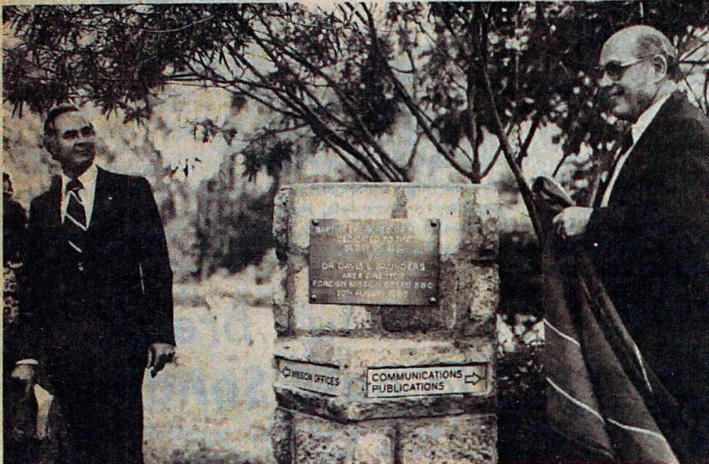


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UNVEILING — Davis Saunders, director of Eastern and Southern Africa for the Foreign Mission Board, unveiled a commemorative plaque at the dedication of a 19-acre plot just outside Nairobi, Kenya. The Baptist Convention of Kenya and a Bible correspondence school are operating out of buildings already on the site. Zeb Moss, radio-TV representative for Africa, looks on.

Baptists join hands to aid Italian earthquake victims

NAPLES, Italy (BP) — Italian and Austrian Baptists are joining Southern Baptist missionaries in these two countries in rushing aid to earthquake victims in Italy.

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has sent \$15,000 in disaster relief funds to be administered by missionaries and Italian Baptists.

Missionaries in Austria and Austrian Baptists have collected clothing and other supplies and expect to spend two to three days assisting in the earthquake area east of Naples.

The Italian government has said that only those groups it specifically authorizes will be allowed in the devastated areas. John A. McTyre, a Southern Baptist missionary journeyman in Austria, has gone to Rome to secure permission for his group.

Also, in Rome, Missionary Stanley Crabb has a load of supplies ready to go as soon as he receives permission.

The Baptist Union of Italy joined other member bodies of the Evangelical Federation to distribute foodstuff and clothing, European Baptist Press reported.

Congregations in Naples and Pozzuoli collected food and materials, and churches at Altamura and Gravina equipped their buildings as collection centers for those areas.

Radio Tre-Vi, the Baptist Broadcast agency in Rome, announced its facilities would serve as a collection center. Southern Baptist Missionary Marylu Moore of Gravina said Baptist church buildings at Tricarico and Miglionico were structurally damaged in the quake.

Piero Bensi, president of the Baptist Union and Evangelical Federation, said the vice-president and the treasurer of the Evangelical Federation had gone to the Naples area to

determine what further steps could be taken to alleviate suffering. Relief funds and supplies from fellow Baptists "would be most welcome," he said.

Five students from the Naples area who are enrolled at the Baptist Seminary of Ruschlikon, Switzerland, left Monday to join with other Christian believers in relief efforts, according to John Wilkes, director of European Baptist Press.

They reported a panorama of suffering, with people — afraid to re-enter their homes — living in city squares. Even those in homes were experiencing aftershocks as they kept a constant eye on hanging lamps and, at the slightest movement, rushed into the streets where they could only stand and weep helplessly.

The quake, which measured 6.8 on the Richter scale, jolted an area in southern Italy with a population of approximately 7-million Nov. 23. It is being called Italy's worst earthquake in 50 years. Early estimates indicated the dead may exceed 4,000.

In Upper Volta

Missionary reports on coup

RICHMOND, Va. — Southern Baptist mission personnel in Upper Volta are safe following a military coup which overthrew the country's president Aboubakar Sangoule Lamizana, Nov. 25.

In a call to the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board the morning after the coup, Missionary Ray Eitelman reported that all mission personnel were in Ouagadougou and that activity in the streets appeared normal. There is a dusk-to-dawn curfew, and the airport is closed.

Besides Eitelman and his wife, Patsy, both Texans, other personnel in Upper Volta are Missionaries Al and Karen Hodges of Texas and Arkansas, respectively, Missionary Nancy Strickland of Georgia, and volunteer Bertie Mae Garrett of Georgia.

Baptists minister following Las Vegas towering inferno

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (BP) — Flames and smoke which ransacked the MGM Grand Hotel Nov. 21 left 84 persons dead and more than 500 others injured. But from the time the blaze was first discovered, Southern Baptists were on hand to minister and help.

Probably the first Baptist to step forward was bell captain Steve Cardon, a layman and member of The Church on the Strip. Observers said Cardon repeatedly ignored risks to himself so he could tell hotel guests about the blaze and lead them to safety.

While Cardon was doing his job, other Baptists arrived at the hotel to do theirs. "At least two, possibly three or more" Southern Baptist firemen fought the blaze and helped rescue stranded hotel guests, Las Vegas ministers reported.

One of those ministers, Michael Hogue, associate pastor of The Church on the Strip, showed up in the early moments of the disaster. He helped victims get on buses bound for two Red Cross rescue centers. Later, he went to the centers to comfort the injured and the grieving. Then he worked at the morgue, aiding stricken people who came to identify the bodies of friends and relatives.

Evangelist Billy Graham, a Southern Baptist, was in Las Vegas for a five-day crusade. Learning of the fire, Graham went to the convention center where people were moved from the burning hotel.

"I talked to them and prayed with them," Graham said. "One man broke into tears and said, 'I was in the crusade service last night and I should have gone forward to receive Christ and I didn't. Can I do it right now?' I held his hand and prayed with him as he asked Christ into his heart."

On the night after the fire, Graham preached on the reasons tragedies occur. "I think he helped us as much as anyone could," said Jim McElroy, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Las Vegas.

Stanley Unruh, pastor of Sunrise Southern Baptist Church, heard about the blaze too late to minister on the scene, but he did what many Southern Baptists did. He found other ways to help.

Unruh comforted members of his congregation who worked at the hotel and had friends and co-workers who were killed or severely injured in the fire. He and members of the

church donated blood for victims who needed transfusions and gave shoes and clothing to survivors who lost theirs in the flames.

Unruh also "adopted" hotel guests who were left in the city under severe circumstances. He helped care for Ann Smith, a consultant for the Baptist Sunday School Board, and her husband, Charles. Mrs. Smith broke her leg during the fire and Unruh helped watch over her while providing her husband with food, clothing, housing, and transportation during her stay in the hospital.

Fortunately, no Southern Baptists other than Mrs. Smith sustained serious injuries, and none were killed.

With their members safe and the Red Cross handling most of the physical needs, many pastors of the city's 16 Southern Baptist churches were free to tend to spiritual matters. Like Hogue, they uplifted the injured and comforted the grieving. Like Unruh, they counseled with people who lost friends and encouraged injured visitors and their families.

"Most everybody has gotten pretty sensitive," added Hogue. "The whole town is going through a stage of corporate grief. Suddenly, life is so precious."

"That feeling may remain," he said. "And the period of ministering to people's needs will not soon be over."

Fire destroys Knoxville church

A Thanksgiving Day fire in Knoxville caused over one-half million dollars in damage to the facilities of North Knoxville Baptist Church, destroying the sanctuary and educational building.

The alarm was turned into the Knoxville Fire Department at 5:31 a.m., Nov. 27. Pastor Guy Milam said when the fire department arrived a few moments later, the roof of the educational building and sanctuary were engulfed in flames. The firemen were able to save only one section of the educational building and the recreation and fellowship hall.

Both of these facilities suffered smoke and water damage. Milam said estimates on damage run from \$500,000 to \$750,000. The church has insurance.

Lynn Beeler of the arson department of the Knoxville Fire Department, said the incident was listed as a "suspicious fire."

"We are not listing it as arson at the present time," Beeler told Baptist and Reflector. "But we have sent samples off to be analyzed." He said the fire began in a small hallway behind the sanctuary and travelled up through the second story and into the attic. Firemen reported that they found a door unlocked and a window glass missing.

It was estimated that construction cannot begin on a new structure until March or April. Milam said in the meantime the church building committee will determine if the walls from the burned sanctuary and educational building can be used.

The congregation will meet in the recreation and fellowship hall until they re-locate.

Luther Rice spokesman says Criswell school merger 'off'

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (BP) — Regents of Luther Rice Seminary here are expected to terminate merger discussions with Criswell Center for Biblical Studies when they meet Dec. 4.

According to Michael Warr, a spokesman for the Jacksonville-based correspondence school, the nine-member board of regents has been polled by telephone and favors the recommendation of a three-member committee to terminate merger discussions with the Dallas-based Bible college.

The recommendation, printed in the Nov. 15 issue of the *Pioneer*, the quarterly newsletter of Luther Rice, asks termination of the discussions while continuing "good will and respect" between the two schools, neither of which is affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention. It also asks that regents reaffirm their faith in the leadership of their 74-year-old president, Robert Witty.

The possibility of a merger between the two institutions came about in May, and a three-member committee of Luther Rice regents went to Dallas to investigate the possibility.

Warr did not speculate on the reasons, but said: "They apparently found some things incompatible and felt they were sufficient to lead them to call off the merger."

Under the arrangement proposed at the time the merger discussions began, Witty was to retire as president and Paige Patterson, a regent at the seminary and president of the Criswell center, would become head of the merged institution.

Patterson, who said he "sort of stayed out" of discussions because he did not believe "it fair to play both sides of the fence," said he believes "a number of regents felt Witty is still in excellent health and that it is not wise for him to relinquish his responsibilities...."

"There apparently was a good deal of uneasiness on the part of some of the Luther Rice faculty members," Patterson said, even though they had been assured they would not be terminated if the merger came about.

The problem, he added is not theological, but that "quite a number" of teachers at the Jacksonville school do not have doctorates from accredited institutions, but instead are graduates of Luther Rice, which is not accredited.

Criswell center, which includes a radio station; *Shophar*, a monthly publication; a Bible college and a graduate school of the Bible, is accredited by the American Association of Bible Colleges for its Bible school and is "within striking distance" of accreditation for the graduate school.

Luther Rice, which has a limited number of resident students and does most of its work through correspondence, is working toward accreditation from the Association of Theological Schools of the United States and Canada, but has not yet received its approved status.

Patterson said among the liabilities of merger would be the fact Luther Rice is not accredited and "unfortunately has the reputation of being a degree mill. We do not feel that is an altogether fair reading, but we would have had a public relations problem to some degree."

He added, however, that if Luther Rice regents had "felt comfortable about merger, we were willing to assume it and try to help get it through accreditation."

Another potential problem area, Patterson said, is that all 12 CBBS trustees are Southern Baptists while "several" Luther Rice regents are not Southern Baptists.

A source close to several of the Luther Rice regents said they were upset by published reports of Patterson's political activity within the Southern Baptist Convention, particularly accounts of a meeting in Lynchburg, Va., where Patterson and Houston Appeals Court Judge Paul Pressler reportedly were "going for the jugular" in an attempt to control SBC agencies and institutions.

Alabama Baptists increase CP gifts

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Alabama Baptists increased their percentage of gifts to worldwide missions causes, adopted Bold Mission priorities in programming, personnel, and budgeting for the next five years, and reaffirmed the trustee method of stewardship at their annual meeting.

The 1,674 messengers increased gifts through the national Cooperative Program by another one-half percent toward a goal of a 50-50 division of funds, less deductions for general denominational causes. The division now stands at 45.5 percent for SBC causes and 54.5 percent for Alabama convention causes. The percentage to the SBC will increase one-half percent annually until it is 50-50.

In a resolution approved unanimously, the messengers reaffirmed "the trustee method of stewardship, insuring the responsiveness of our institutions and agencies to the SBC and Alabama Baptist Conventions," and expressed "appreciation to those men and women of integrity who serve our agencies and institutions as trustees."

Drew J. Gunnells, pastor of Springhill Baptist Church, Mobile, and a former president of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, was re-elected to a second term as president.



TENNESSEE WRITERS — Representing Tennessee at a recent youth church training curriculum writers' conference were (from left) Jim Gallery, minister to youth and single adults at Woodmont Baptist Church, Nashville; Charlie Warren, associate editor of the *Baptist and Reflector*; and Paul Brewer, professor at Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City.

Bill to restore tax break expected to pass Senate

WASHINGTON (BP) — Prospects for passage of a measure to restore the \$20,000 exclusion on income earned by religious and other charitable workers in lesser developed countries improved here when the Senate Finance Committee attached it as an amendment to another bill expected to pass this session.

Before legislators left Washington for a brief Thanksgiving holiday, the Senate panel chaired by Sen. Russell B. Long, added the income tax exclusion language to H.R. 4968, a bill dealing with real estate investment trusts.

Sources close to the finance committee told Baptist Press the bill is likely to pass the Senate after the body returns from the Thanksgiving break on Dec. 1. It would then go to the House of Representatives for action, but only days before final congressional adjournment.

In an effort to shore up support in the House, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board President R. Keith Parks called on fellow Southern Baptists to encourage members of Congress to support H.R. 4968 and the income tax exclusion when it reaches the House floor.

For the past several months most legislative attention to the matter has centered in the Senate, where Sen. John H. Chafee and numerous co-sponsors have pushed a bill to renew the exclusion.

According to finance committee members, the exclusion was inadvertently dropped two years ago when Congress passed the Foreign

Earned Income Act of 1978, a measure designed to tax the income of Americans living abroad. Under previous tax law, however, charitable workers overseas who earned less than \$20,000 annually were exempted from paying U.S. income taxes.

Among the reasons for the older law was the view that Americans serving such organizations overseas provide services which reap good will toward the United States and the fact that nearly all American citizens living abroad also pay taxes to host governments.

Unless Congress acts to restore the income tax exclusion, charitable organizations stand to lose an estimated \$25-million annually.

W.Va. tables resolution on whom God hears pray

BRIDGEPORT, W.Va. (BP) — West Virginia Baptists tabled a resolution that claimed God does not hear the prayer of a non-Christian during the 10th annual meeting of the West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptists.

A record 176 registered messengers also ratified a previous executive board action to join the state's Baptists with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina in a common effort to double the number of Southern Baptist churches in West Virginia to 200 by the end of 1985.

The project, called "Mountain State 200," calls for North Carolina churches and associations to join their West Virginia counterparts with financial and personnel resources. West Virginia staff members were to share 170 target areas with messengers to the North Carolina Baptist annual meeting in Greensboro.

The tabled resolution asked West Virginia Baptists to "support Dr. Bailey Smith as he has courageously stood for what Baptists have historically believed and that being that everyone must accept Jesus Christ as the Messiah if they are to reach the throne of God."

The resolution further resolved that "we believe the New Testament teaches that God does not hear the prayer of any non-believer unless it is a prayer of repentance and trust in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord."

A brief discussion, divided evenly for and against, included one messenger's claim that "if you don't vote for the resolution, you deny that Jesus was the Messiah." Finally, a messenger stated there was primarily a problem of semantics and moved to table the resolution until the next annual meeting.

Larry Crisman named to S.C. PR position

COLUMBIA, S.C. (BP) — Larry Crisman, associate director of public relations for the Southern Baptist Annuity Board in Dallas, has been named director of public relations for the South Carolina Baptist Convention.

Crisman will assume duties Jan. 1 as a successor to Thomas J. Brannon, who became director of public relations for the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

A native of Dallas, Crisman has been with the Annuity Board since 1976. Before joining the Annuity Board, he was in public relations at Howard Payne University in Brownwood, Tex., for eight years, and has worked for several daily newspapers, including the *Brownwood Bulletin*, *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, and *Dallas Times Herald*. He also worked as a news and sports commentator for two Texas radio stations and co-owned and operated a small advertising firm. He is a graduate of Howard Payne.

Ark. Baptists discuss baptism

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (BP) — Arkansas Baptists adopted a report defining "alien immersion" and "open communion," and adopted a "binding policy" concerning challenges to messengers as they met here last week.

In addition, messengers officially welcomed their new executive secretary-treasurer, Huber Drumwright, passed an \$8.1-million budget and re-elected John Finn, director of missions for the North Arkansas Baptist Association, as president.

The definitions and the policy both were adopted in reference to a long-standing controversy in the convention over alien immersion and open communion.

The definitions, which were adopted officially as "a point of information" rather than a part of the constitution, were presented by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee on Baptisms. The report defines alien immersion as "immersion or baptism administered by a group that does not follow the New Testament teachings on salvation and the church." Open communion is "the corporate observance" which allows persons "not having New Testament baptism" to partake.

According to a convention official, the definition will be used for "guidance, if challenges come up. Some people have said alien immersion and open communion have never been defined, but now they are."

Messengers also adopted a "binding policy" which says challenges to any messengers would have to be submitted in writing to a special committee at least 30 days before the annual meeting.

The proposal was made as an amendment to the constitution, but was changed to a binding policy. Under Arkansas rules, an amendment must be passed or abridged by a two-thirds majority, while a binding policy can be adopted or changed with only a simple majority vote.

Of the \$8.1-million budget, 37.23 percent will be shared with Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program causes. The SBC portion represents a half percent increase over last year.

Baptists voice optimism despite tension

FORT PORTAL, Uganda — News reports paint bleak pictures of Uganda and while other aid groups withdraw most personnel from the country, Southern Baptist missionaries are staying there and increasing their forces.

"The general feeling in our mission right now is one of excitement and openness, tempered with a concern for the future," said Fred Findley, Southern Baptist missionary who arrived in midsummer with his wife to join the two veteran couples and three more recently arrived missionary families.

The rumors and news reports are accurate, he said, but they show only a partial picture of Uganda. "We have enjoyed in these people joy, excitement, laughter, friendliness, openness. Children often peek under our hedge and, in very precise, punctuated English,

shout, 'Good morning, madam,' " said the Findleys.

Not only are missionaries able to travel and do their work, but churches are meeting and many are growing, said Findley, in a letter following an October meeting of the Uganda mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries).

Web Carroll, Southern Baptist missionary to Uganda since 1963, reported that in the Busoga district around Jinja, more than 300 have been baptized and about 12 new churches started in the last year.

Ugandan Christians also are giving more to associational missions and to the newly reorganized Baptist Union, said Findley. The union was inactive during the rule of former president Idi Amin who banned Baptists and 26 other religious groups. Its reorganization since the restoration of religious freedom "is one of the most promising signs of Baptist progress in the country," said Findley. The union elected Moses Ochwo, head of the religious knowledge department at an Mbale high school, as general secretary.

Relief work, which Southern Baptists began even before Amin was deposed, continues in spite of a need for more personnel to carry out relief programs, said Findley. Ironically, more personnel is the mission's most urgent need, though there will be a problem housing them



PEACE AMIDST TENSION — Fred and Kathy Findley, new missionaries to Uganda, report meeting many Africans whose lives are joyful despite political tension.

since both housing and construction materials are almost unavailable.

The Bible Way correspondence course continues to grow, and has more than 2,000 students. Since the volunteer directing the school returned home, missionary Betty Carroll has been working long hours to "hold it together" until someone comes to direct this ministry, said Findley.

Hal Browning Boone, a medical doctor and

special project worker, conducts clinics throughout the country, a ministry his father carried out several years earlier. Boone will serve only a year, but a missionary was appointed in October to continue the clinic work. By early October, Boone estimated he had conducted 25 clinics and seen between 4,000 and 5,000 patients.

Availability of Bibles is a continuing problem in Uganda, not only for Baptists, but for all mission groups, said Findley. Scriptures in English and in local languages are in short supply.

"And the hunger and respect for God's work is one of the most striking things to this newcomer about Uganda," said Findley.

Wayland College names president

PLAINVIEW, Tex. (BP) — Former missionary David L. Jester has been named president of Wayland Baptist College, effective Jan. 1, 1981.

Jester succeeds Roy McClung who retired after 17 years to become president of the Wayland Foundation, the development arm of the Southern Baptist college.

Currently director of the graduate program at Georgetown (Ky.) College, Jester was born in Africa, of missionary parents, and later spent 10 years in Africa on assignment with the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. He has been president of the Niger Baptist College in Nigeria and was founder and president of the school of basic studies of Ahmadu Bello University in Nigeria.

Jester is a graduate of Georgetown College, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and Columbia University, New York.

Bailey Smith speaks to N.Y. convention

GREENWICH, Conn. (BP) — Bailey Smith, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, boosted the Cooperative Program, the method through which the missions and educational work of the SBC are funded, as he addressed messengers of the Baptist Convention of New York, Nov. 6-8.

Smith, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church of Del City, Okla., admitted his church has a "lousy" record in giving through the Cooperative Program, but noted they plan to increase contributions by 300 percent during the coming year.

Smith also commented on the status of the 13.4-million-member denomination and said, "We've got to quit feuding over things that might not be as essential as we thought."

Minnesota/Wisconsin to organize in 1984

EAU CLAIRE, Wis. (BP) — Jan. 1, 1984, was set as the target date for organization as a state convention by Minnesota/Wisconsin Southern Baptist Fellowship at its 11th annual convention Nov. 7-8, according to Otha Winningham, fellowship coordinator.

The two-state fellowship, currently part of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, already has passed minimum guidelines for a convention. The guidelines specify 50 churches and 12,500 members or 70 congregations and 10,000 members as the minimum requirements.

Currently, according to Winningham, the fellowship has 99 churches and chapels and 11,077 members.

Coloradoans urge individual autonomy

AURORA, Colo. (BP) — Messengers to the 25th annual session of the Colorado Baptist General Convention called for the respect of individual dignity and responsibility in matters of politics, theology, and personal and social views in a resolution.

Messengers also approved a \$1,965,000 budget, adopted a new constitution and bylaws, and celebrated their silver anniversary.

The resolution on individual dignity did not mention any specific groups or individuals but noted certain evangelical Christians have attracted widespread media attention.

Statements accepted by the public as speaking on behalf of all evangelicals, or for large blocs of Christians, or even for individuals, "serve to undermine traditional Baptist principles regarding the responsibility and dignity of the individual believers," the resolution said.

Discussion on the new constitution was brief and spirited. Three motions to amend either died for lack of a second or were killed by a simple majority vote, before the document was adopted.

The 1980-81 budget anticipates \$1.1-million in Cooperative Program receipts from the 200 churches and chapels of the convention. The percentage projected for SBC world mission causes is 27 percent, up one percent from the 1979-80 budget.

Penn-Jersey notes 10th anniversary

PAOLI, Pa. (BP) — Celebration of the 10th anniversary of its organization as a state convention highlighted the annual meeting of the Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania-South Jersey, Nov. 6-8.

Some 300 messengers and guests watched the historical pageant "God's People...at God's Place...in God's Time," depict the early beginnings which culminated in the organization of the convention in October of 1970 with 75 churches and about 8,500 members in three associations.

During its first decade, the convention has grown to about 16,500 members in 159 churches and chapels in seven associations, according to Ellis M. Bush, executive secretary-treasurer. During the decade, gifts to world missions through the Cooperative Program have tripled.

Messengers passed a number of resolutions, including one deploring the philosophy and methods of such organizations as the Ku Klux Klan, American Nazi Party, and Communist Party. The resolution was based on the way such organizations foster racism and acts of violence against mankind.

Hoosier Baptists honor Moore

GARY, Ind. (BP) — Messengers came to the 22nd annual meeting of Southern Baptists in Indiana to conduct business and praise their retiring executive director, E. Harmon Moore.

Messengers came in a mood of celebration and praise as they recounted what God had done for Indiana Baptists through Moore and his wife, Margaret, since he came to Indiana as the chief executive of the newly formed state convention 22 years ago.

Following an appreciation banquet, the state convention presented a 1981 automobile to Moore and a color television set to his wife.

In business sessions, the messengers adopted a record budget of \$1,885,120, from which 31.5 percent will be shared with the Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program.

Only one resolution prompted discussion. The resolution opposed abortion, except when the mother's life is at stake or deemed necessary by medical counsel. It was challenged by an amendment to include rape and incest, but the amendment failed and the resolution passed.

Other resolutions stated continued support for Bold Mission Thrust, opposition to homosexuality and pornography, and expressed grateful appreciation for the leadership of Southern Baptist Convention President Bailey Smith.

Mississippi votes to merge colleges

JACKSON, Miss. (BP) — After more than an hour of energetic debate, messengers to the Mississippi Baptist Convention voted to merge Clarke College with Mississippi College.

The merger, proposed by the Clarke College trustees, with the endorsement of the Mississippi Baptist Education Commission and the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, was approved after a substitute motion was defeated which would have left the Baptist junior college at Newton in the hands of the present trustees and required movement toward senior college status.

Clarke has suffered enrollment declines in recent years as well as a depletion of funds. The proposal to merge with Mississippi College, which has nearly 4,000 students, came after a study by the Southern Baptist Education Commission which included merger as one of several possibilities for the ailing school.

In a press conference after the vote to merge the two colleges, Lewis Nobles, president of Mississippi College, said his trustees would likely accept the proposal in January. Both Nobles and A. C. Johnson, president of Clarke, said that classes are scheduled to continue as usual this spring semester and next fall with addition of upper division courses added "based on expressed interest," said Nobles.

In other business, the record 1,442 messengers elected Brooks Wester, pastor of First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, as president. They adopted a \$12.6-million budget with 33.5 percent slated to go to worldwide causes through the national Cooperative Program. That is an increase of one-half percent over last year.

Louisiana convention seats first blacks

NEW ORLEANS (BP) — In their annual meeting, messengers to the Louisiana Baptist Convention approved a record \$12.6-million 1981 budget and pledged themselves to even greater missionary support.

Messengers also refused to make Louisiana College its permanent meeting place and seated its first messengers from all-black churches.

The budget allocates \$4-million, or 33.33 percent, for Southern Baptist causes outside Louisiana. The amount has doubled in the past four years, putting Louisiana on schedule to double the amount forwarded to SBC causes between 1977 and 1982, one of the Bold Mission Thrust goals. The SBC portion is one-third percent increase over last year.

A motion to make Louisiana College in Pineville the permanent location for the annual meeting of the Louisiana Baptist Convention failed two to one, but messengers approved the school as the site for their Nov. 9-11, 1981 meeting.

The seating of messengers from two all-black Baptist churches occurred without fanfare or opposition. The two churches had already been accepted by Gulf Coast Association.

Letters to the Editor...

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

Open letter to Southern Baptists

Dear fellow Southern Baptists:

Significant action has begun stirring in the U.S. Congress to restore \$20,000 exclusion on income earned by religious and other charitable workers in lesser developed countries.

The Senate, because of your encouragement, will likely pass HR 4968 and send it to the floor of the House for action in the early days of December — not long before Congress adjourns.

We urgently need your immediate help in encouraging members of the House of Representatives to support HR 4968 — The Real Estate Investment Trust Act, which was amended by the Senate Finance Committee to include the income exclusion.

Pressures on congressmen to adjourn are unbelievably strong. The brief period and the heavy work load make it difficult to pass any kind of legislation in the closing days. It is too late for letters to be effective. Only phone calls and telegrams will get the job done and save about \$25-million a year in taxes on salaries of all charitable workers abroad, including \$1-million a year on the salaries of your Southern Baptist foreign missionaries.

Please telephone members of the House of Representatives at (202) 224-3121 or wire them at House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515.

I appreciate your continued support and prayers about this urgent matter before the Dec. 15 tax filing deadline set by the Internal Revenue Service.

R. Keith Parks, president
SBC Foreign Mission Board
Richmond, VA

Gracious church

Dear editor:

Whenever a group of pastors get together, it is not uncommon to hear some complaining about the seeming lack of support, love, and/or cooperation that they believe they should be receiving from their respective churches. There are probably very few pastors who at one time or another had a personal need which his church either ignored or made worse.

On Easter 1978 in Memphis, Mrs. Yvonne Harrison found out that she had cancer. At that time her husband was the pastor of a Southern Baptist church in Oklahoma. They had been there about one year. She began to pray that God would allow them to return to Tennessee and to the same church which they left to go to Oklahoma. God granted her request, and on Jan. 24, 1979, the First Baptist Church of Greenfield recalled John A. Harrison as their pastor.

Then began one of the most outstanding love stories ever told between a church and a pastor.

Not only did the deacons assume regular visitation assignments, but the church allowed Harrison abundant time to be with his wife and family and never offered a complaint.

The church went on to hire a full-time minister of music and youth as well as vote to construct a Family Activity Center.

The pastor has stated many times that the people who are the First Baptist Church are without exception some of God's best. For, not only did they want to continue to grow, but they also wanted to be sure that all of their pastor's medical, physical, and emotional

New River elects moderator John Bolin

John Bolin was elected moderator for New River Association by messengers attending the recent annual meeting for that group. Bolin, pastor of Low Gap Baptist Church, succeeds Lester Anderson, pastor of New Haven Baptist Church, in the post.

Other officers, elected to serve with Bolin, are: vice-moderator Leon Mayo, pastor of First Baptist Church in Huntsville; treasurer Ben B. Bowling, a member at Low Gap; and clerk Kaye McMillian, a member at Mountain View Baptist Church.

First Baptist Church in Robbins, New River Missionary Baptist Church, and Antioch Missionary Baptist Church have asked to host the 1981 sessions of the associational meeting Oct. 19-20.

needs were met.

Granted: there are some churches which fail to express Christian love and concern for their pastors and pastors' families.

However, the First Baptist Church of Greenfield is no one of them. I know. I am John A. Harrison and my wife died on Oct. 2.

No pastor can ask God for a more gracious place of service when experiencing trying moments.

To God I say, "Thank you for grace in time of need."

To my church I say, "Thank you for sharing God's grace with my family in such a free and generous way."

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'One of our very best'

Dear editor:

I felt that the recent Tennessee Baptist Convention was one of our very best.

From the moderator through the speakers, all was well done and in good spirit.

I commend the convention on the election of a worthy slate of officers and our most able and deserving president, John Laida.

It was good to be a Tennessee Baptist during such great hours.

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Personal perspective

BY TOM MADDEN
TBC executive secretary

In the fall edition of the *Review and Expositor* there is an unusually fine discussion on "A Critical Appraisal of the Church Growth Movement," written by Larry McSwain. He draws four conclusions on why our Southern Baptist churches have grown and as a result our Southern Baptist Convention has grown.

First, churches grow which are thoroughly infused with an evangelistic theology which shapes institutional structures. Southern Baptists have made evangelism a central focus of theological thought, of the worship and ministry in the local church, and of organizational and denominational structures which serve local churches.



Madden

Second, a denominational emphasis upon church growth has been primary. The Sunday School has been designed and refined to be used as an instrument for reaching those outside the church, introducing them to Jesus Christ, and nourishing them as agents of outreach to others. Every church has been taught to see the Sunday School as the primary tool of church growth.

Third, denominational unity and isolation have contributed to SBC growth. Most of the mainline denominations which have declined have also had mergers or division in their histories which contributed to controversy and numerical decline. The ability of the convention to handle its controversies without division has contributed immeasurably to growth. So has its isolation. Refusal to participate in comity agreements and ecumenical efforts has reinforced a competitive feeling with other groups which has fueled the development of some effort that has resulted in growth and criticism from other Christian bodies.

Fourth, an enormous freedom exists within the SBC at the level of the local church. Individual congregations have enormous freedom to emphasize their own styles of worship and structure with little control from external denominational structures.

I particularly like his conclusion. He states when people respond and churches grow it must always be understood that the glory belongs to God, not His church, His evangelists, nor the social factors which may become vehicles of such response.

Nevada Baptists hold second convention

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (BP) — Baptists in Nevada, the newest state convention affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention, set a goal of establishing 25 new church-type missions during the coming year as they met together for their second annual meeting.

The Nevada Baptist Convention was formed in 1978 when churches in two associations — one affiliated with the Southern Baptist General Convention of California and the other with the Arizona Baptist Convention — drew together to organize.

During the recent three-day meeting, the 165 messengers approved an annual budget of \$635,912, an increase of 20 percent over the 1979 budget. Also approved was an increase in giving to the Cooperative Program, up to 14 percent from 12 percent last year.

Adrian Hall, pastor of College Park Baptist Church, Las Vegas, was re-elected president. He was elected vice-president in 1979, but assumed the presidency when Don Mulkey resigned to become director of missions for the convention.

Citizen's Corner

By Jerry M. Self
Public affairs and Christian life consultant

When the General Assembly meets in January, it will face pressure to pass a pari-mutuel gambling bill in order to increase revenues to metropolitan areas in Tennessee.

Sources of revenue are drying up for our cities at a time when costs for services are increasing. Race track gambling promises a magic wand to bring in great sums of money and solve the budget crunch for our cities.

One Nashville councilman criticized church people who argue against legalizing gambling for tax revenue. He complained that Nashville suffers a blight of numerous tax-exempt church properties. According to him, it is improper for these people who freeloader on city services to criticize what he considers a legitimate means of bringing in revenue.

The argument is complex at several points. Many of the costs of allowing legal gambling are hidden. Careful study of the expense of policing and cleaning up the problems of gambling shows that the revenue from taxes on gambling does not equal the costs. Even if all the taxes realized from gambling were profit for the state, the percentage of gain is not a significant portion of a city or state budget; therefore, pari-mutuel gambling will not deliver a shot in the arm to governmental budgets.

The issue of tax-exemption is also complex. In Nashville, the federal, state, and city governments own a large part of the tax-exempt properties. But churches and church-related organizations also own a large portion of the tax-exempt property. Even so, church people are not getting a free ride. The Baptist Sunday School Board pays nearly \$200,000 per year in taxes. Baptist Hospital in Nashville paid just less than \$130,000 in taxes last year.

While it is true that these institutions would pay much more money in taxes if they were not protected by partial tax-exemption, nevertheless they have borne the tax-yoke in a way that compares favorably with the government agencies which own the largest block of tax-exempt properties.

Financing the government will continue to be a problem as long as inflation attacks all budgets at a double-digit rate. Any hope of solution for the problem depends upon creative thinking on the part of our leadership. Legalizing gambling is not a creative option.



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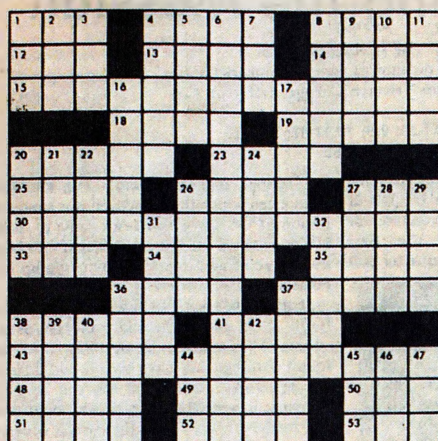
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Bible Puzzle

Answers on page 15



ACROSS

- 1 Give him the praise (John 9:24)
4 Outdoes
8 Seer (Amos 7:12)
12 Biblical lion
13 Carpet: India
14 Written word (Dan. 5:25)
15 "And came and —" (Eph. 2)
18 Fish
19 "they are all — sin" (Rom. 3)
20 Red (Rev. 6:4)
23 Building adjuncts
25 Opposed to aweather

- 26 Academic degrees: abbr.
27 Big plane: abbr.
30 "and — for him" (Psa. 37)
33 Synonym: abbr.
34 Not with Adonijah (1 Ki. 1:8; poss.)
35 Dash
36 Clarinet socket
37 "wonders in heaven —" (Acts 2)
38 Bera's city (Gen. 14:2)
41 "crying, —, Father" (Gal. 4)
43 "to be — through faith" (Rom. 3)

CRYPTOVERSE

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Today's Cryptoverse clue: C equals E

- 48 Kind of spirit (1 Pet. 3:4)
49 Belonging to a woman
50 Man's accessory
51 Chemical suffix: pl.
52 Kind of tales (Luke 24:11)
53 Vertical distance: abbr.

DOWN

- 1 "the — before me" (Ezek. 22:30)
2 Hockey star
3 "once to —" (Heb. 9:27)
4 Deposit
5 Turkish title
6 "Having — us" (Eph. 1)
7 Iron, of a kind
8 Last words
9 Alcoholic drink
10 Fairy tale word
11 Prophet
16 Liability's opposite
17 Food (2 Sam. 17:28)
20 Cee's opposites
21 Palmyra leaf
22 Bridle part
24 Welcome wreaths
26 Max or Buddy
27 French town
28 European
29 English river
31 Prink
32 Father of Jeroboam (1 Ki. 11:26)
36 Opened (Rev. 20:12)
37 Degrade
38 Identical
39 Candid
40 Suffer: Scot.
42 Spin
44 Stitchbird
45 Eskimo
46 "pouring in — and wine" (Luke 10)
47 Tulie

Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

I agree with the layman who said: "I don't mind the preacher telling us we are doing wrong and that we are going to hell, but I don't want him to look like he's enjoying it." It seems there should be some happy medium between the fire and brimstone preacher and the timorous minister who expresses the sentiments of the summer funeral home ad: "We have taken steps to make sure that excessive heat never inconveniences our patrons." We should not forget to proclaim that God has made provision for our eternal security. And we do not want our main emphasis to be on the provision for eternal punishment — as with the fiery evangelist who exhorted his listeners to repent and avoid the wrath to come, where "there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Suddenly a woman called out, "But, I have no teeth."

"In that case, Madam," said the evangelist, "teeth will be provided."

Interpretation

The superhighway

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"And yet shew I unto you a more excellent way" (1 Corinthians 12:31b).

The church in Corinth was divided over many things. One division, of all things, was over the proper attitude toward and use of the gifts of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 12). His words apply also to Southern Baptists in our present problem relating to the nature of the Scriptures which were inspired by the Holy Spirit.

In a sense we have wandered from the main

highway into lands and by-ways which threaten to lead us into a morass of ill-will and marred fellowship. Paul would call us back to God's superhighway.

"More excellent" may be rendered *par-excellence*. The Greek word is *hyperbolon*, from *hyperballo*, to throw beyond, to surpass, or to excel. *Hyper* in this context means "upper" or "above and beyond." "Way" (*hodos*) means a way or a road. In modern parlance we would say an interstate-highway. And that way is the way of "love" (*agape*).

The Greek language had three words for "love." *Eros* expressed the animal attraction between the sexes, hence "erotic." It does not appear in the New Testament. *Philia* means the warm love of friendship. *Agape* denotes selflessness. This word among the Greeks was regarded as a cold word. So it is found sparingly in non-Biblical writings, the predominant word being *philia* or *philos*. The opposite is true in the New Testament. The Holy Spirit chose *agape* to express the highest kind of Christian love (1 John 4:8). The greatest expression of this love is seen at the cross (Rom. 5:8).

Unfortunately, the King James Version of 1 Corinthians 13 renders it as "charity." In this study we will use the word "love." But the word used throughout the chapter is *agape* or selflessness. It is the kind of love which should characterize all of our Christian relationships. We should always speak the truth, but it should be done in this kind of love (Eph. 4:15). This is the superhighway which God wills for all of His children.

D. P. Brooks to retire post as BSSB editor

NASHVILLE — After 20 years as an editor of Sunday School materials, D. P. Brooks is retiring from the Baptist Sunday School Board, but his first retirement project will be to complete a book manuscript by Feb. 1, 1981.

"Free to be Christian" will be the title of Brooks' book which will explore the theme of liberation in the Bible.

Since joining the board in 1960 Brooks has edited Sunday School materials in the Convention Uniform and the Life and Work Series. His most recent assignments have included three Life and Work quarterlies — Young Adult Bible Study, Adult Bible Study and Senior Adult Bible Study.

Brooks is a member of First Baptist Church, Nashville.



Brooks

S.C. Baptists set record CP budget

COLUMBIA, S.C. (BP) — South Carolina Baptists elected Lonnie H. Shull Jr. as president and approved a record Cooperative Program budget during their annual meeting.

Shull, pastor of Northside Baptist Church in West Columbia, succeeds John E. Roberts, editor of the *Baptist Courier*, journal of the South Carolina Baptist Convention.

Messengers approved a 1981 Cooperative Program budget of \$14.5-million, an increase of \$1.5-million over 1980. It consists of a \$12-million basic budget with a \$2.5-million challenge portion. The basic budget increases the Southern Baptist Convention share to 35.75 percent, up a half percent.

Among other actions, the 1,894 messengers:

— Approved the continuation for another year of its rice bowl collections for funds for world hunger relief. Total contributions for 1980 are \$910,443 from South Carolina Baptists alone.

— Heard a report naming a search committee to secure a successor to Harold Cole, executive secretary-treasurer, who will take early retirement Feb. 28, 1982. Chairman is Kirk Smith, pastor of First Baptist Church, Sumter.

— Passed a resolution on unity which reaffirmed convention confidence in the Bible and world missions and urged avoiding division and efforts that might "sidetrack the convention from bold Biblical missions."

— Approved, on trial basis, meeting for two days instead of three.



Harrison

Irel C. Harrison Jr., director of campus ministries at Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, will write the Uniform Series Sunday School lesson commentary during the next quarter for the *Baptist and Reflector*, beginning in this issue.

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New England adopts mission fund effort

NORTH KINGSTOWN, R.I. (BP) — Messengers to the 13th annual meeting of the Baptist General Association of New England unanimously adopted a recommendation to create the New England Mission Fund.

Organizers of the foundation-type fund hope to raise \$500,000 by December 1985 to help provide land sites for new churches, down payments for new facilities and for the renovation of buildings, or for special equipment. Part of the effort will be an attempt to encourage 3,000 people to contribute \$10 per month to the fund.



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BIBLE BOOK SERIES

Lesson for Dec. 7

Judges of Israel

By David L. Moore, pastor
Lincoya Hills Baptist Church, Nashville

Basic Passage: Judges 10:1 to 21:25

Focal Passages: Judges 13:2-5, 16:20-23, 25, 30

Gideon and Deborah were great judges. Under God's leadership they did great and marvelous things for Israel. The remainder of the book deals with lesser judges. It was a time when "there was no king in Israel" and "every man did that which was right in his own eyes" (21:25). Without a leader the people scatter and do their own will.

Earlier studies have dealt with five judges. Excluding Abimelech, Gideon's son, there were 12 judges during this time. The seven judges in this section lacked the leadership of Gideon and Deborah. The rapid turnover of judges indicates several things. Some served together and not all judges were involved with all of Israel. They worked within their own tribes. An obvious fact is that the judges did not succeed in destroying their enemies.

Samson is among the longest stories in the book (see chapters 13-16). Six minor judges are mentioned before Samson. They are minor in that little is mentioned about them. Their names are Tola of Issachar (10:1-2); Jair of Gilead (10:3-5); Jephthah, who was victorious over the Ammonites (10:6-12:7); Ibzan, Elon, and Abdon (12:8-15).

The formula of sin and judgement, turning to God and raising of a deliverer introduces us to Samson. As usual, "Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord" (13:1). This time the enemy was the Philistines, a people of the Mediterranean Sea who had invaded the coastal area of Palestine. During this time, Manohah, a Danite, lived on the border of Judah, west of Jerusalem. Manohah's wife was barren. The couple was visited by an angel of the Lord. This angel was understood to be a divinely sent messenger regarded as an extension of God's personality.

The angel promised the couple a son. This son was to be raised as a Nazirite. A Nazirite was a man set apart and dedicated to God, distinguished by abstinence from strong drink, letting his hair grow long, and never coming into contact with dead bodies (Numbers 6). You could take this Nazirite vow for a lifetime or a limited time. This child was to be a Nazirite for life.

The angel gave the parents instructions on how to raise this child. The couple gave the boy a common name, Samson, which means "little son." The Lord blessed Samson, and like the other judges, he received the Spirit of the Lord. This Spirit gave Samson extraordinary strength.

When Samson chose his bride, his parents protested. The woman wasn't one of them; she was a Philistine. But the parents didn't know God's will. He was looking for a way to protect Israel from the Philistines.

On the way to Timnah to take a bride, a lion distracted Samson. Using his unusual strength, Samson destroyed the lion. We begin to see Samson's weakness. After taking a Nazirite vow, he was not to touch a dead body. Returning from Timnah he passed the dead lion, that now had a swarm of bees and honey. Samson took the honey to his parents, but failed to tell them from whence it came. This brought about the riddle (14:14).

At the wedding feast, Samson challenged the Timnahites to solve the riddle in seven days. Using pressure, the men secured the answer from the bride. This angered Samson to the point he used his spirit-possessed strength and killed 30 Philistines. Disgusted with his wife's treachery, he left her before the marriage was

consummated. This is the meaning of the phrase "before the sun went down." In order to prevent embarrassment coming upon the bridegroom, she was given to the bestman. Samson went home to daddy!

Samson truly was in love with this woman. After thinking about his actions, he returns to Timnah seeking his lover. Once he arrived, he offered the customary kid offering to the father. He was told his lover had married another. In order to appease Samson, and make up for the error, the father offered his younger daughter. This did not set well with the judge. He let loose 300 foxes in the grain fields. This upset the Philistines who retaliated by burning Samson's wife and her father. Samson carried the revenge further by destroying other Philistines.

War was on! The Philistines pursued Samson (15:9-16:3). Turning to his kinsman, Samson hid among the Judahites. Philistines caught up with him and demanded his release. Judah owed Samson nothing, since he was a Danite, and immediately gave him over to the Philistines. Here again we see Samson's spirit-possessed power. He broke his bonds and with the jaw-bone of an ass killed the Philistines.

Having been delivered from the Philistines, this warrior needed a rest. God heard his prayer and allowed a time of refreshment by making a spring from a hollow place. The spring was called En-Hakkore, "The spring of him who called" (upon God).

Samson had a problem with women. We must remember in these early times the Spirit of God among the Hebrews was not looked upon in a moral context. Not learning from past mistakes, Samson got involved with a harlot. While Samson was with her, the Philistines barred the gates to prevent his escape. At midnight Samson came forth, tore down the gates, and once again confused his pursuers.

The most noted part of Samson's story is his encounter with Delilah (16:4-22). Some scholars believe Delilah was an Israelite, because of her name. Regardless of her nationality, she was under Philistine rule.

Accepting a large bribe from the Philistines, Delilah undertook to find the secret of Samson's strength. Three times she tried. Binding him with bowstrings and new ropes did not work. Weaving seven locks of his hair into a web on a loom only caused her more embarrassment. Finally, catching Samson in a moment of weakness, she learned it was his long hair. Probably the only part of his Nazirite vow he had kept, now he was losing it.

When his enemies captured Samson, they put out his eyes, bound him, and cast him into prison in Gaza.

The Philistines celebrated to their god Dagon. Associated with Baal, Dagon was the Philistines chief god (1 Sam. 5:1-7), and the temple is described on pillars. Evidently time went by, because Samson's hair grew.

The blinded hero was set between the two pillars of the temple. Using his strength, he brought the pillars down, the temple with them. Thus in one blow he destroyed more Philistines in his death than during his life. The family secured his body and buried him in his father's tomb.

Even though Samson was not a very moral person, he was used of God to bring judgment upon the Philistines and deliverance to the Israelites. We must remember that God is always going to destroy the enemy of His people. He sometimes does it in ways we do not understand.

UNIFORM SERIES

Lesson for Dec. 7

Presenting the Messiah

By Irel C. Harrison Jr.
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Carson-Newman College, Jefferson CityBasic Passages: Matt. 1:1-17; 5:17-20; 9:9; 13:51-52; 23:1-12
Focal Passages: Matt. 1:1,17; 5:17-20; 13:51-52

The November 4 election produced some unusual results: the defeat of an incumbent president, electoral losses for several senior United States senators, and the first Republican-controlled Senate in a quarter of a century. Despite the uncertainty about what this means for the economy, national priorities, and foreign affairs, one thing is certain: the Republic continues and a smooth transition of power has begun. We find comfort in this continuation of American democracy and our heritage of freedom.

As we begin our study of the Gospel of Matthew, we discover the author dealing with the matter of continuity. One of his purposes is to show the link between Judaism and Christianity. The writer also wants his readers to understand that Christianity is not simply a continuation of Judaism but the culmination and flowering of the Hebrew faith. Jesus is both the one who fulfills the law and the prophets and the firstborn of a new creation.

In today's lesson, we see Jesus as the link between the Old and New Testaments, the Messiah of the Hebrew nation, and the Lord of the Christian church.

Fulfillment of the covenant (Matt. 1:1,17)

The genealogy recorded in Matt. 1:1-17 is intended to illustrate that Jesus is the fulfillment of the covenants God made with Abraham and David. He is the rightful heir to the leadership of God's people.

Matthew's concern to show this linkage is seen throughout the Gospel as he cites the Old Testament 123 times by way of confirmation and illustration of Jesus' messiahship.

In Jesus we see a continuity with Israel, but we also see something new. He is not only the Messiah of the Jews, the fulfillment of the hopes of Israel; He is the first-born of a new family of God which will be open to all people. He is the promised king of Israel, but he is much more — the means by which the entire world might come to God.

Jesus' messiahship surprised those who proclaimed themselves as "the faithful" of Israel. Jesus fulfilled Jewish expectations, but in doing so, He brought into being a new emphasis and spirit. Judaism could never be the same.

Fulfillment of the law (Matt. 5:17-20)

Although Jesus did not come to destroy the law of the Old Testament, He definitely did come to put an end to the law as practiced by

the scribes and Pharisees! The ritualistic counterfeit which they practiced was a pale imitation of the law which Jesus came to fulfill. He internalized the law and brought into being its true goals and intentions by living up to it Himself.

Jesus did not come to give a new law, but to fulfill ("fill full") the old. As one person wrote, "The Scriptures have not been tried and found wanting; they have been found difficult and rejected." Jesus lived out the law. His comment in verse 19, "but he who does them and teaches them," gives the correct order of things — first do, then teach. This is in direct contrast with the Pharisees who "preach, but do not practice" (Matt. 23:3).

Jesus' use here of "I say to you" (v. 18) shows His proper relationship to the law. He is not its servant, but its master. He has the authority to bring its truth into new perspective and form.

Frank Stagg comments that Jesus demanded a "righteousness that exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees without being self-righteous." This is possible only when we realize that the righteousness Jesus proclaims is always the gift of God's grace, not the reward for our works. The demand of Christ is not for mere outward conformity but inward purity without greed, lust, or hate. Such is possible only when God is present in one's life.

Fulfillment in our faith (Matt. 13:51-52)

The "scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven" to whom Jesus refers is the Christian believer who is equipped to draw both from the riches of the heritage of Israel and the teachings of Jesus to bless his hearers, those people hungry for "good news." This was the approach used by the apostles in their preaching.

The scribes of Jesus' day had preserved the tradition and outward standards of the law, but they had lost the spirit which gave it life. The Christian scribe is not merely to preserve a tradition, he is to live his faith and apply it to the needs of a lost and seeking world.

The greatest challenge for Christians today is not to maintain the status quo, but to work with God to bring new life into being. To do this will require the use of all of the resources at our disposal, including the riches of the entire Bible.

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Darden	273.14	829.34	Clymersville	3,431.65	375.48
Decaturville, First	626.83	735.00	Coal Hill	991.24	166.55
Flatwoods	.00	275.00	Crab Orchard	2,117.76	991.24
Hinkle	.00	.00	Daysville	410.25	1,266.36
Hopewell	.00	.00	Deer Lodge, First	357.05	234.92
Huron	80.86	500.00	Dyllis	1,907.82	354.48
Jacks Creek	.00	.00	Eureka	4,919.03	1,995.12
Judson	200.00	.00	Fairview	.00	559.67
Lexington, First	13,782.66	12,438.57	Kellytown	1,858.81	1,858.80
Lone Chestnut	.00	.00	Kingston, First	32,164.46	9,622.13
Luray	.00	27.00	Lakeview	1,338.00	1,357.60
Mount Ararat	1,435.46	1,127.77	Laurel Bluff	762.91	129.40
Mount Gilead	1,358.62	2,650.34	Lee Village	726.00	394.83
Mount Zion	48.00	385.31	Liberty	7,446.00	4,532.05
New Beech Grove	.00	30.00	Middle Creek	10,201.14	3,878.95
New Chapel	60.00	92.00	Mossy Grove	498.50	773.50
New Hope	333.58	340.00	Oakdale, First	1,889.15	576.45
New Prospect	168.19	212.47	Orchard View	250.00	176.06
Parsons, First	10,860.73	3,988.06	Petros	3,725.15	1,557.31
Perryville, First	429.73	433.33	Pine Orchard	2,934.58	813.65
Pine Grove	820.16	615.00	Pine Ridge	1,354.14	455.00
Piney Creek	.00	.00	Piney	4,106.21	1,339.73
Ridge Grove	.00	.00	Piney Grove	2,420.04	214.49
Rock Hill	2,482.67	512.09	Pleasant Grove	5,836.81	1,777.04
Salem	.00	25.00	Pond Grove	2,836.68	983.88
Saltillo, First	1,328.75	.00	Riggs Chapel	988.72	275.22
Sand Ridge	2,063.33	1,949.85	Riverside	5,221.95	1,131.11
Sardis	953.00	170.00	Rockwood, First	48,794.48	8,846.95
Sardis Ridge	.00	50.00	Rockwood, Second	.00	187.90
Scotts Hill, First	941.29	243.38	Shiloh	20,186.33	5,102.01
Southside	.00	.00	South Harrison	20,083.04	6,778.00
Tomlin Chapel	.00	.00	Sunbright, First	4,130.22	1,107.40
Union	1,449.44	1,232.04	Trenton Street	39,481.75	3,133.84
Union Grove	550.00	356.51	Union	1,432.71	662.00
Wildersville	2,418.77	2,107.87	Union Chapel	736.99	517.70
Association	.00	25.00	Walnut Hill	2,168.99	1,915.87
Total	52,587.16	36,038.99	Wartburg, First	3,570.00	2,668.39
			Whites Creek	1,794.38	847.28
			Association	.00	180.00
			Total	267,267.62	115,871.31

BEULAH					
Alamo	650.07	482.64	Ashport	1,471.80	445.24
Aldridge	310.79	52.32	Beaver	851.00	429.00
Bethel	336.56	247.00	Brighton	38,662.71	6,337.83
Broadway	409.85	250.00	Charleston	7,585.00	4,874.75
Calvary	7,024.78	1,332.71	Covington, First	23,607.96	17,412.05
Cottonwood	480.00	.00	Durhamville	135.00	373.50
Cottonwood Grove	1,157.68	2,016.33	Eastland	.00	1,271.00
Cypress Creek	100.00	92.00	Elim	257.94	65.40
Fairview	361.00	211.00	Faith	1,314.50	6,210.34
Hornbeak	615.00	774.00	Fellowship	2,837.84	1,591.41
Johnsons Grove	933.34	238.23	Fulton	439.01	371.33
Lakeview	.00	219.35	Garland	1,743.94	2,004.89
Macedonia	2,176.74	1,023.82	Goldust	.00	.00
Martin, First	20,500.00	16,061.34	Grace	4,902.69	3,268.23
McConnell	982.33	579.68	Henning	1,659.77	2,630.10
Mooring	120.00	92.98			
Mount Moriah	295.00	.00			
Mount Olive	3,467.27	764.54			
Mount Pella	7,204.56	2,267.92			

Church	Cooperative Program	Designated
Keeling	1,490.00	280.00
Liberty	8,470.85	5,473.18
Mason, First	204.12	78.57
Mount Lebanon	832.07	351.21
Munford	4,643.43	1,800.76
Oak Grove	14,894.00	7,455.86
Olive Branch	820.53	673.27
Pleasant Grove	4,431.11	2,902.90
Rialto	113.50	.00
Ripley, First	14,964.96	10,214.31
Ripley, First Indian	.00	25.00
Salem	672.39	.00
Smyrna	8,260.79	2,373.01
Trinity	3,225.70	813.25
Walnut Grove	1,056.81	744.65
Western Valley	918.61	.00
Woodlawn	200.00	1,377.00
Association	.00	.00
Total	150,668.03	81,848.04

BLEDSON		
Antioch	188.75	77.50
Bledson Creek	618.35	125.70
Chestnut Grove	318.80	77.50
College Heights	11,908.19	1,259.03
Corum Hill	160.00	.00
Cottontown	750.00	697.50
Dixon Creek	.00	1,000.00
Fountain Head	500.00	.00
Gallatin, First	46,958.54	19,080.84
Grace	2,647.00	969.25
Hartsville, First	6,311.60	2,983.24
Hillsdale	35.00	242.00
Immanuel	1,535.00	135.10
Indian Hills	1,800.00	281.20
La Fayette, First	3,622.14	1,810.70
Mitchellville	1,068.00	181.55
New Hope	1,024.30	1,238.06
Page Heights	1,903.12	311.59
Pleasant Valley	400.00	225.84
Portland, First	13,921.00	5,012.55
Red Boulders Spgs, 1st	96.00	186.40
Southside	.00	11,345.50
Station Camp	889.72	250.00
Twin Hills	220.00	.00
Westmoreland, First	837.99	484.32
Total	97,713.50	47,975.37

BRADLEY COUNTY		
Antioch	2,749.66	304.67
Beacon	.00	1,176.05
Bellefonte	4,900.75	3,244.64
Bethel	1,167.33	300.00
Big Spring	27,524.65	4,962.57
Blue Springs	2,912.29	1,413.93
Brittville	.00	216.11
Calvary	2,173.82	360.00
Candies Creek	3,841.70	753.70
Center Point	775.00	.00
Charity	.00	.00
Charleston, First	5,051.25	5,283.84
Chestnut	.00	.00
Cleveland, First	45,980.76	17,706.63
Clingan Ridge	2,949.23	1,390.31
Cloverleaf	.00	.00
Cohulla	.00	.00
Corinth	1,951.34	65.00
Council	260.00	1,905.57
East Cleveland	.00	.00
East View	354.43	410.95
Elkton	.00	.00
Emmanuel	.00	240.00
Fairview	924.47	262.00
Four Point	689.26	224.09
Galilee	160.42	150.00
Georgetown	3,244.80	736.42
Goodwill	508.98	875.00
Gum Spring	.00	353.80
Hopewell	12,205.58	4,549.38
Lebanon	336.92	587.25
Macedonia	1,190.07	3,427.78
Maple Street	4,123.22	1,543.95
Michigan Avenue	5,509.98	781.75
Mount Carmel	4,328.21	2,717.33
New Friendship	4,503.53	4,102.84
New Hope Missionary	.00	.00
North Cleveland	26,609.73	12,118.19
Oak Grove	860.47	488.00
Parkway	1,295.55	618.00
Phillippi	3,155.33	1,446.25
Ridgely	.00	370.00
Samples Memorial	4,817.12	616.73
Stuart Park	1,311.21	1,311.21
Tasso	85.66	223.92
Thompson Springs	1,428.28	2,026.68
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Valley View	6,686.01	1,975.70
Washington Avenue	100.00	.00
Waterville	2,364.00	6,943.39
West Cleveland	1,838.95	377.25
Westwood	37,533.62	11,133.63
White Oak	100.98	403.35
Total	228,671.20	101,093.17

CAMPBELL COUNTY		
Alder Springs	279.64	100.00
Anthras	.00	.00
Calvary	396.81	1,246.66
Caryville, First	5,792.00	689.85
Cedar Creek	.00	.00
Cedar Hill	807.74	2,619.35
Central	.00	524.86
Clairfield	844.40	331.01
Coalgate, First	1,396.29	560.00
Demory	220.00	94.75
Eagan	173.91	115.75
East Jacksboro	227.68	903.46
East La Follette	685.22	610.97

Church	Cooperative Program	Designated
Elk Valley, First	369.00	.00
Elm Grove	.00	.00
Glade Springs	519.45	721.50
High Street	33.00	.00
Hillcrest	319.68	460.01
Indian Creek	.00	554.21
Indiana Avenue	1,891.90	417.00
Jacksboro, First	10,361.00	3,613.25
Jellico, First	5,732.50	2,401.30
La Follette, First	16,331.67	8,355.00
Lake View	180.00	300.00
Little Cove Creek	.00	.00
Macedonia	33.00	.00
Midway	128.00	340.00
Morley	22.00	51.00
New Liberty	.00	.00
Newcomb	711.95	489.30
Oak Grove	25.00	298.00
Pruden, First	15.30	219.35
Ridgeview	27.50	.00
Round Rock	.00	.00
Royal Blue	.00	.00
Speedwell Academy	.00	78.35
Victory	.00	67.35
West La Follette	1,810.94	724.00
White Oak	.00	.00
Whitman	.00	200.00
Total	49,855.57	27,086.28

Tennessean touches Kentucky community

HELLIER, Ky. — It wasn't easy for Tennessean Beverly Smothers to say good-bye.

Smothers, a Southern Baptist Christian social ministries missionary, has stepped aside to continue her education, allowing Pam McCoy, another CSM worker, to fill her shoes as director of Marrowbone Baptist Center in Hellier, Ky.

Three years ago, Smothers, a native of Dyer, came to the heart of Appalachian coal country to direct the center. She followed the work of Freda Harris, a local woman appointed home missionary in 1962 when the Home Mission Board discovered her work. Harris began the center in her living room almost 25 years ago, but arthritis forced her to quit in 1977.

Smothers picked up where Harris left off. "She didn't have any trouble getting started," says Harris. "She was out meeting people in the time it took me to get out of the van. She's such a warm person; it didn't take her any time to get acquainted. I honestly think Beverly is a wonder woman. She can do anything."

Highly organized, fast-moving, efficient, Smothers reorganized the center's bank accounts, set up new schedules, and worked to recruit more people into Marrowbone programs. After driving 1,000 miles the first month to visit hundreds of homes, she enrolled 90 youth into clubs for teens, junior boys, junior girls, and mission friends.

At the center, she wrapped pipes for winter, did yard work, and made minor van repairs. She also traveled, speaking at local missions conferences and churches, hoping to enlist volunteers to lead Bible clubs.

When Smothers first arrived though, she created quite a stir.

Her 'different' methods worried ultra-

conservative Hellier residents. Her teen club sessions often included discussion of current issues such as race, homosexuality, and divorce. But the teens made the transition easily.

"We all loved Freda," says 16-year-old Jody Baldrige, an active participant in the center's activities since he was a toddler. "We learned to love Beverly in a different way. She talked about things we needed to hear, about problems we face every day."



PASSING THE TORCH — Beverly Smothers (left) continued the work begun by Freda Harris. Pam McCoy (right) will take over when Smothers leaves.

Says another resident, "At first we wanted her to pretend to be something she ain't. We hadn't learned it takes all kinds of things to be a good missionary."

She quickly involved herself in the life of the community, often spending much of her time meeting physical needs of those in the area.

"The older folks 'round here call her at all hours," says Stewart Baldrige, Hellier Baptist deacon. "And not just as a missionary, but as a friend. She carries them to the grocery store, to the emergency room, and to visit friends. Beverly has had to rush around, but she never turned anybody down that needed help."

That included an elderly, handicapped couple living 'way up' in the mountains. She taught the woman to read and helped them get into a home for the handicapped. She also reached out to a retarded woman and her two daughters, none of whom had been properly cared for or bathed in years.

Says Baldrige, "Beverly went into their home, got to know them, and before you knew it, had them bathed and clean clothes on."

Encounters such as these established Smothers as a friend who was available in times of trouble and in times of joy.

That's what made leaving so difficult.

"It would have been easier to leave if I'd had a bad experience, if something earthshattering had occurred," says Smothers, reflecting on her years in Hellier.

"But my decision came mainly because being there has been very positive. I now know that I want to stay in missions, that I want to continue social work. But I also realize I need more training, and I'm not getting any



SHOWING AN INTEREST — Beverly Smothers always took time to discuss whatever youth wanted to talk about.

younger. If I plan to go back to school, I need to do it now."

She has enrolled in Arizona State University to work toward a sociology/social work graduate degree.

Adapted from the November/December, 1980 issue of Home Missions magazine.

Music officers named

Bill Robinson, minister of music at First Baptist Church in Kingsport, was elected president of the Tennessee Baptist Church Music Conference during its annual meeting earlier this month. Robinson succeeds C. L. Huling, First Baptist Church, Hendersonville.

The minister of music at Woodmont Baptist Church, Nashville, Joe Morrell and Don Perry, First Baptist Church, Erwin, are the organization's new vice-presidents.

The secretary-treasurer for the coming year will be Jere Adams, Lenoir City.

The group is composed of ministers of music from throughout the state.



CLOSE ENCOUNTERS — Encounters such as these established Beverly Smothers as a friend, available in times of trouble as well as times of joy.

S.C. pastors set messenger goals

COLUMBIA, S.C. (BP) — An estimated 6,000 moderate messengers will be needed at the 1981 meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Los Angeles to protect denominational institutions from fundamentalist takeover, a group of pastors was told here.

Some 50 to 55 South Carolina pastors met at St. Andrews Baptist Church on the eve of the annual meeting of the South Carolina Baptist Convention to discuss threats to the unity of Southern Baptists and to the denomination's "continuing cooperative missions commitment."

The South Carolinians will attempt to recruit 350 messengers committed to preventing censorship in the institutions.

David Matthews, pastor of First Baptist Church of Greenville and one of the organizers of the meeting, said no future meetings are scheduled because "we are making conscious moves to avoid becoming a group. We are not a theological or doctrinal group...we are just mainstream Southern Baptists trying to encourage people to support the convention. The group here was very diverse."

He added: "We are not in opposition to the (Paul) Pressler-(Paige) Patterson group. It is their politics that is threatening. Their expressed desire is to enforce doctrinal uniformity on the institutions. That is the problem, not their doctrinal position. We want to preserve their right to believe what they want to believe. Our concern is for the freedom we have as Baptists."

Matthews said the Columbia meeting was an open meeting, and was attended by some "who were essentially in sympathy with the Pressler-Patterson perspective, if not their intentions."

Pressler, an appeals court judge from Houston, and Patterson, president of the Criswell Center for Biblical Studies in Dallas, have been leaders in a group charging that denominational institutions — particularly seminaries — are riddled with liberals who do not believe in an "infallible" and "inerrant" Bible.

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Family rejoices over bag of meal

ROODEPOORT, South Africa — They acted as if a very expensive piece of furniture had arrived in their home, said one family in the South African homeland of Ciskei. But the new arrival wasn't furniture. It was food — 25 kilograms of maize meal.

For that family, the gift from Southern Baptists and South African Baptists may have meant survival. Their homeland is one of the areas of South Africa hardest hit by a drought which has reduced the country's expected wheat harvest to 1.5-million tons from last year's 2.2-million, according to official figures.

That family is just one of several cited by South African Baptist Missionary L. T. Grunewald, who handled distribution of maize and powdered milk financed by \$25,000 from the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board and other gifts from the Baptist Union of South Africa.

Pastors at the recent Baptist minister's fraternal meeting in Ciskei expressed a unanimous vote of thanks for the gifts distributed through their churches, said Grunewald. "In some areas entire congregations united in a service of praise and thanksgiving to God and in most areas the relief supplies were a witness for our Baptist church to the entire community, resulting in increased numbers attending services," he said.

One church, which had miscalculated the number of families needing aid and came up short, purchased the extra meal and milk powder itself, he reported.

Grunewald received several letters of thanks from people who had received the food, including one from a woman whose husband had just died. "Once we experienced a day when we went to bed without a meal, but the arrival of the supplies in the mission came as a blessing to the family," she wrote.

LIFE AND WORK SERIES
Lesson for Dec. 7

Christ's divine love

By John N. Vaughan, assistant pastor
 East Park Baptist Church, Memphis

Basic Passage: Luke 7:1-50

Focal Passages: Luke 7:12-15, 36-39, 47-50

Two episodes are described in today's passages as Jesus first leaves Capernaum with a throng of disciples (vs.11) traveling toward Nain, a town in the tribal region of Issachar in Galilee. Our text begins with Jesus concluding the twenty-five mile journey.

Tearless eyes and obedient faith (Luke 7:12-15)

This account in the Bible is unique to Luke.

Two processions are identified as this episode begins: Jesus with "many of His disciples...and...people" (vs.11), and friends of the widow who lost her only son (vs.12). Both groups probably met outside "the gate of the city" (vs.12). Tradition-



Vaughan

ally, the mother of the "young man" (v.14) would precede the bier (coffin). It was natural, therefore for Jesus to address her first as they moved toward the cemetery of rock tombs that still stand to this day about ten minutes outside Nain. According to Scripture, near this identical spot, Elisha raised another widow's son (2 Kings 4:18-37).

The death of an only son is considered a genuine loss, but the death of a widow's son is a great misfortune. Such grief experienced by the loss of an only child is dealt with in several other Scriptures (Jeremiah 6:26, Zechariah 12:10, Amos 8:10). "The Lord" of life confronts death, says A. T. Robertson, as He "saw her" (vs.13 — aorist participle indicating repeated and fixed attention upon her). His focus was upon her rather than upon "him" who had died.

At this moment in Luke's account, the first of two commands is given by Jesus. Jesus calls out, "Weep not" to the mother as He approaches the procession. The active voice indicates that He expects her to immediately dry her tears.

Jesus touched the coffin as a silent gesture to halt the group. His quiet but direct authority (see Matt. 28:18) needed no interpretation. The force of His second command that He now directs to the young man brings chill bumps as He says, "I say unto thee, Arise." Immediately deaf ears heard and the young man sat up and even spoke.

Just as quickly as death had turned to new life, "there came a fear on all." They began repeatedly to glorify God. Instantly Jesus is addressed as a "great prophet," but no prophet ever raised the dead with a mere spoken word.

Tearful eyes and obsessive faith
 (Luke 7:36-39, 47-50)

Again, only Luke among the gospel writers records the following events that occur in the courtyard of Simon the Pharisee's house. Herschel H. Hobbs observes, "heretofore the emphasis has been upon those in need of something from the Lord. This section deals with that which the recipient of help should do for the Lord. The Thanksgiving season makes

this study most appropriate...as one has been graced of God he should be gracious toward God and men."

Several commentators suggest that the motive for Simon's dinner invitation was either mere curiosity, while others suspect entrapment. Whatever the motive, at least three courtesies that would always be extended by a host like Simon, were totally either ignored or by-passed by him and his servants.

According to William Barclay, the host would usually (1) place his hand on the guest's shoulder and give him the kiss of peace, (2) cool water was poured over the guest's feet to

cleanse and comfort him, and (3) either a pinch of sweet smelling incense was burned or a drop of attar of roses was placed on the guest's head. However, not one of these gestures was extended to Jesus by His host. Luke does, however, indicate that Simon led Jesus to the place where He "sat down." Jesus rebukes Simon in verses 44-46 as He directs attention to the woman who did all the things he as host had obviously avoided.

Suddenly the woman appeared from out of the crowd of spectators that had gathered. The Greek word for "who," according to Hobbs, "means that she was of such character as to be known as a sinner, so a notorious one. Evidently...a prostitute."

At this point in our study an interesting statement is made by Luke in verse 37 that is countered in verse 39 by Simon the Pharisee. The earlier comment specifies, by use of the imperfect tense verb, that the woman's past sinful habits were not currently being practiced. Simon, however, in verse 39 falsely supposes her to be guilty still by his use of the present tense. While some commentators identify

this woman as Mary Magdalene others are not as certain.

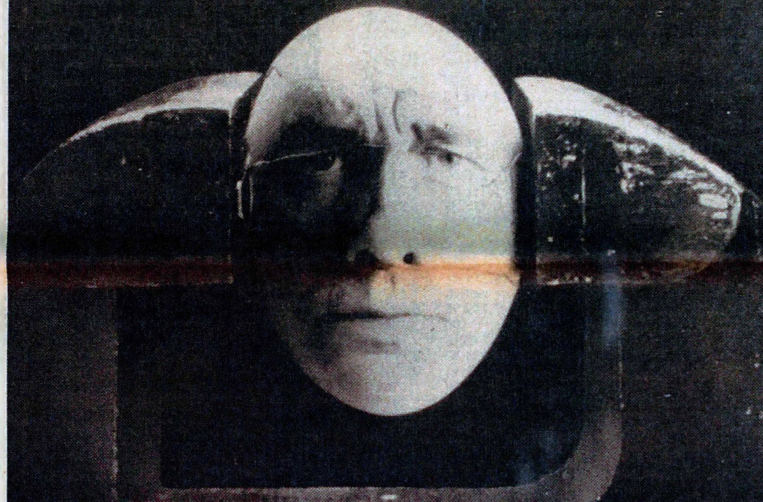
Barclay shares, "Round her neck she wore, like all Jewish women, a little phial of concentrated perfume; they were called alabasters and they were very costly."

Her "tears" are mixed with her offering (vs.38). The use of the imperfect tense for "kiss" in verse 38 means that she graciously cleansed and kissed Jesus' feet repeatedly. His host refused to even wash Jesus' feet. What a contrast!

Simon's use of the two words "who...and what" indicates a double assumption: first, that a true prophet would know the true character of the woman, and secondly, that He would certainly have repelled her. But like the people of verse 16, Simon saw Jesus only as a prophet, at best, but not as God incarnate.

Finally, a comparison of "love" in verse 47 and "faith" in verse 50 reveals that salvation results from "faith" and is verified by "love." The use of the perfect passive form of "forgiven" in verse 47-48 indicates perfected action in the past with enduring results into the present.

**Stress can squeeze years
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Liberty	1,061.14	235.00
Louisville, First	771.87	875.09
Macedonia	.00	345.48
Madison Avenue	9,257.97	8,038.08
Maple Grove	80.17	2,983.86
Maranatha	447.25	1,907.11
Marble Hill	338.15	155.48
Maryville, First	106,725.55	42,331.07
Meadowbrook	31.65	37.50
Midway	.00	1,104.21
Millers Cove	1,277.69	819.13
Monte Vista	35,709.68	6,684.65
Mount Carmel	2,053.30	902.77
Mount Lebanon	34,662.92	9,522.66
Mount Zion	31.47	1,184.67
Niles Ferry	10,531.45	2,623.99
Oak Street	3,660.24	1,716.48
Old Chilhowee	5,215.23	4,667.88
Old Piney Grove	3,570.05	1,300.69
Pilgrim	1,666.00	3,191.60
Piney Grove	10,290.80	2,598.47
Piney Level	1,960.00	1,221.00
Pleasant Grove	17,614.56	8,097.55
Prospect	4,925.46	2,497.70
Providence	5,165.95	3,338.27
Rockford	2,789.79	1,481.15
Rocky Branch	2,630.82	1,103.14
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Stock Creek	19,958.28	6,882.82
Trinity	9.36	18.00
Union Grove	140.76	1,895.56
Unity	5,520.40	2,057.09
Village Missionary	1,391.06	454.08
West Maryville	3,110.56	1,680.75
Wildwood	5,626.84	1,633.16
Zion Chapel	4,980.71	2,926.87
Association	.00	795.52
Total	635,814.38	250,472.52

CLINTON

Andersonville, First	8,684.46	2,744.51
Bailey	.00	544.00
Beech Grove	1,127.28	2,454.21
Bethel	3,090.00	589.25
Black Oak	9,373.98	2,123.68
Blowing Rock	337.45	625.21
Briceville, First	300.00	1,792.73
(H) Calvary	2,813.33	1,010.74
(O R) Calvary	16,837.50	4,191.11
Central	69,325.99	20,781.81
Clear Branch	9,427.83	2,381.14
Clinch River	3,503.15	4,844.00
Clinton, First	44,166.70	12,883.78
Clinton, Second	21,915.27	5,434.15
Dutch Valley, First	67.50	61.50
Edgemoor	3,878.50	2,651.59
Fairview	4,896.25	949.47
Farmers Grove	1,158.70	1,456.00
Frost Bottom	444.05	588.50
Glenwood	10,337.00	4,314.06
Graves Gap	87.50	.00
Grace	.00	.00
Grave Hill	.00	.00
Guiding Star	.00	325.00
Hillvale	.00	300.00
Indian Bluff	1,717.65	60.00
Island Ford	347.27	75.00
Island Home	.00	100.00
Jarnigans Chapel	.00	.00
Lake City, First	5,512.00	1,460.60
Lakeview	120.00	.00
Laurel Branch	767.22	.00
Laurel Grove	257.00	54.85
Longfield	1,513.19	256.03
Main Street	600.00	2,195.84
Mineral Springs	130.42	.00
Moran	844.64	1,594.03
Mount Pleasant	3,718.12	747.20
New Mountain View	2,344.87	.00
New Salem	5,560.08	4,797.49
Norris, First	1,309.00	622.73
North Clinton	.00	.00
Oak Ridge, First	19,474.31	9,064.63
Oliver Springs, First	13,834.73	7,421.39
Pine Hill	.00	1,268.30
Pleasant Hill	2,581.73	2,389.62
Pleasant View	1,114.88	1,587.41
Poplar Creek	1,824.49	138.79
Red Hill	.00	468.76
Robertsville	27,579.05	8,067.61
Royce	3,050.80	5,437.50
South Clinton	4,423.41	2,743.24
Springhill	.00	261.10
Tuppertown	112.21	.00
Union Valley	.00	510.05
Valley View	494.00	801.55
Waldens View	.00	.00
Willow Brook	.00	1,602.70
Woodland Park	4,084.00	672.85
Zion	8,082.61	4,818.54
Association	.00	.00
Total	323,180.12	132,294.26

CONCORD

Barfield	1,859.00	707.08
Belle Air	18,645.75	3,033.08

Bradleys Creek	490.26	357.55
Christiana, First	600.00	827.00
Eagleville	66.33	168.00
Fellowship	.00	805.63
Florence	1,284.13	351.05
Giles Creek	1,352.48	201.67
Grace	1,200.00	279.12
Green Hill	708.22	269.16
Hillview	1,821.09	1,375.02
Holly Grove	778.56	762.59
Immanuel	3,536.00	760.70
Lascassas	4,289.02	1,348.07
LaVergne, First	2,186.00	969.28
Money Avenue	975.45	175.00
Midland	516.82	261.65
Milton	1,278.00	709.04
Miracle	7,655.74	2,304.10
Mount Carmel	.00	70.00
Mount Herman	3,331.00	624.44
Mount Pleasant	787.22	1,075.12
Mount View	565.00	1,827.43
Murfreesboro, First	39,566.14	27,522.88
New Hope	10,621.90	2,680.55
Nolensville	727.61	427.77
Patterson	238.78	500.13
Powells Chapel	453.00	192.00
Rucker	8,163.58	2,373.59
Smyrna, First	45.00	60.00
Southeast	18,982.29	5,726.68
Stones River	6,288.83	6,423.04
Taylor's Chapel	4,458.00	1,198.02
Wards Grove	.00	.00
Westgate	600.00	81.30
Wayside	2,892.44	1,414.57
Westgate	80.00	205.00
Westgate	1,234.00	827.10
Woodbury Road	3,865.95	832.35
Total	152,143.59	69,726.76

COPPER BASIN

Bethlehem	100.00	50.00
Coletown	1,285.95	673.62
Grassy Creek	.00	8.00
Isabella	714.61	1,624.71
Isabella	.00	.00
Maple Grove	12,802.63	6,008.96
Nine City	.00	210.00
Mount Harmony	.00	695.53
Mount Vernon	1,036.37	1,280.20
Mount Zion	629.24	200.00
Pleasant Hill	200.00	460.00
Turtletown	1,711.20	1,780.00
Zion Hill	2,423.29	1,251.49
Total	20,903.32	14,242.51

CROCKETT COUNTY

Alamo, First	16,711.87	8,580.26
Barkers Chapel	684.05	190.59
Bells, First	3,752.98	6,629.17
Cairo	.00	144.00
Cross Roads	3,742.18	2,443.05
Friendship	4,664.95	2,078.05
Gadsden	2,072.94	2,589.03
Johnson Grove	200.00	150.00
Maury City, First	3,385.12	5,291.06
Midway	.00	.00
Providence	70.00	292.79
South Fork	606.61	872.00
Three Way	250.00	1,050.00
Walnut Hill	1,260.72	1,671.18
Total	41,401.42	31,981.18

CUMBERLAND

Alva	81.79	120.73
Blooming Grove	3,032.00	964.00
Cannon, First	1,102.76	610.37
Charlotte, First	1,859.33	143.92
Clarksville, First	29,254.19	10,495.43
Cross Creek	563.72	207.17
Crossland Avenue	1,295.87	414.61
Cumberland City, First	977.95	150.00
Cumberland Drive	8,359.32	1,072.43
Dotsonville	210.00	.00
Erin	2,902.00	2,177.35
Excell	3,480.16	810.34
Grace Avenue	1,353.84	1,678.15
Gum Springs	1,402.62	.00
Harmony	1,300.77	721.22
Hillcrest	4,727.86	896.28
Hilldale	11,248.47	1,500.00
Immanuel	360.57	125.00
Kenwood	3,562.61	947.48
Kirkwood	2,223.42	793.90
Little Hope	4,747.68	1,134.02
Little West Fork	2,333.28	579.89
Memorial	404.90	392.00
Mount Herman	3,040.90	1,533.52
New Canaan	95.00	20.30
New Providence	8,415.26	1,783.67
Northside	75.00	82.00
Parkview	4,331.95	1,208.33
Pleasant View	1,036.34	3,158.03
St. Bethlehem, First	1,608.28	548.25
Slayden	752.18	162.25
Spring Creek	2,075.24	1,449.90
Trinity	1,209.12	497.90
Vanleer	856.54	17.33
Woodlawn	1,647.69	335.00
Association	30.00	.00
Total	120,958.60	36,730.79

CUMBERLAND GAP

Atlantus Hill	265.78	225.50
Bethel	.00	.00
Big Spring Union	81.38	184.00
Blairs Creek	.00	109.70
Brooks Memorial	.00	.00

Calvary	.00	100.00
Carrs Chapel	766.15	866.98
Cave Spring Missionary	.00	875.63
Cedar Fork	.00	309.70
Cedar Grove	130.00	229.00
Chadwell Station	1,088.46	935.27
Cumberland Gap, First	250.00	255.31
Duncan Chapel	.00	168.00
East Hopewell	.00	1,284.84
Fair View	275.53	550.98
Forge Ridge	.00	187.50
Gap Creek	.00	3,911.67
Gibson Station	.00	.00
Goin's Chapel	.00	100.00
Greens Chapel	163.00	179.90
Harragate, First	4,228.19	3,829.32
Haynes Flat	203.60	1,615.45
Head of Barren	.00	.00
Hope Missionary	.00	.00
Howell	.00	100.00
Howards Quarter	.00	91.30
Indian Creek	.00	.00
Liberty Missionary	.00	.00
Liberty Hill	238.00	104.00
Little Mulberry	277.90	447.51
Little Valley	.00	.00
Lone Hill Missionary	.00	.00
Lone Holly	.00	128.47
M C M	.00	.00
Midway Missionary	222.16	723.14
Mount Gilead	.00	32.28
Mount Pleasant	.00	25.00
Mountain View	90.00	.00
New Hope	.00	.00
New Salem	.00	154.48
New Tazewell, First	7,604.35	1,979.65
Oak Grove	100.00	334.00
Peoples Missionary	.00	.00
Pleasant View	881.52	455.00
Poplar Grove	.00	.00
Providence	50.00	50.00
Pump Hollow	.00	.00
Pump Springs	1,828.63	668.00
Raven Hill	.00	.00
Red Hill	111.12	40.00
Riley Memorial	.00	40.00
Riverside	.00	.00
River View	.00	208.23
Shawnee	1,920.27	2,441.91
Springdale	11.05	114.99
Springfield Missionary	.00	1,711.25
Straight Creek	.00	.00
Sugar Grove	.00	.00
Summery Bridge	.00	15.00
Sunrise Missionary	.00	.00
Tazewell	1,021.34	634.26
Town Creek	133.00	277.70
Underwood Grove	1,045.42	954.00
Union Chapel	.00	123.00
Walnut Hill	100.00	536.00
Westside Missionary	.00	115.00
Wolfenbarger Chapel	.00	53.57
Association	.00	.00
Total	23,086.85	28,536.49

CUMBERLAND PLATEAU

Bethlehem	1,755.90	1,001.00
Calvary	140.00	16.85
Clear Creek	209.88	82.25
Crossville, First	14,558.99	7,931.43
Cumberland Homestead	8,327.92	2,859.81
Emmanuel	925.71	789.30
Fairfield Glade	1,834.82	772.25
Fairview	.00	.00
Frederia	1,844.02	2,185.25
Haleys Grove	1,198.82	805.05
Isolene	533.80	180.98
Mayland	1,467.55	50.00
Memorial	993.50	706.49
Meridian	225.00	20.00
Mountain View	1,633.54	386.90
Oak Hill	1,803.86	604.00
Oaklawn	1,848.27	1,517.71
Ozone	34.13	23.42
Plateau	.00	.00
Pomona	220.00	367.16
Slate Spring	71.50	71.50
Wesley	1,570.44	1,521.80
Total	41,317.65	23,893.15

DUCK RIVER

Air View	.00	.00
Altamont	213.74	.00
Broadview	2,872.43	627.18
Center Grove	1,684.47	535.00
College Street	619.05	69.30
Cowan, First	4,262.55	2,558.05
Cross Roads	3,312.33	468.00
Decherd, First	3,840.00	3,869.37
Estill Springs	6,866.02	3,255.50
Grace	4,366.69	1,792.46
Highland	7,569.49	2,579.18
Hillsboro	840.11	700.72
Huntland	2,352.37	1,093.00
Keith Springs	107.41	79.57
Liberty	1,352.19	183.52</

Church	Cooperative Program	Designated
GIBSON COUNTY		
Antioch	8,156.40	3,364.42
Avondale	1,963.49	366.36
Beech Grove	1,460.79	238.17
Bethel, Humboldt	321.25	430.30
Bethel, Yorkville	1,967.29	887.05
Bethpage	3,238.14	1,926.65
Bradford, First	8,236.35	3,231.25
(H) Calvary	60.00	54.00
(R) Calvary	748.95	325.00
Center	180.00	70.00
Chapel Hill	2,326.38	718.36
China Grove	1,240.00	3,375.00
Clear Creek	1,212.42	296.85
Dyer, First	18,966.43	9,547.86
Eldad	981.17	525.00
Emmanuel	8,097.18	3,516.50
Fellowship	1,129.41	512.39
Frutland	1,514.00	697.63
Gibson	2,540.93	1,834.10
Hickory Grove	2,495.96	1,899.00
Hillcrest	47.44	24.25
Humboldt, First	18,002.34	10,383.58
Idlewild	3,363.65	1,171.00
Immanuel	206.05	276.89
Keely Mill	575.72	227.60
Kenton, First	17,690.02	9,638.57
(K) Laneview	769.95	337.49
(T) Laneview	350.60	106.00
Latham Chapel	1,231.45	1,073.00
Lavinia	1,157.30	1,506.87
Maranatha	430.80	50.00
Medina	17,342.54	4,719.77
Midway	388.03	1,048.53
Milton, First	35,601.05	12,294.74
Mount Pisgah	1,351.02	353.00
Mount Pleasant	4,257.31	4,230.00
New Bethlehem	4,727.35	4,292.82
New Hope	1,286.05	2,370.00
Northern Chapel	100.00	150.00
Northside	6,873.76	6,066.19
Oak Grove	1,488.86	221.56
Oakwood	2,290.68	1,765.90
Old Bethlehem	790.50	209.88
Poplar Grove	3,489.33	1,666.84
Poplar Springs	3,547.10	1,430.50
Rutherford, First	1,034.18	3,823.19
Salem	4,220.18	2,100.34
Southside	977.79	146.37
Springhill	1,910.00	523.31
Trenton, First	17,738.26	11,758.93
Walnut Grove	1,000.00	1,425.08
West Side	1,786.96	681.50
White Hall	7,453.00	4,882.00
Total	220,812.81	124,755.59
GILES COUNTY		
Bradshaw	25.00	150.00
Elkton	2,366.78	420.40
Hannah	0.00	50.00
Highland	3,886.09	1,652.07
Liberty Hill	190.00	280.19
Lynnville, First	349.51	98.32
Minnow Branch	26.37	25.00
Minor Hill, First	0.00	533.17
New Hope	825.00	1,725.00
New Zion	427.99	1,245.10
Oak Grove	79.00	75.00
Prospect	0.00	0.00
Pulaski, First	12,669.51	2,502.53
Rack Springs	1,200	1,300.00
Scots Hill	75.00	354.00
Shores	307.84	435.47
Thompson Chapel	100.00	192.85
Union Hill	75.00	50.00
Union Valley	0.00	25.00
Welcome Valley	0.00	0.00
Wheelerton	0.00	300.00
Total	22,593.09	11,414.64
GRAINGER COUNTY		
Adriel	0.00	154.76
Avondale	92.54	0.00
Barnards Grove	716.42	305.53
Bean Station, First	611.38	300.00
Black Springs	2,375.00	3,960.00
Blue Springs	3,329.22	2,448.01
Buffalo	883.00	588.60
Byrley's Chapel	0.00	575.44
Calvary	235.00	0.00
Central Point	1,023.55	1,128.00
Coffey's Chapel	0.00	0.00
Fairview	732.40	102.04
Head of Richland	594.24	0.00
Hellon Springs	1,596.45	1,100.00
Indian Ridge	951.46	682.39
Lea Springs	2,431.39	2,243.51
Lucust Grove	1,078.02	554.00
Mitchell Springs	271.64	196.86
Mount Eager	200.00	50.00
Mouth of Richland	7,772.62	3,868.40
Narrow Valley	512.02	254.07
New Blackwell	890.75	520.00
New Corinth	939.96	798.54
New Prospect	373.37	150.00
Neoton	0.00	46.00
Oak Grove	0.00	100.00
Oakland	4,340.98	1,872.62
Powder Springs	321.21	225.00
Punchoon Camp	112.00	45.00
Red House	30.00	57.35
Riverview	0.00	21.00
Rutledge	5,265.37	2,272.52
Southside	0.00	44.75
Sunrise	371.02	1,711.20
Tampico	166.60	468.86
Washburn	210.59	590.00
Total	37,948.20	27,434.45

Church	Cooperative Program	Designated
HAMILTON COUNTY		
Alpine	2,763.00	529.60
Apison	8,156.28	6,066.17
Avondale	10,347.43	3,188.18
Bartlebaugh	3,445.00	1,283.58
Bayside	20,718.12	4,119.08
Beacon	37.40	40.00
Birchwood	5,122.95	3,594.15
Brainerd	86,410.32	31,251.77
Brainerd Hills	17,170.78	4,552.86
Cedar Hill	4,876.76	9,997.76
(C) Central	77,082.61	21,152.29
(H) Central	54,887.84	17,955.95
Chamberlain Avenue	6,365.24	1,724.24
Charity	0.00	0.00
Chattanooga, First	80,986.42	75,072.59
Chattanooga, Second	3,422.00	1,825.50
Clifton Hill	3,921.29	1,076.12
Community Missionary	74.62	0.00
Concord	39,724.21	12,533.85
Cross Roads	0.00	152.80
Daisy, First	13,023.01	5,269.63
Dalewood	0.00	211.71
Denny Hill	0.00	0.00
East Brainerd	6,976.46	1,872.92
East Chattanooga	14,038.47	3,936.32
East Lake	21,055.32	8,117.51
East Ridge	44,878.55	10,914.81
Eastwood	10,508.71	1,585.51
Edwards Point	0.00	75.00
Fairview	2,012.00	250.00
Falling Water	5,335.95	390.00
Falling Water Tab.	903.86	294.31
First Calvary	390.47	6.00
Fraxley	784.91	830.73
Friendship	0.00	324.30
Friendship Missionary	0.00	0.00
Grace Avenue	0.00	9.00
Greenwood	0.00	603.65
Guild, First	124.00	0.00
Harrison	0.00	706.10
Hickory Valley	2,310.83	481.85
High Point	2,675.00	567.86
Hilltop	0.00	550.00
Hixson, First	35,742.13	12,071.86
Hughes Avenue	2,199.52	994.00
Johns Memorial	2,400.89	9.50
Kings Point	498.07	939.15
Kingwood	1,000.00	1,942.50
Lakeway	0.00	100.00
Lookout Mountain	2,275.00	3,691.29
Lookout Valley	11,888.99	2,119.98
Maple Grove	11,237.62	5,378.12
Maranatha	0.00	0.00
Meadowview	2,101.36	479.06
Memorial	13,771.82	5,052.63
Middle Valley	13,931.14	4,058.34
Morris Hill	7,399.59	2,991.59
Mount Carmel	5,891.59	8,198.94
Mountain Creek	7,441.44	2,036.58
Mountain View	1,056.49	71.88
New Bethel	2,765.73	100.00
New Liberty	457.00	260.74
New Salem	9,617.25	2,077.36
New Shepherd Hill	775.66	826.29
New Union	372.29	1,396.41
North Red Bank	0.00	1,366.80
Northside	14,065.50	7,643.69
Oak Grove	3,568.00	2,071.85
Oak Street	8,021.39	1,835.77
Oakwood	32,375.00	7,100.79
Oakview	9,842.00	6,273.65
Parkers Gap	332.86	272.70
Philadelphia	150.50	1,009.32
Pilgrim Rest	0.00	745.68
Pleasant Grove	9,526.05	2,476.34
Pleasant Hill	0.00	0.00
Providence	3,225.32	1,467.16
Red Bank	101,098.69	23,049.06
Ridgecrest	4,655.48	664.00
Ridgedale	48,482.65	8,297.00
Ridgeview	11,781.53	11,650.67
Riverside	0.00	0.00
Saint Elmo Avenue	24,316.89	7,354.88
Shepherd	0.00	0.00
Signal Hill	223.11	0.00
Signal Mountain	22,540.67	7,838.69
Silverdale	26,169.94	7,770.68
South Seminole	23,990.07	8,609.05
Spring Creek Road	30,460.86	9,245.32
Stanley Heights	0.00	0.00
Stuart Heights	5,347.28	1,257.71
Trenton	2,056.08	872.20
Tyner	2,865.00	545.27
Union Fork	952.06	184.86
White Oak	64,636.49	13,576.58
Whiteside	25.00	105.58
Woodland Heights	0.00	452.87
Woodland Park	14,433.51	4,690.40
Total	1,148,313.38	426,353.19
HARDEMAN COUNTY		
Bethlehem	12.00	938.10
Bolivar, First	31,779.26	15,678.71
Brints Chapel	0.00	19.00
Cloverport	325.57	130.00
Dixie Hills	2,818.96	1,803.25
Ebenezer	552.50	1,172.10
Enon	10.96	31.50
Essary Springs	323.24	727.40
Grand Junction, First	11,401.70	10,762.97
Hatchie	1,306.22	326.76
Hebron	1,208.87	1,024.83
Hickory Valley	3,400.00	2,498.50
Hornsby	5,106.69	2,438.76
Humbleburg	200.00	150.00
Middleton, First	3,290.00	3,397.00
Midway	241.85	199.00
New Bethel	372.20	327.54

Church	Cooperative Program	Designated
HAYWOOD		
New Union	3,745.79	1,305.93
Parrans Chapel	5,626.01	1,079.40
Piney Grove	1,432.21	100.00
Pleasant Grove	33.00	207.25
Pocahontas, First	2,470.65	1,067.59
Porters Creek	.00	43.50
Rocky Springs	.00	181.25
Saulsberry	2,832.21	2,827.21
Shandy	706.62	96.25
Sileron	2,767.53	1,004.83
Toone	4,391.94	1,757.33
Trinity	551.55	79.13
Walnut Grove	828.19	1,772.68
West Memorial	2,019.69	1,831.90
Whiteville, First	6,981.65	7,502.76
Total	96,511.06	62,482.13
HAYWOOD		
Allen	6,669.49	6,837.98
Antioch	1,513.79	535.91
Brownsville	49,970.71	24,531.83
Calvary	1,456.79	959.00
Harmony	6,918.67	3,143.11
Holly Grove	4,098.40	6,343.31
Poplar Corner	1,507.83	2,082.25
Shows Chapel	301.02	156.50
Stanton	1,479.63	482.00
Woodland	3,710.41	1,626.75
Zion	6,495.87	2,660.26
Total	84,122.81	49,358.90
HIWASSEE		
Chapman Grove	.00	1,773.80
Concord	.00	1,548.45
Paint Rock	.00	1,526.33
Peakland Missionary	115.62	.00
Pisgah	.00	453.00
Ten Mile	2,845.56	748.74
Total	2,961.18	6,050.32
HOLSTON		
Antioch	7,868.63	1,470.76
Baileytown, First	203.71	521.00
Bethany	600.35	555.56
Bethel View	2,660.82	1,129.05
(B) Bethel	30.69	117.39
(J C) Bethel	323.38	286.75
Beulah	15,953.72	2,097.78
Blountville, First	13,165.28	5,838.08
Bluff City	3,926.01	727.11
Bluff City, First	25,631.22	5,424.55
Boone Trail	2,875.25	764.39
Boones Creek	1,967.11	2,631.35
Bowmantown	2,591.76	960.00
(B) Calvary	19,658.00	8,507.29
(E) Calvary	14,136.27	4,136.07
(G) Calvary	650.00	200.00
(J C) Calvary	372.82	483.67
Cedar Creek	.00	1,200.00
(E) Central	787.05	789.75
(J C) Central	62,800.00	39,735.92
Cherokee	3,152.73	3,022.65
Cherokee Mountain	.00	60.00
Cherry Grove	1,425.95	763.32
Chestnut	120.00	.00
Chinquapin Grove	11,375.00	5,758.87
Clark Street	1,966.00	1,199.72
Clear Branch	600.00	4,241.00
Clifton View	1,995.00	1,040.05
Coffee Ridge	.00	.00
East Watauga Avenue	1,599.75	143.92
Eastern Gate	.00	13.00
Embsville Cove	.00	.00
Emmanuel	.00	.00
Enon	2,020.69	203.00
Erwin, First	34,750.00	14,908.34
Fall Branch, First	5,753.51	1,578.58
Fall Creek	2,238.63	935.00
Flag Pond	1,294.58	598.00
Fordtown	7,437.62	1,929.56
Fort Robinson	24,964.11	8,501.40
Grace	3,173.31	681.88
Gravelly	120.00	150.00
Green Pine	393.00	613.63
Greene Hills	2,100.69	1,070.67
Greenelawn	450.00	282.30
Greenville, First	45,100.77	10,802.16
Greenville	.00	1,508.38
Greenwood	1,557.76	200.00
Harmony	1,094.34	1,138.52
Higgins Chapel	145.23	391.67
Holston Valley	145.23	141.15
Hulen	2,045.35	498.69
Johnson City, First	4,619.63	1,878.20
Jonesboro, First	13,256.93	6,118.94
Jonesboro, Second	325.00	265.00
King Springs	620.12	162.40
Lovelace	1,149.45	124.00
Midway	1,335.66	959.05
Mill Creek	.00	200.00
Mount Holston	349.06	1,556.09
Mount Zion	1,067.98	43.00
Mountain View	226.67	1,312.00
Muddy Creek	634.40	693.52
New Lebanon	488.20	1,166.55
New Salem	1,314.42	674.56
New Victory	1,743.33	655.37
Ninth Street	8,746.77	3,064.03
North Johnson City	5,309.33	1,992.11
Oak Dale	901.50	232.00
Oak Glen	122.00	225.00
Oak Grove	5,710.00	6,124.46
Oak Hill	2,949.85	2,722.80
Omega	188.00	114.00
Pinecrest	6,663.22	2,220.00
Piney Flats	1,576.93	2,407.83
Pleasant Grove	975.77	100.00

Church	Cooperative Program	Designated
Calvary	.00	22.98
Central Heights	2,281.73	3,097.15
Dandridge, First	21,151.00	12,469.00
Deep Springs	1,648.34	1,154.35
Dumplin	3,049.13	1,879.60
Emmanuel	5,346.21	3,223.40
Flat Gap	1,134.31	1,088.50
French Broad	240.00	3,300.00
Friendsview	.00	50.00
Good Hope	304.76	394.74
Hilltop	.00	789.03
Holston Memorial	2,468.57	1,563.94
Jefferson City, First	34,143.64	32,282.26
Mansfield Gap	943.39	1,210.79
Mill Springs	4,987.87	1,430.39
Mountain View	90.25	452.34
Mullins Chapel	274.16	300.00
Nances Grove	1,355.14	583.00
New Hope	1,298.74	664.07
New Market	5,555.14	1,861.12
Nino	.00	422.20
Piedmont	19,499.39	8,083.16
Pleasant Grove (N.M.)	400.00	988.25
Pleasant Grove, Piney	6,374.81	3,408.65
Rocky Valley	496.41	757.00
Strawberry Pls., First	2,294.55	3,445.31
Swans Chapel	.00	.00
Talbott	5,919.11	3,040.37
White Pine, First	9,353.98	4,216.51
Association	29.28	.00
Total	133,204.38	94,670.97

JUDSON

Cedar Hill	31.10	120.00
Harmony	.00	.00
Liberty	.00	81.00
Maple Grove	.00	127.11
Missionary Ridge	.00	.00
Mount Zion	.00	55.28
New Hope	3,216.39	829.75
Old New Hope	410.00	787.73
Pleasant Ridge	.00	15.00
Walnut Grove	.00	120.00
Total	3,657.49	2,135.87

KNOX COUNTY

Alice Bell	11,382.66	1,850.10
Arlington	20,395.20	11,189.13
Arkings	720.00	357.44
Ball Camp	10,668.78	3,320.53
Baswood	.00	225.00
Bays Mountain	.00	.00
Beaumont Avenue	499.85	1,213.80
Beaver Dam	18,412.19	9,119.24
Bell Avenue	5,928.67	7,892.12
Belmont Heights	2,405.90	1,573.00
Bethany	.00	.00
Black Oak Heights	29,664.77	2,235.25
Blount Avenue	.00	.00
Bon View	.00	.00
Bronville	300.71	60.50
Brookway	3,150.00	6,198.47
Buffet Heights	2,391.55	1,444.76
Burnetts Creek	200.00	130.44
Callahan Road	.00	806.00
Calvary	32,525.48	10,026.29
Cedar Bluff	389.60	.00
(B) Central	70,000.00	25,833.59
Central of Fin. City	71,500.00	50,406.34
Churchwell Avenue	1,272.51	1,435.35
City View	12,245.05	4,408.86
Clear Springs	7,518.83	3,165.91
Community	.00	.00
Concord, First	70,416.90	25,653.40
Copper Ridge	41.77	243.99
Cornerstone	437.00	725.00
Corryton	15,707.74	2,142.79
Cumberland	20,547.02	12,470.34
East Sunnyview	67.00	.00
Ebenezer	2,659.80	869.01
Elm Street	1,195.76	1,319.92
Euclid Avenue	5,949.17	3,946.70
Fairview	4,705.01	1,595.00
Fair Havens	1,667.29	2,122.41
Faith and Hope	219.07	61.30
Farragut	200.00	.00
Fellowship	1,498.30	2,240.25
Fifth Avenue	6,000.00	7,074.36
Flint Gap	796.19	424.23
Fort Hill	1,300.00	1,626.15
Fort Sanders	274.00	865.00
Fountain City, First	4,061.93	2,736.65
Galilee	6,180.87	6,552.58
Galloher Memorial	1,387.33	202.00
Ganland Heights	1,409.10	1,377.95
Gillespie Avenue	4,457.58	1,807.08
Glenwood	10,200.00	5,129.21
Grace	30,904.79	11,608.66
Grassy Valley	2,137.79	432.84
Graveston	3,299.59	260.81
Greenway	5,421.94	1,138.81
Grove City	87.78	240.77
Grove Heights	.00	.00
Grove Hill	1,677.72	1,291.05
Hill Crest	434.80	164.58
Hines Valley	.00	.00
Holt Avenue	.00	.00
Hollywood Hills	529.00	831.00
Holston	5,484.07	1,495.75
House Mountain	.00	263.89
Immanuel	7,941.98	2,671.03
Inskip	8,008.36	8,697.24
Island Home	3,850.00	1,791.90
Jersey Ave.	.00	.00
John Sevier	1,430.00	4,385.80
Jones Chapel	308.50	3,360.92
Knoxville, First	62,050.93	125,150.67
Knoxville, Second	6,276.88	6,217.20
Knoxville, Third	815.26	515.81

Loke Country	1,174.07	129.00
Lincoln Park	35,980.80	11,284.18
Linden Avenue	264.35	469.12
Little Flat Creek	2,341.17	1,091.30
Lonsdale	2,250.00	720.26
Loveland	1,255.26	337.50
Lyons Creek	9,678.46	4,008.59
Marble City	754.86	3,437.62
Marbledale	2,497.83	1,191.92
Mars Hill	7,327.51	2,409.56
Mascot	3,600.78	1,019.11
Meadow View	15,974.97	15,615.19
Meridian	731.29	1,070.00
Middlebrook Pike	41,706.42	15,809.46
Midway	452.00	80.00
Miracle	42.00	.00
Moreland Heights	.00	.00
Mount Carmel	347.45	72.80
Mount Harmony	2,552.54	5,378.27
Mount Olive	11,429.42	9,348.67
Mount Olive, East	28,811.13	19,649.59
Mountain View	.00	.00
New Hope	1,555.51	155.00
New Hopedale	172.00	50.00
New Hope	10,697.87	4,423.18
New Hopedale	10.00	182.50
North Acres	.00	882.33
North Hills	.00	.00
North Knoxville	18,661.47	3,269.92
North Side	.00	.00
Northwest	490.00	683.91
Norwood	2,500.00	2,600.00
Oakwood	7,700.00	3,707.34
Parklane	4,464.76	1,479.87
Parkway	13,069.47	2,260.21
Peoples Missionary	281.76	185.90
Piney Grove	.00	3,105.60
Powell, First	15,290.95	5,128.02
Ramsey Heights	589.93	36.62
Reunion	1,058.33	78.50
Ridgeville	2,054.83	2,337.26
Riverdale	5,525.21	3,617.74
Riverview	7,252.88	1,621.62
Rocky Hill	5,364.77	3,813.10
Roseberry	9,483.30	3,702.97
Ruggles Ferry	1,881.99	1,911.51
Salem	65.04	.00
Scottish Pike	19,663.00	7,288.06
Seven Islands	20.00	.00
Sevier Heights	33,644.64	13,445.44
Sevier Home	3,159.03	515.90
Sharon	9,698.49	7,395.23
Smithwood	19,500.00	26,141.32
South Knoxville	17,700.00	13,642.70
Stoney Point	605.00	.00
Sunset Heights	55.50	804.90
Sutherland Avenue	.00	.00
Tarklin Valley	.00	275.75
Tennessee Avenue	1,773.00	1,070.06
Third Creek	2,378.45	255.50
Thorn Grove	1,129.17	2,015.36
Three Point	.00	.00
Timothy Street	3,203.25	424.41
Tower Heights	200.00	371.09
Trinity	6,320.06	812.85
Tuckahoe	.00	.00
Union	7,755.23	3,624.22
Unity	.00	810.18
(B C) Valley Grove	.00	952.95
(C H) Valley Grove	29,531.74	12,912.44
Vestal	.00	.00
Wallace Memorial	120,588.81	43,211.18
Washington Avenue	3,224.75	1,311.50
Washington Pike	14,466.00	6,007.78
West End	74.66	.00
West Haven	11,031.91	2,424.04
West Hills	12,370.00	4,741.49
West Knoxville	13,705.98	1,402.89
West Lonsdale	13,856.82	12,753.63
West Side	.00	591.55
Association	.00	49.40
Total	1,226,785.89	699,324.23

LAWRENCE COUNTY

Barnesville	90.71	26.00
Beech Grove	.00	75.00
Bethel	.00	1,000.00
Blooming Grove	80.00	200.00
Bonnertown	885.19	667.93
Brace	177.00	258.50
Center Point	.00	400.00
Deerfield	1,145.59	898.31
Ethridge First	713.37	897.90
Evas Chapel	612.60	138.05
Faith	650.00	1,951.10
Five Points	180.00	.00
Gum Springs	2,484.46	.00
Highland Park	8,703.72	5,570.30
Immanuel	3,389.00	1,419.52
Iron City First	1,468.82	997.06
Lawrenceburg, First	17,881.29	6,085.05
Leoma	2,649.95	5,682.71
Liberty Grove	.00	.00
Loretta, First	2,514.41	200.00
Macedonia	170.00	.00
Mars Hill	142.00	75.00
Meadow View	3,848.83	1,279.90
Mount Horeb	1,090.00	1,545.21
New Prospect	2,763.37	1,981.36
O. K.	300.00	935.00
Oak Hill	69.27	600.00
Park Grove	676.43	712.91
Pine Grove	480.00	307.00
Pleasant Grove	25.00	.00
Ramah	446.37	350.00
St. Joseph, First	1,678.20	2,292.22
Summertown	2,653.20	1,668.15
West Point	455.99	194.07
Total	58,399.77	38,433.25

Church	Cooperative Program	Designated
LOUDON COUNTY		
Antioch	.00	2,400.83
Ballards Chapel	1,057.81	632.76
Beals Chapel	1,145.21	767.75
Blairland	9,926.70	6,837.66
LC, Calvary	22,003.31	1,433.77
L. Calvary	539.76	21.00
Cove Creek	.00	180.00
Corinth	5,680.17	4,499.32
Dixie Lee	12,274.48	2,874.36
Dogwood	.00	68.00
East Hills	1,128.08	281.51
Everett Road	899.91	508.75
Friendship	.00	4,450.46
Highland Park	.00	1,242.16
Kingship Pike	3,394.96	282.17
Lenoir City, First	62,231.21	28,196.87
Lenoir City, Second	1,225.03	511.19
Loudon, First	3,381.00	1,881.53
Morganon	849.75	511.00
Mount Pleasant	218.66	594.52
Mount Zion	1,256.17	1,408.24
Mountain View	58.84	50.00
Nelson Street	.00	1,000.54
New Midway	1,355.90	1,699.11
New Providence	7,149.00	2,100.00
Oral	2,824.00	3,024.50
Philadelphia, First	5,177.40	1,450.00
Pine Grove	.00	579.72
Pleasant Hill	17,915.06	5,007.10
Prospect	2,915.44	2,431.25
Riverview	1,195.60	675.00
Silver Ridge	.00	938.49
South Holston	25.00	50.00
Stockton Valley	985.00	795.00
Stoney Point	53.60	.00
Union Fork Creek	1,027.15	100.00
Vaughns Chapel	1,697.68	1,120.78
West Broadway	.00	1,380.86
Association	.00	1,100.00
Total	169,591.88	83,086.20

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Antioch	6,628.70	2,855.65
Athens, First	82,977.35	20,810.55
Bethel Springs	79.50	100.00
Bethsada	100.00	460.00
Brookhill	729.00	400.73
Calhoun, First	12,427.06	2,813.20
(D) Calvary	100.00	550.44
(E) Calvary	201.66	753.00
Cambrío	.00	100.00
Central	4,109.41	657.46
Clay Hill	48.00	.00
Clear Springs	225.31	1,432.55
Clearwater	1,746.75	1,181.41
Cog Hill	1,652.82	781.71
Conasauga	578.56	125.00
Cotton Port	100.00	400.00
Decatur, First	965.99	1,526.00
Dixon Avenue	.00	460.80
Double Springs	3,486.33	1,218.78
East Athens	17,085.65	5,163.46
East Niota	400.00	1,400.00
East View	973.00	2,732.00
Eastmanlee	23,684.84	5,914.67
Englewood, First	16,178.93	3,705.62
Etowah, First	10,727.78	8,127.75
Five Point	.00	100.00
Friendship	.00	.00
Good Hope	304.40	1,258.41
Good Springs	6,258.43	6,687.04
Hiwassee	44.72	306.51
Idlewild	1,140.84	135.81
Lakeview	615.66	309.00
Lamontville	331.07	260.50
Manilla Chapel	70.00	168.00
Marshall Hill	2,056.00	2,171.57
Mc Mahon Calvary	2,100.14	780.78
Mc Mahony #1	2,158.88	1,154.86
Mc Mahony #2	1,328.76	890.53
Mount Pisgah	926.09	4,382.93
Mount Verd	1,127.54	406.84
New Bethel	132.18	377.00
New Hopedale	162.30	229.79
New Zion	610.74	190.52
Niota, First	1,676.48	2,197.27
North Athens	14,558.25	4,410.40
North Etowah	24,151.30	7,196.03
Oak Grove	2,737.17	3,931.62
Old Salem	1,564.37	200.00
Parkway	805.47	123.15
Pond Hill	665.83	577.83
Pope Avenue	1,867.00	.00
Riceville, First	4,435.59	1,080.79
Rock View	.00	32.71
Rocky Mount	275.38	160.33
Rogers Creek	375.93	145.41
Sanford	35.00	153.70
Shiloh	553.67	619.97
Short Creek	308.65	793.04
South Liberty	2,110.11	220.41
Stephensville	58.74	.00
Union Grove #1	.00	70.00
Union Grove #2	3,395.45	788.83
Union Hill	20.00	20.00
Union McMinn	.00	1,433.84
Valley Road	.00	150.00
Walnut View	.00	.00
Walnut Grove	3,318.76	1,631.60
West End	497.66	428.13
West View	1,200.00	1,476.28
Wildwood	4,071.04	5,451.71
Zion Hill	.00	693.53
Association	.00	1,794.44
Total	273,256.36	119,261.97

Church	Cooperative Program	Designated	Church	Cooperative Program	Designated	Church	Cooperative Program	Designated	Church	Cooperative Program	Designated
Brewers Chapel	.00	.00	Grandview	19,162.04	10,906.17	Ivy Grove	.00	.00	Boanerges	446.95	20.00
Briar Creek	105.64	.00	Grandland Heights	5,447.31	2,816.46	Lone Mountain	.00	.00	Cedar Springs	1,273.99	1,777.00
Bridgeport Missionary	.00	.00	Grays Point	560.23	369.79	Low Gap	1,009.55	122.00	Chesutuee	816.15	503.41
Carpenters Chapel	.00	.00	Green Hill	11,374.52	4,065.32	Mill Branch	.00	50.00	Conasauga River	.00	.00
Cedar Flat	.00	.00	Harpheth Heights	7,954.37	4,508.29	Mount Pleasant	.00	.00	Cookson Creek	81.25	445.26
Cedar Grove	.00	.00	Harsh Chapel	3,643.82	1,061.35	Mountain View	685.58	.00	Covenant	146.15	25.00
Chestnut Grove	.00	.00	Haywood Hills	41,317.84	7,458.87	New Haven	1,049.94	133.29	Delano	1,909.25	1,424.00
Chinquapin Grove	.00	.00	Hendersoville, First	53,166.62	25,798.95	New River	1,463.77	339.00	Fairview	.00	.00
Clinch River	.00	.00	Hermitage, First	1,640.65	774.81	Nicks Creek	.00	.00	Friendship	386.09	683.53
Cobbs Chapel	.00	.00	Hermitage Hills	17,737.84	7,787.71	Norma	39.06	.00	Greasy Creek	.00	50.00
Community Chapel	.00	.00	Hillcrest	1,092.82	193.82	Oneida, First	13,253.13	5,498.01	Hawessee Union	166.57	885.11
Cool Branch	.00	.00	Hillhurst	10,535.38	3,322.39	Robbins, First	762.34	161.74	Mountain Springs	1,103.25	100.00
Covis Chapel	.00	.00	Hillsboro	.00	27.00	Slick Rock	.00	.00	Mountain View	84.63	.00
Dry Valley	.00	.00	Holiday Heights	5,792.55	761.81	Smokey Creek	116.00	133.00	Oak Grove	1,102.28	799.50
Fairview	.00	.00	Immanuel	27,564.63	14,879.04	Smokey Junction	32.50	15.00	Old Ocoee	.00	293.50
Faith Missionary	.00	.00	Ingleswood	43,234.09	10,535.86	Upper Jellico Creek	60.00	.00	Pine Ridge	300.00	.00
Flat Gap	.00	38.00	Ivy Memorial	3,675.35	1,901.21	West Robbins	.00	.00	Pleasant Grove	318.03	100.00
Fox Branch	.00	.00	Joelton, First	17,193.56	2,576.09	Winfield	.00	.00	Rock Creek	.00	.00
Friendlies Chapel	.00	21.12	Judson	50,823.58	16,428.13	Total	30,243.08	12,624.82	Shiloh	1,929.89	753.66
Friendship	.00	67.76	Lakeview	6,609.29	2,101.30				Smyrna	2,342.29	685.50
Gap Chapel	.00	100.00	Lakewood	19,015.54	1,654.79				Springtown	.00	.00
Grassy Springs	.00	.00	Liberty	.00	17.00				Towee	.00	.00
Grissons Island	.00	.00	Lincovy Hills	19,722.85	5,968.65				Welcome Valley	20.00	.00
Huberts Chapel	.00	.00	Lockeland	17,072.60	6,328.92				Wetmore	420.00	451.00
Idas Chapel	.00	.00	Long Hollow	7,543.35	936.23				Zion	4,694.51	5,421.59
Lake Shore	.00	191.16	Lyle Lane	1,447.05	147.30				Total	25,327.52	18,510.44
Liberty	.00	.00	Madison Creek	1,838.06	987.38						
Livesays Chapel	.00	.00	Madison Heights	11,093.77	1,553.96						
Midtown Missionary	.00	.00	Madison, First	23,801.08	6,009.99						
Mount Pisgah	.00	.00	Mill Creek	2,014.76	1,044.27						
Mountain View No 1	.00	.00	Millersville, First	.00	154.92						
Mulberry Gap	703.03	967.97	Nashville	108,202.58	33,662.12						
New Bethel	.00	.00	Nashville, Third	4,129.24	1,711.43						
New Hope	.00	.00	Neelys Bend	7,625.30	1,527.21						
New Life	.00	.00	New Hope	5,954.21	1,528.48						
New Salem Missionary	.00	.00	Old Hickory, First	29,913.68	15,799.08						
Northside Missionary	.00	200.00	Park Avenue	16,250.00	3,668.00						
Oak Hill	.00	20.00	Parkway	6,929.64	3,350.72						
Panther Creek	.00	.00	Pegram, First	1,701.73	1,071.31						
Paw Paw Grove	.00	.00	Peytonville	539.00	.00						
Piney Grove	.00	.00	Pomona	783.60	211.25						
Pleasant Valley	.00	70.00	Radford	.00	94.00						
Pleasant View	.00	.00	Radnor	2,410.00	511.06						
Pond Hill	.00	.00	Rayon City	2,220.72	678.86						
Power House	.00	544.27	Richland	3,684.92	1,737.12						
Providence	.00	.00	Riverside	6,185.19	2,909.94						
Richardson Creek	.00	.00	Rosedale	2,070.48	315.00						
Rock Bridge	.00	.00	Salem	600.00	1,100.00						
Rock Haven	.00	.00	Salem Drive	21,635.24	5,547.40						
Rocky Summit	.00	.00	Scottdale	1,318.15	565.41						
Sandy Springs	.00	.00	Shelby Avenue	9,159.79	1,516.39						
Sartain Springs	.00	457.99	Smith Springs	700.00	1,981.39						
Sharon Missionary	.00	.00	South Gate	4,777.17	995.09						
Solid Rock	.00	.00	Temple	6,618.00	13,674.11						
Spruce Pine	.00	.00	Tulip Grove	1,170.00	390.00						
Stoney Gap	.00	.00	Tusculum Hills	14,898.76	5,643.69						
Stoney Ridge Missionary	.00	.00	Two Rivers	136,408.12	31,143.91						
Sulphur Springs	.00	.00	Una	12,916.60	3,906.07						
Thorn Hill	.00	.00	Union Hill	4,802.06	2,232.16						
Trent Valley	283.28	207.31	Valley View	6,830.15	3,715.61						
Unicoi	.00	.00	Walker Memorial	14,015.18	6,227.95						
Union	.00	.00	West Nashville	1,019.38	171.47						
Walkers	.00	.00	West Trinity Lane	519.14	140.31						
Wallens Bend	.00	.00	West View	220.00	238.08						
Yellow Branch	.00	.00	Westwood	8,500.00	1,786.00						
Association	.00	.00	White Bluff, First	332.06	18.20						
Total	1,091.95	2,885.58	Whitsets Chapel	2,258.78	448.23						
			Whitworth Memorial	.00	.00						
			Woodbine	16,068.06	7,443.79						
			Woodcock Memorial	1,518.92	433.56						
			Woodmont	102,944.56	53,752.73						
			Total	1,631,896.76	566,223.26						
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Virginia Baptists reject messenger test formula

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—Virginia Baptists, by a narrow margin, failed to make the Cooperative Program the test for qualification of messengers to the annual meetings.

A large majority of the messengers to the Baptist General Association of Virginia annual meeting favored establishing Cooperative Program giving as the method by which messengers would be qualified, but failed by 15 votes to reach the two-thirds majority necessary to change the constitution.

In other action, messengers approved a stinging denunciation of "creeping creedalism," and efforts to substitute uniformity of statement for the Great Commission.

They also voted to hold contributions to the Virginia Baptist Hospital in Lynchburg in escrow until the hospital implements action requested by the association in its 1978 annual meeting regarding abortions performed at the facility.

Messengers also disavowed themselves from highly publicized statements by Bailey Smith, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, that God does not hear the prayers of a Jew. Virginia Baptists noted Smith does not speak for them, and that God hears the prayer of every person.

In the proposal to qualify messengers by Cooperative Program contributions, the committee to revise the bylaws recommended the more general language of the constitution be changed to more specific language, spelling out that contributions to the association must be through the Cooperative Program. After an hour of debate, 843 persons favored making Cooperative Program giving the test of messenger qualification, and 444 opposed. By a 928 to 322 vote, messengers did raise the dollar ratio of giving required to qualify messengers, spelling out that more missions money must be given to reach the maximum number of messengers.

Messengers adopted a resolution which pointed out Baptists "have always stood against creedalism to the point some of our forebears went to jail not very far from this place..."

It said "the rising danger of creeping creedalism" threatens the "most precious Baptist distinctive, soul liberty under the lordship of Jesus Christ," and resolves to "resist any effort to make uniformity of statement a substitute for commitment to the Great Commission task of mission and ministry."

The resolution reaffirmed loyalty to the authority of the Scriptures and the autonomy of local Baptists, and shared "opposition to any who would attempt to determine how our brothers will share their faith." It also expressed "deepest gratitude" for college and seminary professors "who have shared not only their knowledge but their personal faith..." and "celebrated with deep joy faithfulness of

trustees in managing our institutions and agencies."

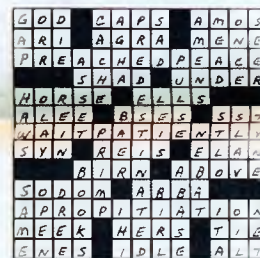
Further, the resolution calls on the Southern Baptist Convention committee on boards to follow the "open process" of requesting suggestions from state leaders about potential nominees.

The vote to withhold funds from the hospital apparently is the first time in the 157 years such action has been taken as a disciplinary measure. Messengers were asked to allow the general board (executive committee) to determine when the hospital is in compliance with the wishes of the association in regard to abortions, but refused to do so, requiring that the funds be held in escrow until the next annual meeting.

The associations's 1978 action requested trustees review policies to request attending physicians consult with two or more doctors before performing abortions and to bring either the chaplain or local pastor in as a counselor before terminating pregnancy. It also recommended convenience abortions not be done.

Messengers adopted an \$11-million state budget, up from \$9,250,000 for the current year. It is split into three phases. In phases one and two, it is divided 62-38 percent between state causes and the worldwide SBC Cooperative Program. The third phase, the challenge budget, is divided 50-50.

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Elk River	680.54	121.80
Fairview	3,647.91	941.02
Groce	12,351.40	3,146.67
Hampton, First	4,571.60	989.83
Happy Valley	3,928.35	1,413.85
Harmony	1,529.32	500.00
High Point	.00	122.50
Hunter, First	8,616.00	.00
Hunter Memorial	1,428.81	168.67
Immanuel	20,807.87	6,014.09
Little Doe	3,408.76	802.51
Little Milligan	1,273.14	912.40
Little Mountain	1,143.80	205.40
Lynn Valley	1,089.54	1,585.50
Meadow View	23.26	430.00
Mountain City, First	8,700.60	4,812.46
Nelsons Chapel	1,844.88	1,479.95
North Side	1,402.19	189.61
Oak Street	7,809.55	1,757.67
Pine Grove	478.65	1,406.97
Pleasant Grove	5,844.39	3,598.29
Pleasant Home	.00	134.27
Poplar Grove	304.93	1,067.27
Powers Branch	42.60	1,028.40
Rittertown	3,618.18	1,073.50
Riverview	334.80	130.25
Roan Creek	690.00	60.00
Roan Mountain, First	1,490.19	349.63
Roan Park	1,118.00	557.00
Rock Springs	60.93	200.00
Shady Valley	.00	310.94
Siam	19,957.06	5,768.56
Sink Valley	741.43	1,010.58
Sinking Creek	4,173.25	1,548.75
State Line	2,891.33	800.00
Stoney Creek	3,080.00	1,791.00
Sugar Grove	.00	.00
Unaka	4,788.99	2,502.88
Union	4,201.11	2,125.23
Watauga, First	391.24	526.68
Willow Springs	.00	52.50
Zion	1,487.35	1,239.62
Total	200,779.31	86,304.74

WEAKLEY COUNTY

Adams Chapel	2,200.00	2,195.25
Beech Springs	180.00	60.00
Bethel	12,496.00	3,650.00
Bethlehem	.00	12,252.22
Bible Union	240.00	200.00
Calvary	514.05	359.00
Central	14,801.61	9,484.20
Corinth	524.61	825.00
Davis Memorial	411.20	116.83
Dresden, First	9,660.90	5,981.13
Fellowship	306.73	1,970.79
Greens Chapel	804.18	757.21
Gleason, First	4,196.89	3,781.48
Greenfield, First	15,624.08	4,147.89
Hodges Chapel	438.29	6.00
Jolley Springs	3,004.34	1,301.15
Liberty	.00	.00
Long Heights	.00	65.25
Macks Grove	590.00	1,180.13
Marantha	561.63	.00
Moore's Chapel	54.00	100.00
New Hope	837.00	1,570.00
New Prospect	792.45	127.41
New Salem	774.38	277.85
Northwestern	2,044.78	573.81
Oak Grove No. 1	644.50	1,254.03
Oak Grove No. 2	.00	.00
Old Bethel	523.51	538.45
Palmerville	1,499.67	370.98
Pleasant Grove	725.62	1,311.63
Pleasant View	103.07	487.87
Public Wells	.57	.00
Ralston	2,076.21	683.19
Ruthville	60.00	96.27
Sand Hill	41.64	331.02
Sharon, First	3,491.42	1,170.85
Sidonia	300.00	467.73
Southside	9,820.14	3,856.03
Thompson Creek	300.00	552.17
Tumbling Creek	860.48	793.12
Union Grove	160.00	100.00
West Union	780.00	843.60
Total	92,499.83	54,867.72

WESTERN DISTRICT

Bethlehem	2,165.30	1,060.53
Big Sandy, First	4,334.71	1,543.92
Birds Creek	303.95	982.00
Central Point	976.49	94.00
Cottage Grove	2,919.46	1,387.07
Fairview	6,781.21	1,944.68
Friendship	1,407.35	226.00
Henry	600.00	430.00
Jones Chapel	1,448.56	637.69
Mansfield	1,750.54	784.49
Maplewood	13,441.59	4,443.11
McDavids Grove	282.50	260.00
Mount Sinai	805.08	186.43
New Bethel	90.00	.00
New Hope	256.76	366.10
North Fork	1,728.96	518.37
Ok Hill	145.00	444.30
Paris, First	57,159.30	22,923.72
Point Pleasant	3,109.65	739.49
Prayer	12,113.97	4,728.05
Ramble Creek	72.00	125.16
Shady Grove	450.00	.00
Spring Creek	660.00	200.00
Spring Hill	1,889.55	525.67
Springville	2,007.00	364.00

Church	Cooperative Program	Designated
Temple	17,510.62	3,849.28
Union Friendship	883.95	1,551.35
West Paris	22,580.78	2,478.15
Total	158,752.33	52,115.51

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Brogan Avenue	1,273.81	754.56
Calvary	60.00	.00
Cash Point	4,083.04	2,110.40
Donaldson Grove	2,594.45	117.35
Elora, First	150.00	517.70
Fayetteville, First	23,236.61	7,417.73
Flintville, First	4,796.15	3,993.15
Hickory Grove	289.04	184.33
Hilldale	.00	237.71
Howell, First	100.00	.00
Howell Hill	.00	.00
Kelley's Creek	194.55	52.00
Kirkland	1,304.68	155.77
Lewis Cross Road	658.76	131.77
Lincoln	2,329.69	351.63
Macedonia	1,593.60	409.00
Molina	.00	16.25
Mulberry	55.00	15.00
New Grove	225.69	556.00
New Hope	.00	156.10
Oak Grove	162.97	183.42
Oak Hill	915.00	625.02
Parks City	7,093.44	3,894.37
Petersburg, First	894.44	247.18
Pleasant Grove	65.00	.00
Pleasant Hill	1,436.89	.00
Pleasant Ridge	397.97	445.69
Prospect	.00	2,664.18
Stewarts Chapel	251.37	589.76
Taft, First	370.47	685.11
West End	3,346.13	515.64
Association	.00	500.00
Total	57,878.75	27,526.82

WILSON COUNTY

Alexandria	6,176.52	1,315.83
Bartons Creek	1,200.00	1,450.89
Bellwood	813.96	10.00
Calvary	3,691.17	50.00
Cedar Creek	1,789.56	1,405.60
Cedar Grove	942.36	1,152.82
Chandler	220.97	51.15
Fairview	6,578.01	5,416.86
Fall Creek	7,335.23	3,791.91
Gladeville	5,680.92	1,738.00
Greenville	359.29	.00
Hillcrest	7,656.28	1,303.54
Hurricane	1,681.94	1,976.62
Immanuel	33,078.12	6,700.00
La Guardia	3,947.01	1,421.62
Lebanon, First	34,951.43	9,967.52
Linwood	593.03	217.93
Macedonia	1,342.85	1,279.00
Martha	116.25	473.99
Mount Juliet	17,006.34	8,485.00
Mount Olivet	2,248.39	3,316.49
Prosperity	5,089.90	824.60
Ramah	689.35	.00
Rocky Valley	3,124.00	1,411.06
Round Lick	5,937.00	3,209.95
Saulsboro	2,134.84	522.93
Shop Springs	1,524.24	2,202.26
Silver Springs	2,328.26	374.59
Smith Fork	1,404.89	599.23
Southside	2,957.98	236.24
Trinity	3,551.31	1,616.39
Vine	305.32	1,106.05
Watertown, First	4,325.77	6,196.77
Total	170,782.49	69,824.84

MISCELLANEOUS CHURCHES

Bethany	8,459.10	1,857.32
Bethel	.00	.00
Big Creek Gap	.00	50.00
Black Oak Community	86.50	.00
Carpenters	794.22	.00
Christ	.00	20.00
Coopers Chapel	32.48	108.50
Cumberland View	.00	30.00
East Fork Association	.00	776.63
East Hickman	52.90	.00
Fratersville	.00	100.00
Friendship	140.00	159.00
Grantsboro	.00	264.96
Hawkinsville	.00	150.00
Heritage	280.00	.00
Howerton	.00	141.03
Lamar Terrace	1,000.00	.00
Lancing	8.89	.00
Liberty	2,164.04	168.80
Memorial So. Miss.	.00	.00
Metropolitan	60.00	.00
New Beverly	.00	.00
New Enon	.00	30.00
New Harmony	1,751.81	132.00
New Hope	.00	45.00
Oak Grove Missionary	.00	.00
Old Pond Hill	.00	.00
Paw Paw Plains	.00	1,465.18
Peoples	.00	1,048.07
Plunketts Creek	.00	160.24
Seventeenth Ave. Tab.	50.00	.00
St. Johns	.00	50.00
State Line	.00	.00
Stoddard St.	300.00	.00
Union Grove	.00	.00
Victory	.00	426.03
White Oak	.00	500.00
Total	15,179.93	7,682.76

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'Borrow a wheelchair,' BSSB employee advises

By Charles Willis

NASHVILLE — Adapting church buildings to be accessible for the physically handicapped is not only the Christian thing to do, it may be against the law to do otherwise.

Fred Turner, supervisor in the Southern

Baptist Sunday School Board's church architecture department, said board draftsmen incorporate accessibility features into drawings for church buildings. However, "we tell people they need to check with local codes of officials."

Turner said federal, state, and local codes are not uniformly interpreted in each state and "there are different applications and interpretations as to whether codes include churches or not."

Billie Beerman, designer draftsman in the church architecture department has been personally aware of accessibility features since, at age 16, she was stricken with polio which limited her ability to walk.

A year later, when she was able to return to church, she was unable to enter the building using her crutches because no ramps were available. Instead, she had to be put into a wheelchair and carried up the front steps.

Today, Billie is still a member of Concord Baptist Church of Nashville, but handrails allow her to enter the building without assistance. A ramp, replacing a single step from the educational area to the auditorium, has also been added.

"Awareness is the key word," said Mrs. Beerman. "I can think of very few situations where it would be impossible to rearrange or relocate classrooms."

However, through the years she has experienced many situations where planners of public buildings have obviously not thought of

the needs of handicapped persons.

"I have gotten as far as the parking lot of a building only to find that narrow parking spaces and high curbs would keep me from getting out of the car," Mrs. Beerman said.

"Some persons cannot tell you whether there are steps into their place of business because they never think about it. Many are not aware that a four-inch step can be a major obstacle for a handicapped person," she said.

Among the adaptations churches should consider for mobility impaired persons, Mrs. Beerman suggests the following.

—Parking spaces, marked for the use of handicapped, provided near building entrances. Spaces should be nine feet wide, plus an additional four feet for loading and unloading wheelchairs or walking equipment.

—Ramps, with a slope no greater than a one-foot rise in 12 feet. A non-slip surface, level platform at the top, six-foot clearance at the bottom and handrails on both sides should be provided.

—Restroom facilities with stalls that are three and one-half feet wide by six feet deep, with handrails fastened securely on each side.

Doors should be 32 inches wide and swing out.

—Classrooms located near the auditorium and near restrooms.

—Classroom chairs with arms.

—Chalkboards mounted so that the bottom edge is about 24 inches from the floor.

—Auditorium pews that are shortened in length so that wheelchairs may be placed at the ends. Most wheelchairs are about two feet wide by three and one-half feet long.

These accommodations for handicapped persons also benefit other members of the church, she points out. "When people think of handicapped, they fail to mention persons crippled by arthritis, pregnant women, and persons temporarily on crutches because of injuries.

Older church members also use and appreciate ramps and conveniently located classrooms," she said.

Before finalizing plans for building adaptations, Turner recommends that a building committee member borrow a wheelchair and test accessibility for himself. "That's the most revealing experience for a non-handicapped person," he said.



RESERVED PARKING — Parking spaces for use by handicapped persons should be located near entrances.

British minister observes life of Southern Baptists

RIDGECREST, N.C. — "There are more Baptists in Dallas than in all of the United Kingdom," said Andrew Rollinson, reflecting on his first impressions of the United States.

Rollinson, an ordained British minister, serves as an assistant pastor to W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex.

He is the 12th British ministerial student to participate in the one-year study program which is by invitation only to a graduate of Spurgeons College in London, a Baptist seminary for ministerial students.

Rollinson will spend the rest of his year working with the different programs of the church. As part of his current assignment with adults, he accompanied 63 senior adults to Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center here.

"The idea of age-group conferences is virtually non-existent in Great Britain," he said. "I like the idea of having conferences for specific age groups."

"In Great Britain, Bible classes (Sunday School) are for children," he explained. Another difference noted by Rollinson is the size of churches in Great Britain and in the United States.

In England the average church is 100 to 150 members and a large church would have about 500 members. He said he was aware of the statistics of First Baptist Church, Dallas, but



AWARE OF DIFFERENCES — Andrew Rollinson, a British minister, relates differences between Baptists in England and Southern Baptists.

the enormity of the church did not overwhelm him until he arrived. The idea of having a team of specialists on a church staff also does not exist in England, he said.

Rollinson said the purpose of the ministerial study program is to broaden his experience of the Christian ministry by seeing what Southern Baptists can offer and to share something of Baptist life in Great Britain.

"The program is important because it allows me to share the needs of Baptists in Great Britain," he explained.

Rollinson said another advantage of the program is that it breeds good relations between the two countries. "Many of the ministerial students have returned to Great Britain and then invited mission groups from the U.S. to come visit them," he said.

When Rollinson and his wife Janet return to England next year, he plans to serve as pastor of a church there.



UNDERSTANDING THE PROBLEM — Billie Beerman, designer draftsman in the Sunday School Board's church architecture department, understands the need for equipping buildings for the handicapped. A victim of polio, she has faced obstacles in buildings unequipped for handicapped people.

Ghana Baptist Convention approves bold going, giving

ACCRA, Ghana (BP) — Ghana Baptist Convention delegates at their annual meeting voted to triple their budget in 1980-81 and approved sending home missionaries to all parts of this west African nation.

The convention approved the two actions after the convention president, Sarpong Mensah, announced that Ghana Baptists' giving exceeded their 1979-80 budget by 10 percent. The 100,000 cedi (about \$34,000) 1979-80 budget was the largest in the convention's history and more than six times the previous year's budget of 15,000 cedi (about \$5,500). Their new budget is 300,000 cedi.

"Only God could have made this possible," said Mensah. "It also shows us what we can do when we place our faith in God to provide all of our needs. We must now move forward and trust God even more."

Nearly all of the estimated 60 churches in the 6,000-member convention exceeded their 1979-80 budgets and all associations reached theirs.

"With the economic situation as it is, this is truly a miracle," Mensah said. Ghana's new civilian administration inherited a country in 1979 that was in economic shambles following

several years of military rule. Inflation was running above 100 percent and few items, including foodstuff, were available in the country. Labor unrest added to the problems.

Commenting on the convention's actions, J.A. Boadi, the convention general secretary, said, "God has blessed us with plenty in our time of need. He now expects us to use what He has given. We feel that challenging our own people to go and share Christ's love will be using wisely what God has given."

With a loaf of bread costing the equivalent of \$3 or \$4 and most Ghanaians earning only about \$100 a month, Boadi said the convention has accepted a big challenge. "It will take men of deep spiritual commitment to pay the price to become a home missionary," he said.

Work is expected to begin in areas of southern Ghana where there are no Baptist churches. The home missionaries will live with the people, learn the language (more than 50 languages are spoken in the country), and establish churches. The convention will provide salaries and living expenses until the new churches are strong enough to support their own work.

Thief steals \$12,000 from mission hospital

KEDIRI, Indonesia (BP) — More than \$12,000 was taken from Baptist Hospital, Kediri, Indonesia, early Oct. 17 by a thief who broke through the roof.

The \$12,152 taken included the hospital's October receipts through the 17th, which totaled \$9,760; \$1,600 belonging to the Baptist mission for hospital construction; and \$792 belonging to Don Duvall, hospital director.

The thief came through the clay tile roof between midnight and 2 a.m. and cut through the false ceiling just above a filing cabinet onto which he lowered himself.

Kediri police are investigating the incident.