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WMU told to energize with God's power

By Steve Higdon

"God is our source; He is our power; He is our dynamite," Dorothy Sample, president of the Southern Baptist Convention Woman's Missionary Union, told Tennessee WMU leaders and members. "It is His power that enables us to accomplish our tasks."

Mrs. Sample, speaking to the 1981 Tennessee WMU House Party held Aug. 14-16 at Belmont College in Nashville, urged the women to claim that power to increase their mission awareness and mission involvement.

"You must listen to the call of God and decide what He is saying to you," Mrs. Sample said. "Sometimes God doesn't want you to go, but to let go, or to help go, or to let your children go." Supporting others can be as important as going yourself, she added, if that is how God wishes to involve you.

Then, "you must get a vision" for what God has called you to, she said. "You must allow God to energize you, in order to respond to needs. He gives the love that makes it possible for us to respond."

"Imagine what would happen in Bold Mission Thrust if women would allow God to energize them," Mrs. Sample speculated. But many times we don't allow Him to because we feel inadequate, she continued.

"When we take away from the person we are ... we deny the gifts God gave us. We need to energize all that God has made us."

Mrs. Sample told the women they must learn to respond to others as Jesus responded to Zacchaeus. Too many times "we in our churches think only of ourselves and do not look up into the trees to see the people there."

Mrs. Sample, a psychiatrist on the staff of Personality Dynamics, Inc. in Flint, Mich., thanked the women for their part as Tennessee Southern Baptists helping the Southern Baptists in her state. She cited the 35 percent increase of members in the denomination as proof of success for the sister-state convention relationship.

Alma Hunt, former executive director of the SBC WMU, spoke at three of the weekend sessions. She told of her work and the work of others among the Chinese and African people, providing the audience with inspirational examples of commitment on the part of missionaries and Christians in other lands.

In warning the women not to become discouraged because they may not see immediate results of their projects, Miss Hunt said she told one missionary to "never be discouraged, but take the long look" at how God can use what is being done.

God can work miracles in Africa, China, Tennessee, Michigan, and Alabama, she said. There is no place and no way in which God can't use someone, she added.

Mrs. Henry Martin, a missionary to Nigeria, told how, by taking the "long look," she saw an unkempt, disruptive

mission school student come to know Christ. When she left church that day, she realized it was her birthday, and people using the WMU prayer calendar had prayed for her work. The student's decision, she said, is just one reason why she believes in prayer and the prayer calendar.

She challenged the women to "go home and have the best week and most significant week of prayer they have ever had." She explained that such a week was not measured in amounts of money raised for missions, but by incidents such as the one she had with the Nigerian student.

She also asked the women to talk with their pastors to ask that the money going into the Cooperative Program be increased. "From what we are getting now," she said, "we are only just keep-

ing pace with what we have been doing, not growing."

Catherine Allen, assistant to the executive director of the SBC WMU, brought a meditation at the beginning of each of the four assembly sessions. Her thoughts were based on material she had researched on the life of Lottie Moon.

Mrs. Allen said that "Lottie Moon became a woman-on-mission at a time when females were nothing in society. She was willing to do and to be what God wanted her to be."

Mrs. Allen described Miss Moon as a "mystic," saying she could only do what she did "because she saw the Lord in the midst of the people with which she dwelt."

Malvie Giles, a concert artist and

district administrator for Arkansas Social Services, Magnolia, Ark., was the music director for the house party. Miss Giles, who has appeared at the Tennessee meetings for several years, also performed solos at each assembly meeting and presented a Saturday evening mini-concert.

Instructional conferences were held on Saturday for leaders in all WMU organizations, as well as specialized conferences in literacy and Scripture distribution, communications, evangelism, and audio-visuals.

Registration at the conference exceeded 1,200 according to Mary Jane Nethery, state WMU executive director. Mrs. Glendon McCullough, president of the Tennessee WMU, presided at the meetings.

Suit to challenge decision for hospital's renovation

A decision by the state Health Facilities Commission which grants Baptist Hospital of Nashville permission to proceed with a \$46-million renovation project will be challenged in Chancery Court by Legal Services of Middle Tennessee.

On Dec. 17, 1980, the commission had issued a "certificate of need" for the construction project which would replace 398 beds in new buildings and add 29 additional obstetrical beds.

Later, Legal Services filed an appeal with the commission, charging that Baptist Hospital discriminated against minorities and the poor in its admission policies and charity care program. After four days of hearings by the commission in April and May, the commission upheld its earlier decision unanimously.

On Aug. 11, Legal Services filed a suit

in Chancery Court to appeal the commission's decision. The suit was filed in the names of Joe Utley and Minnie Brown who allege that the Health Facilities Commission made its decision without adequate evidence, thereby violating federal rules and commission procedure.

The two individuals contend that they were denied health care by the hospital because of their financial status. Both presented testimony at the April and May hearings. Hospital officials note that Mrs. Brown had been an inpatient at the hospital on eight occasions and was treated in the emergency room numerous times. The occasion on which she was referred to another hospital was not said to be an emergency situation.

Last week hospital attorneys confirmed that the institution is considering bringing a malicious prosecution suit against Legal Services after the matter is settled.

Attorney Thomas Schlatter told The Tennessean that Legal Services is "misusing the legal and administrative process. The hospital trustees are upset that so much time and money — something like \$40,000 to \$50,000 — have been taken up with the dispute with Legal Services."

The executive committee of the trustees is scheduled to meet on Thursday of this week and may have an announcement of their intention concerning the interference by Legal Services.

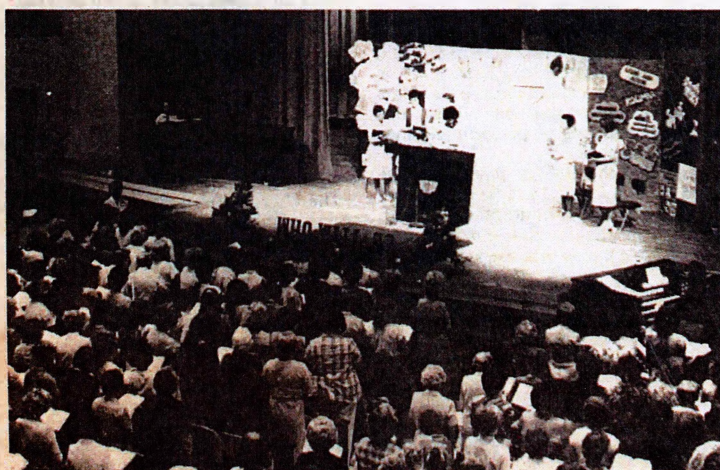
C. David Stringfield, hospital executive vice-president, issued a statement last week which said the appeal will cause expensive delays in construction and denied that the hospital does not provide sufficient charity health care to justify its tax exempt status.

Because of construction cost inflation, Stringfield noted that each month's delay increases the cost of the renovation project by about \$450,000. To date, he estimates that the delays caused by

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WMU-SBC PRESIDENT — Dorothy Sample of Flint, Mich., spoke at last weekend's WMU House Party in Nashville.



HOUSE PARTY ASSEMBLY — Tennessee women met in four assembly sessions in Belmont College's Massey Auditorium during the 1981 WMU House Party, Aug. 14-16. The theme for this year's conference was "Who Will Go?"

Cobble resigns as chairman of SBC Executive Committee

ATLANTA, Ga. (BP)— J. Howard Cobble, chairman of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, will resign that post in early September when he moves from Georgia to Kentucky.

Cobble, who has been pastor of First Baptist Church of Avondale Estates, a suburb of Atlanta, has accepted a call to become pastor of Severns Valley Baptist Church of Elizabethtown, Ky.

"I will resign from the Executive Committee when I leave Georgia," Cobble said. "According to our bylaws, I will become ineligible to serve."

The Georgia pastor was elected to a second one-year term as chairman at the 1981 SBC in Los Angeles. He also is in the final year of a second four-year term on the Executive Committee.

"I have enjoyed the opportunities I have had," Cobble told Baptist Press. "I have served at a time when our denominational leadership has changed. And, while it has been a time of controversy, the most significant thing which has hap-

pened has been Bold Mission Thrust."

In addition to serving as chairman, Cobble also has been chairman of the program and budget subcommittee and was chairman of the committee which devised a six-year capital needs program which was adopted at the 1978 SBC in Atlanta.

Cobble also has been active in Georgia denominational life and has been a member of the Georgia Baptist Convention executive committee, vice-president of the convention, president of the pastors' conference and a member of the Georgia Baptist Hospital Commission.

Severns Valley Baptist Church, the 2,000-member church to which he moves, has been the top church in Cooperative Program giving in Kentucky for the past 13 years, contributing \$120,298 in the year which ended Aug. 31, 1980.

According to Executive Committee bylaws, vice-chairman John Dunaway, pastor of First Baptist Church of Corbin, Ky., will "perform the duties" as chairman until a chairman is elected.

Student auditions planned for World's Fair musical

KNOXVILLE— College students with music and drama skills are needed to audition for a Southern Baptist group which will perform at the 1982 World's

Fair, according to Bill Lee, assistant director of special ministries for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

One of the four auditions will be held Oct. 16-17 at Central Baptist Church of Fountain City, Knoxville.

The fair, scheduled for May through October 1982, is expected to attract more than 11-million people.

"This is an opportunity for college students to express their faith to a large, diverse audience through music and drama, while also sharing one-to-one with tourists, community residents, and World's Fair employees," Lee said.

Eighteen student performers will be assigned as semester student missionaries to serve April 15-Oct. 31.

"The student group will present a musical/drama written especially for the World's Fair," Lee said. "Other talents, such as puppetry and clowning, will be helpful. We want to select the most talented, committed, and attractive group of students that we as Baptists have to offer."

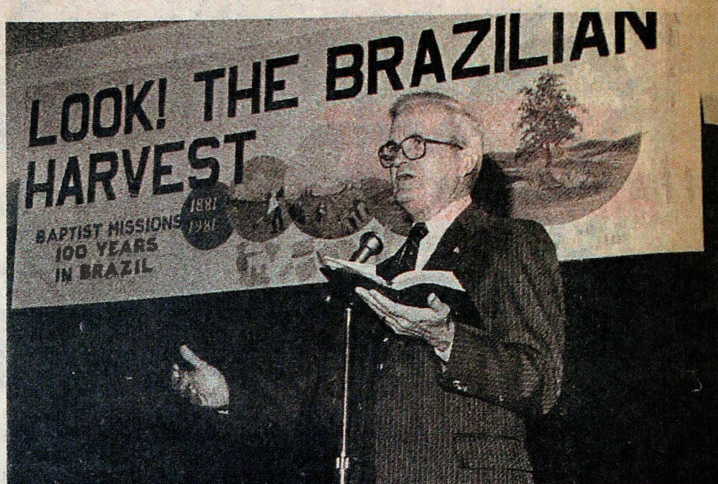
Southern Baptists plan to sponsor a pavilion located in the middle of the park that will be the base for ministry and witness, he said. The focal point of the pavilion will be a small theatre. Students will perform in the pavilion and may also have opportunities to perform in other areas of the park.

Theme of the Baptist pavilion, "The Word is ... Energy," will be interpreted through displays, a multi-media presentation, and the special musical. The World's Fair theme is "Energy Turns the World."

Interested students may complete a regular student missions application and indicate World's Fair team. Applications should be in Lee's office at least seven days prior to audition time.

Students will be notified of audition procedures, Lee said. Those who cannot serve the entire six and one-half months should not apply, he said.

For more information contact Bill Lee, Home Mission Board, 1350 Spring St. N.W., Atlanta, Ga. 30367; telephone (404) 873-4041.



GATHER THE HARVEST — Charles Bryan, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board vice-president for overseas operations, urged 258 missionaries meeting in Serra Negra, Brazil, to gather in the harvest of souls in the nation of 122-million.

N.C. court grants BSSB religious tax exemption

RALEIGH, N.C. (BP)— The Southern Baptist Sunday School Board won a precedent-setting case when the Superior Court of North Carolina ruled the agency indeed operates primarily for religious purposes.

The board filed suit because the Employment Security Commission of North Carolina demanded payment of unemployment compensation taxes on the operation of Baptist Book Stores owned and operated by the board in North Carolina.

A ruling at the end of the two-and-one-half hour trial declared the Sunday School Board was operated for religious purposes and directed that taxes paid under protest since 1979 be returned to the board.

"The heart of the issue is whether or not the Sunday School Board and the Baptist Book Stores operate primarily for religious purposes," said Grady C. Cothen, board president. "We felt that the constitutional issues involved were of such gravity that this suit may be filed and pursued to a successful conclusion."

"Such arbitrary action by the state represented excessive entanglement with the affairs of religion and thus violated the free exercise clause of the Constitution."

Cothen said the North Carolina statute under which the board filed suit is patterned on a federal law which provides that corporations operating primarily for religious purposes are exempt from paying unemployment compensation taxes.

He said he felt the outcome of the case would be helpful for other Baptist agencies and institutions, several of which are currently engaged in legal disputes with the federal government.

The charges from the state of North

Carolina involved Baptist Book Stores in Asheville, Charlotte, Greensboro, and Raleigh, plus the Greensboro Mail Order Center and the Raleigh Lifeway Store. The state did not attempt to collect taxes on the Baptist Book Stores at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center or Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, which are operated under the same guidelines and policies.

The trial, Cothen said, "demonstrated that we are a not-for-profit organization operating for religious purposes."

The conclusions of the court were supported by documents and evidence introduced relating to the operation of the Sunday School Board and the Southern Baptist Convention, including bylaws, annual reports, charters, and a history of the 90-year-old agency. Financial, organizational and program relationships also were presented in support of the suit.

Hospital suit...

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Legal Services have added more than \$3-million to the cost of the project.

"This needless additional expense will have to be borne by Baptist Hospital's patients in the future," the vice-president said.

Stringfield reported that the annual charity care budget for the current fiscal year is \$800,000, which "is of appropriate size for an institution which received no funds for care of the indigent from the government, the church, or any other source."

"The claim that the hospital is not providing a sufficient level of community service to justify its tax exempt status is completely unjustified," Stringfield believes. "Last year the hospital provided \$6-million in free services to the community, not including the expenses of its various educational programs which are maintained for the benefit of those seeking training in health-related professions."

He observed that an average of 2.6 persons each month out of the 5,610 individuals who present themselves to the hospital as potential candidates are referred to other facilities because of financial considerations. "Because of its low patient charges and its existing charity care program, Baptist Hospital is one of the most accessible hospitals in middle Tennessee," he added.

Carver named pastor at Hebron church

Jack Carver, former pastor of Charjean Baptist Church in Memphis, was named pastor of Hebron Baptist Church, Middleton.

Carver was previously pastor of Parrans Chapel Baptist Church, Bolivar; New Union Baptist Church, Medon; Summertown Baptist Church, Summertown; and Clover Creek Baptist Church, Medon.

A native of Jackson, Carver attended Union University in that city. He began his ministry at Hebron July 13.

Baptist agencies lease transponders

Radio-TV Commission steps toward Baptist TV network

FORT WORTH, Tex. (BP)— A \$2.1-million annual contract that will provide the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission "a home in the sky" has been signed.

The signing Aug. 10 provides the commission and the American Christian Television System (ACTS) a 24-hour-a-day transponder (receiver/retransmitter) on a communications satellite to be launched in early 1984 by Southern Pacific Communications Co.

"We are at the end of the beginning," said Radio and Television Commission President Jimmy R. Allen. "We are at the point of having a permanent home in the sky for the gospel and for entertainment and alternate kinds of clean television programming which can be shared with the 50 states."

The satellite link is one phase of an ambitious television strategy launched December 1980 by Allen, a former president of the 13.6-million-member Southern Baptist Convention who was named to head the commission only a year and a half ago.

Allen said the strategy to create a television network of cable systems and low-power stations has been put together under "tremendous" time pressure and that "there are a whole lot of loose stitches" in the planning.

Arranging the delivery system was the first step. "Until now, all of our time and energy have gone to get the delivery system," Allen said.

Other phases remain, such as programming policies, licensing and constructing low-power stations, cable systems contracts, and other matters before the system is complete.

A key component in the strategy is to obtain licenses for at least 105 low-power television stations with a 10- to 15-mile range. When the contracts were signed Aug. 10, none of the proposed stations had been licensed by the Federal Communications Commission. In fact, the FCC probably will not decide until January 1982 if it wants to go ahead with the idea of low-power stations.

Allen, however, is positive the low-power stations will be approved, and that the Radio and Television Commission and ACTS will get at least 100 of them for its network. Each will cost about \$150,000 to become operable, Allen said. That is a revision of his earlier estimate of \$50,000 to \$100,000.

Some of the 105 license applications will be contested, Allen acknowledged, but he feels ACTS will fare well in any case and noted that an informal study of the 5,200 applications shows that 76 of the 105 license applications are uncontested.

He added that the licensing and constructing of the low-power stations are not critical to the establishment of the network, adding that a network can begin in early 1984 with cable contracts.

As to programming, which will fill 12 hours per day and then be repeated to fill the entire 24 hours, Allen said he does not know what it will be nor what it will cost.

Programming, he said, will be a combination of RTVC-produced materials as well as that done by independent producers and others.

Currently, he said, the strategy is to provide 75 percent "alternate entertainment, pre-evangelism, and family entertainment, with 25 percent to be direct religious teaching and preaching."



ISAACS SIGNS — Fred Isaacs Jr. (left), Tennessee's representative on the Radio-TV Commission, signs a contract for a transponder on Southern Pacific's Spacenet satellite. Looking on are Rex Hollis (center), vice-president for sales for Southern Pacific Communications, and Jimmy Allen, president of the commission.

The audience is there, he said, but admitted uncertainty as to whether they will leave the "other stuff" they have been watching to view "alternate television."

"The networks say they do what gets the numbers (audience)," Allen said. "No network has tried to be too different for too long. We have pandered to the lowest taste of our society for so long that we might not be able to get them back."

In order to lease the transponder on Spacenet 1, the RTVC posted \$175,000, the equivalent of one month's rent. The contract will engage, Allen said, when the satellite is launched and operating, probably by March 1984.

In the meantime, Allen said, time is being sought on satellites already up to begin the television network by late 1982 or early 1983.

By the time Spacenet 1 goes up, Allen hopes to have at least six hours of

programming a day in progress, and really believes the full 12-hour component will be ready.

Funding for the Radio and Television Commission's first two years of satellite time, as well as an uplink to beam the signal to the satellite, will come as special designations from "major donors." Allen said he has talked to 63 Southern Baptist millionaires in recent months, whom he characterized as willing to participate in the venture.

Allen said as of the contract signing he has "just under \$3-million on the table" for the funding of two years of satellite time as well as building an "uplink" to beam the signal to the satellite.

Earlier, he had predicted he would have the \$5-million necessary by early spring, but revised his estimates by noting "the Father seems to be giving it to us when we need it instead of just when we ask for it."

BSSB trustees approve plan for telecommunications link

GLORIETA, N.M. (BP)— Trustees of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board have approved leasing a transponder on a satellite to be launched early in 1984, moving the board one step closer to establishing a denominational telecommunications network to churches.

The transponder, part of Spacenet I Satellite to be launched by the Southern Pacific Communications Company, will lease at a cost of \$2.1-million annually.

To recover part of the cost, trustees authorized the board to sublease unneeded time to other groups. Subleases are expected to recover at least \$1.3-million each year.

Calling the proposed telecommunications network "one of the great breakthroughs in communications for the Sunday School Board," Grady Cothen, board president, said the system will enable the board to beam telecasts to churches, seminars, state conventions, and other Baptist groups.

"We do not propose to go into homes," said Cothen. "We propose to go to Baptist churches to try to help build the strength of the churches."

Southern Baptist programming for a nationwide network is being developed by the Radio and Television Commission and a subsidiary corporation, the American Christian Television System (ACTS), which will use another transponder on the same satellite.

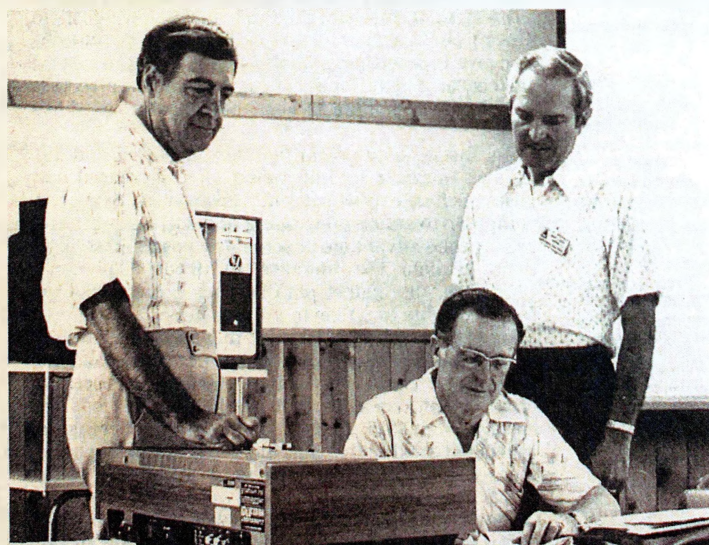
While specific programming topics for the board's telecommunications network have not been developed, Cothen said

some of those under study include leadership training for lay workers, training helps for church staff members, music training for various sizes of churches, and specialized help for small churches. Resources also may be offered for ministry with families, senior adults,

and single adults.

Also, he said he hopes the Home and Foreign Mission Boards and other agencies will develop missions information programming for use in Lottie Moon and Annie Armstrong emphases.

In addition to leasing the transponder,



COTHEN SIGNS — Grady Cothen (center), president of the Sunday School Board, signs documents related to the leasing of a transponder on a communications satellite. With him are Ted Sisk (left), chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Robert Taylor, vice-chairman.

Cothen said the board expects to build an uplink station in Nashville in late 1982 from which programming will be beamed to the satellite and into churches with receiving equipment.

At present rates, Cothen said the satellite receiving dish and other equipment a church would need to receive telecommunications can be purchased at prices ranging from \$7,500 to \$18,000. He said costs are expected to decrease somewhat in the next few years.

Cothen said the telecommunications network initially will include about three hours of daily programming. As programs are beamed from the board, they will be scrambled. Church equipment will include decoders to unscramble the signal.

Cothen said the board hopes to offer several levels of training packages at different prices for various sizes and types of churches. Churches will be able to show programs as they are broadcast or record them for later use.

"The Sunday School Board is in the position to furnish to the denomination a live link to churches," Cothen said.

He said he believes the telecommunications network will enable the board to use the latest technology to "help churches do what God commissions them to do — bring men and women to God through Jesus Christ."

"I don't want to let the next generation of Southern Baptists down," said Cothen. "I don't want them asking us, 'Why didn't you do your job then so we can do our job now?'"

EDITORIAL

Giant steps in Baptist communications

Historians will doubtless look back at August 1981 as a significant month in Baptist communications. Earlier this month two Southern Baptist Convention agencies signed leases for transponder space on Spacenet I, a communications satellite which is scheduled to be launched in early 1984.

First, the Baptist Sunday School Board signed a lease which will be used to communicate instructional programs and materials directly to churches. The use of this direct link with our churches and associations will be limited only by our imagination.

To receive the video materials, a church would need its own receiver disk — like those which you may have seen in use by motels and certain business establishments. The present cost for such receiving systems vary between \$5,000 to \$8,000, but recent technical refinements have led communicators to believe that before too long the cost could be less than \$500.

Then, last week the Radio and Television Commission signed a lease for a transponder which will

become the eventual link for the proposed ACTS Southern Baptist television network. Applications have been filed for 105 local ACTS stations. Of these, five are in Tennessee — Chattanooga, Jackson, Knoxville, Memphis, and Nashville.

The coverage will be expanded as local cable systems either pick up the programs from these low-power TV stations or receive the programs directly from the transponder.

The ACTS network will not wait until Spacenet I is launched. The commission plans to begin the network in late 1982 or early 1983, using a rented transponder or other distribution means.

Initially, there will be about six hours per day of programming which will eventually expand to 24 hours.

Already the commission is exploring all possible types of formats for ACTS programming — music, drama, sports, magazine-type news programs, interview programs, instructional (perhaps for credit) — all with a strong family emphasis.

There is no way to estimate what ACTS or the BSSB communication systems will cost — but the "cost" of not grasping opportunities could even be greater. These visionary plans are certainly within the supreme purpose of Southern Baptists — to share the gospel and the teachings of Christ with people everywhere.

The psalmist wrote, "The heavens are declaring the glory of God." This month, Southern Baptists have taken two significant steps to give additional meaning to that prophecy.

Subscription rates

Three years ago our Board of Directors established a subscription cost plan which would realistically provide for postal increases for the Baptist and Reflector. It was decided that 3.5 cents of the budget subscription charge would go toward printing and production, and the actual postage cost would be added to that amount. At that time, postage was 2 cents per copy.

As postal increases have come (to 2.4 cents in 1979 and to 3.0 cents in 1980) adjustments have been made to the monthly bills. Our churches have been very understanding, recognizing that we were merely passing on delivery charges.

The 3.5 cents printing cost has remained the same — in spite of inflation. We were able to keep costs in line by changing our format in 1979 and by purchasing our own typesetting equipment in 1980. But we could not continue in the face of rising costs, so the directors voted in July that the 3.5 cents per copy be raised to 4 cents.

An unscheduled postal increase in March and the regular increase in July would have increased our postage charge by 44 percent. However, by using our computer to refine addressing and sorting, we were able to take advantage of some new postal classifications to hold the increase to about 5 percent. Therefore, the budget plan cost for postage will go from 3.0 cents to 3.1 cents immediately.

What these adjustments will mean to our churches is that the cost per copy will be increased from 6.5 cents to 7.1 cents. For budget planning purposes, a church could consider that the annual cost has increased from \$3.30 to \$3.62. Another postal increase is scheduled next July, but the amounts of such increases are not announced until about one week before they go into effect.

Similar adjustments were made in the club plan (from \$4.00 to \$4.30) and in the individual rate (from \$4.30 to \$4.60).

We regret that such increases are necessary, but such adjustments are a fact of life — and inflation. Thank you for your understanding.

Cicero's comment



By the editor

"Cicero, I've got a great news story for the Baptist and Reflector," gushed Pastor Will Bragg as we talked during a pause at a stewardship meeting for pastors.

My pulse rate increased as I eagerly anticipated a tremendous news article for the paper, but before I could ask, "What?" he proceeded to tell me.

"I am proud to announce that we have a little widow in our church who is a present-day parallel to the widow Jesus praised in the New Testament," Bragg boasted. "She gives five times a tithe to our church."

Before I could ask, "Who?" he charged on.

"She is Mrs. Robin Peters who operates the wig shop in our town. The company was started by her late husband, Paul." He handed me her business card which read "Robin Peters, Toupee Paul, Inc."

With notebook and camera in hand and excitement in my brain, I headed for the hairpiece place. After assuring Mrs. Peters that I was not a "topper shopper," I asked about her financial faithfulness to her church.

"Yes, it is true that I give 50 percent of my income to the Lord — but I have my own way of figuring it," she offered. Then she began to recount her discount system.

"After I determine my income, I deduct my mortgage payment and the cost of operation for my business and upkeep on my house. A person doesn't have much choice but to pay these!" she said.

Before I could say, "Oh," she added that next she took off the cost of food and clothing for herself and her children.

"After all, God says you are supposed to care for the widows and the orphans — and I am a widow and my children are orphans," Robin explained. "And my car payment and expenses are subtracted — I need it for transportation to church activities."

Robin continued to add to her list of income reductions — bringing them up faster than I could write them down. There were insurance payments, utilities, taxes, magazine subscriptions, school supplies, household repairs, toilet articles, cost of having the grass cut, recreation and vacation expenses, lawn fertilizer, credit card payments, savings, dog food, postage stamps (at this point my pen ran out of ink, so I missed the rest of the list).

Finally, I managed to interrupt, "But what about your church contributions?"

With a twinkle in her eye, Mrs. Peters proudly announced, "Whatever is left — if there is any left — I give half of it to the Lord!"

I reminded her that most people believed that a tithe ought to be figured BEFORE anything is subtracted from their gross income.

Robin responded, "I'm sure my way must be right. I got the idea from the way my church pays everything else before deciding IF and HOW MUCH to give to missions through the Cooperative Program!"

Sign On God's Bulletin Board

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"... LET THE GREATEST AMONG YOU BECOME AS THE YOUNGEST, AND THE LEADER AS ONE WHO SERVES... I AM AMONG YOU AS ONE WHO SERVES."

— CHRIST (LUKE 22:26-27)



"... I SAY TO YOU, HE SHALL NOT LOSE HIS"

REWARD

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Personal perspective

By TOM MADDEN
TBC executive secretary

Reflecting upon the life of Jesus recently, I became aware that I was focusing on the different physical postures of our Lord. Let me share a cluster of those portraits of our Christ.

One of them shows Christ in all of His humanity. He had asked His disciples to take Him across the Sea of Galilee where He would meet the Gadarene Demoniac. The New Testament describes Jesus as asleep in the rear of the boat. His sleep was that of exhaustion. When the storm assailed the boat and the disciples panicked, they appealed to the Christ to save them. We get a picture of our Lord in all His deity as He says, "Peace be still," and the winds and the waves obey His voice.

A favorite picture of Christ in my own mind is as He "steadfastly sets His face toward Jerusalem." He was aware that He would be crucified, but with determination and steadfastness He points toward Jerusalem and the cross.

Still another physical picture of our Christ is in Gethsemane, where "He went forward a little further and fell on the ground and prayed." It was here that the blood oozed from the pores of His skin because of His deep concern and burden for the events immediately before Him. It was soon after this that — with not only the cross on His back, but also with the weight of our sins — we see Him going toward Calvary "bearing His cross."

An unforgettable portrait is one of our Christ on the cross, suspended between heaven and earth with a thief on each side of Him.

There are certainly many other pictures of our Lord that we could underline. As I have recalled some of the different pictures of our Christ, I am impressed with the fact that regardless of His position, He is always attractive and radiant. He is always a person of strength, concern, and compassion.

I long to see yet another picture of our Christ. However, this will not be a picture, but a face-to-face meeting with our Lord when He returns. I long to see Jesus face-to-face. I know you do also.



Madden

SBC growth slows in South, climbs in pioneer states

ATLANTA (BP)— Southern Baptist membership grew faster than the U.S. population during the 1970s, but the convention's growth fell "alarmingly" behind the rate of increase in the Sun Belt states, according to an SBC Home Mission Board report.

SBC resident membership increased 17 percent during the decade, while the U.S. population grew 11.4 percent, noted Orrin D. Morris, the board's research director and author of the report.

Based on 1980 U.S. census data and SBC Uniform Church Letters, the report said the nation's population grew from 203.3-million to 226.5-million, and the SBC expanded from 8.3-million resident members to 9.7-million. The convention claims 13.6-million total members.

But the figures are misleading, because Southern Baptists are "losing in the states where we have the greatest strength — the South," Morris claimed.

"The shocker is that we've shown what appears to be growth, but we've been overrun by the population," he said.

Churches in the South provided 79 percent of the total SBC membership growth and 48 percent of the increases in churches. But while population in those states increased 20 percent, SBC churches there increased by only 15.4 percent.

"If we'd kept up with the rise in population in eight of these states, we would have 427,000 more Southern Baptists right now," Morris said.

He noted states in which Baptists lagged behind total population growth — Texas, Georgia, Florida, and North Carolina — were among the biggest gainers in SBC numerical growth.

They ranked first, second, fifth, and sixth respectively in total membership growth. But combined, their number of members increased only about half as much as the populations in their states.

"This is alarming," Morris said. "We say we're in favor of Bold Mission Thrust and reaching our world and country for Christ, but we're not making gains. We're losing ground."

In contrast to the South, churches in the Northeast, West, and North Central states recorded gains which surpassed population increases in those areas.

In the Northeast, where population climbed only 0.2 percent, Southern Baptist membership recorded a 109.7 percent gain. Western states grew 23.9 percent, but Baptists there increased 35.9 percent. Churches in North Central states grew by 22.4 percent, compared to 4.0 percent population gain.

"We knew we'd make gains in these areas, because we were smaller there to

start with," he said. "From these beginnings, we had nowhere to go but up."

The percentages of those gains also were deceptive, because many of the increases were not numerically large, he said. For example, Southern Baptists in the Northeast more than doubled in the 1970s, but the actual gain was only a "modest" increase of 18,305 members.

Reasons for Southern Baptists falling behind in the faster-growing states vary, Morris said. Early indicators show the denomination is not keeping pace with the increase in black and ethnic populations.

Another factor may be that Baptists have adopted a "large church" mentality, building more huge churches, but not enough new churches to keep up with shifts in population.

Morris said Home Mission Board researchers plan to continue studying church growth/population change factors in an investigation which may include as many as 10 reports.

"Right now, we know we're losing ground," he said. "We've got a lot of work to do to see just why."

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Citizen's Corner

By Jerry M. Self
Public affairs and Christian life consultant

Since a 1973 Supreme Court decision on abortion, there has been a growing movement in opposition to the implications of that decision.

Using such terms as "pro-life" and "right to life," these people are concerned about what they see as a disregard for life in the flagrant use of abortion as a convenience. Pro-lifers claim as their goal the protection of helpless, innocent life. According to their definitions, the unborn individual is human and has the same value that any born individual has.

Some in the pro-life movement claim that the only difference people experience from fertilization through adulthood is in degree of maturity.

Those holding this position interpret the Bible as being strictly anti-abortion. For instance, they read Exodus 21:22-25 to say that accidentally causing a miscarriage is similar to manslaughter.

Because of their deep concern about this issue, pro-lifers have encouraged the passage of a human life amendment to the Constitution which would protect the rights of the unborn. This effort has stalled in Congress and appears to be effectively stopped. Therefore, pro-lifers have gotten behind a human life bill which requires a simple majority in Congress to be passed and does not have to be ratified by the states. This bill would recognize "person" as described in the 14th Amendment to include the fetus.

If the human life bill is not ruled unconstitutional, which is a distinct possibility, its passage will have the effect of outlawing all abortions.

The pro-life position reflects a deep commitment on the part of some Christians about God's creatures. Other Christians have taken different positions on the issue of abortion and their arguments will be considered in a later column.



Self

Devotional That's incredible!

By Mark O. Johnson

"And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive" (Matt. 21:22).

In the excellent book, *The Kneeling Christian*, the author says, "Of all the millions in India living in the bondage of Hinduism, none may pray except the Brahmins! Even a millionaire merchant of any other caste must get a Brahmin — often a mere boy at school — to say his prayers for him. The Muslim cannot pray unless he has learned a few phrases in Arabic for his god hears only prayers offered in what they believe to be the holy language." Can you imagine the bondage Muslims must experience when urgent needs arise.

Thank God, no limits restrict the kneeling Christian! Nothing is out of reach for the praying and believing child of God. But remember, we must believe that God is able to hear and answer prayer, that we are praying in the will of God; that His answer is best; and that prayer is the power that taps all of the resources of God.

The word "impossible" should be dropped from the Christian's vocabulary. As children we used to sing, "God can do anything... but fail!" How true this is. If there is failure and defeat, it is not because of God. Rather, it is due to our failure to pray, receive direction from God, and then to carry out the action necessary to fulfill God's will.

The assassination attempt on President Reagan has again shown our nation how prayer changes things. As people prayed, our President was blessed with a remarkably speedy recovery. Even James Brady, at one time pronounced dead by the news media, is very much alive. All four men involved are alive and well, a direct result of prayer and the power of God.

One of the most exciting truths in the Bible is the fact that whosoever will, may pray! What a thrill to realize that as we pray in Jesus name, our petitions are daily taken into the courts of heaven as our advocate pleads our case and presents our needs before God, the Father. Wow, now that's incredible!

It is not coincidental that the most important responsibility of any Christian can be performed by every Christian. "... The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." (James 5:16).

Johnson is pastor of Royce Baptist Church, Oak Ridge.

Pickard accepts call of McDavid's Grove

Richard Pickard accepted a call from McDavid's Grove Baptist Church, Springfield, to come as pastor.

Pickard, who began the new ministry June 28, came to McDavid's Grove from Oak Hill Union Baptist Church, Paris, where he was pastor for two years.

A native of Garrett, Ind., Pickard attended Fort Wayne Bible College, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Enon names Lambert to first pastorate

Enon Baptist Church, Bolivar, recently called Ted Lambert Jr. to fill their pastorate, his first.

Lambert is taking courses through the Seminary Extension Department, Nashville. He is a native of Saulsbury.

BSSB approves record budget

GLORIETA, N.M. (BP)— A record 1981-82 budget of \$126.5-million was adopted by trustees of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board during their semi-annual meeting at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center.

The budget represents an increase of \$16.6-million over the projected 1980-81

income of \$109.9-million.

In other actions, the trustees approved a change in the formula for board contributions to the Southern Baptist Convention, authorized a contribution to the SBC Executive Committee, and approved a 1982 conference center rate increase.

The formula change, effective 1982-83 pending approval by the Southern Baptist Convention, is expected to provide an additional \$100,000 to the convention the first year.

An average increase of 11 percent in 1982 summer conference center rates was approved. The conference service fee for persons seventh grade and older will increase by \$3.50, from \$24.00 to \$27.50. Rooms and food service rates also will increase.

Wife of Oneida pastor dies following illness

Mrs. Roy Blevins died July 21 following a long illness. She was 78 years old.

Mrs. Blevins was the wife of the pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church, Oneida. Blevins has been pastor of the church 44 years and is a former moderator of New River Baptist Association.

Ministries rejuvenate Massachusetts church

By Marv Knox

CHELSEA, Mass. (BP) — Neglect and old age almost killed First Baptist Church of Chelsea. But thanks to a generous dose of concern for others, it has been resuscitated.

Founded as an American Baptist congregation in the mid-1800s, First Baptist Church eventually swelled to 1,200 members in the bustling enclave just

across the Mystic River from downtown Boston.

Then urban blight attacked, shoving Chelsea to the lowest per capita income of any city in Massachusetts. Potential members moved to more pleasant surroundings; "old faithfuls" died off.

Less than 10 members remained by 1969, and they did the unusual. They sold their church building and parsonage to

the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board and became a mission of Metro Baptist Church, an SBC congregation in nearby Cambridge.

That union officially bore fruit this summer when the Chelsea congregation reconstituted as First Baptist Church, with about 40 active members.

"Our goal in '69 was to minister to the people of this area, using whatever means possible," recalls John Hughston, recently retired as pastor of Metro Baptist and as director of HMB ministries in greater Boston.

The remnant of the original church remained to worship, but Southern Baptists in Boston also used the building as a base for further outreach through Christian social ministries. They opened the building as a day-care center and began a teen club for neighborhood youths. A prayer group for mothers which developed into a ceramics class followed, as did a luncheon program for senior citizens, afternoon Bible clubs for children, and even a scouting program with Christian emphasis.

Yet the wounds of urban decay did not heal merely because these Baptists had both a pastor and a Christian social ministries director.

"Sometimes, we were a flame on a mountain; at times, only a flickering candle," says member Lee Atlas, noting there were periods "when only two or three remained."

Still, the link of concern for community remained strong and Christian social ministries gives Baptists a formula for touching hard-to-reach people, adds Wendell Belew, director of the HMB mission ministries division.

"This is the kind of evangelism which we probably should have been doing all

along," Belew says. "We can't just stand in the pulpit and scream at people who aren't there. We've got to cultivate the communities by developing ministries that meet needs."

Close observers say much of that cultivation in Chelsea has come in the two years home missionaries Joe and Debbie Bagwell have been there leading the Chelsea church and attending to CSM work in the community. Just in their mid-20s, they feel they are in the right ministry.

"Christian social ministry is a frame of mind. We would do it wherever God placed us," Debbie explains. "It's so compatible with what the church is all about. Every time we can, we try to link activities of the church and CSM programs."

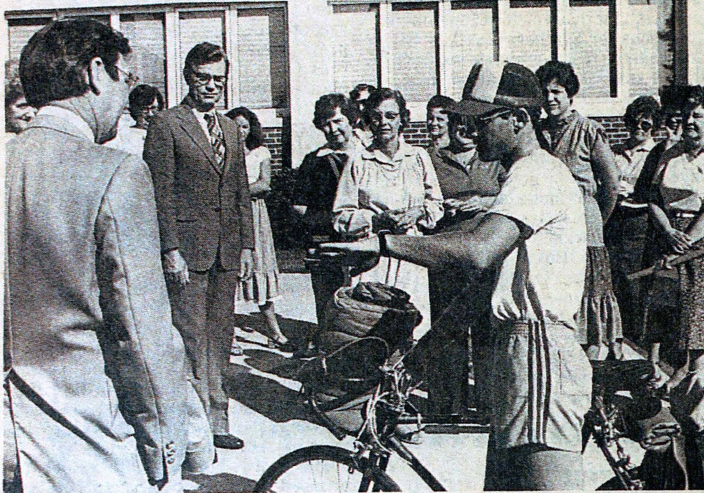
Yet while the social programs have not provided the entire growth of the rejuvenated congregation, they have given the church visibility in the community and helped members reach out to others, Joe claims.

"CSM has made people here aware that we are alive," he explains. "Much of what the community knows about us, it knows because of our programs."

"But our growth primarily has come because our members witness to people. CSM has provided them with the vision of reaching others and allowed them to minister. We couldn't provide the programs we do if they didn't support them and volunteer their time."

"Still, the church wouldn't be growing if the members didn't do more than volunteer time, if they didn't tell others about Christ."

Belew feels the wedding of the Chelsea congregation to CSM programs provides an omen for future work in urban areas.



CYCLING FOR MISSIONS — Tom Higginbotham, former volunteer missionary to Surinam, is welcomed by Foreign Mission Board staff members in Richmond, Va., as he concludes his 3,325-mile bicycle trip from San Diego, Calif.

Volunteer peddles missions while pedaling across U.S.

By Bill Webb

RICHMOND, Va. — Tom Higginbotham pedaled his bicycle 3,325 miles across America for a chance to "peddle" his mission story.

A volunteer missionary to Surinam for nine months, Higginbotham decided the bicycle trip was a unique way to find opportunities to inform people about Baptist work in Surinam.

To the cheers and applause of staff members, he officially concluded his 88-day adventure July 30 when he rolled up to the steps of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board offices in Richmond, Va.

Fit and tanned, the young petroleum inspector from Walker, La., dismounted his bicycle for the last time. His goal when he left San Diego, Calif., May 4 was to tell anyone who would listen about missions in Surinam.

He carried a tray of slides with 50 pounds of other necessities and made his presentation 32 times, mostly to church groups, but also to the summer staffers at Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist Conference Center, to children at the Arkansas Baptist Children's Home at Monticello, and to participants in a youth rally in Atlanta, Ga.

The enthusiastic 26-year-old also took advantage of radio and newspaper interviews to express his convictions that lives and money invested in Southern Baptist foreign missions are wise investments.

In his presentations, many made in missions and small churches which had never had a missionary visit, Higginbotham tried to show career missionaries involved in various ministries and to illustrate how Lottie Moon Christmas offerings and Cooperative Program monies were being used on the field.

"I could show them a house they're paying rent on and a brand new bus they bought with the Christmas offering. It was a good presentation if I do say so myself," he chuckled immodestly.

The best times on the trip for Higginbotham were those when he could make his presentation, but much of the time it was just he and his bicycle covering long stretches of highway.

His hottest day was 114 degrees and one evening temperatures got down to freezing, he said. One day, he traveled 85 miles in rain. He crossed the Rockies, snapping pictures of tarantulas and snakes along the way. One morning a coyote followed him for a while.

He had five flat tires, wore out two tires completely, and for a while rode without brakes and without some of the gears on his 10-speed. He did repairs as problems developed.

When he spoke in churches, members took him in for the night. Other times he stopped at campsites and pulled out his pup tent and sleeping bag.

He hopes that he has sparked some people to be more concerned and involved in world missions. "The highest fulfillment for this trip would be for it to produce a career couple for missions," he says.

"These people (career missionaries in Surinam) were dedicated beyond imagination," he affirms. He was impressed with their concern and love for people, even those who worship pagan gods. "They are a unique breed," he believes.

"I've grown more spiritually in the past two years than any time in my life," he confesses.

Higginbotham's immediate plans are to return to his job, though he says he would be open to change those plans if God should lead him into missions.



REGISTERING A NEW BIRTH — Joe Trioli and his mother, Melba, were among about 40 members who participated in the rebirth of a congregation when First Baptist Church of Chelsea, Mass., became self-supporting.

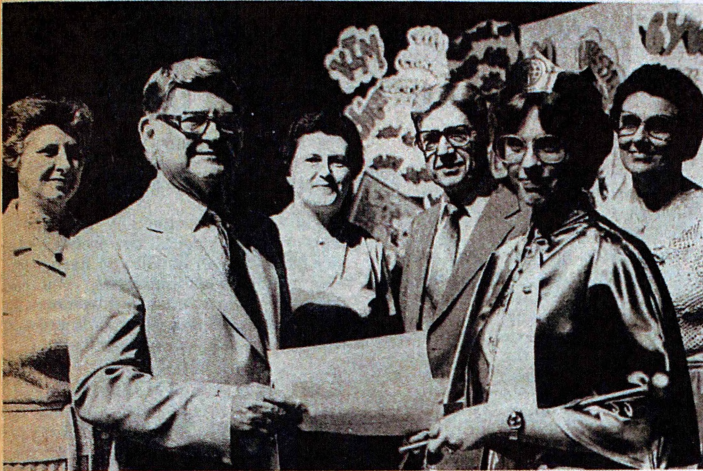
MK nabs thief in Philippines

MANILA, Philippines (BP) — Robert Gopffarth was waiting for his luggage to be unloaded from the bus when he heard a woman yell that her purse had been stolen.

When he saw a small man running through the crowd, the son of Southern Baptist missionaries William and Darlene Gopffarth gave chase. A friend who had just spent a week with Robert at summer camp followed.

Robert almost lost the man among the vendors, buses, and swarms of people in the crowded market area, but spotted him again and closed the gap. The thief, in an apparent attempt to slow down Robert, hurled the stolen purse back at him, narrowly missing him.

But Robert lunged at the man and both ended up on the ground. As the thief scrambled to get away, Robert tripped him. His summer camp friend arrived to help just as Robert grabbed the man. Together they held him until police came.



FIRST CITATION AWARD — At last weekend's WMU House Party, Miriam Agee of Lebanon was presented Tennessee's first Acteen citation award, the highest service level in the organization. In recognition of the attainment, she receives one of two \$250 college scholarships from O.M. Dangeau, TBC director of Cooperative Program and stewardship. In the background are the honoree's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Agee; Linda Knott (left), state Acteen director; and Mrs. Glendon McCullough (right), state WMU president.



MICHIGAN ACTIVATORS — A group of Tennessee Acteens, commissioned as Activators after 50 hours of training, helped conduct a GA camp under the auspices of the Home Mission Board at Bambi Lake State Baptist Assembly, Roscommon, Mich. From left, front row, are Angela Barker, Piney Flats; Pam Clark, Donelson; Stephanie Tramel, Lebanon; and Susan Lilly, Jonesboro. Second row: Lori Nettles, Lebanon; Cathy Cartwright, Knoxville; Alice Atnip, Donelson; Marta Mardis, Drummonds; and Linda Knott, Tennessee Acteens director.

NOBTS graduates four Tennesseans

NEW ORLEANS, La. (BP) — Four Tennesseans were among the more than 50 persons who completed requirements for summer graduation from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary here.

Receiving the master of religious education degree were Judy Smith Cummings of Memphis, and Conroy Ryan Jr. of Chattanooga.

Richard Holden of Knoxville, and Douglas Wayne Max of Covington, both received the master of divinity degree.

The group of summer graduates

brought the seminary's total 1981 class to more than 340, the largest in the seminary's history.

Springhill church calls reserve chaplain

Lynn Paschall, a chaplain in the U.S. Air Force Reserve, was called as pastor of Springhill Baptist Church, Paris.

Paschall, a captain assigned to the 9018 Air Reserve Squadron, began his ministry at the church Aug. 1. He was previously pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, also in Paris, and associate pastor of Ballardville Baptist Church, Ballardville, Ky.

A native of Paris, Paschall is a graduate of Union University, Jackson, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Shelby association changes meeting times

Meeting times for the annual meeting of the Shelby County Baptist Association have been changed.

The meeting will begin at 4:30 p.m., Oct. 12 at Germantown Baptist Church. An evening session at the Germantown church will begin at 7:15, Oct. 12.

On Oct. 13, there will be only an evening session, set for 7:00 at Oakhaven Baptist Church, Memphis.

Churches, religious groups affected by tax changes

WASHINGTON (BP) — Three sections of the large tax cut package Congress recently sent to President Ronald Reagan for his signature contain tax changes of special interest to U.S. religious groups.

The comprehensive tax measure, which will reduce individual and business taxes approximately \$750-billion over the next five years, cleared the Senate on a 67-8 vote and passed the House of Representatives, 282-95.

The final version of the tax cut liberalizes both the amount and scope of the Foreign Earned Income Tax Exclusion — a move urged during Senate hearings earlier this year by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. It also reduces the so-called "marriage penalty tax" and allows a tax deduction for charitable contributions made by persons who elect not to itemize deductions when filing federal income tax forms.

For Americans who are "bona fide" residents of foreign countries, Congress agreed to exclude the first \$75,000 income in 1982 and to boost that by \$5,000 annually over the next four years to \$95,000. It also provides for the exclusion of excess housing costs.

The new law will replace a variety of deductions and exclusions for Americans working abroad. In the case of the Foreign Mission Board, some overseas personnel are currently covered by a \$20,000 tax exclusion for charitable workers in certain developing nations which was reinstated in the closing days of the 96th Congress.

The liberalized tax policy which takes effect Jan. 1, 1982, applies to all Americans who meet residency requirements in any foreign country.

In written testimony to a Senate subcommittee earlier this year, the Foreign Mission Board said the \$20,000 exemption provided a great deal of relief for religious and charitable organizations, but called an expansion of the exclusion "highly desirable" in the light of worldwide inflation.

Congress also changed the current law under which a married couple with two

incomes is taxed at a higher rate than two single persons with identical incomes. To correct this "marriage penalty," the new law allows a couple filing a joint return to deduct five percent of the first \$30,000 in earnings of the spouse with the lower income in 1982. The deduction increases to 10 percent of the first \$30,000 in 1983 and the following years, meaning a maximum deduction of \$3,000.

In another section, Congress agreed to allow taxpayers who use the "short form" standard deduction in filing federal tax returns to deduct charitable contributions. The change will have limited impact in 1982 and 1983, permitting a 25 percent deduction on the first \$100 in allowable charitable contributions. The allowable deduction climbs to 25 percent of the first \$300 in 1984; 50 percent with no limit on contributions in 1985; and 100 percent with no limit in 1986.

Noticeably absent from the tax cut package was any provision for tuition tax credits. President Reagan, who expressed support for the controversial proposal during the 1980 campaign, opted not to include tuition tax credits in his first tax cut proposal to Congress.

C-N names director of honors program

JEFFERSON CITY — Carolyn Blevins has been named director of the honors program at Carson-Newman College, effective this fall.

The honors program is for a limited number of highly qualified students. About 25 freshmen, scoring in the 19th percentile on recognized national achievement tests, are invited each year by the faculty honors council to participate in the program.

Special interdisciplinary classes and various activities are planned for the honors students. Each student is required to take at least four of five honors courses offered.

At the junior-senior level, honors students are required to complete six hours in an honors project. The students plan their own project in keeping with broad guidelines approved by the honors council.

Students who successfully complete the prescribed four-year honors program graduate with honors in their major field(s) of study.

Mrs. Blevins, assistant professor of religion at the Baptist college, is a graduate of Carson-Newman and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Musician's father dies

Charles Ed Smith, a deacon at Clarksville's First Baptist Church and the father of a Tennessee church musician, died suddenly Aug. 16 of an apparent heart attack. He was 60.

Smith, an executive with a rubber products company, was active in church and community affairs.

He was the father of Larry Smith, minister of music at First Baptist Church, Lewisburg, who served on the staff of the church music department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention from 1969-1971.

Funeral services were scheduled for Tuesday at First Baptist Church, Clarksville, with burial in Greenwood Cemetery.

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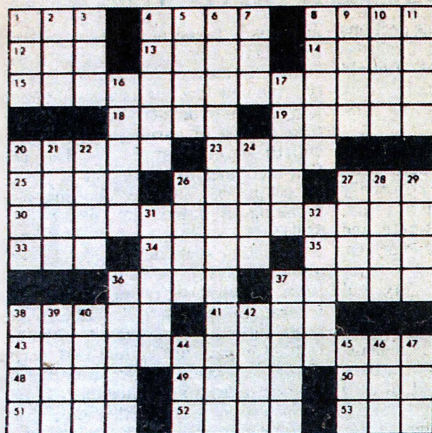
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(Col. 3)
13 Warp's opposite
14 Ancient Arcadian town
15 Asked of the men
(Judg. 8:5, 3 words)
18 Toward the mouth
19 "Set them — — again"
(Acts 7:26)
20 Flat-bottomed boats
23 Wine receptacles
25 First-rate
26 Dye
27 Chief of the bishops;
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- 30 Precious metals
(Rev. 18:12, 3 words)
33 "to — out our liberty"
(Gal. 2)
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37 To deviate
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4 Wash-stand accessories
5 Shrub genus
6 "not only to the — —" (1 Pet. 2)
7 "cast — thy works of darkness" (Rom. 13)
8 Sulkies
9 Butter substitute
10 "yet will they — upon the Lord" (Mic. 3)
11 "For ye — men with burdens" (Luke 11)
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17 Name before I-shi
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22 Solely
24 Lass
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28 Sodom's king
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31 The E-zrite (2 Sam. 23:8)
32 Subsequently
36 Animal
37 Halter
38 A species of wild plum
39 Auto accessory
40 Feminine name
42 Greek mountain
44 Crusher
45 Money of account
46 One of the family; abbr.
47 Spoonful

Interpretation

Life's supreme purpose

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33).

The Sermon on the Mount was not given to show lost people how to be saved. Its purpose was/is to show Christians (kingdom-citizens) how to live the Christian life. It was delivered to those who were already in the "kingdom."

In the best Greek texts, "of God" is absent. The word rendered "His" may also read "it," — so "the kingdom and its righteousness." "First" means order in importance, not in time. Being in the kingdom, the Christian's primary purpose should be to seek to bring others into it. Of course, this involves bearing witness concerning Jesus Christ and His redeeming work. All who receive Him will become kingdom-citizens.

"All these things" (every single one of these things) refers to both the qualities of kingdom-citizens (salt and light, 5:13-16; spirit rather than the letter of the law, 5:17-48; true sense of values, 6:1-22; absolute loyalty to God, 6:24); and the material necessities of life (6:25-32). We should display in our lives the qualities of kingdom-citizens, trusting God to provide for our material needs.

Jesus closes this admonition by warning against being overly anxious about tomorrow or the future (v. 34). Many Christians worry themselves into

distraction over things which never happen. If you can do something about a situation, do it. If not, worry will not solve the problem.

"Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." You have all the problems today that you can handle. So never borrow trouble from tomorrow. You can deal with tomorrow when it becomes today. And in all today and tomorrows, trust God to see you through them.

Catholics publish book on Baptists

ATLANTA (BP) — A Southern Baptist interfaith witness expert and a Roman Catholic publisher have teamed up to break a long-standing barrier between the largest Christian denominations in the United States.

Paulist Press, a Catholic publishing house, has printed *Introducing Southern Baptists: Their Faith and Their Life* by C. Brownlow Hastings, assistant director of interfaith witness for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

"While brief pamphlets have been published by Catholic presses about Protestant denominations, this is one of the first full-length books on Baptist faith and life produced by a Catholic publishing house," Hastings said.

The purpose of the book is to answer questions about Baptist faith and life for non-Baptists, especially members of Roman Catholic and Orthodox churches, Hastings said, noting he based the content of the book on questions asked of him during the 11 years he has been involved in interfaith discussions.

Hastings divided his book into three parts. The first explains the Southern Baptist view of the relationship between the individual and God. Next, he examines the fellowship of believers and their way of life in the local church. The third part traces Southern Baptist history and looks at the challenge of a growing social awareness within the denomination.

The book also includes a glossary of Southern Baptist terms and a series of most-asked questions about the denomination.

Hastings claimed there is an overriding need for such a book because Southern Baptists and Roman Catholics "can no longer ignore each other."

Paulist Press' Betty Ralph added the book should "help members of both denominations approach each other with a deeper understanding of what Baptists believe and how they live."

Patti Stephenson named HMB editor

ATLANTA (BP) — Patti Stephenson, a former staff writer for the Chattanooga News-Free Press, has been named assistant news editor for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Miss Stephenson succeeds Marv Knox, who resigned recently to study at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and to work in the seminary's communications office.

A former copy writer for Ballard & Puckett, a Christian advertising agency based in Atlanta and Chicago, Miss Stephenson had worked previously in the editorial department for the Home Mission Board as an editorial assistant in the book publications office.

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Three Springs church calls Elkins as pastor

Three Springs Baptist Church, Whitesburg, called Charles Elkins as pastor, a ministry he began June 14.

A Morristown native, Elkins was previously pastor of Roe Junction Baptist Church, Morristown; Friendship Baptist Church, Sneedville; and Pine Grove Baptist Church in Greene County.

Elkins is currently attending Carson-Newman College's Bible school.

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Our People and Our Churches . . .

LEADERSHIP . . .

William Lynn was called as minister of music and youth by Brainerd Hills Baptist Church, Chattanooga. Lynn is a graduate of Gardner-Webb College, Boiling Springs, N.C., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex. He previously served churches in Georgia and South Carolina.

Memphis' East Park calls five staffers

Five new staff members were called this summer by East Park Baptist Church, Memphis.

Earl R. Holloway was called as minister of music, his wife Jennie as music assistant, David Lewis as minister of youth, Art Murphy Jr. as minister of children and preschool, and Sam Tolleson as minister of evangelism and discipleship.

Holloway was previously minister of music at First Baptist Church, Memphis; First Baptist Church, West Palm Beach, Fla.; and First Baptist Church, Augusta, Ga. He is a graduate of George Peabody College, Nashville, and has done post-graduate work at several schools.

A native of Adamsville, Holloway began at East Park June 22.

Lewis was formerly minister of youth of Salem Baptist Church, Murray, Ky. He is a graduate of Murray State University, also of that city.

A native of Princeton, Ky., Lewis began his position June 1.

Murphy, a graduate of Union University in Jackson, is a native of Memphis. He was previously minister of children and preschool at Southland Baptist Church, Memphis; children's pastor at Broadmoor Baptist Church, also of Memphis; youth pastor and minister of children at First Baptist Church, Alamo; and minister of youth and music at Smyrna Baptist Church, Burlison.

Murphy began his ministry to the church July 26.

Mrs. Holloway and Adams native Tolleson are in their first church staff positions. They began the positions June 22.

and is a native of Savannah, Ga. Ron McCary is the pastor at Brainerd Hills.

First Baptist Church, Martin, called Robert Orr as interim pastor. Orr was pastor of the church for more than 30 years before his retirement. He began the ministry Aug. 9.

G. S. (Buddy) Dicken accepted the call of First Baptist Church, Sparta, to be its full-time minister of music. He previously held that position part-time. James Strickland is the church's pastor.

Bethel Baptist Church, Greenbrier, called John Tullock, chairman of the department of religion and philosophy at Belmont College, Nashville, as interim pastor.

Flewellyn Baptist Church, Springfield, recently called Bobby Swift as its interim pastor.

Whitman answers call from Middleton church

C. E. "Bill" Whitman accepted the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Middleton, a ministry he began July 17.

Whitman came to Middleton from Grace Baptist Church, Ripley. He was also pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, Humboldt, and Walnut Grove Baptist Church, Bolivar.

A native of Chester County, Whitman is a graduate of Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, Ark. He is a current member of the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.



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Truman Brown, a consultant in the church administration department of the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, was named interim pastor of First Baptist Church, Greenbrier.

CORRECTIONS

In the Aug. 12 "Our People and Our Churches" column, it was erroneously reported that Jim Lindsay was on the staff of Calvary Baptist Church, Knoxville. The item should have read, "Jim Lindsay joined Calvary Baptist Church, Kingsport, as staff evangelist. Lindsay, a Southern Baptist evangelist, came to the church from the membership of Immanuel Baptist Church, Elizabethton. He is a former pastor of Tennessee churches. Bobby C. Coates is pastor at Calvary."

In the Aug. 5 column, it was reported that Joseph McGehee was pastor of First Baptist Church, Lewisburg. J. William Harbin is the interim pastor at this church.

Larry Glass called to Five Points

Larry Glass was called by Five Points Baptist Church, Five Points, to come as its pastor.

Glass came to the church from the pastorate of Scotts Hill Baptist Church, Pulaski. He was previously pastor of Eva's Chapel Baptist Church in Leoma, the city of which he is a native.

Glass began the new pastorate July 19.

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Middle Valley Baptist Church, Chattanooga, accepted the recent resignations of Pastor Glenn Blevins and Minister of Music and Youth Terry D. Harris Jr.

REVIVALS . . .

Revival services were held recently at Brookhill Baptist Church, Etowah, with Rick Atkins, pastor of South Liberty Baptist Church in Riceville, as evangelist. Pastor R. B. Bryan reported two professions of faith, two baptisms, and several rededications.

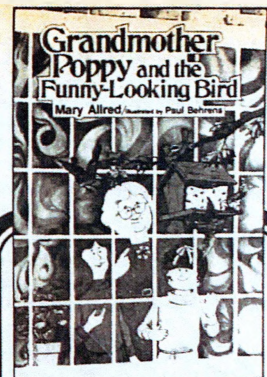
First Baptist Church, Hickory Withe, sponsored a series of evangelistic meetings with Billy Walker of Walnut Ridge, Ark. as evangelist and Johnny Jackson of Memphis as music director. Jack Kwok, pastor of the church, reported seven professions of faith.

REVIVAL PRAYER REQUESTS . . .

First Baptist Church, Dresden, will have morning and evening revival services Aug. 30 to Sept. 4. William Harbin, director of the church-ministers information department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, Brentwood, will be the evangelist. Marshall Anderson Jr., minister of music at the Dresden church, will lead the revival music. James D. Gaines Jr. is the church's pastor.

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Lesson for Aug. 23

Acting in faith and love

By James W. Best, pastor
First Baptist Church, Greeneville

Basic Passage: Hebrews 12:1 to 13:25

Focal Passages: Hebrews 12:1-8, 12:13; 13:1-5

I have never participated in a sport where I was surrounded by spectators, but I can well imagine that would be quite a thrill.

Each of us, as spiritual athletes, are in an arena surrounded not by common spectators, but by champion spiritual athletes who have won their victory.

Numbered among those spectators are Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; Moses, Joshua, and Caleb. There in the stands, also, are saintly forebears: parents, grandparents, etc., all observing the earnestness with which we run the race.

These spectators are called witnesses. This applies to their earthly race as well as to their present observation. That is, they are witnesses because they have witnessed before men to the gospel. And they expect to see in us a witness also.

We usually function far better when we are observed. You are being observed by fellow witnesses, therefore, do your best.

First, "let us lay aside every encumbrance..." (12:1 NASB). The word was often used of excess flesh which must be reduced by discipline and training. Paul deals with this very matter in 1 Cor. 9:24-27. He speaks of our running in such a way that we may win. If we are to compete, we must exercise self-control. We must run with purpose if we hope to win. We must buffet and bring our body into control. We must never pamper the body! The allusion here is a call to the highest moral discipline, based on love for and support of our brothers in the faith. We need the kind of love and concern which Paul exemplified when he said, "Therefore, if food causes my brother to stumble, I will never eat meat again, that I might not cause my brother to stumble" (1 Cor. 8:13 NASB). We must rid ourselves of all that would keep us from being effective witnesses!

The author goes on to say that we need also to "lay aside... the sin which so easily entangles us." The author is speaking of sin in general when he uses the word translated by the phrase "which so easily entangles us." This word, used only here in the New Testament, means "close clinging." This is an encouragement to discard all, everything and anything, that might hinder us in our "athletic contest." The picture is of a man trying to run in a close fitting tunic. We are surrounded by temptations and they must all be bypassed in order to run "the race that is set before us."

How is this done? It is done by focusing our attention on Jesus, the "author and perfecter of faith." Most translators

omit "our" and rightly so. It unnecessarily limits the implications. In going to the cross, Jesus looked down through time to the end of all things. He was able to go to the cross because He knew what it would produce in the following centuries. He took the long view. The joy set before Him was the joy of the redeemed.

In the same way, we need to run our race with an eye to the future. Remember what Paul said, "For I consider that the sufferings of this time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us" (Romans 8:18). And again, "For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond comparison" (2 Cor. 4:17). We, like the saints of old, need to take a long look and keep our eyes focused on Jesus and the "eternal weight of glory." Then the temptations will not be so tempting and the weights will not be so heavy.

Think about Jesus (12:2). If people ever treat you worse than they treated Him, then you can complain. To lead your thoughts in considering Him, read 1 Peter 2:21-25. His remedy for mistreatment was simply that He "kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously" — which would be a good idea for each of us through all the difficulties of life.

The author then deals with an often misunderstood aspect of Christianity: chastening or discipline. Chastening or discipline is entirely different from punishment. Our understanding of chastening is often hindered because we equate it with punishment. While the Christian may experience chastening as a result of sin, he is never punished for his sin. Scripture teaches us that Jesus suffered for our sins. He experienced all of our punishment. Hebrews teaches that the sacrifice of Jesus was both perfect and complete! Our sins are dealt with by confession, forgiveness, and cleansing. While we may reap a natural physical result of our rebellion, we are not punished. For example, the repentance and forgiveness of an alcoholic does not get rid of his liver condition.

Punishment looks to the past sin while chastening looks to the future. Punishment is punitive; chastening is redemptive. Punishment arises out of justice; chastening arises out of grace. Punishment is because of sin; chastening is because we are sons.

Unlike punishment which is a token of God's wrath, chastening or discipline is a token of His love and serves to validate our Sonship (v. 7). We are not chastened primarily because we acted sinfully, but that we might share His holiness (v. 10). While punishment often produces resentment and bitterness, chastening will eventually produce "the peaceful fruit of righteousness" (v. 11).

We should rejoice in our chastisement, because it is for our good and leads to a well-ordered disciplined Christ-like life.



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Lesson for Aug. 23

Choice and consequences

By John H. Tullock, chairman, department of religion and philosophy
Belmont College, Nashville

Basic Passage: Deuteronomy 30:11-20

Focal Passage: Deuteronomy 30:11-20

Do you like to make choices? When I was a youngster, my mother would give me such choices as, "If you will finish your lesson, you can go play with Curtis."

At times, I would willingly do what was required because I wanted the promised reward. At other times, while I wanted the reward, I wanted it on my terms, not on the basis of the terms set forth by my mother. Somehow I figured that I could promise to do it later, beg, or whine until I would wear down Mother's resistance.

Fortunately, my mother could not be manipulated in that fashion. The result was that at such times I found myself having to do the task assigned, while at the same time, I lost the reward because the time for playing had slipped away while I was trying to talk Mother into doing things my way.

That is the way choices are — they have their consequences, either good or bad. He who would make a choice must bear the responsibility that goes with the privilege of choosing.

The commandment is near (30:11-14)

The context for this Scripture was the solemn service of covenant renewal. Israel had become the people of God by their own choice at Sinai with the giving of the covenant by God and by Israel's pledge to live by its provisions. This covenant was kept alive for succeeding generations by the re-enacting of the events at Sinai, much as we renewed our allegiance to our country in the events associated with the Bicentennial celebrations and by our annual celebration of July 4 as Independence Day.

The words of this passage (11-14) probably were recited in the covenant renewal ceremony to remind the hearers of a number of important things. For one, they had the advantage of past events to strengthen their faith. They needed no one to ascend into the heights as Moses did to bring back God's Word to them. Instead, they had the Word that had proven itself to be true over the years. Secondly, they had their own experiences with God to confirm His Word to them. They had, furthermore, the assurance of the presence of God's Word in their hearts through faith to guide them.

The choice (30:15-17)

Often we hear someone remark about the legalisms of the Old Testament, implying by such remarks that there is little in the Old Testament about faith and love. Here the choices are boldly stated "life and good, death and evil" (v.15). The key to "life and good" is obedience ("obey the commandments"). On the surface that sounds legalistic but when one looks further at what obedience involves then the picture changes. Note that obedience consists of "loving the

Lord your God, by walking in His ways, and by keeping His commandments..." (v. 16 RSV). The expression "loving the Lord your God" immediately calls to mind Deut. 6:5 where we are reminded that loving God must involve all our emotions ("all your heart"), our personality and being ("all your soul"), and all our physical strength ("all your might").

The responsibility to choose (30:19-20)

In ancient contracts, the gods often were called upon to witness the contract to make sure it was kept. We see such a provision in the covenant between Jacob and Laban in Gen. 31:59. God here calls for the natural order (heaven and earth) to witness the covenant renewal, testifying that He has offered those people the choice of "life and death, blessing and curse." They could not come back later and say, "I did not have a chance."

Many today hear God's message and are faced with the choice of life and death. Bold Mission Thrust places before us as Southern Baptists the responsibility to let the whole world know that every person has the privilege to choose Christ as Saviour for life or to reject Him and face the responsibility that goes with that rejection.

HMB appoints five

ATLANTA (BP) — The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board approved five persons for mission service during the August meeting of the board's personnel committee.

The procedure for appointment varied from the traditional method of naming mission workers because neither the board nor its executive committee met during the month. Acting under bylaws passed a year ago, however, the personnel committee approved the candidates for mission service.

Milton Kliesch will remain in New Orleans, where he will become a day-care worker at Friendship House, a Christian social ministries center. He has been a youth director in Louisiana and Texas and an interim pastor in Louisiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sherrill will stay in Bismarck, and he will direct missions for the Western North Dakota Baptist Association.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hoekstra will move to Vail, Colo., where he will be a state consultant and community minister with assignments in special mission ministries and Christian social ministries.

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Lesson for Aug. 23

Following wise guidance

By E. E. Carrier, pastor
First Baptist Church, Mountain City

Basic Passage: Proverbs 2:1 to 3:12

Focal Passages: Proverbs 2:1-11; 3:5-8

Evangelist Billy Graham has the daily devotional habit of reading five Psalms and one Proverb every day. The two books are companion volumes. The book of Psalms expresses our relationship with God, and Proverbs emphasizes our relationship with one another.

Traditionally, Solomon is recognized as the author of the book of Proverbs. His stated purpose is to set forth wisdom and knowledge to all men, particularly to the young and the immature (1:24).

The second Proverb begins with a plea for youth to seek wisdom. The kind of wisdom that Solomon urges his reader to seek comes only from God, a heavenly discernment between good and evil (2:6). Such discernment is available to every sincere seeker.

The gift of understanding and discernment is not given to the casual seeker. One must seek the divine gift of wisdom with his whole heart as one seeks a hidden treasure. The wisdom of God is not wasted on the undeserving, but is given only to those who cry out for it. Solomon warns that without divine wisdom and knowledge, life shall be vain and unprofitable.

A survey of these two chapters will reveal the kinds of fruits that wisdom will provide in one's life: prosperity, purity, peace, and purpose.

There are those who resent any emphasis on the material rewards of religion, but it is the plain teaching of the book of Proverbs that God will prosper those that abide in His will (3:9-10). This truth has been verified in the experience of many believers. Perhaps, a part of the explanation is that under divine guidance we are better stewards of our material possessions. We manage our time and money profitably.

When wisdom and knowledge attend one's way, life is characterized by lawfulness and purity. Solomon cites two important examples. One, the wise shall be guarded from devious temptations to join the folly of evil men. With heavenly discernment the godly man avoids the paths of darkness that lead to destruction.

Also, the wise man will resist the enticements of the harlot. He refuses to become a victim of her evil deadly charms (2:12-18).

Peace is another fruit of wisdom. Solomon writes: "For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee" (3:2). A recent medical survey has given much support to the fact that those who have a strong religious faith live a longer and happier life. This is the fascinating conclusion of a study con-

ducted by George W. Comstock of John Hopkins University. His study revealed that regular churchgoing and the clean living that accompanies it help people to avoid many disabling diseases and tragedies. Among them are heart disease, tuberculosis, cancer of the cervix, chronic bronchitis, fatal one car accidents, and suicide.

On the question of happiness, a Gallup poll reported that 49 percent of churchgoers rated themselves as "very happy" compared with 39 percent of non-churchgoers.

The firm conviction of Solomon is that life blessed by divine wisdom will be a more purposeful life. Through a continued trust in God, life will be spared the anxiety of depending on one's own judgment. We can consult daily with our heavenly Father for guidance, whether in the spiritual or secular realm (3:5-6).



Carrier

Mrs. O'Hair files suit challenging state constitutional requirements

JACKSON, Miss. (BP) — Federal court lawsuits have been filed in Mississippi and Arkansas, challenging portions of the state constitutions which require a belief in a Supreme Being for election to state offices.

According to Jon Murray, director of the American Atheist's Center in Austin, Tex., and son of Madalyn Murray O'Hair, the suits are part of an effort to get such provisions removed from the constitutions of Mississippi, Arkansas, Texas, North Carolina, and South Carolina.

In the Arkansas action, Mrs. O'Hair

was joined by her son, Mrs. Frances Flora of Mount Ida, and Erin Leary of Fayetteville. It names Gov. Frank White, state supreme court justices, President Ronald Reagan, and the cabinet.

In Mississippi, the suit was filed by Paul G. Tirmenstein, an 82-year-old retired engineer, and names the State of Mississippi, Reagan, and the cabinet.

Reagan is asked in both cases to withhold federal funds until the laws are overturned.

The challenged Mississippi constitutional provision says that "no person who denies the existence of a Supreme Being shall hold any office in this state."

In Arkansas, Section One of Article 19 of the state constitution says: "No person who denies the being of a God shall hold any office in the civil departments of this state nor be competent to testify as a witness in any court."

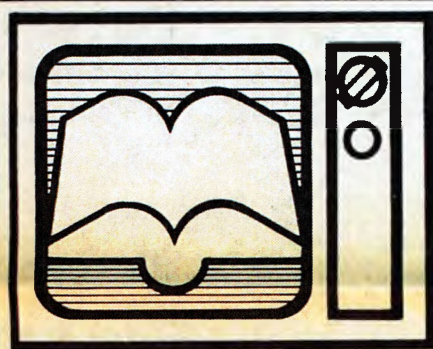
In Mississippi, Mrs. O'Hair said her group, The Society of Separationists, had attempted to find a lawyer, but none would take the case.

Emerson accepts call

Dan Emerson accepted a call from Toone Baptist Church, Toone, to come as pastor.

Emerson, who began the new duties Aug. 4, is the former pastor of Jones Chapel Baptist Church, Paris, and Corinth Baptist Church, Corinth, Miss.

A graduate of Union University in Jackson, Emerson is a native of Bolivar.



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WAIKIKI, Hawaii — Each year, 2-million visitors armed with cameras and oversized shopping bags see the sights, nudge their way through open air markets and bask on Waikiki's dazzling beaches.

After 10- to 12-day stays, they pack up flipflops, macadamia nuts, puka shell necklaces, and color film and return home — to be replaced by another wave of tourists.

Faced with the two-fold dilemma of reaching the large, transient population and ministering to employees who serve them is Southern Baptist Home Missionary Veryl Henderson.

Henderson, a red-blond Baptist from Shamrock, Tex., had never seen the ocean before he and his wife, Cheryl, accepted an invitation to work in Hawaii. For eight years, he juggled church duties

and resort ministry before assuming his position as state coordinator of resort work.

His responsibilities included work with Baptist young people and advising Hawaii Baptist churches on resort ministry. But with almost 100,000 people drifting in and out of Hawaii daily, Henderson also realized the need for ministry on Waikiki. To reach them, he first turned to employees in daily contact with tourists.

He offered "events" such as late-night Christian music festivals and regular midnight Bible studies to lure a corps of workers. He also experimented with charter boat cruises for Christians.

But such efforts have had limited success. Bible studies attract few people — sometimes Henderson is alone. One

"free sunset cruise" left him \$300 in the red.

But the ministry demanded contacts. So, one night a week — after his two daughters are in bed — Henderson walks Waikiki, talking to Christians whose livelihoods depend on tourists and reaching out to visitors.

During night strolls, Henderson finds some people receptive to his message. Pedicab drivers, who ride tourists in bicycle-powered carts, are approachable. "They're sitting, waiting — bored. They enjoy talking," says Henderson.

But others are more difficult to reach. A youngster selling cocaine tells Henderson the stuff is "best we have." Henderson hands him Good News for Modern Man. "Here's something even better."

Henderson admits he's been scared. He's been cursed and once, on a side street, was surrounded by five men.

"I was pretty nervous" until someone distracted them, he recalls. "I got away fast."

Feeling that "so far, God is protecting me," he continues to go into unusual situations.

"Visiting in bars and nightclubs — I still feel funny doing it. And a few shops I don't go in," he adds. "A body shop isn't always auto repair."

Henderson has ideas for other possible ministries.

With more than 67,000 people deplaning in Honolulu daily, he wants to rent an airport display to announce a "hotel chaplaincy offering counseling and language classes for immigrants." He'd also like to expand into a daytime beach ministry and have specialized programs for Koreans, Japanese, and Filipinos.

"I would like to see churches involved in ministries in city parks and shopping



STREET MINISTRY — Once a week, Veryl Henderson (right) takes to the streets of Waikiki "to make Christ real to the people."

malls," he adds.

"The hardest thing is not knowing if what you are doing works," says Henderson. "In resort work, you've got only one chance."

Many sunrises, he feels the pressure of his tenuous, transient ministry.

"At times, I'm not sure I'm accomplishing much," he admits. "But I guess by being there, people know I care. It's a witness."

"And isn't that what Christ asks of us?"

Adapted from MissionsUSA magazine.

Medicare Supplement Information

TO: ALL MEDICARE MEMBERS

SUBJECT: NEW CHANGES IN MEDICARE THAT AFFECT YOU

Dear Medicare Member:

The Social Security Administration has recently announced certain changes that were made in the MEDICARE program — changes which will directly or indirectly affect every MEDICARE member.

If you do not fully understand what benefits are payable under MEDICARE, please return the attached card at once so that we may furnish this vital information about the changes in MEDICARE, along with a detailed description of a privately sponsored MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT INSURANCE PLAN.

We will also furnish you with information about a program designed to help relieve the MEDICARE member funeral expense. Do you know that Social Security can help pay funeral expense? This important information will be furnished without cost or obligation.

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MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT INFORMATION REQUEST FORM

- Yes ☐ I would like further information concerning a protection plan that helps cover the charges Medicare does not pay.
- Yes ☐ I would like further information on how Social Security can help pay funeral expense.
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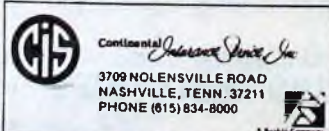
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Missionary recalls wartime rescue, finds he saved George Bush's life

MANILLA, Philippines (BP) — It happened 37 years ago, but missionary Hugo Parkman has the letter to prove it. He helped save Vice-president George Bush's life.

Parkman, business manager for the organization of Southern Baptist missionaries in the Philippines, was a lieutenant assigned to the submarine USS Finback on Sept. 2, 1944, when Bush's plane was shot down by the Japanese in the South Pacific. The submarine picked up Bush after he had been in the water nearly two and a half hours.

Parkman didn't associate the young navy pilot his submarine crew rescued with the vice-president of the United States until after the election when he saw a television profile of Bush that included a movie clip of the rescue.

To substantiate his belief, Parkman wrote to the historical center for the Department of Navy and received a declassified photocopy of the USS Finback's patrol report for the period including the rescue date. An accompanying letter from D. C. Allard, head of operational archives, stated, "I know you will be interested to note that one of the aviators picked up at that time was the present vice-president of the United States."

When Bush visited recently in the Philippines, Parkman's wife, Doris, sent him a letter of welcome.

Bush answered, "I'm sorry that we didn't get to visit while I was in Manilla, but things were very, very hectic. The

Finback seems a million years ago, but then again it is always with me that you did save my life."

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He cared for others

By Jonas L. Stewart

John Marcus Troutt went to be with the Lord Jan. 18, 1981. He lived in Jackson, Tenn., most of his life. He and his wife, who preceded him in death, were faithful members of the East Union Baptist Church.

Each of them had a will in which they directed that their estate would belong to the survivor of them. Upon his death, the entire estate was left to the Tennessee Baptist Foundation to be held in trust forever. The income is to be paid in equal shares to her two children as well as East Union Baptist Church and Union University. Upon the death of the children, the income paid to them will be paid to the church and school.

The Troutts couldn't give large amounts of money while they lived. The total value of their net estate is less than \$80,000. Now they will begin to make large gifts because the entire income will go to the Lord's work which they loved and supported from their limited earnings during their earthly life.

Every property owner has the potential for this kind of continuing witness for our Lord. For information on preparing a Christian will that will protect your assets, provide for your loved ones, and glorify our Lord, write the Tennessee Baptist Foundation, P. O. Box 347, Brentwood, Tenn., 37027.