul was there. They were troubled lest at the lord's return they be taken to heaven, leaving their dead loved ones behind. Paul assures them that they should not sorrow without hope as did pagans who had no hope of life after death (v. 13).

He assumes that they believe that Jesus died and rose again. On that basis rests their assurance concerning dead loved ones (v. 14). The word for "sleep" is the one whence comes "cemetery." It does not teach soul sleeping in an unconscious state until the resurrection. It was a term commonly used for death (John 11:13-14). So their bodies lie in the cemetery. However, when Jesus returns, they "will God bring with Him." This means that the real persons they loved are with Him now.

On the basis of what Jesus had taught, Paul says that those alive at His return "shall not prevent them which are asleep" or lie in the cemetery (v. 15). "Prevent" means "go before" ("precede," RSV). They will not go before and leave behind their loved ones in the cemetery.

"Will descend from heaven" is climactic, coming at the end of the sentence (v. 16). "Shout" means a cry of command, a military word. Moffatt sees this as a command mustering the saints. "Voice of an archangel" reads, literally, "an archangel's call" or voice. Michael is the only archangel mentioned by name in the New Testament (Jude 9). On the basis of Jewish belief Moffatt sees this archangel as Michael mustering the saints and sounding God's trumpet to herald God's approaching judgment. Paul is using eschatological language to show the power and glory of the Lord's return. The fact that shout, voice, and trump are each preceded by en (in) shows that they will come in sequence.

"The dead in Christ shall rise first." The use of "first" does not relate to the resurrection of the saved, to be followed later by a resurrection of the unsaved. In John 5:28-29 Jesus mentions the resurrection of both the saved and unsaved as one event. He is thinking of the resurrection of the dead loved ones in Thessalonica being raised before the living Christians are caught up to meet the Lord (v. 17).

After the loved ones who return with the Lord are raised in their resurrection bodies, those who are alive at that time will experience a change from mortal bodies to immortal ones (1 Cor. 15:50-57). Then they "together with them (the raised loved ones)"

will be "caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord" (v. 17, author's italics).

"Wherefore comfort one another with these words" (v. 18). They comforted them then, even as they do us today.

### Devotional

## The giving spirit

By Gary Gardner

As we get older, Christmas loses the thrill it had for us in childhood. It seems to come around faster than it did when we waited through a long, long year for a euphoria that manifested itself in the dazzling sight of the gifts, and the beautifully decorated Christmas tree.

Although we cannot recapture the childhood thrill, the holiday ought to remind us of infinitely better things.

One aspect of Christmas that is sometimes overlooked is the fact of God coming to us in a manger.

We should not be so caught up in the material commercialism of Christmas that Jesus has no part in our joy. Let us rejoice in the good news that is spoken of in the golden pages of the Bible. "Behold, a virgin shall be with Child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us" (Matt. 1:23).

Isaiah 9:6 says "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son if given." Christ was born of Mary, as any other child is born of a human mother; but He was God's Son, conceived by the Holy Ghost and given "that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

We can approach Christmas with a critical attitude, arguing that we don't know the real date, bemoaning the commercialism of the season and wishing that December was past. But, it would be far more productive to be thankful that we live in a free country where carols are heard everywhere. Let us use our minds and reflect on God's great gift—the Child born, the Son given.

The whole of Jesus' earthly life was that of a continuous giving of Himself. He gave us His heavenly glory (Phil. 2:7,8). As the Good Shepherd, He came to give His life for the sheep (John 10:10). He freely gives salvation to all who will receive Him (John 1:12). He gives His peace and joy (John 14:27, John 15:11).

So, if our earthly joys are to be manifested this season may we call our minds in remembrance of God's great gift to us that this may gladden our hearts anew, and constrain us to rededicate our lives and give again ourselves afresh and anew to our blessed Saviour, Jesus Christ.

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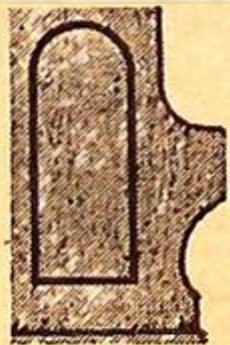
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# 73-year-old Baptist beats inflation with daily grocery bill of 35 cents

By Bob Hastings

DUPO, Ill. (BP)—President Carter and his economic advisors keep telling the American people to practice austerity to keep down inflation. They need to talk to Irene Prall, 73, a member of the First Baptist Church in Dupou, Ill.

She's been waging her own war on poverty since 1937—and winning! Would you believe her average grocery bill is less than 35 cents a day?

"I practically live out of my garden," she says. "It's about 40 x 40, but I use every inch of space, then can and freeze as much as possible. The other day, I picked a water bucket of butterbeans and had enough extra to share with five neighbors."

"Much of my garden space I use twice—where I planted potatoes earlier this spring, I came along and planted corn the same day I dug the potatoes," she explained. "Oh, I buy my sugar, coffee, flour, canned milk, shortening, and the like, but no prepared foods, pastries, soft drinks—nothing in a package!"

"I don't have any wet garbage, for I eat up what I cook. But I do put all my peelings, leaves, clippings, and the like back on my garden. I don't use commercial fertilizer, but a few years ago a farmer gave me lots of horse manure. I brought it home in baskets and tubs in the back of my car and spread it myself."

Mrs. Prall's husband died in 1938, leaving her with two girls and a small insurance policy. "I crossed the river into St. Louis and found two jobs. I never took welfare—didn't want to. And we made it. Each day I worked in the men's alteration shop at Famous-Barr until 5:30, then walked up the street to the J.D. Carson Furniture Company, where I began work in their credit office at 5:45. Ate supper at my desk. Then caught a bus back to Dupou, which got me home about 11:00 p.m."

Mrs. Prall's pastor, William T. Evitts, says, "Irene can do anything." When fellow church members redecorated their auditorium, she was there with her paintbrush. She changes the oil and rotates the tires of her 1974 Gremlin, which she paid cash for, and rations herself to one tank of gas every two months.

When Mrs. Prall bought a small home in 1969, she completely redid it.

"I tore out the walls and floor, rewired the whole house, hauled sheetrock home in a trailer, made the house into a duplex so I could have some income, and laid the carpet."

Mrs. Prall can also do simple plumbing. She built her own garage, even laying the block. "What I know I learned by watching other workmen," she said. "If you want to, you can. My wants are simple. I never learned to want much, so I don't need much."

But I have what I need."

"What I really enjoy is travel," she said, her eyes lighting up. "I've been to Hawaii twice, vacationed in Europe, and plan to visit Israel as soon as I can get around to it." And she's a tither, giving 10 percent of her income through her church.

Does Irene Prall enjoy life? Pastor Evitts said, "She's the happiest woman I know in Dupou." The laughter in her eyes also tells you that she is. And her little notebook will tell you what she spends at the grocery store—and sure enough, it's about 35 cents a day, a little less than \$10 a month.

## Hitchhiker leads missionary to tribe

COTABATO CITY, Philippines (BP)—More than 50 Manobos, in Southern Mindanao, including the tribal chieftan, were baptized during an evangelistic meeting which followed months of initial work by C. Thurman Braughton.

It all started when Braughton, an Oklahoma native, stopped to pick up a Filipino soldier who was hitchhiking on the road to Cotabato City in Mindanao.

The soldier asked the Southern Baptist missionary why he was in that section of the Philippines, which had been the site of fighting between guerrillas and government forces.

"I've come to share Christ's love with others," Braughton answered.

"I know just the people who need this love," the soldier responded. He offered to take Braughton to a village of Manobos who had never heard the gospel and to introduce him to the chieftan.

The 1,500 Manobos living in the Gawasan Valley have traditionally worshipped spirits they believe are intermediaries to the god Koranan, according to Southern Baptist missionary John L. Brackin. They believe spirits over water, forest animals, and the harvest can help them gain favor with Koranan. To get blessings they place rice, tobacco, and herbs in a white handkerchief and sacrifice it.

But after Braughton told them about Jesus, some of them said, "We went through our intercessors and spirits because we did not know there was a direct way to know God. Now we no longer need our spirits, only Jesus."

After six initial visits over a period of months, Braughton returned to the village with three other Southern Baptist missionaries and seven Filipino Christians.

In three days they held four services and numerous seminars. Missionary Calvin L. Fox showed them basic farming techniques. Karen Hopper taught new believers' classes and Baptist Bookstore Manager Charles E. Hawkins surveyed the literature and Bible needs.

Hawkins and his wife, Bette Ann, are both graduates of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. They lived in Nashville and Dickson prior to appointment, when he was a hospital administrator and she was a microbiologist.

During the three days of services in the village, Filipinos preached, led Bible studies, and gave testimonies. Between 200 and 300 people attended and 56 people were baptized.

## First converts baptized

TUGUEGARAO CITY, Philippines—Southern Baptist missionary Phillip J. Brewster has baptized his first group of new Christians since he started work in a new area about a year ago. The missionary from Missouri baptized six children and 25 adults in Tuguegarao City in the most northeastern province of the Philippines. The new believers have invited a Filipino Baptist missionary to lead a week of evangelistic meetings. These Ilocano people had been considered strongly resistant to evangelical witness.



**WHO NEEDS GROCERIES**—Irene Prall, 73-year-old Baptist, spends only 35 cents a day for groceries. Her 40-by-40 foot garden provides most of her needs.

## FMB relief appropriations top \$3-million mark for 1979

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — Continuing to respond to the needs of Cambodian refugees, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board appropriated another \$40,000 in December to assist missionaries working with the Cambodians flooding into Thailand.

This allocation, along with more than \$130,000 voted for other projects, brought the year's total relief appropriations to a record \$3,039,293.

But an event much closer to home captured most of the attention at the December session. Meeting in the chapel that bears his name, the board and staff said their farewells to Baker James Cauthen, who will retire Dec. 31 after 26 years as the board's executive leader.

Calling his wife Eloise to his side, Cauthen expressed appreciation for the board members and for the Southern Baptists they represent. He said he plans to spend the first months of retirement "preaching all up and down the country" before going to California to teach next year at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley.

But the Cauthens will maintain their residence in Richmond, he said, and will return there after the year at Golden Gate. Then, with a twinkle in his eye, he added: "Eloise says to tell you that we already have our cemetery lots here."

He turned to R. Keith Parks, executive director-elect: "Keith, three weeks from today, you'll have a load on you. Eloise and I will be praying for you."

Board President John W. Patterson of Richmond presented the Cauthens three bound volumes of letters. "These represent people all over who are saying we love you," he said.

In business actions, the board approved the \$40,000 to provide a milk tanker and a two-ton truck for hauling milk and other food supplies to the refugee camps in Thailand.

Cauthen emphasized that the \$500,000 voted in November and this latest appropriation do not represent the maximum amount which the board is prepared to designate for this refugee work.

Both he and John R. Cheyne, associate consultant for relief ministries, stressed that the board stands ready to expand its assistance as missionaries and volunteers are able to utilize additional funds and as funds from Southern Baptists are made available.

Through November of this year, Southern Baptists have given the Foreign Mission Board more than \$2.5-million for hunger and relief work around the world, a major increase over the \$1.7-million given in all of 1978.

Cheyne said the board has been "inundated by calls from people wanting to know what they can do to help in the Cambodian relief." The emphasis on Cambodia, while coming at the same time as the annual Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions, has not detracted from strong interest being shown in meeting this year's \$40.5-million Lottie Moon goal.

William R. O'Brien, secretary of the board's denominational coordination department, reported that 12,640 calls had been received by Dec. 11 through the Foreign Missions Hotline, an incoming WATS line installed to share information with Southern Baptists about their worldwide missions outreach.

## English ministry begun

DAKAR, Senegal—Mr. and Mrs. Edwin R. Segars, formerly Southern Baptist missionary associates in Thailand, have answered an eight-year-old call for someone to come to Dakar to minister to the 3,000 plus English-speaking people in the city. They will work through the Liberte Center, one of four Baptist centers started in the last five years. Their first prayer meeting drew 10 and their first Sunday morning worship service, 29.



**STUDENT DAY AT CHRISTMAS**—Bill Sherman, pastor of Nashville's Woodmont Baptist Church, welcomes students back home. Churches throughout the convention will celebrate Student Day at Christmas this year, welcoming students back home and acquainting the home church with the college religious life of its students.



**NEW LANGUAGE UNIT**—Tito Fafasuli (left), editor of the Sunday School Board's adult Sunday School materials in Spanish; Jerry Terrell, assistant, and Robert G. Fulbright, director, both of the board's Bible teaching division, discuss plans for the new language unit.

## BSSB announces new language unit

NASHVILLE (BP)—A new unit to produce language materials for use in churches will be activated Jan. 1, 1980, at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Robert G. Fulbright, director of the Bible teaching division where the new unit will be housed, told state program leaders meeting here that "any new non-English materials produced by a board component will be produced in this special language unit."

El Interprete and El Interprete: Maestro, adult Sunday School periodicals in Spanish, will be transferred from the Sunday School department to the new unit, along with the editor, Tito Fafasuli. La Fe Bautista, a church training periodical, will continue to be produced by the church training department.

The unit will initially produce only Spanish language materials but future plans call for development of products in other languages, according to Jerry Terrell, assistant in the Bi-

ble teaching division.

In addition to Fafasuli, the unit will include a supervisor, general field service consultant, manuscript assistant and a clerk typist.

"These people will be bilingual with multi-ethnic experience in church, associational or state work," Terrell said.

Creation of the language unit represents "another step in the board's commitment to meeting the needs Southern Baptist churches have for language materials," said Terrell.

### New FMB chief executive to be installed Jan. 7

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—An installation service for R. Keith Parks, executive director-elect of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, will be held Jan. 7 at board headquarters in Richmond.

Parks, who has served as the board's mission support division director since 1975, will replace Baker J. Cauthen, who will retire Dec. 31.

Cauthen, in the main address, will offer a challenge to Southern Baptists for their future in foreign missions. Parks will respond to that challenge, giving some directions he hopes Southern Baptist foreign missions work will take.

Others participating in the installation include Carolyn Weatherford, executive director, Woman's Missionary Union; Harold C. Bennett, executive secretary-treasurer, Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee; Grady C. Cothen, president, Baptist Sunday School Board; James H. Smith, executive director-treasurer, Brotherhood Commission; and John W. Patterson, president, Foreign Mission Board.

## UNIFORM SERIES

Lesson for Sunday, December 23

# The incarnate Word among us

By Hyran E. Barefoot  
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Basic Passage: John 1:1-5, 9-18; 20:30-31; 21:24-25

Focal Passage: John 1:1-5, 9-14

The well-known Christmas story is found in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Both of these writers approach the account of Christ through the birth narratives which deal with the events immediately preceding the birth of Christ and culminating in His birth at Bethlehem. This is suited to the purpose which they had in the presentation of Christ in their gospel accounts.

John, on the contrary, began his gospel account in an entirely different manner. This is, no doubt, related to the distinctive purpose which he had in mind in the presentation of Jesus (20:31) and to the selective manner in which he went about that presentation (20:30; 21:25). John's purpose was to interpret the meaning and significance of Christ. To do that, he had to begin from a different perspective, placing Jesus in the context of His eternal significance. Therefore, John took a step behind the birth of Christ, even beyond history itself, in order to present Christ in the only perspective in which one should interpret Him—in the light of eternity.

### The Significance of the Word 1:1-5

John began his gospel with words which deliberately recalled Gen. 1:1. In effect, he began a new Genesis story—this one is to be about Him who is the true revealer of God. In his Gospel John used a number of key words—life, light, sign, etc. One of those key words in the interpretation of the significance of Christ is the word Logos. Logos is the Greek word which is translated "word." The idea or concept inherent in Logos had a rich background, meaningful to both Jew and Greek. Logos meant "rational utterance" and referred to the overt expression, "word," or to the content of the expression, "idea." It represents communication from one rational being to another.

To the Jew the Word of God meant first the creative power of God in action. In the Genesis creation story, God created by means of His word alone—"God said, let there be light and there was light." The Jew would see in the Word of God, God showing Himself in power, wisdom, and love.

To the Greek, especially if he had read the Stoic philosophies, it meant the rational principle permeating the universe, the idea of law inherent in the universe as a ruling principle.

For both Jew and Greek, Logos was just the

term that John wanted to begin his interpretation of Christ, for it meant the ruling fact of the universe and that fact as the self-expression of God.

Having chosen this term as the medium of the beginning of his presentation of Christ, John made a number of assertions about the Word:

1. The eternality of the Word (vs. 1 and 2). John clearly presents the pre-existence of Christ as the Word of God. To understand Christ one must go behind His birth to the beginning itself. One translation puts it, "When all things began, the Word already was."

2. The relationship of the Word to God (vs. 1 and 2). The Word was "face to face" with God or "in the company" of God. What John is probably expressing is the distinction between the Word and God, the personality of the Word.

3. The divinity of the Word (vs. 1). John was probably not intending to say that the Word was God but rather that the Word was divine, of the same nature and essence as God. The NEB translates this properly, "what God was, the Word was."

4. The Word was related to creation (vs. 3). The Word is the agent or medium or instrument of creation. The Word is the source of all that exists, and nothing exists apart from the Word. This is stated in Jewish fashion both positively and negatively.

5. The Word as both life and light (vs. 4-5). The Word is the source of life as well as the agent of creation. The Word not only creates but contributes life to that creation. The life given to creation takes the form of illumination, the possibility of seeing and understanding spiritually (John 8:12). But men who have given life and light have failed to discern the light and, therefore, darkness abounds. But this darkness did not understand (comprehend) or did not overcome the light. Either idea or both are possible from the translation.

### The Word and the World 1:9-14

1. The Word is the true light (vs. 9). Verse 9 must be seen against the backdrop of vss. 6-8 which deal with John the Baptist. John's task was to bear witness to the light. That true light was now entering the world to make clear to every individual the meaning and purpose of His life (cf. John 8:12).

2. The Word unrecognized by the world (v. 10). The Word was the agent of creation, and the creation lived in Him; but when He lived in the world, the world did not know Him.

3. The Word rejected (vs. 11). He should have been welcomed and received by His own people, i.e. Israel, but instead of this the Word was rejected. The Christmas story of Matthew and Luke bear witness to this truth.

4. The Word received (vs. 12-13). The proper response to the Word is pinpointed in the word received, and those who believe are further identified as those who believe in His name. He responds to them by giving them the privilege of becoming sons of God. Believers become the children of God not in the ordinary way of human procreation but through a new creation by the creative power and will of God.

5. The Word becomes a man in the world (vs. 14). Verse 14 is the crowning statement: the Word became flesh, a real man. The Word as man lived temporarily among us, "pitched His tent among us." Three truths are enunciated about the Word become flesh: (1) He bears the glory of God, i.e. the visible brightness of the divine presence. (2) He is the only Son of the Father; therefore, He is unique and no one else is like Him. (3) He is full of grace and truth, i.e. He is the embodiment of those qualities of merciful love and steadfast faithfulness, which are the central elements in the Old Testament understanding of God.



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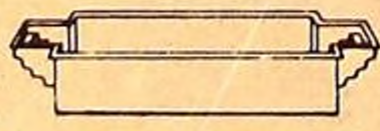
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## LIFE AND WORK SERIES

Sunday School lesson for December 23

# The fulness of time

By George Lewis McGlothlin, pastor  
First Baptist Church, Huntland

Basic Passages: Galatians 4:4-5; Matthew 1:18-25

Focal Passages: Galatians 4:4-5; Matthew 1:18-25

An architect was once under cross examination. "Are you a builder?" "No," replied the man, "I am an architect."

The lawyer responded, "They are the same."

"No," answered the architect. "An architect conceives the plan; the builder is merely the carpenter."

"Perhaps," said the lawyer, "you can inform the court who was the architect of the Tower of Babel?"

The architect said, "There was no architect, sir, and hence the confusion."



McGlothlin

There was no confusion in God's plan for the birth, timing, and mission of Jesus. Let us go to the blueprint (God's Word) of the Great Architect to see how that plan was carried out.

## How did Jesus the Saviour come?

Jesus came by the miraculous birth. According to the Apostle Matthew, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and announced the coming Messiah. Matthew 1:23 quotes the Isaiah 7:14 description of how Jesus would come. "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is God with us." Earlier in the first chapter of Matthew, the angel of the Lord informed Joseph, "That which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost."

Church history contains some interesting events concerning the virgin birth. For example, the only early Christian sect to deny the virgin birth was the Jewish Ebionites. The Apostle John opposed Cerinthus. What was one of the reasons? His denial of the virgin birth. In 1892, a controversy took place when a pastor named Schrempf refused to use the Apostle's Creed in baptism because of his disbelief in the virgin birth. When he was removed, the controversy grew.

In 1895 at the Niagara Bible Conference, a group of Christians adopted five basic doctrines which they called the fundamentals of the faith. One of these was belief in the virgin birth of Christ.

In the 1920's, during the Fundamentalist-Modernist controversy, Professor James Orr wrote concerning the virgin birth of Christ. He said that one who rejected the virgin birth would either "have a low view of Christ's person, or reject his supernatural claims."

We should believe in the virgin birth of Christ for at least three reasons—the angel of the Lord, Joseph, and Matthew's account.

A little boy in Central Africa had learned to read the New Testament in a mission school. Some time later, a Catholic priest persuaded him to be baptized into the Catholic church. They gave him a medal to wear with a picture of the Virgin Mary. "It will be easier for you to pray when you look at that," they told him, "and the mother of Jesus will pray to her Son for you." Tim passed. One day the boy returned to the mission school to re-enroll. When asked why he came back, the boy said, "I read in the gospels that Mary lost Jesus when she was on a journey; so I thought, if she forgot her own little boy, she will surely forget me: so I am going to pray straight to Jesus."

Let us hold to the virgin birth of Christ because it is true. However, let us not get bogged down there. Let's look straight to Jesus!

## When did Jesus the Saviour come?

He came at the right time. Paul tells the Galatians that Jesus was born "when the fulness of time was come" (Galatians 4:4). Ernest White, in the Adult Life and Work Lesson Annual, gives some excellent reasons

why this was the perfect time for Jesus' coming.

"Religiously, it was the fulness of time because Judaism had firmly established the understanding of monotheism. Culturally, Alexander the Great had spread the Greek language over most of the civilized world three centuries earlier. It was then established as the international language by which the gospel could be communicated. Governmentally, the Romans furnished a system of law which made it possible for the gospel to grow in relative stability. Logistically, the system of Roman roads made travel by missionaries very possible. Indeed it was the fulness of time for a Saviour."

## Why did Jesus the Saviour come?

According to the Apostle Paul, the reason for Jesus' coming was "to redeem" (Galatians 4:5). The Greek word used here for redeem is *exagorazo*. It means to buy out of the marketplace. *Exagorazo* was used by Diodorus Siculus in the first century B.C. to apply to the "redeeming" of slaves. The early Christians saw themselves as slaves to the Lord. For example, the New Testament writers—Paul (Romans 1:1), James (James 1:1), Simon Peter (II Peter 1:1), and Jude (Jude 1)—saw themselves as *doulos*, servants or slaves of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Richard Coeur de Leon, captured by his treacherous enemy in Europe as he returned from a Crusade in the Holy Land, was thrown into prison. A colossal ransom was demanded for his redemption. The people of England submitted to heavy taxation and paid willingly, and many rich nobles contributed large sums, that their king might be set free. Hence the term—"a king's ransom."

Our King, Jesus Christ, paid our ransom by His blood. It is not something the believer ought to cry about, but rather something we should sing about. Revelation 5:9 says, "And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation."

Jesus came in the fulness of time. However, this is the right time to sing and shout about our Saviour who redeemed us with His Blood!

## Woman plans party for refugee children

DENVER (BP)—About 120 Asian children will celebrate Christmas with friends from around the world at University Hills Baptist Church in Denver.

It will be the first Christmas in America for about 90 percent of the children, who belong to refugee families from Laos, Vietnam, and Kampuchea. Some Korean children are also involved.

Peggy Glascock, a member of University Hills, organized the party and is utilizing the voluntary services of her church mission groups and teachers at Goldrick Elementary School where the children attend. Mrs. Glascock teaches conversational English classes there and the school's assistant principal, Lee Atherton, has encouraged the teachers to bring clothes for the children.

Mrs. Glascock has worked with refugees since her church sponsored a Vietnamese family about six years ago. She likes all the attention now being given by media to refugee needs and ministries, but says, "I wish people would do something about it; do more than talk."



**BAPTIST CHRISTMAS SPECIAL**—"A Joyful Sound," music regulars on "At Home with the Bible," includes (left to right) Lois and Ken Holland, Fes Robertson, Sandra Bradley and Mark Blankenship.

## 'At Home with the Bible' program explores the meaning of Christmas

NASHVILLE—The Biblical account of the birth of Christ is the focus of the Christmas edition of "At Home with the Bible," a weekly radio and television program produced by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board and the Radio and Television Commission.

Scheduled to air Sunday, Dec. 23, in most areas, the program features host and Bible teacher Frank Pollard and "A Joyful Sound," the music group which appears each week.

## New African station airs Baptist program

MAFEKING, Bophuthatswana (NP)—Baptists are planning to air 15-minute broadcasts on Radio Bophuthatswana, the independent homeland's first station.

Less than a year old, the station broadcasts to the Tswana people around Mmabatho, capital of the independent homeland within South Africa's borders. Although few homes have electricity, most have battery-operated radios on which they listen to South African stations as well as their own, according to Southern Baptist Missionary Gary R. Tallman.

Frank J. Baker, Southern Baptist missionary in Zambia, will develop and produce the programs in English. Later the mission plans to have a national pastor broadcast in Tswana, the national language.

"The possible impact is tremendous and only time will tell what the Lord has in store for this ministry," said Tallman. Each program will end by giving an address for people to write with questions and comments.

Pollard, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss., uses a brightly wrapped Christmas package "to remind us that the greatest gift of all comes from God...and it's for all of us."

"Of course, it's something you can't stick in a box and wrap with tissue paper. It's the gift of God's son...Jesus Christ."

In addition to traditional Christmas carols, other musical selections are taken from *Celebrate Life*, a musical drama by Beryl Red and Ragan Courtney.

At the conclusion of the program, Pollard encourages persons to consider the meaning Christ's birth can have in their lives.

## Baylor University gets Mellon Foundation grant

WACO, Texas (BP)—Baylor University has received a grant of \$325,000 from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation of New York to expand the school's faculty development program.

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# Ministry in Manhattan runs on coffee cups

By Mike Livingston

NEW YORK (BP)—Elmer Sizemore probably gets more out of coffee than Maxwell House, Mrs. Olsen, and Joe DiMaggio put together.

Sizemore is pastor of Manhattan International Baptist Church in New York, a city where personal contact with strangers is usually confined to rubbing elbows with someone when the subway lurches.

With commerce and survival being the chief concerns of many who work and live in Manhattan, starting a church or simply meeting people there is different from anywhere else.

So Sizemore's first big task was to decide how he could best meet people in such a competitive atmosphere. The plan he devised is working.

"I must drink 15 to 20 cups of coffee a day," says the Southern Baptist home missionary. "I drink it in restaurants, in coffee shops, in corporate buildings on Wall Street and in a variety of places. And every time I have coffee, I'm with someone. If I have 20 cups that's at least 20 people I talk to and witness to."

The unusual approach to ministry has helped him become a part of the scene in Manhattan. "I'm recognized by many people on Wall Street, around the upper East side, in midtown, and in the New York University area," Sizemore says. "Those are the four areas where I have tried very hard to get to know people. Restaurants just seem to be a good place to do that."

Through his approach, Sizemore has been able to start a church and two Bible fellowships—one on Wall Street and one at New York University.

All three are active and vital. "If you make yourself available in those areas every week for a prayer and visitation there will always be others who will come up on the scene in need of ministering," he says. "The Lord just

seems to put people in the place where they are the most effective."

His day usually begins, Sizemore jokes, when he gets to "the office," a Greek restaurant owned by the John Phillips family.

After a couple of cups, depending on the day of the week, it may be time to take the subway over to New York University where Haruko Nawata, a Japanese student working on her master's degree, is helping him recruit other students to the Bible fellowship held there.

That fellowship, like the one on Wall Street, is not structured like a home Bible study. The session is deliberately unstructured in order to be able to deal with the problem of the day.

From NYU Sizemore might reboard the subway en route across town to a coffee shop where he has told a man he will meet him to talk over a problem the man has been having at work.

When he comes up from the subway to street level, a storekeeper waves through the window of a small shop as Sizemore stands squinting, waiting for his eyes to adjust to the bright sun.

As he threads his way through the push of rush hour traffic, a smile is fixed on his face. It's obvious that Sizemore is thrilled to be in Manhattan.

"Here in Manhattan, I suppose you could say that one must learn to live on the streets. He must learn to live in the corporate buildings, and in the restaurants, and in banks, wherever people are.

"And then, too, everybody is always going to bring his own uniqueness to whatever job he does," says Sizemore.

"Like me, I've got a real taste for coffee."



REACHING NEW YORKERS—Elmer Sizemore, a home missionary in Manhattan, walks with Haruko Nawata through Washington Square near New York University where the Japanese student is working with Sizemore in starting a Bible fellowship.

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### 50 YEARS AGO

All officers of the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention were re-elected during its annual meeting. They were L.S. Ewton, president; P.W. James, vice president; Mrs. N.B. Fetzner, recording secretary, and O.E. Bryan, executive secretary. The entire afternoon was spent in discussing the removal of headquarters to Murfreesboro. The recommendation to move to Murfreesboro was voted down by a small majority.

### 25 YEARS AGO

John Huffman resigned as pastor of First Baptist Church, Gallatin, to accept the call of First Baptist Church, Mayfield, Ky.

Forest Hill Baptist Church located between Collierville and Memphis purchased two acres of land for further expansion and parking. Mark W. Fairless was pastor.

### 10 YEARS AGO

Skyline Heights Baptist Church, Holston association, dedicated its new 350-seat sanctuary. R.M. Cassity was pastor.

Joe F. Peek was the new pastor of East Brainerd Baptist Church, Chattanooga.

## Kennedy campaigns in Baptist church

WASHINGTON (BP)—U.S. Sen. Edward M. Kennedy took his presidential campaign to a black Baptist church here and received the endorsement of several prominent pastors of black churches.

In an obvious effort to cut into President Carter's popularity with the black community, Kennedy criticized his rival for the Democratic presidential nomination without mentioning his name. "Too often in the past, those who were white came to our black sisters and brothers with their idea of what was best for you," he said.

He declared that instead, "We must hear your wisdom and heed your will. We must not only ask for your votes in an election year; we must ask for your views on every issue, every year."

Kennedy's visit to the historic Shiloh Baptist Church, located in one of Washington's poorest neighborhoods, came at the invitation of the church's pastor, Henry C. Gregory III, and other area pastors eager to endorse the Massachusetts senator.

The occasion took on the air of a normal Sunday worship service, with the choir singing both before and after Kennedy's address to a packed house. At least three members of the D.C. City Council were also present to lend their support.

Kennedy repeated his support of a measure now pending in Congress to make the birthday of the late Martin Luther King Jr. a national holiday and for final passage of the embattled Equal Rights Amendment.

He also called for new battles against poverty and unemployment as they afflict blacks and for full voting rights for D.C. residents. He declared his support for strengthening the nation's black colleges.