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O'Hair loses Supreme Court appeal

WASHINGTON (BP)—Atheist Madalyn Murray O'Hair sustained two separate losses as the U.S. Supreme Court refused to disturb lower court rulings upholding the legality of invocations at city council meetings and of Christian and Jewish holiday displays in the rotunda of a state capitol.

The rulings were among the first handed down by the court as it began its 1981-82 term on the first Monday of October.

Mrs. O'Hair challenged the custom of opening each meeting of the Austin, Tex., city council with prayer and the practice of displaying a nativity scene and a Jewish menorah in the Texas state capitol, also in Austin.

She and her younger son, Jon, brought

suit against the city of Austin and state of Texas in two actions. She lost her cases in the federal district court and appeals to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans.

At the nation's high court, all justices agreed to deny the appeals, except for senior member William J. Brennan Jr., who indicated he voted to hear the challenge to nativity scenes and menorahs at the capitol.

In addition to the O'Hair rejections, the court also took action in the following religion-related cases:

—Left standing a Nebraska Supreme Court decision holding that church-related schools must comply with minimum state standards for teachers. A Nebraska law requiring all school teachers to have at least a baccalaureate degree is reasonably related to the state's "compelling interest" in the quality of education, the lower court ruled earlier. The challenge to the law was brought by Faith Baptist Church, Louisville, Neb., an independent congregation.

—Let stand rulings in a pair of church property disputes decided earlier in California. Both cases involved congregations which had seceded from the Protestant Episcopal Church. In one, a state court ruled that after the split, the property belonged to the congregation because nothing in its articles of incorporation or in the canons or rules of the national church ceded property rights to the mother body.

But the same court, in a separate action, held that another Episcopal congregation must give back its property to the national body because it was incorporated after the Protestant Episcopal Church enacted a new canon claiming local church property in case of secession.

—Left standing a Wisconsin ruling that a state resident who donated his farm to Herbert Armstrong's Ambassador College was entitled to declare the deed null and void when he demonstrated to the court's satisfaction that the deed was the product of "undue influence" by church officials.

—Agreed not to review an Illinois court decision that the International Society of Krishna Consciousness (Hare Krishnas) are not entitled to collect damages or attorneys' fees they sought after the city council of Evanston, Ill., revoked the group's "special use" permit.

—Refused to review a homosexual soldier's court-martial conviction for sodomy despite his claim that the Uniform Code of Military Justice's ban on sodomy had religious origins. That fact, two lower courts ruled earlier, is insufficient to sustain the soldier's claim that the law amounts to an unconstitutional establishment of religion.

—During its first week back on the bench, the high court also heard oral arguments in what may be the most important church-state case of the term.

Attorneys for the University of Missouri-Kansas City and a student religious group known as Cornerstone argued a case that presents a direct conflict between the no establishment and free exercise clauses of the First Amendment.

The university, which in 1972 issued a regulation forbidding any group to conduct religious services on campus, argued that its rule is a legitimate attempt to avoid establishing religion. But students maintain that the regulation denies them free exercise of their religion.

A decision in the case is not likely before the end of the year at the earliest.



Former SBC head, Brooks Hays, dies

Brooks Hays, 83, a former eight-term congressman from Arkansas who was president of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1957-1959 died at his home about 2:30 a.m. Oct. 12.

Funeral services were scheduled for 4:00 p.m. Wednesday in the Joseph Gawler's Sons Funeral Home in Washington and at 11:00 a.m. Friday in Second Baptist Church in Little Rock, Ark.

A special memorial service will be held Oct. 18 in Calvary Baptist Church, Washington, which already had been scheduled as Brooks Hays Sunday in his honor.

Hays, born Aug. 9, 1898, near Russellville, Ark. had dedicated his entire career to public service. For 16 years — 1943-1959 — he was representative from Arkansas in the U.S. House of Representatives.

After confronting then Ark. Governor Orval Faubus during the 1958 Little Rock school desegregation crisis, he lost his seat to an avowed segregationist.

He was a special advisor to President Dwight D. Eisenhower, who appointed Hays to the Tennessee Valley Authority. Hays was assistant secretary of state for congressional relations for President John F. Kennedy, who later named him a special presidential assistant. He also worked under President Lyndon B. Johnson.

In 1956 he ran unsuccessfully for governor of Arkansas and then lost a congressional race in North Carolina in 1972.

In between he has been visiting professor at Rutgers University, University of Massachusetts, and North Carolina State University. He founded the Ecumenical Institute at Wake Forest University and headed it for five years.

Since 1974 Hays has been involved in speaking and writing. His autobiography, *Politics is my Parish*, was published in September by Louisiana State University Press.

He also wrote *This World: A* (Continued on page 2)

Suspects charged in Decatur assault

ATLANTA (BP)—Three Atlanta men have been arrested and charged in the Sept. 21 sexual assault and beating death of Jean Buice, daughter-in-law of Atlanta Pastor Lester Buice.

Arrested Oct. 9 and charged with murder and robbery were Lopaz Ventura Favors, 24, and his 21-year-old brother, Rodney William Favors. The third man, Anthony "Amp" Wiley, 21, surrendered to authorities Oct. 11 and was charged with murder, aggravated battery, and armed robbery in connection with the death of Mrs. Buice, 35, and the beating of her co-worker, Bettye Ann Miles. The two women, both employees of Decatur Federal Savings and Loan, were attacked while having lunch in a Decatur city park.

The Favors brothers were stopped when police noticed a headlight on their car was out. Their vehicle matched descriptions of the suspects' car, including a radio antenna fashioned from a bent coat hanger — a detail known to police but withheld from previous public descriptions.

Police also noted the two men looked "very similar" to composite drawings of the suspects based on information furnished by Mrs. Miles and another witness.

Wiley, who had been free on bond awaiting trial on a Fulton County (Atlanta) rape charge at the time of the Decatur slaying, surrendered peacefully. Bond was not set, pending an Oct. 30 arraignment.

Mrs. Buice was an active member of Rehoboth Baptist Church in suburban Atlanta, where her father-in-law, Lester Buice, has been pastor for 34 years. Buice has held several leadership positions with the Georgia Baptist Convention, including vice-president.

Buice said he intends to see the three in the DeKalb County jail. "I'm going to try to do what Jesus said we should do — love our enemies. I'm going to talk to them about giving their hearts to Jesus and repenting of their sins," he said.

No missionaries in Cairo when Sadat assassinated

CAIRO, Egypt (BP)—All Southern Baptist personnel in Egypt were out of Cairo when Egyptian President Anwar Sadat was assassinated Oct. 6.

Roger and Linda Rucker were visiting churches in Fikriya and Minya in central Egypt, and Michael and Madeline Edens were in Jordan for a week's vacation. Both couples are studying Arabic in Cairo.

Rucker, reached by telephone Oct. 7, said he and his wife learned of Sadat's death during an evening church service Oct. 6. They returned to Cairo the next day. Rucker said they had not heard from the Edens family who were planning to stay in Jordan until Oct. 11.

Rucker reported that all was calm in Cairo with shops opening as usual. Contacts at the American Embassy told him

that there had been no reports of anti-American incidents since Sadat's death.

Rucker said they, as well as the rest of Egypt, were going to have to wait to see the outcome of the assassination. The granting of their applications for permanent residence and work permits is expected soon.

The Ruckers and Edenses are the first couples to be officially assigned to Egypt although Southern Baptist representatives have been involved in Egyptian Baptist work for about 25 years. A third couple, Randall and Nancy Parks, are candidates for appointment to Egypt this month. Parks is the son of Foreign Mission Board President R. Keith Parks.

Upon hearing reports of Sadat's death, the board's president requested prayer not only for Egypt but for all of the Middle East.

FCC said without authority in religious programs ban

WASHINGTON (BP) — A chief policy-maker for the Federal Communications Commission said his agency has no authority to overturn decisions by local stations to exclude religious broadcasting.

Asked specifically about the case of television station KVIA-TV in El Paso, Tex., whose owner recently announced a policy banning paid religious programming from the ABC affiliate, the FCC's Martin Blumenthal confirmed that the agency has no legal or regulatory power to reverse such a decision.

Blumenthal, acting chief of the policy and rules division, said that, although existing law includes a "general public interest requirement that programming be designed to serve the community," it does not require making air time available to "any particular group" within the community.

Congress is currently considering a number of changes in broadcast law, including repeal of the "fairness doctrine" and the "equal time" requirements. The fairness doctrine requires broadcasters to air differing viewpoints on controversial subjects, while the equal time provision requires that air time be made available to competing candidates for public office.

Probable repeal of these and other requirements on broadcasters are seen here as evidence of the prevailing mood for deregulation of federal agencies, a principle important to the Reagan administration.

But the move to deregulate broadcasting may have an adverse impact on churches and church causes at the grassroots level. Some observers are predicting that, once current restraints are removed from local station owners and managers, they will feel even more free to bump religious broadcasts.

Deregulation may become the handle for others to emulate El Paso's KVIA-TV owner, Stanley Marsh, whose decision to drop the weekly services of First Baptist Church provoked a local uproar. In announcing the new policy, Marsh attributed it to "religious profiteering that takes place in some religious programming, and because of political implica-

tions reflected in some programming."

Southern Baptist church-state expert James M. Dunn said here that the decision by KVIA-TV "may be an early hint of the anti-clericalism we've been expecting and dreading ever since the marriage just over a year ago of the fundamentalists and the extreme right wing of the Republican Party."

Dunn said further that "an anti-religious tide may be rising in the country because of a handful of hucksters who have found the formulas for taking in millions of dollars by appealing to spiritual sensibilities."

Whether or not such a flood of anti-religious feeling gathers, the FCC's Blumenthal insists there is nothing government can do to prevent repetitions of the conflict between KVIA-TV and El Paso's First Baptist Church.

Jennings to direct BMH communications

MEMPHIS (BP) — Roy Jennings, communications executive at the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission for 22 years, has resigned to direct a new office of communications for Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, effective, Nov. 1.

Joseph H. Powell, hospital president, said the new office will handle public relations, news, art, photographic and field services, advertising, and printing for the three units of Baptist Memorial Hospital, and will serve as consultant to regional affiliated hospitals. Baptist Memorial Hospital is owned by the Baptist state conventions of Arkansas, Mississippi, and Tennessee.

Jennings, director of communications at the commission, was on the editorial staff of Memphis' Commercial Appeal for 10 years before joining the commission. He will continue his 21-year string as copy chief at the SBC newsroom.



Jennings

Clarksville notes 150th anniversary

First Baptist Church of Clarksville noted its 150th anniversary by setting a Sunday School record attendance of 1,415 on Oct. 4. The previous record was 1,250.

The church's 1,000-seat auditorium was filled for both morning services and a special afternoon celebration.

The highlight of the anniversary celebration service was the opening of a copper box taken from the cornerstone of the auditorium which was built in 1917. In the box were several publications, including a 1917 copy of the Baptist and Reflector, 1917 coins, reports of assets of local banks, a New Testament, several historic letters, and old church records.

Also found in the box were several items which had earlier been taken from the cornerstone of the church's 1870 building.

Following display during the anniversary festivities, the items and other significant materials will be returned to the cornerstone to be opened again at the church's 200th anniversary celebration.

Noting the historic event, Clarksville Mayor Ted Crozier presented a proclamation to the church during the celebration service.

John David Laida, the church's pastor, is serving this year as president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

California sent most messengers to SBC; Tennessee said fifth

LOS ANGELES (BP) — To no one's surprise, California led all state conventions in the number of messengers it sent to the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting in Los Angeles in June. Tennessee was fifth in the number of messengers from any state.

Churches from the host state accounted for 1,984 of the unexpectedly large total of 13,529. Last year, when the meeting was in St. Louis, just 108 attended from California, according to statistics compiled by Lee Porter, SBC registration secretary.

Texas churches sent 1,841 messengers to Los Angeles, up from the 1,429 to St. Louis, and North Carolina sent 1,150, up from last year's 775, as the two active Baptist areas occupied second and third places. Baptist leaders from both states were heavily involved in "get out the vote" campaigns over the issues of inerrancy and trustee elections.

Georgia and Tennessee were fourth and fifth respectively, with 871 and 856 messengers.

The only states not represented were Maine, Vermont, and Rhode Island. Two messengers came from as far as Puerto Rico.

Other top 10 states and the number of messengers sent to the convention were: South Carolina, 713; Alabama, 685; Virginia, 631; Kentucky, 607; and Oklahoma, 594.

Christian Career Conference set for November at Camp Carson

Representatives from various aspects of church-related vocations will lead a Christian Career Conference, Nov. 6-7 at Camp Carson, Newport.

Much of the conference time will be spent in small groups which will deal with specific vocations. Leading these will be:

— Pastors: Kenneth Hubbard, Mount Olive Baptist Church, South, Knoxville.

— Musicians: Joe Easterly, First Baptist Church, Gatlinburg.

— Educational: Mack Bingham, Central Baptist Church of Bearden, Knoxville.

— Church secretary: Mrs. Mike Prowse, First Baptist Church, Cookeville.

— Denominational: Tom Madden, Tennessee Baptist Convention, Brentwood.

— Youth: Tim Clark, Central Baptist Church of Bearden, Knoxville.

— Preschool/Children: Ruby Nelle Dixon, First Baptist Church, Nashville.

— Home missions: Randy Hurst, US-2 missionary, Knoxville.

— Local missions: Mrs. Mattie Mullins, Johnson City.

— Foreign missions: Pat Stooksbury, missionary to Costa Rica.

— Internationals: Ruben Canas, TBC, Brentwood.

— Student missions: Wind Wilson, University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

— Deaf missions: Mrs. Ronald Howell, Knoxville.

— Other vocations: Gene Pippin, Knoxville businessman.

In addition, conferences will be led for attending adults by Alice Magill, vocational guidance specialist, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

Speakers for the total sessions will be

'Women' named theme of midstate meeting

"Women in Baptist Life and History" will be discussed at the Oct. 20 meeting of the Middle Tennessee Historical Society. The 7:00 p.m. meeting will be in the chapel of the Tennessee Baptist Building, Brentwood.

Participating in a panel will be Virginia Chaney of Belmont College, Nashville; Fred Kendall, former executive secretary of the Tennessee Baptist Convention; and Mrs. Louise Warden, dean of women at Belmont College.

Charles Deweese of the Southern Baptist Historical Commission, Nashville, will moderate the panel. A period of questions and comments will be held after the panel's presentation.

Hubbard and Pippin, with testimonies given by Dan Baird, youth director at First Baptist Church, Morristown; Mrs. Jim Wilson, ophthalmology assistant, Memphis; and Donna Smith, word processor at Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis.

The two-day, three-session conference will be led by the TBC church training department, Johnnie Hall, director.



CONFERENCE GUEST — James Dunn, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, speaks with students at Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City while on campus for the school's Values in American Life Conference.

Dunn addresses C-N conference

"Somehow every human being on the face of the earth reflects, replicates, encapsulates the image of God," declared James Dunn, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs. "We've never understood all that it means but it is the firm foundation of all that is different in the Judeo-Christian West and much of the rest of the world."

Dunn, addressing pastors and students at Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, was a guest speaker for the school's Values in American Life Conference.

According to the Washington, D.C. Baptist executive, there are at least four simple values from which all others spring: justice, compassion, liberty, and peacemaking. Dunn claimed that compassion fits well with justice stating, "If we are all made in His image, then nothing human is alien to me or to you."

The Baptist ethicist later noted that about two weeks' worth of funding of the world's military might would turn around the world hunger crisis.

Dunn's visit to the east Tennessee campus was sponsored by the public affairs and Christian life office of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Brooks Hays . . .

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Christian's Workshop, A Southern Baptist Moderate Speaks, Hotbed of Tranquility, and with John Steely, The Baptist Way of Life.

He was elected president of the SBC in 1957, a time he described as a tense period during which Southern Baptists were handicapped by a racist image.

He also was chairman of the SBC Christian Life Commission in the 1960s and was actively involved in other facets of denominational life.

For 40 years Hays was involved with the National Conference of Christians and Jews and in October 1980 the NCCJ premiered a film they commissioned on his public career called "Return to Little Rock."

Hays is survived by his wife Marion; a daughter Betty Brooks Bell of Bethesda, Md.; a son Steele Hays of Little Rock, five grandchildren and three great-granddaughters.

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DEACON MINISTRY — Lee Burnett was one of 12 deacons who received deacon ministry diplomas from Terry Peck, editor of *The Deacon* magazine, in a special service at Smith Springs Baptist Church, Nashville.

Nashville church said first with total deacon diplomas

NASHVILLE — Deacons at Smith Springs Baptist Church here started a dream a year ago, which culminated recently with the presentation of the Deacon Ministry Diploma to all 12 active deacons in the church.

With the work toward the diplomas came a change of philosophy for the deacons to become minister/servants instead of just a board of directors for the church. Their dream started at a National Deacons Conference here in 1980.

These deacons, plus three other men in the church, comprise the first group in the Southern Baptist Convention where every active deacon in a church has

received the diploma, according to Terry Peck, editor of *The Deacon* magazine.

The pastor, John Joslin, a retired pastor, and an inactive deacon were the others who participated in the year-long study for the diplomas.

One of the important results for the deacons and the church has been the adoption of the Deacon Family Ministry Plan, where deacons minister to church families to provide support for the pastor.

Smith Springs Baptist Church averages approximately 130 in Sunday School, Peck reported. The deacons met each Sunday night to study together but read and studied individually during the week.

The recognition service for the 15 men was held in September during a morning worship service. Peck delivered the sermon that morning, speaking primarily of the benefits of outreach, ministry, and pastoral support, which come with implementation of a deacon ministry plan and the deacon as minister/servant theory.

C-N enrollment sets new record

JEFFERSON CITY — "For the fifth consecutive year our enrollment is up, and we again operated in the black" Carson-Newman College President Cordell Maddox told the executive committee members of the Board of Trustees at their fall meeting Oct. 2.

In addition, Maddox reported that gifts and pledges in Vision '80: Carson-Newman's Campaign for Greatness had reached its base goal of \$2.5-million in just 10 months. Gifts and pledges now total \$2,509,915.50. "We are pressing on toward the Challenge Goal of \$4-million."

"Our total enrollment this fall is 1,820," said Maddox, "as compared with 1,729 one year ago. This fall's total includes 88 special and off-campus students. The special and off-campus enrollments were not included in last year's total of 1,729."

The ratio of men to women is almost equal. Tennessee again leads all states in enrollment with 961 students. The next three states are Florida, 163; Virginia, 132; and Georgia, 104.

Approximately 250 students have indicated they plan to enter a church-related vocation.

This fall 625 students are taking various music courses available in the new music building.

Offerings in the business department are the most popular with 800 students enrolled in one or more courses in this department. Of this total approximately 200 students are involved in computer-related course work. For the first time this fall Carson-Newman offered a B.S. degree in business data processing.

Circuit court denies review on SWBTS EEOC ruling

FORT WORTH, Tex. (BP) — The U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans has denied a request by Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary for a hearing before the full court in the seminary's four-year-old lawsuit with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Seminary President Russell H. Dilday Jr. said the seminary has not decided what action to take next. No reason for the denial was given by the court.

In a July 17 decision, the circuit court had ruled the seminary was a "wholly" religious institution entitled to the status of a church, but that employees who performed tasks which "are not totally ecclesiastical or religious" were not ministers entitled to First Amendment protection.

The ruling was made on an appeal by EEOC to the Fifth Circuit Court. A lower court decision by U.S. District Judge Eldon Mahon of Fort Worth in January 1980 had refused to grant EEOC's request to force the seminary to file employee information forms on all personnel.

Electronic denominations predicted by sociologist

By Dan Martin

WASHINGTON (BP) — Electronic churches may spawn electronic denominations, a sociologist told participants at the National Religious Liberty Conference in Washington.

Jeffrey K. Hadden, professor at the University of Virginia and co-author of a new book, *Prime Time Preachers*, said the sophistication of new computer-based communications techniques — which allow direct communication between the broadcasters and audiences — makes possible the rise of the new denominations.

Addressing the biennial Religious Liberty Conference sponsored by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, Hadden said such denominations also will be hastened by an ever increasing need for funds to keep the programs on the air.

"The propensity of the televangelists to equate their grandiose dreams with God's will, and their childlike trust that the Almighty will deliver the bucks to pay for their monumental projects, no matter how ambitious, portends a disastrous conclusion someday," he said.

He added that more and more evangelists competing for money from an audience which has not increased appreciably "may hasten the day when one or more of the major ministries collapses."

Eva Baptist Church calls Ward as pastor

Eva Baptist Church, Eva, called Chris Ward to fill its pastorate, a position he began Sept. 13.

Ward, a Halls native, was previously pastor of Leatherwood Baptist church, Waynesboro, and Houston Baptist Church, Collinwood; and assistant to the pastor of Warren Baptist Church, Augusta, Ga.

Ward is a graduate of Union University, Jackson, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Dilday said the seminary now must decide within 90 days whether to appeal the case to the U.S. Supreme Court.

"Should the decision of the appeals court stand," Dilday said, "the district court in Fort Worth would work with us to determine which staff positions would fall under EEOC jurisdiction."

The seminary then would be required to file with EEOC employment information on those designated as non-ministers, Dilday said.

Dilday said the decision on whether to appeal would be made in consultation with the seminary's legal counsel and the presidents of the other five Southern Baptist seminaries. The seminaries all have been involved financially in the lawsuit from the initial stage, with Southwestern serving as the test case.

"The implications of our next move are broader than just the seminary," Dilday said. "What is decided will have an effect on other denominational agencies, schools, and institutions, as well as our churches. It is a decision that will affect other denominations as well."

Such pressures, he said, "could eventually lead some of them into the franchising business," creating what essentially would be "branch offices" of the national organization to support the television ministry and its ancillary projects.

"A skillful blending of communications technology and face-to-face recruiting techniques developed by groups such as the Mormons could result in rapid church development," Hadden said. "The televangelists and their local organizations could expect to receive a good bit of criticism for robbing the pews of other churches, but 'member snatching' has been going on for a long time among proselytizing evangelicals."

Hadden said Jerry Falwell "is perhaps best positioned to move in this direction. For all intents and purposes he already has the organizational structure in place with Liberty Baptist College and Liberty Baptist Seminary."

"Among his many ambitious goals for the current decade is the establishment of 5,000 new churches," Hadden said. "Falwell denies any interest in founding a new denomination (but) were Falwell inclined, it would take little effort to transform independent Baptists into Falwellian Baptists."

He also noted Pat Robertson of Christian Broadcasting Network has a structure which could be transformed into local congregations, with prayer and counseling centers in 83 cities, manned by 10,000 volunteers.

"If other televangelists are not as ideally organized to create new denominations as Falwell and Robertson, they still possess considerable resources to build churches that would owe allegiance to them," Hadden said.

He added the reasons such "branch offices" have not been created are that the electronic ministries are "very young" and that the television evangelists have a "moral hesitancy. It requires some mental gymnastics to go about the business of starting local churches and simultaneously deny that one is in competition with local churches."

The rationale, once such denominations begin, he said, will be that they are filling a need unmet by others. Their experience in referring new converts to local congregations, they will argue, was too often unsuccessful because the local church failed to shepherd the newly won souls adequately.

Hadden had a word of advice for Baptist executives: "Were I a church executive, especially in a conservative denomination, I would treat the electronic church franchising scenario with utmost seriousness. I would want to have a game plan to deal with franchising. It may not happen, but, were I a gambling man, I would not bet against this development."

Lodwick succumbs

William H. Lodwick, 80, died recently after a bout with declining health.

Lodwick was a former pastor of First Baptist Church, Alcoa, and churches in Kentucky and Ohio. He once served as moderator of Chilhowee Baptist Association and was a member of the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. He retired from the full-time ministry in 1962, after which he filled the pulpit of many Maryville-Alcoa area churches.

Lodwick was a native of Portsmouth, Ohio.

EDITORIAL

It is time to elect TBC messengers

Four weeks from this time, the 107th annual session of the Tennessee Baptist Convention will be in session at Radnor Baptist Church, Nashville. The convention will begin on the morning of Nov. 10 and adjourn at noon on Nov. 12.

No one can predict how many messengers and visitors will attend the 1981 TBC, but some estimate that attendance may pass 1,500.

During the convention's business session, church-elected messengers will discuss and vote on amendments to the TBC Constitution and Bylaws; a recommended record Cooperative Program budget-goal for the 1981-82 convention year; and nominations to TBC boards and committees. There will also be the election of president, vice-president, and second vice-president.

Each year questions arise concerning the registration and certification of messengers. Perhaps it would be well to review the registration procedure for the Tennessee Baptist Convention, as provided in the TBC Constitution.

The convention in session is composed of messengers elected by and certified by churches which cooperate with the state convention. A cooperating church is defined by the Constitution as "such churches as contribute financially to the Convention or its agencies and subscribe to and support the principles, programs, and policies of the Convention."

A messenger must be a member of the church from which he is elected.

How many messengers may register from a church?

Each cooperating church — regardless of the number of members — is entitled to two messengers.

Then, a church is allowed an additional messenger "for each one hundred members or fraction thereof

beyond the first one hundred." No church may have more than 10 messengers.

Applying this provision, churches are entitled to have the following number of messengers:

Less than 200 members — two messengers.

200-299 members — three messengers.

300-399 members — four messengers.

400-499 members — five messengers.

500-599 members — six messengers.

600-699 members — seven messengers.

700-799 members — eight messengers.

800-899 members — nine messengers.

More than 900 members — 10 messengers.

There is no limit to the number of non-messenger visitors who may attend from any church. Visitors are encouraged to register as "visitors" but, of course, are not allowed to vote.

Registration cards for messengers are available without cost from the Tennessee Baptist Convention office in Brentwood or from associational offices. This year's registration cards are tan in color. Other cards — even cards from previous years — will not be accepted.

Messengers seeking to register without tan registration cards will be referred to the Credentials Committee for verification.

Messengers must be elected by the church of which they are members at a regular or called business meeting of that church.

A pastor is not automatically considered a messenger and should be voted on by the church along with other messengers.

The registration card must contain the name of the church-elected messenger and the name of the church which elected the messenger. The registration card must be signed by the moderator or clerk of the church.

Registration cards should contain the name of only one messenger, even if a church might elect a husband and wife as messengers.

The TBC Constitution does not make any provision for "alternate messengers."

So, elect your church messengers at a regular or called business meeting.

Secure registration cards from the TBC office or the associational office for each messenger.

Make sure that the cards are completely filled out — and signed by the church's moderator or clerk.

Present your registration card at one of the registration tables at Radnor Baptist Church. Registration will begin at 2:00 p.m. CST on Monday, Nov. 9, and continue throughout the convention.

REMEMBER...

1. Each messenger should be elected by the church.
2. A pastor is not automatically considered a messenger and should be voted on by the church along with the other messengers.
3. Only one name should appear on a card.
4. The Constitution does not make provisions for alternate messengers.
5. The messenger cards are tan in color. Other colors are not acceptable.

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Cicero's comment



By the editor

This column is strictly personal, for Wednesday of this week is the 30th anniversary of my ordination to the gospel ministry.

In the summer of 1951 I was called as pastor of Glenloch Baptist Church, a half-time rural congregation in Georgia's Heard County. That church requested my home church, First Baptist Church of Carrollton, Ga., to perform the ordination.

The previous summer I had made public my commitment to what was then called "full-time Christian service." That decision was made during a youth revival in my home church led by students from Mercer University, Macon, Ga. In the fall of 1950 I transferred to Mercer as a sophomore ministerial student.

In that day there were considered to be only two possible paths of service for ministers: (1) a pastor or (2) a foreign missionary (if you were really dedicated)!

With no pastoral background and very little preaching experience, the kind congregation of Glenloch Baptist Church voted to call me as their pastor. It was quite an honor and is the only church I ever pastored, although I did serve as mission and interim pastor of three congregations during my two summer missionary experiences in Maryland and Hawaii.

In the afternoon of Oct. 14, 1951, my ordination was held at Carrollton's First Baptist Church. Howard Benson, then pastor, led the service. A Mercer buddy, Fred Gibson, sang, "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked" and "O Jesus, I Have Promised." My father, N.C. Shackelford, led the ordination prayer. The church presented me with a copy of the new Revised Standard Version of the Bible, which at the time was quite controversial with some groups holding public book-burnings.

The main thing I remember about that service was the charge to the candidate by James G. Stertz, then pastor of nearby First Baptist Church, Newnan, Ga.

Stertz reminded me that the pastor as a shepherd is to lead, feed, guide, protect, and nurture the flock. There is an occasional need to shear the flock, but the pastor is never to "skin" the sheep.

On that day I felt certain that God wanted me to be a pastor of one of His churches. The term "religious journalism" was completely unknown to me — so I could in no way envision what the next 30 years would bring. And God did not have an easy task in convincing me that my "gospel ministry" was to be in the written, rather than the spoken, word.

Anniversaries are a time for looking back. These 30 years have provided many experiences — the vast majority of which have been rewarding. The highlight of my vocational life has been 16 years as a state Baptist editor in Indiana and Tennessee.

I cannot imagine what my future in "gospel ministry" will hold — no more than I could have predicted, as I sat in that October 1951 ordination service, what would come in the following 30 years. Perhaps God knows it is best to give us only the light we need to see where to take that next step.

Helps Us Get On The Right Wavelength



"THE HOUR COMETH, AND NOW IS, WHEN THE TRUE WORSHIPPERS SHALL WORSHIP THE FATHER IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH" CHRIST (JOHN 4:23)

Personal perspective

By TOM MADDEN
TBC executive secretary

All of us have found that bound up in the bundle of life and death are joys, sorrows, griefs, and heartbreaks. Here in the Baptist Building in Brentwood, we are walking through another deep grief experience.

Mrs. Carroll Owen, wife of our director of convention ministries division, fought courageously for seven years against the dreaded cancer. Her life on this earth came to a close Sunday evening, Oct. 4. I, like you, believe that death is just another experience of life, and that the best is yet to be.

For my own help, I turned again to the 15th chapter of First Corinthians. Out of that reading some observations came that have been helpful to me concerning our resurrected bodies.

Paul says that we will have transformed bodies. The resurrected body will differ from the physical body which is planted in the grave.

We will recognize each other in heaven. Our bodies will be recognizable. There is a distinct relationship between our present physical bodies and our resurrected bodies.

Unlike our present bodies, our resurrected bodies will be incorruptible. We are now in the process of dying every day. At best, we only postpone death. However, our resurrected bodies will be separated from this realm of decay.

Our resurrected bodies will be glorious. Our present bodies have the marks and scars of sin upon us. Our resurrected bodies will be freed from the penalty and marks of sin forever.

Our physical bodies are weak and subject to many limitations; our resurrected bodies will be powerful bodies, freed from all handicaps and limitations that we now experience. We can measure up to the highest potential that God's plan and purpose has for our lives. Surely our bodies are going to be adequate bodies. God has made our physical bodies adequate to live in this life, so our resurrected bodies, which are spiritual bodies, will be made adequate to live to their fullest for our eternal life.

Livingstone to head materials services

NASHVILLE (BP)—Charles R. Livingstone, a 16-year veteran of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, has been elected manager of the board's materials services department.

Livingstone will direct the department which oversees the processing, filling, and shipping of all church literature orders. Approximately 160 persons are employed in the department, which fills between 95,000-105,000 orders each quarter.

Since 1976 Livingstone, a native Kansan, has been resource and services analyst in the management services division. Earlier, he was assistant to the director of the church services and materials division, leader of the church program organizations group, and manager of the Sunday School department.



Madden

Letters to the Editor...

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

Observing Christmas

Dear editor:

We as a nation are making plans for the Christmas season, exchanging gifts among ourselves. Luke 6:32-35 says that if we love those who love us, what thanks have we? We are told we should give, hoping for nothing in return. Our generation has been taught to observe earthly things, and this has blinded the eyes of the younger generation until they know more about Santa Claus than Jesus, and have the spirit of receiving rather than giving. Also, learn how the Bible regards cutting and decorating trees (Jeremiah 10:1-10).

When Jesus was born, wise men brought gifts and presented to Him. This is a Jewish custom to bring gifts, as Saul did to Samuel (1 Samuel 9:7). Paul teaches us to put away Jewish customs.

Jeremiah 25, 23, and 14 tells that the Lord hath a controversy with nations and against His prophets and priests who keep not knowledge and prophesy lies. Pastors should learn the message that is taught by Christ Himself and not depend on self-interpretation by which we are persuaded to keep the commercialized day as is our tradition. This is not for our profit; Jeremiah 2:8 discloses that pastors walked after things that did not profit them.

The message of Christmas (Luke 2:1-20) is to know knowledge and learn of the light of the Lord as told by the angels to the shepherds (ministers). The

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★ **Citizen's Corner** ★
★ By Jerry M. Self ★
★ Public affairs and Christian life ★
★ consultant ★

More than a dozen tuition tax credit plans have been introduced in the United States Congress this session. Those concerned about the quality of education in our nation divide very quickly over this issue.

A number of questions are raised by the idea of a tuition tax credit. Estimates that credits will cost the United States Treasury from \$4- to \$6-billion at a time when public education will be suffering large cuts in budget challenge the advisability of the credit system.

Pertinent for consideration here is a question of separation of church and state. The Supreme Court has disallowed a New York tuition tax credit plan because it was declared to be a violation of the "establishment clause" of the First Amendment.

Many suggest that, if the credit plan is passed, private schools will simply raise their fees by the amount of the credit. The only gain, then, would be to the schools and not the parents. The result would be public money used to subsidize private schools.

The president wants any decision on tuition tax credits delayed until his economic recovery program is solidly in place. This will mean that we have time to learn more about the question and to express ourselves.



Self

Saviour was to be a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of His people Israel (Luke 2:32). This should be brought to the attention of the "sheep" and those in darkness that they may be brought to the light of the knowledge of the glory of God that it might be to us and our children for everlasting life.

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Filipino crusades need volunteers

RICHMOND, Va. — Increased enthusiasm by Filipino Baptists planning for two partnership evangelism crusades next year has created the need for nearly 300 additional volunteers.

In preparation for reaching their goal of 30,000 professions of faith during the crusades, Filipino pastors have begun 24-hour prayer services scheduled to continue through the crusades. A recent early morning prayer breakfast for the crusade in Manila drew more than 300 people. Organizers had expected 50 to 60.

Twenty teams from Tulsa, Okla., and 30 teams from Dallas, Tex., are expected to participate in the two crusades, scheduled for Jan. 19 through Feb. 2 in the northern part of the island of Luzon and Feb. 16 through March 2 in the metro Manila area.

That leaves the need for 20 additional teams for each crusade site. He and Ron Boswell, volunteer director at the Foreign Mission Board, are hoping for a minimum of 400 volunteers in metro Manila and 200 in northern Luzon.

Baptist Business Women slate weekend retreat at Camp Linden

The annual retreat of the Tennessee Federation of Baptist Business Women will be held Oct. 16-18 at Camp Linden.

Major speakers include Charles A. Collins, Southern Baptist missionary evangelist on furlough from Guatemala; Charles Livengood, director of missions for the Alpha and Judson Baptist Associations, Centerville; and Karen

Powell given award by hospital group

Joseph H. Powell, president of Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, received the distinguished service award of the Tennessee Hospital Association at the organization's annual meeting on Oct. 1.

Powell was cited for his distinguished record as a hospital administrator in the state for 27 years. He has served as chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Tennessee Hospital Association and as president of the Memphis Hospital Council. He currently serves as regent for Tennessee for the American College of Hospital Administrators and as a board member of the Memphis Blue Cross-Blue Shield Association. In addition, Powell is a board member of the Hospital research and Development Institute, the Southeastern Hospital Conference, and a member of the advisory board of Southern Hospitals magazine.

Powell is a deacon at First Baptist Church, Memphis.

FMB missionary helps at Belmont

NASHVILLE—Jenell Greer, foreign missionary for the past 39 years, is serving as missionary-in-residence on the Belmont College campus during the 1981-82 school year. During this time, she will serve as an advisor and counselor to the college's mission volunteers and promote foreign missions to the campus as a whole.



Miss Greer

Prior to her arrival back in the United States, Miss Greer had spent the past 30 years in Bangkok, Thailand, teaching Old Testament to Chinese students at the Thailand Baptist Theological Seminary. She has also done evangelistic work in Kekaha and Honolulu, Hawaii; taught in the Weiling Baptist Girls' School in Soochow, China; and taught and worked in the Baptist Student Center in Bangkok.

When asked about the Cooperative Program, Miss Greer exclaimed, "The Cooperative Program is the 'cake,' with everything else, such as the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, being frosting on the cake. It is the basis for our evangelistic mission outreach. I do not believe we could have a serious outreach effort without it."

Miss Greer was born in Antioch. She is a graduate of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, and the Woman's Missionary Union Training School (now merged with Southern Baptist Theological Seminary), Louisville, Ky.

In addition to counseling mission volunteers at Belmont College, Miss Greer plans to be available for aiding World's Mission Conferences and working with Woman's Missionary Union. She is a member of Belmont Heights Baptist Church, Nashville, which is co-sponsoring the missionary-in-residence program.

Niager, journeyman in Bangalore, India, for two years.

Miss Niager, a special education teacher at Orange Grove School, Chattanooga, returned from India in May.

The program will begin Friday night and close at noon, Sunday.

Mrs. Annie Lee Toombs of Memphis is president of the 700-member group.

Reservations should be made immediately through Mrs. Janette Gray, 4027 Sunbeam Ave., Chattanooga, TN 37411.

Mrs. Norma B. Hadden of Chattanooga is program vice-president.

Pastors' conference to discuss music

East Tennessee Pastors' Conference will hold its quarterly meeting Oct. 29 at Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City.

The theme for the 10:00 a.m. meeting will be the roll of music in church worship services.

Major speakers will be David Bridges, minister of music at First Baptist Church, Jefferson City, who will discuss "The Theology of Hymns," and Don W. Garner of the college's religion department, who will present "A Look at Jeremiah."

The devotional will be given by Pete Gentry, director of missions for Loudon County Baptist Association.

Stewardship promoters get update from FMB leaders

RICHMOND, Va. — Stewardship personnel from 19 states and the Southern Baptist Stewardship Commission converged on the Foreign Mission Board's home office in Richmond, Va., recently for an update on the work and needs of the board.

The two-day session was the first dialogue of its kind in seven years between the board and the stewardship leaders, who are responsible for interpreting and promoting foreign missions

and other Southern Baptist causes at the state and convention levels.

Orvind Dangeau, TBC Cooperative Program and stewardship department, attended the meeting.

Participants were updated on such matters as the financial support system of the board (including the sources of support and the use of funds), relationship between the Cooperative Program and Lottie Moon offering, missionary personnel needs, communicating missions, and the complexities of maintaining missions and missionaries overseas.

Participants were encouraged to comment and ask questions in every session. Much of the discussion was given to the relationship between the Cooperative Program and the annual Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

R. Keith Parks, president of the board, told the stewardship leaders that the claim that all Lottie Moon offerings are spent overseas is correct, but is possible only because the Cooperative Program effectively undergirds the foreign mission enterprise at the home office as well as overseas.

"I see them as complimentary rather than competitive," he emphasized.

Foreign Mission Board leaders expressed concern that the board's share of total SBC Cooperative Program gifts had dropped from a peak of 52.3 percent in 1964 to 46.9 percent in 1980.

For the 1981 foreign mission budget, nearly 50 percent was provided from Lottie Moon receipts and only about 40 percent from the Cooperative Program. Board staff members would like to see the support gap narrow between the "twin pillars of foreign mission financing."

One of the ways the board compensates for inflation — 20 percent in overseas costs for the board from mid-1979 to mid-1980 — has been through prudent handling and investment of funds, treasurer Carl Johnson told the 34 participants. All funds are invested immediately upon receipt and draw interest until the day they are actually disbursed.



GREETINGS — FMB President R. Keith Parks (right) extends a welcome to Orvind Dangeau, Tennessee's director of Cooperative Program and stewardship promotion.



MILLIONS OF CHILDREN'S DEATHS PREVENTABLE — "In 1979... approximately 122-million children were born. Within 12 months, one of every 10 of these infants was dead — a victim of disease, starvation, underdevelopment, poverty, and other preventable causes." (PARADE, 8/30/81)

JUVENILE CRIME STATISTICS — "Juveniles committed 23 percent of the violent crimes against individuals in the United States from 1973 through 1977, the Justice Department said recently. The findings were contained in a new five-volume analysis of juvenile crime produced by the department's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. The report said that in the five-year period covered by the study, people under 18 years of age committed 8.2 percent of the rapes, 24.2 percent of the robberies, 17.8 percent of the aggravated assaults, and 30.4 percent of the personal larcenies, such as snatching purses and picking pockets. The researchers did not say how these figures compared with previous years. 'Because the data clearly demonstrates that juveniles are responsible for a significant amount of violent crime,' said Charles A. Lauer, 'developing more effective prevention techniques and rehabilitating young offenders is essential for our society's safety.'" (NEW YORK TIMES, 8/17/81)

EFFECTIVE DETERRENT TO DRUNK DRIVING — "Investigative reporters from the Detroit News went through court records on drunk driving cases in the metropolitan Detroit area, where more than half of Michigan's 9-million residents live, and found that, not only do most drunk drivers not go to jail even when they have killed someone, they get off with little more than a slap on the wrist. The investigative reporters of the Detroit News concluded that the attitude of Detroit-area judges is typical of the nationwide attitude of sympathy for drunk drivers, an attitude which is doing little or nothing to reduce the appalling toll of traffic fatalities across the nation."

Certainty of punishment, not severity, may be the most effective deterrent to drunk drivers, according to a new study by J. Laurence Ross of the State University of New York at Buffalo.

The "mere retraction of the driver's license for a few weeks" may be an effective punishment, Ross said, if drivers perceive their chances of being caught as high, and the penalty is mandatory." (MONDAY MORNING REPORT, 8/31/81)



TENNESSEANS — Milton Ferguson (left), president of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., talks with Tennesseans (left to right) Richard VanCleave, Clyde Angel, Danny Jones, and Don Mayberry. The men all received scholarships at Midwestern for their outstanding college academic records.

Allen assures Begin of support from Southern Baptist majority

FORT WORTH, Tex. — Southern Baptist leader Jimmy R. Allen has assured Israel's Prime Minister Menachem Begin of continued prayerful support for Israel from the majority of Southern Baptists but warned Begin he perceived some "erosion of support during the period of confusion of Israel's role dealing with rights in the country."

Allen, president of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, and nine other religious leaders met with Begin in an hour-long conference at New York's Waldorf-Astoria, following the prime minister's meeting with President Ronald Reagan and preceding a trip to Plains, Ga., to visit with former-president Jimmy Carter.

In his remarks to the group, Begin cited Israel's normalization of the process to negotiate autonomy for citizens, as well as progress in his conversation with President Reagan about mutual action against Soviet aggression in the Middle East.

Begin recalled the visit he and Allen had had in connection with that country's anti-bribery law hearings (at one time a matter of major concern between Baptists and Israel) and defended it as "morally right" but said it would not be used to deny other religious groups their rights in Israel.

"I told Mr. Begin I was aware of his concern that Israel communicate to the world the image of a champion of liberty," Allen said. "He assured me of Israel's commitment to religious liberty for all its citizens."

In this assurance Allen said Begin cited some of the emotionally-charged religious groups in Israel with whom he must deal continuously as a part of the democracy that exists there.

"He said he had been involved in controversy with his militant Orthodox Jewish rabbis over archeological digging in the City of David but declared he

would do his best to protect the rights of everyone in Israel," Allen said.

In his remarks to the group, Begin expressed appreciation for the supportive prayers he has experienced from the American Christian community and Baptists in particular.

Franklin Littell of Philadelphia, president of the National Christian Leadership Conference for Israel, presided during the session.

Iowa Baptists seek spiritual emphasis

WATERLOO, Iowa (BP) — Iowa Southern Baptists declared 1982 a year of prayer for spiritual awakening in a resolution adopted at their annual meeting in a black Baptist church in Waterloo.

One hundred thirty messengers convened at Faith Temple Baptist Church for the 10th annual meeting of the fellowship that is aligned in a sister relationship with the Missouri Baptist Convention. An earlier goal announced last year of attaining state convention status by 1984 was not discussed at the meeting.

Messengers adopted a 1982 budget of \$563,330, anticipating Cooperative Program income of \$214,084. Ten percent of the Cooperative Program receipts will establish a new convention start-up fund, and 40 percent will go to the Missouri Baptist Convention.

Messengers also adopted a resolution encouraging churches to focus attention on the role of parents to help their children know God, provide home and private worship experiences, and to provide a sound education for them.

Asian seminary awards first doctor's degrees

BAGUIO CITY, Philippines — Two students at the Asia Baptist Graduate Theological Seminary recently received the first doctoral degrees ever awarded from a theological seminary related to Southern Baptist mission work overseas.

Alfredo G. Saure, theology professor at the Philippine Baptist Theological Seminary, Baguio City, and Ronald Beech, headmaster of the Nazarene Bible College near Baguio, received doctor of ministry degrees from the Asian school.

Organized in 1960, the graduate seminary offers advance training to students from theological schools in Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, the Philippines, Taiwan, and Thailand, all related to the Foreign Mission Board.

Conference centers note increase

NASHVILLE (BP) — Attendance at Southern Baptists' two national conference centers registered a slight increase as more than 58,000 persons attending summer sessions at Ridgecrest (N.C.) and Glorieta (N.M.).

Some 58,884 persons attended the week-long conferences, representing a gain of 840 over last year's attendance of 58,044.

Bill Cox, supervisor of the conference center program and promotion section at the Baptist Sunday School Board, said conferences have been filled to capacity for the past several years, which leaves room for only slight gain. "There are only a few conferences that do not reach capacity registration," he explained.

Single week high attendance was 3,418 at Glorieta student week in August.

More than 15,680 persons participated in the six Sunday School weeks, three at each conference center, up 444 over last year.

Tennessean ministers as 'westernest' church

By R. Lofton Hudson

You would probably guess, if asked what Southern Baptist church is farthest west in the USA, that it is somewhere in Hawaii. Not so. It is in Nome, Alaska.

Tennessee Baptists had a part in what is happening in Nome.

The pastor of the "Nome Community Church, S.B.C." was educated in Harrison Chilhowee Baptist Academy, Seymour, and at Belmont College, Nashville.

While in Belmont College he had his first experience working with skid-row alcoholics at Nashville's Union Mission. Little did he know that he was being prepared for a unique ministry working with Eskimos in Nome, Alaska, a coastal town 150 miles from Siberia, Russia.

I refer to William C. "Bill" Webb.

In Tennessee he was pastor at Mitchellville Baptist Church, between Goodlettsville and Portland; then at Cash Point near Pulaski (commuting to Belmont); and later graduated at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City.

Soon his experience as resident counselor at Union Mission Settlement in

Charleston, W. Va.; a masters degree in counseling psychology from a university in Colorado; and experience as a social worker further equipped Webb for the Alaskan experience.

He met and married Debbie Keenan in 1972 while she was in nursing school in Cheyenne. The next year he reopened a Southern Baptist church in Kemmerer, Wyo. Later, however, a meeting with James Barber, head of the Home Mission Board's west coast division of the Christian social ministries, pointed him to the needs in Nome, Alaska.

What is in Nome?

It is a drab little town of 3,000 people, not pretty nor prosperous looking, with 6,000 in the surrounding area — the one-time home of one of the Alaskan gold rushes. Seventy percent of the population is native (Eskimos), thirty percent are white, black, and oriental.

In Nome the snow stacks up four or five feet from November to March. In that period it is daylight only five or six hours a day. On June 21, the longest day of the year, the sun sets for about 20 minutes and comes up again in what appears to be only a few feet from where it

set. It is very close to the Arctic Circle but is not our most northern SBC church. That is at Kotzebue, just over the Circle.

At Nome the Baptist church has only 14 resident members, ranges in attendance from 25 to 40, and counts from 50 to 80 as "live" prospects. The need is tremendous. Alcoholism is an unbelievably great problem with Eskimos. They are crowded together in large extended families. Incest is common and alcohol abuse among children is very high.

The Webbs run a receiving home for boys and girls, birth to 18 years; 85 percent of them are the result of incestuous relationships and sexual abuse.

In addition to the regular church program, Webb operated, under a state-contracted agreement, a non-denominational Alcohol Treatment Center.

Midland welcomes new congregation

Midland Association of Baptists, meeting in annual session Sept. 21-22, voted into its membership Emory Valley Baptist Church of Corryton, David L. Mullins, pastor.

In other business, the association reinstated Valley Grove Baptist Church, Maynardville, Burney Hutchison, pastor; and accepted an application for membership from Hillvale Baptist Church in Clinton, James Cox, pastor.

Officers elected for the coming year were Ralph Waggoner, former pastor of Pleasant Gap Baptist Church, Powell, as moderator; Lee Kidwell, pastor of Hinds Creek Baptist Church, Clinton, as vice-moderator; and Robert Mynatt, a member of Union Baptist Church, Knoxville, and Jean Miller, a member of Mount Zion Baptist Church, Heiskell, were re-elected as treasurer and clerk, respectively. Waggoner succeeds J.T. Miller, pastor of the Mount Zion church.

Highland Baptist Church, Knoxville, was the site of the annual meeting. The 1982 session will be Sept. 20-21 at Old Beverly Baptist Church of Knoxville.

Jack Sinclair takes Mercer pastorate

Jack Sinclair accepted the pastorate of Mercer Baptist Church, Mercer, which he began Aug. 30.

Sinclair came to the church from Johnson Grove Baptist Church, Alamo. He was formerly minister of music at Holly Grove Baptist Church, Bells.

A Brownsville native, Sinclair is currently attending Union University, Jackson. He is a former chairman of Crockett County Baptist Association's finance committee.

I sat in on two successive days of group therapy, two hours each day, of the Alcohol Treatment Center. Most of them were young men and women between 20 and 40, with their lives before them. I found myself thinking: What an opportunity to minister to these people in the name of Christ! Sometimes there is a waiting list. Often they do not stay long enough to get help, but always there is need and opportunity.

The Webbs have two girls of their own, ages four and seven, bright and friendly and obviously well adjusted.

When my wife and I spent the night in their home there were serving as foster parents, along with their other duties, to an 18-month-old "fetal alcohol syndrome" child. Because of the mother's use of alcohol during her pregnancy, the child could not crawl, will probably never walk, has club feet, and is irreparably damaged.

This church farthest west has a building of 5,600 square feet which has a small auditorium, some class rooms, the pastor's apartment, and two smaller apartments which the night we were there were used by three summer college students who were volunteer workers in this area.

Tennessee Baptists have a part in the work here. "The Lower Forty-eight," as they in Alaska speak of the US mainland, has a long way to go in reaching Alaska for Christ, but we have started.

—R. Lofton Hudson, internationally-known Christian counselor, is a native of Wilson County. During his Tennessee days, he was pastor in Greenbriar, Portland, and Chattanooga. He is a graduate of Vanderbilt University and the former George Peabody College for Teachers, both of Nashville.

HCBA Bible courses announced for fall

SEYMOUR — The Bible Education Program of Harrison Chilhowee Baptist Academy, an education institution of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, will begin its fall session Oct. 16.

Open to area ministers and laypersons, the Friday night and Saturday morning classes will run for eight weeks. A certificate of achievement is awarded to all who complete the proposed course of study.

The curriculum includes a Friday night course in "New Testament Survey-Revelation," which is open to laypersons, and a course for ministers entitled "The Mission Program of the Church." Three Saturday morning courses are open to ministers: Revelation, Jeremiah, and Administration.

North Carolina state editor to retire after 22 years

RALEIGH, N.C. (BP) — Marse Grant, editor of the Biblical Recorder, journal of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, for 22 years, announced Oct. 1 that he will retire in September of 1982.

Grant, 61, who has been editor of the weekly newspaper since 1960, said the retirement was "totally my decision. The only pressure I have had is to remain." He is a diabetic, and he said his health was a factor in the decision, but not a major one.

Writing in his column in the 115,000-circulation newspaper, he said: "I have never been the rocking chair type and don't plan to be then, although my wife (Marian) and I look forward to more time for writing, traveling, and in general taking it a little slower."

Grant, a layman, was editor of *Charity and Children*, a publication of the North Carolina Baptist Children's Homes, for 10 years prior to assuming his role at the *Biblical Recorder*.

"This has been a hard 32 years," he said. "But there's never been a dull moment being a Baptist editor. And that's why it has been exciting."

He is probably best known in North Carolina for his role in the defeat of the 1973 statewide referendum for liquor by the drink. The referendum was thoroughly defeated with 97 counties voting

against it. Five years later the legislature gave counties the right to hold liquor by the drink elections.

"I suppose from the standpoint of achievements that might have been a high mark," he said.

Grant said he will travel and is considering writing a book on the last 50 years of the Baptist state convention called "Baptist Giants."

He also expects to stay in Baptist life. "People have respect for the Recorder," he said. "They may disagree with it but because of its long history among North Carolina Baptists, I think it has tremendous influence."

However, he added, "I think it is sometimes credited with more influence than it has."

He said he has only a few suggestions for his successor: "I have always tried to be fair, honest, and balanced in what I wrote. I certainly would hope any editor who follows me would adhere to those basic principles. I would also urge any editor not to forget the local church. That's where we get our strength and substance."

"And one very important suggestion. Always be wary and watch with care any religious group planning to exert influence on the government. Much of our basic freedoms are derived from and are maintained by the separation of church and state. When interest in government becomes heavy handed, separation is in danger and our freedom is in danger."

Gov. James B. Hunt Jr. said he was "disappointed to learn of Grant's retirement. Not only more than a million North Carolina Baptists but all North Carolinians will miss his leadership and voice of reason."

Tommy Joe Payne of Greenville, chairman of the Recorder Board of Directors, said Grant "has been one of the strongest and most effective voices for good in North Carolina. Finding a successor to him will be a tremendous responsibility."

On Oct. 5, the directors named a search committee to seek Grant's successor. The directors also voted to name him as editor emeritus upon his retirement.

Georgia names director for Children's Homes

ATLANTA (BP) — L. Don Duvall, pastor of Bainbridge First Baptist Church for seven years, will become executive director of Georgia Baptist Children's Homes Nov. 2.

Duvall was elected at a special-called meeting of Children's Home trustees Sept. 29. He will succeed Leonard Pedigo, executive director for 11 years, who was killed in an airplane crash in July.

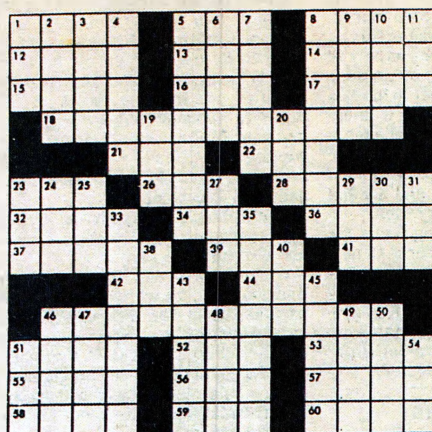
A native of Atlanta, Duvall is a graduate of Columbia (S.C.) Bible College, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.; and University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.



ROOFERS — Four Tennesseans spent several days last month putting a new roof on the office of the Baptist State Convention of Michigan in Southfield, Mich. From left are George Cook, Haskel Cook, and Pastor Lamar Booth of Howse Baptist Church, Atwood, and Barney Anderson, Camden.

Bible Puzzle

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ACROSS

- 1 It went out
(1 Sam. 3:3)
5 "one — lamb"
(Num. 6:14)
8 Son of Onam
(1 Chron. 2:28)
12 One for every man
(Ex. 16:16)
13 Isle of —
14 Two-toed sloth
15 Trunkfish
16 Interpreter: abbr.
17 "money into the —"
(Luke 19:23)
18 "out of whom went
— —" (Luke 8)
21 New Year's or Christmas
22 Judaism or Islam: abbr.
23 Stitch

DOWN

- 26 Picnic pest
28 Amos' home
(Amos 1:1)
32 Drooping on one side
34 "woven from the —"
(John 19:23)
36 Sins
37 Cleansing agent
(Jer. 2:22)
39 Light brown
41 Mindanao native
42 South-American
linguistic stock
44 "— the way"
(John 14)
46 "And the — came out
of the temple" (Rev. 15)
51 Bee's home
52 Suffix for capital
or federal

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Borens called to first pastorate

Charles Borens accepted his first pastorate recently in response to a call from First Baptist Church, Cumberland City.

Borens, a native of Dover, was ordained in that city Aug. 2 at the request of the Cumberland City church. The ordaining church was New Haven Baptist Church, where Stephen Minor is the pastor.

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Interpretation

The Word of God

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God" (John 1:1).

"Word" (logos) appears 330 times in the New Testament, 40 in John's Gospel. Only John uses it as a person or Christ (John 1:1, 14; 1 John 1:1; 5:7; Rev. 19:13). Logos means an open, spoken manifestation of the speaker. Jesus Christ is God's living Word; the Bible is His written Word about His living Word. Substitute "Christ" for "Word" and the meaning is the same.

"In the beginning" suggests Genesis 1:1. "Was" is an imperfect tense meaning "always was." "In the beginning," whenever that was, the Word "always was" or eternal. "With God" should read "face to face with God" (pros ton theon). This phrase expressed equality, like seeing eye to eye on an even line, Christ always was equal with God.

SWBTS appoints Nash to development staff

FORT WORTH, Tex. (BP) — Stanton Nash, vice-president for development at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, will join the development staff of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Dec. 1.

Nash, who will retire Oct. 31 from the Mill Valley, Calif., seminary, will be director of planned giving, assisting Southwestern on a part-time basis as a consultant with wills, trusts, and estate planning.

Nash has served on the Golden Gate staff since 1965. He previously was executive secretary-treasurer of the Hawaii Baptist Convention and was on the staffs of churches in Texas, Alabama, Georgia, and Oklahoma.

Nash is a graduate of Southwestern seminary and Trinity University, San Antonio, Tex.

Cross named pastor at Farmington mission

Farmington Baptist Mission, Farmington, sponsored by Southside Baptist Church in Shelbyville, called Enos Cross to come as pastor.

Cross is a former pastor of Oak Hill Baptist Church, Fayetteville, and churches in Alabama, Mississippi, and Arkansas. He began his duties at Farmington Aug. 8.

A native of Hillsboro, Cross has attended Clarke College, Newton, Miss., and Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, Ky.

"The Word was God" reads "And God was the Word." We would say, "And the Word always was God Himself." Some say "divine." Had John meant that, the Greeks had a word for "divine." The only correct translation is "God Himself."

Thus John 1:1 reads, "In the beginning always was the Word, and the Word always was equal with God, and the Word always was God Himself." This expresses the co-eternity, co-equality, and the co-existence of the Word with/as God. You cannot express more Christology in one sentence.

Devotional

Changes

By Immogene Hutson

If you have ever gone back home for a long visit after an absence, then you know how I felt recently.

I went home to Jacksonville, N.C. I visited childhood haunts, saw former classmates, chatted with favorite teachers, worshipped in my church, and renewed family relationships.

It was a warm and loving time for me.

Early childhood memories came flooding back — picking berries in the summertime, spending time at my grandparents' farm, family reunions, and wonderful, noisy Christmases.

Early church memories were recalled — Sunbeams at "Granny" Walton's house, Vacation Bible Schools, sword drills, and church socials. I remembered my classroom at the back of the old sanctuary with the worn poster: "If ev'ry member were just like me, what kind of church would my church be?" I recalled choir practice under Mr. Dowdy, still directing at 74. I remembered walking the aisle to accept Jesus and, still later, as a young bride. I remembered a mother who cared enough to see that I grew up under the influence of a caring congregation.

Everywhere there were "concrete" changes — a mall, hospital, college, housing developments, and a new church addition. There were physical changes, too — white hair now (or no hair), former neighbors now in a nursing home, and other signs of the passing of time. I was more acutely aware of changes in myself during those days than I had ever been before.

This verse repeatedly came to mind — "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today, and forever" (Hebrews 13:8). We cannot stop the passage of time with its inevitable changes. We cannot slow down the process. Life goes on relentlessly. But Jesus never changes.

How reassuring to know that Jesus understands these changes that come to us, and cares today as He always has. From "then" to "now" has seen momentous changes in our world, but the basic need of man — forgiveness of sin — remains constant, as does the answer — the love of Jesus!

What a firm, sure foundation to build a life on! What a privilege to claim allegiance to the unchanging Christ!

—Mrs. Hutson is the wife of James A. Hutson, pastor of Meridian Baptist Church, Knoxville. She also serves as a music teacher in the Knox County school system and as an adult teacher in her church.



Mrs. Hutson

Our People and Our Churches . . .

PEOPLE . . .

Joseph William Secondine was ordained as a deacon Sept. 27 by First Baptist Church, Dandridge. Robert D. McCray is the church's pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Bolton were honored at a Sept. 20 reception at Immanuel Baptist Church, Lawrenceburg. Bolton retired June 30 after six years at Lawrence County Association of Baptists director of missions. The Boltons were given two tickets and expense money for a trip to the Holy Land by the association.

Red Bank Baptist Church, Chattanooga, ordained Tom Bible as a deacon Sept. 27. Pastor Fred Steelman, delivered the ordination message.

W. B. Ziletti was ordained as a deacon at Grace Baptist Church, Elizabethton, Sept. 27. Leslie L. Bruce, pastor of the church, presented the ordination sermon.

Valley View Baptist Church, Nashville, ordained Ken Lott to the deacon ministry Sept. 27. Dwayne Sheumaker is the pastor of the church.

West Jackson Baptist Church, Jackson, ordained three as deacons Sept. 27: Tommy Barden, George Purnell, and Mickey Tabor. John Lee Taylor is the church's pastor.

Bob Hale, Earl Canup, and Eddie Kendrick were ordained Sept. 27 as deacons of Kingston's First Baptist Church. Archie King, director of the Tennessee Baptist Convention in Brentwood, gave the ordination message. The pastor of the church is Gary Marsh.

Hollar to lead Holston Valley

Henry Hollar, pastor of Henard's Chapel Baptist Church in Rogersville, was elected moderator of Holston Valley Baptist Association during its annual meeting Sept. 24-25.

Hollar will succeed Douglas Harris, pastor of Carter's Valley Baptist Church of Church Hill, in the post.

The remaining officers elected were also from Rogersville churches: Floyd Looney, pastor of Big Creek Baptist Church, was chosen as vice-moderator; and Robert Horton, a member of Shepard's Chapel Baptist Church, and Linda Williams, a member of Choptack Baptist Church, were re-elected as treasurer and clerk, respectively.

East Baptist Church, also of Rogersville, and Henard's Chapel were the host churches for this year's meeting. First Baptist Church, Church Hill, and Persia Baptist Church, Rogersville, were chosen to host the Sept. 23-24, 1982 meetings.

Henry Jackson is the director of missions for the association.

Barnards Grove calls Rutledge native

Barnards Grove Baptist Church, Bean Station, called Rutledge native Marvin "Buddy" Phillips to come as pastor.

Phillips, who began the ministry Sept. 6, was previously pastor of Deep Springs Baptist Church, Heiskell; White Oak Grove Baptist Church, Morristown; and Helton Springs Baptist Church and Central Point Baptist Church, both of Rutledge. He is also a former moderator of Grainger County Baptist Association.

Smith Fork Baptist Church, Watertown, ordained as deacons Freddie Lawrence and Billy Thurman. Billy Hill presented the ordination sermon; O. W. Lasater brought the charge to the deacons. James G. Williams is the pastor of the church.

Troy Foust was ordained as a deacon Sept. 6 by First Baptist Church, Monterey. Gerrald Bland is the church's pastor.

White Oak Baptist Church, Chattanooga, ordained Dan Rice and Rick Lawhorn to the deacon ministry Oct. 4. Lee Edward Jump is the pastor at White Oak.

Two Rivers Baptist Church, Nashville, ordained Rick Persons, Bob Vermilye, and Dale Wells Jr. as deacons Sept. 27. The church's pastor is Ralph W. Stone.

Edgar Elmore and Barney Thompson were ordained as deacons Sept. 27 by Immanuel Baptist Church, Knoxville. The church's pastor is Joe Chandler.

Hillcrest Baptist Church, Jackson, recently ordained Paul Shearin, pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church, Decaturville. John Lee Taylor, pastor of West Jackson Baptist Church, Jackson, delivered the ordination sermon. James Welch is the pastor at Hillcrest.

Churchwell Avenue Baptist Church, Knoxville, honored Mr. and Mrs. Earl Street in its services Oct. 4. Street, treasurer of the church for over 30 years, was presented with a commemorative plaque during the morning service, and his wife, assistant treasurer for many years, received a corsage and roses. After the evening service, the couple was given a reception at which they were presented with matching Bibles. David B. Lay is the pastor at Churchwell.

George Guthrie and Tom Lewis were ordained into the deacon ministry Sept. 27 by Bartlett Baptist Church, Bartlett. Pastor F. Irvin Hays brought the ordination sermon.

Walker accepts call of Harriman church

David Walker accepted the call of Riggs Chapel Baptist Church, Harriman, to come as its pastor.

A native of Coalfield, Walker is a graduate of Roane State Community College, Harriman. He began the ministry at Riggs Chapel in August.

Walker was ordained Aug. 30 by Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Coalfield. Billy J. Edmonds, pastor of the church, presented the ordination sermon.



COMMITTEE — The building committee of Central Baptist Church, Hixson, directed the renovation of the church's former auditorium into of educational space. From left are (front row) Chairman Frank Still, Gene Clark, J.B. Horton, (back row) Ken Martin, Pastor Ron Phillips, and Edd Moore. The facility was dedicated Sept. 27.

Jeff Hamlin and Waymon Reagan were ordained as deacons Sept. 27 by True Faith Baptist Church, Union City. James Kinsey, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Union City, brought the charge to the deacons and the church. Henry L. Callison is the pastor at True Faith.

LEADERSHIP . . .

Delbert Humphrey recently resigned as pastor of Mount Union Baptist Church, Clarkrange.

Envie Baptist church, Envie, recently called Victor Morrison as minister of music and youth. Morrison is a senior at Union University, Jackson, where he is president of the Baptist Student Union. W. Ronald Davis is the pastor at Envie.

Beacon Baptist Church, Rossville, Ga. (Hamilton County association) accepted the recent resignation of its pastor, Bill Heard.

Ricky W. Young recently resigned as pastor of Dalemere Baptist Church, Nashville.

Johnson Baptist Church, Monterey, accepted the recent resignation of Pastor Bobby McCartney.

Northside names Rinks to pastorate

Northside Baptist Church, McMinnville, named Jack J. Rinks as pastor, a ministry he began Oct. 4.

Rinks came to the church from the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Tompkinsville, Ky. He previously was pastor of Hampton Cross Roads Baptist Church, Cookeville; Flintville Baptist Church, Flintville; and New Shepard Hill Baptist Church, Ooltewah.

A native of St. Louis, Mo., Rinks was a member of the Executive Board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Lloyd Shelton accepts Rossville pulpit

Lloyd Shelton accepted a call from Rossville Baptist Church, Rossville, to come as its pastor.

Shelton is currently enrolled in semi-Aug. 2, came to the church from Peabody Baptist Church in Memphis, where he was associate pastor. He previously served churches in Tennessee, Arkansas, and Mississippi.

Shelton is currently enrolled in seminary extension courses through Union University in Jackson.

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Richard Taylor submitted his resignation as pastor of Union Baptist Church, Johnson City.

Talmadge Welch recently resigned as pastor of First Baptist Church, Mineral Springs.

Laderel Harrelson resigned as minister of music and youth at First Baptist Church of Hixson to accept a call from First Baptist Church, New Albany, Miss.

Falling Springs Baptist Church, Allred, accepted the recent resignation of its pastor, Nolen Cantrell.

Tom Guinn, recently retired from full-time pastoral ministry, was called as interim pastor at Mountain View Baptist Church, Soddy.

Edward L. Griggs resigned the pastorate of Cumberland Homestead Baptist Church, Crossville.

Ray's Chapel Baptist Church, Newport, accepted the recent resignation of its pastor, Ballard Russell.

Dickerson Road Baptist Church, Nashville, called Conroy Ryan Jr. as minister of education and music. Ryan, who began the ministry Oct. 1, comes from Red Bluff Baptist Church, Folsom, La. He is a graduate of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans. Lloyd Johnson is the church's pastor.

Elmore Judd resigned as associate pastor of Scott Avenue Baptist Church, Cookeville.

REVIVALS . . .

Corinth Baptist Church, Darden, was recently led in revival by Terry Wilkerson as the evangelist. Pastor John D. Small reported 10 professions of faith and two new members by letter.

Don Franks as evangelist and Paul Wallace as music director led Union Baptist Church, Lexington, in revival services the week of Aug. 23. Four professions of faith were reported from David Walker.

Oakfield calls Weaver to pastorate

The members of Oakfield Baptist Church, Oakfield, voted recently to call Kelly Weaver to come as pastor.

Weaver, who began the ministry Aug. 16, came to the church from Three Way Baptist Church, Bells.

A native of Memphis, Weaver is a student at Union University, Jackson.

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Lesson for Oct. 18

Overcoming temptation

By Jerry Oakley, pastor
Springfield Baptist Church, Springfield

Basic Passage: Matthew 4:1-11

Focal Passage: Matthew 4:1-11

Temptation is a word with an evil sound to the Christian. Yet it is a word that represents a battle that will be waged in every Christian life until relief is found in death.

The English word for "tempt" always means to entice a person to do wrong, to seek to seduce into sin, to attempt to persuade to take the wrong way.

The Greek word carries a meaning of to test more than to tempt. William Barclay illustrates, "Just as metal has to be tested far beyond any stress and strain that it will ever be called upon to bear, before it can be used for any useful purpose, so a man has to be tested before God can use him for His purposes."



Oakley

Temptation is not designed to lead to failure through a demonstration of our weakness but to enable us to develop our strength in order to overcome sin. As Barclay so aptly states, "Temptation is not the penalty of being a man; temptation is the glory of being a man." I am tempted, and when I overcome temptation, I am a stronger man.

All three synoptic Gospels stress the immediacy of the temptations after the baptism experience. This is significant warning to all generations. It seems to be a law of life that after every moment of great strength comes a moment of great weakness.

Remember Elijah when he stood so firm and courageously and defeated the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel (1 Kings 18:17-40). The next picture we have of him is that of a man fleeing for his life before the threats of a furious and wicked Jezebel (1 Kings 19:3).

Remember Peter when he stood so firmly at Jesus' side and stated, "Though all men shall be offended because of Thee, yet will I never be offended. Though I should die with Thee, yet will I not deny Thee" (Matthew 26:33, 35).

We should be careful when we are experiencing great things in the power of God that we do not relax our vigil against sin and be brought low by failure to meet the next challenge of life, which will inevitably follow success.

The temptations follow an orderly fashion. The first is physical, the second

is spiritual, and the third is vocational. They seem to follow a progression of growing difficulty.

Most persons are most susceptible to physical temptation — the so-called sins of the flesh. The devil tried this form of temptation first and failed.

Then he tried the temptation in the spiritual realm and this failed.

Ultimately, he tried to sidetrack the whole course of Jesus' life through shipwrecking His purpose. This, too, failed.

Take note of the incredible subtlety used by the devil. There is some good obtained in each of the temptations. They were attractive. They were real temptations that appealed strongly to Jesus. It was only knowledge of the Word and the purpose of God that sustained Jesus' resistance to the devil's insistence. This is a guiding light to Christians to saturate yourself with knowledge of God's Word and purpose, for this is the bulwark of defense against sin creeping into your life.

The Scripture says, "When He (Jesus) had fasted forty days and forty nights, He was afterward an hungred. And when the tempter came to Him, he said, If Thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread" (Matthew 4:2-3). This temptation approached Jesus at two levels. First, it said use Your power as the Son of God for self-gratification. Prove Your independence and Your sonship. Second, it said feed the people and they will follow You. Certainly there is nothing wrong with bread.

At both levels of this temptation, Jesus answered clearly, "I am primarily a spiritual and not a physical being. It is better to be hungry than to ignore the will of God." This does not say ignore the physical, but it does establish a definite order of priorities for life.

The second temptation is in verses five and six. "Then the devil . . . setteth Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and saith unto Him, . . . cast Thyself down: for it is written, He shall give His angels charge concerning Thee: and in their hands they shall bear Thee up, lest at any time Thou dash Thy foot against a stone." This is an appeal to establish the Kingdom of God on the sensational. If one cannot believe without the sensational, one lacks faith and is trying to establish it in the wrong way. One's deepest needs can never be met by this "sideshow" approach. Consequently, one is on an eternal search for a new, more exhilarating event while remaining spiritually empty.

The final temptation is recorded in verses eight and nine and is an appeal for compromise with the world rather than an uncompromising presentation of God's demands to the world. This, too, Jesus refused.

The approach of temptation is still the same. Only spiritual strength, as demonstrated by Jesus, can resist its alluring call and thus pass the test for the Christian life filled with the purpose of God.

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Lesson for Oct. 18

What the Lord requires

By David J. Irby, chairman, department of religion and philosophy
Union University, Jackson

Basic Passage: Micah 6

Focal Passages: Micah 6:3-4, 7-13

Micah, a contemporary of Isaiah, was a prophet in Judah during the latter part of the eighth century, B.C. Like Isaiah, he cried out against the wickedness and injustice of the people and warned them of coming judgment.

Micah was the first prophet to predict the destruction of the capital city of Jerusalem, the city of David (3:12). Like most prophets he also saw a bright future for God's people. A deliverer would come to bring it about. Micah saw this deliverer as coming from Bethlehem, the ancestral city of David (5:2).



Irby

Chapter 6 provides a summary of the preaching of Micah. The scene is pictured as in a court of law. God makes a charge (He is the prosecuting attorney!), the people answer the charge, the prophet responds to the people's defense, and God then gives His judgment.

God's controversy (6:1-5)

The Lord opens the court case with a statement of urgent concern for His people. They have forsaken Him, and He is aware of it and now calls it to their attention. He calls upon the world of nature to witness (hear) His charge against His own people. He asks why they have turned from Him. He had never turned from them but had been faithful in His dealings with them throughout their history. He had redeemed them from Egypt (v. 4) and protected them in the wilderness. Not even Baalam the prophet had been permitted to speak an oracle against them (v. 5). Yet they had been ungrateful, so God invited them to state their defense, to bring charges against Him if they so chose (v. 3).

The people's response (6:6-7)

In the response of the people, there is the insinuation that God is never satisfied. Apparently they were faithful in attendance at the Temple worship services. They even made their regular offerings to God (so the text infers). What more does God desire from them? Would He be satisfied if they increased their offerings to "thousands of rams" or "tens of thousands of rivers of oil?"

Historian will lecture
at Union University

Historian Don Higginbotham will deliver a lecture series funded by the C. H. Jones Memorial Lectureship Oct. 19-21 at Union University, Jackson.

Higginbotham, chairman of the history department at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, N.C., will address the American Revolution and its relevance to 20th century America.

The lectures will be presented at 10 a.m. Oct. 19; 9:40 a.m. and 7 p.m. Oct. 20; and at 10 a.m. Oct. 21. The lectures, which will be free and open to the public, are to be delivered in G. M. Savage Memorial Chapel on Union's campus.

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The insinuation is made that not even child sacrifice — the offering of their first-born children — would be enough to please God. This reply from the people reveals that they considered religion to be something that one practices at the Temple. The ethical dimension of religion was never mentioned in their reply. There was a religion of the Temple, but not of the marketplace.

The prophet's response (6:8)

Could it be that the people really did not know what the Lord requires from His people and what pleases Him? Not so, according to the prophet. In his statement in verse eight, Micah asserts that God requires ethical conduct from His people and that He has shown them (all mankind?) that all along.

The three things God requires of man are: (1) To do (practice) justice in their daily lives, (2) to be compassionate toward others (love, mercy) and, (3) to maintain communion with God by walking humbly with Him daily.

This verse in Micah is one of the most sublime statements about ethical religion in the Old Testament. The prophet's statements about God's requirements remind us of a theme that runs throughout the Bible, namely, that a religion which is divorced from social concerns is unacceptable to God.

The Lord's judgment (6:9-16)

God speaks again, and this time He enumerates the sins of the people. They are guilty of unjust practices such as giving "scant measure" and using "wicked scales" (vv. 10, 11). The rich use violence to get, or keep, what they desire, but the entire population is guilty of speaking lies and practicing deceit with their tongues (v. 12). So, the Lord's judgment has begun. Life will be filled with dissatisfaction and disappointment (vv. 13-15), and complete destruction lies ahead (v. 16) if they continue to defy God by mistreating their fellowmen.

Ministers' workshop
planned on 'stress'

A "Stress Management for the Clergy" workshop, sponsored by the Dede Wallace Center, Nashville, will be held Oct. 29 at 1:30 p.m.

The workshop will be led by Harry L. Mills and Janet Jernigan of the center's staff. Its purpose is to help ministers to identify stress signals and to teach specific techniques for constructive stress management.

Deadline for registration is Oct. 15. Information about the workshop can be secured by calling the center at 385-1418.

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God acts to liberate

By Gerald L. Stow, pastor
First Baptist Church, Cookeville

Basic Passage: Exodus 12:1 to 15:21

Focal Passages: Exodus 12:30-32; 13:21-22; 14:30-31; 15:1-2, 13

Recently, we witnessed the royal wedding of Prince Charles and Princess Diana. For weeks the expectancy of a royal wedding had been building. People staked out their turf along the procession route days in advance.

On the wedding day, all eyes were focused on the great event. It was an event of a lifetime. It would be remembered and rehearsed, particularly, in the minds of Britishers, for many years to come.



Stow

Centuries before, another event took place in Egypt. For weeks the excitement and expectancy had been building. Ominous clouds of God's judgment had been hanging low over the royal palace. Then after a series of supernatural judgments, God sent the death angel to visit Egypt. This was the final stroke that precipitated an event that the Israelites would talk about for years to come. They would call it the exodus. They could have called it "Liberation Day," for this was the day God acted to liberate them from the Egyptian tyranny.

It is always dangerous to spiritualize a text. However, there are parallels that we may rightly draw from the exodus that will help us to understand God acting to liberate in the past and in the present. There are four stages in the journey.

Stage 1 — conviction (12:30-32)

Pharaoh's daytime schedule was filled with many people and things. His nights were different. At night he was left alone to his own conscience. Shut up with himself, he began to ponder over the judgments of God.

He acted by calling Moses and Aaron and granting their request. The language he used tells me that he intended that Moses and Aaron go and worship but he expected them to return. His request that they "bless me also" (v. 32) would indicate this.

How similar in our lives is the work of the Holy Spirit of God. He works upon us in the daytime. We shut Him out with activities and things, but night comes. Alone with ourselves and with the awesome presence of the Holy God, we begin to reassess our relationship.

Stage 2 — guidance (13:22-22)

Philip said, "Understandest what thou redest?" The Ethiopian replied, "How can I, except some man should guide me?" (Acts 8:30-31). God knew the need His people would have for guidance. Such guidance would be needed because the road was unknown. Guidance was needed to reassure His people of His presence and loving care for them.

What a liberation! How great our God is to guide us. We need this same guidance now. Conviction is only stage one of the journey. Stage two might be called conversion. But we would never reach stage two if someone did not guide us. God has given us the privilege to be guides, divine escorts, to those He is leading through the exodus. We must not fail Him nor them.

Stage 3 — victory (14:30-31)

So long as there was one Egyptian soldier pursuing the Israelites, they were not safe. But God gave full and final victory when the sea that had provided the

escape for the people of God provided judgment of Pharaoh's army.

Men were subjected to fear, bondage, defeat until the cross-event took place at Calvary. "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He also Himself likewise took part of the same; that through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver (set free) them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage" (Hebrews 2:14-15).

Stage 4 — joy (15:1-2, 13)

A great victory, such as this, would of necessity give way to joyous song. Moses and the children of Israel composed a song and sang it unto the Lord. The song was an expression of worship to the great God who had set them free.

What a time of joy it must have been for those whose backs were still healing from the stripes of the taskmasters' whips. What a moment of triumph as Israelite mothers held tightly the tiny hands of firstborn sons who had been spared the death angel's visit. What ecstasy that must have filled the hearts of these humble people who lifted their clay-encrusted hands toward God and sang of the glorious thing which God had done.

This was not only a moment of joy then, but would forever be engraved upon their hearts as a time of great celebration. It is no wonder that today, in the Jewish communities of our nation, this event is still celebrated with great joy and triumph.

And it is no small wonder that God's people everywhere go back to a place, a time, a set of circumstances when they can say that "the Lord is my strength and my song and He is become my salvation" (v. 2).

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Reagan skirts direct challenge to push 'conservative' issues

WASHINGTON (BP) — President Reagan declined to say whether he will actively push Congress for legislation on issues such as abortion, prayer in public schools, and busing during his Oct. 1 news conference.

Asked by John D. Lofton Jr., editor of the *Conservative Digest*, if he will give more than "rhetorical support" to such a "social issue agenda," Reagan avoided a direct answer. He replied instead that he has made his position clear on those issues and would be "happy to see them come to my desk for a signature."

The *Conservative Digest* has criticized the president since before the inauguration for allegedly short-changing his New Right supporters and their causes.

Specifically, leaders of the conservative movement have challenged the president to push for new laws outlawing abortion and school busing and permitting states and local school boards to re-

quire school prayer. They have accused some of Reagan's staff of insisting that he give "rhetorical support" to each of those causes, while at the same time refusing to push Congress on them.

During his eight months as president, Reagan has asked conservative leaders in Congress to withhold major pushes on their favorite issues so his economic recovery program can remain at center stage.

East history society to hear Mrs. Blevins

The East Tennessee Historical Society will meet Oct. 31 at Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City. The 10:00 a.m. meeting will be held in the recital hall of the new music building.

Mrs. Carolyn Blevins, assistant professor of religion at the college, will speak on "Review of Women in Baptist History."

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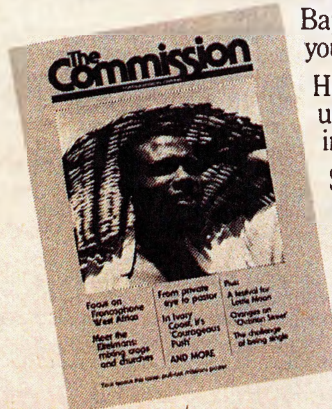
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Bibles attract 'thieves' at Moscow Book Fair

By Linda Lawson

NASHVILLE (BP)— While stealing religious books may seem contradictory, three Southern Baptist exhibitors at the recent Moscow International Book Fair were not upset that several Bibles and other books disappeared from their booths.

James Clark, executive vice-president of the Baptist Sunday School Board; Dessel Aderholt, director of the board's Broadman division; and Bob Boyd, executive director of the Protestant Church-Owned Publishers Association which represents 30 religious publishers, traveled to Moscow for the fair, where attendance exceeded 165,000.

Clark and Aderholt manned the exhibit for Broadman and Holman, the Bible publishing division of the board. Boyd directed the PCPA exhibit for the biennial fair which included two large buildings of exhibits by technical, art, religious, and general publishers.

"Bibles were definitely the most looked-at books at the fair," said Boyd, whose booth included a pulpit Bible in Russian on loan from Judson Press.

In addition to Bibles, other popular book topics in the exhibits were home and family life and sex education, said Aderholt. Several copies of a Broadman book, "Thank God for Sex" by Harris Hollis, were among those which turned up missing.

In addition to the disappearance of small Bibles from both exhibits, Aderholt said many people pulled out paper and pencils and sat down to copy portions of the Scriptures and other books.

Under guidelines of the government-sponsored six-day fair, exhibitors could not sell or give books away. However, the government reviewed books for possible purchase of translation rights.

The Soviet government took options on two Broadman books about sports personalities and has four months to decide on purchasing rights. The books are "Only the Pure in Heart Survive," by Tennessee State University women's track coach Ed Temple, and "A Whole New Ball Game," by University of Mississippi football coach Steve Sloan.

"The government was not interested in the Christian testimonies that are a part of these books but the fact that they are about sports figures," said Clark.

However, he said, "We found people anxious to hear talk of religious and spiritual matters."

Boyd said common questions included: Do you really believe in God? Do you really practice your religion? Do you sell a lot of religious books in the United

States? Do many people go to church in your country? Are Bibles easy to get?

Clark and Aderholt were unsuccessful in getting three boxes of souvenirs — T-shirts, bookmarks, pencils, and balloons — into the country to give away at their exhibit.

"We believe the problem was that the bookmarks contained Scripture verses," said Clark.

After attempting to negotiate the boxes throughout the fair, Clark was told five minutes before the fair ended that he could have everything but the T-shirts.

When Clark asked them to destroy the materials since he now had no use for them, he was told by a man with the auspicious title, chief of the Group of Experts, that the items would be shipped back to Nashville at Clark's expense.

Despite the problems, Boyd said, "Our purpose is to keep the door open for religious literature, and I'm willing to keep going on that basis."

While no decision has been made on whether Broadman and Holman representatives will return in 1983, Clark said they were encouraged by American embassy officials to come back "to show a slice of American life that Russians don't get to see any other way."

Indochinese refugees aid ministry to Hispanic migrant workers

SUNNYSIDE, Wash. (BP)— It happened "first" in Sunnyside — Indochinese refugees became missionaries to migrant workers in the Yakima Valley.

Twenty mostly-teenagers from First Baptist Church in Lacey helped in Vacation Bible School at Templo Bautista and conducted simultaneous Bible schools in two migrant camps each morning.

The Lacey contingent was led by Fern Powers, well-known refugee sponsor leader, and Tom Wilson, US-2 missionary in Lacey. Participants slept in the church building or on the lawn, cooked their food in the church kitchen, and shared pot-luck with the Spanish-speaking church.

"The kids raised the money by cleaning yards, digging a ditch, and other odd jobs," Miss Powers said. Together the group earned and gave \$422 toward the mission endeavor.

Templo pastor and area missionary to the Spanish-speaking people, Frank Ruiz, was enthusiastic about the Lacey group. He said some of the best benefits were the friendships which developed between the Mexican and Indochinese youth.

The refugee groups was composed of



PARTNERSHIP — Toraji Murakami (second from left) and Haruo Furukawa discuss SBC/Japanese involvement with FMB Vice-President Charles Bryan (right) and Mary Wiley Dozier, emeritus missionary to Japan.

Japan mission investment brings American dividends

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) C. K. Dozier never dreamed his tiny Japanese middle school would one day send students to evangelize American college kids.

Dozier, a pioneer Southern Baptist missionary to Japan, started Seinan Gakuin (Southwestern Academy) in 1916 to educate young boys in the city of Fukuoka in southern Japan.

Sixty-five years later, Seinan Gakuin University is widely regarded as one of Japan's best educational institutions. It is also one of the largest Baptist institutions in the world, boasting 10,000 students in kindergartens, primary, and secondary schools; a prestigious college and seminary; and an international division that sends students to schools in the United States and France.

University Chancellor-President Toraji Murakami visited the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in Richmond recently to thank Southern Baptists for decades of support. He was accompanied by Haruo Furukawa, director of the university's international division.

"Southern Baptist missionaries laid the foundation for what we have today," Murakami told board staffers. "Pray for our institution, and for Japan, as we work to spread the gospel."

Both Murakami and Furukawa became Christians while attending Seinan Gakuin. Murakami went on to teach at the university's junior high school and college for 43 years, becoming president in 1976.

Furukawa came to the United States following graduation, studying at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, Calif., and leading several Japanese Baptist congregations in California. He returned to Japan eight years ago to spearhead Seinan Gakuin's international program.

That program exchanges students with a number of American schools, including Southern Baptist-related Baylor University in Texas, William Jewell College in Missouri, and Ouachita Baptist University in Arkansas.

"Some of our exchange students become Christians in the United States," Furukawa said. "And the ones who are already Christian become stronger. And some of our students even tell about the gospel of Jesus to American students. They are our missionaries to America!"

Seinan Gakuin students who stay at home have more than enough mission challenges of their own; barely two percent of the university's student body is Christian, reflecting the overall ratio of Christians to the general population in Japan.

Southern Baptists still provide some financial support for Seinan Gakuin, and seven Southern Baptist missionaries are on the faculty. Japanese Baptists, however, now fill most leadership positions at the school, which operates with the guidance of the Japan Baptist Convention.

Foreign Mission Board reports new P.O. box

RICHMOND, Va. — The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has a new mail box number — 6767.

Post office officials say mail addressed to the old box number will continue to be delivered to the board, but the official mailing address changed when the branch post office which serves the board moved. The old address had been used since the board moved to its current building in 1959.

The complete mailing address is Box 6767, Richmond, Va 23230.

The night the lights went out in Lusaka

LUSAKA, Zambia (BP)— Where was John Maddox when the lights went out? Maddox, pastor of Wynne Baptist Church, Wynne, Ark., was waiting to preach at Chelston Baptist Church, Lusaka, Zambia, when the church generator quit.

The choir, in the midst of a special number, sang from memory in the darkness, but neither the congregation nor Maddox could see for the message.

Then, Maddox, who was there with a group from Arkansas participating in a stewardship campaign in Zambian Baptist churches, suggested that one of the Southern Baptist missionaries at the service turn his car lights toward the building.

Using the car lights to see the congregation and a small flashlight to see his Bible, Maddox preached his sermon and several persons accepted his invitation to step out of spiritual darkness to make a decision for Christ.