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TBC disaster team rushes to Fort Wayne

A Tennessee Baptist disaster team responded quickly to assist with disaster relief needs in Fort Wayne, Ind., after floodwaters drove thousands from their homes.

The Tennessee Baptist Convention disaster relief unit left Brentwood about 6 p.m., March 18, just hours after receiving an invitation from the American Red Cross. They were called to assist with the feeding of several thousand volunteers who were making sandbags and helping to build dikes to hold back the floodwaters from the city's three major rivers that crested at near record levels.

By Friday morning, March 19, the unit was on site at the Allen County Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne.

When the Tennesseans arrived on the scene, another unit, a private catering service, was already set up on the site, assisting the Red Cross disaster relief efforts. Pooling resources, the units decided to work together, with the catering service preparing meals and the Tennessee Baptists serving the meals. During Friday and Saturday, about 3,000 meals were served.

In addition to serving the volunteers, several of the Tennessee Baptists, escorted by Fort Wayne police, delivered meals to flood victims who were without food.

The team of Tennessee Baptists included 15 team members who have been trained in disaster response. They went to Indiana equipped not only to provide and serve meals, but to administer first aid.



SERVING HUNGRY VOLUNTEERS — Team members of the Tennessee Baptist disaster team serve a warm meal to volunteers in Fort Wayne, Ind. The volunteers, mostly youth, were tired and hungry after many hours of making sandbags and helping to repair dikes to hold back floodwaters.

They carried supplies for about 6,000 meals and had made arrangements with the American Red Cross to restock their supplies if they had been needed. The unit also carried disposable diapers and baby food, and some cases of Bibles.

While primarily concerned with meeting physical needs during a disaster, the team members are continually aware of spiritual hunger, according to Archie King, Brotherhood director of the Tennessee Baptist Convention and coordinator for the disaster response program.

Included in the team were King, his son, Keith; Kenny Rains, assistant

director of the Brotherhood department; Larry Duke, a layman from Belmont Heights Baptist Church, Nashville; Bob Johnson, pastor of La Guardo Baptist Church, Lebanon; Julian Stone, a member of the La Guardo church; Gale Lyon, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Oak Ridge; and eight laymen from the Oak Ridge church.

Several other Tennessee Baptist disaster teams had been alerted and were on standby, ready to go if needed.

However, by Saturday afternoon, floodwaters had begun to recede and many of the volunteers were no longer needed. Rains that had been forecast for

Saturday moved south and missed the Fort Wayne area, according to King. If the rains had hit, several additional areas of the city would have been in danger, and relief efforts would have needed to increase.

King said he felt good about the contribution they were able to make even though they stayed only two days, leaving Fort Wayne on Saturday afternoon.

"Thanks to the Southern Baptists and some other people who came to help, all of the volunteers at the coliseum were fed," said Michael Snyder, a Red Cross public information officer.

In addition to the Tennessee unit, Baptists were at work across the city. Several of the Southern Baptist churches opened their doors to house those made homeless by the floodwaters. Fort Wayne's Northridge Baptist Church provided a place for the Tennessee volunteers to stay and Baptists from several Fort Wayne area churches helped the Tennesseans serve the meals.

King said local Baptists also delivered some additional food, baby food, and disposable diapers to flood victims who needed them.

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Okla. vans aid tornado victims

ADA, Okla. (BP) — Two Oklahoma Baptist disaster relief vehicles were on the scene the morning after tornadoes left 400 homeless in Ada, Okla., March 15.

Another in the series of spring tornadoes that swept Oklahoma destroyed Virginia Avenue Baptist Church in Bartlesville while 30 people huddled and prayed in a hallway.

In Ada, the tornado damaged 75 homes, including 50 trailers in a mobile home park, injured 35 people, and killed one. Two self-contained units manned by volunteers from the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma set up near the mobile home park and served 500 hot meals the next day.

The Virginia Avenue church sanctuary, valued at \$1-million, was a complete loss. The storm lifted the roof and blew down two walls. The storm also blew away the roof and all the windows of an adjacent three-story educational building. The church was insured for \$800,000.

As the tornado approached, 30 people, including some area residents who had come to the church for shelter, huddled in a hallway near the library. The hallway acted as a vacuum tube when the windows went, and immediately filled with glass, but there were no injuries.

"We're going to take a negative experience and make a positive thing out of it," said Virginia Avenue Pastor Ralph Dershem. "We will definitely rebuild and continue to serve this community."

Belmont trustees elect Troutt as president

William E. Troutt was elected as president of Belmont College, Nashville, by the trustees at a March 18 meeting. He will assume the position on June 1, becoming the third president in the Baptist college's 31-year history.

After serving as executive vice-president of the college since January 1981, Troutt will succeed Herbert C. Gabhart, who served as president since 1959. On June 1, Gabhart will become chancellor, a position created for him by the trustees last December.

Before coming to Belmont, Troutt was an advisor to colleges in long-range planning and financial development for McManis Associates of Washington, D.C., for three years. Earlier he had served as assistant director of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission and as admissions counselor at Union University, Jackson.

In his position as executive vice-president, Troutt has been involved in recent months in a planning process for the college. He notes he has talked with over 100 middle Tennessee pastors concerning the ministry of Belmont College.

Troutt told the Baptist and Reflector that "Belmont College must be distinctively Christian in every way, a school

with high academic and moral standards, a school that affirms the authority of God's Word, and a school that is an ally of the church and home."

The new president continued, "These

represent some fundamental objectives that the college must achieve as we try to be the best Baptist college possible. Our first priority is service to Tennessee Baptists; after all, this is the primary reason for our existence," he said.

A native of Bolivar, Troutt is a graduate of Union University, the University of Louisville, and George Peabody College of Vanderbilt University, Nashville.

He has done additional study at Harvard University, University of Michigan, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Troutt is married to the former Carole Pearson, and the family includes two children: Carole Ann, 6, and Jack, 4.

The Troutts are members of Immanuel Baptist Church, Nashville.

In other action at their March 18 meeting, the trustees approved financial arrangements for the purchase of Belmont Court Apartments to relieve the need for more student housing.

The trustees were told by James Stamper, dean of the college, that enrollment for the spring semester was 1,741 — an all-time record for spring.

The next scheduled meeting of the college trustees will be June 10.



WILLIAM E. TROUTT
New Belmont College president

HMB elects officers; okays reorganization

ATLANTA (BP)— Directors of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board elected a new chairman and vice-chairmen, named three persons to new staff positions, approved a reorganization plan, and appointed 70 new missionaries during their spring meeting.

Clifton R. Tennison, pastor of First Baptist Church, West Monroe, La., was elected chairman, succeeding Howard B. Cockrum, a Knoxville contractor and land developer.

Implementing the first stages of a reorganization plan, the directors elected three persons to national staff positions and created two other staff positions yet to be filled.

Jack T. Merritt of Albuquerque, N.M., a former home missionary in New York and New Mexico and currently national consultant on volunteers for the Home Mission Board, was elected assistant director in the HMB special mission ministries department, effective April 1.

Two professionals in the HMB communication division were promoted to staff positions. Mark Sandlin, manager of photographic services, was elected director of photojournalism in the media department; and Karen Mitchell, graphic arts supervisor, was named

director of design services in the promotion department.

As a part of the reorganization, four divisions of the board changed titles and responsibilities for 13 existing staff members and three vacant positions. Two new positions were created but not yet filled — associate director of the communication division and director of human resources development in the personnel division.

The board's language missions division will operate with three new departments. Fermin A. Whittaker will head the ethnic church growth department, and Ramon Martinez will be director of the ethnic resource correlation department. A multi-ethnic ministries department was created, but no director was named.

In the communication division, the art services department was dissolved and its function and personnel assigned to three other departments. Most of the art services functions, under Miss Mitchell's direction, will be added to the promotion department. Jim Hurst, formerly associate director of the department, was named director of media art in the media department, and Anita King, formerly assistant director of the department, was named editor, styling/type-setting in the editorial department.

Walker Knight, director of the editorial department, will continue in that capacity, but Everett Hullum, editor of magazine publication services, was named editor of Missions/USA magazine. Knight will be senior editor of the magazine he has edited for the past 22 years. In the same department, HMB news editor Jim Newton was named editor of news and information services.

The audiovisuals department, headed by J. C. Durham, was re-named the media department. Sandlin, Hurst, and Wayne Grinstead, named director of media production, staff the department.

Two changes were made in the business services division. Accounting services, previously under the controller, was added to the division's

responsibilities. Payroll and employee benefits were separated, adding payroll to accounting services and employee benefits to the personnel division.

Wilson Mathews, director of payroll and employee benefits, was transferred to the new position as director of employee benefits in the personnel division. There currently are three vacancies in the division, headed by Margrette Stevenson, each given new titles by board action — director of counseling services, director of employment services, and director of human resources development.

Titles were also changed for two staff members in the research division — Leonard O. Hinton, is now evangelism researcher, and Jack L. Washington, is services researcher.

Tanner reports HMB plan to focus on reaching nation's 'mega' cities

ATLANTA (BP)— Although Southern Baptists are basically "a rural people," the denomination must focus major attention on the cities of America, Home Mission Board President William G. Tanner told directors at their spring meeting.

To meet the challenge of the cities, the Home Mission Board is seeking to develop a comprehensive and cohesive strategy called "Mega Focus Cities," Tanner said.

Miami and New York City, which were the subjects of a major SBC-wide mission study last month, will be the pilot projects this year in the Focus Cities' program, Tanner told the board. In 1983, the five focus cities will be Buffalo, Detroit, Baltimore, Louisville, and San Francisco.

Tanner stressed that while 46 percent of the nation's population lives in the nation's 50 most populous cities, only 17 percent of the SBC's churches and 25 percent of Baptist church members are in the cities. Total population of the 50 cities is more than 103-million, Tanner said.

In outlining major emphases for the Home Mission Board in the next few years, Tanner also said major attention will be given to a new evangelism program called Continuing Witness Training.

The pilot stage of Continuing Witness Training has been completed and major emphasis will be made on CWT in the next few years.

In addition to Tanner's report, board members also heard a presentation of plans for a Southern Baptist Pavilion at the World's Fair in Knoxville by David Peach, executive director of Baptist Ministries to the World's Fair.

Peach told of Home Mission Board support for the project, pointing out that almost all of the 21 staff members at

Baptist Ministries at the World's Fair are Christian Service Corps, Mission Service Corps, US-2, semester, or summer missionaries of the board.

Peach said the Southern Baptist Pavilion roof will form a 50-by-70-foot flag, visible from the top of the Sunisphere, the towering symbol of the fair.

Tomlin appointed TBCH associate

The executive committee of the Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes appointed Matt Tomlin as associate to Executive Director-Treasurer E. B. Bowen, a position Tomlin began March 8.

Tomlin, who will serve the institution in the areas of development and public relations, comes to TBCH from the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Selmer. He was previously pastor of Smith's Grove Baptist Church, Smith's Grove, Ky.; Henry Baptist Church, Henry; New Hope Baptist Church, New Hope; and Morris Chapel Baptist Church, Morris Chapel.

Tomlin is a former member of the Tennessee Baptist Convention Executive Board, the administrative committee of the TBC Executive Board, and the TBC committee on audits. He is a past vice-chairman of the Tennessee Baptist Foundation Board of Trustees, and a past president of the West Tennessee Baptist Pastors' Conference. He also served as moderator of the Shiloh Baptist Association, and as chairman of the association's finance committee.

A native of Hardeman County, Tomlin grew up in Jackson, where he graduated from Union University. He earned the master of divinity and doctor of ministry degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Don Ferguson called to first pastorate

Don Ferguson was called by Mount Carmel Baptist Church, Signal Mountain, to come to its pastorate; his first.

Ferguson, who began in January, is a native of Chattanooga. He is a graduate of Baptist Bible Institute, Graysville, Fla., and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, La.

Stewardship Commission adopts plan to train 9,000 lay speakers

NASHVILLE (BP)— Members of the Southern Baptist Convention's Stewardship Commission adopted a "Bold Mission Encounter" plan to train 9,000 lay speakers to present information about the Cooperative Program in every Southern Baptist church this year.

The plan calls for staff members of the Stewardship Commission to help state stewardship departments to train laymen in their states beginning in May. Each trained layman will then present to four churches information about the Cooperative Program, the unified budget through which Southern Baptists support state and national missions and education.

In other action at their annual meeting

J.B. Morris installed as Pulaski pastor

J. B. "Bill" Morris was installed as pastor of First Baptist Church, Pulaski, during a March 14 installation service.

Morris, who had served the church as its interim pastor since August, recently resigned as superintendent of the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home at Franklin to accept the pastorate full-time. He was named to the children's home in August 1980.

Morris was previously pastor of First Baptist Church, Dayton, and churches in Hixson; Huntsville; Hanceville, Heflin, and Grant, Ala.; and Cropper, Ky. He is a former member of the Tennessee and Alabama executive boards, and a past president of the Tennessee Baptist Pastors' Conference. He also led several committees in the Tennessee Valley Baptist Association.

A native of Bridgeport, Ala., Morris is a graduate of Samford University, Birmingham, Ala., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.



Morris

in Nashville, commissioners adopted a \$1,839,500 budget; re-elected E. Harmon Moore as chairman; and learned the Together We Build section helped 105 churches secure pledges from their membership of \$34,895,292 for building projects.

The largest single project is that of the First Baptist Church of Greenville, S.C., whose members committed \$3.4-million to build a 1,400-seat sanctuary and renovate the existing building into educational space.

In the eight years of the Together We Build program, 621 churches have committed \$174,452,459 to building projects.

Commissioners also learned that in 1981, Southern Baptists gave a record \$84,047,695 to missions and education through the national Cooperative Program, an increase of 14.7 percent over the previous year. Stewardship Commission Executive Director A. R. Fagan attributed the increase to the fact that 19 state conventions increased the percentage for the SBC Cooperative Program in their budgets.

On the local level, Fagan said the percentage of the undesignated collection plate dollar given to the state and SBC Cooperative Program rose from 8.34 percent to 8.89 percent of total church receipts.

Bees swarm van in Upper Volta

OUAGADOUGOU, Upper Volta (BP)— Southern Baptist Missionary Jim Foster was stung more than 200 times when a swarm of angry bees invaded the van in which two missionary families rode.

Foster and his wife, Dorothy, who was stung severely on the arms, face, and neck, were rushed to a nearby dispensary and then to a hospital in Ouagadougou for treatment of a violent reaction to the stings. Both Texans have been released.

Another missionary couple, Larry and Cheryl Cox of Mississippi and Tennessee, and the couples' five children, escaped with fewer stings. A bulldozer had uprooted a large Baobab tree near the road they were traveling, disturbing the bees' hive.

Another missionary family, Doug and Evelyn Knapp, and several Tanzanian Baptists suffered a similar attack last year in Tanzania. One of the women with the Knapps was hospitalized.



Stone



Sparks



Martin

Baptist educators discuss federal cuts in student aid

NASHVILLE (BP) — Despite proposed radical cuts in federal student aid programs, Southern Baptist educators are positive about the future of denominational higher education.

Representatives of 16 Southern Baptist affiliated schools, attending a consultation on student financial aid and federal tax policy, repeated their belief that if students want to attend Baptist schools, a way will be found to help them do so.

The consultation was called to consider the implications of President Reagan's plan to slash federal student aid programs by as much as 50 percent. The National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities estimates the proposed cuts could affect 500,000 of the 1.8-million students enrolled in private institutions in the nation.

The Southern Baptist educators were briefed on the status of Reagan's proposed cuts in federal student aid, discussed options open to them to provide needed assistance to their students, and looked at ways in which they can be more effective politically.

Howard Holcomb of Washington, a consultant on higher education, said there is "no solid indication of what kind of dollars we will have next year," as he described a "confusing situation" in Congress, the Education Department, and the Administration.

Holcomb said a showdown over the budget proposals likely will come in

April when Congress votes on increasing the national debt level. "The national debt probably will hit \$1.5-trillion by 1985. It is plain that we have overloaded the system ... overloaded it everywhere."

Of student loans, he commented that governmental regulations "have made them so complex that the whole business is about to fall down of its own weight."

Arthur L. Walker Jr., executive director-treasurer of the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, said the situation is a "near emergency," but added Southern Baptist schools "are in much better shape than are some of the independent institutions who have taken every kind of aid available and have thus become dependent on the federal government for up to a quarter or a third of their budgets."

Walker noted Baptists' traditional belief in the separation of church and state has prevented acceptance of aid to the institutions, and, with few exceptions, has limited Southern Baptist participation in federal programs to student aid.

It is difficult to estimate the impact of the proposed budget cuts on the 51 SBC-affiliated schools, "because they participate at different levels," he said, adding the amount received from federal sources comprises only a small part of the budgets of the schools.

Participants were encouraged to have various groups — trustees, students, administration, friends, faculty — discuss the question with members of Congress during the Easter break.

"They can talk with the members of Congress about the economic impact the cutbacks will have on the schools. We would like to encourage the legislators to consider each financial aid program on its own merits, and to consider the long-range implications," Walker said, adding that he hopes the Congress will be urged to make the cutbacks "in a phased way if they are believed to be absolutely necessary."

Several participants, including Basil Thomson Jr., general counsel of Baylor University in Waco, Tex., said Baptist schools traditionally have taken a position that "if a student wants to go to our school, we will find a way for them to come."

Among the ideas mentioned for helping students were increased campus-financed work-study programs, using students in more campus jobs, providing financing arrangements, using college placement offices to find student jobs, emphasizing more co-op education, and encouraging community involvement through jobs, scholarships, grants, or other means.

Thomson said the "bottom line" is increasing the endowments of the institutions.

Stevens undergoes quadruple bypass

FORT WORTH, Tex. (BP) — Paul M. Stevens, former president of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, is reported in good condition after heart surgery, March 15.

Stevens was admitted to Medical Plaza Hospital in Fort Worth after repeated attacks of angina. The 5-hour quadruple bypass was termed a success by doctors. Stevens was to remain in cardiac intensive care for several days.

The Mississippi native directed the work of the RTVC from 1953 to his retirement in 1979.

State RAs to meet in Alcoa for 28th annual congress

Tennessee Royal Ambassadors will meet at First Baptist Church, Alcoa, for the 28th annual state RA Congress, April 9-10.

The congress, sponsored by the Brotherhood department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, will feature speakers, displays, competitions, a mission fair, and the presentation of the National Ambassador Service Awards to four Tennessee RAs.

Scheduled speakers for the event are Ken Sparks, head football coach of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City; Ralph Stone, pastor of Two Rivers Baptist Church, Nashville; and Bunny Martin, world yo-yo champion and entertainer. Julian Suggs, director of the TBC church music department, will serve as music coordinator.

Receiving Ambassador Service Awards during the Friday evening session will be Spencer Gregg of Fellowship Baptist Church, Knoxville; Randy Beck of Northport Baptist Church, Newport;

and Andy Cotten and Craig Smith of Beech Grove Baptist Church, Louisville. The awards are given to those who complete five service aide awards in the RA program.

State RAs will have the opportunity to participate in several competitions, including the "Royal Ambassadors Speak-Out," a speech contest; the "Campcraft Rodeo," a contest of camping skills; the "RA Racers Tournament," a race featuring home-built model cars; and the judging of individual and chapter projects.

Also slated for the event, which begins at 8 a.m. (EST) Friday and closes at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, are a mission rally, mission conferences, and the election of officers for 1982-83. Craig Smith, state RA president, will preside at the sessions.

Southern names Keown as assistant professor

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP) — Gerald L. Keown, professor of Bible at the Baptist Student Center, University of Missouri in Columbia, has been named assistant professor of Old Testament interpretation at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Keown, who will join the seminary faculty June 1, taught Hebrew at Southern seminary from 1977 to 1979.

Fort Wayne...

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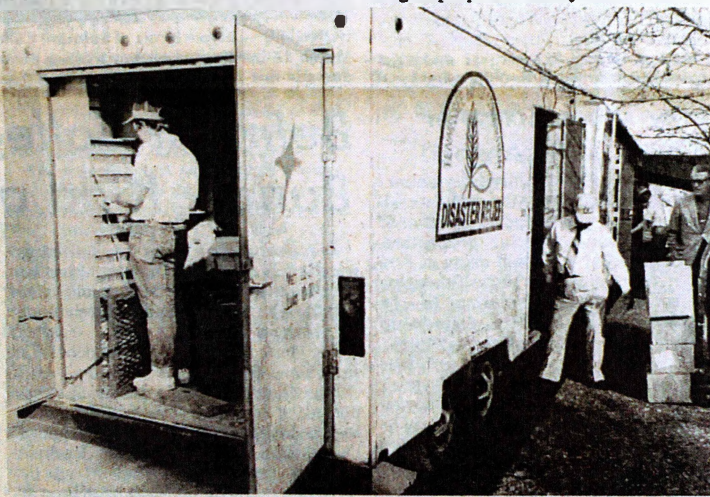
Emmett Powers, pastor of the Northridge Baptist Church, served as a liaison between the local Red Cross efforts; Tom Woods, director of the Indiana Baptist Brotherhood department; and Tennessee Baptists. He was influential in arranging the invitation from the Red Cross officials.

King said he was impressed with and appreciative of the American Red Cross. "They made sure our needs were met," he said. "They were most cordial to us in every way. I appreciate their support and their willingness to let us be a part of the team."

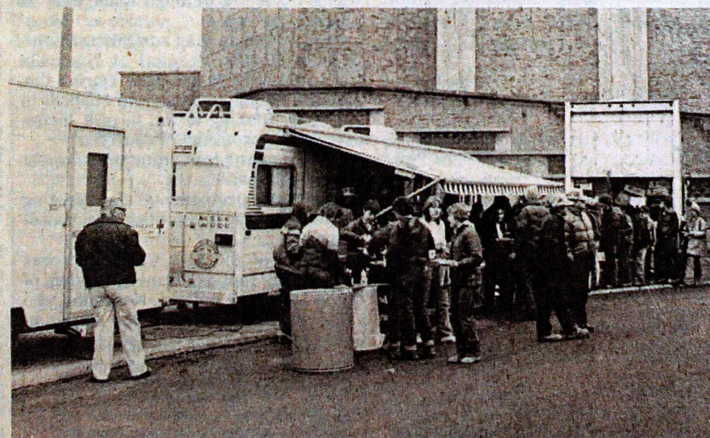
King also said the disaster team "felt the gratitude" of the people they served. He said people were especially appreciative of being served a warm meal instead of cold sandwiches. He told of one truck driver who received his first warm meal from them after spending 91 hours delivering sandbags.

A note of thanks from some of the volunteers who received the free meals said, "The Tennessee Baptist disaster unit will always hold a special place in our hearts."

King said disaster teams will be available to return to Indiana to assist with clean up efforts if they are needed.



LOADING THE UNIT — Kenny Rains (left) and Archie King help load the Tennessee Baptist disaster relief unit, preparing to depart for Fort Wayne, Ind.



FEEDING TIME — The Tennessee Baptist disaster relief unit was set up at the Allen County Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne, Ind. The disaster team served about 3,000 meals in two days.

Angolan Baptists to request SBC missionaries to return

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — The Baptist Convention of Angola will ask the Angolan government to issue permanent residence visas which would allow Southern Baptist Missionaries Curtis and Betty McCown Dixon to resume work there.

The Dixons, former missionaries to Angola who are now serving in Portugal, reported the development after a month long visit to Angola to teach institutes for Baptist pastors and church leaders.

Southern Baptist missionaries evacuated the civil war-torn African nation in August 1975, before Portugal granted Angola's Marxist government its independence.

Since then, no missionaries have been able to return as residents. Mrs. Dixon visited for two weeks in August 1981, to participate in the dedication of a new church.

Davis Saunders, the Foreign Mission Board's director for eastern and southern Africa, said the board was "eager to work with Angolan Baptists again and will respond favorably to requests to cooperate with them if the government permits us to enter."

HCBA establishes 'chair of Bible'

SEYMOUR — Hubert B. Smothers, president of Harrison Chilhowee Baptist Academy, Seymour, has announced the establishment of the "Bales Chair of Bible."

The first faculty position of unusual distinction at the academy, the Bales Chair of Bible is being established by Mrs. Robert Tipton Bales, a member of First Baptist Church, Morristown.

The funds given to establish the Bales Chair of Bible are to be invested in the Tennessee Baptist Foundation. The interest derived from the gift will be used in the Bible teaching program of the academy, according to the wishes of the donor.

Mrs. Bales' son, Robert Jr., is a member of the academy's board of trustees.

"The Bales Chair of Bible will not only significantly influence the academy's emphasis on Bible study as a major area of the curriculum but will be a worthy testimony to the Bales family interest in the future of the school," Smothers said.

Mrs. Dixon had reported earlier that officials in two provinces indicated the government may allow missionaries with technical expertise to reopen work there. They indicated they would welcome personnel, such as doctors, nurses, teachers, veterinarians, agriculturists, and others, to help in the "reconstruction of Angola."

The Baptist Convention of Angola hopes the government will permit the Dixons to teach in theological institutes on a permanent basis. Baptists will ask the government to allow the Dixons to visit again in October to teach an institute.

The Dixons reported that teaching sessions went well during their visit. They taught 52 students in five 30-hour courses in Biblical, theological, and practical subjects.

They also said Angola's 55 churches and 35 missions have made good progress. They visited 25 churches and reported 160 people responded to invitations to become Christians at those meetings.

The Dixons found the Baptist Book Store in Luanda open but suffering a severe shortage of Bibles. They hope to find ways to help the store restock Bibles, especially in the Portuguese language.

They also hope to work through Saunders and John Cheyne, the Foreign Mission Board's relief and hunger consultant, to import seeds needed badly by Angolan farmers. Most Baptist congregations in Angola are rural, and most Baptists are farmers, Saunders said.

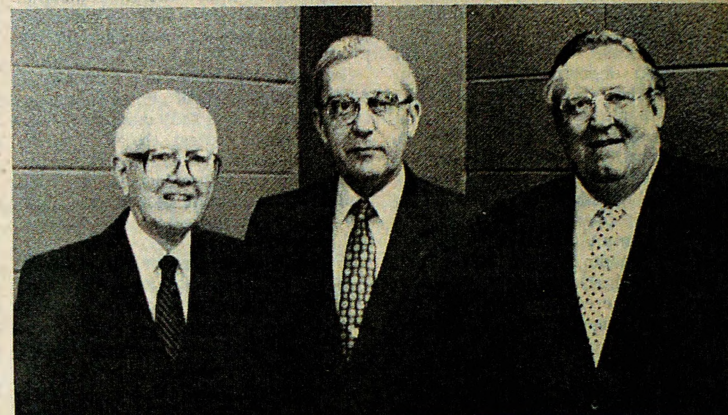
Union alumni chapter to meet in Brentwood

JACKSON — Union University alumni and their spouses from throughout middle Tennessee will gather in Brentwood April 6 for their spring chapter meeting. The Dutch treat meal will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the dining room of the Tennessee Baptist Convention building in the Nashville suburb. The fellowship meeting will conclude around 8:30 p.m.

Bob Agee, vice-president for religious affairs at the Jackson college, will speak on "Preserving Who We Are," followed by an informal question-and-answer period between the alumni and college representatives.



END OF AN ERA — Herbert C. Gabhart, president of Belmont College since 1959, presents his last report to the college's trustees March 18. On June 1, Gabhart will become chancellor of the Tennessee Baptist Convention institution in Nashville.



HONORED — Two friends of Belmont College received Collegiatus awards during a March 18 banquet from the trustee chairman, Morris Early (center). The new inductees are Goebel Bunch (left) and Gene Kidd.

Belmont Collegiatus honors Bunch, Kidd as inductees

Two Nashville citizens, recognized as friends of Belmont College, were inducted into the Baptist school's Collegiatus during a banquet March 18 on the campus.

The new inductees are Goebel G. Bunch and Gene Kidd.

Bunch, an automobile dealer, has supported "every aspect of the college, doing so unobtrusively without thought of recognition," according to Herbert Gabhart, Belmont president.

He is a member of Woodmont Baptist Church and various civic organizations in the middle Tennessee area. Bunch was a trustee of Belmont College for 12 years.

Kidd served as chief administrative officer of Baptist Hospital at Nashville from 1954 until Jan. 1, 1982. During this period the facility grew from 210 beds to 724 beds, making it the largest health care facility in middle Tennessee.

He is a member of Immanuel Baptist Church, Nashville.

Kidd was instrumental in assisting Belmont College to establish its school of nursing.

Speaker at the fifth Collegiatus was Athens Clay Pullias, former president of David Lipscomb College, Nashville, who addressed "The Role of the Christian College in Contemporary Society."

Noting the population of college-age citizens and rising education costs, Pullias said educators must ask, "Why is this school needed when the American higher education system has more facilities and staff than needed?"

Pullias said Christian college can teach what state school can not teach, namely Bible and religion. "You must provide a total environment for Christian learning."

He added that there is an inherent conflict between being a Christian college (which says "this is truth") and being an academic institution (which says "what is truth?") — "but you have got to be both!"

The veteran educator in closing said contemporary society needs Christianity and Christian colleges.

Founded in 1978, the Belmont College Collegiatus annually honors individuals whose support of Christian higher education has been of special relevancy and significance in the life of the college. Selections are made by the Board of Trustees.

The award is endowed by the family of Lemuel B. Stevens, who served as chairman of the college's trustees. He died in 1977.

Previous recipients have been Stirtion Oman (posthumously) and Albert B. Maloney in 1978; Willette Thomason Wright and Hollis E. Johnson in 1979; Mrs. Margaret Oman Leu and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Moench in 1980; and Mrs. Dorothea Wright Douglas and Joe C. Davis in 1981.

Morris Early, trustee chairman, presided at the banquet.

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TBCH names Ashby to Franklin home

John Ashby, pastor of Cedar Hill Baptist Church in Chattanooga for the past nine years, was named by the executive committee of the Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes as superintendent of its Franklin campus.

Ashby, who began the position this month, also led the Chattanooga church from 1965-69. In addition, he was previously pastor of Lakeview Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga.; Oak Grove Baptist Church, Springfield, Harrods Creek Baptist Church, Crestwood, Ky.; and White's Run Baptist Church, Carrollton, Ky.

Ashby is a member of the TBCH executive committee, of which he is a past chairman. He has served as interim director of missions, moderator, president of the pastor's conference, and chairman of the personnel committee for the Hamilton County Baptist Association; chairman of the evangelism committee for the Robertson County Baptist Association; and a member of several committees in the Hamilton County, Robertson County, and Atlanta (Ga.) associations.

A native of Bisbee, Ariz., Ashby attended Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, Ky., and is a graduate of Bethel College, Hopkinsville, Ky., and a diploma graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Endowment at Southern seminary launches center for preaching

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP)— Southern Baptist Theological Seminary will be headquarters for a new National Center for Christian Preaching, a comprehensive focus on the pulpit ministry launched March 8 with the announcement of a new endowment gift.

Sam and Carolyn McMahon of Charlotte, N.C., have committed \$400,000 to endow the Carl Bates Professorship of Christian Preaching, in honor of their former pastor, who is now senior professor of pastoral ministries at Southern. Bates is former president of the Southern Baptist Convention and also was president of state Baptist conventions in North Carolina and Texas.

The McMahons are members of First Baptist Church in Charlotte. He is a business executive, active in real estate, investments, and mortgage interests.

The Bates professorship will support the education of preachers by providing for the addition of a series of visiting professors of preaching drawn from the ranks of experienced pastors in Southern Baptist churches across the country.

The new professorship, which will be in effect next fall, joins the Victor and Louise Lester Professorship of Christian Preaching, also endowed and currently held by James W. Cox.

The professorships are vital elements in the new National Center for Christian

Preaching, an institute unique to Southern seminary, noted Roy L. Honeycutt, seminary president.

The seminary is seeking another \$2-million to complete the initial funding of the center. In addition to the two endowed professorships and other preaching faculty, Southern intends to fund a program to encourage young people to consider careers in preaching, providing up to 30 annual stipends of \$1,000 each to promising preachers entering the seminary.

Plans for the center also call for construction and permanent endowment of two "preaching chapels," designed to train students of preaching in realistic settings. The center additionally will include a diagnostic clinic for preaching and speech, with video and audio recording equipment and support personnel skilled in speech training and clinical techniques.

The center will continue the annual Student Pastors' Conference, begun this spring. The conference is conducted to encourage enthusiasm for preaching among college students nearing a career decision and considering the need for seminary training.

Southern also plans to underwrite the distribution of important new information on preaching, including the development of library resources and audiovisual archives, new material produced for video-cassette and video-disc, monographs, and reports. Southern intends to add another fully endowed permanent faculty member in preaching.

Barney Flowers dies in Jackson hospital

Barney L. Flowers, retired Gibson County Baptist Association director of missions, died in a Jackson hospital March 20 after a brief illness.

Flowers, a native of Rutherford, retired from the association in 1968. He was a former pastor of Medina Baptist Church, Medina; Woodbury Baptist Church, Woodbury; Trezevant Baptist Church Trezevant; First Baptist Church, Millington; and Eudora Baptist Church, Memphis. He was also a past member of the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Flowers is survived by his widow, Lillian, and three daughters: Angelina Young of Burlington, N.C.; Shirley Flowers of Jackson, Miss.; and Emily Flowers of Memphis.

The funeral was held March 22 at Antioch Baptist Church, Humboldt, with Replogle Funeral Home, Medina, in charge of arrangements.

Personal perspective

By TOM MADDEN
TBC executive secretary

Last week I received a publication from First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla., where Warren Hultgren is pastor. In his personal column, Hultgren tells about an experience written by Lafcadio Hearn. Hearn writes about an event that occurred in Japan while he was there teaching English.

There was a great undersea earthquake. A peasant farmer, working a small plot of ground on a hilltop, saw the tremendous tidal wave forming far out at sea. Below him in the valley were farmers like himself totally unaware of the impending disaster. Knowing he had to warn them, without hesitation, he immediately set fire to his rice fields.

His neighbors responded as he thought, rushing up the hillside to help fight the flames. As they arrived, they were able to see the gigantic wave sweep inland, wiping out their village. There was great destruction to animal and personal life. It slowly dawned on the villagers that their friend had sacrificed his crop to save their lives.

As I read the account, I thought about the great personal sacrifice of our own Lord. He warned us of judgment to come, and gave His life for us. As you and I view the world from the vantage point of God's Word, we become aware of the tidal wave of judgment that will eventually sweep upon us. It follows then that no sacrifice is too great in order for us to be instruments of warning and salvation.

The Word of God speaks in Ezekiel 33:1-7, "Again the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Son of man, speak to the children of thy people, and say unto them, When I bring the sword upon a land, if the people of the land take a man of their coasts, and set him for their watchman: If when he seeth the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people; Then whosoever heareth the sound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning; if the sword come, and take him away, his blood shall be upon his own head. He heard the sound of the trumpet, and took not warning; his blood shall be upon him. But he that taketh warning shall deliver his soul. But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand. So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me."

As born-again children of His, we need to take seriously our obligation to lovingly and prayerfully point to the shelter of the cross. We must not take lightly the plight of the lost.



Madden

Two Chattanooga churches to host TBC Media Library Convention

Two Chattanooga churches, First Baptist Church and Red Bank Baptist Church, will host the 1982 Tennessee Baptist Media Library Convention, April 15-17.

The convention, expected to draw about 350 Tennessee Baptists from across the state, will celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Tennessee Baptist Media Library Organization.

Beginning with registration at 12:30

Brentwood to host preschool seminar

Brentwood Baptist Church, Brentwood, will host the annual Preschool Spring Seminar, April 15-17.

Designed for all church preschool workers, the seminar will feature Garry Landreth, professor of counselor education at North Texas State University, Denton; and Laura Knox, director of the parent involvement project on the Peabody College campus, Vanderbilt University, Nashville.

Landreth will speak on "Creating an emotional climate for good learning," and Mrs. Knox will discuss "Involving parents and developing parent-teacher relationships."

The seminar will open with registration at 1 p.m., April 15, and will end at noon April 17. Tom Madden, executive secretary-treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, will speak at a Thursday night inspirational banquet.

Age-group conferences will be led by four preschool consultants from the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board: Belvin Cox, Patsy Driggers, Martha Durepo, and Florrie Anne Lawton.

Other features include special interest conferences, a preschool fair, a Baptist Book Store exhibit, and an autograph party.

The seminar is sponsored by the Sunday School department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

p.m., April 15, the convention will end at noon on April 17. First Baptist Church will host the Thursday sessions and the Friday daytime sessions. Red Bank Baptist Church will host a Friday evening banquet and the Saturday sessions.

The convention is designed for pastors and other church staff people, media library staff, and other church leaders. The convention will feature mini-conferences on special interest subjects and eight major conferences. Major conferences are "The Learning Team," "A Church on Mission," "Cassette Tape Ministry," "How to Administer and Promote a Church Media Center," "How to Make Audiovisuals," "Media on the Move: Reaching Out with Resources," "How to Process Media," and "How to Classify, Catalog, and Maintain Media."

A Baptist Book Store and exhibit area will also be featured.

The deadline for registration is April 8. For information or to register, contact Eleanor Yarborough, consultant for church media library, Tennessee Baptist Convention, P.O. Box 347, Brentwood, TN 37027.

TBC overwhelmed with generosity

Response from Tennessee Baptists donating supplies needed in Upper Volta has been overwhelming, according to Carroll Owen, director of the convention ministries division of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

In fact, the stockroom at the Tennessee Baptist Convention building in Brentwood is overflowing, he said.

"The generosity of the people and all of the assistance they are giving is greatly appreciated," Owen said. "However, at the present time, we cannot handle more donations until the supplies we have on hand can be packed and shipped."

The normal procedure has been to send a footlocker filled with supplies with each volunteer. But now, there are more supplies than the volunteers scheduled to go this spring will be able to take, according to Owen.

The last group of volunteers will go in April for a 30-day period. Supplies will still be greatly needed when the project resumes in late August, although Owen anticipates there still will be no space to store the supplies.

Churches are requested to hold non-perishable supplies already collected until then. Priority will be given to sending perishable items.

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Fishing puts Cothen 'in touch with reality'

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is part of a series of feature stories on the executive heads of Southern Baptist agencies, boards, and institutions. Each article has been written by a public relations person within the agency.

By Linda Lawson

NASHVILLE (BP)— If Grady Cothen were inclined to place bumper stickers on his car, his would probably proclaim, "I'd Rather Be Fishing."

Beginning in the creeks of rural southern Mississippi as a "barefooted boy in overalls with a cane pole and worms," the president of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board now prefers saltwater fishing off the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

"Fishing gets me away from people and the telephone," says Cothen, who heads an institution which publishes church literature, music, books, and

Bibles and operates two conference centers and 65 bookstores.

"I can turn off my radio, let my thought processes and physical processes slow down, and get back in touch with reality."

The Gulf Coast from Florida to Texas, Canada, Alaska, and Baja California are among the places he has dipped his line.

Another water sport he tried while president of New Orleans Theological Seminary from 1970-74 was parasailing — dangling 100 feet in the air from a parachute, towed behind a boat.

"Most people don't believe I ever did that," quips Cothen, who is also a pilot.

Since Nashville is hundreds of miles from the nearest ocean, Cothen relaxes from work by playing racquetball at the downtown YMCA, one block from the board.

"Racquetball is fun and competitive and helps me work off tensions," he says. "The principal problem with it is that I can't do it often enough to stay in condition to play."

Translated, they may mean "stay in condition to win more regularly," as Cothen describes himself as competitive. "However, I've gotten a little bit less intense now than when I was younger," he says.

Almost two years ago Cothen's life took a sudden turn when he was diagnosed with an abdominal malignancy. The pre-surgery diagnosis included the fact that most similar malignancies are found to have spread to other organs.

Doctors were pleasantly surprised to discover that Cothen's malignancy had not spread, and he did not even have to undergo radiation or chemotherapy treatments after the operation. But removal of most of his stomach created some limitations and the experience made him pause for reflection.

"When one faces the possibility that your career may be over and that you may be facing death, it certainly contributes to a sober evaluation of how you've spent your life and how you want to spend the rest of it," says Cothen.

"When I examined the priorities of my life, I discovered all over again that in addition to my faith in God there were only two things in my life of real significance — my work and my family."

After his recovery, Cothen succeeded for a time in slowing down — traveling

less and sleeping later. But by the spring of 1981, he had bowed to the demands of the board and the denomination and resumed his former pace.

When Cothen returned to his doctor in October bringing symptoms of stress and exhaustion, the doctor was far less gentle in urging a slower pace.

"I'm re-evaluating travel, trying to be even more selective and trying to slow it all down," he says.

But in the next moment, his eyes light up, and he leans forward energetically to talk about the board's efforts to create a telecommunications network to churches.

"I see telecommunications as the greatest opportunity we have to do more things better for more churches than we have been able to do," he says. "I'm prepared to give it whatever time it takes."

Cothen's Southern Baptist heritage goes back to Richton Baptist Church in Mississippi, the town where SBC Stewardship Commission Director A. R. Fagan was born. There he was saved, baptized, and ordained. His preacher father and his mother reared three sons, all preachers.

Ironically, Cothen is the third of the board's chief executives to come from southern Mississippi. T. L. Holcomb, James L. Sullivan, and Cothen grew up in towns within a 30-mile radius.



NEW OUTLOOK — Jimmy Sanders (second from left) discovered that volunteer ministry changed his life as much as the lives of youth to whom he ministers at Williamsport's First Southern Baptist Church.

MSC volunteer from Tennessee gains new insight of missions

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — Volunteering changed Jimmy Sanders' mind about missions and church.

"I grew up in the church," says Sanders, a Chattanooga native. "I've studied about missions ever since I can remember. But I still thought of a missionary as someone who went to Africa and boiled in a pot."

Sanders now serves as youth director for the First Southern Baptist Church of Williamsport, a congregation of 140 people in this north central Pennsylvania city.

Near graduation from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Sanders came to First Southern as a volunteer through Mission Service Corps, a Southern Baptist program designed to enlist 5,000 self-supporting missionaries by the end of 1982. MSC volunteers provide their own support or rely on funds from individuals, churches, or other organizations.

The church's caring actions, says Sanders, explains First Southern's growth from 20 members to 140 in only three years.

"This church is really unique," says

Sanders. "The members take caring for others to the greatest degree I've ever seen. When someone has a need, the others rally around."

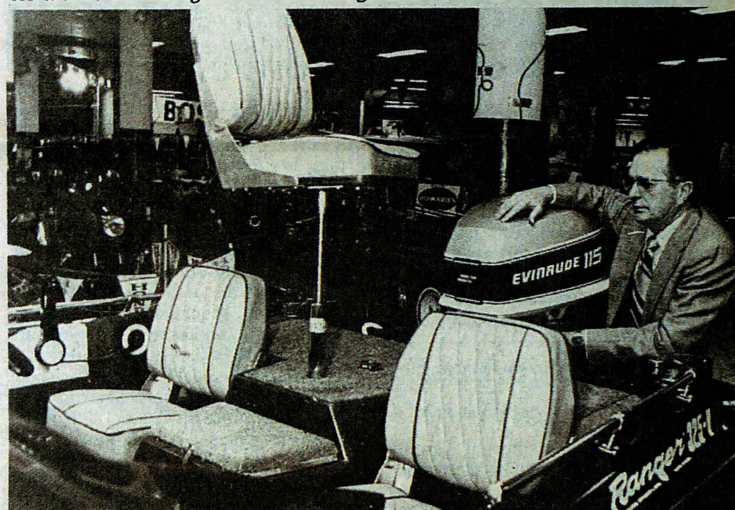
The church also manages to attract scores of local youth.

"Our youth hunger for fellowship," comments Sanders. "They'll come to anything, even a business meeting, just to be with others."

With a Sunday School youth enrollment of 55, Sanders concentrates on discipling students in prayer and Bible study. The Survival Kit for New Christians, a manual designed to form basic Christian disciplines, and a weekly youth worship compile Sanders' primary tools for youth ministry.

Pastor Dave Waltz applauds the efforts of Sanders and the church's three other MSC volunteers, stating their work has better equipped First Southern for ministry.

"In many ways, a lot of training goes on in this church," says Waltz. "We want everyone to develop the gifts God has given them to minister. Our church is a training ground to develop those gifts with the help of others."



WISHING FOR FISHING — Checking out the latest models of boats at the local boat show is the closest Grady Cothen can come to fulfilling his love of fishing during a cold winter in Nashville.

Good time to start churches, HMB says

FORT WORTH, Tex. (BP) — The time is right to start new churches, says Joel Land, associate director of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's church extension division.

Speaking to 125 directors of missions, pastors, denominational executives, and home missionaries at a church planting conference at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Land listed several "basic things" happening in society that set the stage for starting new churches.

He said there is real interest in invisible things and in experiencing real in-depth love. He added there is a definite fear of death. "The Good News for urban man is that the church has the answer for death in the resurrection of Christ," Land said.

Since 1845 Southern Baptists have started an average of one church per day, he said. Since 1945, Southern Baptists have started two new churches per

day. "We hope Southern Baptists can average three per day by 1985, and that is a reality because the time is right," he said.

Clay Price, Home Mission Board researcher, said Southern Baptists have the hardest time keeping up with the population growth in the South where they are strongest. "Our SBC membership gains in the past 10 years have been in the northeast, north central, and western states, where membership grew more rapidly than the population," he said.

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TEAMWORK — Keith and LeeAnn Martin, co-directors of the musical-drama team sponsored by Baptist Ministries for the 1982 World's Fair, see teamwork as vital to the success of the program.

Husband-wife team set to direct World's Fair music-drama group

KNOXVILLE — "Our biggest challenge is taking 16 soloists and making them a team."

The words "team" and "teamwork" are scattered frequently in conversation with husband and wife, Keith and LeeAnn Martin, Baptist Ministries for the 1982 World's Fair directors of the musical-drama team, PowerSource.

Split into two octets, the 16 Home Mission Board-appointed PowerSource vocalists, aided by two HMB appointed sound technicians, will perform in the Baptist Pavilion a total of 10 times daily.

Their score, "Love, You Spoke a Word," is currently being written by blind composer and singer, Ken Medema in cooperation with Christian lyricist, Craig McNair Wilson.

"It can't be just back-to-back performances," states Martin.

"It's important that the group constantly keeps in mind the concept of their ministry, on and off the stage," explains Mrs. Martin.

With one semester of studies left at

Southwestern seminary, the Martins, both graduates of Samford University, Birmingham, moved to Knoxville in January to assume the HMB directing post.

An evangelist for five years, Martin has led numerous revivals, accompanied by Mrs. Martin's musical, dramatical, and artistic (chalk talk) presentations.

"I never knew the Lord could make me so complete until I saw the gifts LeeAnn had. We became a team," said Martin.

"It has been interesting," she added, "to learn to work together and see how our past prepared us."

As a team, the Martins hope to pursue a career in denominational work. "We feel the opportunity to direct PowerSource could really broaden the scope of our ministry," said Martin.

Awed by the challenge of their new team missions, he confidently concluded, with a nod of agreement from his wife and partner, "God doesn't call us to do things we can do. He calls us to what He can do through us."

Four Carson-Newman graduates named distinguished alumni

JEFFERSON CITY — Four Carson-Newman College graduates will be honored March 26 as recipients of the institution's Distinguished Alumni Award.

Receiving the award will be William Kenneth Easley of Pensacola, Fla., Phocian W. Malone of Big Spring, Tex., H. C. Evans of Banner Elk, N.C., and Helen Wilson Driscoll of Metairie, La.

Luther Joe Thompson, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Richmond, Va., will be the guest speaker at the awards banquet, March 26.

Easley, a Morristown native, is retired. Prior to his retirement he was vice-president for academic affairs at Marshall University, Huntington, W. Va. During his career, he also taught at the University of Arkansas, Carson-Newman, Georgetown University, Arkansas State Teachers College, East Tennessee State University, Northeast Louisiana University, and Winthrop College.

Phocian Malone, a native of Watertown, is the founder of Malone and Hogan Clinic and Malone-Hogan

Hospital Inc., Big Spring, Tex. He is a specialist in diseases of the eye, ear, nose, and throat. He has contributed numerous articles to medical publications, both in Texas and nationwide, on the subjects of ophthalmology and otolaryngology.

Morristown native H. C. Evans has been president of Lees-McRae College since 1967. Earlier in his career, he had taught in the Morristown City School system, and at Carson-Newman College.

Helen Wilson Driscoll is the education coordinator for Crescent City Baptist High School in Metairie, La., which she and her husband, J. Paul Driscoll, founded. She has served the school in administration and as a teacher of Bible. She is a native of Oak Ridge.

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Baptists endorse resolution on nuclear arms limitations

By Larry Chesser

WASHINGTON (BP) — Four prominent Southern Baptists have endorsed a joint congressional resolution which calls for a mutual freeze and reduction in nuclear weapons by the United States and the Soviet Union.

Introduced in the Senate by Mark O. Hatfield and Edward M. Kennedy, the resolution calls on the two superpowers to achieve "a mutual and verifiable freeze on testing, production, and further deployment of nuclear warheads, missiles, and other delivery systems." Following the freeze, it calls for "major, mutual, and verifiable reductions" in nuclear warheads and delivery systems.

Baptist endorsers, who joined a large cast of U.S. religious leaders, including evangelist Billy Graham; Jimmy R. Allen, president of the SBC Radio and Television Commission; Foy E. Valentine, executive director of the SBC Christian Life Commission; and James M. Dunn, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

During a news conference announcing the bill's introduction, Hatfield recalled being "overwhelmed" by what he saw in Hiroshima following the U.S. bombing of the Japanese city in 1945. Despite recognizing the probability that that atomic bomb may have saved his life, Hatfield said "even then I had a sense of ambivalence" over the kind of power that had been unleashed.

Cotten, Smith earn RA service awards

Andy Cotten and Craig Smith, members of Beech Grove Baptist Church in Louisville, each recently completed five service aide awards under the Royal Ambassador Program of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The awards, completed in the areas of application, education, ministry, witness, and worship, required 750 hours of service and work in the RA program. The pair will receive the Ambassador Service Award at the upcoming state RA congress and are eligible to receive a \$1,200 scholarship from a Southern Baptist college.

Cotten, son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Cotten, is secretary of the state RA congress. He recently returned from Upper Volta, where he participated in Tennessee Baptists' Upper Volta Hunger and Relief Project. He is a graduate of William Blount High School in Louisville, and is employed by the W. S. Trimble Company.

Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Smith, is president of the state RA congress. He is a senior at William Blount High, a former football player, and a member of the American Federation of Christian Athletes. He has served as a counselor at Tennessee RA camps, and plans to attend Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City.

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The Oregon senator said the timing of the resolution is critical since the two superpowers now have "rough equivalency" in nuclear capability.

Kennedy charged that "the next world war could be a war against the world itself" where "all life could be the loser," adding that the "only sane choice is for both sides to halt and then reverse this disastrous arms race."

The Massachusetts senator linked current economic problems to the nuclear buildup, declaring that a nuclear weapons freeze "could save at least \$20-billion each year." Kennedy further emphasized that the resolution depends upon "strict verification" instead of trust and calls for mutual agreement rather than unilateral action.

The resolution has 19 sponsors in the Senate where it was introduced as SJ Res. 163, and 130 sponsors in the House, where it is labeled HJ Res. 433. One of the primary House sponsors, Rep. Edward J. Markey, declared, "It's clear that members of Congress are hearing from their constituents on this issue. They are telling Congress that the United States and the Soviet Union are on a dangerous nuclear collision course."

Sponsors of the bipartisan resolution sounded optimistic despite President Reagan's planned buildup of U.S. nuclear weapons systems.

Hatfield said he had not discussed the proposal with the President but said Reagan is "one who will listen." The chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee then assured the audience that he would have ample opportunity to discuss the resolution with Reagan since the President "is anxious" to talk with him on budget matters.

In addition to the more than 125 religious leaders and organizations, other endorsers of the proposal included numerous representatives of the scientific, academic, medical, legal and political professions.

Cook begins pastorate at Shepard's Chapel

Dale Cook has assumed the pastorate of Shepard's Chapel Baptist Church, Rogersville, in response to a call from the church.

Cook, who began in January, is a former pastor of Mooresburg Baptist Church, Mooresburg, and Providence Baptist Church, Rogersville. He is also a former member of several associational committees.

A native of Rogersville, Cook attended Cumberland College, Williamsburg, Ky., and extension courses of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City.

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Abortion amendment clears Senate judiciary committee

WASHINGTON (BP)—A divided Senate Judiciary Committee approved a proposed constitutional amendment providing Congress and states with joint authority to restrict abortions.

The amendment, sponsored by Sen. Orrin G. Hatch, declares that the right to abortion is not secured by the Constitution. If it becomes part of the Constitution, S.J. Res. 110 would allow both Congress and state legislatures to restrict abortions, but states could not pass laws less restrictive than federal law.

The narrow 10-7 vote by the committee signals only part of the problems facing the Hatch Amendment.

Several of the senators who voted with Hatch in committee do not agree with all the amendment's provisions but voted for it to move the debate to the Senate floor. Chairman J. Strom Thurmond, for instance, opposes the provision allowing Congress to set a federal restriction standard and indicated he would seek to amend the measure to leave the question entirely up to the states.

Others, such as Sen. Charles E. Grassley and Sen. John P. East, support a dif-

ferent abortion bill which declares that life begins at conception and which prevents lower federal courts from striking down any anti-abortion legislation enacted by states. Sponsored by Sen. Jesse Helms, the bill is on the Senate calendar.

Unlike the Hatch Amendment which must pass both houses of Congress by a two-thirds margin and then be ratified by 34 states before taking effect, the Helms bill requires only a simple majority in the House and Senate to reach President Reagan's desk for signature. Support for the Helms bill, however, remains questionable, primarily because a number of senators and representatives consider its approach of limiting federal court authority unconstitutional.

A spokesperson for the judiciary committee told Baptist Press it is unlikely the Hatch Amendment can get a two-thirds majority on the Senate floor "as the bill is now."

Should it clear the Senate, it would likely face an even tougher test in the House where judiciary committee leaders have resisted abortion bills.

Parks backs 'Sorrels' fund

WASHINGTON (BP)—R. Keith Parks, president of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, is urging Southern Baptists to give generously to a fund set up to aid paralyzed mission volunteer Robert (Bob) Sorrels.

Parks encouraged support for the fund while speaking at Capitol Hill Metropolitan Baptist Church, the church of which Sorrels was a member and which sponsored him as a Mission Service Corps volunteer.

Sorrels, now 30, was injured April 15, 1980, less than a week after he arrived in Nigeria. The traffic accident which paralyzed him from the neck down killed veteran Southern Baptist Missionary William D. Bender and Nigerian Baptist Seminary Professor Titus Oluwafemi.

A dispute arose late in 1981, when a group of members of the church—calling themselves "Friends of Bob Sorrels"—circulated letters critical of Parks and

the FMB for its handling of the case.

The FMB declined to accept long-term responsibility for Sorrels because he had gone as a volunteer and not as an employee. While Sorrels had life and health insurance, he did not have long-term disability coverage.

The board spent in excess of \$28,000 for Sorrels' medical care, and voted to continue a monthly stipend of \$603.50 until October of 1982, at which time government disability benefits are expected to take effect.

After the dispute surfaced, Sorrels, two members of the "Friends" group, and Capitol Hill Metropolitan associate pastor Walt Tomme went to Richmond to meet with Parks expressing what they called a "strong desire for reconciliation."

Another outcome of the meeting was establishment of a "Fund for Sorrels" by the District of Columbia Baptist Convention Foundation.

Vinton Koons, president of the foundation's board of trustees and finance chairman at Capitol Hill Metropolitan, said some \$6,800 has come in thus far. Of that sum, he noted, \$3,500 was given by missionaries in Nigeria. Numerous Foreign Mission Board staff members also gave or pledged funds.

Davis begins ministry with Kinzel Springs

Bill Davis recently began the pastorate of Kinzel Springs Baptist Church, Townsend, in response to a call from the church.

Davis was previously pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church, Maryville; Hillview and Zion Chapel Baptist churches, both of Louisville; and Clinch River Baptist Church, Lake City. He is also a former member of several associational committees.

A native of West Virginia, Davis has attended Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City.

Terry Frederick called to New Bethel church

New Bethel Baptist Church, Shelbyville, called Terry Frederick as pastor, a ministry he began Jan. 17.

Frederick, a native of Memphis, is a former pastor of Harlands Creek Baptist Church, Lexington, Miss.

Frederick is a graduate of Shelby State Community College, Memphis, and Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss. He has also attended New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, La.

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their programs. It is difficult to believe that we have moved so far from our traditional position of separation of church and state. It is true that social welfare has drastically changed. In the last decade, the conscience of the public has been awakened. Alarmed and shocked over the great needs of so many, some of our Baptist Brothers have found it too tempting to resist the availability of Federal Funds.

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ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BEGINS MINISTRY

Dr. W. Matt Tomlin assumed the responsibilities of Associate Executive Director this month. Dr. Tomlin comes to this position from a thirteen year pastorate at the First Baptist Church of Selmer, Tennessee. A graduate of Union University and Southern Seminary, he has been a pastor in Tennessee, W. MATT TOMLIN and Kentucky for twenty-four years. He has served on the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention and the Administrative Committee of the Executive Board. Dr. Tomlin's primary responsibilities are in the area of Public Relations and Development. Dr. Tomlin's experience in the local church and the denomination coupled with his commitment to the Children's Home ministry uniquely qualifies him for this new role in serving Tennessee Baptists.



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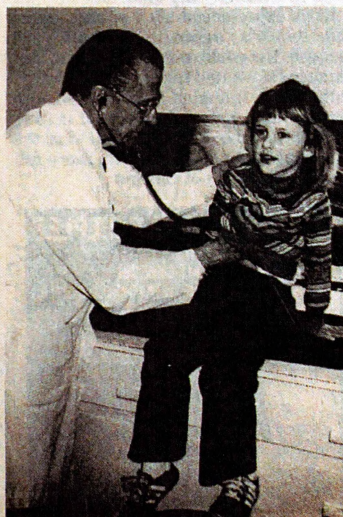
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Lesson for March 28

The King crucified

By Jerry Oakley, pastor
Springfield Baptist Church, Springfield

Basic Passage: Matthew 27:32-61

Focal Passages: Matthew 27:35-37, 39-43, 46, 50-51, 57-60

A Christian is somewhat stunned and in total awe at the magnitude of the crucifixion. The mind ceases to completely function, for what we confront resists comprehension. The scope is too broad. The depth is too great. The finite mind struggles, fails, and then slips into acceptance of that which remains at least partially a mystery. God's love is just too profound to be understood.

In the Gospel of Matthew, the author does not give details of the actual crucifixion. He more or less states it as a fact — an act committed but too gruesome to look at in detail.

We are told of the actions of the Roman soldiers. They began by making sport of Him in the palace. At the cross itself they show some pity in the offering of the sedative in the vinegar and gall. They concluded with acts of total indifference. They "cast lots" for His clothes.

William Barclay reports that, "every Jew wore five articles of clothing — his shoes, his turban, his girdle, his inner garment, and his outer cloak." Four of the garments were of equal value and there were four soldiers so this worked well. The outer garment, the cloak, was more valuable than the others. It was for this garment that they cast lots.

How like our world to stand in the shadow of an event with lasting comprehensive spiritual consequences and seek the possession of temporary wealth!

Even more cruel than the actions of the soldiers were the actions of the "chief priest," "the scribes," and the "elders." These were the leaders of the religious community of the day. Their actions were the most serious because they had knowledge that the soldiers did not possess. There is nothing worse than false and empty religion. Religion becomes rules, laws, and regulations, all enforced through an adherence to a strict ritual expressed in prescribed actions and words.

They cried, "He saved others; Himself He cannot save." Their own selfish depravity is displayed for all to see. Jesus did not come to our world to save Himself but to save mankind. Luke records, "the Son of man is come to seek

and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10).

Jesus did not have to prove Himself to the world. His action of willfully dying spoke for itself. The revelation of God's complete and unrestricted love was clearly presented. The Scripture says, "The veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom." This was the veil that separated man from the "holy of holies" in the temple. In the "holy of holies" the presence of God was to have dwelled. Through the death of the "high priest" of humanity, Jesus Christ, God's presence became accessible to every man. No longer would a priest be needed to be a liaison between the common man and God. The presence of God was no longer a hidden presence but a revealed presence in Christ. Every man has a right to approach God for himself.

The appearance of Joseph of Arimathea is a high point in the account of the cross. Until now, Joseph had been a silent follower. When things were going well, he listened, and learned, but remained anonymous. When trouble came, Joseph stood up to be counted. He was a part of a minority opposed to the action of the Sanhedrin toward Jesus. Luke writes that Joseph "had not consented to the counsel and deed of them." He then claimed the body of Jesus and laid it in his own tomb. This was a personal expense of some magnitude to him.

Frank Stagg tells us that, "rabbinical law forbade one to bury his family in a tomb where an executed man had lain." So Joseph stood in the face of danger and spoke for Jesus with words that were not empty.

The ordeal of the cross is very well summed up in two statements of Jesus from the cross. The first, "My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken Me?" It is a quote from Psalms 22 and is best understood in light of the whole Psalm — a cry of despair that ends on a triumphant note. Jesus was truly a human who felt the utmost depths of despair on the cross. But He had a faith that assured Him that He would ultimately triumph over the cross.

The second statement, recorded in John 19:30, was, "It is finished." In English, this is three words, but in Greek it is one — tetelestai. This is a shout of triumph. I have triumphed. I have finished successfully my task.

Jesus experienced sin's consequences and death's agonizing pangs, not because He could not avoid them, but because He wanted to redeem humanity. In the cross, mankind is confronted with the enormous price of its sins. It is time for man to confront the greatness of the gift of salvation and therefore, more fully enjoy the fruits of this gift.



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UNIFORM LESSON SERIES

Lesson for March 28

Feeding both body and soul

By Robert O. Byrd, professor of religion
Belmont College, Nashville

Basic Passage: Mark 6:30-44

Focal Passage: Mark 6:30-44

Judging on the basis of the number of times this episode appears in the New Testament, the feeding of the 5,000 was one of the most popular stories about Jesus for the early church. Apart from the resurrection, only this miracle occurs in all four gospels.

Jesus' compassion on weary missionaries

The first verse of the lesson connects this event to the successful mission on which Jesus earlier had dispatched the twelve (see 6:6-13).

In his account of their returning and reporting, Mark refers to them as apostles. This is the only place in the gospel where that term is used as a designation for the twelve. This reflects a use of the word "apostle" which is broader and more general than the specific use it eventually came to possess. They were acting the part of missionaries. They had been sent off to perform a particular mission as representatives of another. They were functioning as missionaries.

Within themselves, these returning missionaries were probably having a combination of responses in their situation. Spiritually and emotionally, they must have been at a peak. Their work had been a continuation of their Master's vigorous ministry. "They ... preached ... cast out many demons ... and healed ..." (6:12-13). Their own enthusiasm could have endangered their effectiveness.

In Jesus' time there was a great deal of popular hope for a leader who would end the domination of the Jews by outsiders and alleviate the dire need that was so common. Although Jesus tried to avoid violence, it appeared that the zeal of the crowd almost went beyond control. John's Gospel says the people were of a mood "to make Him King by force" (John 6:15 TEV). Jesus' desire to lead these enthused missionaries to a more secluded setting seems to be an attempt to, in part, defuse an explosive situation.

Their spirits may have been soaring, but their bodies were fatigued. They had to be tired from their travel, not to mention their preaching and teaching. Jesus was quick to recognize the needs created by this mixture of excitement and exhaustion. The text does not state that Jesus had compassion on these returning ministers as it later would on the throng (6:34). His actions are a clear demonstration of His love and concern for them.

Jesus suggested some ways that they might experience the needed revitalization. They needed to turn aside from all the coming and going for some privacy.

He urged them, "Come away by yourselves" (6:31). They needed recuperation — "rest a while" (6:31). By His words and attitudes, Jesus was making personal care a religious responsibility. If a Christian fails to take reasonable care of his or her health, that believer may be guilty of snatching out of God's hand the very instrument He would use. Jesus' compassion extends to every human need in every situation.

Jesus' compassion on the wayfaring multitude

The ranks of those who were "coming and going" were swollen by those who joined in from "all the towns." This great number seems to have been able to precede Jesus and His colleagues to their destination, and they were ready to greet the boaters when they beached.

The throng must have been tired from their long trek. Perhaps they had used enough of their energy that they were still and quiet and offered Jesus a golden opportunity "to teach them many things" (6:34). At this point, Jesus recognized that "they were like sheep without a shepherd" (6:34). This was not the result of their weariness, and it could not be resolved by food as their later hunger would be. Whatever the need was, Jesus sensed that it could be met best by hearing Him teach. If Mark's previous emphases give us any clue about its content, it must have been related to the kingdom. Jesus was sensitive to their ongoing needs.

The disciples felt Jesus was finished for the day and perhaps there would be some time left for some private time with the Master. Their solution was, "send them away." Jesus' attitude was in direct contrast to the disciples. His instructions were simple and plain — "you give them something to eat" (6:37).

Jesus was greatly concerned to call people to open themselves to the power and love which God could bring to their lives. This was never intended as an excuse that would allow His followers to ignore the resources already available to them. Before they did anything, they were already convinced that whatever they had was not enough. They seemed surprised that Jesus really, seriously expected them to do something. Jesus got right to the "bottom line." How many loaves did they have? They went to check.

Jesus blessed what they had and proceeded to feed the entire group. Mark does not recount any information of the reaction to or understanding of the event either by the disciples or the throng. Mark's own perspective, however, may be indicated by his choice of terms in 6:41 which was very similar to that of 14:22 at the institution of the Lord's Supper. Perhaps Mark could not think of this incident without the Lord's Supper images coming to his heart and mind. Probably the primary emphasis is on the abundance of the meal provided by the Lord in response to this need.



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Proclamation in worship

By Ben W. Bledsoe, chaplain
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Basic Passage: 1 Corinthians 14:20-40

Focal Passages: 1 Corinthians 14:23-33a, 39-40

I have attended many worship services in a variety of different denominations. I have even attended a few religious services that were non-Christian. My experiences, my temperament, and my convictions have helped me form some definite opinions of what makes a "good" worship service for me.

Most people go to "church" expecting something. My expectation from church depends on my stage of development, my felt needs, and my attitude at the moment. Sometimes I expect too much — sometimes not enough.

What is a fair expectation for our church worship services?

The effect of public worship (14:23-25)

What happens to people when they attend your church? What should happen?

Paul raises a hypothetical situation. If a stranger or unbeliever comes to church, how will he be affected by what is going on there? If your activities are too unusual or unintelligible, he likely will reject you as being crazy. On the other hand, if the message of God is communicated clearly and simply, he likely will be convicted of his sin. His conscience will be activated. He will feel compelled to humbly worship God himself. He will be convinced he has found a committed group in which God is present.

How will we know if our worship service is producing the desired effect on visitors? Unfortunately, we cannot always know. Generally, however, visitors whose hearts and souls are quickened in our services will return. Some will choose to make our church their church. Visitors and unbelievers will feel welcome with us and will want to share our faith (see Zechariah 8:23).

A church that is having good effects on outsiders will be blessing its members also. Edification — the building up of the body in love — is the overall intention of the church.

The content of worship (14:26)

Worship is expressed in various ways. Preaching is not the only way.

Paul indicates several methods by which the message can be proclaimed. One can sing the Word, another can teach it. Still another can preach it, or share some relevant truth. Still another can interpret some unintelligible tongue. I presume other ways could be used to worship and propagate the claims of Christ. The only requirement for the worship medium is its usefulness to the

body. Does it contribute to the church's spiritual growth and development?

Some churches are experimenting with creative and new worship methods. Music forms break with tradition. Other expressions of worship using art, dance, and motion pictures have been introduced in some churches. Preachers have tried many ways to get people's attention. Formal rituals and informal discussions, plus other imaginative and innovative approaches, are used in different churches. Some people are blessed, others are turned off. Each church and its membership will have to decide what ways they feel best communicate God's message.

The regulations for worship (14:27-33)

The ideas from Paul were not intended as an exhaustive study of public worship. We gain other clues by other suggestions found elsewhere in the New Testament. Here Paul makes some general comments that apply to a specific congregation. The same Holy Spirit may show us different and better ways of glorifying Christ.

For example, should women still keep silent in church today (v. 34)? Different conditions today seem to call for a different policy for regulating church worship. I know some men I believe should be quiet in church.

Paul's point here is order. Worship should be organized. A plan should be followed. Cooperativeness and deference to another are more conducive to spiritual construction than confusion and selfishness. Speakers must exercise their ears as well as their tongues. No one should have the floor who can not control his excitement. Losing control is not of the Lord (v. 32). Nor is it expecting too much for a speaker to stay within his assigned limits of time.

Your role in the church will contribute to your expectations from church.

When I was a local church pastor, I expected more from the membership than I am willing to give now that I am not a pastor. I expect more from my pastor now than I was able to give when I was a pastor.

What does God expect? I think He expects each of us to do what we can, strive for improvement, cooperate with our Christian siblings, and treat each other with a lot more love. I have a feeling many more visitors would be compelled to worship God with us if they really experienced Him in our church (v. 25).

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Gardner, a native of Arkansas, moved to his new position from the board's church music department, where he was a consultant for small churches and associations. In the church music department he also was staff coordinator for five years and then church music administration consultant prior to his most recent responsibility.

In his new position, Gardner will assist Gary Cook, division director, in the administration of work from the church administration, church music, church architecture, church recreation, and church media library departments.

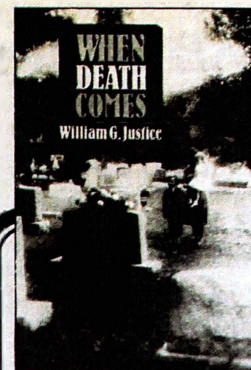
He is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, and the University of Arkansas.

Prior to moving to the board's church music department in 1973, he was minister of music at Olivet Baptist Church in Oklahoma City. Earlier, he served as minister of music and youth for First Baptist Church, Siloam Springs, Ark.

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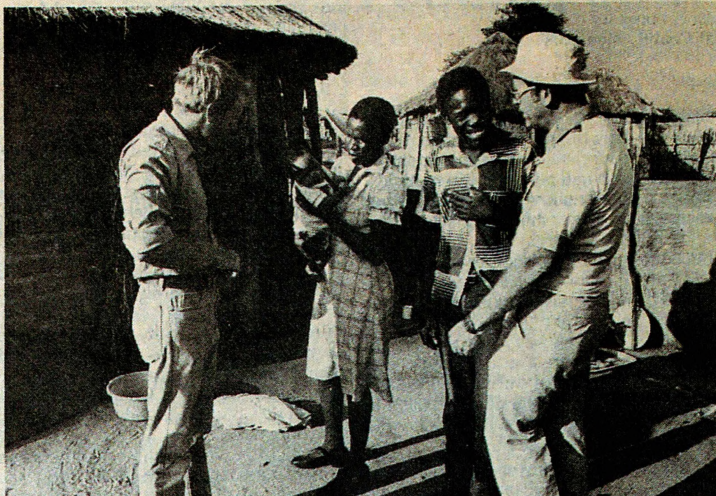
By Mary Jane Welch and Bob Stanley
RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — Southern Baptist foreign missionaries are being encouraged to find new and innovative ways to use increased hunger and relief funds.

The Foreign Mission Board is moving with "deliberate haste" to make appropriate use of world hunger contributions but will not rush into "improper or shoddy arrangements," President R. Keith Parks told board members at their March meeting.

"This ministry," said Parks, "will be done in the name of Jesus. It will augment evangelism and church growth. It will be an appropriate part of the total Southern Baptist foreign mission effort."

Parks made the statements in the wake of recent suggestions by some world hunger advocates that the board channel some of its funds through other relief agencies to meet hunger needs in countries where it does not have missionaries, such as in Somalia.

Southern Baptists have expectations that shape the way these funds are handled, Parks said, identifying the expectations as economical, efficient administration, urgency of getting the funds to the field, desire that they be used to bear a Christian witness, and



PLANNING IN BOTSWANA — John Cheyne (right) and Missionary Randy Sprinkle talk with Botswanan Pastor George Kadimukwa and his family at their home in Maun, Botswana. Sprinkle and other missionaries in Botswana talked with Cheyne about ways to effectively use relief funds in Botswana.

strong Baptist convictions about separation of church and state.

For these reasons, he said, the board cannot channel funds through an agency that spends 25 percent or more on administration and promotion; one that accumulated an excess of \$7-million last year; agencies that utilize non-Christian distributors; or others which either receive government funds or distribute through government channels.

The board has been criticized because world hunger and relief contributions, which have grown from \$889,190 in 1977 to \$5-million in 1980, have come in faster than the board has been able to initiate projects to use the money wisely. Last year the board allocated more than \$3.5-million for projects in 37 countries — a 17 percent increase in allocations but still more than \$1-million below the \$4.7-million given for world hunger and relief.

John R. Cheyne, relief ministries consultant with the board, recently returned from a trip to eastern and southern Africa, which was intended to increase missionary awareness of new possibilities opened by the rapid rise of gifts to hunger and relief causes.

Because contributions rose quickly from 1977 to 1980, Cheyne says missionaries have not yet fully grasped the variety of ways they can use the money "to meet human need in the context of sharing the message of Jesus Christ and planting churches."

He adds the missionaries are not being asked to abandon an old ministry for a new one, but to integrate relief ministries into their other work.

Cheyne's trip to meet with missionaries and African Baptist leaders in South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Kenya, and Uganda is one of several moves made by the FMB in recent months to encourage good use of the increasing gifts.

Cheyne learned on his trip that other relief agencies have similar problems with accumulating funds because of a surge in American interest in world hunger. Missionaries in two countries had been approached by other relief agencies for their help in distributing excess funds, he said.

The Foreign Mission Board has an advantage over many relief agencies, Cheyne pointed out, because it has people already in place who can respond to needs as they arise. Those missionaries

can also monitor conditions, suggesting adjustments as needs change.

He found that relief agencies in Somalia and Uganda are planning such adjustments in the coming year. With the critical food shortages past, agencies are turning to developmental projects to keep people in these countries from becoming dependent upon food hand-outs, Cheyne reported.

Southern Baptists are stepping up development projects in Uganda. But because there are 38 relief agencies working in Somalia who seem to be adequately funded, he said the need for Southern Baptists to enter Somalia is not urgent. "It seems more important that we put our weight down where we have staff to meet urgent needs," he said. Southern Baptists will continue working with Somali refugees who have crossed into Kenya.

Cheyne said he believes the increased awareness by the missionaries in Africa will result in \$1- to \$2-million in new hunger and relief projects, such as food distribution, clean water projects, and better-life centers which would offer a number of community services.

One such project now being considered calls for Southern Baptists to provide food to a 2,000-bed hospital where a missionary physician is assigned. The hospital lacks funds both to feed patients and buy medicine. The Baptist mission is proposing to supply milk and food for a specified time so the hospital can use its money to buy medicine and equipment it needs to resume full operation.

Two projects proposed on the trip had been submitted to the Foreign Mission Board by Baptist missions by the time Cheyne returned home. In Kenya, missionaries propose to provide food, shelter, and clothing to villagers whose homes were destroyed in tribal warfare in the Kisumu area.

Kentucky pastor called to Greenback church

Salem Baptist Church, Greenback, called James Faulkner to its pastorate, a ministry he began in January.

Faulkner came to the church from the pastorate of Newton Creek Baptist Church, Kevil, Ky. He is a former pastor of Brownville Baptist Church, Brownville, Ill.

Faulkner is a native of Metropolis, Ill.

In Zimbabwe, missionaries have asked for food distribution funds, the first step in what may become a major developmental project for nine villages in the Gokwe area. When Cheyne was there, the end of the rainy season was approaching, but there had been no rains and no crops would grow. People in one village had a little barley, but most people had only grass to eat.

Because the villagers said they would buy grain if it were available, Baptist missionaries are proposing that they build a grain storage shed and provide transportation to bring grain into the area. People can then buy the grain at cost.

Among other projects Cheyne discussed with missionaries and African Baptists were several pure water projects. In two cases where the water table is depleted or polluted by salt, plans call for tying into pipelines owned by others. Some projects call for well-drilling rigs to drill new wells or reopen abandoned boreholes. In one case, the Baptist mission may provide water for a hospital which now carts its water by wheelbarrow from a spring more than three miles away.

In several cases, Cheyne recommended better-life centers which would tie in with existing clinic or food distribution ministries and offer a wider range of services, such as nutritional education, literacy training, and health services.

At least two projects he discussed with missionaries could be carried out with a state Baptist convention from the United States. These would be similar to the Upper Volta project currently operating under the sponsorship of Tennessee Baptists and the Foreign Mission Board.

Many projects also call for local involvement, Cheyne said, citing food-for-work phases of several projects which require some construction. In the Gokwe region of Zimbabwe, for example, local citizens will help build the grain storage shed.

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Let's do it now

By Jonas Stewart

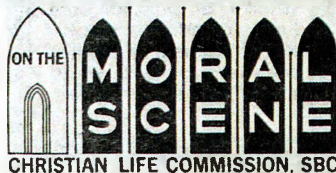
Some time ago, a wonderful Christian lady inquired of us about making a Christian will. Having explained the possibility of memorializing her late husband and joining their names together forever by writing a testamentary trust into the will, she replied, "Let's do it now."

My first thought was that she wanted to prepare her will "now." Explaining that we would need the advice of an attorney to help with her complicated estate, she said, "I mean let's set up the trust now. I want to see it serving the Lord while I live."

She set up a trust fund with your Foundation as trustee. The fund bears the name of husband and wife. It will so remain forever. Today that fund is providing scholarships for deserving young people attending one of our Tennessee Baptist colleges. She is rejoicing because she and her beloved are still serving together through the money they earned, saved, and dedicated to the Lord.

She was not particularly concerned about tax savings but she did use the gift as an income tax deduction and it will not be subject to estate tax. There will be no administrative cost at her death.

This fund will reproduce itself every few years and still be there to be reproduced again and again until Jesus comes. For more information about how you can "do it now," write the Tennessee Baptist Foundation, P.O. Box 347, Brentwood, TN 37027.



POVERTY RATE IS UP — "New figures from the United States Census Bureau show that many of the gains made against poverty over the past two decades had been wiped out even before the cuts in Federal welfare programs took effect and before the onset of the current recession. An extensive survey of the nation's population in March 1981 showed that from 1979 through 1980 more than 3-million people entered the ranks of the poor, as defined by the Federal Government. The study also found that the national poverty rate, the percentage of the population that is poor, increased from 11.6 percent to 13 percent. . . . The increase in the numbers and percentages below the poverty line, the Census Bureau said, 'was widespread, affecting most segments of the U.S. population. In 1980 there were 19.7-million whites, 8.6-million blacks and 3.5-million persons of Spanish origin below the poverty level, all significantly higher numbers than in 1979.' The poverty threshold for a non-farm family of four in 1980 was \$8,414. Blacks continued to have the highest percentage in poverty, 32.5 percent compared to 25.7 for Hispanics and 10.2 percent for whites." (NEW YORK TIMES, 2/20/82)

PRISON POPULATION HITS RECORD — "The prison population in the United States has risen to 357,043, the highest total since records have been kept, the Justice Department said. . . . The department said that between Jan. 1, 1981 and Sept. 30, 1981, the prison population had risen by 30,000 inmates. Almost all of the growth was in state prisons, as the federal prison population of 25,000 remained essentially the same. The prison population, roughly equivalent to the population of Peoria, Ill., is well over the actual capacity of the prisons. Figures compiled by the Criminal Justice Institute in New York put the total U.S. prison capacity at about 291,000." (THE TENNESSEAN, 2/22/82)