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Conference draws 35,000 Baptist youth

By Charlie Warren

About 35,000 young people from Tennessee Baptist churches flooded into Nashville over the weekend, depositing an estimated \$1-million into the city's economy and returning home with spiritual wealth that may take years to fully measure.

They converged on the city to attend the 1983 State Youth Evangelism Conference, sponsored by the evangelism department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

During the two-day meeting, youth from west and middle Tennessee and other youth from east Tennessee alternated turns at filling the 17,000-seat Vanderbilt Memorial Gymnasium.

Hundreds of youth stood throughout the Vandy gym during commitment times, testifying that they were accepting Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord of their lives. Hundreds more stood to make a public declaration that they were making commitments to renew or strengthen their relationship with Christ.

Fenton Moorhead, pastor of First Baptist Church, Salisbury, N.C., was the main speaker at the conference. Other program personalities included Vanderbilt University Head Football Coach George MacIntyre; MacIntyre's son, Mike, a basketball and football player at Brentwood Academy, Brentwood; Steve Poe, Southeastern Conference decathlon champion; Kenneth Standley, a Boston marathoner; Desiree Daniels, Miss Tennessee for 1982; Faye Burgess, a music evangelist from Nashville; and David Allen, drum major at Vanderbilt. Tony Carroll, minister of music at First Baptist Church, Alcoa, led in group singing, and the Covenant Singers of Union University, Jackson, provided special music throughout the conference.

"Is your life going to make a difference?" Moorhead asked the youth. "Are you going to make a mark that is not easily erased? Is your being here as a person on the face of this earth going to make a difference?"

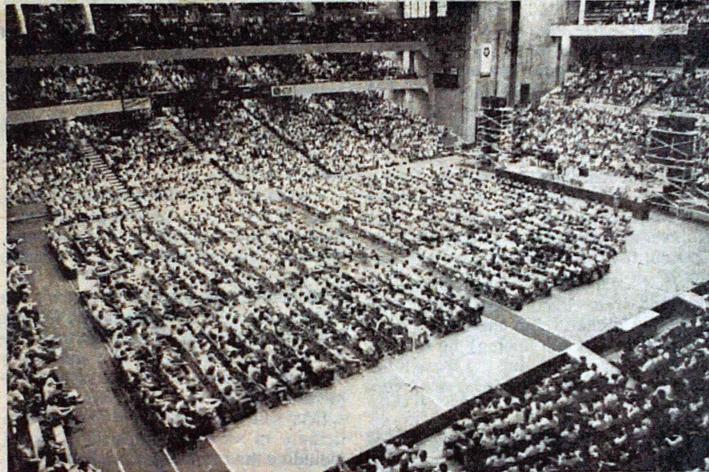
Moorhead spoke of the new birth, repentance, trust in Jesus Christ, and growing in the grace of God.

"Once God turns you around and you are born into His kingdom, there may be some things that change immediately, but all things don't go away immediately," he explained.

"There will be some times in your life when there are struggles and there is pain and there is hurt, but there is good news — God will never turn His back on you," he continued. "You are under construction. God will take you and fashion you and use you as long as you keep turning back to Him and seeking Him.

"If all you want is designer jeans and the flashiest car you can find, then that's all you are going to get," he said, "and the world is going to die and people out there are not going to find out about Jesus Christ.

"You have a tremendous opportunity to cooperate with Jesus Christ and to



humble yourself before Him and to allow God to fill your life with His purpose and His direction so that your life will make a mark that can never be erased."

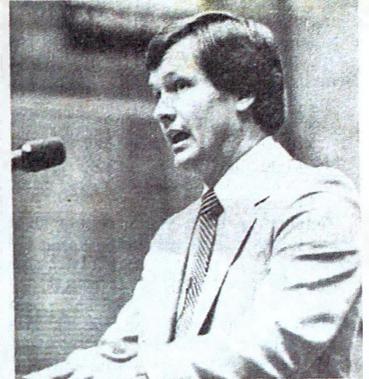
In his second message, Moorhead spoke on holiness and moral purity.

"The Bible holds up a standard of purity, and it is the same standard for men as it is for women," he said. "There is no double standard."

He challenged the youth to seek the holiness of God.

"We want the love of God and the peace of God and the joy of God, but we don't want the holiness of God," he commented. "We want to take the things of God and the things of the world and try to mix them. But they don't mix."

Moorhead explained that God's plan includes personal purity and a commit-



PACKED HOUSE — Fenton Moorhead, speaker for the 1983 Youth Evangelism Conference, addresses the Friday night crowd.

ment to things that are pure. He said God's Word is practical and that God demands purity — not because He is strict, but because He knows what is best and what works.

"God's standards are for our own happiness, our joy, and our peace," he explained. "Sex is good and beautiful in marriage, but outside of marriage, sex is a catastrophe."

He reminded the crowd that sex is designed for a relationship between a husband and a wife "who are best friends and love each other and know they will be together for the rest of their lives. We need to get back to that."

George MacIntyre and his son, Mike, both spoke of the thrills of sports victories and the lessons to be learned from defeats. They compared athletics to the struggles of the Christian life.

Coach MacIntyre challenged the youth to turn all things over to God. "I'm not responsible for the football team anymore," he said. "I've given it to the Lord."

David Allen spoke of the peer pressures and things that are "required" to be a part of the "in" crowd. He explained that peer pressures build. "It gets worse in high school and even worse in college," he warned.

"But the more you make the right decisions, the easier it is to keep making right decisions," he advised. "Make your Christian foundation now. Decide what is right and what is wrong in your life and stick with what is right."

Desiree Daniels, who was first runner-up in the Miss America pageant, said God used being Miss Tennessee "only as a stepping-stone to draw me closer to Him and to let Him use my life. Only through my personal relationship with Jesus Christ has my life been truly rich and truly blessed."

Steve Poe, a student at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, admitted that even though he had been involved in church all his life, he had had the misconception that salvation comes from be-

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Sullivan launches effort to enlist prayer support

A massive Prayer Mobilization for the 1983 Southern Baptist Convention has been launched by John Sullivan, SBC first vice-president and pastor of Broadmoor Baptist Church, Shreveport, La. He has been requested to coordinate this effort by SBC President James T. Draper Jr.

Sullivan has enlisted coordinators in each state or regional convention to assist in this emphasis of encouraging prayer support before and during the convention and in leading sessions in the two prayer rooms — one at the convention headquarters hotel and one at the Convention Center — in Pittsburgh.

Named as Tennessee coordinator is Charles Sullivan, pastor of First Baptist Church, Lenoir City.

Specific prayer requests will be shared on a continuing basis with state coordinators, who will in turn share these with area or regional chairmen in these states.

Charles Sullivan told the Baptist and Reflector that he will be enlisting two or three such chairmen in each of Tennessee's grand divisions. He hopes that these chairmen will enlist other prayer partners in their areas to form a "chain of prayer."

At Pittsburgh, the two prayer rooms will be open and manned by the various state coordinators on the days that the convention is in session.

At the William Penn Hotel, the prayer

room will be open June 14, 10:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m.; June 15, 6:00 a.m.-1:00 a.m.; June 16, 6:00 a.m.-1:00 a.m.; and June 17, 6:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. At the Convention Center, the prayer room will be open June 15, 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.; June 16, 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.; and June 17, 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Charles Sullivan said that Tennessee has been assigned to be in charge of the prayer room at the William Penn Hotel on Wednesday, June 16, 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. He urged his fellow Tennesseans to join him in the prayer room at this time, as well as to use these two rooms for prayer at other times during the convention.

Prayer requests from the platform will be relayed to the prayer rooms when the convention is in session.

John Sullivan is requesting that May 15 be observed as a special day of prayer for the June SBC in churches throughout the nation.

This will be the third straight year that this Prayer Mobilization will be held in connection with the annual SBC.

"It is our intent that the blessings and power of God may be sought in behalf of the convention in Pittsburgh," said John Sullivan. "It seems so important that we pray for each other during these days of uncertainty. We must pray for discernment to be combined with a Christlike spirit in all of us."

BSSB consultant witnesses to assailant despite threat

NASHVILLE (BP)— When George Fletcher arrived in Lake City, Fla., the last thing he expected to do was witness to an ex-convict who was holding him at gunpoint in a hotel room.

Fletcher, a church architecture consultant at the Sunday School Board for 16 years, had arrived in Florida to begin a week-long consulting trip with churches in the area.

Returning to his room after a late supper, he was followed by a young couple. "I thought they probably had a room near mine, so I didn't give it a second thought," he said.

However, when Fletcher reached his room, the couple forced their way in behind him, held him at gunpoint, and demanded all his money.

"He threatened to shoot me if I didn't give him my wallet," Fletcher said. "I told him no, but that I could see he had a problem and would help him in any other way I could."

Fletcher said the young robber soon asked the woman to leave the room. "He told her he was going to blow my brains out and he didn't want her to watch."

After the woman left, Fletcher again refused to hand over his wallet. The young robber asked him how he managed to stay so calm. "I told him my relationship with the Lord gave me peace, courage, and strength. I offered to

give him \$40 if he would spend just a few minutes talking with me."

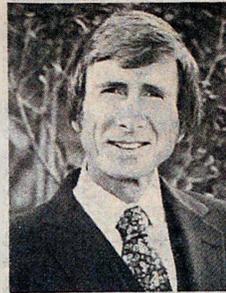
Fletcher said he had a 30-minute conversation with the young man who had been out of prison on parole on a manslaughter charge for only two weeks. "During the conversation I told him about God's love and offered suggestions as to how he could get his life back on the right track."

When they had finished talking, Fletcher said the young man asked if he were a minister because "I was the first person who had ever really cared about him."

"He told me he and his companion needed to get to Orlando," Fletcher said. "So I wrote a note for him to take to Jim Henry, pastor of First Baptist Church there." Fletcher also gave the young man the \$40, which the assailant promised to pay back "someday."

Fletcher said he found out the following week several young men matching his attacker's description visited the counseling center at First Baptist Church, Orlando.

"That's the closest I may ever come to knowing if he ever sought help," explained Fletcher. "But one thing I know for sure is that the apology he offered, the hug of gratitude, and the tears in his eyes when he left my room were all very genuine."



James Irwin



Woody Watkins



George MacIntyre

RAs to celebrate 75th year during Nashville congress

Tennessee Royal Ambassadors will celebrate the 75-year history of Royal Ambassador work April 1-2, as they gather at Belmont Heights Baptist Church, Nashville, for the 29th annual state RA Congress.

Sponsored by the Brotherhood department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, the congress will feature speakers, displays, competitions, and a mission fair extravaganza.

Scheduled speakers for the event are James Irwin, former astronaut; George MacIntyre, head football coach at Vanderbilt University, Nashville; and Woody Watkins, director of evangelism for Tennessee Baptists.

RAs will have an opportunity to participate in several competitive events, including the RA Speakout, a speech contest; the Campcraft Rodeo, a contest of camping skills; the RA Racer tournament, a race featuring home-built model cars; and the judging of individual and chapter projects.

Friday afternoon will feature a mis-

sions fair extravaganza, a combination of displays, mission conferences, and involvement activities. The extravaganza resource persons include current and retired foreign missionaries; home, state, and associational mission personnel, chaplains, and language missionaries.

A 75th anniversary Royal Ambassador "birthday party" will be held after the evening session Friday. Food, fun, fellowship, and entertainment will highlight the 75 years of RA work, according to Kenny Rains, Tennessee Baptist Brotherhood department program assistant.

Several former Tennessee Brotherhood department staff members will be recognized during the congress. RAs themselves will be involved in the congress program through a parade of flags, special music, comedy routines, and recognitions. Officers for 1983-84 will be elected during the meeting.

The congress will begin at 8 a.m. Friday and will close at 11:30 a.m. Saturday.



Nancy Strickland

Larry Martin

Beverly Sutton

Gatlinburg, Jackson to host Acteen Summit meetings

Three Acteen Summit meetings are scheduled this year in Gatlinburg and Jackson.

The Sheraton-Gatlinburg Hotel, Gatlinburg, will host meetings March 31-April 2 and April 8-10. First Baptist Church, Jackson, will host a meeting April 15-17.

Acteens from across Tennessee will gather at the meetings to hear missionaries, state and national WMU leaders, and other Baptist mission leaders.

Registration for the meetings should be made through the Woman's Missionary Union, P. O. Box 347, Brentwood, TN 37027. Reservations must be made by March 17 for the March 31 meeting, March 25 for the April 8 meeting, and April 8 for the April 15 meeting, according to Bonita Wilson, Acteen director for Tennessee Baptists.

Acteen "studiact achievers" who have

attained high achievement through the Acteen advancement program will be honored at special banquets both in Gatlinburg and in Jackson.

Speakers and program personalities scheduled to appear at one of the three meetings are Mr. and Mrs. Cordell Akin, missionaries to Tanzania; Sarah Davis, volunteer worker with internationals, Nashville; Marshall Duncan, missionary to Kenya; Jarvis Hearn, deaf ministries consultant for Tennessee Baptists; Elaine Herrin, missionary to Grenada; Ann Kilner, special products editor for the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union; Larry Martin, director of missions for the Greater Detroit Baptist Association; Ashley McCaleb of Mississippi, conference speaker; Sandy Smith, Baptist Center director, Detroit, Mich.; Nancy Strickland, missionary to Upper Volta; Beverly Sutton, field services department director for the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union; and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Turman, missionaries to Indonesia.

Musicians at the conferences are Andrew Culverwell, contemporary Christian musician, Atlanta, Ga.; and Steve Shirk, minister of music at Stevier Heights Baptist Church, Knoxville.

Tommy Self accepts Oak Grove pastorate

Tommy Self accepted a recent call from Oak Grove Baptist Church, Madisonville, to come as its pastor.

Self, a native of Vonore, was previously pastor of Union Grove Baptist Church, Maryville.

Union trustees vote to buy organs, set \$7.1-million operating budget

JACKSON — Union University trustees have approved a record \$7.1-million operating budget and agreed to purchase a large concert pipe organ and smaller practice organ for the college.

The new budget, which goes into effect June 1, is the largest in the 158-year history of the college and is an increase of \$534,913, or eight percent, over the current year, said President Robert Craig. The budget totals \$7,150,100.

Vice-president for Development Larry Stewart announced that the minimum \$200,000 stipulated by the board had been raised in the organ campaign and the college was ready to sign contract papers on the two instruments. A \$245,000 concert pipe organ will be housed in the chapel auditorium while a \$16,000 practice organ will be installed in the music department.

The smaller organ will arrive on campus this summer and be ready for use in the fall semester. The concert organ will be installed in the summer of 1985. Visser-Rowland Associates of Houston, Tex., will build the instruments.

The three-manual, 45-rank concert organ will be the only such instrument of its type and size in west Tennessee.

The organ currently being used in the chapel will be relocated in the music department where it will also be used for practice sessions. That instrument was purchased when the college relocated and was to be used temporarily until a concert organ could be purchased.

In other business, the trustees approved the employment of Tom Parrish, former vice-president for development at Baylor University, as development

consultant to assist in the upcoming statewide endowment campaign. Union will join with sister Baptist colleges Belmont and Carson-Newman in raising \$15-million to strengthen operating income for the institutions.

Union is targeted to raise \$5-million in west Tennessee over the next three years, beginning in October.

Board appoints two Tennesseans

ATLANTA — Blaine Barber, youth director and director of community missions for Merton Avenue Baptist Church in Memphis, was among 49 persons appointed to mission service by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board during its February meeting.

Barber and his wife Kris were appointed missionary associates. They will serve as church planter apprentices in Petosky, Mich. Formerly, he was a self-employed dairy farmer and rancher in Crawford, Okla.

Mrs. Barber was a registered nurse at LeBonheur Children's Medical Center in Memphis. She was a nursing assistant in Shawnee, Okla., before moving to Memphis.

Both are graduates of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee.



Barber

Baylor archaeologists find Ice Age skeletons

By Alan Hunt

WACO, Tex. (BP)— The skeletons of an Ice Age man and a child found in a cave burial site in central Texas could be the oldest human remains ever discovered in Texas and among the oldest in the Western Hemisphere.

Professors from Baylor University, affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Texas, participated in the discovery.

Found with the skeletons were a number of stone tools, necklaces, ornaments, and food to prepare them for their "life in the next world," according to John W. Fox, associate professor of sociology and anthropology at Baylor. "These burial

artifacts interred with the two individuals 10,000 years ago provide science's first systematic view of Ice Age man's ideological or religious patterns."

Fox termed the site and its findings a national treasure. "The remains are two of less than a half dozen complete Paleo-Indian skeletons found so far," he said. "They are the only Ice Age burial remains found in the Western Hemisphere with a wide array of burial goods."

The cave, 20 miles northwest of Waco, Tex., on the banks of the Brazos River, also yielded the remains of several extinct animals hunted by Ice Age man, including a giant armadillo, a ground

sloth, and a large turtle. The bones of large game, such as bison and deer, also were found, but of particular significance was the abundance of small game remains such as rabbits, mice, rats, turtle, fish, snakes, and birds.

"Many of these bones were charred from cooking," Fox said. "This could be among the few sites in North America showing a largely small game subsistence economy at about 10,000 years ago. Previously, this was thought to only characterize the subsequent Archaic stage, beginning at about 8,000 years ago."

The Ice Age man occupying the cave apparently developed a new flint projectile point to hunt these small animals, Fox said. A number of these were found in the cave, differing considerably in shape and size from other flint projectiles normally associated with the Paleo-Indian period, but made by similar methods.

The newly discovered tools have been cataloged by archaeologists as the "Brazos Fishtail" because of the pronounced "ears" fashioned at the rear of the sharp projectile. These "ears," along with a distinctive hollowed-out or "fluted" section, served to retain the binding attaching the flint to the tip of a spear.

Excavation operations have been conducted at the cave site for 15 years. Many of Texas' professional archaeologists have been invited to witness the excavation and Baylor anthropology students have been involved in the "dig" for the past five years.

Fox said the burial site is important in archaeological terms because it could have been a major Ice Age meeting point — "a kind of transitional zone linking these people from both the east and

west." He added, "Some of the artifacts found there tend to support this theory of a communication network that probably spanned much of the Southwest during the Ice Age.

"A sea shell pendant discovered in the cave was identified as originating from the Gulf of Mexico and we also found samples of red Alibates flint, which comes from the Texas Panhandle. The Eden projectile points found may derive from the northern plains, perhaps as far north as the Dakotas and Wyoming."

Fox said the skeletons are fully modern (Homo sapiens) in appearance. "The quite pronounced eyebrow ridges of the adult male resemble those of Gulf coastal populations in Texas well into recent times," he said. "In skull form, their features are quite similar to those found at Choukoutien (Upper Cave) in China and at Predmost in Czechoslovakia, also dating from the end of the Ice Age 30,000 to 10,000 years ago.

"The heavy wear on the back teeth (molars) of the adult also suggest a foraging way of life in which plant foods and small animals figured prominently in their diet."

The skeletons were found covered, except for the heads, by a stone slab. Both were in the "flexed" position. The head of the adult skeleton was resting on a turtle shell, suggesting some kind of ritual significance.

In addition to the Ice Age remains, the cave contains evidence of occupation by successive cultural groups spanning more than 10,000 years up through the present century, including other burial sites, arrow points, pottery, and 20th century iron artifacts, Fox said.

—Alan Hunt works for the Baylor University office of public relations.

Volunteers leave March 5 for Upper Volta project

Twenty more volunteers left Tennessee for Upper Volta on March 5 to participate in the hunger and relief effort that western African country in a joint project of the Tennessee Baptist Convention and the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

During the five-year pilot project, Tennessee volunteers are assisting in agricultural, medical, literacy, evangelistic, and water conservation projects.

Those leaving Tennessee March 5 were:

—Richard Barkley, a member of Two Rivers Baptist Church, Nashville, dentist;

—George Berrier, a member of Valley Grove Baptist Church, Knoxville, tractor operator;

—Robert Blank, a member of Persia Missionary Baptist Church, Rogersville, equipment maintenance worker;

—Dwain Brown, pastor of Rock Springs Baptist Church, Columbia, chaplain/literacy worker;

—Freda Crowley, a member of First Baptist Church, Cookeville, cook;

—Barbi Dantoni, a member of First Baptist Church, Jefferson City, literacy worker;

—John Davis, a member of Southside Baptist Church, Dyersburg, maintenance worker;

—James Duncan, a member of First Baptist Church, Milan, truck driver;

—R. C. Fox, a member of First Baptist Church, Oliver Springs, bulldozer operator;

—Ben Husk, a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church, Morristown, assistant nurse;

—Harold Jackson, a member of Englewood Baptist Church, Jackson, truck driver;

—Don Langston, a member of Pleasant Grove "Piney" Baptist Church, New Market, construction worker;

—Patricia Pankey, a member of National Avenue Baptist Church, Memphis, literacy worker;

—Jodie Parrish, a member of National Avenue Baptist Church, Memphis, literacy worker;

—William Pierce, a member of Southside Baptist Church, Dyersburg, truck driver;

—Emma Rawls, a member of First Baptist Church, Greenbrier, assistant cook;

—Pam Salyers, a member of Hermitage Hills Baptist Church, Hermitage, nurse;

—Eleanor Shaver, a member of Highland Baptist Church, Tullahoma, literacy worker;

—Loretta Smith, a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church, Morristown, literacy worker; and

—Reid Walls, a member of First Baptist Church, Oliver Springs, tractor/bulldozer operator.

Recreation retreat set April 18-20

The Tennessee Baptist Recreation Association is sponsoring a retreat, April 18-20 at Fall Creek Falls State Park, for ministers of recreation, activities, or youth; other church staff members involved or interested in church recreation; and their spouses.

The retreat is designed as a time of fellowship, relaxation, information, and inspiration, according to Eleanor Yarborough, church recreation consultant for Tennessee Baptists. It is not another Rec Lab, she emphasizes. The retreat will also help to strengthen the Tennessee Baptist Recreation Association, she says.

Discussion topics for the retreat include staff relationships, the highs and lows of being in the ministry, job pressures, balancing one's professional and personal life, trends in video games, and policies and procedures in managing recreation facilities.

TBRA officers for 1983-84 will be elected during the retreat.

Reservations should be made by March 28 by contacting Barbara Shockley, Fall Creek Falls Inn, Route 3, Pikeville, TN 37367.

A registration fee of \$5 per person, made payable to "Recreation Retreat," should be mailed to the church recreation department, Tennessee Baptist Convention, P. O. Box 347, Brentwood, TN 37027.

C-N trustees approve increase in tuition, hear future plans

JEFFERSON CITY — Long-range planning and a tuition increase for 1983-84 were the major topics at a recent Carson-Newman College Board of Trustees meeting.

The board authorized a tuition increase of \$150 per semester and \$25 per semester increase in board. Residence hall room rates will remain the same. The cost of attending Carson-Newman next year for a boarding student will be about \$5,050 and \$3,300 for a commuter.

"This is an increase of only 7.5 percent," said Carson-Newman President Cordell Maddox, "and our cost is still below the average of other private church-related colleges.

"It is our goal to see that the financial

needs of every deserving student are met. In our budget for next year I am proposing a significant increase in financial aid. Last year our students received over \$3-million in financial aid from all sources."

In his report to the board, Maddox cited the pressing need for additional physical fitness and recreational facilities.

Maddox pointed out that the college has only one regulation-size playing field for 82 intramural football and softball teams, one gymnasium for 107 intramural basketball and volleyball teams, and eight tennis courts for the college's tennis team and the more than 100 students who entered intramural tennis tournaments last year.

Among the immediate long-range plans are the relocation of the baseball field to an area behind Burke-Tarr Football Stadium and the completion of energy improvements begun this year. By relocating the baseball field, four additional intramural fields can be prepared.

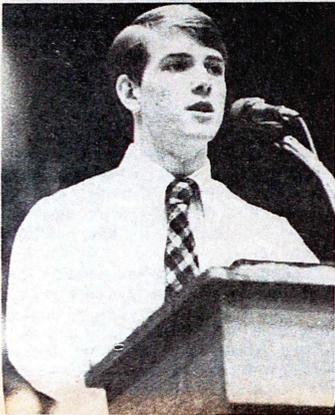
Maddox reported that gifts and pledges to Vision '80 now total \$5,113,294. The last phase of the campaign is being conducted in Knoxville and is scheduled to conclude in June.

Next October Carson-Newman will join Belmont College and Union University in a \$15-million endowment campaign approved by the Tennessee Baptist Convention. Each college will conduct its own campaign among the Baptist churches in its respective division of the state, and each will be seeking \$5-million.

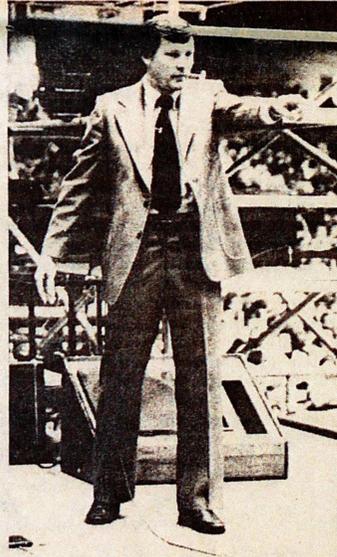
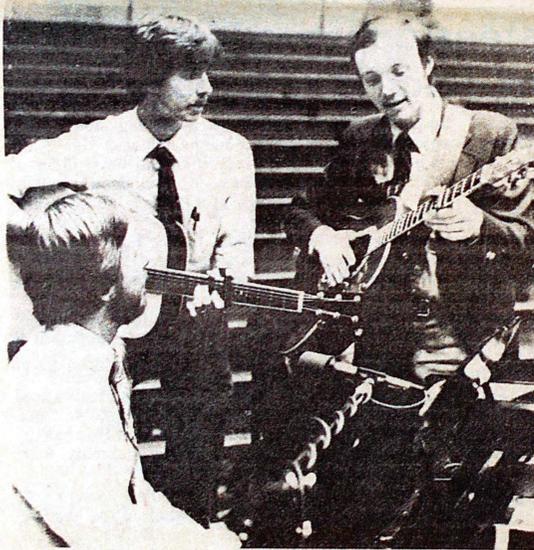
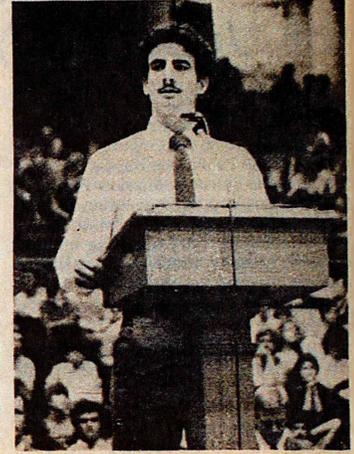


BACK TO CAMPUS — Gerald Stow (left), president of Southwestern seminary's Tennessee alumni and pastor of First Baptist Church, Cookeville, returned to campus recently for an alumni planning meeting. With Stow are Seminary President Russell Dilday and Tennessee student Bill Watson.

Conference scenes

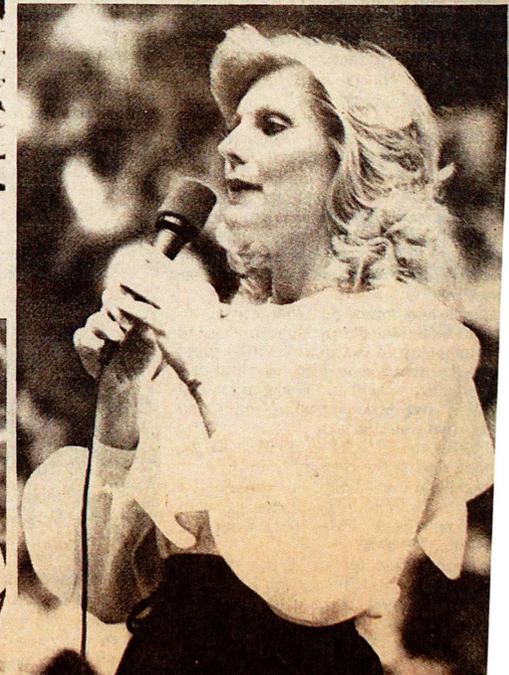


MUSICIANS AND DRUM MAJOR — Covenant (above left), an ensemble from Tennessee Baptists' Union University in Jackson under the direction of Assistant Professor of Music Larry Smith, provided special music during each session of the Youth Evangelism Conference. Faye Burgess (above right), music evangelist and member of First Baptist Church of Nashville, performed and gave her testimony during the Saturday session. Miss Burgess, blind since birth, received an enthusiastic standing ovation from those in attendance. David Allen (left), drum major at Vanderbilt University in Nashville and a member of First Baptist Church in Gallatin, shared his testimony at Friday's session, urging youth to avoid peer pressure and make right choices while they are still young.



SHARING — Steve Poe (above left), Southeastern Conference decathlon champion from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and Calvary Baptist Church there, shares the importance of a relationship with Christ. Kenneth Standley (above right), of Tennessee Technological University and First Baptist Church in Cookeville, shares of God's presence while a runner in the Boston marathon. Fenton Moorhead (at left), pastor of First Baptist Church in Salisbury, N.C., and major speaker for the program, shares a boyhood remembrance. Miss Tennessee Desiree Daniels (below), of the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and Central Baptist Church in that city, shares her testimony in song.

TRIOS — Above, conference music director Tony Carroll (right), minister of music at First Baptist Church in Alcoa, gets in tune with his backups, Alcoa members Jeff Jensen (left) and Trent Stubblefield, prior to the session. At right, TBC evangelism director Woody Watkins introduces Vanderbilt University Football Coach George MacIntyre (center) and son Mike MacIntyre.





WORKSHOP AT BELMONT COLLEGE — During the Youth Evangelism Conference, personal witnessing workshops were held at Belmont College (above) and at Nashville-area churches. The workshop pictured above was led by Belmont College.

Youth Evangelism Conference . . .

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ing good, and that he did not receive Christ as his Saviour until recent years.

"I found out that Christianity involves a relationship with the person of Jesus Christ," he said. "I had never realized I needed to repent of my sins and that apart from Christ I wasn't going to make it to heaven."

Kenneth Standley, a student at Tennessee Tech, Cookeville, compared his life to the rich young ruler. Although he accepted Christ at age 10, there was an "emptiness" and a "stagnant relationship" with Christ.

Six years ago, while in Bible study, he began to realize he had "been storing up things in my life," such as talents and abilities.

"I needed to start selling those things, even selling myself, and to give it all to Him," Standley said.

He said he dedicated his running ability to God and eventually qualified for the Boston Marathon, which he ran in two hours and 38 minutes, finishing 715th out of 8,000 runners.

"If we possess the availability," he said, "God will give us the ability."

Faye Burgess, who is blind from birth, received a standing ovation after playing the piano and singing for the crowd.

"There was a time in my life when I

was bitter and resentful because I didn't think God was being fair to me because I cannot see," she confessed. "I want to tell you that becoming a Christian does not mean all the problems go away. But the important thing is learning that in Christ I really can do all things because He strengthens me."

Leading their peers in prayer during the conference were Mark Carter, a member of Green Hill Baptist Church, Mt. Juliet; and Jackie Handley, a member of First Baptist Church, Hendersonville.

The Saturday sessions alternated with personal witnessing workshops in Nashville-area churches.

Baptist programs win Angel Awards

FORT WORTH, Tex. — For the third year in a row, the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission has won top honors in the Angel Awards, sponsored by Religion in Media.

"Powerline" and "On Track," two radio programs produced and distributed by the commission each won Silver Angels during ceremonies in Los Angeles last month. Four other RTVC entries won certificates of excellence, runner-up awards.

Religion in Media, which has sponsored the awards since 1977, is a worldwide, interreligious, non-profit organization designed to recognize excellence in religious radio, television, film, records, and books.

"Powerline," produced by Kirk Teegarden, is a weekly 30-minute program that combines rock music with Christian commentary on the lifestyles of youth and young adults. It was honored by Religion in Media as the top program in the youth category.

"On Track," produced by Jack Norris, is a weekly 30-minute program of contemporary Christian music. It was named tops in the entertainment category.

Bethel staff member called to pastorate

Bethel Baptist Church, Humboldt, recently called its minister of music and youth, David Schanuel, as its pastor.

Schanuel, a native of Belleville, Ill., is a former summer minister of youth for Streator Baptist Chapel, Streator, Ill. He is currently a senior at Union University, Jackson.

At the request of the Humboldt church, Schanuel was ordained to the ministry Jan. 16 at Woodland Baptist Church, Jackson. Bob Ervin, pastor at Woodland, led the ordination service.

Moss Beets accepts Zion Hill pastorate

Moss Beets Jr. accepted a call to the pastorate of Zion Hill Baptist Church, Heiskell, a ministry he began in February.

Beets is a former pastor of Laurel Branch Baptist Church, Briceville, and Community Baptist Church, Boiling Springs.

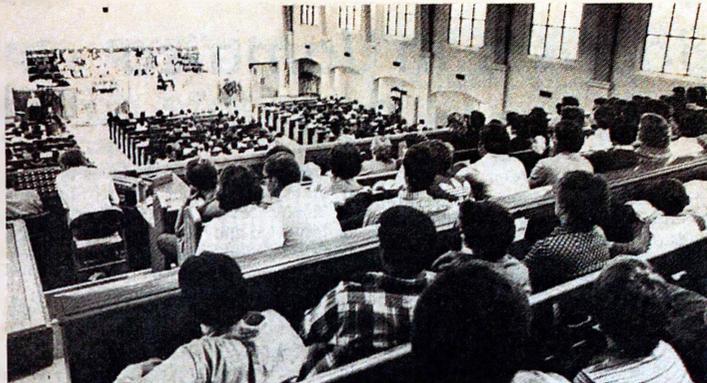
A native of Clinton, Beets has served as a member of various committees for the Clinton Baptist Association.

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Baptists in Jamaica celebrate 200 years

By Bill Webb

KINGSTON, Jamaica (BP)— Ten thousand Jamaican Baptists poured into Kingston's National Arena Feb. 27 to end their 133rd annual assembly and celebrate 200 years of Baptist witness in their Caribbean island nation.

The work dates back to 1783 when a Baptist ex-slave, George Leile, secured passage on an English ship to flee Georgia for Jamaica. As Leile worked on the Kingston waterfront to pay back the cost of his passage, he preached at the local race course. One of his early converts, Moses Baker, became Leile's assistant and an outstanding preacher in his own right.

With them, Baptist witness on Jamaica was established.

Today, 273 churches with some 38,000 members make up the Jamaica Baptist Union, the largest and best developed Baptist work in the Caribbean.

The recent celebration combined both international and local participation. Gerhard Claas, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, brought the morning message while one of Jamaica's own, Burchell Taylor, pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, Kingston, preached at night.

Raymond Anglin, general secretary of the Jamaica Baptist Union, said the week-long meeting combined "business and moments of inspiration" as Baptists recalled their rich heritage and planned future work.

And the celebration of those first 200 years has only begun. A new film commemorating Baptist history, "Glory to God," premiered in February. A biography, *George Leile*, written by Clement Gayle of United Theological College in Jamaica, was released during the assembly meeting.

In July, several Jamaican Baptists hope to make a pilgrimage to Georgia, where Leile spent his early years. The union will initiate a series of eight emancipation rallies Aug. 1 to note the accomplishments of Jamaican Baptist forebears. Later in August, Jamaica will host the triennial meeting of the Caribbean Baptist Fellowship.

All of the island's Baptist churches have planned evangelistic crusades, concentrated between September and November and culminating in a rally at the national stadium Nov. 27.

Southern Baptist missionaries worked in Jamaica from 1963-79 as fraternal representatives. Today, relationships between Southern Baptists and Jamaican Baptists are maintained through the Caribbean Baptist Fellowship.

Baptists figure prominently in Jamaica's history. Among the country's seven national heroes, three are Baptists: Sam Sharpe, Paul Bogle, and George William Gordon.

Sharpe, born a slave around 1780, was a leader both in his church and in the slave revolt of 1831-32 in Jamaica. He

Pistole congregation calls Baker as pastor

Pistole Baptist Church, Sparta, called Don Baker as pastor, a ministry he began Jan. 2.

Baker came to the church from the membership of East Athens Baptist Church, Athens. He is a former pastor of Rogers Creek Baptist Church, also in Athens.

An Athens native, Baker has attended Cleveland State Community College, Cleveland.

planned a strike among slaves to bring down slavery without violence. Instead, a bloody revolt ensued. Sharpe was hastily tried and hanged on May 23, 1832, less than a year before the Emancipation Act abolished slavery on the island.

Bogle, a Baptist deacon, and Gordon, a Baptist pastor and member of the Jamaican House of Assembly, were both hanged following attempts to call the attention of Jamaica's governor to economic hardships faced by Jamaica's Negroes in the 1860s. They attempted non-violent marches but violence erupted when marchers interrupted a town council meeting in Morant Bay.

Gordon had established missions in remote areas of Jamaica and ordained deacons to minister in rural areas. He had pressed for the disestablishment of the Anglican Church in Jamaica, claiming the church drained the island's finances at a time when the church no longer ministered to the mass of Jamaicans.

Jamaican Baptists have long displayed missionary zeal. In 1842, seven years before the Jamaican Baptist Union was formed, they declared themselves independent of the Baptist Missionary Society of London (with whom they still cooperate) and organized the Jamaica Baptist Missionary Society.

By the end of the century, the society sponsored missionaries to west Africa, Haiti, Cuba, Costa Rica, and Panama. Later, missionaries were dispatched to the Cayman Islands and the Turks and Caicos Islands.

Today the society sponsors Mr. and Mrs. Hervin Green on the island of Grenada in a joint project with the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. Baptists in Guyana have requested assistance and Jamaican Baptists hope to send a pastor to serve there later this year.

Baptists helped foster the concept of education for Jamaica's masses. Calabar College was established in 1843 primarily for the training of ministers and teachers.

Speaker urges workers to help children deal with death, divorce

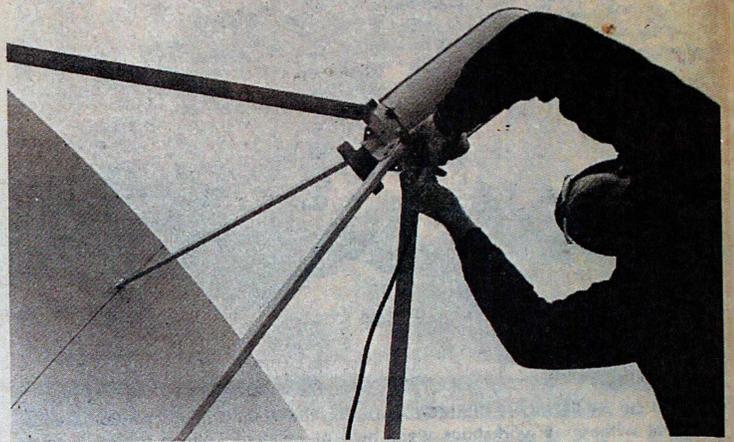
NASHVILLE (BP)— People who work with young children in church can be ministers who help children learn to deal with family crises such as death and divorce.

"The time has come to take a realistic approach and help children learn to deal effectively with traumas," Lu McClellen told participants at a church programs and services coordinating conference in Nashville at the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Mrs. McClellen, associate dean in the technical/occupation program, Eastfield College, Mesquite, Tex., and a member of First Baptist Church, Richardson, Tex., told workers, "Sometimes telling a four-year-old God loves him is not going to solve the fact his father has died."

Adults tend to explain events with symbolic language such as "asleep in Jesus" because it makes them feel better, Mrs. McClellen noted. "But young children rarely have a concept of permanence, so this means something different to them."

Mrs. McClellen told workers not to be overly concerned with giving detailed answers to children. "Make your answers functional, simple, and honest. If



TELNET DISH — Working toward the 1983 start-up date of Baptist TelNet, Joe Denney, TelNet manager, adjusts a satellite dish during a recent equipment test. When operational, Baptist TelNet will beam training, informational, and inspirational programs to churches, associations, and state conventions.

Sunday School Board sets prices for telecommunications equipment

NASHVILLE (BP)— Prices for satellite television receive only systems (TVROs) for use with Southern Baptists' American Christian Television System and Baptist TelNet were announced last month by Broadman Press of the Sunday School Board.

ACTS is a satellite television network being developed by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission. Baptist TelNet is a telecommunications network to churches, associations, state conventions, and other Baptist groups which will be operated by the Sunday School Board. Both are due to be operational by the spring of 1984.

Prices were announced for three-, four-, and five-meter parabolic dishes and will be available at prices including installation or to be shipped for local installation.

The minimum equipment needed for Baptist TelNet — a three-meter TVRO and installation, one television monitor, and one videotape player/recorder —

would cost about \$4,000 from Broadman. This total is considerably lower than earlier projections of \$12,000 to \$16,000.

"We are pleased prices have been greatly reduced from original estimates," said Grady C. Cothen, Sunday School Board president. "This should enable a larger number of churches and associations to participate in Baptist TelNet."

He said Baptist TelNet training topics will include family ministry, deacon training, missions emphases, stewardship education, and others related to all facets of church programs.

A three- or four-meter dish will be needed for Baptist TelNet, depending upon location. A four- or five-meter dish is needed for churches or associations which will be feeding ACTS programs to cable systems or which will function as low-power stations. Five-meter dishes also will be able to receive Baptist TelNet programs.

All Broadman TVROs will be produced by Starview, a subsidiary of Craig Electronics, Compton, Calif. Broadman three-meter TVROs will sell for \$2,295 or \$2,795 installed. Shipping charges will be \$100.

Four-meter TVROs will cost \$3,395, or \$3,995 installed, with a shipping charge of \$175. Five-meter dishes will cost \$5,895, or \$7,795 installed. Shipping charges have not yet been determined for five-meter dishes.

All TVROs include a parabolic dish antenna, polar mount, feedhorn, 100-degree low-noise amplifier, electric polarizer, receiver with modulator, and 100 feet of cable.

Options available at extra cost include motorized tracker package, microwave receiver with modulator, computer site survey, or on-site surveys. Surveys will be needed primarily in downtown locations to test microwave interference but will not be required in most suburban, town, and rural locations.

Broadman already sells television monitors and videotape player/recorders for as low as \$485 and \$695, respectively.

Cothen said package prices which will include TVROs, monitors, and player/recorders will be announced around June 1, prior to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Pittsburgh. Subscription prices for programs also will be announced around June 1.

the child wants to know more, he will ask," she said.

Stressing the importance of keeping things as normal as possible, Mrs. McClellen said, "Remind workers many times it is not a trauma the child is reacting to, but how adults react to him after the trauma."

Because young children are "I"-centered, they react strongly to those things that directly affect them, she explained. "The death of a pet may be more emotionally upsetting than the death of a distant grandparent," Mrs. McClellen noted. "Don't put undue expectations on children regarding grief. Let them react naturally to a situation."

Mrs. McClellen believes adults need to reassure children, letting them know they are not to blame for what has happened. "It is not uncommon for a child to think 'If only I had done so-and-so, Daddy wouldn't have left.'"

Children's workers can play an important role in helping the child develop a healthy self-concept. Because of the large percentage of broken homes and the competitive situation in large schools, children need the affirmation and recognition from church workers and other adults, Mrs. McClellen said.

Personal perspective

By TOM MADDEN
TBC executive secretary

The valley of Baca was a dusty, unpleasant canyon through which pilgrims had to pass on their way to Jerusalem. It was an undesirable, uninhabited, dry, and forbidding valley.

Yet we read in Psalm 84:6, "Who passing through the valley of Baca make it a well; the rain also filleth the pools."

I believe this verse means that with God present in our lives, the most forbidding valley through which we walk can become a valley filled with refreshing water, becoming fruitful and fragrant.

Faith in Christ changes the bitterness of one's life into something beautiful. God gives us the resources to bring about this change.

There are many valleys of Baca in our personal world. I do not know why they are there. Probably, we help create some of them. Sometimes we are not to blame. But there are always valleys of Baca.

Our God-given task as we walk through the valleys is to make them into something pleasant and useful, underlining the conviction that religion changes the bitterness of one's life into something beautiful.

It is encouraging to know that God is working with us in this task. If we dig the pools in the valley of Baca, God will send the rain to fill them.



Madden

Missions leaders explore strategy for church starts

SEATTLE (BP) — "The greatest goal ever set by any Christian group" — having 50,000 church by A.D. 2000 — "can't be done with business as usual, part-time thinking, or splintered strategy," Jack Redford says.

Redford, church extension director for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, addressing state convention missions and church extension directors at the church extension leadership conference in Seattle, described the denomination's Bold Mission Thrust goals as massive but said Southern Baptists' efforts do not yet match their vision. Last year's record 1,373 new church starts reflect growing interest but, he warned, "at that rate, we'll only have 40,000 churches by 2000. That's a big miss."

Redford noted the need for "more effective mission pastors who can grow congregations quickly to self-support." Such pastors must be recruited, equipped, compensated adequately, and carefully placed, he stressed. "Then we need to pay attention to the growth of these new congregations, making sure they become well-rounded and stable."

Redford also urged church extension leaders to use seminary interns, church planter apprentices, and volunteers to start churches and to encourage local churches to hire "ministers of missions" to focus on church-starting full time.

"A maintenance mentality won't start or grow churches," Redford claimed. "Neither can new churches start without aggressive evangelism. We need to remember the real reason for starting churches is because people are lost."

HCBA sets date for Bible program

SEYMOUR — Harrison Chilhowee Baptist Academy has announced that the academy's next session of Bible education will open March 19, 1983.

Classes in interpretation of John, English grammar, and spiritual enrichment highlight a curriculum of study which is offered to area ministers.

The three Saturday morning classes are led by a longtime local resident and retired pastor, Raymond Smith.

For several years the academy has offered a weekend Bible education program. Three subject areas are covered on an eight-week teaching schedule with properly certified ministerial students admitted to the program through funds provided by a benefactor.

Marvin Presley dies

Former west Tennessee Pastor Marvin E. Presley died last month following a lengthy illness. He was 82.

During his ministry, Presley held a number of pastorates in west Tennessee including Oakwood Baptist Church, Milan; Pinson Baptist Church, Pinson; Zion Baptist Church and Harmony Baptist Church, both of Brownsville; Adamsville Baptist Church, Adamsville; Miston Baptist Church, Miston; Spring Hill Baptist Church and McCullough's Chapel Baptist Church, both of Dyersburg; and Lenox Baptist Church, Lenox.

The funeral service was held at Hillcrest Avenue Baptist Church, Dyersburg, of which he was a member at the time of his death. The service was officiated by retired pastor R. H. Dills, assisted by Joe Trybone, pastor of Hillcrest Avenue.

Presley is survived by his widow, Lizzie, two sons, a daughter, and 11 grandchildren.

James Engel, communications professor at Wheaton Graduate School, told the Baptist leaders "many evangelistic efforts are based on the false premise that America is just waiting for the gospel" when, in fact, "some people are happy with life as it is."

"Americans are sovereign — they control what they want to see and hear," Engel said. Southern Baptists must communicate the relevance of the gospel to their lives "and earn the right to be there as a church in their community."

He warned "there is no magic strategy key" that makes starting churches easy or always successful. Southern Baptists must also decide "whether you're trying to create clones of one kind of Southern Baptist church, or create a custom-designed church for each particular area's needs. Church growth should not be your goal, but the outcome."

SBC President James T. Draper Jr. applauded the denomination's effort to begin 3,000 new churches on May 22, "Pentecost Sunday." He observed, "Asking churches to start a new work is not asking them to make a sacrifice but to do themselves a favor."

"The way we're going to do what God wants done is through starting new churches," Draper emphasized. Yet, he called on the missions leaders to remember "God doesn't give everyone the same vision. What works for one won't necessarily work for all. We must avoid rigid prototypes and allow God's Spirit to lead."

While Southern Baptists "debate about the Bible," Draper said, referring to the current inerrancy controversy within the denomination, "we must remember to proclaim it if we're serious about starting new churches."

Associational Bible conference in California promotes growth

ARCATA, Calif. (BP) — In a two-county association where some 90,000 persons have no church affiliation, area Southern Baptists have launched efforts to reach more persons for Christ through Sunday Schools.

More than 200 persons met at Trinity Baptist Church recently for a three-day Bible conference to begin a growth emphasis scheduled to last six weeks. Simultaneous revivals in many North Coast Baptist Association churches will start Easter as part of the effort.

Associationwide goals for the project call for a 15 percent gain in Sunday School enrollment, weekly visitation by representatives of each teaching unit, and a weekly Sunday School attendance of 50 percent of those enrolled. Each church has set individual numerical and prayer goals.

The 19 Southern Baptist churches in Humboldt and Del Norte counties have a combined membership of fewer than 2,000 persons living in an area 50 miles wide and almost 200 miles long. More than half of the pastors are bivocational.

"It is good psychology for our people to get together in a larger group," observed Paul Smith, director of missions for the association. "When we worship, it is usually in groups of 100 or fewer. Most congregations are in the 50s."

Meeting together, despite the great travel distances required by some church members, builds spirit, said Smith. "It shows us that there are more of us than we think."

Citizen's Corner

By Jerry M. Self
Public affairs and Christian life consultant

Tuition tax credits and all of the church/state problems that go with that issue may descend upon Tennessee if SB441 passes into law.

Senator John Ford of Memphis has introduced the Tennessee Tuition Equalization Grant Program before the state Senate. His bill would call for the Tennessee Higher Education Commission to make payments of \$300 per student to private colleges and universities in Tennessee. The funds could only be applied to tuition fees charged to students who are residents of the state.

No doubt the economy has created a climate where parents of college-bound young people will welcome almost any kind of aid for putting the kids through school. This bill, however, raises the question of governmental funds being channeled to religious institutions since many of the private schools of higher education in Tennessee are church-related institutions.

The bill specifically states that money for the tuition equalization grants will come from a raise in the soft drink bottlers' tax. That tax is currently 1.9 percent, but with passage of this bill would become 3.6 percent. That could be the least saleable portion of the bill.

A few of us are sensitive about the issue of separation of church and state. Many of us are defensive about the number of coins it takes to get a soft drink out of a machine.



Self



YOUTH WEEK — High schooler Debbie Flaker, a member of Brentwood Baptist Church, Brentwood, helps toddlers B. J. Walker and Jeremy Franklin in Sunday School. During Youth Week, March 13-20, churches are encouraged to involve youth in leadership roles.

Tennessean receives award from Southern

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Tammy M. Fann of Smyrna has been named a winner of the Rice-Judson Scholar Award by Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

Miss Fann, a graduate of Belmont College, is among 21 persons from 10 states to receive the \$500 award. Rice-Judson Awards are presented annually to incoming students who demonstrate outstanding leadership, scholarship, and commitment to ministry.

Miss Fann, the daughter of Hayes and Margaret Fann of Smyrna, plans to enter Southern seminary this fall.

While it may not sound impressive that one group traveled as far as 50 miles to attend sessions, mountain roads make such a journey lengthy.

"Distance is a barrier to conferences such as this," said Smith. "The roads are extremely curvy. There is one person who takes Dramamine before traveling to any associational meeting."

"I've come to realize the value of bivocational pastors since I've been here," Smith continued. "Because these pastors support themselves, we can have churches where we couldn't have them otherwise. We have many communities that never could support a pastor."

Smith said he feels there is a difference in the impact a bivocational pastor has on the community where he lives. "He has a witness a full-time pastor never could have," he said. "Working alongside others shows them his life from a different perspective."

Baptist Sunday School Board consultants Ralph Murray and Andy Anderson, from Nashville, along with Harold Graves, president emeritus of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., provided Bible study, growth training, and inspiration.

"We're hoping to see growth as a result of the conference," Smith said. "It has exposed people to what they ought to be doing. All of it is just plain work. It is easier for us to complain about nobody coming to church than it is to invite them and to provide something when they get there."



FIERY CEREMONY — Calvary Baptist Church, Smithville, celebrated the completion of payments on its building with a recent note-burning ceremony. Pictured are Pastor John H. Norman Jr., and church members Ronald Ashburn, J. V. White, Bill Easterly, Wiley Snow, Ralph Wood, Clyde Foutch, Tom Keith, Jimmy Poss, Joe Curtis, and Floyd Nixon.

Capitol Hill debate continues on tuition tax credit proposal

WASHINGTON (BP) — More than one-half million signatures on petitions opposing President Ronald Reagan's tuition tax credit proposal have been delivered to key congressional opponents of the measure.

The National Coalition for Public Education, representing 45 education, labor, civil rights, and church groups (including the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs) turned over the petitions to Sen. Ernest F. Hollings and Rep. Timothy E. Wirth at a Capitol Hill press conference.

Hollings and Wirth attacked the tax credit proposal as expensive, unfair, and unconstitutional.

Hollings, who led a previous effort in the Senate to turn back tuition tax credits, said the plan "would benefit few

at the expense of many, violate the clear meaning of the First Amendment, and add a sea of red ink to a budget already drowning our economy."

Despite administration estimates the phased-in program would cost only \$200-million in fiscal 1984, climbing to \$800-million by 1986, Hollings charged it would eventually become a \$20-billion government program and criticized Reagan for proposing it in light of his repeated pledge to cut the size of the federal government.

Wirth charged the administration program would mean federal government spending per pupil in private schools, attended by about 10 percent of the nation's students, would exceed per pupil expenditures in public schools.

Secretary of Education Terrel H. Bell, on the other hand, has defended tuition tax credits as a proposal designed to provide equity for parents who send their children to non-public schools, not to benefit private institutions.

Bell told a House appropriations subcommittee the proposal also is designed to encourage diversity and competition in the education system.

"The United States is the only modern, industrialized nation that does not provide a tuition tax credit system," he said.

Under the proposal, parents with adjusted gross incomes of \$40,000 or less would receive a tax credit of \$100 this year, \$200 in 1984, and \$300 in 1985. Smaller credits would be given to parents with adjusted gross incomes up to \$60,000.

Ann Smith to lead divorce workshop

Ann Alexander Smith, Baptist Sunday School Board singles consultant, will lead a Divorce Adjustment Workshop at First Baptist Church, Jackson, March 25-26.

The program will begin 7:30 on Friday evening and conclude on Saturday morning in a session at 9:00.

Divorced individuals, workers with singles, or interested pastors are urged to attend. Ann Smith is author of the how-to booklet on divorce adjustment workshops distributed by the family ministries department of the Sunday School Board.

A fee of \$5 will pay for registration to the meeting. The workshop is being sponsored by the public affairs and Christian life office of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Baptist camp in Illinois provides 'Dream Factory'

By Bob Hastings

PINCKNEYVILLE, Ill. (BP) — A Southern Baptist campground in Illinois may help dreams come true for some critically ill children.

A "Dream Factory Camp" at Lake Sallateeska near Pinckneyville is still in the planning stages but Sallateeska Director Art Nehring is enthusiastic about the possibilities.

Dream Factory Inc., a movement that began in 1981 in Hopkinsville, Ky., has since spread to at least four states — Illinois, Tennessee, Kentucky, and Missouri, Nehring explained. "The Dream Factory is just what the name implies — members help make dreams come true for children who are critically ill or terminally ill."

"We're a loose-knit organization," Debbie Reynolds, a member of the Southern Illinois chapter of Dream Factory, said. "We don't have officers and all of that — we believe in action and doing things. At Christmas, we sent a critically ill little boy to Oregon to visit his grandparents. This spring we're going to add a bedroom to a home for a sick girl who has always wanted a room of her own. We've sent several youngsters to Disney World and one to meet Annie, the star of the Broadway play by that name."

Scott Reynolds, a Catholic layman, told Nehring that Sallateeska would make an ideal setting for a group of very, very sick children in June to have fun and good times in the out-of-doors.

If the plans materialize, Sallateeska will host about 90 children and staff during the dream camp, Nehring said. In case of emergencies, there will be an ambulance plus a helicopter from Scott AFB on the grounds, plus three other

helicopters on stand-by at Ft. Campbell, Ky.

It is hoped a nurse and physician from Children's Hospital in St. Louis, plus a nurse from St. Jude's Hospital in Memphis, will also be there.

The Dream Factory Inc., which concentrates on children with such diseases as leukemia, M.S., cerebral palsy, and other crippling diseases, has been featured on "P.M. Magazine" and other television programs.

Special Ministries Director Ed Claybrook, who administers Lake Sallateeska, said it's a tribute to the Illinois Baptist State Association that the Dream Factory is considering Sallateeska. "If we can offer these terminally ill children a few days in the sunshine and on the lake and in the woods, it would give us great pleasure."

Lin joins faculty at Golden Gate

MILL VALLEY, Calif. — Richard Lin has been named professor of church music at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary.

He comes to the position from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., where he has served on the music faculty since 1967.

At Golden Gate, Lin will teach conducting, voice, and choral and voice literature.

The professor holds music degrees from the National Conservatory of Music in Shanghai, China; from Southern seminary; and from the University of Missouri, Columbia.

He has done additional study at the National Conservatory of Music in Paris, France; the University of Southern California, Los Angeles; Indiana University, Bloomington; and the Royal College of Music, Royal Academy of Music, and Guildhall School of Music, all in London, England.

Through the years, Lin has served as minister of music in eight Southern Baptist churches in Kentucky and Oklahoma in addition to his teaching duties. Prior to his tenure at Southern seminary, he was professor of music and chairman of the voice department at Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee for 12 years.

Colombian to edit WMU publications

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP) — Elina Cabarcas of Cali, Colombia, has been named Spanish editor by Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Miss Cabarcas will edit Spanish publications including Nuestra Tarea, monthly Spanish missions magazine. She began work Feb. 21, replacing Gladys Caballero, who left WMU in August of 1981.

Miss Cabarcas holds degrees from Colegio Americano, Universidad del Valle, both in Colombia, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex. She also attended the International Baptist Theological Seminary in Cali, Colombia, where she was professor of Christian education.

Miss Cabarcas worked with La Estrella, GA magazine published by the Foreign Mission Board's Baptist Spanish Publishing House, El Paso, Tex. She is one of six WMU employees funded by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. She is the first person moved from abroad to serve on the WMU staff.

Marsh gains rank of major general

WASHINGTON (BP) — Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Professor Gerald Marsh has been promoted by the Air Force Reserve to the rank of major general, making him the highest ranking Southern Baptist chaplain in the U.S. military services.

Marsh, professor of pastoral ministry at the Fort Worth, Tex., seminary, will maintain his current responsibilities as mobilization assistant to the Air Force chief of chaplains, Maj. Gen. John A. Collins. In that role, Marsh is responsible to Collins for all matters relating to Air Force Reserve chaplains.

The promotion, announced by the Air Force early this year, was confirmed by the U.S. Senate Feb. 24.

Marsh, who has 30 years of service in the reserves, said his promotion to the highest rank possible for a chaplain is a "climax to a process."

"That process", he said, "is one of being able to participate as a leader in the preparation of people to minister within the armed forces to the very people whose lives are totally involved in maintaining peace in this world."

Since last summer, Marsh has been in Washington, D.C. on sabbatical leave from Southwestern, studying in the field of war and peace. Specifically, Marsh said his studies have focused on the "minister's responsibility in pastoring or shepherding his people through these issues."

Based on his sabbatical studies, Marsh plans to write articles and possibly a book.

Baylor University honors Groner

WACO, Tex. — Frank S. Groner, president emeritus of Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis, was recently selected by the Baylor University Alumni Association as a distinguished alumnus for 1983.

Groner received the award during the eighth annual Distinguished Alumni Banquet held recently at Baylor. The Distinguished Alumnus Award is the highest honor bestowed by the Baylor Alumni Association.

Born in Stamford, Tex., Groner received his bachelor of arts degree from Baylor in 1934 and law degrees from East Texas Baptist College, Marshall, Tex., Union University, Jackson, and Baylor.

Groner was registrar and dean of the school of business of the College of Marshall (Tex.), assistant administrator of Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans, and chief executive officer and later, president of the Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis. Since 1980, he has been president emeritus of Baptist Memorial Hospital.

Robert Kitts assumes Narrow Valley pulpit

Robert Kitts assumed duties as pastor of Narrow Valley Baptist Church, Rutledge, in response to a call from the congregation.

Kitts, who began the position Jan. 16, is enrolled at Walters State Community College, Morristown.



STUDENT-LED REVIVAL — Speakers for the March 22-24 student-led revival at Carson-Newman are (left to right) Scott Price of Rogersville, Richard Childress of Kingsport, Jennifer Price of Abingdon, Va., Linden Wolfe of Knoxville, and Jeff Price of Abingdon, Va.

Language leaders discuss need for ethnic materials, strategy

SEATTLE (BP) — More than 200 language missions leaders focused on the implications of America's increasing internationalism at the 26th annual language missions leadership conference in Seattle.

For the first time, the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board-sponsored meeting included participants from the Foreign Mission Board and Baptist Sunday School Board in acknowledgement of Southern Baptists' need for a global perspective of missions, explained Oscar Romo, HMB language missions director.

Romo also announced the formation of the Language Materials Consortium, a joint venture of the HMB, Sunday School Board, Woman's Missionary Union, and Brotherhood Commission. Consortium members will work together and seek to enlist other SBC agencies and state conventions in finding ways to provide language materials for SBC ethnic churches, Romo said.

Southern Baptists cannot afford to "preach participation and practice paternalism," said Bob Banks, HMB vice-president of administration. If Baptists are to meet ethnic needs, "it may mean the agencies will need to reconsider profit from materials" and develop

a new approach to publishing, he suggested.

Either Southern Baptists provide language materials for ethnic churches "just as we do for Anglos," or they will find what they need somewhere else, warned Gerald Palmer, HMB vice-president of missions. "Either we grant equivalency to ethnic Southern Baptists or they will go it alone."

Declaring "every person has the right to hear of the love of God in the language of their heart," Ralph McIntyre, director of the Sunday School Board's Bible teaching division, described the Sunday School Board's goal as "meeting the material needs of every SBC language church as soon as possible."

Diverse needs, however, require the agency to set priorities and make long-range plans, he explained. The "overwhelming needs" present a challenge "big enough for all of us."

Clark Scanlon of the Foreign Mission Board's office of overseas operations, listed evangelism as a foreign missions priority and called for ethnic congregations to develop a global missions concern and to support SBC channels for mission efforts.

Scanlon also noted the need for more ethnic missionaries and volunteers to "represent the pluralism of the SBC in its mission forces."

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BMH launches Health-Plex

MEMPHIS — Baptist Memorial Hospital has gained state approval to launch a multi-faceted health care program this spring that will include a new sports medicine center and an outpatient cardiac rehabilitation program, Al King, vice-president, announced.

The programs, as well as the hospital's distribution center, will be housed in Health-Plex, a former car dealership near Baptist Memorial-Medical Center. Renovation work on Health-Plex began immediately after the Tennessee Health Facilities Commission approved the \$2.5-million project last week, King said. The facility should be open in about two months.

Health-Plex will offer comprehensive health services beyond the traditional services offered by a hospital, said Maurice Elliott, senior vice-president.

Among other programs the hospital plans to include in Health-Plex are employee assistance and occupational health services for area business and industry. Other health promotion and health education programs also are being studied. These services are aimed at assisting industry in developing programs to meet federal guidelines for environmental and safety standards and to help businesses reduce their health care costs.

A sports medicine clinic, open five days a week, will be staffed by specialists in diagnosis and treatment of sports injuries, including an orthopedic surgeon, a nurse, and other allied health professionals.

The sports medicine center also will offer continuing medical education for physicians and other medical specialists as well as for coaches and athletes in the mid-south. The program will stress prevention of sports injuries and will include strength and endurance testing and full therapy and training facilities.

The cardiac rehabilitation portion of

Health-Plex is aimed at motivating survivors of heart attacks and heart surgery patients after they leave the hospital to adopt and maintain a vigorous program of activity, King explained.

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BIBLE BOOK SERIES
Lesson for March 13

Obligations in society

By W. Fred Kendall II, pastor
First Baptist Church, Union City

Basic Passage: Romans 13:1-14
Focal Passages: Romans 13:1-8, 10-14

In her health class, a teacher asked the children, "Why do surgeons wear masks?"

A student answered, "So nobody will know which one did it if someone goes." Hiding behind masks, even in the mind of a child, is a method humans use to escape.

God has called Christians to be active in working out the purposes and plans of Christ within society. But, some Christians seek to escape serving there because they have hidden behind masks of personal piety. They convince themselves that Christianity does not belong in this world — only in church and in the beyond. These persons state that a quiet private witness is all that God requires.

But God wills that His changed people change society. Christians who merely strive to be "privately good" can be compared to a lady who applies makeup to her face, puts on a fashionable dress and then stays locked in her house — refusing to go out into society. The question would be asked of her: "dressed up for what?"

The question could also be asked of a "beauty parlor" Christian all dressed up in perfection but isolated from the world: "good for what?"

Christian citizenship (13:1-7)

"I'm not actively engaged in politics because I believe society can be changed — I'm doing this because God believes society can be changed." This statement, made by a dedicated Christian citizen, answers the argument of a person who says he or she will not become involved in politics because it is "dirty."

Paul reminded Christians that we live in two kingdoms and we are to be loyal citizens of both.

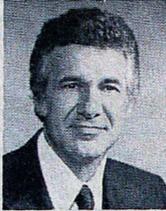
Jesus Christ lived under a dictator, but He was a model citizen. Every Christian must be. We are to obey the law unless a law opposes God's will (Acts 4:19; 5:24); and even then, we are to willingly pay the consequences of not obeying that law.

Paul said government is given by God to man for his protection and well-being. He stated that we are to be subject to our government. Paul used an analogy of troops lining up under the command of an officer.

Paul stated that lawlessness for the Christian is a sin. God is a God of order. As a child, if I was punished for misbehaving in school, I also was punished when I got home. In verse 2, this same rule applies to the Christian and God's judgment concerning lawlessness.

In verse 4, Paul said government officials were "ministers" (diakonoi). That is, they are "servants of God." This is an ideal that all government officials had best remember. They will face more than voters in the future. In verse 6, the word used for government leaders is the same one used for priests. Therefore, God is served in houses of government and in the temple.

Jesus criticized the evils committed by evil rulers. But He never criticized government — only the abuses. He also said the power of a ruler comes from God (Mark 10:42-43), just as Paul does in Romans 13.



Kendall

Paul stated that government has the power to act as God's servant in punishing evil. The government is to promote order and well-being; therefore, Christians are to support it.

Paul then said that Christians should fulfill their duties as citizens — even the payment of taxes.

It is not always possible for Christians to respect those in office — but we should respect the office itself (v.7). Christians should be enlightened citizens. We should vote and help form public policy. We should be willing to serve as political leaders. We should challenge evils in government as they arise, work for justice and freedom, and support Christian causes in society.

Christian neighbors (13:8, 10)

Paul then moved from society in general to individual relationships.

Many Christians are confused by the word "love" (agape). Most people, even Christians, know people they would cross the street to avoid rather than have to pass by them. The majority of us just do not like everybody. Therefore, many people do not take God's commandment for the Christian to love other people seriously. We get the "agape" kind of love confused with other types of love.

Christian love toward others is like God's love. No matter what a person is like, God seeks his or her highest good. This is His only desire for every person. God's love is extended to His children, and to those who choose to be His enemies — throughout the entire world.

Christ coined this new word for love: "agape." This word is so vast you cannot understand it at first. Paul explains what it means in 1 Corinthians 13. Jesus taught about the meaning of this word. He lived and died by the "agape" way of life.

The Christian should pay his financial debts, but he can never fully pay his debt of love to humanity (v.8).

Paul said "love worketh no ill to his neighbor" (v.10). A man stranded on a rural road asked a truck driver to push his car at 45 miles per hour. He wondered why the truck driver went so far back down the road. In horror, he saw the truck coming at him at 45 mph.

Christians will do good in a bad way if there is no love involved. For example, tossing a man a quarter to remind him of his poverty and your success is doing good in a bad way. This is like throwing crumbs to Lazarus.

For the Christian, no degree of personal "goodness" can ever be a mask to escape practicing "agape" in human relationships.

Christian motivation (13:11-14)

Paul did exactly what his Lord asked him to do — he looked for Jesus Christ to return at any moment. A Christian should realize that whatever he or she is doing (or not doing) or wherever he or she may go, Christ could return at that moment.

When Paul stated that Christians are nearer their salvation, remember that there are three facets of salvation: regeneration, sanctification, and glorification. Paul meant that every moment we live, we are closer to being in heaven — through the door of death or the second coming of Christ.

The alarm has sounded (v.11)! Let us with enthusiasm put on God's armour of light, go into society to "outlive" and "outlove" the world and thus extend the kingdom of Jesus Christ.

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UNIFORM LESSON SERIES
Lesson for March 13

An empowered fellowship

By Hyran E. Barefoot, vice-president for academic affairs
Union University, Jackson

Basic Passage: Acts 2:1-42
Focal Passages: Acts 2:1-4, 12-18, 37-38

Pentecost was one of the three Jewish festivals when by law all Israel was required to be at the Temple. Jews from all over the Mediterranean world would be in Jerusalem. This explains the references in verses 5 and 9-11 to people from every area of the Mediterranean world.

Pentecost (the Greek term pentecoste meant "fifty") came 50 days after Passover. Because this was seven weeks or "a week of weeks," it was also called the Feast of Weeks. It was a harvest festival and marked the close of the harvest. The characteristic feature of the festival was the offering of the first two loaves from the harvest.

This was also the day that had come to be regarded as the day on which God had given the Law to Moses at Mount Sinai. It was at least commemorative of that event. A Jewish rabbinic tradition stated that when the Law was given, God's voice was heard in every language because by a miracle God's words to Moses were translated into all the languages of the world.

The significance of the experience

Pentecost did not represent the beginning of the Spirit of God, for the Spirit had been most evident in the Old Testament as well as in the ministry of Jesus. It is not even the beginning of the Spirit's dealing with these men, for they as God's people must have known the word of the Spirit of God. Nor is it the birthday or the beginning of the church.

When Jesus called and found an enlightened response from His disciples, there was the church, the "called out ones" of God. It is not proper to say that previously the Spirit had acted externally and transiently upon men and that now He works from within in a permanent way. This even fails the grammatical test when one observes it very closely.

The significance may rather be that the disciples now are brought to the consciousness that the risen Christ who is no longer with them is still in reality with them.

The new presence of the Spirit is really the awakened consciousness that the Holy Spirit is also the Spirit of Jesus (Acts 16:6-7; 2 Corinthians 3:17-18). Thus the transformation, the new power, the new dynamic, flowed from the identity of the risen Christ with the Spirit. The same Christ who had guided and sustained them was still present with them but in a new way. In fact, He was present in a new way which they could only realize when He was no longer bodily present with them. This is explicitly set forth in John 16:7.

The continued presence of Christ, which is realized at Pentecost, is hinted at by Luke in the opening words of Acts, "All that Jesus began both to do and to teach."

The experience probably did not come arbitrarily on this particular day apart from any conditioning on their part. The very day itself — a day of prayer, worship, and reflection upon the visitation of God to His people — must have been the occasion which brought the realization to them. Significantly John's vision came

on the Lord's Day (Revelation 1:10). The principle, no doubt, is that God comes when His people are prepared for His coming.

The attendant phenomena of the experience

The sound like a rushing wind is probably intended to indicate the power of the Spirit as a breath of God from heaven to empower the disciples. Likewise the tongues as of fire distributed upon the disciples are doubtless representative of the power of witness to God and the fire may symbolize the presence of God or His cleansing and purification.

The most outstanding phenomenon in our consideration is the speaking in tongues. This would seem to have to be understood as either foreign languages or uncontrollable emotional ecstasy. These were all Jews and it is difficult to understand why either Greek or Aramaic would not be able to serve as a medium of communication. It is further complicated in that the reaction of the crowd was mixed.

Some see it as merely drunken talk while others interpret it as speech glorifying God.

Luke appears to represent this as a miracle of communication in disseminating the gospel message on something of a universal level among Jews. However, it may be that this is uncontrolled, ecstatic utterance which comes as a result of the Spirit's action as at other points in Acts (10:46; 19:6). The reaction of the crowd may represent those who are favorably disposed toward the group and see some validity in it and those who simply dismiss it lightly as "drunken fool talk."

Peter's explanation and challenge

Peter repudiated the charge of drunkenness on the logical basis that it is but the third hour of the day and men do not break their fast on feast days until the fourth or sixth hour. He interprets this as the fulfillment of the prophecy of Joel about the coming "Day of the Lord." By so doing he indicates that the age to come has come (2:16-17). The age that is the climactic one has been ushered in with Christ and the powers of the age to come are now operative.

Peter's challenge to the hearers is (1) to repent, (2) to be baptized, and they would obtain (a) forgiveness of sins and (b) the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Just as in the preaching of John the Baptist, repentance and baptism are set in closest relation to each other. This could be taken as a proof for baptismal regeneration but it is not necessarily so. The grammatical construction may not represent result only but also grounds or reason (see Matthew 3:11 and 12:41). The connection not only is between forgiveness and baptism but is also between repentance and forgiveness.

Baptism is a part of the reality, a very definite part, but is not a physical means to accomplish an inner spiritual reality.

Vernon Smith called to Concord pulpit

Vernon Smith was called to the pastorate of Concord Baptist Church, McKenzie, a ministry he began in January.

A native of Mayfield, Ky., Smith was previously pastor of Fairview Baptist Church, McKenzie, and Little Bethel Baptist Church, Wingo, Ky.



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LIFE AND WORK SERIES
Lesson for March 13

Relating to those in need

By Calvin S. Metcalf, pastor
Central Baptist Church, Fountain City, Knoxville

Basic Passage: Matthew 25:31-46
Focal Passages: Matthew 25:31-41, 45

Someone has said, "We have been placed here on earth to serve others. What others are here for, I do not know."

Perhaps this is a catchy way of saying that each of us, no matter how limited we may feel, has a capacity to meet someone's need. There is no way to escape the fact that someone can benefit from our existence.

The gospel message is one which calls us to experience and express concern for those in need. We live in a world where social needs are extensive. In Christ there is a plan to notice the need and heal the hurt.



Metcalf

The Son of Man coming (25:31)

This excerpt from the teachings of Jesus has the character of a parable but is more than a symbolic story. It presents a prophetic picture of the final judgment that awaits all people.

Jesus is the prominent person in this event and His coming is described in three ways. He shall come in glory which means that the presence of God shall dazzle every observer. The holy angels in all their powers shall accompany Him. The throne on which He shall sit defines the authority of His judgment.

The Son of Man judging (25:32-33)

Because Jesus is King of the whole world, all nations will be gathered before Him. Because He is perfectly equipped through suffering love and divine wisdom, He can distinguish between the righteous and the unrighteous. He likens it to separating sheep from goats which was a common practice in Palestine when the mixed flock was brought home at night.

Sheep represent the favored or blessed ones who will have a place of honor and power at the right hand of Christ. Goats refer to those who are cursed and relegated to the left which was a place of dishonor.

Perhaps the greatest impact of these verses is that Jesus wants His followers to know they are ultimately accountable to Him. His judgment requires our attention.

The King commending (25:34-36)

The title for Christ changes from Son of Man to King. As King, Christ commends the righteous as being blessed by God the Father. They are to inherit the prepared kingdom from the beginning. Their reward is no afterthought of God — it is His deliberate provision for all who are judged righteous.

The criteria by which all people are judged is fivefold. The King says He was hungry, thirsty, lonely, naked, sick, and in prison. In each state of need the righteous reached out a helping hand. Here we discover that God's judgment is based on our reaction to human need. These are simple needs that our Lord re-

quires us to meet.

The King justifying (25:37-40)

It is significant to note that those who had ministered to Christ were not aware that they had done so. Their activity was uncalculated. It was spontaneous and sincere. To them it was only the normal response to another human being in need. Their surprise is indicative of the purity of their motives. Their helpfulness was the overflow of a genuine righteousness.

Jesus makes it clear that doing for others is doing for Him. Because of His great love for people, He is pleased when we are helpfully related to others. No human needs goes unnoticed by the Master, but He has no hands but our hands to do His kindly deeds. Therefore, whatever we do for the most undeserving, as inconspicuous as it may seem, does not escape the attention of our Lord. In no way is our love for God more visible than when we express His compassion for others.

The Son of Man punishing (25:41,45)

The judgment of those who are to depart into everlasting fire is based on what they failed to do. They did not minister to Christ because they did not minister to others. They too are surprised because had they known it was Him they would have done everything to impress Him. Their seeming concern for the Lord is nothing but disguised selfishness. Their defense is their own condemnation. If one has to be shown where there is need, then he must be insensitive to need. Only as we are properly related to Christ are we properly related to those in need.

A personal word

In love, the Lord of life has given us a part in the drama of creation. There is unfinished business in God's design for His world which requires our contribution to complete it. There are lonely people with needs, hurts, and complicated situations which call for our attention. God has honored us with a capacity to help. The stage has been set and our assignments are clear.

Selfish and indifferent people, however, will never find their part in the drama of creation. Their lines will go unlearned and when the final curtain is drawn, there will be no applause from God for whom their lives were to be a pleasure.

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WMU announces reorganization

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP) — Three women have been named to top management posts in a staff reorganization of the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union. Catherine B. Allen, Bobbie Sorrell, and June Whitlow, all currently on the WMU national staff, will become associate executive directors.

Mrs. Allen will supervise the Mission Services System which includes product procurement and delivery, personnel, internal operations, and financial operations.

Miss Sorrell will be in charge of the Missions Education System. It includes curriculum planning, publications, program interpretation, and WMU language work.

Mrs. Whitlow will supervise the Office of Missions Coordination which includes coordination with other SBC agencies and state WMUs, as well as public relations and the WMU library services.

The new associate directors are now leading in an analysis of the work groups they supervise.

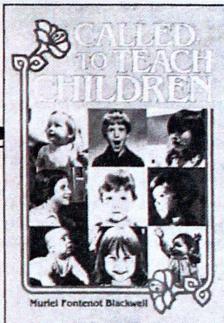
In announcing the first major reorganization since she became WMU executive director in 1974, Carolyn Weatherford said its purpose is to increase the efficiency of the work and to balance the work load. She said the reorganization will be completed by April.

Miss Weatherford also announced the

national Executive Board has approved nine new staff positions. These include the hiring of a computer expert who will institute a Management Information Service; a specialist in mail and distribution, and a video specialist. A purchasing office will also be added.

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'Bicycle philosophy' saves lives in Uganda

By Robert O'Brien

BUNAMBALÉ, Uganda (BP)— Some people joke that David Sorley's "bicycle philosophy" of community health took root because a nun was taking driving lessons.

When the Southern Baptist missionary physician arrived in Uganda, he began to look for a place to test his community health philosophy. He considered Munamba to take advantage of the expertise of a nearby Catholic nun community health nurse.

Sorley met with people at the Catholic clinic several times. They expressed interest but made no concrete move. He began to grow impatient. Then the nun moved to Mbale to take driving lessons.

By that time, Sorley had decided to stop wasting time and selected Bunambale, even though it was less accessible than Munamba. The community, which has a good record of self-help, responded enthusiastically to his offer of medical assistance. Townspeople appointed a community health committee and selected 14 women for him to train as community health workers.

The fact that two young Baptist churches were nearby cemented his decision. Sorley and his wife, Darlene, believe that spiritual life and health rank as the major need in the lives of people they seek to reach.

Sorley's "bicycle philosophy" is based on people learning to care for their own and others' physical and spiritual needs. Sorley usually rides and pushes a bicycle up the mountain on his appointed rounds — for more reasons than one.

"I ride a bicycle both to show the people I'm willing to operate on their level and to show them I'm not able to bring them a lot of goodies," said Sorley, who grew up as a Baptist General Conference missionary kid in India.

"A real problem in Uganda and in many developing countries is that they associate a white face with handouts. Community health is basically built on the idea that people need to be able to help themselves."

Sorley, formerly a family physician in his native Minnesota and former chief epidemiologist for the state of Maryland, began gravitating from curative to preventive medicine while serving as a Baptist General Conference missionary physician in Ethiopia for five years.

The Sorleys joined a Southern Baptist congregation, Woodbrook Baptist Church,

Baltimore, Md., after returning to the states from Ethiopia. Baptist General Conference medical work had ended there because of war. The Sorleys eventually returned to mission work under SBC Foreign Mission Board appointment.

Now the veteran physician is chairman of the Baptist mission of Uganda. He also advises churches and specializes in community health — capitalizing on Africans' natural bent toward music and dramatization.

He uses music and drama, among other techniques, to teach community health trainees to teach their neighbors to save lives. For example, when the hills become alive with the sound of music around Bunambale, it will likely be "The Diarrhea Song."

That song, written by the trainees, teaches them to teach others how "oral rehydration" saves the lives of children. As they sing, they pantomime how a mother — or even an older child — can prepare a mixture which can save lives.

"Dehydration from diarrhea causes many deaths in this part of the world among children," Sorley said. "We have been teaching the trainees how to teach mothers to make their own simple solution to save their children, using a teaspoon of sugar and a three-finger pinch of salt dissolved in a glass of clean water."

The sugar and salt act together to pump the badly needed salt water into the system. Although sugar is often hard to get in Uganda's hard-pressed economy, the families can improvise. "They can substitute sugar cane juice or honey or a sweet drink they make from bananas," Sorley said.

When the physical problem is really a spiritual one, the Sorleys are ready to handle that, too.

Recently in Mbale they got a call from the district medical officer, Pauline Tsekkoko. She told them her 19-year-old sister, Rose Namalwa, suffered from demon possession. The Sorleys prayed with Miss Namalwa, witnessed to her, and taught her Scripture. Eventually she accepted Jesus Christ and became free of her problem.

Mrs. Tsekkoko spoke not long after that at the graduation of some Christian health workers in Mbale, where another participant commented that medical personnel must also deal with the



CONSULTATION — Pastors from Mbale Baptist Association ask for David Sorley's counsel on some problems they are discussing. The Ugandans have learned that Sorley, a missionary physician, values man's spirit as well as his body.

spiritual condition to treat people adequately.

"I agree," Mrs. Tsekkoko told the group, "because I have experienced that in my own home. As a doctor, I know the

value of teaching health, but the Sorleys have shown me how God can change lives."

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Mission trip to Uganda prompts 30 commitments

FARMINGTON, N.M. (BP)— A volunteer mission group to Uganda prompted nearly 30 members of Farmington's Emmanuel Baptist Church to a commitment to foreign mission service.

In addition, the 1,200-member New Mexico church boosted its Lottie Moon Christmas Offering gifts to \$56,000 in 1982, up \$14,000 over 1981.

Emmanuel Pastor John P. Preston said seven volunteers who went to east Africa brought back the excitement of firsthand foreign missions, causing nearly 30 people to commit themselves either to volunteer service, the missionary associate program, or full-time foreign missions careers.

Preston said he feels he went to Africa to do more than just come back and tell about it. Someday he will go back as a missionary.

"I'd always shut the door to foreign missions because I didn't think I'd be any good with languages," Preston said. "I found out over there I could use my English and I said to the Lord, 'I'm ready anywhere, anyway, anytime.'"

"I came back with that message to our people," Preston continued. "We often think foreign missions is for somebody who has an unusual gift, but we're all capable of being foreign missionaries and we should not limit the Lord."

The Farmington church members were invited by a hometown boy, Paul Eaton, to help chop out a foothold deep in Uganda's bush. Eaton and his wife, Kay, Southern Baptist missionaries, were beginning a new agricultural evangelism ministry and needed help constructing a new shop, office, and storage area.

The trip was a sentimental journey for Ruth Harper, a charter member of Emmanuel whose husband died last year.

"Lloyd and I had known Paul since he was a boy," she said. "He needed help out there to get his work started. If Lloyd were alive, he'd be there. So I decided to take his place."

The group concluded their one-week visit by dedicating a nearly complete

Lloyd Harper agricultural building. They placed a Gideon Bible in its foundation in honor of Harper's years of work with Gideons International. Eaton will finish the building.

"Paul and Kay were at our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering emphasis in Farmington in 1981," Preston recalled. "We had set a goal of \$25,000 and collected \$42,000." In 1982 the goal was \$50,000 and \$56,000 was given.

That amount, Preston added, worked out to about \$490 per participating family.

The church had asked the Eatons last year if it could be of some help to them. Later, members donated money for the building at the new Agwata station, and the volunteers traveled there at their own expense to get construction under way.

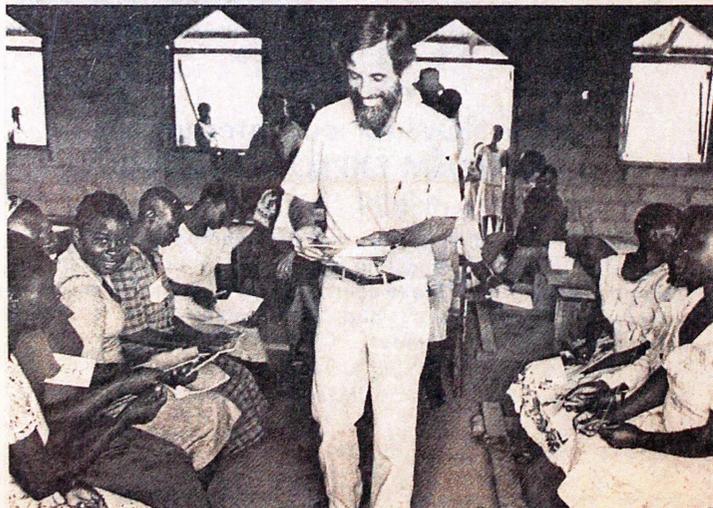
"If the people could see the Eatons' commitment and how hard they work to get a job done," Preston said, "they'd never doubt the value of missions."

Reagan honors Graham with medal of freedom

WASHINGTON (BP)— Southern Baptist Evangelist Billy Graham was one of 12 prominent Americans honored by President Ronald Reagan with the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian award.

In a White House East Room ceremony Feb. 23, Reagan cited the 64-year-old Graham as one whose "untiring evangelism has spread the Word of God to every corner of the globe and made him one of the most inspirational spiritual leaders of the 20th century."

The citation continued: "As a deeply committed Christian, his challenge to accept Jesus Christ has lifted the hearts, assuaged the sorrows, and renewed the hopes of millions. Billy Graham is an American who lives first and always for his fellow citizens. In honoring him, we give thanks for God's greatest spiritual gifts — faith, hope, and love."



TIME FOR TRAINING — David Sorley hands out Bible study materials during a training session for his community health workers in Bunambale, Uganda. The Bunambale community agreed to work in partnership with him and selected 14 women to help with the program.