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HONORARY TENNESSEAN — TBC President Wayne Allen (left) presents a certificate to Upper Volta President Saye Zerbo from Gov. Lamar Alexander, making Zerbo an honorary citizen of Tennessee.

Tennesseans, missionaries meet Upper Volta president

OUAGADOUGOU, Upper Volta — President Saye Zerbo of Upper Volta told representatives of the Tennessee Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board that the Sanwabo project is "one of the best rural development services in all Upper Volta."

Meeting with the president in his office Oct. 20 were Wayne Allen, president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention and pastor of East Park Baptist Church, Memphis; Al Shackelford, editor of the Baptist and Reflector; Bryant Durham FMB missionary and chairman of the Baptist Mission in Upper Volta; and Larry Cox, FMB agricultural evangelist at the Sanwabo project.

Also meeting with the group and serving as interpreter was Daniel Kompaore, civil administrator for the country's aviation authority.

Carroll Owen, TBC convention ministries director, and Archie King, TBC Brotherhood director, who were in Upper Volta at the time, had planned to be present but a travel schedule problem interfered.

President Zerbo said that 98 percent of the population depends on farming, but have no technology in agriculture. "Thanks to the Baptist Mission I see a difference in the Sanwabo area," the president said.

He described the most critical need in Upper Volta as water and praised Baptists' efforts in digging wells and in completing the dam for a 65-acre lake. "Most of the population are very courageous and will work, but without water they cannot be self-sufficient," he added.

Allen presented a certificate from Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander making Zerbo an honorary citizen of the state, a key to the city of Memphis, and a certificate from Memphis Mayor J. O. Patterson Jr. making the president an honorary citizen of that city.

Noting the number of Tennesseans who have come to serve as volunteers in Upper Volta, President Zerbo observed,

"There is a feeling of brotherhood that already exists in the spirit and in the heart between the people of Tennessee and the people of Upper Volta." He continued, "It is great to notice that neither distance nor the difference in color has prevented this."

Expressing appreciation for this spirit, the president pledged his continuing support and said he expects the relationship to grow.

President Zerbo said that Baptists being in his country for only 11 years was not a handicap for the group to become known. He noted that the French were there for centuries, but in some areas more people know about Baptists than about the French.

Durham said the 30-minute meeting with the president was very encouraging and gave the opportunity for many Voltas to learn who Baptists are. After the meeting in the president's office, an interview with Durham and Allen was videotaped and played over the Ouagadougou television station.

Mafia-style killing hits Baptist hospital

By Craig Bird

BARRANQUILLA, Colombia (BP) — A patient being treated for gunshot wounds was murdered in his bed at Baptist Hospital in what police think is the result of a feud among elements of organized crime.

"About 9 p.m. Oct. 16 there were some shots fired outside the hospital and when police went to investigate the diversion, three men entered the hospital, went to the patient's second-floor room and shot him 11 times," said Jerrell Ballard, a Southern Baptist medical missionary.

The victim's sister and another visitor were in the room but were not harmed by the gunmen. In the ensuing confusion the three men escaped, Ballard said.

Less than 48 hours later, three men riding in a car near the hospital were killed by gunmen who pulled alongside them in a jeep. Police think the two incidents are related and also feel the Oct. 16 shooting was a "finishing off" of the earlier attempt that put the man in the hospital.

Ballard, who has been in Colombia for 10 years, thinks the incident will have an effect on Baptist Hospital but he does not think Baptist mission work will suffer.

"The initial reaction seems to be 'what kind of people are you harboring in that hospital' and I'm sure people who are planning non-emergency surgery will look somewhere else for awhile," Ballard admitted. "But our doors are open to anyone who needs care and, fortunately, the local papers have pointed out the victim was a 'bad man' who was involved in criminal activities. There have been several incidents of violence lately but no innocent people have been involved and police think the local mafia is quarreling internally."

This is the second time in two years a patient at Baptist Hospital has been the target of violence. In November 1980, a hand grenade was thrown into a second-floor room, injuring a patient who was

under police guard for his involvement in a family killing.

Ironically, the same hospital bed was involved in both incidents.

"The bed rail still had scars from the shrapnel from the hand grenade and now it has bullet holes in it," Ballard said. "We use our equipment as long as we can down here but I guess we'll have to quit using this one now."

Ballard requested continued prayer support from Southern Baptists as the missionaries continue their work. In addition to work with Colombians, Ballard and his wife head up work with the English-speaking population of the country.

"There are about 150 American families here, mostly with Exxon which is involved in a coal-mining operation, and many of them are frightened," Ballard explained. "One of the Exxon engineers (Continued on page 2)

Rifka Shorosh dies in Atlanta

Rifka "Rebecca" Shorosh, wife of Fuad Shorosh, died Oct. 19 in an Atlanta hospital after a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Shorosh, along with her husband, was a catalytic missionary appointed by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board to serve the Tennessee Baptist Convention as a language consultant to the Hamilton County and Knox County Baptist associations.

A native of Jordan, Mrs. Shorosh was a graduate of Southern Baptist Seminary in Beirut, Lebanon, and prior to her death was enrolled at Cleveland State Community College, Cleveland. She was a member of Hopewell Baptist Church in Cleveland.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Shorosh is survived by a daughter, Mona, and three sons, Tony, Shaun, and Sam, all of Cleveland.

TBC to consider relief fund for ministers

A recommendation from the Tennessee Baptist Convention's Ministers Aid Committee concerning policies and guidelines for a "ministers emergency relief fund" will be presented to the annual Tennessee Baptist Convention meeting in Memphis, Nov. 16-18.

If approved by messengers to the convention, the fund will provide temporary financial assistance to church staff members who are dismissed or resign their positions.

The program will be financed through contributions from churches, ministers, and other interested persons, along with a convention allocation of \$25,000 received from interest

earned on convention reserve funds.

According to the guidelines, the fund will continue a minister's minimum retirement program and hospitalization insurance three months, and will provide up to \$100 per week for a maximum of 13 weeks. In addition, the TBC administrative office, which will coordinate the program, will serve as a resource for other possible programs of assistance.

Requests for aid must be made in writing to the TBC executive secretary-treasurer, according to the guidelines, and the need for continued assistance will be verified monthly.

To be eligible for the aid, a minister

must have served a church fully cooperating with the local Baptist association and with the Tennessee Baptist Convention, the policy states. Family income beyond the fund itself must not exceed \$650 a month. Each applicant must counsel with and be approved by a special committee appointed by the executive secretary in conjunction with the TBC president. No person may receive assistance more than twice and a minimum of five years must elapse between the two, the guidelines state.

The recommendation also suggests that the Ministers Aid Committee meet quarterly to monitor the program and report further recommendations to the 1983 convention.

Draper calls for 'parity' in colleges, seminaries

FORT WORTH, Tex. (BP) — Southern Baptist Convention President James T. Draper Jr. wants a "fair representation of all (theological) views" in the classrooms of Southern Baptist colleges, universities, and seminaries.

Draper, pastor of First Baptist Church of Euless, Tex., told a faculty dialogue at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary he has confidence in the seminary faculty, but noted there are problems on the university level which might be spill-

ing over to some seminary campuses.

The SBC president, however, said he does not want anyone fired because of their teachings.

"Most conservatives would be happy with parity in our classrooms," Draper said. "We would be happy with a fair presentation of all views, but we should make a concerted attempt to bring known conservatives to our faculties."

With proper planning, he said, this could be achieved through normal attrition.

Draper mentioned three major conclusions which emerged from a Dallas meeting Oct. 5 of several leaders in the denomination.

He said the group concluded there are healthy differences in theology within the convention, but that the convention did not always have parity or balance.

Draper said the first step in resolving controversies is by communicating. He noted Southern Baptists have distinct theologies within the convention and that they should communicate their differences and move on.

Calling the current convention climate "extremely explosive," Draper said he believed the denominational leadership did not fully understand the restlessness of the troops on both sides. He said the situation had gotten out of the hands of the leaders and some of the persons involved were "extremely hostile and angry" about the direction the convention was headed.

"If there can be an acceptance of the true diversity of our convention, then I can be optimistic about our future," he said.

Union seeks funds to purchase organs

JACKSON — Union University's Board of Trustees has approved a \$261,000 campaign to purchase a large concert pipe organ and smaller practice organ for the college.

The three-manual, 45-rank concert organ to be housed in G. M. Savage Memorial Chapel will be the only such instrument of its type and size in west Tennessee, said Kenneth Hartley, music department chairman. The other organ, a two-manual, three-rank instrument, will be used in practice sessions in the music department.



BRAZILIANS CELEBRATE — The annual meeting of the Brazilian Baptist Convention drew a record 6,020 messengers and more than 10,000 additional participants nightly as the convention met in Salvador's Fonte Nova Soccer Stadium to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Baptist work in Brazil.

Brazil Baptists celebrate century of work, growth

SALVADOR, Brazil (BP) — In the city where it all started, Brazilian Baptists celebrated 100 years of work.

The Oct. 8-15 week of festivities — also the 64th meeting of the Brazilian Baptist Convention — included evangelistic services in an 80,000-seat soccer stadium, parades, marches, a record number of registered messengers, and long looks to the past and future.

A century ago on Oct. 15, 1882, Southern Baptists' first missionaries to Brazil, William and Anne Bagby, organized Brazil's first indigenous Baptist church in Salvador with five members. Today that church is still going strong and more than 3,100 other Baptist congregations meet nationwide. Brazilian Baptists number about 550,000.

A strong sense of continuity prevailed as outgoing convention president, Joao Soren, pastor of First Baptist Church in Rio de Janeiro, presided at convention sessions. Soren's father, an early convert of the Bagbys, was the convention's first president. Two of the Bagbys' children also were present: Albert Bagby, 79, of Alabama, and Helen Bagby Harrison, 82, of Texas, both retired missionaries.

A record 6,020 messengers registered for the convention and an average of 10,000 to 15,000 people attended sessions at the Fonte Nova Soccer Stadium and an adjacent gymnasium.

Messengers elected pastor and evangelist Nilson Fanini as convention president and reviewed goals set a decade ago to be completed before the Baptist centennial.

Baptists fell short of their goal of one-million church members and 6,600 churches by 1982, but membership has increased five percent annually in recent

years. High inflation and weak Brazilian currency have hampered home and foreign mission programs. Brazilian Baptist mission boards, however, now support about 350 home missionaries and 70 foreign missionaries in 13 countries, including the United States.

Baptist seminaries and theological institutes surpassed their goal of 3,000 students in 1978. Despite bad economic conditions, numerous state and national denominational agencies and boards have reached or soon will attain self-support.

Proposed plans for the remainder of the 1980's call for passing the 6,000-churches mark, starting 12,000 mission congregations, and involving at least one percent of Brazil's population (now 128-million) in church membership.

More than 3,700 Texas volunteers participated in a four-year Mission to Brazil evangelistic campaign. The Texas-Brazil partnership, which winds up in October, has resulted in about 90,000 Brazilians committing their lives to Christ.

In a letter read at the convention, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board President R. Keith Parks said that after sending 890 missionaries and \$106-million to Brazil over the last century, Southern Baptists are "thrilled to see increasing leadership from Brazilian Baptists both at home and in world missions."

Missionary David Mein delivered the convention sermon, challenging Brazilian Baptists to "remove from our vocabulary the expressions 'Third World' and 'underdeveloped country' and march forward with the theme, 'We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.' We have the human potential if we are faithful. We have the resources, but we need dedication."

Currently 330 Southern Baptist missionaries work in Brazil, the largest number in any single country. Many now work under Brazilian Baptist leaders.

Mafia killing . . .

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told me, 'You missionaries have to have a lot of backbone to stay here and keep working — I've only been here two weeks and I'm scared to death.'"

There are five Southern Baptist missionaries and one SBC journeyman assigned to Baptist Hospital: Ballard, Victor D. Norman, Robert L. Edwards, George H. Kollmar, and Jeni Hester are permanent medical missionaries; Vonda Cravens is a journeyman nurse.

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Alice Bell church calls David Hanes

Alice Bell Baptist Church, Knoxville, called David L. Hanes as pastor, a ministry he began Oct. 17.

Hanes came to the church from the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Oliver Springs. He was previously pastor of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Clinton; Clear Branch Baptist Church, Lake City; First Baptist Church, Clinton; and Hatley Baptist Church, Hallsville, Tex.

A native of Naples, Tex., Hanes has attended the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, and American University and Georgetown University, both of Washington, D. C. He is a graduate of East Texas Baptist College, Marshall, Tex., and Stephen F. Austin University, Nacogdoches, Tex.



Bob Agee



Roy Fish



Adrian Rogers

Pastors' conference offers variety of personalities

Baptist pastors from across Tennessee will gather at Leewood Baptist Church, Memphis, Nov. 15 for the 1982 Tennessee Baptist Pastors' Conference.

A Baptist college president, a seminary professor, and pastors from across the state will highlight the program of preaching and Bible study, according to Pat Kough, president of this year's conference and pastor of First Baptist Church, Bemis.

Key speakers for the conference include Bob Agee, newly-elected president of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, and a former dean at Union University, Jackson; Bob Armour, director of missions for Beulah Baptist Association, Union City; Pat Kough, conference president; Franklin Paschall, pastor of First Baptist Church, Nashville; Adrian Rogers, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis; and Gerald Stow, pastor of First Baptist Church, Cookeville.

Roy Fish, professor of evangelism at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., will lead a Bible study during each of the three sessions of the one-day meeting.

Also during each session, Alan Celoria, an evangelistic singer from Jackson, Miss., will be featured through special music.

The Monday evening session will feature a testimony by Marolyn Ford of Broadmoor Baptist Church, Memphis, who was healed from blindness. Mrs. Ford is the wife of Acie Ford, associate pastor at Broadmoor.

Leading devotionals during the meeting will be James Glisson, pastor of First Baptist Church, Alexandria; James



Celoria



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Welch, pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church, Jackson; and Jack Sanford, pastor of Colonial Baptist Church, Memphis.

Julian Suggs, director of the Tennessee Baptist Convention church music department, will lead the music for the conference.

The election of officers for the pastors' conference will be held at 3:30 during the Monday afternoon session. The new officers will be introduced at the evening session.

Sessions will begin at 9:45 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 6:30 p.m.

'Called To Be His' chosen state WMU meeting theme

Missionaries, mission workers, and Woman's Missionary Union leaders will focus on the theme "Called To Be His" during the 94th annual Tennessee WMU convention Nov. 15.

The meeting, held a day prior to the Tennessee Baptist Convention's annual session, will be hosted by Highland Heights Baptist Church, Memphis.

Principal speakers for the meeting are Wendell Belew, director of the missions ministries division of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board; John Mills, area director of west Africa for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board; Kathryn Carpenter, executive director of Louisiana WMU; Helen Fling, promotion associate in new areas for WMU, Southern Baptist Convention, and James Kellum, a home missionary working with Indochinese in Shelby County Baptist Association.

Kellum will be featured in the 9:30 a.m. opening session, speaking on "Showing By Our Lives His Grace." Beulah Peoples, program associate and Baptist Women director for Tennessee WMU, will report on Baptist Women work and provide an update on WMU's National Enlargement Plan. Jannie Engelmann, state Girls in Action director, and June Swann, state Mission Friends director, will report on their organizations.

During the afternoon session, Mills' topic will be "Quick To Answer Now His Call." In addition, Mary Jane Nethery, director-treasurer of Tennessee WMU, will give the executive director's report, and Bonita Wilson, state Acteens director, will report on her organization.

Belew will deliver the first message of



Mills



Kellum



Mrs. Fling



Belew

the 7:30 p.m. session, "Spokesmen for the Truth and Right," and Mrs. Fling will give the closing message, "Our High Calling to Fulfill."



Miss Carpenter

Leading the meditation in each session will be Miss Carpenter, whose topics are "Called to Be God's People," "Called to Be God's Servants," and "Called to Be God's Prophets."

Larry Smith, assistant professor of music at Union University in Jackson, will provide the music for the convention and present a brief concert at 7:15 p.m., prior to the final session.

Mrs. Glendon McCullough, state WMU president, will preside at the meeting, which also includes recognition of the Tennessee Starteam and an election of officers.

The Starteam, a group of women from across the state whose purpose is to begin new WMU organizations, will be presented at the evening session and report to associational leadership during a by-invitation-only banquet.

Officers will be elected at the afternoon meeting, and presented that evening.

The meeting is expected to adjourn about 9:30 p.m.

Baptist collegians to gather in Martin for weekend meet

Baptist college students from throughout Tennessee will gather in Martin Oct. 29-31 for the 54th annual state Baptist Student Union Convention.

The meeting, with the theme "Called to Serve," will be held at Southside Baptist Church in Martin and at the student center of the University of Tennessee at Martin. In addition, the students will share their general sessions with single adults in the state who are meeting at the same time (see the Oct. 20 edition of the Baptist and Reflector for details on the singles conference).

Scheduled to speak at the convention are Nathan Porter, director of disaster relief and domestic hunger at the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, and David Garland, professor of New Testament at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. Porter will deliver the opening message Friday evening and the closing message Sunday morning, while Garland will lead morning Bible studies and deliver a Saturday evening message.

A highlight of the convention will be a Friday evening concert by the Mobile, Ala., group, "Truth." Additional music for the convention will be provided by "Lighthouse," comprised of students from Memphis State University, Memphis; "Branches," comprised of students from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga; and Karen Mabry, a student at Belmont College, Nashville.

Individual seminars include "Domestic Hunger Awareness and Response,"



Garland



Porter

led by Porter: "Honest Doubt and Intellectual Challenges to Faith," led by Garland; "Finding and Following the Will of God for Your Life," conducted by recently-named National Student Ministries Director Charles H. Johnson; "Issues in the Control of Cults" with Larry Ingram, a University of Tennessee at Knoxville professor; "Types of Overseas Missions," with William D. Moseley, missionary-in-residence, Brazil; and "Introduction to Student Mission Possibilities," conducted by Bill Henry, associate director of the Tennessee Baptist Convention's department of student work.

According to Glenn Yarbrough, TBC student director, registration for the convention begins at 4:30 Friday at the Southside church, with the first session beginning at 7 p.m. The meeting will conclude following the 9 a.m. Sunday session.

State BSU President Jackie Bailey, a student at East Tennessee State University in Johnson City, will preside at the meeting.

Polk Co. Baptists meet in Ocoee

Members of the Polk County Baptist Association met at Shiloh Baptist Church, Ocoee, Oct. 18-19, for their annual session.

Elected to lead the association during the meeting were Jimmy Cheatham, pastor of Ocoee's Smyrna Baptist Church, as moderator, and Stephen Smith, pastor of Cedar Springs Baptist Church in Cleveland, as vice-moderator. Cheatham succeeds Floyd Bogess, pastor of Pine Ridge Baptist Church, Benton.

Mrs. Wilson Rogers, a member of Zion Baptist Church in Benton, was elected clerk. Mrs. Rogers succeeds Evelyn Guy of Benton's First Baptist Church, who was recognized by the association for her long term of service in that position.

Re-elected to his post was James O. Woody, treasurer, pastor of Antioch Baptist Church in Benton.

W. L. Shipman, Polk County director of missions, said the next meeting of the association is scheduled for Oct. 17-18, 1983, at the Smyrna church.

Brotherhood elects officers for '82-83

During the Brotherhood associational leadership conference last month, the 1982-83 state Brotherhood officers were elected.

M. B. Howard of Oak Grove Baptist Church, Covington, was elected president. Vice-president will be Tom Seat of First Baptist Church, Smyrna. Herschel Wells of Second Baptist Church, Memphis, will serve as vice-president for Royal Ambassadors. Vice-president for lay renewal will be Tom Brown of First Baptist Church, Murfreesboro. Jack Cunningham of Central Baptist Church, Fountain City, will be vice-president for lay revival.

Other officers are Bill Brooks of North Knoxville Baptist Church, vice-president for mission study and mission activity; Bill Palmiter of First Baptist Church, Smithville, pastor advisor; and Gene Williams of Oak Grove Baptist Church, Church Hill, secretary.

Editor's Note: Printed below are changes which will be recommended to next month's Tennessee Baptist Convention by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. The present wording is in the left column; the proposed wording is in the right column. Specific changes and additions are printed in boldface type.

Proposed changes to TBC Constitution, Bylaws

Second reading

CONSTITUTION

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First reading

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS:

2. The officers shall be elected annually and shall take office immediately preceding adjournment of the Convention at which elected and shall hold office until immediately preceding adjournment of the next annual Convention.

5. The vice-president and the second vice-president shall discharge such duties of the president as requested by the president. In the event of the death or disability of the president, the vice-presidents shall succeed the president in the order of their rank.

6. The secretaries and the treasurer shall discharge such customary duties and functions as may be assigned to them by the Convention or its presiding officer.

BYLAWS

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6. The recording secretary, statistical secretary, registration secretary, and treasurer shall discharge such customary duties and functions as may be assigned to them by the Convention or its presiding officer. In case of death, disability or other cause making retirement necessary the Executive Board shall be empowered to declare the office vacant due to the incapacity of an incumbent to serve and to fill the vacancy until the next annual meeting.

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Belmont to sponsor missions emphasis

NASHVILLE - Belmont College will observe missions emphasis week Nov. 1 through 5 with a series of convocation programs, seminars, and luncheons.

W. Bryant Hicks, professor of Christian missions and world religions at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and former missionary to the Philippines, will be the keynote speaker in convocation programs on Nov. 1 and Nov. 2.

A convocation program is also scheduled for Nov. 3 at 10 a.m. on the subject of Bold Mission Thrust. Other activities for the week include a career missions seminar on Monday, a student summer missions seminar on Tuesday, and a journeyman seminar on Friday.

Participants include Cordell and Marty Akin, career missionaries to Tanzania; Gladys E. Bryant, professor of history and political science at Belmont

and acting director of Friendship House in Fukuoka, Japan; Linda McKnight, a missionary in resort ministries in Florida; Bill and Barbara Moseley, career missionaries to Brazil; and Wayne Thames, 1982 Belmont graduate who served as a summer missionary to Israel.

Hicks will be on hand for an informal dialogue session Nov. 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sara Grigsby BSU Building.

Nashville group adds to roster

Messengers to the Nashville Baptist Association, meeting in annual session Oct. 18-19, elected an area church into fellowship with the association.

Twelve Robes Baptist Church, Nashville, was added to the membership roster by vote of the messengers. The church is led by Pastor W. T. Vernon.

In officer elections, Robert Woody, pastor of Bluegrass Baptist Church in Hendersonville, was elected moderator, succeeding William G. Wilson, pastor of Brentwood Baptist Church, Brentwood. Porter Routh, retired executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention and a member of First Baptist Church, Nashville, was elected vice-moderator.

Re-elected to their posts were Treasurer Carl Duck, executive director of the Nashville association and a member of the Nashville First church, and Doyle Chatham, a member of Inglewood Baptist Church in Nashville.

Also during the meeting, the association recognized the former Brookside Baptist Church of Nashville, which disbanded Dec. 31, 1981. The congregation left its property and assets to the association to establish a trust fund for beginning new churches. The fund will exceed \$325,000.

The meeting was held at Tusculum Hills Baptist Church, Nashville, and First Baptist Church, Old Hickory. The 1983 meeting is scheduled for Oct. 17-18 at Nashville's Woodmont Baptist Church and First Baptist Church, Donelson.

Shelby Co. elects slate of officers

Messengers to the Shelby County Baptist Association, which met in annual session Oct. 11-12, elected a new slate of officers for the association.

Ken Story, pastor of Germantown Baptist Church in Germantown, was elected to lead Shelby County as moderator. Story, who served the association last year as vice-moderator, succeeds James Pardue, pastor of Temple Baptist Church, Memphis.

Elected to assist Story as vice-moderator was Bob Carpenter, pastor of Cherry Road Baptist Church in Memphis. Lowell Adams, pastor of Memphis' Graceland Baptist Church, was elected clerk/treasurer.

In other business, the messengers adopted a resolution "expressing appreciation and love" for retired minister Ralph Moore, who was in the hospital during the time of the meeting. Moore's absence from Shelby County's annual meeting was his first in 36 years.

The meeting was held at Ellendale Baptist Church, Ellendale, and Berclair Baptist Church in Memphis. The 1983 meeting will be held Oct. 17-18 at two Memphis churches, Northview and Towering Oaks, according to Shelby County Director of Missions Gordon Crocker.

Derry begins ministry at The Country Church

Ernie Berry assumed duties as pastor of The Country Church, Morristown, in August, after accepting a call from the church's congregation.

Derry, who was serving the church as interim pastor, came from the membership of Mountain Valley Baptist Church, Mohawk.

A native of Morristown, Derry was ordained by The Country Church. Kenneth Minor, pastor of Midtown Baptist Church in Russellville, delivered the sermon for the ordination service.

SWBTS trustees approve final details of merger

FORT WORTH, Tex. (BP) — Trustees of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary approved the final steps of merger with the Hispanic Baptist Theological Seminary in San Antonio as they held their annual fall meeting.

Trustees also added two degrees to the curriculum, approved an Institute of Applied Ethics; named three endowed chairs; agreed to help Houston Baptist University build a classroom building for Southwestern's off-campus center, changed the nomenclature of the master of church music degree, and heard the president's annual report.

During the trustee meeting, the seminary dedicated the A. Webb Roberts Library, named for a Dallas businessman and philanthropist. The \$6.6-million, 100,000-square-foot facility is the largest theological library in the nation.

A budget of \$750,099 for the Hispanic seminary was adopted. The school will become a component of Southwestern if the merger is approved on second reading at the annual meeting of the Baptist General Convention of Texas in November.

Also approved were Hispanic seminary's curriculum and adjunct status at Southwestern for its faculty. Daniel J. Rivera was elected president of Hispanic seminary as part of Southwestern's administrative staff.

The new degree plans include master of arts degrees in missiology and marriage and family counseling. The master of church music degree will be renamed the master of music in church music degree to align terminology more closely with other graduate institutions.

Trustees approved the founding agreement for the A. Webb Roberts Institute of Applied Ethics. Roberts made the seminary the beneficiary of a \$1-million trust to be used for endowing the institute.

Seminary officers will work with Roberts to complete details and when the agreement is completed Roberts will add an additional \$1-million to the endowment. The seminary has agreed to add a third \$1-million.

Trustees also approved the inclusion of a chair of applied ethics, to be filled later, as part of the institute.

Jeroline A. Baker, professor of childhood education, will occupy the newly named Bessie M. Fleming Chair of Childhood Education, the first named professorship in the school of religious education.

Roy J. Fish, professor of evangelism, will occupy the new L.R. Scarborough chair of evangelism (Chair of Fire) for the 1982-83 academic year.

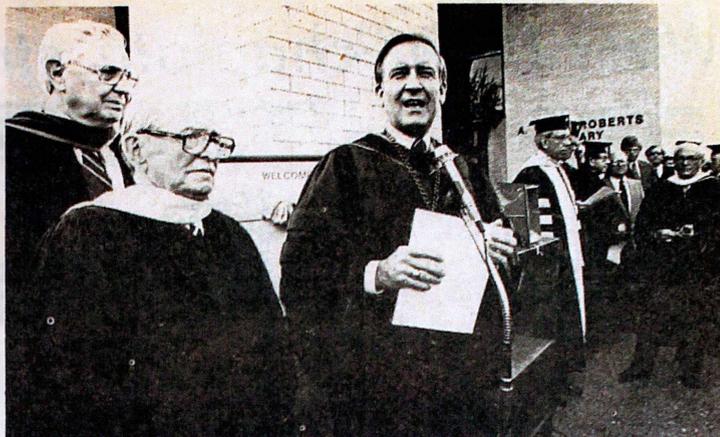
Southwestern, with 125 students at its off-campus center at Houston Baptist University, has agreed to help HBU build a classroom facility to house the center and provide additional space at the university. Southwestern's commitment to a maximum \$300,000 will be funded as part of the Vision '85 campaign to raise \$25-million by 1985 for capital needs and endowment.

John Earl Seelig, vice-president for public affairs and chief fund-raising officer, reported \$16-million has been raised at the halfway point of the campaign.

James E. Coggin, pastor of Travis Avenue Baptist Church in Fort Worth, was elected to a second one-year term as trustee chairman.

Seminary President Russell H. Dilday Jr. announced a gift from Evelyn Lineberry of Midland, Tex., has enabled the seminary to purchase land on the campus' west side, on both sides of Gambrell Street.

Dilday presented his annual report to the trustees which reflected an increase of \$10.7-million in assets; endowment increase of \$5.7-million to \$27,371,155; record cumulative enrollment of 4,605; and expansion of facilities including the library, new bookstore, and maintenance buildings; and expansion of program.



A LIGHTHOUSE — James Coggin (left), trustee chairman of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, stands with A. Webb Roberts (center), and Russell Dilday, seminary president, during dedication ceremonies for the library named for Roberts, Dallas businessman and philanthropist.

Southwestern seminary dedicates new 'A. Webb Roberts Library'

FORT WORTH, Tex. (BP) — Friends of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary lit the beacon in a "Lighthouse of Knowledge" Oct. 19 — the A. Webb Roberts Library.

Sixteen ceremonial ribbons, cut by campus and community representatives, fluttered to the ground in a bright, fall breeze to officially open the nation's largest theological library.

"We dedicate this building to the end and purpose that the name of Jesus Christ should be exalted unto the ends of the earth," prayed James E. Coggin, chairman of Southwestern's board of trustees and pastor of Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Worth.

The new library, centerpiece and showplace of Southwestern's Vision/85 Capital Needs and Endowment campaign, is named for A. Webb Roberts, Dallas investor and philanthropist who made the seminary residual beneficiary of his substantial family trust.

Roberts said, through his gift, the library could develop into the largest and best in the world. "I foresee people coming from all over the world to use the extensive and valuable resources here," he said.

Roberts, originally from Ball Ground, Ga., and members of his family were present at the dedication and at a luncheon in his honor which followed.

Roberts' pastor, W.A. Criswell of First Baptist Church, Dallas, prayed at the luncheon that God would bless Southwestern, "so that men and women trained here can move the whole earth

Christ-ward, God-ward, and heaven-ward."

Robert A. Baker, professor emeritus of church history, called the new library "a lighthouse of knowledge" and traced the seminary's library of humble beginnings with 3,511 books in 1911 to its position as the nation's largest theological library with 577,625 items.

Twin Oaks church joins Beech River

Twin Oaks Baptist Church was accepted into the fellowship of the Beech River Baptist Association during the association's annual meeting Oct. 18-19 at First Baptist Church, Saltillo.

The Twin Oaks church, located near Cedar Grove, was elected a member of the association following its application earlier in the meeting. Jim Gearhardt is the pastor of the church.

In officer elections, messengers to the meeting elected Hoyt Wilson, pastor of First Baptist Church in Lexington, as moderator, and Andy King, pastor of Bear Creek Baptist Church in Parsons, as vice-moderator. Wilson succeeds Don Franks, pastor of First Baptist Church in Decaturville, as moderator.

Re-elected were Treasurer Ruth Carrington, a member of First Baptist Church, in Parsons, and Clerk Lauren Locke, pastor of Mount Ararat Baptist Church in Darden. Miss Carrington was elected treasurer for her 22nd term since 1916.

The messengers to the meeting also voted to dedicate the printed minutes of this year's meeting to E. E. Deuser, former pastor of First Baptist Church in Lexington, who died April 13.

According to Beech River Director of Missions Michael Bennett, the next meeting of the association is slated for Oct. 17-18, 1983, at Judson Baptist Church, Scotts Hill.

Kingston congregation calls Baumgardner

Central Baptist Church, Kingston, called A. R. Baumgardner as pastor, a ministry he began in September.

A native of Bristol, Baumgardner came to the church from the pastorate of Cedar Ford Baptist Church, Luttrell.

Baumgardner is a graduate of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, and has attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Personal perspective

By TOM MADDEN
TBC executive secretary

A most rewarding study is to review the work of the Holy Spirit in relationship to Christ.

The Holy Spirit was the creative agent in the virgin birth of Jesus. The angel said to Joseph, "Fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost" (Matthew 1:20).

Someone has said about Jesus, "He lived as never a man lived; died as never a man died; thought as never a man thought; ascended as never a man ascended; and if we believed nothing else, it would not be difficult for us to believe that He was born as never man was born!"

The Holy Spirit anointed Jesus for His mission in His baptismal experience. "And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon Him" (Luke 3:22). Christ is about to begin His ministry and at this new beginning, He must be endued by the Holy Spirit. As He had been conceived by the Spirit, so now He must be anointed by the Spirit for His supreme office as prophet and priest and king.

He was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil, and afterwards, He went under the power of the Spirit into Galilee.

When Jesus went to Nazareth, He read from the Book of Isaiah, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me. This day is the Scripture fulfilled in your ears."

At the request of Jesus, the Holy Spirit is given by God to the followers of Jesus. "And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My name."

The Holy Spirit glorifies Christ. "He shall glorify me" (John 16:14). When the Holy Spirit most successfully does His work, Christ is greatly glorified and the Holy Spirit falls into the background.



Madden

World's Fair prayer requests

This week pray for...
—the closing out and evaluation of the project.

—the many who made decisions because of the ministry provided offsite and on the fairground.

—Cumberland College Singers, Williamsburg, Ky., who will sing Oct. 30 at the Baptist Pavilion.

West Point chaplain stresses missions

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second of a three-part series of articles about Southern Baptist chaplains at the U.S. military academies.

By Michael Tutterow

WEST POINT, N.Y. (BP)— Alton Harpe believes the Supreme Court did him a favor by not requiring cadets to attend chapel.

The ban on compulsory chapel resulted in a boom for Baptist ministries at "the Point," according to Harpe, director of student work at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point for more than 11 years. Not only did the decision increase freedom for cadets, it boosted attendance at Baptist services and gave Harpe additional contact with cadets.

Though a "civilian chaplain" at the military academy, Harpe claims he enjoys tremendous freedom while ministering among more than 4,000 cadets. He is listed as an official chaplain and the weekly Baptist service is recognized by the academy. In fact, Harpe's only restriction is with the students.

The academy schedules every moment of the cadets' lives from sunrise to lights out, "but we don't let them use time as an excuse," Harpe said. "They can squeeze us in if that's a priority."



RELATING TO STUDENTS — Alton Harpe (right) says the ban on compulsory chapel at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point boosted attendance at weekly Baptist services and offered him more contact with cadets.

Baptist Student Union activities require written approval and cadets must obtain permission to attend BSU functions with a limit of one or two off-campus activities per semester. Otherwise, "everything we do must be done at the academy," Harpe explained.

Though academy rules limit "the freedom to do what you want when you

want," he pointed out, "what we do on a one-to-one basis is not that different from any other campus situation." Together, he and his wife, Fairey, serve as marriage and career counselors, Bible study and worship leaders, parental supplements, and confidants.

About 10 percent of the students are Baptist, with Southern Baptists making up the majority. Unless a letter from a cadet's relative or a call from a pastor alerts Harpe to any Baptists among incoming freshmen, his contacts come from religious preference cards "plebes" fill out during their first week at the academy. While freshmen complete two months of training and orientation, Harpe prepares letters to students expressing a Baptist preference, detailing BSU activities and worship opportunities at the academy.

"We try to show them Christian love in a very difficult environment," and present BSU as "an opportunity for Christian growth and for them to minister to one another," Harpe said.

When cadets complete their orientation, the Harpes and nearby Ridgcrest Baptist Church immerse cadets in a little tender loving care. The annual Labor Day picnic, replete with an all-day, family-style cookout, music, and skits, attracts about 150 cadets and their families. The function helps cadets meet others who may be assigned to different platoons.

The Baptist Fellowship Hour offers another break from cadets' rigorous schedule of classes, study, and military exercises. The academy budgets an hour

each Tuesday for club activities, and interested cadets can find music, refreshments, and an informal worship service or Bible study at the weekly meeting. Cadets take responsibility for the service. Fairey provides homemade refreshments.

Other weekly meetings include BSU council and choir rehearsal. But by far the Sunday morning worship service elicits the most response from cadets. The student-led worship draws nearly 100 cadets a week. Either Harpe, a local pastor, or another Baptist leader delivers the sermon and students lead prayer, Bible readings, and music.

Each semester Harpe plans special events including the fall state student conference and Saturday evening cook-outs during football season. In January 60 to 70 cadets "retreat" for a weekend of Bible study. But whatever the event, "we insist that senior officers show Christian love, that rank not apply at a religious meeting, and that cadets go on a first name basis only," Harpe said.

Throughout the year Harpe stresses missions. Since academy regulations preclude off-campus ministries, "we emphasize missions education and support," explains Harpe, noting cadet contributions to home and foreign missions total several hundred dollars annually.

Harpe also emphasizes active involvement in missions. During a closing worship service Harpe reminded graduating seniors that they are not only commissioned officers but "commissioned Christians." He admitted, "We try to get as many as possible to be aware of their responsibility. We give cadets an opportunity to practice their faith," and help instill "a Christian attitude toward one another and their military service," he said.

Harpe, a former campus minister in Florida, and his wife accepted the Home Mission Board's offer to coordinate West Point military ministries in 1970. A former U.S. Army officer, Harpe brought a knowledge of the military and 10 years' experience as a campus minister to "the Point."

BSU has cultivated responsible leaders "who understand Christian love as part of their commitment to their country and God, acting out their responsibility wherever they serve."

Hinson urges peace efforts to avoid world destruction

NEW YORK (BP)— Those who think that by escalating nuclear weapons "we'll scare the pants off those who would do the irrational and absurd" are dead wrong, Glenn Hinson, church history professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, told participants at the New York Baptist Student Convention.

"But fear may lead us to the ultimate irrationality that will lead to the destruction of the human race," Hinson added.

Hinson's three presentations on "Piety and Responsibility" drew opposition from several students, including Baptist cadets from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

Hinson, saying he does not consider himself a pacifist in areas of conventional military defense, added, "But I am a nuclear pacifist." He explained that he believes the destruction of the human race is contrary to Biblical teachings on the sanctity of life.

Prayer, said Hinson, is "the remedy for fear and anxiety and is in response to divine love. Divine love casts out fear," he said.

Hinson added that through the power of love enemies become human beings instead of impersonal adversaries. "We are to pray for those who despitely use you," Hinson said, "but I don't think we do that."

The Louisville professor, who is teaching this semester at Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, N. C., challenged students to promote peacemaking "by knowing the God of peace and the peace of God."

He also urged students to form peacemaking groups and told West Point cadets, "I envision students petitioning the faculty for a course on peacemaking at the academy."

Asked if peacemaking is a political issue that should be left outside church

interests, Hinson replied: "All political issues are spiritual. Peacemaking is a spiritual issue and if there is to be peacemaking, there must be some wise political decisions."

But God will not make the decisions, he told students. Peace will result from the efforts of "horizontal persons who are able to look beyond the horizons of the age in which they live. It does not mean God will make the choices for you. God has given you freedom and asked you to be responsible."

He urged students "to be world citizens, working at reconstruction of a system which brings great suffering to people here and in the whole earth."

"Unless we bring something to all nations that will bring security, we will fail," warned Hinson. "We have to pursue those things which will make our government pursue justice."

"But we will never do that until we ourselves grab hold of security — the peace of God."

Former air traffic controller now 'flies' under God's radar

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP)— Bill Summers knows what it is like to be fired by the president and hired by the King.

Summers was among the nation's air traffic controllers who lost their jobs in August 1981. The ensuing period of anxiety and frustration could have mounted tragically for him and his family.

Instead, Summers found new meaning in his life.

Being fired after 13 years with the Federal Aviation Administration brought him face-to-face with a decision he had put off for years.

"The Lord let me know I had run out of excuses," Summers explained. "I told the Lord, 'I'm going to do whatever you want.'"

Summers decided what the Lord wanted him to do was preach. So he enrolled for ministry training at Boyce Bible School, a division of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Since his admission to Boyce he has accepted the pastorate of Lockport (Ky.) Baptist Church. In mid-September, Summers was ordained to the gospel ministry at his home church in Mt. Washington, Ky.

Citizen's Corner

By Jerry M. Self
Public affairs and Christian life consultant

Where will you be on election day next Tuesday? If you are going to be out of town, then Thursday of this week is your last opportunity to vote absentee.

Simply go to the County Court House and tell them you want to vote absentee. You will need to sign a statement that you will not be available to vote on Tuesday, Nov. 2.

You will be given a ballot to be marked. The ballot will go in a special envelope and be put in a ballot box to be opened and counted on election day.

There is no need to miss an opportunity to vote just because you will be out of town next week.



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Tennessee

LEADERSHIP . . .

Jimmy Ross resigned as pastor of Mount Carmel Baptist Church, Cleveland, to accept the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Epworth, Ga.

Phil Weatherwax was called by Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, to come as business administrator, a ministry he will begin Nov. 15. Weatherwax, a former member of the church, is a graduate of Memphis State University, Memphis. Adrian Rogers is the pastor of the church.

Tillman Mays recently resigned the pastorate of Oaklawn Baptist Church, Jackson.

Pleasant Plains Baptist Church, Jackson, accepted the recent resignation of its pastor, John McCommon.

Floyd Huckabee, of Selmer, accepted a call from First Baptist Church, Pocatontas, to come as interim pastor. Huckabee is a former pastor of the church.

Glenn Gregg submitted his resignation as assistant pastor of First Baptist Church, Lenoir City, which was effective Aug. 22. Gregg plans to expand his counseling service in Knoxville and serve as interim pastor of Bethany Baptist Church, Loudon. Charles W. Sullivan is the pastor of the Lenoir City church.

Hatchie Baptist Church, Hornsby, accepted the resignation of pastor Dovey Stafford, which will be effective Oct. 31.

REVIVALS . . .

The team of Evangelist Henry Linginfelter and Musician Dick Barrett led an Oct. 3-10 revival at First Baptist Church, McKenzie. John D. Adams, pastor of the

church, reported nine professions of faith, three new members by letter, two new members by statement, and 105 rededications.

First Baptist Church, Middleton, was led in a recent revival by Evangelist Benny Jackson. The church's pastor, C. E. Whitman, reported three professions of faith, one new member by letter, and eight rededications.

Recent revival services at Cordova Baptist Church, Cordova, resulted in six professions of faith, three new members by letter, and 18 rededications. Howard Kolb, pastor of Audubon Park Baptist Church in Memphis, was the evangelist, and Bobby Mullins, minister of music and youth at the Cordova church, led the revival music. W. D. Burke is the church's pastor.

REVIVAL PRAYER REQUESTS . . .

William Tanner, president of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta, Ga., will lead First Baptist Church of Sevierville in revival services October 31 through Nov. 3. Tanner will speak in regular Sunday services and at 7:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. Perry Scott, minister of music at First Baptist Church in Morristown, will lead the revival music. Joe Wren is the pastor of the Sevierville church.

First Baptist Church, Daisy, will conduct "The Alive in Christ Revival" Oct. 31 through Nov. 5. The 7 p.m. services will be led by Donald Bouldin, pastor of Carmel Baptist Church, Charlotte, N.C. The pastor of the church is Robert C. Domy Jr.

Ramsey Pollard, pastor emeritus of Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis, will lead revival services Nov. 7-12 at Gallatin Road Baptist Church, Nashville. Music for the 7 p.m. services will be conducted by Music Evangelist John Gardner III. Fred Baldwin is the pastor of the church.

Lawrence Baptists meet Oct. 15-16

Members of the Lawrence County Association of Baptists held their annual fall meeting Oct. 15-16.

Leading the meeting were Moderator Junior Roper, pastor of Liberty Baptist Church in Loretto, and Vice-moderator Ray Stonecypher, pastor of Loretto's Faith Baptist Church. Roper and Stonecypher were re-elected to their positions during the association's annual spring session April 12.

Serving at the fall meeting after being elected for the first time during the spring session were Treasurer Jerry Putnam, a member of Park Grove Baptist Church in Lawrenceburg, and Clerk Sam Henderson, pastor of New Prospect Baptist Church, also of Lawrenceburg.

The Liberty Grove and Park Grove churches hosted the fall session. According to Lawrence County Director of Missions Frank Proffitt, the next meeting of the association is slated for Oct. 15-16 at O.K. Baptist Church of Lawrenceburg and another site to be determined at a later date. No spring session has been planned for 1983.

PEOPLE . . .

John Greganti was recently licensed to the ministry by LaBelle Haven Baptist Church, Memphis. Greganti is currently a student at Blue Mountain (Miss.) College.

Woodland Park Baptist Church, Chattanooga, ordained Al Miller Jr. as a deacon Oct. 17. Wayne A. Barber is the church's pastor.

Scott Holder was ordained Oct. 10 as a deacon of First Baptist Church, Sweetwater. Leonard S. Markham, pastor of the church, delivered the sermon for the ordination service.

Enville Baptist Church, Enville, ordained DeWitt Franklin, Lynn Godwin, and Paul Smith into its deacon ministry Sept. 26. Ron Davis is the pastor of the church.

Robert Leneir was ordained Oct. 3 as a deacon of First Baptist Church, Middleton. The pastor of the church is C. E. Whitman.

Wallace Memorial Baptist Church, Knoxville, held an ordination service Sept. 26 for 11 new members of its deacon ministry. Ordained were Danny Edmunds, Perry Gouge, Rocky Hodge, Ron Mize, Greg Roach, Wheeler Rosenbaum, Bob Shoemaker, Ron Smith, Larry Stinnette, Randy Summers, and Johnny Taylor. James McCluskey is the pastor of the church.

CHURCHES . . .

State Line Baptist Church, Laurel Bloomery, had a dedication service for its new building Oct. 17. The pastor of the church is Bob White.

An addition to the building of Cambria Baptist Church, Etowah, was recently completed. The addition will be used as classroom space. Larry Coleman is the pastor of the church.

A new annex for Judson Baptist Church, Scotts Hill, was completed recently. The annex houses a fellowship hall and Sunday School rooms. The church's pastor is Dennis Hodge.

Goodman re-elected by Big Emory group

Mason C. Goodman was re-elected moderator of Big Emory Baptist Association during its annual meeting Oct. 14.

Goodman, who was first elected to the position last year, is pastor of Riverside Baptist Church, Harriman. Elected to assist him as vice-moderator was Don Long, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, Kingston.

Re-elected to their posts were George Wadlington, minister of music at South Harriman Baptist Church in Harriman, as treasurer, and Mark Scarbrough, pastor of First Baptist Church in Deer Lodge, as clerk.

The meeting was held at Beech Park Baptist Church, Oliver Springs, and the Shiloh church. According to Big Emory Director of Missions J. W. Bargiol, the 1983 meeting will be held at a site and date to be announced.

Fayetteville church calls Gary Elliott

Charity Baptist Church, Fayetteville, called Gary Elliott to come as pastor, a ministry he began in August.

Elliott is a former pastor of First Baptist Church, Elora, and Gumgrove Baptist Church, Houston, Tex., of which he is a native.

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Campbell accepts Kings Settlement

Campbell County Baptist Association added its 41st member church during its annual meeting Oct. 18-19 at the West LaFollette, Cedar Hill, and Indiana Avenue Baptist churches, all of LaFollette.

Kings Settlement Baptist Church, near Eagan, was voted into fellowship with the association by the messengers to the meeting. The church is led by Pastor Winford Partin.

Also during the two-day meeting, Lequine Lee Lambert, pastor of First Baptist Church in Coolidge, was elected moderator, succeeding Don Martin, pastor of East LaFollette Baptist Church in LaFollette. Herbert Jones, pastor of First Baptist Church in Caryville, was elected to assist Lambert as vice-moderator.

Nina Sellers, who was re-elected as treasurer, was also elected clerk. Mrs. Sellers, a member of Indian Creek Baptist Church in Jacksboro, replaced previous clerk Linda Enix, a member of LaFollette's Calvary Baptist Church. Mrs. Enix was honored at the meeting for her 12 years of service in that position.

According to Campbell County Director of Missions Ralph Cordell, the 1983 meeting of the association is scheduled for Oct. 17-18 at Demory Baptist Church, LaFollette, and the East LaFollette and Indian Creek churches.

Gallimore accepts Mount Sinai call

Gathrin Gallimore accepted a call to the pastorate of Mount Sinai Baptist Church, Buchanan, a ministry he began in August.

A native of Dresden, Gallimore is a former pastor of Fairview Baptist Church, McKenzie; Ruthville Baptist Church, Martin; Alamo Baptist Church, Kenton; and Providence Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.

Big Hatchie burns note on building

Big Hatchie Baptist Association had a note-burning ceremony during its annual meeting, held Oct. 18-19 at Garland Baptist Church of Covington and Munford Baptist Church, Munford.

The ceremony signified the payment of the note held on the association's office building. Plans are being made to renovate the former house into efficient office space.

Also during the meeting, James A. Williams, pastor of First Baptist Church in Henning, was elected moderator, and John Webb, pastor of Faith Baptist Church in Atoka, was elected vice-moderator. Williams succeeds Baylon L. Hilliard, pastor of First Baptist Church, Covington.

Re-elected to a new term were treasurer James Beard, pastor of Durhamville Baptist Church in Ripley; Clerk Michael W. Owens, pastor of the Munford church; Assistant Treasurer Joe Jernigan, pastor of Liberty Baptist Church in Covington, and Assistant Clerk Howard Clift; a member of Smyrna Baptist Church, Burlison.

According to Big Hatchie Director of Missions Ira S. Perkins, the next meeting of the association is scheduled for Oct. 17-18 at First Baptist Church, Ripley, and Fellowship Baptist Church, Millington.

Springfield pastor to lead Robertson

Robertson County Baptist Association, meeting in annual session Oct. 18-19, elected the pastor of Springfield church as moderator.

Robert E. Carroll, pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church, was voted as moderator to succeed Euin E. Hall, pastor of Oak Grove Baptist Church, also of Springfield.

Re-elected to their positions were Vice-moderator Joe L. Evans, pastor of Orlinda Baptist Church, Orlinda; Clerk Shirley Crawford, a member of Bethel Baptist Church, Greenbrier; and Treasurer and Assistant Clerk Jo Nelle James, a member of Springfield's Flewellyn Baptist Church.

First Baptist Church, Greenbrier, and Red River Baptist Church, Adams, hosted the meeting. The 1983 meeting is slated for Oct. 17-18 at Greenbrier's Lights Chapel Baptist Church and North Springfield Baptist Church, Springfield.

Frank Evans is the director of missions for the association.

Medical-Dental Fellowship to meet in Lexington, Ky.

LEXINGTON, Ky - Fellowship, Bible study, testimonies, and challenges by six nationally known Southern Baptist leaders will highlight the annual meeting of the Baptist Medical-Dental Fellowship Nov. 11-14 at the Hyatt Regency Convention Center here.

Henry Love, executive director of the 800-member Southern Baptist professional group, said more than 700 physicians, dentists, medical and dental students, and other health care professionals are expected to attend.

Principal speakers include Roy Honeycutt, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville; Harold Bennett, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee, Nashville; Wendell Belew, director of mission ministries for the Home Mission Board, Atlanta; James Smith, executive director of the Brotherhood Commission, Memphis; Carolyn Weatherford, executive director of Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham;

ham; and John Mills, west Africa director for the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond.

Fifteen Southern Baptist medical missionaries will describe their medical experiences on foreign mission fields and lead seminar discussion groups. Love said.

Wayne Ward, professor of Christian theology at Southern seminary, will lead four Bible study sessions.

William O'Brien, executive vice-president of the foreign missions agency and former music missionary to Indonesia, will direct the music.

Registration fees are \$95 per couple for physicians, dentists, and spouses and \$30 per couple for students and other health care professionals. Love said.

Beulah association adds Troy church

Beulah Baptist Association accepted a Troy church as a member during its annual meeting Oct. 18-19.

Blessed Hope Baptist Church, led by Pastor T. C. Thurman, was added to the fellowship of the association after being under watchcare for one year. The church applied for membership with Beulah during the 1981 meeting.

Messengers to the meeting also elected most of the associational officers for another term. Re-elected were Moderator Otis Hinton, pastor of First Baptist Church in Obion; Vice-moderator Mel Mason, pastor of South Fulton Baptist Church in South Fulton; Treasurer Bill Flood, a member of First Baptist Church in Union City; Clerk Gwen Armour, a member of Troy's First Baptist Church; and Assistant Treasurer Richard Ams, a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Union City.

Elected for a first term was Carolyn Hinton, a member of the Obion First church, as assistant clerk.

In other business, Robert W. Ford Jr., pastor of First Baptist Church in Woodland Mills, and his wife, were recognized as new volunteers to foreign missions.

The meeting was held at New Concord Baptist Church, Kenton, and the Woodland Mills church. According to Robert L. Armour, Beulah director of missions, the 1983 meeting will be Oct. 17-18 at First Baptist Church, Ridgely, and Second Baptist Church, Union City.

Carl Smith elected Central moderator

Carl Smith was elected moderator of Central Baptist Association during its annual meeting Oct. 18-19.

Smith, pastor of Madison Street Baptist Church in McMinnville, succeeds E. B. Cutrell, a member of Shellsford Baptist Church, also of McMinnville. Elected to assist Smith as vice-moderator was Donald McRae, pastor of the Shellsford church.

Re-elected to their positions were Treasurer M. D. Overton, a member of McMinnville's First Baptist Church, and Assistant Treasurer Darrell Hillis, a member of Northside Baptist Church, McMinnville.

The meeting was hosted by the Bethel Hill and Westside Baptist churches, both of McMinnville. The 1983 meeting of the association is scheduled for Oct. 17-18 at First Baptist Church, Campaign, and Providence Baptist Church in McMinnville.

Ralph E. Hoover is the director of missions for the Central association.

New River to seek building location

A committee to find a location for a new associational building was appointed during the annual meeting of the New River Baptist Association, Oct. 17-18.

The committee was formed to locate a site for the proposed "New River Missionary Baptist Memorial Ministries Building." In addition, the committee will be responsible for raising the funds needed to construct the building.

Also during the meeting, Roy Blevins, pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Oneida, was elected to a full term as moderator. Blevins became moderator earlier in the year after previous moderator Leon Mayo left the association to accept a pastorate in Sevier County Baptist Association.

Elected to assist Blevins as vice-moderator was John Bolin, pastor of Low Gap Baptist Church in Helenwood, and a former moderator of New River. Re-elected to their positions were Treasurer Ben B. Bowling, a member of the Low Gap church, and Clerk Kay McMillian, a member of Mountain View Baptist Church in Elgin.

The meeting was held at Fairview Baptist Church, Huntsville; Black Creek Crossroads Baptist Church, Robbins; and the Bethel church. According to Dale G. Smith, New River director of missions, the next meeting of the association is scheduled for Oct. 17-18, 1983, at the Norma and First Baptist churches of Huntsville and the Low Gap church.

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EVANS B. BOWEN with the messengers our work for the past year.

During this year, we have entered the new cottage at Johnson City. It will soon be filled to capacity. The opening and operation have gone exceptionally smooth. This is a new concept for TBCH and we are very grateful for the support that has been given by the Upper East Tennessee Churches.

We have just completed the renovation of the Boys Building on the Chattanooga Campus. In a few days, the furniture will be placed and the boys and girls will be entering a very beautiful building. We have learned from past experience that the morale of those living in beautiful surroundings is greatly enhanced. We have now completed the major renovation program and ready to think in terms of a badly needed activity building for the Chattanooga Campus. Pray with us that God will provide the money needed for this project.

We have endeavored to keep you informed on Form 990, the IRS and TBCH. It is most difficult to do so because the IRS has not been consistent in keeping their commitment to us. Everything has been done to resolve this conflict without a court battle. However, it now appears that only a miracle from the Lord can prevent our entering the courts. We need your prayers regarding this matter. So very much hinges upon the decision we receive. It isn't the mere filing an informational form that troubles me so greatly. It is the flagrant violation of the First and Fifth Amendments to the Constitution. Every church and institution in the Tennessee Baptist Convention will be vitally affected by the Courts' decision in this issue.

It would be easier to do nothing about this matter. Who wants to incur the wrath of the IRS? We aren't looking for the easy way out — but the right way. Please make this matter an object of prayer.

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Lesson for Oct. 31

Paul's ministry motives

By Ronald K. Brown, associate pastor
First Baptist Church, Columbia

Basic Passage: 2 Corinthians 5:11 to 6:10
Focal Passages: 2 Corinthians 5:11 to 6:1, 3

Throughout Christian history there have been men and women who have made extreme sacrifices for the gospel of Jesus Christ.

John Bunyan was imprisoned, Lottie Moon gave her life to the end, Bill Wallace was martyred, and Corrie ten Boom was ridiculed. On and on the list could go. Why would these persons continue in the face of such odds?

The Apostle Paul dealt with this question for his own life.

Why was he willing to endure the abuse, ridicule, hardship, punishments, and eventually death in order to preach Jesus Christ? In this section of the letter to the Corinthian Christians Paul gave an answer. His motivation for ministry found its basis in the reconciling love of God revealed in Jesus Christ.

The meaning of reconciliation (5:16-21)

To reconcile means "to bring back to friendship after estrangement." Because of his choice of sin man became estranged from God (see Genesis 3). The creature was no longer able to be in fellowship with the Creator. The theme of the Scriptures is the unfolding of God's plan to redeem man from sin and restore him to a right relationship with his Father-God.

Paul explains reconciliation in terms of God's initiative and action. It was God who acted in Christ, thus making reconciliation possible. In the death of Jesus Christ, God was removing the sin identity that had imprisoned man, permitting him to experience the righteousness of God.

In addition to reconciliation, man received other benefits as well. Through the death of Jesus, he who was dead in his sin could have new life. The things associated with the former life passed away so that a new perspective might come. Through Christ it was possible to become a new person indeed.

The messenger of reconciliation
(5:14-20; 6:1-3)

The new person in Christ assumes a



Brown

new purpose under Christ. He now becomes a partner in reconciliation by proclaiming the message of God's reconciling love.

Only one who has experienced the treasure of God's mercy and grace is equipped to be a witness of the truth and effectiveness of the gospel. Paul felt it was inconceivable that one who had been touched with such love would not want to share it with others in need.

The believer in Christ becomes controlled by the love which the Lord Jesus Christ had for him. This incomparable love expressed itself in an atoning death which resulted in the giving of life to all who accepted it. The believer is restrained from insincerity and self-glorification and impelled to persuade others to respond to the life-giving message.

Such love and grace must not be treated lightly, as if received in vain. Since today is the day of salvation, the believer must enter service for Christ as His ambassador with a sense of urgency. The Christian must never do anything that would hinder someone from claiming the salvation from sin which is available in Christ.

The ministry of reconciliation
(5:13, 18-20)

This ambassador for Christ engages in ministry on two dimensions. He has a word of reconciliation and is a servant of reconciliation. The practice of one validates the other.

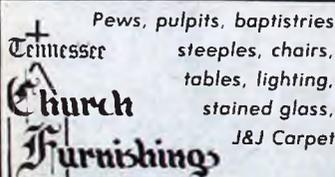
The word of reconciliation is the message of what God has done in Jesus Christ. It is an explanation of fact and a testimony of experience. The message concludes with an appeal for the hearer himself to respond to God's initiative and action. Reconciliation is incomplete as long as a man withholds repentance, maintains resistance, and declines recognition of what God accomplished in Jesus Christ.

The gospel is more than words. Salvation is more than assent to facts. The thrust of the call of Christ is to enter into a way of life. Therefore, the ministry of reconciliation is to be supported by a lifestyle that exemplifies what it means to be in friendship with God. It is a life lived under the control of God and motivated by a genuine concern for the plight of others in sin.

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Lesson for Oct. 31

God speaks through Balaam

By Don H. Olive, associate professor of philosophy
Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City

Basic Passage: Numbers 22-24
Focal Passages: Numbers 22:4b-6; 23:7-12; 24:17b

The children of Israel had been delivered from the bondage of Egypt and had experienced covenant with God at Sinai. However, because of their unfaithfulness to immediately possess the land of Canaan, they wandered in the wilderness for 40 years. During this time of discipline they learned to some degree how to be God's people.

Finally, the period of wandering drew to a close. The Israelites gathered at the borders of the land of Canaan near Moab. Balak, the king of Moab was frightened. His fear is understandable as he viewed this invading people.

Numbers 22-24 are unique chapters in the exodus account. All the other accounts tell the story from the perspective of God's relationship to Israel and its leaders. God is depicted as only working with and through His chosen people, the people of Israel.

God's actions and relationships are much broader than we often suspect. How easy to develop that myopia which believes that God only acts and speaks to us and those who are like us. While there is only one God and therefore one truth, it is the essence of sin and the sheereft of folly for one person or group to claim to have it.

Balak's plight

In Numbers 22-24 there is little to indicate whether Balak was a good ruler. It may have been strictly fear of the numbers of Israel that forced him to seek the help of God in the plight in which he found his nation. Whatever the motive, Balak sent for the most famous of diviners, Balaam. Balak wanted the sanction of God in the fight against Israel. He wanted God to curse Israel so that Moab might be guaranteed victory.

Balak's plight was not the first occasion and certainly was not the last in which rulers, men, and nations have sought the aid of God to perform unholy tasks. Few wars are ever waged without the supposed sanction of God given through paid prophets. So, Balak thought to turn God to his nationalistic purposes. His plight was not merely a numerous enemy, but the false idea that he could force his own will upon God.

How easy it is for rulers and nations to suffer this same delusion today! Christians are called to follow God's will, not that of a leader or a nation. Patriotism can be the worst idolatry when allegiance to country entails endorsement of wrong.

A reluctant prophet

The account of Balaam's response to Balak's offer is difficult to understand. At first Balaam obeys God and refuses to go. At the next offer he reminds the messengers of his commitment to obey God, but then is instructed by God to go. When he goes, however, God's anger is kindled because he went (22:21). Out of this situation occurred the well-known

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episode of Balaam's conversation with his ass. The point of the episode is Balaam's recognition that he should not have gone (v.34). He offers to go back, but is told to go on and speak only the word God bids.

Whatever the satisfactory reading of these events may be, the point of the story of Balaam is evident when he reached Moab and upon three different occasions was asked by Balak to curse Israel for Balak's purposes. Upon each occasion Balaam was bade by God to bless Israel and not curse it. Finally, in anger Balak dismissed Balaam. Balaam left prophesying that a scepter would rise out of Israel to "crush the forehead of Moab" (24:17). Balaam left without the honors and wealth that could have been his. His bill for services rendered as a professional diviner was unpaid.

Of the many lessons that have been drawn from the story of Balaam, the most significant is that God uses the most unlikely people to accomplish His purposes. By all human accounts, neither Balaam nor Balak would be likely candidates for the job of God's servant. Yet, both played an instrumental role in providing a blessing for God's people before they undertook the difficult conquest of Canaan. Israel itself was likely unaware of the unusual drama being enacted on the heights overlooking their camp. God was at work through some unlikely men and through events then unknown to the Israelites.

When Paul was informed that some preachers were using his imprisonment as an opportunity to make more converts than he and increase their own reputation at Paul's expense, Paul rejoiced that Christ was being preached. When James and John complained to Christ that some were casting out demons unauthorized, Jesus commanded that they be left alone, for a demon cast out is a demon cast out.

In this time of divisions among us we need to relearn several lessons. First, if unlikely people serve God, rejoice that service is being rendered. If one with whom we completely disagree acts in a way we feel to be at variance with God's will, we can be confident that God's will still will be done. God takes man's worst misdirection and uses it to bless and not to curse. Men do not have to fight God; battles for Him. Only a pride that thinks God's kingdom rises or falls with oneself even attempts it.

"Then Balaam rose, and went back to his place; and Balak also went his way" (24:25). All the furor of those events came to nothing. Kings and prophets are but twigs in the great flood of God's purposes sweeping through time.

Roan Hill church calls Street to first pulpit

James Lanny Street accepted his first pastorate in response to a call from the congregation of Roan Hill Baptist Church, Johnson City.

Street, who began the position August 22, was serving the church as its interim pastor. He was ordained by Union Baptist Church, Johnson City, earlier this year.

A native of Johnson City, Street attends seminary extension courses offered through the Holston Baptist Association.

LIFE AND WORK SERIES
Lesson for Oct. 31

Keeping love foremost

By Ray E. Fowler, pastor
Highland Heights Baptist Church, Memphis

Basic Passages: 1 John 3:3:11-18; 4:7-21
Focal Passages: 1 John 3:11, 14, 16-18; 4:15-21

Love is required of Christians. It is to be demonstrated in our lives and is related unquestionably to our belief in God and Christ.

The demands of love (3:11, 14)

Someone asked: "If you were arrested for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?" How would they go about determining that you are a Christian? Would they look at giving and attendance records at church? Or, would they check on how much you loved your brothers in Christ and your fellowman?



Fowler

How well John knew that one of the most convincing evidences that "we have passed from death unto life" (3:14) is that we "love the brethren" (3:11). When Jesus gave the great love commandment in the upper room, He said that others would recognize His disciples because of their love for one another (John 13:35).

In Jesus Christ, God has come to love us so we would be liberated to love others as we have been loved. By loving us He has enabled us to be channels of His love to each other.

Why don't we exercise this liberty more than we do? Could it be our own insecurity in God's love, or a spirit of jealousy, envy, and competitiveness (see 1:12-13). God demands it, our new nature has made it possible, and we should do it.

Demonstrations of love (3:16-18)

A Salvation Army worker found a derelict woman alone on the street and invited her into the chapel for help. But the woman refused to move. The worker sought to assure her that God loved her and of their desire to help. She still refused to budge. Then, on impulse, the worker leaned over and kissed the woman on the cheek, taking her in her arms. The woman began to sob, willingly agreed to come into the chapel, and ultimately trusted Christ.

After emphasizing the urgency of love (3:11-15), John gives two practical prescriptions for meeting the love needs of others. First, our love is demonstrated in our willingness to lay down (sacrifice) our lives for others. Jesus Christ laid down His life for us, so we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren (3:16). That means caring and involvement, going beyond verbalizing love. Caring takes time, surrender of personal schedule, and the absence of judgmentalism.

Second, our love may need to be demonstrated through specific expressions of material help (3:17). Sometimes it takes an act of love to convince someone of our words of love. If I am going to help my brother in this way, I must know that the need exists, have the means necessary to meet the need, and be loving enough to share.

Loving in word and tongue is not always sufficient. We must also love in

deed and in truth (3:18).

Sound doctrine and love (4:15-21)

For the third time in his epistle, John takes up and applies the supreme test of love. Love has been the theme of two former passages: in 2:7-17, where love is presented as the great commandment which one in fellowship with God will keep; and in 3:11-24, where likeness to the Father is demonstrated by love in His children.

Now, in the present passage (4:7-21), love finds its richest and fullest development and is presented as a lifestyle which has its origin in the nature of God. The appeal for love (v.7) is made on the basis of the facts that "love is of God" (vv.7-8a) and "God is love" (vv.8b-10). Our proper response to the love of God is to love one another (v.11). Through our practice of love, we give evidence that God dwells (abides) in us (v.12a) and the love of God is perfected or developed or brought to its proper goal (v.12b). Two additional evidences of our abiding in God and He in us are stated: the gift of the Spirit (v.13) and our confession that Jesus is the Son of God (vv.14-15).

When we embrace faith in Jesus Christ and love one another, then our love is made perfect, brought to its proper goal. The proper development of love in our lives produces "boldness in the day of judgment" (vv.17-18) and loving concern for our fellow Christians (vv.19-21). Boldness and confidence are assured us in the judgment. We have no reason to fear the judge if we do not stand with the accused in the prisoner's dock. Mature love also produces love for the brethren. He who says he loves the parent (God) of his own life and love must also love those who receive their life and love from the same source.

God's love is proclaimed in His Word (4:8), proved at the cross (4:9-10), and perfected in believers (4:17-21).

Interpretation

A timid witness

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"Is not this the Christ?" (John 4:29). Upon learning that Jesus was the Messiah, the woman "went" into Sychar. The aorist verb form means that she went hurriedly. She was so excited she left behind her waterpot. It would require time to fill it, and it would have impeded her progress. I like Barclay's idea that not once did she entertain the idea that she would not return to the well.

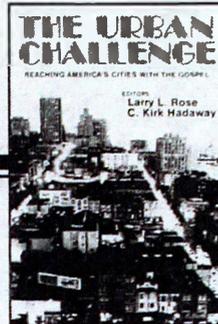
Arriving in the village she saw "the men." Either they had been her companions in sin, or else they knew of her sinful life. She told them of this man, a stranger, yet who had revealed his knowledge of her life. Reference to her lifestyle probably determined the timid witness she gave.

"Is not this the Christ?" "Not" translates a weak negative particle (meti), but one which invited a negative answer. Where the speaker is in doubt or wishes to appear so, it carries the idea of "perhaps." "Is this perhaps the Christ?" She knew, but she wanted to excite their interest. And she succeeded.

For they went with her to the well. At their insistence, Jesus remained two days in Sychar. And they fully believed

in Him, not only as the Messiah but as the Saviour of the world.

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Missionary recognition displays China flavor

By Bill Webb

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — This year's Foreign Mission Board recognition service for 27 retiring Southern Baptist missionaries had a definite Chinese flavor.

Oswald Quick, who with his wife, Mary, was among six emeritus missionaries who had served briefly in China, recalled a visit they made last year to Kweilin, China. They had been missionaries there 32 years earlier until

Hampshire Baptists accepted by Maury

Messengers to the Maury Baptist Association, meeting in annual session Oct. 14, voted to accept a Hampshire church into fellowship with the association.

Hampshire Baptist Church, led by pastor Harl Parker, was elected into membership in the organization. The church applied for membership earlier in the meeting.

Also during the meeting, the messengers elected Maury's slate of officers to a new term. Re-elected were Moderator Calvin Morris, associate pastor of Pleasant Heights Baptist Church in Columbia; Vice-moderator Toby Everett, pastor of First Baptist Church in Mount Pleasant; Treasurer Jim Ledbetter, pastor of Mooresville Pike Baptist Church in Columbia; and Clerk Ron Brown, associate pastor of Columbia's First Baptist Church.

In other business, the association gave special recognition to its volunteers to Tennessee Baptists' Upper Volta Hunger and Relief Project.

According to Elmer Crosby, Maury director of missions, the site of the Oct. 13, 1983, meeting was chosen as Rock Springs Baptist Church, Columbia. Columbia's Northside Baptist Church hosted this year's meeting.

Foundation

She was worried

By Jonas L. Stewart

A woman reported, "My family has never cared for me. None of them go to church. They live selfishly and seem not to realize that they are responsible to God. Unless I do something, they will get all of my assets when I die and the Lord won't get any of it."

This woman had worried about this for years. She did not know what to do. Having read an article in this column she wrote our office. The correspondence resulted in a personal conference and finally the preparation of a Christian will by her attorney. At her request we talked with the attorney and explained our programs and purpose.

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In the presence of this writer and her attorney she said, "I'm glad to get that worry over. Now I can know that for which my late husband and I worked and sacrificed will be safe until Jesus comes."

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advancing Communists forced them out. "We went to church and found people who had known us and had prayed for my wife and daughter (who had left Kweilin ahead of him for medical reasons) through these years," Quick marveled.

In Shanghai, Quick found men who had lived with him as students for about five weeks during the Communist advance. He discovered "they had been embarrassed and ridiculed but they had kept their faith."

The only note of sadness in the reunion came when Quick asked about a young man named Gregory. "Poor Greg," they responded, "he has left the faith."

The Quicks served 36 years in China, the Philippines, and Taiwan. Four years before their marriage, Quick was appointed to Japan, then reassigned to China. An appendicitis attack in December 1941, brought him to Hong Kong for surgery. While he recuperated, Hong Kong fell to the Japanese and Quick was interned for five months.

Thirty-nine-year veteran Fay Taylor, who worked in China, Indonesia, and Hong Kong, presented the board with rubbings from the Nestorian Tablet, the only record that Christianity entered China via Nestorian priests in the sixth century.

The tissue-thin rubbings had been presented to her by a pastor when she was a young missionary in Shanghai. Not fully realizing the value and importance of the gift, she "folded it up and it's been in my trunk for 30 years."

She had the rubbings mounted on a large scroll for the board, she said, "to remind us that if we're going to have a Bold Mission Thrust that will reach the peoples of the world, we must not forget a fourth of the world's population, the people who belong to the Chinese race."

Frances Goldfinch, with her husband, Sidney, a 42-year veteran of Uruguay, Paraguay, and Costa Rica, admitted her own Chinese connection.

"I am the reincarnation of Lottie Moon," she said with mock seriousness. "I was born the week she died." The audience of friends, board members, and Foreign Mission Board staff roared with laughter.

The night was a recognition of 891 years of combined missionary service. An evening of testimonies to the power of prayer and the love of God and of



ANSWERED PRAYER — Jenell Greer, a native of Antioch and a 39-year veteran of overseas mission work, told the audience she could not have stayed "if it weren't for your prayers."

memories of years and years on foreign soil.

Theresa Anderson, who worked for 35 years in China and the Philippines, expressed her appreciation for the influence of missionary grandparents and parents, and the mother who reared her after her natural mother died in childbirth.

Miss Anderson said if she could, she would tell that second mother, now deceased, "Thank you, Mother, for the times that you have just embarrassed me to death by witnessing to people when I thought it was entirely out of line."

Cornelia Leavell, with 40 years in China, Hawaii, and Hong Kong, expressed thanks for the prayers of a grandmother she never knew. "She had a prayer room and she prayed for her children ... her grandchildren, her great-grandchildren, her great-great-grandchildren, and on down through the generations," Miss Leavell, also the daughter of missionaries, recalled. "And though I never knew that grandmother, I have felt those prayers."

Frances Roberts, 36 years in Paraguay and Argentina and a veteran of the Malvinas (Falkland) Islands crisis, told how she had discovered a ministry to people in hospitals after she found herself hospitalized for three weeks.



NEILS HONORED — "If I had 20 more lives to live, I would invest them on the continent of Africa," Anne Neil told the recognition service audience. Her husband, Lloyd (left background), a native Tennessean, was born in Niota.

"Through that experience I became identified with people who did not know the Lord and some who did not live very far from me," she explained.

Anne Neil, who with her husband Lloyd, logged 27 years in Nigeria and Ghana, seemed to sum up the feelings for all the missionaries being recognized. "Tonight I stand before you as an emeritus missionary. My status with the Foreign Mission Board changes but my status on mission for God in the world will never change in this life." Neil is a native Tennessean.

Other retirees present for the service were Ed and Jean Engstrom, 14 years Philippines; Jenell Greer, a native Tennessean, 39 years, China and Thailand; Thelma Moorehead (whose husband Marion is recovering from a heart attack and was not present), 36 years, Japan; Tom and Marcellie Hollingsworth, 3 years, Argentina; Minnie Lou Lanier, 3 years, Brazil; James and Edith Crane, 36 years, Mexico; Hoyt and Marie Eudaly, 34 years, Mexico, Baptist Spanish Publishing House, Nicaragua, and El Salvador; and Wayne and Dorothy Logan, 30 years, Nigeria.

James and Frances Watson, 31 year in Argentina, Paraguay, and the Philippines; and Edith Rose Weller, 21 years in Brazil, could not attend.



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AMERICA'S NEW POOR — Bruce Chapman, director of the U.S. Census Bureau, writes: "Recent data now point to another factor in today's relatively high official poverty levels — the expanding number of single-parent families, more than half of them poor or near-poor. There was a 69 percent increase in single-parent families during the past decade, and such families now constitute 19 percent of all families with children. . . . Census Bureau figures suggest that when a father physically leaves his family . . . he tends also to leave his former dependents to their own devices financially — and often to the care of the government. Only two-fifths of single-parent families maintained by women receive child support payments from the father; and only 7 percent of never-married women with children. On the other hand, one-half of all families maintained by women receive some form of public assistance. Thus, the single-parent family is the newly significant factor in the nation's high poverty figures and in growing social spending. It is not that such families are poorer today (they are not), but that there are many more of them swelling the ranks of the poor." (WALL STREET JOURNAL 10/5/82)

CRIME HITS HOMES — "Thirty percent of the nation's households were touched by a crime in 1981, the same percentage as the year before, a Justice Department report said. . . . The report from the Bureau of Justice Statistics said nearly 25-million households experienced a crime of violence or the last year, 2 percentage points less than recorded in 1975, when 32 percent of households were affected. . . . The kind of households that were the most vulnerable to crime in 1975 — black households, higher income households, and households in central cities — remained so in 1981," the report said. (NEW YORK TIMES, 9/20/82)