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## Mission gifts increase 4.5% in first quarter

### January's Cooperative Program barely misses 1982 monthly goal

Tennessee Baptists gave \$1,285,782.38 to missions through the Cooperative Program during January 1982. Tom Madden, executive secretary-treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, told the TBC staff at a meeting Feb. 1.

Although this amount is below the 1982 monthly goal and the receipts for January 1981, Madden noted that Cooperative Program gifts are always low when a month ends on a Sunday, since many church treasurers sent in the churches' mission gifts after the last Sunday of the month.

January's mission gifts through the Cooperative Program were 1.1 percent below the 1982 monthly goal of \$1.3-million and were 7.1 percent below the \$1,384,016.39 given in January 1981.

However, Madden observed that

Cooperative Program gifts for the first quarter of the convention year (November 1981-January 1982) were \$3,701,564.48, which is 4.5 percent higher than the \$3,542,830.45 given during the same three months of the 1980-81 convention year.

Messengers to the 1981 Tennessee Baptist Convention in Nashville set a basic budget goal of \$15.6-million for the November 1981-October 1982, meaning that the quarterly goal would be \$3.9-million. Receipts for the past quarter were 5.1 percent below (\$198,435.52 below) the quarter's goal.

A church-by-church listing of Cooperative Program gifts and designated gifts through the state convention office will be printed in a later issue of the Baptist and Reflector.

## Escapee abducts wife of Belmont executive

NASHVILLE (BP) — An escapee from a Mississippi prison allegedly abducted the wife of a Belmont College administrator and her two young children at knife point Jan. 27, holding them nearly four hours before releasing them unharmed.

The escapee, John Lumley, is being held without bond for the abduction. He is also charged with the armed robbery of a Nashville convenience store. He confessed to both crimes, according to Nashville police.

During the ordeal, the young man told Carole Troutt he had escaped from a Mississippi prison and was enroute to see

his mother, who was ill with cancer, in Boston.

He also told the young mother he was a Baptist.

"We were driving by Belmont College, and the kids said that was where their daddy works. He wanted to know what it was, and I told him it was a Baptist college," she said.

"I asked him if he went to church and he said he 'used to.' When I asked him what church, he told me he was a Baptist," she added.

Mrs. Troutt told Baptist Press she had been to a downtown area department store to pick up some packages and had returned to the parking lot with her children, Carole Ann, 6, and Jack, 4, when the man jerked open the car door, displayed a knife, and told her: "Get

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## Honeycutt nominated as SBTS president

Roy L. Honeycutt Jr., provost of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., was expected to be elected as president of that school at a trustee meeting Feb. 2.

According to articles in the Louisville Times and the Louisville Courier-Journal last week, a committee of the trustees will recommend that Honeycutt be elected to succeed Duke K. McCall, who is retiring after 31 years as president of Southern seminary.

A native of Mississippi, Honeycutt is a graduate of Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss.; University of Edinburgh, Scotland; and Southern seminary.

He taught at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., for 16 years before becoming professor of Old Testament at Southern seminary in 1975. He served as dean of the school of theology from 1975 to 1980 and has been provost since 1976.



**BREAKING GROUND** — Nashville Mayor Richard Fulton (left); Franklin Paschall (center), pastor of First Baptist Church, Nashville, and chairman of Baptist Hospital trustees; and David Stringfield, chief executive officer of the hospital, break ground for the new Gene Kidd building.

## Baptist Hospital, Nashville begins \$46-million project

NASHVILLE — Ground-breaking ceremonies were held Jan. 25 for the first phase of Baptist Hospital's \$46-million construction and renovation program.

Construction is scheduled to get underway immediately on the new Gene Kidd Building, an 8-story structure to be located in the Nashville hospital's courtyard area.

After excavation and the erection of a superstructure, floors of the new building will be filled in from the top down, thus minimizing the effect of construction noise on patients in adjacent buildings.

When floors five through eight are

completed, patients will be moved into these facilities. Then demolition of the old East Building will begin, so that floors one through four of the new building can be more easily completed.

The first floor of the new facility will include new and expanded facilities for the admitting and security departments, as well as a new lobby area. The second floor will feature new and expanded facilities for the cardiovascular laboratory and the radiology department.

Floors three through eight will be devoted entirely to nursing stations and patient rooms, with 34 private rooms on each floor.

Patient facilities will be designed for maximum comfort and will be equipped with modern, custom wardrobes; baths; and other conveniences. The corridors and nursing stations will be carpeted, and floors in patient rooms will be covered with a vinyl asbestos material for easy maintenance.

Other components of the overall building program, to be phased in at a later time, include construction of the new West Building, an 8-story structure to be located adjacent to the hospital's Central Building; extensive remodeling of the South Building to provide expanded space for patient support services; and construction of a 580-foot pedestrian cross-over connector which will link several of the buildings in the hospital complex.

## Baptists to help staff Fair

KNOXVILLE — Applications for employment at the 1982 World's Fair are being taken by Baptist Ministries, the organization which is coordinating Baptist activities at the May 1 through Oct. 31 exposition.

Frances Spruance of the Baptist Ministries will see applicants each Monday at First Baptist Church, Knoxville, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. All applicants will need to provide a letter of recommendation from their pastor.

Baptist Ministries for the 1982 World's Fair has been asked by fair officials to find 5,000 people to be employed by the many exhibitors and restaurants at the fair. The request came because of the success of a similar service provided by Baptists at Mount Rushmore last summer. Park officials there reported that shop-lifting decreased 80 percent when the Baptist youth became a part of the park staff.

David Peach, Baptist Ministries director, said that he hopes that many Baptists — especially college students and senior adults — will see this as an opportunity to present a Christian example and witness while working at the fair exhibits and concessions.



## WMU to train state workers

Specialized training for workers in Woman's Missionary Union organizations in Tennessee will be conducted Feb. 22-25 and March 1-4, according to Mary Jane Nethery, state WMU director-treasurer.

Leaders of the training sessions are Mrs. Earl Waldrup, lay evangelism worker, who will discuss "Witnessing Women" with Baptist Women and Baptist Young Women workers; Mrs. Lee Davis, Acteens director at Nashville's Haywood Hills Baptist Church, who will speak to Acteens workers on that organization's Studiact program; Jannie Engelmann, state Girls in Action director, discussing missions day camps for internationals with GA leaders; Debbie Moore, Arkansas GA and Mission Friends director, and Pat Ritchie, North Carolina GA and Mission Friends director, speaking Feb. 22-25 and March 1-4, respectively, on GA missions adventures; and June Swann, state Mission Friends director, who will discuss "Enlisting Parents of Mission Friends" with that organization's workers.

First Baptist Church, Milan, will host the first of the conferences Feb. 22 from 7 to 9 p.m. Other February conferences are scheduled for Berclair Baptist Church, Memphis, Feb. 23, 10 a.m. to noon; First Baptist Church, Adamsville, Feb. 23, 7 to 9 p.m.; Englewood Baptist Church, Jackson, Feb. 24, 10 a.m. to noon; Ebenezer Baptist Church, Greenbrier, Feb. 25, 10 a.m. to noon; and Highland Baptist Church, Pulaski, Feb. 25, 7 to 9 p.m.

Conferences in March will be at First Baptist Church, Greeneville, March 1, 7 to 9 p.m.; Smithwood Baptist Church, Knoxville, March 2, 7 to 9 p.m.; First Baptist Church, Crossville, March 3, 10 a.m. to 12 noon; North Cleveland Baptist Church, Cleveland, March 4, 10 a.m. until noon; and Southeast Baptist Church, Murfreesboro, March 4, 7 to 9 p.m.

## Tennessee Acteen to serve on panel

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — A Tennessee teenager has been selected to the sixth Acteens National Advisory Panel.

Cheryl Coleman of Waverly was selected from about 125 girls nationwide who applied to serve on the six-member panel.

Selections are based on scholastic achievement, school and church activities, and accomplishments in Studiact, the individual plan of achievement for Acteens.

In addition to their applications and written testimonies, candidates must be recommended by their pastor and Acteens leader.

The panelists, sponsored by the SBC Woman's Missionary Union, were announced by Marti Solomon, national Acteens consultant, during the WMU Executive Board meeting this week.

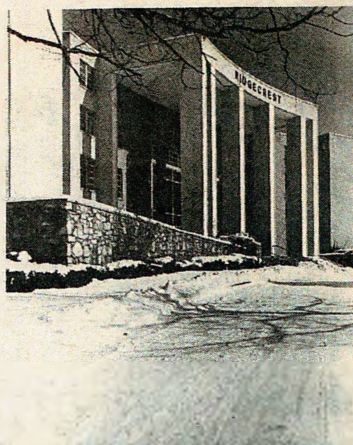
Miss Coleman, a member of First Baptist Church, Waverly, has been an Acteens member for five years, and has achieved the level of Queen Regent.

Panelist duties include writing for Acteen, missions magazine for Acteens, and appearances at state and associational WMU-related meetings. They also will serve as pages at the WMU annual meeting, June 13-14 in New Orleans, La.

They will serve until December 1, 1982, when selections for new panelists begin.



Miss Coleman



**WINTER PERSPECTIVE** — Snow gives the Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center a different look for persons attending winter conferences.

## State conferences set for VBS teams

The Tennessee Baptist Convention Sunday School department will sponsor six regional training conferences for associational Vacation Bible School teams during February and March.

According to Wendell Price, director of the department, the conferences will train teams of nine from state associations, which will in turn train teams from local churches. The teams will be comprised of two preschool and three children's workers; one youth and one adult worker; one general officer, and one mission VBS leader.

The faculty for each conference will be Price, general officers; Wayne Jones, minister of education at Nashville's Crivewood Baptist Church, mission VBS; Mrs. Audrey Hart, Nashville, younger preschool; Ray Evette, TBC director of preschool and children's work, older preschool; Mrs. Bob Taylor, Nashville, younger children; Mrs. Charles Buckner, Memphis, middle children; Mrs. Eldon Boone, Nashville, older children; Lyn Brasfield, TBC director of youth work, youth; and Mrs. Wendell Price, Nashville, adults.

The conferences will be Feb. 15 at Brownsville Baptist Church, Brownsville; Feb. 16 at First Baptist Church, Dickson; Feb. 17 at First Baptist Church, Shelbyville; Feb. 22 at First Baptist Church, Sweetwater; Feb. 23 at First Baptist Church, Morristown, and Feb. 24 at First Baptist Church, Cookeville.

Reservations for the conferences must be made with the state Sunday School department by the director of missions in each association. The conferences are scheduled for 9 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.; lunch will be served.

## Burkacki ordained, called to Laneview

Garry Burkacki, recently ordained to the gospel ministry, has begun the pastorate of Laneview Baptist Church, Kenton.

Burkacki was ordained by First Baptist Church, Humboldt, during a Jan. 24 service. Bob Agee, dean of religious affairs at Union University in Jackson, presented the charge to the candidate, and Darrell Clark, Humboldt pastor, delivered the charge to the church.

A native of Richmond, Mich., Burkacki was previously an interim pastor in that state. He is in his second year as a student at Union.

## N.C. board votes to move state convention offices

ASHEBORO, N.C. (BP) — The North Carolina Baptist Building, center of controversy earlier this year, has been sold to a research firm for \$1.7-million.

At its Jan. 26 meeting, the General Board of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina approved, without opposing vote, the sale as well as construction of a \$1.9-million office complex on a four-acre site in Cary, a southwestern suburb of Raleigh.

Under terms of the sale, the Instrument Society of America will pay the convention \$1.7-million for its downtown office building, of which \$1,425,000 will be in cash. A total of \$230,000 will be credited as rent, which the convention will pay to use the building until it vacates it later this year.

The plans for the new building include first floor office space for the Baptist Foundation of North Carolina, and for the Biblical Recorder, journal of the convention.

The action may renew the controversy which occurred over the proposed sale and move in May of 1980. Then, the General Board voted to sell the building to P & S Investment Co. Inc., of Greenville, N.C., for \$1.7-million, of which \$600,000 would be in the form of a tax-free donation to the convention.

J. Marse Grant, editor of the Biblical Recorder, opposed the sale.

Subsequently, P & S Investment Co. Inc., withdrew its offer. The General Board renewed its action that the building was for sale, and was affirmed by messengers to the 1981 state convention in Greensboro.

Also, since then, Grant has announced he will take early retirement from the editorship, planning to terminate in September 1982.

On the night of the Jan. 26 General Board action, trustees of the Biblical Recorder, in a telephone conference call session, voted to purchase a tract of land in east Raleigh for \$40,000 from the Raleigh Baptist Association.

Grant said a decision has not been made about whether the Recorder will move to the new Baptist Building or will build its own facilities. Recorder officials say purchase of the land does not necessarily mean the newspaper will build, and added that trustees will discuss the matter at their March meeting.

While Recorder trustees have not made a decision, foundation directors already have signalled they wish to occupy space in the new complex.

When members of the General Board were informed of the Recorder trustees' action — which occurred as they were still in session — they passed a resolution asking for an explanation.

The board approved a recommendation of its building committee that it relocate on a four-acre site in Cary, owned by George H. (Buck) Jordan Jr. of Cary, rather than on a previously-approved site owned by the David Martins, also of Cary.

The building committee examined 15 building sites and received six offers of donations before selecting the Jordan site.

General Board President Dewey Hobbs, pastor of First Baptist Church of Marion, said the proposed new location "technically" does not comply with instructions of the 1981 state convention in which messengers approved relocation on one of the two sites offered by the Martins.

Hobbs explained the Jordan site was selected after the Raleigh City Council denied zoning on one of the Martin prop-

erties, and the building committee said it felt it would take too long to get the other Martin site ready.

Campbell said the Jordan site will have to be rezoned, but added "we have been assured by Cary city leadership of their help in processing the request within their required guidelines." As a safeguard, however, the recommendation provides for an alternate site which already is properly zoned and has been promised by a donor, if needed.

Convention leadership said a move was decided after it was determined necessary repairs over the next few years would exceed the difference between the sale price and construction costs for a new building; thus making it more economical to consider a new facility.

The board awarded a \$1,951,639 contract to the Davidson and Jones Construction Co. of Raleigh to build the 53,500-square-foot, four-level brick building. Construction could begin as early as March 1, and completion is expected within "eight or 10 months."

## Abduction...

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over, lady, and I won't hurt you."

"The children started crying a little and I told them to calm down, that he was not going to hurt us. He told us nothing would happen if we did everything he said. They quieted down. I thank God for such calm children," Mrs. Troutt added.

The abduction occurred about 3:15 p.m. The mother and her children were released about 7 p.m. In between, they were driven through east Nashville, to a bank where Mrs. Troutt was forced to withdraw \$65, along backroads in the Mount Juliet area, and back to Nashville.

During the ordeal, Mrs. Troutt said the man was "pretty calm ... pretty much together," although he did "mention the children" in a threatening way.

She said the man drove to a rural area east of Mount Juliet and sat alongside a country road. "I was worrying about our safety all along, but especially then," Mrs. Troutt said. "It was secluded and beginning to get dark. Then, the man said, 'Let's go back to Nashville.'"

As abruptly as the ordeal began, it ended. The man drove back to Nashville, pulled up alongside a main street, got out of the car, and "disappeared into the darkness between two buildings."

Mrs. Troutt saw a police car within two blocks and "frantically waved to the officers" who stopped, escorted her home, and started the report process.

Meanwhile, her husband, Bill, executive vice-president at Belmont College, had gone to church, thinking the family might have gone directly there. Not finding them, he started telephoning: the college, the hospitals, the highway patrol, the police. He got no word.

By 7:30 p.m., however, they were reunited.

Of her ordeal, Mrs. Troutt said it had made her "really believe in prayer. Bill told me he was down on his knees praying. I wasn't down on my knees, but I was really saying them silently."

She also commented that people sometimes think they can "really do something heroic" during such a time, but added: "When it is really happening, and when someone is holding a knife on you and threatening your children, all you want to do is be nice and pleasant and keep him happy."





**UNION RECEIVES CHECK** — Larry Stewart (right), Union University development director, presents a \$200,000 check to President Robert Craig. The college recently qualified for the \$200,000 challenge grant from the Kresge Foundation by meeting its expansion program fund goal of \$1.55-million.

## Union offers Bible classes in five W. Tenn. locations

JACKSON — West Tennesseans desiring a more in-depth study of Scripture will have the opportunity to choose among seven Union University classes being offered in five locations this spring semester.

The classes, which lead to the diploma in pastoral ministries or Christian leadership, will be offered through the college's Seminary Extension Center outlets.

Registration for the Bible-based studies, which will be conducted in Adamsville, Huntingdon, Trenton, Martin, and on the Jackson campus, will be held the second and third weeks of February.

Classes will meet one night each week for 13 weeks from 7-9 p.m. Up to eight semester hours of work may be transferred from the program to Union for college credit.

Curriculum recommended by the Seminary Extension Department of the Southern Baptist Convention is serving as curriculum for the center. Regular college entrance requirements are being waived for the three-year program, according to Bob Agee, dean of religious affairs.

The program is not to be confused with the college's Seminary Studies Program, which is a joint effort between the six Southern Baptist seminaries and Union. Through that program, students take courses which apply directly toward their seminary degree, rather than a diploma.

At the college in Jackson, three courses will be taught. Al Gossett, pastor of Highland Park Baptist Church, will teach "Gospel of Luke" on Monday evenings. On Tuesday nights Keith Williams, minister of education at Englewood Baptist Church, will teach "Dynamics of Teaching." Charles Collins, Southern Baptist missionary to Guatemala (currently on furlough and living in Henderson), will teach "Contemporary World Missions" on Thursday evenings.

In the Shiloh and Beech River associations, John Pippin of Savannah's First Baptist Church will teach "Revelation" on Tuesdays at First Baptist Church in Adamsville.

At the Carroll-Benton Associational Mission Center in Huntingdon,

"Romans" will be taught on Tuesdays. The instructor will be John Adams, pastor of First Baptist Church in McKenzie.

The Gibson County Baptist Association Mission Center in Trenton will serve as the location for "New Testament Survey, Part III," taught by Gary Harner, pastor of First Baptist Church in Medina.

"Principles of Preaching" will be offered on Thursdays in the Weakley-Beulah association area at First Baptist Church in Martin. Fred Kendall, pastor of First Baptist Church in Union City and former president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, will serve as instructor.

Any individual 16 years of age or older is eligible to enroll in the program, which is open to the public regardless of denominational background. Persons desiring additional information on the course offerings in their area are encouraged to contact Union University.

## MK dies in accident on Alaska highway

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (BP) — Sarah McClendon Demby, daughter of Home Mission Board missionary associates Lewis and Alma McClendon, was killed Jan. 13 when her car collided head-on with a snow plow on the Alaska-Canada Highway near Watson Lake in the Yukon Territory, Canada. She was 25 years old.

Mrs. Demby and her husband, Richard, who was following in another vehicle, were enroute to Portland, Ore., where he was to enroll in the satellite seminary program of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary.

Poor visibility in heavy snow is listed as the cause of the accident.

The Dembys had been houseparents at the Alaska Baptist Family Service Center in Anchorage before their departure. In addition, as members of First Baptist Church, Palmer, they had been leaders of the church's Sutton Baptist Mission.

Mrs. Demby's father is director of missions of the Tongass Baptist Association in southeast Alaska. Her mother is president of Alaska Woman's Missionary Union and was attending a WMU meeting in Birmingham, Ala., at the time of her daughter's death.

## SBC leadership evaluates progress of Bold Missions

NASHVILLE (BP) — Southern Baptists' Bold Mission Thrust goal to share the gospel with everyone in the world by the year 2000 has yet to become a grassroots movement, according to several denominational leaders.

Participants in the Bold Mission Thrust Steering Committee meeting in Nashville learned there are more people involved in missions and more money is being given; but in some areas, results still fall short of goals.

The committee, led by Woman's Missionary Union Executive Director Carolyn Weatherford, met with representatives of seven SBC agencies to hear reports by which to gauge the denomination's progress.

Gerald Palmer, vice-president of the Home Mission Board's missions section, said he does not expect Southern Baptists to have placed the gospel in hearing of the world by the year 2000, but the convention will be farther toward it than ever before.

Denominational leaders are developing plans and working to create a mindset of missions participation to make Bold Mission Thrust a true grassroots movement in which any size church can have a part.

Sunday School Board Bible Teaching

## Fagan challenges Reagan's remark

NASHVILLE (BP) — President Reagan's verbal support of tithing backed by tax returns that show only 1.4 percent of his income was given to charitable causes has drawn reaction from the executive director of the Southern Baptist Stewardship Commission.

At Reagan's Jan. 19 press conference, he said though his tax returns do not show significant contributions to charitable causes, he has given money to individuals. Such gifts are not tax deductible.

"The Bible teaches we are not supposed to look about at the things we'd like to do and take the money that ought to support Kingdom causes and use it to support things that appear good to us," said A. R. Fagan, director for eight years of the Southern Baptist Convention agency that promotes giving.

Fagan, a strong believer in the Baptist tradition of "storehouse tithing" — 10 percent of a person's income being contributed through the local church — illustrated his feelings about the president's giving level by comparing it to this own.

"In 1979, Reagan made 21 times what I did and I gave considerably more than he did," Fagan said. "In 1980, his income was nearly 10 times as much and I gave, through my church in both instances, considerably more than he did."

"In addition to that, I supported such things as Good Will, United Way, and individuals that I had personal contact with who had needs."

Fagan favors the government's withdrawal from social welfare programs because he sees care for the unfortunate as the responsibility of the church. "The place for human compassion is not in government, but in persons caring for persons," he said.

Though it is unrealistic to think that churches can immediately pick up the slack caused by slashed government programs, he feels churches can and eventually will fill the gaps.

Division Director Ralph McIntyre said Sunday School enrollment is projected at 7.5-million for 1980-81, toward the goal of 8.5-million by 1985.

The Home Mission Board report estimates the goal of 5,800 new churches and missions in the 1977-82 period will be met, since the total stands now at 5,690.

Palmer said half the increase in new churches is lost each year because of churches which cease to operate. Most of these are established churches in large cities.

Palmer said since the inception of Mission Service Corps in 1977, 534 volunteers have been placed. The goal is 5,000 by 1985.

Short-term volunteers assigned by the Home Mission Board in 1981 totaled 34,200.

The mission education report indicated coordinated curriculum among SBC agencies was beginning to disseminate information to a greater number of church members. The coordinated curriculum is to teach small and large churches how to have a mission effort in the local church — no matter what the size.

"There is a willingness and a commitment of the leadership of the Southern Baptist Convention for potentially a saturation of local church members with mission information," according to William R. O'Brien, executive vice-president of the Foreign Mission Board.

The number of missionaries assigned by the Foreign Mission Board totaled 3,136 during 1981, of which 2,668 were career missionaries. O'Brien said he expects the denomination to reach the goal of 5,000 career missionaries by the turn of the century.

Giving by Southern Baptists since the inception of Bold Mission Thrust in 1977 has outpaced inflation, according to A. R. Fagan, executive director-treasurer of the SBC Stewardship Commission. All but one of the state conventions have increased the percentage of giving to the national Cooperative Program since 1977.

Since 1977, the Cooperative Program has increased 61.8 percent to more than \$84-million in 1981, while Lottie Moon and Annie Armstrong offerings for foreign and home missions have risen by 63.8 percent to total nearly \$63.5-million last year.

The report of the Bold Mission Thrust Steering Committee will be compiled and distributed to members of the Executive Committee of the SBC in their semi-annual meeting in February.

## Robert L. Newman succumbs Jan. 30

Robert L. Newman, a retired associational director of missions, died Jan. 30 after an extended illness.

Newman, 71, was director of missions in several Tennessee associations: Western District, Beulah, Dyer, Madison-Chester, Lawrence, and Weakley. He retired in 1975 while at Weakley.

Newman held pastorates in a number of Tennessee and Mississippi churches, including South Fork Baptist Church, Halls. He was also a chaplain with the United States Army Air Corps and the National Guard.

The Paris native is survived by his widow, Evelyn, and two children, Robert and Linda Evelyn. Funeral services were scheduled for Feb. 1 at First Baptist Church, Dresden.



## EDITORIAL

# Volunteers needed for World's Fair ministry

Three months from this week, the long-planned 1982 World's Fair will open in Knoxville. Between the dates of May 1 and Oct. 31, approximately 11-million people are expected to attend the international event.

The influx of that many people — with many from foreign countries — has challenged Southern Baptists to respond with definite plans to provide a positive, Christian witness at the fair site and in surrounding areas.

This challenge has led Baptists to lease property at the fairgrounds and to plan for the construction of a Baptist Pavilion where there will be performances by choirs and a continuing musical drama which will be presented several times each day during the entire six months.

Construction has begun on the Baptist Pavilion. Baptist churches and agencies have responded with financial support. Although the \$400,000 needed has not quite been reached, Baptist leaders are encouraged that the goal will be achieved.

## Beginning of a Successful Man



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But buildings and budgets are not the real story of the Baptist presence at the World's Fair. If this visionary project is to make an impact on the millions who attend, it will be because of the personal involvement and commitment of individual Baptists. There must be a large number of volunteer counselors and workers who will share themselves and their witness during the fair.

There will need to be at least 10 volunteer counselors at the Baptist Pavilion at all times — everyday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. To fill this tremendous need, Baptist Ministries is asking for volunteers who will work at the Pavilion distributing materials, counseling with visitors, and just being gracious hosts and hostesses.

Everyone who works at an exhibit on the fairgrounds is required by fair officials to attend a special training session; but Baptist Ministries has been given permission to hold its own training sessions. The sessions for Baptist Pavilion workers will provide specific information about the fair, the role of Baptist volunteers, and materials to be used.

Baptist Ministries has scheduled five training sessions during March in various parts of Tennessee. Individuals who think that there is a possibility that they might be able to serve during the fair should attend one of these training sessions. They will be held at the following sites:

- Knoxville, Washington Pike Baptist Church, March 13, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Memphis, East Park Baptist Church, March 19, 6-10 p.m.
- Nashville, Haywood Hills Baptist Church, March 20, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Chattanooga, Concord Baptist Church, March 27, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Johnson City, Central Baptist Church, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Individuals interested in volunteering, or desiring more information, should immediately contact the Baptist Ministries office at (615) 971-4535 or at 1811 Melrose Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37916.

## Pray for Poland

Citizens of the free world shudder at what has happened in Poland during the last seven weeks.

Since martial law was declared on Dec. 13, news reports indicate that as many as 100,000 people have been arrested, interned, or questioned by authorities — with up to 40,000 still being held in more than 50 prison camps. Curfews have been imposed. Communications have been restricted. Schools and industries have been either closed or taken over by the military government.

Food, already in short supply, will become even more critical as prices are drastically increased this week.

Baptists and other religious organizations are seeking to provide some relief by trucking in food for the Polish citizens.

Governments in the free world are seeking to enforce economic reprisals on the military government and the Soviet Union, hopefully to bring some relief of the oppression of the citizens.

There is also a desperate need for Christians throughout the world to pray diligently and daily for the Polish people. As Christians, we believe that God's power cannot be stopped at border checkpoints. We must also believe that no situation is beyond the power of God.

We urge you to make Feb. 7 a special day of prayer for the people of Poland. And, then remember these courageous citizens in your daily devotionals.

## Cicero's comment



By the editor

Cicero was invited to meet with the History Committee of Eventful Baptist Church, who is in the process of planning for the 100th anniversary of the congregation.

Ben Long, committee chairman, said that the group was having some trouble planning appropriate events. "We thought of inviting former pastors for a special day, but they all are afraid to come back," Ben noted. "And we cannot open the cornerstone as some churches do on anniversaries, since we don't have one."

Cicero wondered what else they were considering for their centennial observance.

"We have decided to write a history of our church, but the committee is getting a lot of advice and having some problems," Long offered.

"What problems?" I asked.

"Well, first of all, Ada Lyons, our church clerk, has all the minutes books," Long stated, "and she won't let us use them — unless we promise to mention her and her family on every page!"

A member of the committee, X. Pressley, interrupted to say that he had solved that problem. "We would just have a one-page history — on which we could mention Ada — and then have 120 pages of footnotes."

Another member of the committee, "Skip" E. Vents, was concerned that some people wanted the book to be factual — even to the reporting of all the gory church business meetings, pastor firings, and church splits. He was also worried that some histories had such chapter headings as "Years of Crises" and "Decade of Despair," but he had a solution. "We could use dates as titles for each chapter; like this, Chapter One 1882-1900; Chapter Two 1901-1915; Chapter Three 1916-1930; Chapter Four 1931-1940; and Epilogue 1941-1945."

Cicero wondered why the book would end with 1945.

"We have some members who have been here since 1945 and would remember what really happened," Skip said.

"What other problems have you had?" inquired Cicero.

"One church member, Roe Mantic, who loves romantic-historical novels, wants us to use the same approach in our church history," Long shared. "Then, there is C. Faltz who feels the book should deal ONLY with church squabbles."

And the committee said that some of their helpers had proven to be handicaps — especially Miss Taken, who is doing the typing of the manuscript, and Kent Spell, who is the volunteer proof-reader.

Before I left the meeting, the committee had compromised on a solution that might make everyone happy. Each of the 100 families in the church would be assigned one year of the 100 years of the church's existence to write a one-page history of that particular year. These would be compiled into a 100-page book.

I can hardly wait to read it.



## 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.

### Reply challenged

Dear editor:

In the Jan. 6 issue you made the following statement in reply to a letter written by Arnold Webb.

"Baptist Book Stores do not sell the comic book, 'Alberto,' published by Chick Publications, which was written by Alberto Rivera, whose claim to have been a Jesuit priest is denied by the National Catholic News Service."

This was apparently your reply to Webb's question, "Are Southern Baptist Book Stores forbidden to sell materials (printed by Chick Publications) which tell the truth about Roman Catholics and their plans?"

Your reply does not answer the question, but does imply that you believe the Catholic News Service is telling the truth and Rivera is lying. Upon what evidence was this conclusion reached?

Your reply further indicates that Southern Baptist Book Stores do indeed censor materials from Chick Publications. The fact is that Rivera's allegations are a reaffirmation of the materials found in Fox's Book of Martyrs and Alexander Hislop's Two Babylons. Both these books are extremely well documented and reveal the Catholic Church in all its shame. "Alberto" reveals that they have not changed as some in the leadership of the Southern Baptist Convention would have us believe.

Therefore, I will rephrase Webb's question and ask for the straight answer denied him.

Are Southern Baptist Book Stores forbidden to sell the comic book "Alberto," published by Chick Publications, and who is the person(s) responsible for making this decision?

You further state in your answer to Webb that Hastings does not say Catholics are Christians. Why then have you taken the side of the Catholics against Chick Publications? Other materials published by Chick and sold in Southern Baptist Book Stores provide ample evidence that Chick is a Christian organization which is taking a strongly Christian, pro-Bible stand.

Randall Vespie  
P.O. Box 65  
Wartburg, TN 37887

My reply to Arnold Webb's printed letter was not an attempt to avoid his question or to side with the Sunday School Board, but simply to repeat what was printed in the *Baptist and Reflector* July 23, 1980.

The decision in July 1980 to remove "Alberto" from three of the 65 Baptist Book Stores which had the book was made by Grady Cothen, BSSB president, who issued this statement at that time: "The books were removed because they contained derogatory allegations without facts to back them up. We very much regret this incident. The materials will not be distributed by the Baptist Book Store chain in the future. They do not represent the attitude of Southern Baptists nor of the Baptist Sunday School Board."

I am told that the withdrawal order applied only to "Alberto" and not to all materials published by Chick Publications.

The withdrawal order on "Alberto" remains in effect, according to Bill Graham, BSSB Book Store division director. However, he said customers may order other Chick Publications through any Baptist Book Store.

Incidentally, *Christianity Today* con-

ducted its own investigation and reported (March 13, 1981, and Oct. 23, 1981) that Rivera's two comic books, "Alberto" and "Double Cross," were "fraudulent;" that Rivera was never a Catholic priest in Spain; and that during the time he claims to have been living a celibate life of a priest in Spain, he was actually living in Costa Rica, New Jersey, and Texas and had two children. (editor)

### Understanding Catholics

Dear editor:

I was glad to read the answers in the Jan. 20 issue to Arnold Webb's letter concerning the belief of Catholics.

True, one does suspect matters one doesn't understand. I once was suspicious of Baptists, and now I am one. I thought they were bigoted and narrow-minded. Bigotry drives people away from churches.

I was once a Catholic, but not having access to a Catholic church, I attended a nearby Baptist church where I was welcomed with love and, no doubt, prayers. The Lord touched me, and I experienced a re-birth. If I had been treated like I had horns, I'd have never gone back, and would have been denied a wonderful experience.

When I got in the study of the Baptist faith, I found there wasn't much difference in the basic beliefs — only the "side dishes" were different.

I think it's time for all people who have been washed in Jesus' blood to band together in love and prayers to spread the gospel to the unsaved, and try to combat the real enemies — communism and Islam.

One word in closing: Catholics don't believe Mary is God's wife; they do believe as stated in Luke 1:35. As for the comic book, "Alberto," I think we should put away childish things like comic books and study our Bibles instead.

Oh yes, a lot of people in the Catholic faith have been born again. I just put it off until the Lord showed me to do it.

Mrs. Cleo Loveday  
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Sevierville, TN 37862

### Prayer for Japanese

Dear editor:

I am a Japanese Christian who was saved in March 1980 at Southside Baptist Church in Martin, Tenn., during my stay in the U.S. as an exchange student.

As you imagine, I really didn't know anything about the Bible. And I hated to accept what the preacher, Sunday School teacher, and my host family "parents" told me, because I thought that I didn't need to be saved because of my good attitude, morals, intelligence, and so forth. But often the fact that is something empty came into my mind, and I had to admit it. I challenged Christ over and over again; however, I finally surrendered and accepted Him.

Now I am in Japan and working for Him everyday. And I really thank Him for changing me, such a wretch, into the brand-new creation in the Lord (2 Corinthians 5:17).

I am so glad that I want to tell this good news to Japanese people who are being satisfied with hollow prosperity and having less opportunity to hear the gospel.

I would like to ask all American Christians to remember Japanese people in their prayers, because "Now is the day

of acceptable time, and the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2).

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Nagoya 465, Japan

### Adequate retirement

Dear editor:

We thank God for the instrumentality of Southern Baptists who through the medium of the Foreign Mission Board made possible to us the privilege of serving as your missionaries for more than 42 years in South and Central America.

Upon our retirement, Dec. 1, 1981, we found that adequate provision through Social Security and the pension plan of the board had been made for us.

Our years of serving God as we felt He had called us to do and continuing opportunity for service have thus been provided by the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Frances and Sydney Goldfinch  
3719 Ogburn Ave.  
Winston-Salem, N.C. 27105

### Regulate pay-TV

Dear editor:

I am writing this letter as a challenge to my fellow Christians to once again take a stand for morality.

The cable television networks (pay television) have brought into the homes of thousands of Americans, by means of "Showtime," movies and productions which are unquestionably of low moral content. Nearly one-third of the movies shown are rated nationally as "Restricted" to no one under 17 or 18 without parent or legal guardian. However, we are content to allow these films to be brought into our homes where youth are exposed to permissive sex and immoral themes.

It is time that we Christians become selective in television viewing and demand that all networks abide by the same enforced regulations as do the major networks.

As a counselor, I see and have seen in youth the perverse and permissive attitudes caused by such exposure. We have laws to protect those who cannot protect themselves. This is why we need strict regulation of movies shown on pay-TV. A parent cannot govern everything his child may see on television; he needs the help of concerned Christians to clean up television.

This is a plea for Christians to respond!

Tim Perry  
Rt. 6, Box 530  
Johnson City, TN 37601

### Teaching time

Dear editor:

I am concerned over the little time Sunday School teachers have to teach the pure Word of God on Sunday mornings.

Please, if the writers would give less Scripture to be covered — then we could go in depth more — and nail down some Biblical truths. Skimming over a lot of Scriptures and learning nothing is wasted time!

Let's face it; without teaching and preaching no learning, no living takes

## Personal perspective

By TOM MADDEN  
TBC executive secretary

I am experiencing an unusual joy in studying once again the parables of Christ. These past days I have focused upon the parable of the sower and the soil.

In this parable, a sower with cheerful abandonment casts the seed over several kinds of soil with varying results.

The hard ground on which some of the seeds fell was probably the public path beaten down by those who travelled it.

The rocky ground reflected the uniqueness of the soil in which the limestone reached almost to the surface of the fields. This thin crust of earth meant there was too little topsoil.

The thorny ground assumes the presence of thorns that spring up during the summer.

The good ground received the seed, and the plant grew and produced an abundant harvest.

This parable includes the fact and reality of failure, and refuses to ignore it. It also triumphantly points to the astonishing harvest. The disciples were going to experience failure, but they were also going to reap a colossal harvest from time to time.

Three basic causes for rejection are underlined in this parable. First, is the failure to understand. The Word is to be heard, and to be sown in the heart; but Satan will come along and snatch it away.

Also, persecution and tribulation are causes of rejection. This relates to the seed sown on the rocky ground. Plants had no real roots and in time of stress they would "fall away."

The third is worldliness. Three different diversions will choke the Word: the cares of the world, delight in riches, and the desire for other things.

Perhaps an apt observation might be made concerning this parable: It is not easy to be a Christian; but it is easy to start.

place. Our people need to know how to live from God's Word — using His principles that make us successful in all areas of our Christian life! There is no other way. "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge" (Hosea 4:6).

Charlene Childers  
1225 Briarwood Dr.  
Memphis, TN 38111

### Praising 'big'

Dear editor:

Your editorial of Dec. 9 listed 31 churches and the amounts which they contributed to missions through the Cooperative Program in that last year. I find the listing redundant, since it had been printed one week earlier.

The editorial was a subtle way of praising "big."

Did not all contributing churches "demonstrate their mission-minded concerns?" Oh well, the widow with two mites didn't get listed among the big givers either.

James E. Robertson  
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Knoxville, TN 37918



Madden



## An Annual Report



# People Serving People!



**People serving people!**  
That's the philosophy founders of Baptist Memorial Hospital followed when they opened a 150-bed unit in Memphis, Tennessee in July, 1912.

That same operating philosophy prevails as Baptist Memorial Hospital prepares to celebrate its 70th year as a leader in providing quality health care to people in Memphis and the Mid-South.

This concern for people led Baptist Memorial Hospital along the way to introduce some significant developments to the health care field.

For instance Baptist Memorial Hospital was the first in the Mid-South to offer telecobalt therapy, an inpatient psychiatric unit, an EMI brain scanning unit and a coronary intensive care unit.

The institution also introduced to the Mid-South fluoroscopic image magnification, a sleep disorder center, inpatient rehabilitation, and cardiopulmonary and gastrointestinal laboratories.

On the national scene, Baptist Memorial Hospital pioneered in personalized patient care through a visiting hostess program and in housing its medical staff next door in a medical office building.



**Baptist Memorial Hospital  
Medical Center**  
899 Madison Avenue, Memphis

■ Licensed beds	1,501
■ Employees	4,529
■ Admissions	44,983
■ Surgical procedures	22,510
■ Emergency Department visits	30,530

Baptist Memorial Hospital also introduced to the health care field the computer for automatic data processing and the concept of monitoring by telemetry a vast range of mechanical equipment through an automated supervisory data center.

And the response of Mid-Southerners to this quality health care has made the 2,068-bed Baptist Memorial Hospital the largest non-profit health care institution in the United States in terms of beds and admissions.

During 1981, Baptist Memorial Hospital provided care for 62,547 admissions.

That's equal to the combined population of the Tennessee cities of Bolivar, Covington, Humboldt, Lexington, Union City, and Germantown.

Physicians performed 35,585 surgical procedures, the equivalent of one operation for every person in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

The average daily cost of operating the hospital was \$441,168 and free services, excluding Medicare and Medicaid allowances and bad debts, totaled \$6,447,191.



**Baptist Memorial Hospital  
East**  
6019 Walnut Grove Road,  
Memphis

■ Licensed beds	417
■ Employees	1,005
■ Admissions	17,083
■ Surgical procedures	13,075
■ Emergency Department visits	13,200
■ Births	4,917

Technicians gave 188,826 x-ray examinations. That's more than the combined population of Little Rock and West Memphis.

The hospital also provided 4,172,574 laboratory procedures, almost one test for every person living in Arkansas and Mississippi.

Patients consumed an average of 4,470 meals daily and sent to the cleaners 11,328,794 pounds of laundry during the year.

To provide these services, Baptist Memorial Hospital needed a medical staff of 1,007 and 5,844 employees.

But that's history.

The clear movement in the hospital field in the future is for institutions to become multi-unit organizations linked

together in a way to provide health services more effectively.

Baptist Memorial Hospital is responding to this opportunity with a



**Baptist Memorial Hospital  
Regional Rehabilitation Center**  
1025 E. H. Crump Boulevard,  
Memphis

■ Licensed beds	150
■ Employees	254
■ Admissions	914*
■ Dialysis treatments	18,365

\*Includes admission to the following specialized rehabilitation units: stroke & trauma, pulmonary disease, spinal cord injury, pain, geriatric, neurological, and hand.

corporate services program which makes its expertise available throughout the Mid-South.

Already linking themselves to Baptist Memorial Hospital as affiliates are Lauderdale Hospital, Inc., Ripley, Tennessee; Baptist Memorial Hospital-Tipton, Inc., Covington, Tennessee; Corning Community Hospital, Inc., Corning, Arkansas; and Baptist Memorial Hospital-Booneville, Inc., Booneville, Mississippi.

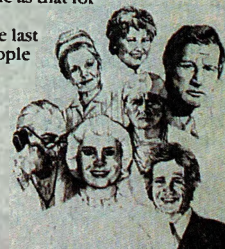
The structure of the future is Baptist Memorial Health Care System, Inc., which embraces the three Memphis units of Baptist Memorial Hospital, four regional hospital affiliates, and other corporate entities.

According to President Joseph H. Powell, the structure is needed to provide the flexibility necessary to give optimum health care in the 1980's and beyond.

The long range look calls for Baptist Memorial Hospital to continue to develop as a referral center where advanced specialized medical care is used to treat a wide range of complex illnesses.

The foundation for the future remains the same as that for the past.

In the last analysis, it's people serving people.



**Baptist Memorial Hospital □ A Ministry of Tennessee Baptists**





## Spiritual growth seminar

## Carson-Newman speaker urges honesty, consistency, service

JEFFERSON CITY — In a series of seminars on campus, Peter Wilkes challenged students, staff, and faculty at Carson-Newman College to be honest with God, live consistently, grow as Christians, and serve others.

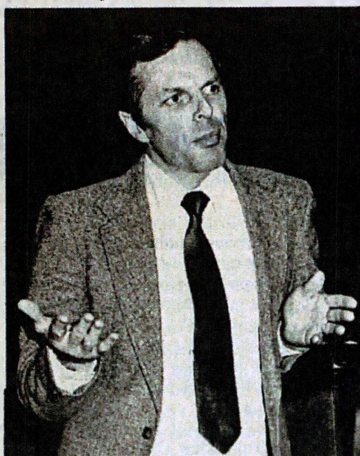
"There is a vast amount of religious game-playing going on," said Wilkes, a member of the pastoral team at Elm-brook Church in Waukesha, Wis. "Living a life-style on pretense is living a lie."

During his first address to the Carson-Newman community on the "Secret of Fellowship," Wilkes pointed out the importance of finding a few people with whom you can be honest about your problems and confess your inner struggles.

"By acknowledging my problems," he said, "I am asking for the help and prayers of my friends. At the same time I bring my sinfulness before God and get to know Him better."

In his topic "Satisfied Minds," Wilkes stressed that Christianity is meant to be thought through carefully. "The intellect is an important part of Christianity, more than emotion. It is not enough to be intellectual; you must practice your Christianity consistently. Christ came into the world of sinners to save them," continued Wilkes.

The internal struggle to grow as a Christian was the basis for his discussion of "Successful Living." "You can be



WILKES — urging spiritual growth

changed by Jesus Christ," he told the gathering. "He takes broken and warped personalities and changes them. Individuals must first acknowledge the desire for Christian living. They feel trapped by the struggles within."

Wilkes continued, "You have the right to choose between right and wrong. God will not take His power and make your decisions for you. He gave you that power and you must choose."

Wilkes emphasized that it is important to learn to live daily and depend on our Heavenly Father. "The Christian life is one of dependence where you rely upon the Spirit of the Lord in you. When you follow God, you will have peace," he told the group.

"Win the war within yourself; live successfully, live like Him."

In his final seminar, "Serving Him," Wilkes challenged his audience to change the world. "Christianity means service," said Wilkes. "We live in an interesting time when world-wide revival is beginning to take place."

He pointed out that 2.4-billion people have never heard of Christ. Wilkes stressed the importance of world-wide missions, and he showed that Jesus was the model for missions.

"Motivation for service is a basic love of Christ. Missions is done in response to Christ's love for us," concluded Wilkes.

## Hammett, McCraw named to Baptist Ministries staff

KNOXVILLE — As the 1982 World's Fair opening date of May 1 approaches, activities surrounding the planning and construction of the Southern Baptist pavilion continue to increase. David Peach, director of Baptist Ministries for the 1982 World's Fair, has announced that Randy R. McCraw, assistant director of off-site ministries, and Leisa A. Hammett, director of communications, have joined the staff.

Both new staffers will serve as semester missionaries for the Tennessee Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board with their

duties at the World's Fair site and surrounding area in support of the Baptist Ministries effort.

A native of Cleveland, McCraw is a senior at Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City where he will graduate in 1983. While taking a semester's leave from his studies, he will assist Douglas E. Houston, director of off-site ministries for the Baptist presence at the fair, in coordinating church and Baptist Student Union mission groups.

During the summer of 1980, McCraw worked for the Tennessee Baptist Convention as a vocalist for a Christian music team at the Smoky Mountain Resort Ministries in Gatlinburg. In 1981 McCraw's missionary duties, also at the Gatlinburg resort, included working with day camps, youth groups, and various other campground programs.

Leisa A. Hammett is a Greenville, S.C. native. She will continue her communication studies at Carson-Newman, where she is also a senior scheduled to graduate in May.

During her four-year stint at Carson-Newman, Miss Hammett has served as writer for the college's public relations office. Her communication experience also includes having served as assistant to the director of public relations at North Greenville College in 1980.

Miss Hammett and McCraw will serve positions through mid-August when the World's Fair will be almost at an end. Their rooms and board are being provided by the Tennessee Baptist Convention in cooperation with Baptist Ministries for the 1982 World's Fair.

## All-West band concert set for Union campus

JACKSON — Nearly 200 of the top-ranking high school instrumentalists from throughout west Tennessee will be on Union University's campus Feb. 4-6 as they rehearse for the annual All-West Tennessee Band Concert.

The students will present their 90-minute concert at 2 p.m., Feb. 6, in G.M. Savage Memorial Chapel. Admission is \$1 for the event.

The concert is sponsored by the West Tennessee School Band and Orchestra Association which is composed of junior and senior high school and college band and orchestra directors.

The top-ranking members from the band will automatically become members of the All-State Band and Orchestra, which will present its annual concert April 3 at the Hyatt-Regency Hotel in Knoxville.

## Brewer to minister at Lone Chestnut

Charles Brewer accepted a recent call from Lone Chestnut Baptist Church, Bath Springs, to come as its pastor.

A native of Darden, Brewer was previously pastor of Frank's Chapel Baptist Church, Holladay. He is already on the new field.

## Seminary gets grant

FORT WORTH, Tex. (BP) — Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary has received a \$500,000 grant from the Sid W. Richardson Foundation of Fort Worth, the largest single gift from a foundation in seminary history.

The grant will be used to renovate existing library facilities for more educational space, according to Vallee Wilkie, foundation executive vice president.

## BMH adds staffers in communications

MEMPHIS — An artist and two specialists in news editing and photography will join the newly-established office of communications at Baptist Memorial Hospital here, according to Roy Jennings, director of communications.

Deborah Faries DuBois, an assistant city editor of the Memphis Press-Scimitar for three years, will supervise the hospital's news and publications services, effective Feb. 1.

Robert H. Williams, picture editor of The Commercial Appeal in Memphis for 14 years, will direct photographic services for the hospital beginning Feb. 1.

Judy Felker, a publications art supervisor for the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, will be the hospital's supervisor of art services, effective Feb. 25.

Mrs. DuBois, a graduate of the University of Missouri, Columbia, was a copy editor at the Press-Scimitar for five years before the assignment as assistant city editor.

Williams, who has won first place in the feature category two consecutive years in National Press Photographers Association competition, joined the newspaper's photographic staff 33 years ago. His photos have appeared in such national magazines as Life and People.

A graphic artist and creative designer, Mrs. Felker was an art director for a Memphis advertising agency and manager of an art studio before her five-year assignment at the Baptist agency.

## By \$4.9-million

## Texas Baptists top budget

DALLAS (BP) — Texas Baptists have surpassed their 1981 Cooperative Program budget of \$37.4-million by \$4.9-million.

Cooperative Program gifts, boosted by record contributions of \$4,247,113 in December, soared to \$42,372,660 for the year.

By state convention action, the \$4.9-million over the budget will be distributed according to the same formula as the basic budget: 35.5 percent, or about \$1.8-million, to worldwide Southern Baptist Convention causes and 64.5 percent, or about \$3.2-million, for Texas causes.

For the fourth year in a row, First Baptist Church of Midland set the mission giving pace, contributing \$668,283, or almost \$120,000 more than its 1980 total of \$550,213.

The SBC's largest congregation, First Baptist Church of Dallas, ranked tenth in Texas with gifts of \$196,925.

The Baptist Standard, Texas Baptists' official newsweekly, reported in its Sept. 16, 1981, issue that Pastor W. A. Criswell said the 20,000-member church plans to give \$1-million for missions "starting right now." The church had just completed the sale of some downtown property adjoining its plant and was preparing to retire an \$8-million debt.

Criswell said in January: "My statement in September was misunderstood. Although our business deal was concluded in the fall, our new budget, including Cooperative Program gifts, did not start until January 1982. Our church adopted a \$7.5-million budget for 1982, which includes Cooperative Program contributions which should total \$1-million by the end of the year."

## Maddox projects C-N needs, goals

JEFFERSON CITY — In his annual state of the college address to faculty and staff last week, Carson-Newman College President Cordell Maddox called for more faculty, more student scholarships, and an enrichment of the religious life on campus.

"It is imperative that we employ additional faculty members to maintain a low student-faculty ratio," said Maddox. "In addition, we must secure additional funds for faculty development and for student scholarships."

Maddox pointed out that this year Carson-Newman awarded, from all sources, almost \$3-million in financial aid to students. He hastened to point out that with impending cuts in federal and state funds, Carson-Newman is aggressively working to meet the financial needs of its students in the future.

"Unrestricted gifts to the college are almost 26 percent ahead of this time last year, and our restricted gifts are 100 percent ahead. Through Vision '80: Carson-Newman's Campaign for Greatness, we have received \$3.2-million."

Maddox cited the creation of a computer center, as well as the addition of undergraduate programs in business data processing and nursing.

Maddox said that there will be a continual effort to upgrade student life on campus and to enrich the religious life of each student. "We must have a total Christian commitment in all areas of campus life," he declared.

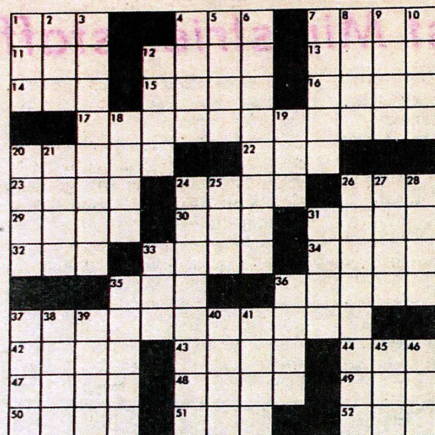
Applications for next year are running six percent ahead of this time last year, he announced.

In his concluding remarks, Maddox stated that the college would be developing a long-range plan for the institution. "The state of the college is sound," he said, "and we will be facing challenges that will be staggering. We must plan with vision for the future, and we must remain true to our mission of Christian higher education."



# Bible Puzzle

Answers on page 10



## ACROSS

- 1 "For that which —" (Rom. 7:15)  
 4 Strike lightly  
 7 "But be — with sandals" (Mark 6)  
 11 Pronoun  
 12 Fairy tale king  
 13 Leander's love  
 14 Hockey great  
 15 He died in Canaan (Gen. 46:12)  
 16 "against —" (Jer. 49:34)  
 17 "Foundation of the —" (Hag. 2:18)  
 20 Amount of mustard seed (Mark 4:31)  
 22 Philippine Island tree  
 23 Suffix for Christ: pl.

- 24 It was new (Matt. 27:60)  
 26 Dusk  
 29 "I will make Ephraim to —" (Hos. 10)  
 30 Augment  
 31 "is cast into the —" (Matt. 6:30)  
 32 Religious group: abbr.  
 33 Oriental nursemaids  
 34 Farm building  
 35 Drink in small quantities  
 36 "that ye — the deeds" (Luke 11:48)  
 37 "that ye are the —" (1 Cor. 3)  
 42 Small case  
 43 Lung sound  
 44 Number, of a kind (Num. 3:48)

## CRYPTOVERSE

TYL RQGTUV IA PTRY OYZ  
 LQFKQ GXLGBV KGPVARQ PV  
 RY RDPFHJQ FT KQDFVR

Today's Cryptoverse clue: K equals C

- 47 Created by God (Gen. 1:27)  
 48 Goddess of discord  
 49 Moslem Easter  
 50 Iowa city  
 51 Summer time: abbr.  
 52 Cape

## DOWN

- 1 Philippine Island vine  
 2 Region (1 Ki. 4:11)  
 3 "We have mortgaged —" (Neh. 5)  
 4 Smaller than a lake  
 5 Woe is me!  
 6 "— better" (Dan. 1:20)  
 7 City (Josh. 15:26)  
 8 Assistance  
 9 Kind of test  
 10 Cupola  
 12 Grain  
 18 Seine tributary  
 19 — tide  
 20 Lass  
 21 Plunder  
 24 "God hath — the body together" (1 Cor. 12:24)  
 25 South American tuber  
 26 "and an —" (Isa. 9:17)  
 27 Velocity per second  
 28 Presently, old time  
 31 European capital  
 33 Be ill  
 35 Rahab received them (Heb. 11:31)  
 36 Time periods  
 37 Place (Isa. 21:14)  
 38 City of defence (2 Chron. 11:5-6)  
 39 Stubbhorn one  
 40 Paddles  
 41 Dart along  
 45 Church officer: abbr.  
 46 Dentist's abbr.

# Radio-TV agency awards to honor Chancellor, Nutt

FORT WORTH, Tex. (BP) — NBC news anchorman John Chancellor and humorist Grady Nutt will receive top honors in the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission's Abe Lincoln awards.

Chancellor will receive the Distinguished Communication Medal and Nutt the Christian Service Award in ceremonies Feb. 11. Chancellor's award is the highest recognition given by the RTVC.

In addition to the special honors, the Abe Lincoln Award each year recognizes broadcasters nationwide for outstanding public service programming and projects. Eight winners of these awards also will be recognized Feb. 11.

RTVC President Jimmy R. Allen said, "The Distinguished Communication Medal and Christian Service Award are not presented each year, but only when people of exceptional merit are found. Both John Chancellor and Grady Nutt have epitomized character and quality that these awards were created to recognize."

In announcing the award to Chancellor, Allen cited the "NBC Nightly News" anchorman for his contribution to the integrity of broadcast journalism. Chancellor also will be keynote speaker at the banquet.

Past honorees include former Federal Communication Commission Chairman Robert E. Lee, last year's recipient, and Edward R. Murrow, Bob Hope, Billy Graham, and Walt Disney.

Since joining NBC news in 1952, Chancellor has distinguished himself for his political and election coverage, Allen said. He has anchored "NBC Nightly News" since 1971, teaming with David Brinkley from 1976 to 1980. Chancellor is a native of Chicago and graduate of the University of Illinois.

Nutt, Christian humorist and a regular

on television's "Hee Haw" since 1979, is an ordained Southern Baptist minister. His credits include six albums, five books, and numerous television guest appearances. Nutt is from Amarillo, Tex. He graduated from Baylor University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Others who have received the Christian Service Award include former President Jimmy Carter, Dallas Cowboy coach Tom Landry, comedian Jerry Clower, and singer Dale Evans Rogers.

This is the 13th year for the Abe Lincoln Award, founded in 1970 to encourage broadcasters to better their communities through public service efforts.

The awards competition is judged by a panel of the entrants' broadcasting peers and on the basis of accepted professional standards.

## Devotional

### 'In times of trial'

By Paul S. Veazey

"Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love Him" (James 1:12 NIV).

During bird-hunting season last year, I came upon a long-forgotten persimmon tree on my father-in-law's farm. Perched in the top of the tree was a satisfied visitor (opossum) enjoying the pleasures of the golden purple persimmons.

This sight brought back a flood of boyhood memories. I was once again reminded of the bitter taste and puckered mouth that had resulted from eating "green" persimmons. At first, they would taste sweet, but a little later their puckering bitterness became dominant. As a youngster I quickly learned to be patient and wait for the fruit to ripen under the harsh conditions of nature.

An unusual trait of the persimmon is that it improves with the harshness of the elements of nature. While frost and cold spoil most fruits, they transform the persimmon into a tasty fruit. The more snow and the harder it freezes, the more sugary and tasty persimmons become. Persimmons do not merely make the "best" of nature's harsh treatment; they make the most of it. When they have endured enough of these hardships, they lose all trace of puckery bitterness and become sweet and delicious.

Some people are like persimmons. While disappointments and difficulties embitter and spoil many, other persimmon-like souls become sweeter and more delightful as they endure life's heavy snows and bitter, freezing weather. In times of trial and testing, many people will display weakness. They assume that loss, disappointment, or defeat means failure. Actually, life's misfortunes can mean opportunity. Your handicaps, your deficiencies, your frustrations, and your defeats may be the very means by which you discover the true joys of your Christian experience.

The satisfied opossum was reluctant to leave this feast of sweetness. Perhaps you and I should not be in such a rush to flee from our trials and testings. Their end results could be sweet experiences in life. Let us learn to trust God each day. —Veazey is pastor of Maplewood Baptist Church, Paris.



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# Allen, Falwell to present views on 'family' at Atlanta seminar

NASHVILLE (BP) — A Southern Baptist television executive and a well-known television preacher will present differing viewpoints on the role of families during a Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission seminar.

Jimmy Allen, president of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, and Jerry Falwell, pastor of Thomas Road Baptist Church in Lynchburg, Va., will speak during the seminar on "Strengthening Families," March 22-24 in Atlanta.

According to Harry Hollis, director of family and special moral concerns for the commission and director of the seminar, "Jimmy Allen and Jerry Falwell have taken different approaches in the way they have dealt with family matters. This should make for a lively exchange of ideas as the two deal with

the same subject, 'Strengthening Families in the Nation.'"

The seminar, which will help kick off a three-year denominational Bold Mission Thrust emphasis on "Strengthening Families," also will feature leading family and marriage specialists David Mace, James Dobson, Joyce Landorf, and Dorothy Sample.

Speakers slated for the seminar are U.S. Congressman Claude Pepper of Florida; Wayne Oates, professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at the Louisville University School of Medicine; and former Vice-president Walter Mondale.

Other seminar speakers include Kenneth Chafin, author and pastor of South Main Baptist Church, Houston; Charles Petty, executive director for the North Carolina Governor's Office of Citizen Affairs; David Edens, director of family and community studies at Stephens College, Columbia, Mo.; William Lawson, pastor of Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church, Houston; and Neal T. Jones, pastor, and H. Dale Keeton, counseling minister, both of Columbia Baptist Church, Falls Church, Va.

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# Our People and Our Churches ...

## PEOPLE...

Antioch Baptist Church, Humboldt, ordained Aubrey Wilson, Billy Stegall, Joe Joyner, and Steve Sanders as deacons Dec. 13. Gibson County Baptist Association Director of Missions Ken Sparkman questioned the candidates and delivered the ordination sermon. A. Kim Cawley, pastor of the church, presented the charge to the new deacons.

Park Avenue Baptist Church, Memphis, ordained Eddie Campbell, Bruce Harman, and Frank Picara as deacons during December. Bill Belva is the pastor of the church.

## Citizen's Corner

By Jerry M. Self  
Public affairs and Christian life consultant

At the present time, gambling is illegal in Tennessee except pinball machine gambling, which will be outlawed after June 30, 1982, and charitable bingo, which will be outlawed on July 1, 1983.

At least four bills have been introduced before the Tennessee General Assembly to make major changes in the charitable bingo laws.

A special select committee has drafted SB 1528 for the Senate and its companion in the House, HB 1463. This column reported on that bill last week. In brief, the bill would control charitable bingo until it is outlawed in 1983. It limits prizes to \$100 per day and limits games to three days per week or 105 days in a year's time.

Senator James White of Memphis has introduced two different bills on charitable bingo. The first, SB 1641, would allow those who operate the bingo game to receive a reasonable wage. Charities conducting a bingo game would pay a fee of \$1,000 annually and pay a one percent tax on gross receipts. This bill also repeals the law outlawing bingo in 1983.

White's second bill, SB 1642, does not repeal the outlawing of bingo. It allows prizes of \$1,500 per hand and \$7,000 per set of games.

A number of other legislators have sponsored a fourth bingo bill. In the House, Representative Ralph Yelton of Kingsport and 21 other representatives have sponsored HB 1609. Carl Moore of Bristol and other senators have sponsored its companion, SB 1854.

This bill would allow prizes valued up to \$1,000 per day and would limit games to two games per week. The bill calls for an annual fee for those who sponsor bingo games of \$150. The bill would also repeal the law which brings an end to bingo in 1983.

The select committee bill, SB 1528/HB 1463, is the best choice of these bills. It would control charitable bingo until bingo is outlawed in 1983. The next best choice is not to pass any of these bills and resist any attempts to repeal the law which would do away with bingo in 1983.

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First Baptist Church, Lexington, ordained E. R. Scott, Ronnie Barron, and Bennie Scott into its deacon ministry Dec. 20. Hoyt Wilson is the pastor of the church.

Andrew F. McClarney was licensed for Christian service by Smith Springs Baptist Church, Nashville, Jan. 6. McClarney is a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. The church's pastor is John Joslin.

Mr. and Mrs. Asa Greenwell celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Dec. 25. The couple are members of First Baptist Church, McEwen, where Thomas Drake is pastor.

Terry Hasting was recently ordained as a deacon of Parkview Baptist Church, Lewisburg. The pastor of the church is Roy Porter.

Fisher's Creek Baptist Church, Rogersville, recently ordained A. J. Davis and Edward Frost into the deacon ministry. John Parrott is the church's pastor.

Wayne Boyd was ordained into the gospel ministry Dec. 20 by First Baptist Church, Clarksville. Boyd is a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., and Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Cal. John David Laida is pastor of the church.

Gath Baptist Church, McMinnville, ordained Jimmy Blankenship, Terry Hines, Bill Tanner, and Jimmy Vaughn as deacons Dec. 27. Dewey Robinson, pastor of Stevens Street Baptist Church in Cookeville, presented the charge to the deacons, and Gath Pastor Philip Dougan presented the charge to the church.

Jim Baker was ordained into the ministry Jan. 17 by First Baptist Church, Memphis. Baker, a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Tex., is minister of activities at First Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss. Earl Davis is the pastor of the Memphis church.

Willie Bilbrey, Eugene Foust, and John F. Smith were ordained as deacons of First Baptist Church, Pleasant Hill, Jan. 17. These are the first deacons elected by the church since its constitution June 14. Gerald Atkins brought the charge to the deacons, and James Gary presented the charge to the church. Earl A. Northern is the pastor of the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Turpin celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary Jan. 17. The Turpins are members of Park Avenue Baptist Church, Memphis, where Bill Belva is pastor.

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Blanche Hope, wife of retired Rhea County Pastor Harvey Hope, died Dec. 27. The memorial service was held at First Baptist Church, Spring City, with Ken Clayton, pastor of Crossville's First Baptist Church, officiating.

## LEADERSHIP...

Larry Curtis resigned as minister of education of First Baptist Church, Memphis, effective Jan. 25. Curtis will move to Shreveport, La., where he will be minister of education at First Baptist Church there. Earl Davis is the pastor of the Memphis church.

East Rogersville Baptist Church, Rogersville, recently called John Roger Helton to come as its minister of music. Basil Jones is the pastor of the church.

Ronnie Galloway resigned as minister of music at Antioch Baptist Church, Athens. Galloway's last day with the church was Jan. 10. Virgil R. Peters is the church's pastor.

Madison Baptist Church, Jackson, recently called Alex Hilliard as minister of youth. Hilliard, a sophomore at Union University in Jackson, will also lead Madison's children's church. The pastor of the church is Gerald O. Smith.

Mark Mangrum accepted a call from Spring Creek Baptist Church, Spring Creek, to come as its minister of youth. Mangrum, of Fairview, is a junior at Union University, Jackson. The church's pastor is Elmer Cole.

Ray Jones Jr. resigned as pastor of Main Street Baptist Church, Lake City, to accept the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Wise, Va., Jan. 10.

Westover Baptist Church, Jackson, recently called Gene Vincent as associate pastor. Vincent, of Millington,

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is a student of Union University, Jackson. Dwight W. Mercer is pastor of the church.

Wayne Todd began Jan. 4 as assistant pastor of Judson Baptist Church, Nashville. Todd, retired from full-time ministry, has held pastorates in Tennessee, Mississippi, and Kentucky. He is also a former secretary of the Church Media Library Department at the Baptist Sunday School Board. A native of Mississippi, he is a graduate of Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. H. Raymond Langlois is the pastor at Judson.

Allen Woodhouse was recently called as minister of music and youth by Gibson Baptist Church, Gibson. Woodhouse is a student at Union University, Jackson. The church's pastor is Randy P. Latch.

## CHURCHES...

Southside Baptist Church, Martin, recently dedicated its new auditorium. W. C. Tuten, a former pastor of the church, presented the dedication day message. Jerry Powell is the church's present pastor.

First Baptist Church, Hixson, occupied its new educational building Jan. 10. The 12,000-square-foot building houses a fellowship hall, kitchen, and classrooms. A dedication service is planned for Feb. 7. The church's pastor is Bobby Douglas.

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## BIBLE BOOK SERIES

Lesson for Feb. 7

# The King declares Himself

By Jerry Oakley, pastor  
Springfield Baptist Church, Springfield

Basic Passage: Matthew 21:1-22

Focal Passages: Matthew 21:4-16

Chapter twenty-one marks the beginning of the last week of the life of Jesus. The time period covered is brief, but of great significance. He is giving the nation of Israel a last chance at salvation. If they had recognized Him and yielded in faith to Him, there would have been no judgment but mercy. However, our study is the story of rejection and tragedy brought about by this rejection.

In verses 1-11 we have the account of the royal entry. In this account Jesus is deliberately fanning a fire of enthusiasm. Many have said this account cannot be accurate because Jesus customarily avoided occasions of excessive enthusiasm.



Oakley

We must remember that we are now in the last days of the life of Jesus. Jesus is deliberately dramatizing His claim to Kingship. He has spoken and His words have gone unheard; but now He is acting out His message in the hope that it will be seen and understood.

Matthew remains true to his method of revealing the Old Testament prophecy fulfilled by the actions of Jesus. The royal entry of Jesus fulfills the prophecy of Zechariah (Zechariah 9:9) which stresses kingship and humility.

The entry has every mark of the carrying out of plans carefully made in advance. Jesus mentions Bethpage for the first time. Its exact location is unknown, but it was very close to Bethany. Jesus sent His disciples to bring animals already requested and ready for His use. The phrase "The Lord hath need of them" would assure the owner that the men were sent by Jesus.

It was no accident that Jesus chose an animal of burden upon which to make His royal entry. Jesus was stressing that His kingdom was a kingdom based on humility and not grandeur.

One author has well pointed out that, "In western lands the ass is a despised beast; but in eastern lands the ass could be a noble animal. Often a king came riding upon an ass, but when he came upon an ass, it was the sign that he came in peace. The horse was the mount of war; the ass was the mount of peace."

Jesus was the "Prince of Peace." His words were, "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you" (John 14:27).

The crowds gathered in Jerusalem for the Passover paid their tribute to Jesus with shouts of "Hosanna," meaning

"Save now!" It was a cry for deliverance and help in their time of need, addressed to their king or their god. They responded, but they did not fully understand His deliberate Messianic claim.

Jesus continued to the Temple. This also was a preplanned action. Jesus had come to Jerusalem, the heart of the nation, and now He continued to the Temple, the heart of the city. Jesus knew that until a cleansing took place in the Temple, there could be no cleansing of the nation.

This is still true in our day. Until there is a purity of purpose in the church, there can be no purifying of the nation. God's people have to be dedicated to God's purpose through a purity of worship and prayer. Then they can imprint their unique mark of morality and righteousness upon a sinful nation.

In verses 12-14, we have the account of the cleansing of the Temple. There were two kinds of trading going on in the Temple.

First, there was the trading of money. A person had to use a certain type coinage, the coinage of Tyre, to pay the half-shekel Temple tax. The "money changers" were those receiving the fee for changing all other moneys to the specified kind. Obviously they were practicing some short changing for further profits.

Second, there were those who were selling doves to be used for sacrifices. One could buy doves cheaper in the countryside, but they were usually judged to be unfit for sacrifice by the Temple inspectors. So the people were forced to buy the more expensive doves sold in the Temple.

Jesus attacked this exploitation of the people. How could people worship in a Temple filled with such unjust practices?

Jesus has never and never will approve of profiteering in the name of Christianity. This is true whether it occurs in the present-day church or over the airwaves via television or radio. It is still His sacred message being exploited. No man shall be judged blameless who interferes with the worship of God.

The religious leaders were displeased with Jesus. First, He had led away their followers. They could hear the children praising Him. The children, in their simplicity, grasped the profoundness of the message of Jesus. Second, He had interfered with the religious leaders' lucrative Temple practices.

There are times when thoughts of gain crowd out the clarity of truth. God help us when those thus blinded are our religious leaders, for much heartache will be the consequence of this fact. Jesus will lead us in the conquest against such practice if we will seek His leadership and follow His truth.

## UNIFORM LESSON SERIES

Lesson for Feb. 7

# Jesus reinterprets worship

By Robert M. Shurden, associate professor of religion  
Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City

Basic Passage: John 4:7-26

Focal Passages: John 4:7-14, 19-26

One writer, who had done an extensive study of worship in the New Testament, maintained that "worship is the self-portrayal of religion."

In worship, people of faith bear witness to the sources upon which their faith is based, express their expectations and hopes, and make known the forces which sustain their religious commitment. The heart of our religion is probably more directly visible in worship than in all our statements of principles, sentiments, and theology. The practice of worship can either confirm or contradict our theories about God, the Bible, sin, and loving ministry to the world.



Shurden

Jesus never gave a systematic or exhaustive discourse on the characteristics and approved procedures for Christian worship. However, His own practice of personal prayer and regularity of attendance at the synagogue and temple underscores the importance of worship for people of religious commitment.

In the passage under consideration in this lesson, we find Jesus in conversation with a woman of Samaria about the subjects of living water (John 4:7-15) and genuine worship. The events discussed by John lead up to one of the most arresting statements ever made by Jesus. The Lord said, "The hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship Him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth" (John 4:23-24).

In the verses encompassing this startling pronouncement, one is able to discern several of the major marks of genuine Christian worship advocated by Jesus. The verses suggest that true worship is a response to God's loving and compassionate initiative toward His creation.

Passing through Samaria, an area usually avoided by orthodox Jews, Jesus engaged one of its inhabitants in conversation. He transcended usual racial, sexual, and religious barriers of His day. He initiated the conversation with a request for a drink of water (John 4:7), an act which surprised the Samaritan who was aware of the practice of Jews' and Samaritans' avoidance of one another. Jesus spoke of the gift of God and of living water which He provided for eternal life. The woman exclaimed, "Give me this water, that I thirst not" (John 4:15).

The incident reminds us that the Son of Man came to seek and save the lost; that He sought us even while we were yet sin-

ners; and that He accepted us even though others reject us. Awareness of such grace on His part becomes the proper motive for praise and worship of Him. One does not worship in order to receive, but because he has received the mercies of God. A personal relationship by faith with God, who loves each as though there was no other, precedes one's authentic response in worship.

A second mark of worship surfaces in verses 16-19, which begin with Jesus abruptly commanding the woman to call her husband. The woman's denial that she had a husband was deceptive and evasive and suggests her own consciousness of sexual immorality. Jesus applauded the truth of her statement and implicit confession. "Thou hast well said, I have no husband: for thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband" (John 4:17-18).

From the exchange the woman arrived at a deeper perception of Jesus: "I perceive that Thou art a prophet" (John 4:19). Jesus' prophetic capacity of criticizing the woman, based on His hope for her, encouraged her to face the fact of sinfulness. She immediately began to inquire about worship as an avenue for sacrifice and forgiveness. Therefore, worship involves introspection — the acknowledgement of a need for forgiveness. It is not a ritual reserved for the perfect, but an intimacy open to sinners.

Jesus emphasized another facet of true worship in verses 20-24. Jews and Samaritans were segregated for many reasons; but nothing was more a focus of alienation than their respective beliefs about where one must worship. Jews worshipped in Jerusalem, the city of God. Samaritans regarded Mt. Gerizim as the place of God's residence and, therefore, the sacred place for worship. The emphasis of both groups was upon where to worship.

Jesus, on the contrary, magnified who and how to worship. Being spirit, God is not confined to things or places; nor can He be claimed by any one people alone. Hence, to worship Him in spirit and truth may mean that the worshipper must acknowledge the universal presence of God and His availability to all. Therefore, true worship is collective and non-exclusive in nature.

Jesus did, in fact, reinterpret first-century notions about worship. In relation to God, He saw it as a response to grace; in relation to self, it involved a penitence of spirit; and in relation to others, it requires an inclusiveness of participation.

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## LIFE AND WORK SERIES

### Lesson for Feb. 7

# Questions of conscience

By Ben W. Bledsoe, chaplain  
Memphis Correctional Center, Memphis

Basic Passage: 1 Corinthians 8:1 to 11:1

Focal Passages: 1 Corinthians 8:9-13; 10:23-29a, 31

I decided we needed a smoke detector for our house. The salesman assured me that the siren would sound at the first indication of fire.

I asked how the smoke detector could distinguish between a dangerous fire and a guest's cigarette smoke, something burning in the oven, or my fireplace failing to draw properly.

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To a machine, smoke is smoke. If it is set to pick up early smoke, it becomes a nuisance. If it holds off its warning until the smoke is heavier, it could be useless in a night-time fire.



Bledsoe

Some people face the same problems with their conscience that I did with my smoke detector. There are those who have a conscience so sensitive they cannot rest. Others seem to never get an indication from conscience that anything is wrong. A properly functioning conscience is a valuable guide to life.

The Corinthian Christians were struggling with the question of eating the meat of animals that had been sacrificed on altars of idols. Is the meat spiritually contaminated? Suppose I buy it at the market and do not know where it came from? What if it is served at a banquet where I am a guest? It was a problem of conscience.

Paul's answer took into account Christian liberty, responsibility to "weaker" Christians, priorities, and values. He could not just say, "Under no circumstances should a Christian eat such meat." Neither could he say, "It's okay to eat it whenever you want to." There were some serious factors of "meaning" involved. What does your eating this meat mean to you? And what does it mean to people who know you eat the meat?

Paul's argument is logical and loving. First he confirms the nonexistence of idolatrous gods (8:4). For a Christian who knows the only true God, sacrifice to an idol is meaningless. However, states Paul, some believe strongly in other gods, and the sacrifices have great significance to them. The Christian cannot assume that other people have the same understanding about life that he has.

Christians need to be aware of the significance of their actions on others. For something as unimportant as where your steak dinner came from, would you let a friend go to hell? (8:9-13).

"If the source of the meat is not an issue, don't worry about it," says Paul (10:25, 27). It becomes an issue for the Christian when it is an issue for the unbeliever (10:28). The glory of God and the salvation of the lost are higher priorities than your eating habits (10:31-33).

The function of conscience is to judge

our actions and anticipated actions by internal standards. By doing something we feel to be wrong, we say our conscience is bothering us. Others may accuse us of wrongdoing for which we feel no guilt and we say our conscience is clear.

Poets, authors, and playwrights frequently use the inner conflict with conscience as a theme for writing. People who have difficulty reconciling their behavior with their conscience suffer emotional stress and mental illness.

We can probably assume that everyone has a conscience; but how well it is developed depends on several factors. Some of these factors are religious, some social, some cultural, and some personal. In the book of Romans, Paul seems to imply that our conscience is sharpened by laws (Romans 7:7). In other words, we are taught right and wrong by authorities such as parents, church, and God. These teachers are frequently believed without question. By the time we mature enough to question authority, our conscience has become strongly set. Retraining a malformed conscience is a difficult, though not an impossible, task.

I have found it stimulating and edifying to raise questions of conscience among Christian groups. When we examine the sources of our beliefs, we frequently discover their bases in something other than God's will. Christian growth occurs in these discussions when questions are examined openly and lovingly.

The freedom we have in Christ can be shared and taught. Many sincere Christians live lives of bondage to rules of tradition. Because of such a sincere desire to do right and please God, as they understand Him, they have severely limited their life and ministry. Paul is teaching that Christian love will often forego its liberty for the sake of another. He is also teaching that we have a greater responsibility to love than to law.

One of the tests for a mentally healthy religion, designed by Howard Clinebell (Mental Health Through Christian Community, Abingdon, p. 30-54), deals with this issue. Clinebell asks, "Does your religion provide well-defined, significant, ethical guidelines, or does it emphasize ethical trivia?"

It is easier to answer that question so long as the conflict does not involve the sincerely-held beliefs of another. Often it requires more wisdom than what Martin Luther suggested — "Love God and sin bravely."

## Committee fights jury duty bill

COLUMBIA, S.C. (BP)— A proposed bill in the South Carolina legislature which would automatically exempt ministers from jury service is being opposed by South Carolina Baptists.

The South Carolina Baptist Convention's Christian Life and Public Affairs Committee prepared a statement opposing the bill, currently in the South Carolina Senate's Judiciary Committee, and has written a letter to J. Woodrow Lewis, chief justice of the state's supreme court.

"The Committee believes it would be contradictory to encourage laypersons to be responsible citizens, while asking for ministers to be relieved of citizenship responsibilities," said E. C. Watson, assistant to the state convention's executive secretary-treasurer.

The committee, he added, does not believe the withdrawal of ministers from jury duty should be encouraged unless it "seriously conflicts with pastoral responsibilities."

Watson added the committee believes ministers should serve on juries because their "expertise and training" enhances the judicial process.

The senate bill became an issue for the Baptist committee after it was reported

last summer that two pastors in Union, S.C., were required to serve on juries in magistrate court cases involving members of their own congregations.

In light of the two cases, the committee noted it intends to make the legislative committee "aware of the fact that some abuse has occurred" and ask corrective action of those abuses, but not the automatic exemption of ministers from jury service.

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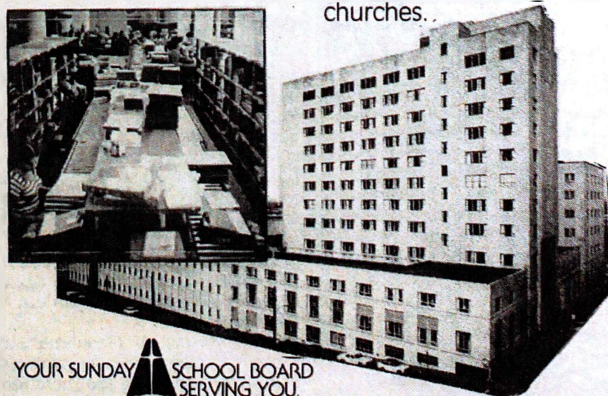
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# Filipino center opens second training site

BISLIG, Philippines (BP) — BOOST now has a younger brother.

Southern Baptist Missionary Harold Watson, prompted by success of the first BOOST (Baptist Out of School Training) program at the Mindanao Baptist Rural Life Center, has opened a second training site at the satellite Rural Life Center at Bislig in the eastern portion of the island of Mindanao.

Like the original program at Bansalan, the new location can accommodate 20 students for four months of training in practical agriculture, strengthening of Bible understanding, literacy teaching, and help in understanding their culture. Both programs are funded through Southern Baptist world hunger contributions.

"It's a means of providing skills to the out of school so that they become productive farmers," says Warlito Lakiquhon, assistant director and supervisor of training at the Rural Life Center at Bansalan. "It is an exercise in self-reliance and self-sufficiency."

Trainees are taught how to plant a FAITH (Food Always In The Home) garden and how to begin and maintain projects for raising goats, ducks, and fish for food. They also learn how to plant and maintain crops and retain and improve topsoil on steep hillsides in the Rural Life Center's SALT (Sloping Agricultural Land Technology) program.

Selected primarily for training are Baptist young people no longer attending school and generally unskilled. Their local Baptist church and Baptist associa-



**GARDEN FOR TRAINEES** — Putting finishing touches on one of the gardens for the new BOOST (Baptist Out of School Training) center at Bislig, Philippines, are Missionary Harold Watson (in cowboy hat) and some Filipino workers.

tion must recommend them.

"We see the agriculture program here tying into rapid church growth," says Watson. "In BOOST, one-fourth of their training is in Bible. We try to provide for them a little 'spiritual tool box' — a little doctrine, a little sermon preparation."

The BOOST schedule at both locations during 1982 will include two four-month sessions for Baptist young people, and one month each for older trainees who are church leaders and for non-Baptist young people. The four-month sessions,

rather than the earlier three-month schedule, will allow trainees to see an entire growth cycle for many plants.

Trainees live five to a house in buildings constructed (in Filipino fashion) of locally available materials. Those in each house elect their own leader and work as a team on farming and animal projects. The houses carry the labels H, O, P, and E, standing for "Home Of Progressive Examples."

Setting examples is one key to BOOST. As at the original center, the Filipino in-

structors at the Bislig BOOST Center — Eddie Lawian, who directs religious activities, and Nelson Palada, resident agriculturalist — live in homes near the trainees, thereby becoming continual models.

The full daily schedule for trainees includes practical farm work, Bible class, and demonstrations. Even the houses, the same size as many Filipino homes, are designed to provide examples of efficient use of space and design. The assignment of five students per house "is a lesson in family planning (mother, father, and three children) without imposing it on them," explains Lakiquhon.

When trainees return to their homes and put into practice some of the newly-learned agricultural methods, the community recognizes them as having been trained, and the projects become examples for others.

Some who have finished the course have later returned to school, and at least four are now attending Mindanao Baptist Bible College, Davao City.

The Bislig center, initially funded for three years, will be reviewed periodically with a view of extending the program. However, 10 years will be the maximum life of the center, says Watson, to avoid creating a permanent project that could outlive its usefulness.

After 10 years, "The facilities would be used as a Baptist camp for eastern Mindanao," explains Watson. Facilities at the satellite Rural Life Center will be used for Baptist conferences even while BOOST is going on, he adds.

## At Memphis hospital

### Sibling class prepares children to be helpers

The 40 children ranged in age from two to 10 and had one thing in common — expectant mothers.

Parents brought the children from throughout the Mid-South to the 417-bed Baptist Memorial Hospital East in Memphis to prepare them to become helpers, not hindrances, after the baby arrives.

The occasion was the semi-monthly class for siblings conducted by the hospital's registered nurses at no cost to the parents.

During the two-hour educational experience, the children learned lots of things they could do to help Mommy and Daddy with the new baby and an equally long list of things they should avoid.

Baptist Memorial offers the classes to lead children to become helpers rather than competitors with the new baby for the attention of parents, Joseph H. Powell, president, explained.

Since the first class last year, the interest of parents has soared. Graduates in 1981 totaled 800. Now physicians distribute folders on the classes to expectant mothers during their pregnancy. Parents then enroll their children in the class a short time before their new baby brother or sister is to arrive.

Classes usually begin on a tearful note and move up the scale.

"I'm scared, Mommy," cried one little boy as the children prepared to move down the hall to the large, carpeted classroom. Others locked their arms around the knees of their parents.

However, most of the children walked willingly with the nurses. They carried the more difficult cases, using quiet conversation to build a trusting relationship with the youngsters. Once parents were out of sight, the children put on happy faces as they responded to the experience.

The nurses, who care for almost 5,000

new babies at Baptist East every year, warmed to their instructional duties immediately.

"Who is going to get a new baby at your home?" the nurse asked.

Every hand shot up from the group, many sitting on their knees in the chairs with their elbows resting on the long table.

"Who knows what new babies look like?" the nurse continued.

She got several responses, but none satisfied her. Displaying a doll, she explained, "A baby has a big head and a small neck. That's why the baby's head wobbles all around at first." Then the

## Seminary in Poland continues operation

WARSAW, Poland (BP) — Despite difficult times in Poland, the Baptist Theological Seminary in Warsaw has kept its door open, and Baptist churches are growing.

Universities in Poland reopened only for graduating classes and postgraduate students after the holiday break, but the seminary started a new class with 14 beginning students, according to Knud Wumpelmann, general secretary of the European Baptist Federation, who recently returned to Germany after a trip into Poland.

Polish Baptists baptized more than 100 converts during 1981, Wumpelmann reported, increasing the membership of the Polish Baptist Union's congregations to 2,600 believers.

Because evening services and weekday meetings begin early enough to allow those attending to get home before the curfew, church activities have not been affected under martial law in Poland, said Piotr Dajludzio, president of the union.

nurse showed the children the correct way to hold a baby to support its head.

"Babies also crunch up their arms and legs. Do you know why?" Again, responses were less than adequate. "That's because they are comfortable in that position," the nurse explained.

"New babies have something on their tummy called a cord. When that falls off, you've got a what," the nurse asked.

"A belly button," the children chorused.

"Some of the babies you will see in the nursery will have dirty feet," the nurse explained. "That's because we put ink on their feet and make foot prints for their mothers."

Then the instructor began a detailed description about babies in general.

Turning to the needs of babies, the nurse asked the children what babies need.

"Milk," the youngsters replied. "And why do babies drink milk?"

"Because they don't have any teeth," a child answered.

"What else do babies need?" the nurse asked.

"Love," a child volunteered.

"That's right. The babies need you to love them."

Next, the children took a field trip, visiting the nursery, the waiting room, and the nurses' station.

Returning to an instructional setting, the nurse asked the children what babies do all the time.

"Sleep," the youngsters said.

"That's correct. They have small tummies and can't eat much, but they eat often. That's why they want food at night. Sometimes it's nice for you to play quietly and not wake the baby so Mommy can rest."

"What else do babies do?" the nurse asked.

"They cry."

"Why?" she questioned.

"They have wet diapers."

The nurse explained that babies cannot walk to the bathroom, so they wet their diapers. Then she added, "Another reason babies cry is because they are lonesome. You can help Mommy by talking to the baby. You also can help Mommy feed the baby and you can help Daddy dry the dishes. You also can help Mommy by picking up your toys."

"When your mommy is in the hospital, you can help Daddy and Grandmother find things. Many daddys don't know where everything is."

The children also learned they could help their mothers change the baby's diapers.

"But make sure you wash your hands before you touch the baby. Your hands may be dirty from playing outside," the nurse said.

Following a demonstration from the nurse, each child received a doll and a diaper and practiced a diaper change.

"The first thing you do is peek inside the diaper and make sure it is only wet. If it is more than wet, you call Mommy."

"Look how good Melanie is doing," the nurse told the children. "Why, Jeffrey is already an expert!"

To close out the instruction, the nurse gave the children small containers of baby formula to taste and sprinkled baby body powder on their hands for them to smell. The instructors reinforced the learning experience with a puppet show and invited waiting parents to view it too.

The children received certificates as "graduates" of the sibling class and a promise that Mommy would bring them a "Super Brother" or "Super Sister" T-shirt when she brought her new baby home from the hospital.