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Theme of 1983 SBC to focus on 'unity'



W. Fred Kendall II

Kendall accepts post at Belmont

NASHVILLE — W. Fred Kendall II, pastor of First Baptist Church, Union City, has been named vice-president of religious affairs at Belmont College, effective June 1.

In the newly-created post, Kendall, pastor of the Union City church since 1965, will serve as a liaison between Belmont College and the churches of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. He also will coordinate religious affairs on campus.

"No one loves or understands better the work of Tennessee Baptists and the importance of Christian higher education than Fred Kendall," said William E. Troutt, president of Belmont College. "God has blessed us by providing for this key position someone of his ability and commitment."

Before accepting the pastorate of the Union City church, Kendall was pastor of First Baptist Church, Bolivar, for seven years. During that time, Troutt was one of Kendall's church members.

Active in Baptist life, Kendall has served as president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention and as chairman of the board of directors for Baptist Memorial Health Care Systems Inc., Memphis, and the trustees of Union University, Jackson.

He also has served as a member of the TBC Executive Board; as a board member of the Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes; as a trustee of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif.; and as a member of the Committee on Boards for the Southern Baptist Convention.

Born in Kentucky, Kendall is a graduate of Union University, Jackson, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

He is married to the former Yvonne Dugard of Tupelo, Miss. They have two sons.

PITTSBURGH (BP) — "Unity of the Spirit in the Bond of Peace" will be the theme for the 1983 annual meeting of the 13.9-million-member Southern Baptist Convention at the Pittsburgh Civic Arena June 14-16.

It will be the 126th annual session for the 138-year-old denomination, composed of more than 36,000 churches in all 50 states, Canada, Puerto Rico, and American Samoa.

"We wanted this to be the kind of convention which would bring us together in unity," said Bruce McIver, pastor of Wilshire Baptist Church of Dallas, Tex., and chairman of the convention Order of Business Committee. "We felt there are far more things which unify us than divide us."

He added, "The primary purpose of the committee was that the convention experience the theme. It was an underlying purpose all the way through. We have worked to deal fairly with all matters to be presented: business, reports, and what we consider to be very important, the inspirational part of it."

The three-day program features business, election of officers, reports from the 20 agencies supported through the SBC, a layman's emphasis, plus preaching, praying, and singing.

A special feature will be five 15-minute theme interpretations by Joel Gregory, professor of preaching at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Tex.

"We have given him no direction on this except to ask him to explore the theme and to present Biblical messages," McIver said, adding the committee has placed the theme interpretations "in the heart of each session" rather than at the first "when people are still trying to find their seats."

Another special feature will be the Thursday night session. In New Orleans, last year, there was no Thursday evening session, but McIver said the com-



SITE OF SBC — Pittsburgh will host the 1983 Southern Baptist Convention, June 14-16. A twilight view of downtown, looking across Point State Park, includes skyscrapers reflected in the river.

mittee decided to return to having the final session.

"We spent a lot of time praying and thinking about the closing session. We decided to have an affirmation of what the Lord can do through laypersons. In

that session we will have Russell Newport, a layman from Springfield, Mo., singing; Fred Roach, a layman from Dallas, Tex., giving a testimony; and Chuck (Charles) Colson will share out of (Continued on page 2)

Eura Rich Lannom to retire after 42 years of service

Eura Rich Lannom, after serving Tennessee Baptists for 42 years, has announced her retirement, effective April 30.

Mrs. Lannom, who first came to the Tennessee Baptist Convention in 1940, has been an employee of the Baptist and

Reflector for 40 years, including a term as acting editor from August 1974 through October 1976.

Originally hired as an "extra" employee by then Executive Secretary-Treasurer John D. Freeman, Mrs. Lannom worked for a two-year period before going to work at Nashville's Baptist Book Store in 1942. She returned to the TBC a year later to begin her long tenure with the Reflector staff.

In addition to acting editor, Mrs. Lannom has served as assistant to the editor, editor's assistant, office secretary, secretary to the circulation manager, and is presently advertising and subscriptions manager. She has worked with Baptist and Reflector Editors O. W. Taylor, Richard N. Owen, James A. Lester, and Alvin C. Shackelford.

A native of Holland, Ky., Mrs. Lannom is a member of Lincova Hills Baptist Church, Donelson. She is a graduate of Draughon's Business College, Nashville, and has attended George Peabody College, the University of Tennessee, and Watkins Institute, all of Nashville.



Mrs. Lannom

Dunn attacks Helms proposal

WASHINGTON (BP) — A Baptist church-state specialist has responded sharply to Sen. Jesse Helms' announced intention to attach a court-stripping amendment on school prayer to bankruptcy legislation the Senate was expected to take up April 26.

Helms' proposal to remove Supreme Court and lower federal court jurisdiction from cases involving school prayer, Bible reading, and religious meetings in public schools is one of several amendments the North Carolina Republican announced April 20 he plans to propose to the Bankruptcy Reform Act.

During the last Congress, Helms' court-stripping proposal was hotly debated on the Senate floor but the measure died after several unsuccessful attempts to cut off debate.

"Once again Sen. Helms is engaging in desperation politics at great cost to the American taxpayer," declared James M. Dunn, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs. "He was soundly rebuffed last fall using the same tactics in attempts to force his court-stripping concepts on unrelated legislation. He subverted the Senate process for a month and played obstructionist to no avail.

"What does prayer in schools have to do with bankruptcy law?" Dunn asked. "This approach defies common logic, flies in the face of fairness, violates proper political protocol, and reveals a lack of respect for his Senate colleagues."

Supreme Court debates tuition tax deductions

By Stan Hasty

WASHINGTON (BP)— Proponents and opponents of government aid to non-public schools met again at the U.S. Supreme Court April 19 as the high court heard oral arguments on a Minnesota tuition tax deduction law.

At issue is a 1978 Minnesota law providing taxpayers who send their children to sectarian or other private schools with a \$500 deduction for each child enrolled in an elementary school and \$700 per child attending a secondary school.

But the deduction also may be claimed by parents with children in public schools for expenses incurred in special education programs, summer school, and other fees. Since the Minnesota legislature enacted the law in 1978, about \$14-million in deductions have been claimed by parents of parochial school children, \$5-million by parents of public school children. However, less than 10 percent of Minnesota's nearly one-million school children attend non-public schools.

While two lower federal courts have already upheld the Minnesota statute, another federal appeals court struck down a similar Rhode Island law in 1980. The Supreme Court's decision, expected by the end of the current term in late June or early July, presumably will settle the matter.

An unusually large number of interested parties have joined the case by filing friend-of-the-court briefs on both sides of the dispute. Among those filing against the law is the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

Baptist Joint Committee General Counsel John W. Baker wrote, "When public funds, which are collected from all taxpayers regardless of religious belief or lack of religious belief, are used to aid, either directly or indirectly, elementary and secondary schools which teach religion, all taxpayers are compelled to assist in the support of that teaching of religion."

That theme was expressed during oral arguments by William I. Kampf, a St. Paul, Minn., attorney, who argued the case in opposition to the Minnesota statute.

By providing the incentive of a tuition tax deduction, Kampf argued, Minnesota has offered an indirect "subsidy" to parochial schools in violation of the First Amendment's ban on an establishment of religion.

But the young attorney ran into a buzzsaw of hard questions posed by at least six of the nine justices, including a challenge by Justice William H. Rehnquist over the true nature of parochial schools. Rehnquist asked if the primary purpose of such schools is religious or if their religious identity is incidental to their main objective of providing education to children.

Justice Byron R. White, who, like Rehnquist, has voted consistently in the past in favor of a variety of plans to aid non-public schools, compared the tax deduction for tuition paid to the federal income tax deductibility for contributions made to churches.

Kampf's reply was that parents benefiting from the tuition tax deduction receive the subsidy in exchange for services rendered by parochial schools. Taxpayers benefiting from the deduction for contributions to churches and other charities give voluntarily, he said.

But the answer did not seem to satisfy Rehnquist, White, or Chief Justice Warren E. Burger. Rehnquist argued that in receiving the benefit of the tuition tax deduction, Minnesota parents are getting a definite service in exchange, the education of their children. The federal deductibility provision, he went on, gives churches a blank check to spend the donor's money as they choose.

Burger, apparently confused about the facts in a 1970 case over the Constitutionality of local property tax exemptions for churches, sought to remind Kampf that in *Walz v. Tax Commission* the high court upheld the deductibility of contributions. But Kampf corrected the chief justice, reminding him that *Walz* upheld the Constitutionality of property tax exemption and did not deal with the deductibility question.

The sharp questioning of Kampf contrasted with treatment accorded Minnesota special assistant Attorney General Douglas C. Blomgren. Burger, in particular, gave the young state attorney a kind hearing, entering into friendly dialogue with Blomgren on several occasions.

Blomgren argued that the indirect nature of Minnesota's benefit to parents of parochial school children is "crucial" to the question of whether tuition tax deductions meet the Constitution's ban on an establishment of religion.

He said whereas a more direct form of assistance would indicate "sponsorship" of the religions benefited, the religious benefit present in the Minnesota scheme is "incidental." The Minnesota plan does not provide for the kind of "active" assistance the high court has struck down in other instances, he insisted.



Hendrix



Watterson



Walker



Hawkins

C-N names three chairmen for church endowment drive

JEFFERSON CITY — Three regional chairmen for Carson-Newman College's \$5-million church endowment campaign, which begins in October, were announced recently by President Cordell Maddox.

Named were Ian H. C. Walker, pastor of First Baptist Church, Morristown; A. Douglas Watterson Jr., pastor of First Baptist Church, Knoxville; and Winford L. Hendrix, pastor of Brainerd Baptist Church, Chattanooga.

In November 1980 the Tennessee Baptist Convention unanimously approved a statewide \$15-million endowment campaign to be conducted by the TBC's three

colleges (Carson-Newman, Belmont College, and Union University) among Tennessee Baptist churches. Each institution will conduct its own campaign for \$5-million.

H. Franklin Paschall, pastor of Nashville's First Baptist Church is general chairman for the statewide effort.

Franklin Hawkins, pastor of First Baptist Church, Kingsport, will serve as chairman of the Carson-Newman campaign which will be known as "Forging the Future: Church Endowment Campaign for Carson-Newman College." The Carson-Newman campaign will be conducted in east Tennessee.

Southern seminary trustee board acts on personnel, adopts budget

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP) — Trustees of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary adopted a record operating budget and took actions affecting 17 faculty members in their annual meeting.

William B. Rogers Jr. was elected professor of history and philosophy of education, with tenure, effective Aug. 1. They also granted him a half-sabbatical from Aug. 1 through Dec. 31.

Rogers has held a similar position at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary since 1974, and has been chairman of the seminary's academic division since 1977.

Trustees also recorded the presidential appointments of Donoso Escobar as assistant professor of social work and Paul A. Richardson as assistant professor of church music. Both appointments are for three-year terms, beginning Aug. 1.

Escobar, a native of Nicaragua, has been director of immigration and refugee service for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board since 1982. Richardson has directed admissions and student records at Southern since 1982 and has been adjunct professor of church music since 1979.

The board named John N. Jonsson as the W.O. Carver professor of missions and world religions, effective Aug. 1. Jonsson joined the faculty in 1982 after a teaching career in South Africa, where he was born to Scandinavian Baptist

missionaries who worked among the Zulu speaking people.

Four faculty members were granted tenure during the board meeting. They are Daniel Aleshire, associate professor of psychology and denominational ministries; Timothy George, assistant professor of church history and historical theology; Kathryn Chapman, assistant professor of religious education; and Robin Rogers, assistant professor of church social work.

Trustees also promoted six faculty members.

New full professors are James L. Blevins, New Testament interpretation; Raymond H. Bailey, communications; G. Douglas Smith, church music; and Glen H. Stassen, Christian ethics. New associate professors are David E. Garland, New Testament interpretation, and Ronald A. Turner, church music.

Extended teaching contracts were approved for Judith Bair, assistant professor of church social work, to July 31, 1986, and for Robert Hughes, assistant professor of mass media, to July 31, 1984.

In addition, the trustees adopted a record \$10.6-million operating budget for the fiscal year beginning Aug. 1. The budget includes a 10 percent increase in the faculty-staff salary scale and an eight percent increase in the clerical-secretarial-manual salary scale.

The board also adopted a fund-raising goal of \$4.5-million to be secured by trustees during the next three years. This will be part of the seminary's current \$50-million capital and endowment effort.

The adopted capital budget of \$300,000 includes building and renovation projects and purchase of equipment.

James L. Monroe, pastor of First Baptist Church of Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., was elected board chairman. First vice-chairman will be Ben R. Murphy, vice-president of Tyler Corp. in Dallas, Tex., who also will be chairman of the trustee executive committee.

Other new officers are David Grant, pastor of Broadmoor Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss., second vice-chairman, and Fred Pfannenschmidt, Louisville real estate agent, secretary.

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his own heart what God can do through one layman," McIver said.

Colson, a former key staffer in the Nixon White House, spent time in prison for his part in the Watergate scandal. He was converted in prison and after his release, established a ministry to people in prison.

McIver added that the Thursday evening session also was planned "with Pittsburgh area Baptists in mind. We don't have too many Baptists in the area, and we are hoping the service will minister to them . . . be a testimony and witness there."

He explained many of the other matters to come before the convention "are fixed. The primary thing the committee had to do was to provide the slots and times for them. There is not a lot of flexibility, but our primary concern was to plan the program well and in such a way as to be able to take care of the business, and then to have some variety and some inspiration."

Features of the program include the presidential address by SBC President James T. Draper Jr., pastor of First Baptist Church of Euless, Tex., who was elected in 1982; the convention sermon by James Pleitz, pastor of Park Cities Baptist Church of Dallas; and the reports of the Foreign Mission Board and Home Mission Board.

"One of our deep concerns was that the reports of these two key agencies (FMB and HMB) be presented at the time they are scheduled and not be pushed back by business or other matters. We have given them absolute priority on the nights they are scheduled, so they can be a highlight of the convention," McIver said.

Supreme Court to consider Christmas nativity scenes

WASHINGTON (BP) — The Supreme Court announced April 19 it will decide if local governments may erect Christmas nativity scenes without violating the Constitutional principle of separation of church and state.

Two lower federal tribunals, the First Circuit Court of Appeals and the U.S. District Court for Rhode Island, held earlier that the city of Pawtucket, R.I., violated the Constitution's ban on an establishment of religion by erecting a nativity scene as part of its traditional Christmas displays.

But over the past several years, state and federal courts elsewhere have handled similar challenges by ruling in every case that because Christmas is a cultural as well as religious holiday, no violation of the Constitution is present in the practice.

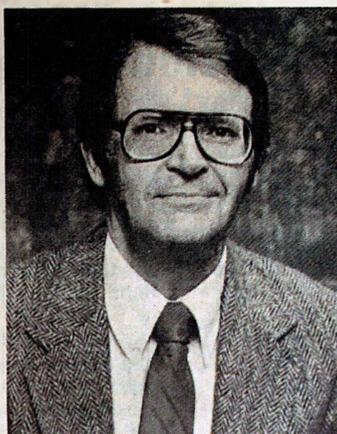
Asking the high court not to review the lower decisions in the Pawtucket case, attorneys representing the local affiliate of the American Civil Liberties Union ac-

cused city officials of seeking "to bury the religious nature of the creche (nativity scene) behind the facade of secular Christmas symbols."

But city officials countered in a written brief asking the high court to take up the case, that to uphold the lower courts would endorse the view the First Amendment "prohibits government from acknowledging the birth of Christ is part of the historical evolution of the Christmas holiday."

Further, the lower rulings that the establishment clause requires government officials to separate the religious and secular elements of Christmas "infuses the First Amendment with a hostility to religion which this court has long eschewed."

Because the high court has already filled its calendar for the current term, oral arguments in the Pawtucket case will be held over for the 1983-84 court term which convenes in October. A final decision in the case could come before next Christmas.



Fletcher Allen

Maryland names Allen as editor

LUTHERSVILLE, Md. — W. Fletcher Allen, associate editor of the South Carolina Baptist Courier for the past 16 years, has been named editor of the Maryland Baptist.

Allen was elected April 19 by the State Board of Missions of the Maryland Baptist Convention to edit the 18,000-circulation weekly tabloid. He will move to Maryland in June and assume the editorship by July 1.

A native of Hartsville, S.C., Allen joined the Baptist Courier staff as associate editor Aug. 1, 1966. Previously, he was a public affairs officer for Sonoco Products in Hartsville. Earlier, he spent six years as news director for Furman University, Greenville, S.C. From 1956 to 1958, he was sports editor of the Florence (S.C.) Morning News.

A graduate of Furman University, Allen is married to the former Betty Fink of Hartsville. They have four daughters.

The Maryland Baptist is the official news journal of the Maryland Baptist Convention. The state reports 304 Southern Baptist churches with 106,000 members.

Allen replaces Larry High, who resigned earlier to accept a position as associate editor of the Biblical Recorder, North Carolina Baptist's news journal.

Cooper to retire as Florida editor

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (BP) — Edgar R. Cooper, editor of the Florida Baptist Witness since 1971, has announced he will retire effective Dec. 31, 1983.

Cooper, who will be 65 years old on Nov. 15, assumed the editorship from the pastorate of North Jacksonville Baptist Church, where he had served since 1968. Previously, he was pastor of North Park Baptist Church in Orlando from 1959 to 1968, and Mayfair Baptist Church of Jacksonville from 1948 to 1959.

During his editorship, the circulation of the news journal of the Florida Baptist Convention has grown from 67,000 to 92,000.

He is a native of Ojus, Fla., and grew up in Ft. Pierce. He is a graduate of Stetson University, DeLand, Fla., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Cooper was president of the Florida Baptist Convention 1966-67, and has been active in association and state convention posts.

The Witness Commission, elected by the Florida Baptist Convention, has the responsibility for selecting a successor. The five-member commission is chaired by Carroll U. Kendrick Jr.

China missionary dies in Georgia

WAYCROSS, Ga. — Elizabeth Stamps, emeritus Southern Baptist missionary to China and Hawaii, died April 18 in Waycross, Ga. She was 91 years old.

She worked with her husband, Dr. F. Stamps, for more than 30 years in China, where they did educational and evangelistic work in Chinkiang, Hwanghsien, and Yangchow. In 1952, they transferred to Honolulu, Hawaii, after the communist takeover of China. He was pastor of a church there until they retired in 1955.

"I have never once regretted being a missionary," Mrs. Stamps later wrote. "If I could turn the calendar back ... and begin again in 1920, knowing all that I know now, I would gladly go to China."

The former Elizabeth Belk, she was born in Chatham, Va. She attended Flora MacDonald College, Red Springs, N.C.; Peace College, Raleigh, N.C.; and Princeton (N.J.) Theological Seminary. She married Stamps in 1920, the year they were appointed missionaries.

She is survived by a son, George M. Stamps of Westport, Conn.; two brothers, Samuel L. Belk of Anderson, S.C., and Frank Belk of Kingsport; and three sisters, Lucille B. Armistead of Winter Park, Fla., Margaret Smalley of Cape Coral, Fla., and Mary Peters of Kingsport. Her husband died in December 1982.

Funeral services were scheduled for April 24 in Waycross.

Calif. association sees rapid growth

EUREKA, Calif. (BP) — The North Coast Baptist Association exceeded its Sunday School growth goal of 15 percent to attain an 18 percent increase during a six-week period.

The association's 19 churches began the growth project in late February with a three-day Bible conference led by Baptist Sunday School Board personnel. Simultaneous revivals in many of the churches began on Easter to conclude the emphasis.

With a combined membership of fewer than 2,000 persons, the churches are spread over an area 50 miles wide and almost 200 miles long. More than half of the churches' pastors are bi-vocational.

Paul Smith, director of missions for the two-county association, said an association-wide increase of 297 persons has brought Sunday School enrollment to 1,956 persons.

Smith said the project "has pointed out the needs. We will continue to emphasize growth. We're going to provide some special teacher training," he said, "and we want to supplement our Sunday School with church training for Sunday School workers."

Sunday School Board names Nabi to post

NASHVILLE — Gene Nabi has recently begun work at the Sunday School Board as a consultant in the special ministries unit.

His area of specialization is ministry to exceptional persons.

Previously, Nabi was director of Excel Business College, Madison, for two years. Earlier, he was program coordinator for Urban Revitalization Inc., based in Detroit, Mich., for four years. From 1968 to 1975, he was executive director of the Tennessee Association for Retarded Citizens.

A native of Jacksonville, Fla., he is a graduate of Florida State University, Tallahassee.

Midwestern seminary trustees adopt 10-year development plan

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP) — Trustees of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary elected two new faculty members, approved a 10-year campus master development plan, and adopted a 1983-84

Merrill Moore leaves FMB post

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — Merrill D. Moore Jr. has resigned as director of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's medical services department. He cited family needs as the basis for his decision.

The former missionary physician to Gaza joined the board staff in February to direct the new medical department, created by the board to coordinate missionary health care, medical mission conferences, and the enlistment of medical missionaries and volunteers.

A new medical director will be sought after Harlan E. Spurgeon, newly-elected vice-president for human resources, joins the staff in June.

Moore will return to medical practice in Knoxville.

S.C. names Kirkland as associate editor

GREENVILLE, S.C. — Donald M. Kirkland, assistant editor of the South Carolina Baptist Courier, has been named associate editor of the 122,000-circulation newsmagazine.

Kirkland replaces Fletcher Allen, who was named editor of the Maryland Baptist.

Kirkland joined the Baptist Courier staff in August 1974. He moved to Greenville from Anderson (S.C.) College, where he was director of public relations. Before that, he was news director for Furman University, Greenville.

A native of Columbia, S.C., he grew up in Lancaster, S.C. He is a graduate of Anderson College and the University of South Carolina, Columbia. He taught school for a year and was sports editor for the Lancaster News before joining the Furman staff in 1970.

He is married to the former Linda Vincent of Lancaster. They have two children.

budget of \$3,100,000 during their annual meeting April 11-12.

Donald E. Hammer was elected director of theological field education and associate professor of ministry studies. W. Hulitt Gloer was elected assistant professor of New Testament. Both men will join the faculty this summer.

Hammer, a native of Oklahoma, is director of the metropolitan missions department of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. He is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tex., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Tex.

Gloer is assistant professor of New Testament at North America Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, S.D. A native of Georgia, he is a graduate of Baylor University, Waco, Tex., Pittsburgh (Penn.) Theological Seminary and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. From 1979-1981, Gloer was an instructor in New Testament at Southern seminary.

The trustees approved a 10-year campus development plan for the youngest of six Southern Baptist seminaries. The plan is designed to provide energy-efficient facilities and tie the inner campus together by adding a central traffic circle and enclosing several walkways, according to seminary President Milton Ferguson.

A new teaching/learning resource center will be constructed, providing twice the space of the existing library. The center will house written and multimedia resources, labs, curriculum materials, and world missions and urban evangelism information centers.

The present library building will be converted into a student center, which will include food services, a student activity area, post office, medical clinic, bookstore, and meeting rooms.

Also projected for the seminary are 12,000 square feet of new classroom space, a family life and physical health center, additional student housing, a new chapel, and a visitors' center. The total construction cost for the inner campus development is estimated at \$10,662,000. Projected completion date is 1993.

EDITORIAL

A new SBC resolutions process

For years Southern Baptists have recognized that something needs to be done about the process of dealing with resolutions considered at the Southern Baptist Convention. The procedure of presenting, debating, and voting on these resolutions occupies time and energy far out of their importance.

Presenters of resolutions were merely supposed to state their names, the church which has elected them as messengers, and then state the subject of their resolutions. Quite often, a resolution-presenter sought to read the resolution or at least discuss the position the resolution is taking and why it is important.

The resolutions are then referred to the Resolutions Committee for review and for recommendation, if the committee so chooses, to the convention. The committee is under tremendous time pressure, since the convention bylaws require that its recommended resolutions be printed and in the hands of the messengers at the time of the vote.

Last year at New Orleans, there were 46 resolutions presented — near the record of 50 which were presented by messengers to the 1980 SBC.

After heated debate, amendments, and close voting (often requiring a written ballot), the resolutions were adopted and often forgotten — until we gather the following year.

SBC President James Draper has determined that something must be done to relieve this pressure on the messengers at this year's convention. Although these procedures may seem drastic and a departure from our previous methods, these are in accord with the SBC Constitution.

The responsibilities and duties of the Resolutions Committee are stated in Bylaw 22, which reads:

"Committee on Resolutions: At least sixty (60) days in advance of the Convention, the president, in conference with the vice-presidents, shall appoint a Committee on Resolutions to consist of ten (10) members, three (3) of whom shall be members of the Executive Committee. It shall be the duty of this committee at each session of the Convention to prepare and submit to the Convention all resolutions which it deems appropriate for adoption, and to report on all matters submitted to it by the Convention, with or without recommendation or amendments. It is requested that copies of proposed resolutions be submitted to the committee chairperson thirty (30) days before the Convention in order to make possible more thorough consideration and to expedite the committee's work."

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After consultation with the SBC vice-presidents, Draper appointed the members of the Resolutions Committee. These members were listed in the Jan. 19, 1983, issue of the *Baptist and Reflector*.

In addition, Draper is requesting that resolutions be mailed to the committee well in advance of the convention, so the committee will have ample time to study these. These should be sent to the Resolutions Committee through Harold C. Bennett, SBC Executive Committee, 460 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, TN 37219.

Draper has encouraged the Resolutions Committee to meet before the Pittsburgh convention in order to discuss resolutions which have been submitted and other possible resolution subjects. Chairman Tal Bonham has called that meeting for May 10-11. Research assignments will be made to committee members.

The committee will meet again June 11-12, just prior to the opening of the June 14-16 convention.

In another departure from tradition, Draper has asked that each SBC agency head and "other interested individuals in leadership positions in the convention" be allowed to meet with the committee in these pre-convention sessions.

In order to streamline the presentation process, Draper has ruled that resolution-presenters will give a written copy of their resolutions to the recording secretary at a special desk on the convention platform during the miscellaneous business sessions. The recording secretary will then come to the microphone and read the list of the resolutions presented along with the names of the authors of these resolutions.

Even though the resolutions are mailed in ahead of the convention, the committee cannot officially consider these resolutions unless these are presented to the recording secretary during these business sessions.

Draper's desire to give some order to the resolution process is commendable. This year's procedure may not be the complete answer, but at least he is attempting to bring some needed improvements.

We have confidence that the messengers and resolutions-presenters will appreciate these new methods of handling resolutions — and cooperate with this new procedure.

GUEST EDITORIAL

The priority of worship

By Julian H. Pentecost, editor

"The Religious Herald," Richmond, Va.

William Temple, then archbishop of Canterbury, spoke to a worldwide audience via radio near the end of World War II.

"I am disposed to begin," he said on that occasion, "by making what many people will feel to be a quite outrageous statement.

"This world can be saved from political chaos and collapse by one thing only, and that is worship. For to worship is to quicken the conscience by the holiness of God, to feed the mind with the truth of God, to purge the imagination by the beauty of God, to open up the heart to the love of God, to devote the will to the purpose of God."

This is a magnificent interpretation of worship. Its strength is its comprehensiveness and balance; it is inclusive and does not take one facet of worship and treat it as the whole — as do some interpretations.

Baptists worship in many and varied ways. Some of our services are "high" in sanctuaries with divided chancels, robed ministers, sophisticated music, and frequent use of liturgy. Some of our churches worship in simple and stark structures in an atmosphere of unbounded informality. The worship of the majority of our churches is at some point between these extremes.

The "law" of worship — place, time, form — is quite secondary. Of primary importance is that the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ be worshipped. Pew and pulpit have no greater shared privilege and responsibility.

Cicero's
comment

By the editor

As you may have gathered, this is my personal column, and this week I would like to state my personal appreciation to the *Baptist and Reflector's* gracious lady, Mrs. Eura Rich Lannom.

At the end of this week, Eura will retire from our staff — after 42 years of service to Tennessee Baptists.

After these many years of lovely labors — nearly all of which have been on the *Baptist and Reflector* staff — Eura has chosen to take an early retirement, in order to spend more time with her husband, George E. Lannom.

Her husband, who is known as "Mutt" to his many friends, retired several years ago after lengthy service as an ace engine mechanic for American Airlines. Now Eura will join him in retirement — forsaking the deadline pressures of a weekly newspaper — for more time together for leisure and travel.

For all of us, it will be hard to think of the *Baptist and Reflector* without thinking of Eura Lannom — and to think of Eura Lannom without thinking of the *Baptist and Reflector* — especially on those hectic go-to-press Mondays!

Eura first came to work for Tennessee Baptists in 1940 in a temporary capacity when John D. Freeman was executive secretary. After about a year of service, she worked for about a year with the Baptist Book Store, before the late O. W. Taylor (editor of the *Baptist and Reflector* 1933-1950) recognized Eura's many talents and employed her Feb. 1, 1943.

During the next 40 years she had many titles with your weekly news journal, but as this staff is organized, she had her talented hand in everything that went into and around the *Baptist and Reflector*.

For those of you who have trouble dealing with one editor, just realize that Eura had to put up with FOUR editors — O. W. Taylor until his retirement in 1950; Richard Owen 1950-1968; James Lester 1968-1973; and this present editor since 1976. She served as acting editor of the *Baptist and Reflector* from 1974-1976.

TBC executive secretaries during Eura's tenure were John D. Freeman, Charles Pope, Fred Kendall, Ralph Norton, and Tom Madden.

Although her record length of service for the Tennessee Baptist Executive Board would be worthy of recognition, Eura's contributions should be measured in quality, as well as the quantity of years.

No one can estimate the number of news items that Eura has written and edited about Tennessee Baptist life during these 42 years. Nor can anyone estimate the influence her gracious spirit has had on Tennessee Baptists in this period.

Mere words can in no way sum up the significant contribution that Eura Lannom has made to the *Baptist and Reflector*, its staff, and the churches of Tennessee. So, let me simply say, "Thank you, Eura" for your dependability, your Christian attitude, your service to Baptist journalism, and mainly for being who you are.

Letters to the Editor

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

W. D. Hudgins' service

Dear editor:

I appreciated the nice article about Douglas Hudgins and his death in Jackson, Miss.

For historical purposes, I feel qualified to share some additional information. He was not reared in Nashville, but in Tullahoma.

His father, W. D. Hudgins, served as Sunday School secretary for the Tennessee Baptist Convention 1908-1934, but his office was in his Tullahoma home, not in Nashville.

While I was a college student, I worked for W. D. Hudgins during the summer of 1934, going into rural churches teaching "Outlines of Bible History" by Burroughs. During this time he was injured in a car wreck enroute from Ridgecrest and died a few days later without regaining consciousness.

W. D. Hudgins not only headed up the Sunday School work, but also the Training Union, Brotherhood, and BSU work. He sponsored summer encampments at Avoca near Tullahoma.

He could say more in five minutes than most people can say in an hour.

W. D. Hudgins was a dedicated layman

and was thrilled when his preacher son, Douglas, held a revival in First Baptist Church, Tullahoma, only a short time before the fatal automobile accident. At that time, in 1934, Douglas was a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and was pastor of Radnor Baptist Church in Nashville.

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Set date for Easter

Dear editor:

To the lady who wrote the letter to the editor (April 13) on "Celebrate Easter?," I would say, it was when Christ was raised from the dead. Do you not read your Bible?

I have a question, Why is it Easter comes some years on the last of March or the first, middle, or last of April? Why can't it be set on a date, like Dec. 25 for Christmas when our Lord was born? The last Thursday in November is Thanksgiving when the pilgrims came over.

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From the Bible we know that Christ's resurrection came on the Sunday after the Passover, also known as Easter. Easter is observed on the first Sunday after the first full moon following the beginning of spring on March 21. For this reason, the date of Easter can vary as much as a month. (editor)

Church secretaries vote to organize nationally

NASHVILLE (BP) — Southern Baptist church secretaries, in a move to achieve professional recognition, voted in the Second National Conference for Church Secretaries to move toward a national church secretaries organization.

Membership in the organization likely will include secretaries in local churches, associations, state convention offices, and denominational agencies.

Almost 700 secretaries from 30 states attended the conference at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. Lucy Hoskins, consultant in the board's church administration department and conference director, said good attendance at the conference and the desire for a national organization indicate the level of interest by Southern Baptist secretaries to improve personally and professionally.

The proposed organization would be in addition to state and local secretaries' associations which already offer local contact and training opportunities.

An ad hoc committee will bring recommendations on structure, objectives, officers, and meetings within six months.

Committee members are Melva Gentry, Baptist General Convention of Texas, Dallas; Alice Edwards, First Baptist Church, Macon, Ga.; Betty

Walker, First Baptist Church, Burlington, N.C.; Hortense Barnes, Mountain Brook Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala.; and Evelyn Gustafson, Greene County Baptist Association, Springfield, Mo.

The four-day conference offered numerous options for training in areas of special interest in addition to hearing addresses from several speakers, including Christine Gregory, president of the Baptist General Association of Virginia.

Gregory, who also had served as first vice-president of the Southern Baptist Convention, president of the Woman's Missionary Union, and a member of the Baptist World Alliance Executive Committee, spoke to the secretaries on their special calling to live with integrity.

"God made women with a little extra compassion to communicate with the world," Gregory said. "I am to be loving when I don't want to be loving, and to communicate when I don't want to see the other side. If He gave us these talents, He intended for us to use them with great integrity. He calls us in His strength."

Harold Bryson, professor of preaching at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, said "One of the best ways to learn the Bible is to see someone live it.

"As church secretaries, you have as much or more contact with church members than any other staff member," he continued. "To be good examples, you are called 'to be grounded on the Word of God. We cannot build our lives on the shifting philosophies of today.'"

Personal Perspective

By Tom Madden
TBC Executive Secretary-Treasurer



Insects present serious problems to sheep. This is graphically portrayed in the statement from the 23rd Psalm, "Thou anointest my head with oil."

This is especially true of the nasal flies, which deposit their eggs on the moist, mucous membranes of the sheep's nose. The eggs, when hatched, form worm-like larvae.

These work their way up the nasal passage into the sheep's head, digging into the flesh, thereby turning the summer days into a time of sheer torture for the sheep. For relief, sheep have been known to beat their heads against trees or rocks. They can be blinded by these flies.

Thus, when the nasal flies attack the flock, the sheep panic. It is devastating to the entire flock.

However, a good shepherd can forestall the pain, suffering, and anxiety of "fly time." He can anoint their heads with oil. Actually, the shepherd used a mixture of olive oil, sulphur, and spices. This "oil" was applied to the sheep's head for protection. Immediately the danger was gone. The sheep would begin to feed quietly again and lie down in peaceful contentment.

I can apply this to my own life. Petty annoyances become serious when they disrupt our behavior and can even ultimately cause unchristian actions. We always have available the continuous anointing of the Holy Spirit. God's Holy Spirit can make us react gracefully to aggravations and petty annoyances.

As a good shepherd anointed the head of his sheep with oil, Christ comes and applies the oil of His Spirit to our minds, hearts, and souls.

I am sure you join with me in thanking our Saviour for anointing our heads with oil.

HMB prayerline enjoys success

ATLANTA (BP) — The Home Mission Board Intercessory Prayerline has filled such an obvious need that it will probably continue after the scheduled May 31 disconnection date, William G. Tanner, HMB president, has announced.

The toll-free phone number allows volunteers to receive and dispense prayer requests related to starting new Southern Baptist churches. The upcoming effort to begin 3,000 new works on May 22, Pentecost Sunday, requires massive prayer support, Tanner noted.

Southern Baptists must keep praying if the SBC is to reach its Bold Mission Thrust goal of 15,000 new churches by the year 2000, he added. More than 70 volunteers in the Atlanta area have staffed the line since March 1. Recently, Tanner and Church Extension Director Jack Redford staffed the prayerline phones from 4 to 9 p.m.

Callers talked at length to Tanner about the need for the prayerline and the upcoming celebration of Pentecost Sunday May 22.

A seventh grader from South Carolina and her friends asked for five prayer requests. When Tanner asked her if she had heard of Pentecost Sunday, her reply was, "Who hasn't?" Tanner was jubilant.

So far the prayerline has received nearly 10,000 calls, coordinator Gene Dorsey said. At least 5,000 callers were given churches, groups, or individuals to pray for in 48 states, and the District of Columbia.

Tennesseans wishing to make a prayer request or wanting to pray for new works may call 1-800-554-PRAY.

Citizen's Corner

By Jerry Self
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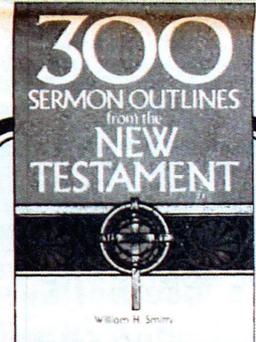
It now appears that the Senate state and local government committee will delay the pari-mutuel gambling bills until next year. Opponents of the bill have stated they feel an obligation to study the bill and help shape it just in case it does pass.

Whether this means the bill may have a chance to pass next year or not is unknown. It does mean that those who are lobbying for the bill do not have the votes to get it out of committee this week. Five votes are needed to pass a bill in the nine-member committee. Three "yes" votes were all that could be counted last week.

Sometimes a legislative study amounts to an open hearing where a few interested individuals who happen to notice the meeting voice their private biases about a potential law. If that happens with the racetrack gambling bill, then we are no better off than before. However, a full, careful study of pari-mutuel gambling can be welcomed. It would add light to the considerable heat this bill generates.

In the meantime Senator Frank Lashlee has introduced a Senate joint resolution (SJR 99) calling for an advisory referendum on pari-mutuel betting at racing events. The resolution would require the state election commission to put the gambling question on the first regular statewide election of 1984.

An advisory referendum merely amounts to a straw poll. In this case, it is ill-advised. At best it would confuse the issue. The poll would probably come after some action that might be taken by the General Assembly when they meet next year. In that case SJR 99 could prove to be unnecessary — a waste of time.



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Brotherhood self-study urges lay involvement

MEMPHIS (BP)— Greater lay involvement in Bold Mission Thrust was a common theme at the Brotherhood Commission Missions Impact 2000 Committee meeting.

The growing need for mission volunteers coupled with increased Brotherhood leadership to motivate and direct their energies, will play a crucial role in the denominationwide appeal to evangelism and disciple-making, program personalities agreed. The seminar was the second input session in the Brotherhood Commission's two-year self-study.

Richard Broholm, executive director of the Center of Ministry for the Laity at Andover-Newton Theological School, called on the Brotherhood Commission to educate Baptist laity so they will understand "God calls everyone equally to missions and service is not limited to traditional church workers."

"He does not limit Himself to theological specialists in communicating with mankind — He uses people from all walks of life as missionaries where they live and work," he added.

One of the "rule ministries" of the Brotherhood Commission is to help Southern Baptist laymen recover the New Testament concept of gifts of believers and the responsibility of all members of the church, said Malcolm Tolbert, professor of New Testament at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C.

Tolbert challenged the Brotherhood Commission to continue to raise that level of consciousness so the ministry will not be relegated to just traditional church workers.

"Southern Baptists need to take God seriously when it comes to mission involvement," the Wake Forest instructor pointed out.

Leonard Irwin, vice-president in the planning section of the Home Mission Board, challenged the Brotherhood Commission to provide greater direction in evangelism and starting of new churches. "Forty percent of the American popula-

tion still does not affiliate with any Christian church," he reminded the committee members.

The Atlanta, Ga., resident detailed sections of the nation, including the South, which are right for lay mission projects but are being lost to other denominations.

"Though we are the nation's largest evangelical denomination, we have made less than a token appearance in our nation's largest cities. In our 50 largest cities, comprising 46 percent of our population we find only 25 percent of Southern Baptists and only 17 percent of our churches," he said.

Charles Chaney, dean of the Courts Redford School of Theology and Church Relations at Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar, Mo., called for a new organizational structure that will enable more laymen to enter foreign and home mission service with less stringent regulations.

"We desperately need more missionaries but are excluding many who would otherwise reach out in this avenue of service," he explained.

Woman's Missionary Union Executive Director Carolyn Weatherford urged stronger ties between the WMU and Brotherhood on the church, associational, and state level.

Lay convocation to explore 'theology' for non-ordained

NEW ORLEANS, La. (BP)— A "Lay Convocation" has been called Dec. 8-10, in New Orleans, jointly sponsored by an ad hoc committee and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary "to consider the need for and the process of developing a theology for the non-ordained," according to Owen Cooper of Yazoo City, Miss., spokesman for the ad hoc committee.

Cooper proposed the development of a theology of non-ordained at the Louisiana Baptist Evangelism Conference earlier this year. He told pastors, "we have divided the people of God into two groups: the pastors, the teachers, the missionaries, and others in Christian work being one; another group of lay persons. I find no basis in Scripture for this division . . ."

Cooper, the only living, non-ordained former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, told the Mississippi Baptist Record qualified theologians in their respective fields have been assigned to develop the basic theme in six segments.

Fisher Humphreys, professor of theology at New Orleans seminary, will speak on "Salvation." Herschel Hobbs, former SBC president and chairman of the committee which drew up the Baptist Faith and Message statement, will speak on "Laos — the People of God."

Lewis Drummond, Billy Graham professor of evangelism at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., will speak on "Gifts." Richard Broholm, director of the Center for the Ministry of the Laity, Andover-Newton Theological School, Newton Centre, Mass., will speak on "The Call."

William Clemmons, associate professor of Christian education at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C., will speak on "The Christian Lifestyle," and William Pinson, ex-



TENNESSEE CLUB — New officers recently elected by the Tennessee Club at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C., are (left to right) Quinn Chipley of Memphis, vice-president; R. P. Hodge of Loudon, president; and Mike Osment of Memphis, treasurer.

Smith declares end to snags over church construction

OKLAHOMA CITY (BP)— Construction of the "largest Southern Baptist auditorium in the world" has begun at First Southern Baptist Church of Del City.

Bailey Smith, pastor of the 15,539-member congregation and immediate past president of the Southern Baptist Convention, has told church members that a new site for a proposed 7,000-seat auditorium has been secured and con-

struction is underway.

The church has been involved in a controversy for seven months concerning a previously-announced site. The U.S. Air Force objected to that site, saying the church would be built 6,700 feet from the end of the Tinker Air Force Base alternate runway. Others, including the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce, joined in objecting to the church locating on the site.

Smith told Baptist Press the matter was resolved when 13 area financial institutions went together and made arrangements for the church to recover part of its loss on the original site and provided an alternate 83-acre parcel of land as a construction site.

The pastor admitted the arrangement is complicated and said the church's chairman of deacons and attorney, Jim Lee, had worked it out with the assistance of Oklahoma City Chamber President Edward H. Cook.

Smith told Baptist Press the church "had been given initial approval" to build on the 63-acre site but could not obtain the necessary building permits from Oklahoma City and Midwest City because of the objections of the military base, which is the area's largest employer with a payroll of \$500-million yearly.

The biggest problem was that the property in question was not covered by ACUZ (air control use zone) ordinances, which normally would have been in place, Cook said. "They have a danger zone around runways and it would have run right through Dr. Smith's church. The Air Force had some problems with a 7,000-seat sanctuary right under the alternate runway."

In his pastor's column of April 13, Smith told the church members: "We now have a beautiful location. We have 80 acres paid for, \$2-million to be paid to us over a period of years plus our property here (current church building), and the (disputed) property to sell."

"It is in the providence of God that He has brought us to this moment. There is a good possibility for us to walk into a \$15-million complex debt free. The property is located right in the middle of a great building explosion of lovely homes. Most importantly, I believe this is God's choice for us."

Smith said the church will continue to be First Southern Baptist Church, even though the new building site is wholly within the Oklahoma City limits. "We will be only a mile and 400 yards outside Del City," he commented.

Heirs lose battle over Tulane chapel

WASHINGTON (BP)— Heirs to a Louisiana man who left money to Tulane University for construction on its campus of a nonsectarian chapel lost their final legal battle when the Supreme Court refused to disturb lower rulings that the bequest does not violate separation of church and state.

James M. Rogers, who died in 1959, left his entire estate to Tulane, a private university in New Orleans, for construction of a chapel memorializing his late sister. Lower courts ruled earlier that construction of the Myra Clare Rogers Memorial Chapel satisfied terms in the will and did not violate the First Amendment's ban on an establishment of religion.

Rogers' heirs have been in court for years, arguing in part that because the chapel houses a chair of Judeo-Christian studies, university officials violated the establishment clause by showing preference for Judaism and Christianity over all other religions.

University officials have countered throughout the long dispute that the objective study of religion in the chapel does not violate the First Amendment.

Baptists in Oklahoma City continue ordination debate

OKLAHOMA CITY (BP) — The executive board of Capital Baptist Association in Oklahoma City took another stand against the ordination of women as deacons or ministers April 18 after earlier approving a report which said the association has no authority over any church and a church that ordains women is not in violation of the association's Constitution.

The committee's report came as a result of a February resolution passed by the executive board calling for a study of ordination of women as it relates to the association's Constitution.

The February action was in reaction to a January vote by First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, to amend its bylaws to allow the ordination of women as deacons. The church has not yet ordained a woman. Its annual deacon election will take place this fall.

The study committee's report, presented by retired pastor Robert S. Scales, a former state convention president, contained four conclusions:

—The committee had no assignment or responsibility or prerogative to rule or report on the rightness or wrongness of the ordination of women;

—Neither the committee nor the association can exercise any authority over a church and cannot interfere with the autonomy of a local church;

—The only Constitutional authority of an association in its relationship with a church is in determining its own (the association's) membership (The committee report noted the association is composed of messengers from churches which have adopted the Baptist Faith and Message and this statement does not address the subject of ordination at all.);

—The committee concluded more specific doctrinal requirements should not be set forth in the association's Constitution.

Hinson to deliver lectures at Union

JACKSON — "Spirituality and Social Responsibility" will be the theme for the annual Staley Distinguished Christian Scholar Lectureship at Union University May 2-4.

E. Glenn Hinson, longtime professor of church history at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., who recently was named to the faculty of Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, N.C., will serve as this year's guest speaker. The three-day event will include both public lectures in the G. M. Savage Memorial Chapel and student-oriented discussion periods during regularly-scheduled classes, said Hyran Barefoot, vice-president for academic affairs.

The first lecture, "Listening to God in All of Life," will be delivered at 10 a.m., May 2 in the chapel auditorium. "What You Can Do to Help Make World Peace" will follow that same evening at 6:30 p.m. in the college's lecture hall, Room D-48. At 10 a.m., May 4, Hinson will conclude with "The Simplification of Lifestyle," which will be presented in the chapel auditorium.

The lectureship, which is free to the public, is being sponsored by the Thomas F. Staley Foundation which was established in 1969 by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Staley of Rye, N.Y., in memory of their parents, Judge and Mrs. H. H. Hayes and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Staley of Bristol.

The study committee noted the present Constitution already gives the association authority to determine its relationship with any church believed to be in error in faith or practice.

The time for determining membership is only at the annual meeting, the committee report added.

Hugo Lindquist, pastor of Bethel Baptist Church in Oklahoma City, objected to the committee's report and said if the executive board approved it, the media would interpret the action as favoring the ordination of women. He moved to table the report in its entirety but the motion failed. Out of about 60 ministers and visitors attending, only eight people voted in favor of tabling the report.

Next, Lindquist made a substitute motion which prompted several minutes of discussion and parliamentary wrangling. The result was the approval of the study committee's report with only one dissenting vote (Lindquist's).

"We need to say again what we said earlier in the February resolution," Lindquist maintained. "If we don't, the media will say we favor the ordaining of women."

He then moved that "our associational board go on record as follows: First, we believe the Bible does not authorize the ordination of women, and, second, any church who is a member of our association that ordains women be informed that such action is not true to the Scriptures and does not agree with our doctrinal position."

That motion passed with seven opposed.

April flooding in Mississippi damages five Baptist churches

JACKSON, Miss. (BP) — Five Mississippi Baptist churches are still recovering from floods earlier this month. Damage to churches, none of them insured, ranged from ruined carpet and hymn books to an estimated \$100,000 at New Hope Baptist Church in Marion County.

Though Marion County appeared to be hardest hit, at least two Baptist churches in Hattiesburg, South 28th Avenue and Ridgecrest, received flash flood waters.

Gibbie McMillan, pastor at South 28th Avenue, said the Bowie River sent about six inches of water through the church and about three inches through the education buildings. After church members swept out the sludge, a dam broke, flooding them again. When a sewer backed up into the church's family life center spewing two inches of raw sewage onto the floors, a health inspector required another cleaning with disinfectant.

Three Marion County churches, New Hope, Shiloh, and Pineburr, suffered

from the flash flooding. A wall of water hit New Hope and the surrounding community, shoving the church van a quarter of a mile into the woods behind the church. The asphalt parking lot washed away and a near-moat now surrounded the church.

Shiloh church had three feet of water in the sanctuary and a foot in the parlorium.

Pineburr Baptist Church had 41 inches of water inside and Pastor Ronnie Maxie spent a night in his pickup truck on a hill with his wife and their son in their car beside him.

Marvin Graham, pastor of Cottage Creek Baptist Church, was at his office and could not get across the flooding street to his house. A gravel truck was going to deposit him at his house but the truck was swept into a washout perhaps 20 feet deep. The three inside went completely under water. One got out and the other, Oved Dunaway, yelled, "Oh, God please save Mr. Graham." He got a win-dow open and dragged Graham to safety.



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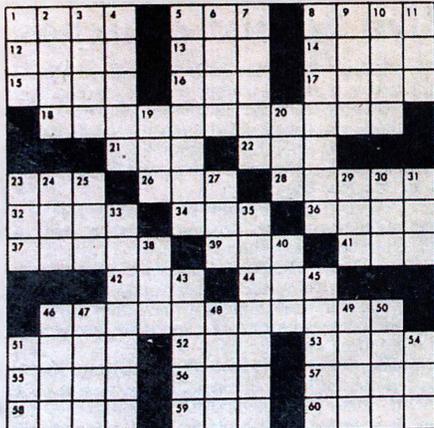
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- 1 Species, pl: abbr.
- 2 "unto this —" (1 Cor. 8:7)
- 3 Trieste measure
- 4 "thou shall — them" (Deut. 6:7)
- 5 "lest they — them" (Matt. 7:6)
- 6 "give —" (John 13:26)
- 7 "— weeping" (Jer. 31:15)
- 8 "the people — Jonathan" (1 Sa. 14:45)
- 9 Elm
- 10 "great —" (Judg. 1:6)
- 11 Speed
- 19 Out: Scottish
- 20 "— bottles" (Matt. 9:17)
- 23 Sainte: abbr.
- 24 Head covering
- 25 Alas!
- 27 "and — aloud" (Psa. 55:17)

ACROSS

- 1 "— through" (Ex. 19:13)
- 5 Pitch
- 8 "and — said" (Ruth 1:16)
- 12 Ponder
- 13 Royal Scottish Academy: abbr.
- 14 "a loud voice, saying, —" (Mark 15:34)
- 15 Plateau, Andes
- 16 Ancient Order of Hibernians: abbr.
- 17 Sea pheasant
- 18 "God of —" (Jer. 51:56)
- 21 What the rabbit does
- 22 Coin, Rumania
- 23 Measure, Japan
- 26 Tender loving care: abbr.
- 28 "she — me" (Luke 18:5)
- 32 Discernment
- 34 "— from the truth" (Jas. 5:19)
- 36 "— to die" (Rom. 5:7)
- 37 "Libnah, and —" (Josh. 15:42)
- 39 "— but this once" (Gen. 18:32)
- 41 Small Business Administration: abbr.
- 42 Residence: abbr.
- 44 "—, she is broken" (Ezek. 26:2)
- 46 "two —" (Lev. 14:22)
- 51 Roman emperor
- 52 Verb form
- 53 Sowing wild —
- 55 Arabian noble
- 56 We: Latin
- 57 Munich's river
- 58 Head covering, pl.
- 59 Greenwich sidereal time: abbr.
- 60 Neck types: combining form

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REVIVAL PRAYER REQUESTS...

First Baptist Church, Huntsville, will conduct a revival May 9-15. The 7 p.m. services will be led by Odell Beauchamp, pastor of First Baptist Church, Nickelsville, Va. The pastor of the Huntsville church is Don Flanigan.

Evangelist Perry Neal of Montgomery, Ala., will lead Oaklawn Baptist Church, Memphis, in 7 p.m. revival services May 8-12. Gary Felton is the pastor of the church.

REVIVALS...

Parkview Baptist Church, Lewisburg, was led in revival recently by Edward Johnson. The church recorded eight professions of faith as a result of the services. Roy Neal Porter is the pastor of Parkview.

Lance Perry, Jeff Price, and Pam Smith, all students at Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, led a youth revival April 8-10 at East Chattanooga Baptist Church, Chattanooga. Otis Clinegan, the church's pastor, reported two professions of faith, two for baptism, one new member by letter, and eight rededications.

An April 3-10 revival at North Athens Baptist Church, Athens, resulted in 35 professions of faith and many rededications. John P. S. Humphrey of Dandridge was the evangelist, and Charles Hughes, minister of music at North Athens, led the revival music. The pastor of the church is Charles E. Gibbs Jr.

Southside Baptist Church, Shelbyville, recently completed a week of revival services with Harry Bentley of Trinity, Ala., as the evangelist. Pastor M. Ray Winsett reported five professions of faith, four new members by letter, and several rededications.

LEADERSHIP...

First Baptist Church, Crossville, called Clyde Schulz as minister of education and youth, a ministry he began April 17. Schulz has served as a missionary journeyman, and is a graduate of Texas A. & M. University, College Station, Tex., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex. Carl F. Yarnell Jr. is the pastor of the church.

Scott Brewer accepted a recent call from Fruitland Baptist Church, Humboldt, to come as its interim pastor.

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Brenda Parsons was called as minister of youth by Salem Baptist Church, Trenton. Kevin Parsons is the church's pastor.

Calvary Baptist Church, Humboldt, accepted the recent resignation of its pastor, Clyde Crocker.

Vester Carter submitted his resignation as pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church, Trenton.

First Baptist Church, Bartlett, called Ken Cox as minister of youth and activities. Cox previously held a similar position at First Baptist Church, Bolivar. The pastor of the Bartlett church is Irvin Hays.

Van Chaney has resigned as minister of music and youth at First Baptist Church, Medina. The church's pastor is Gary Harner.

Northside Baptist Church, Milan, accepted the recent resignation of Pastor Levi Parish Jr.

Ricky Clark accepted a call from First Baptist Church, Humboldt, to come as minister of music. Clark, who will come to Humboldt from a Gulfport, Miss., church, is scheduled to begin the position May 8. W. Darrell Clarke is the pastor at Humboldt.

New Bethlehem Baptist Church, Dyer, called W. W. Shanklin as interim pastor.

CHURCHES...

Avondale Baptist Church, Chattanooga, ordained Donald Harold Mullins and Robert A. Taylor as deacons April 10. The pastor of the church is James Davidson.

An April 9 reception honored Mr. and Mrs. Marion Gross on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. The couple are members of First Baptist Church, Humboldt, where W. Darrell Clarke is pastor.

James Adams, Cecil Chandler, and Leroy Willis were ordained as deacons of Gibson Baptist Church, Gibson. Randy P. Latch is the pastor of the church.

Bruce Forlines and his family were honored April 17 for his 10 years of service as associate pastor in music of Wallace Memorial Baptist Church, Knoxville. James McCluskey is the church's pastor.

Corrections

In the TenneScene column of the March 30 Baptist and Reflector, we incorrectly reported that Mark Collins was minister of music at Stevens Street Baptist Church, Cookeville. Collins is minister of music at Cookeville's Caney Fork Baptist Church; Fred Freed is minister of music at Stevens Street.

In the April 13 issue, we inadvertently left out of an article entitled "Richland church calls Wright to pastorate" that Steve Wright is a graduate of Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary, Memphis.

We apologize for these errors.

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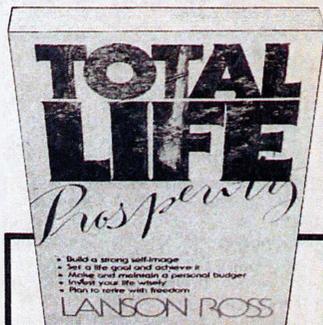
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Just a word about our home in Johnson City. It is full! It has been highly praised by some of the Department of Human Services employees who visit the Home on a regular basis. We believe that our program is second to none. There is a growing awareness that another cottage may be needed in the area. Join us in prayer that funds may be available to meet that need.

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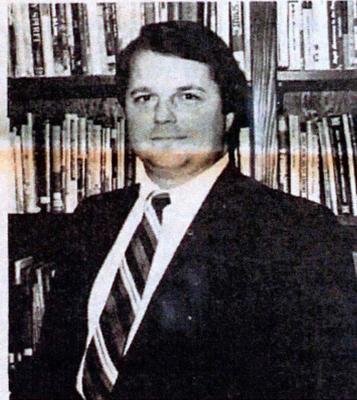
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HOW DO YOU PICTURE MOTHER'S DAY?

How do you picture Mother's Day? When we say "Mother's Day" we picture a family on Sunday morning doing things for Mother to make her day special. Perhaps a gift, wearing a red flower to honor her if she is living, or a white rose to honor her memory if she is dead. Perhaps you picture Mother's Day by visualizing mother and dad and children seated together that Sunday on the church pew, Mother wearing a special corsage given to her by her family. Then perhaps you visualize the happy family out for Sunday lunch around a table in a restaurant. All of these are ways of celebrating the day and showing Mother how much she is loved.

We at Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes also have our pictures of Mother's Day. We see churches, church groups and individuals reaching out to needy children and families who might not be able to celebrate the day in such a happy way.

Our theme for the Mother's Day Offering this year is "God's Child . . . Our Gift." The Mother's Day Offering goal this year is \$600,000. You can help us reach our goal this year by sharing our message with friends and by contacting your church leaders and help them promote this vital offering.



REV. STEVE WRIGHT

MEMPHIS ALUMNUS PASTOR OF MEMPHIS CHURCH

Steve Wright, who grew up on the campus of the Children's Homes in Memphis, is now the pastor of the Richland Baptist Church in Memphis. As far as we know Steve Wright is the first alumnus of any of the Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes to serve as a Southern Baptist Pastor.

Rev. Wright, is a graduate of Memphis State University and Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary in Memphis. Prior to coming to the Richland Baptist Church as pastor, Rev. Wright served as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Hunter, Arkansas. He has also served on the staff of Leawood Baptist church in Memphis. He began his ministry at Richland Baptist Church March 27, 1983.

We are proud of Steve Wright, an outstanding example of the end product and result of the ministry of Tennessee Baptists through the Child Care Ministry of the Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes, Inc. Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes extends to Rev. Steve Wright their best wishes and prayers as he returns to Memphis.

LOVING THE "LITTLE ONES"

Children tug at your heart and it is inconceivable that so many of them have nowhere to go, no one to love them, no one to provide for them. It is hard to understand why adults treat children in such a way that they feel unloved, unwanted and worthless. Yet statistics show that defenseless children are used and misused by uncaring adults.

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Solomon dedicates Temple

By Jack Parker, pastor
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Basic Passage: 1 Kings 8:1-66 (2 Chronicles 5:2 to 7:10)
Focal Passages: 1 Kings 8:1, 6, 10, 23, 27, 30, 61, 66

As far as God was concerned, the Temple climaxed Solomon's accomplishments. This was more evident in the 2 Chronicles account. In both passages, not only was no reference made to Solomon's apostasy, but after this occasion, each successive king was compared to Solomon on the basis of his service to God through prescribed ritual.



Parker

The dedication of the Temple was a seven-day observance in connection with the Feast of Tabernacles, which was also a seven-day celebration. Thus, Israel gathered for 14 days to recall the Lord's presence with them during their wanderings and to dedicate a permanent dwelling place for the Lord now that they were in the Promised Land.

Major dedication activities included disposition of the ark into the Holy of Holies (8:1-13), the discourse of Solomon (8:14-21), the dedicatory prayer (8:22-53), a deliberate exhortation (8:54-61), and a delightful praise (8:62-66).

Preparation (8:1)

Those present at the assembly indicate the importance of the occasion. Solomon summoned the judges (elders), the leaders of the tribes (governmental servants), and the heads of family clans. Leaders from every level were there.

Disposition (8:6)

Placing the ark into the Holy of Holies was like securing a "spiritual" cornerstone in the Temple. With this action, Jerusalem became the spiritual center of Israel.

The ark contained the two tablets of the Law (the Ten Commandments). Aaron's rod and a pot of manna were beside it. The Temple would preserve the Law, recall God's power, and remind Israel of His provision in times of need. The presence of the ark was a symbol of God's continued presence with His people. The wings of the great cherubim above the resting place of the ark pictured God's preservation and protection of His truth.

Manifestation (8:10)

Remember Israel's wilderness wanderings. During those years a cloud led the people by day. When Moses entered the Tabernacle, the cloud was at the door. The symbol was that God was with the people.

The purpose of the cloud filling the Temple was to announce God's presence in the dwelling place built for Him.

Dedication (8:23, 27, 30)

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22-53 balanced Solomon's praise to God with requests for His favor.

Verses 23 and 27 contain excellent statements of confession: "There is none like Thee." God is unique. God stands alone. God, "Who keepest covenant," keeps His word. We can trust Him. "And mercy," God shows grace and loving kindness.

"Heavens cannot contain Thee," God is bigger than the heavens. He is universal. "How much less this house that I have built," certainly God is bigger than the Temple!

In verse 30 Solomon asked for two things. He begged God to hear his prayer and the prayers of the people whether they are in the Temple or away from the Temple ("when they pray toward this place"). He also asked God to forgive them when He heard their prayer seeking forgiveness.

Between these two requests, Solomon included another confession of the universal presence of God ("in heaven Thy dwelling place").

Exhortation (8:61)

Some believers use this verse to support their effort to strive for sinless perfection. This is a far cry from Solomon's truth and purpose.

If King Solomon spoke to a group of 20th century believers, perhaps the plea would read, "Put your whole heart into this. With single-mindedness and singleness of purpose, keep your lifestyle centered in God's truths and obey His Word."

Benediction (8:66)

Finally the observances were over. The people departed to every corner of the kingdom and back to their everyday routine. They had only blessing for the king and joy in their hearts for the Lord's goodness.

Conclusion

Rituals of Temple worship were superseded by New Testament principles, but there are lessons we can learn from the Temple experience.

In last week's lesson we recalled Temple furniture, often fashioned by craftsmen who were not followers of the Lord. In this lesson we discovered an assembly of people from many backgrounds. Yet when all this was dedicated and God saw their singleness of purpose, the presence of the Lord was revealed.

Today God does not desire the best things. He, simply demands our best. Others may have more to offer, but when our church comes together in wholehearted single-mindedness and we dedicate ourselves to Him for service and worship, we can leave the Lord's house and return to the corners of our community having good feelings about our leaders and having joy in our hearts for the Lord's blessings on us.

Often the key to our worship and service is not knowing what to do. It is dedicating ourselves to the task as God has already shown us. Our joy is in direct proportion to our dedication to our Lord.

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Lesson for May 1

Breakthrough in Macedonia

By Hyran E. Barefoot, vice-president for academic affairs
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Basic Passage: Acts 15:36 to 17:34
Focal Passage: Acts 16:9-18

Paul and his associates

Following the Jerusalem conference, Paul and Barnabas returned to Antioch with a letter from the conference bearing the good word about Gentile salvation.

After some time Paul proposed to Barnabas a return visit to the churches just established. Barnabas wanted to take his nephew, John Mark, who had accompanied them on the first trip. Paul did not like this suggestion because Mark had left them and a sharp controversy arose between them. As a result, Barnabas took Mark and went on a separate mission to Cyprus.



Barefoot

Paul chose Silas, one of the prophets from the Jerusalem church, and began his own separate ministry. In Asia Minor, in the city of Lystra, Paul added Timothy to the team.

Timothy was the son of a Jewish mother and a Greek father and had never been circumcised. Even though Paul had just fought the battle at Jerusalem about circumcision, and insisted it was not a condition for salvation, he circumcised Timothy because he was partly a Jew and because it would be expedient for his working with Jews.

At Troas apparently Luke, the physician and author of the Book of Acts, joined them and remained with them until they arrived at Philippi. This is surmised from the fact that Luke probably was the author of Acts and because suddenly the third person in the narrative gives way to the first person. The pronouns "they" and "he" suddenly becomes "we" and "us" (16:10-17; after 16:17 the third person is again used). In fact, there is great possibility that Luke may have been that "man of Macedonia" who related to Paul the great need and opportunity for the gospel in Macedonia.

The scope of the mission

The first mission from Antioch had been to Cyprus and to cities of central Asia Minor. The second mission had begun as a return trip to the cities visited in the first mission.

But in the process of the trip, it became enlarged as the Holy Spirit guided them in His own special way of closing doors and opening doors. They wanted to go into the province of Asia but were prevented. They tried to go into Bithynia but could not.

When one door was closed, Paul chose another one that was open and by this process he came to Troas. From here he was directed by his vision to the province of Macedonia which was across the Aegean Sea. From here he passed on into the province of Achaia, sailed across the Mediterranean to Ephesus, and finally went back to Antioch.

Ministry in Philippi

Philippi was located on the great Egnatian Way, an east to west Roman

highway. It was not the capital of the province but it was a leading city. It was a Roman colony, a transplanted portion of Rome, whose citizens enjoyed Roman privileges. The city had been settled with veteran Roman soldiers.

In such a city there would be very few Jews. In fact, there were not even the requisite 10 male Jews for a synagogue.

Following his principle of "to the Jews first," Paul sought out a place of prayer and worship by the riverside. Here Paul encountered Lydia, a businesswoman from the city of Thyatira in Asia Minor who traded in the expensive purple-dyed cloth. She was apparently not a Jew but a "God-fearer," a Gentile who embraced the Jewish faith without becoming a proselyte. She was converted, baptized, and helped to lead her household, which probably included employees and servants, to faith also. As evidence of her faith she opened her home to the missionaries.

Luke also noted Paul's ministry of healing a young woman who had a spirit of divination or spirit of python (Greek). People who were regarded as possessed by the spirit of python were thought to be inspired by Apollo, the Pythian god at Delphi. Plutarch called such people ventriloquists, those who uttered words beyond their control.

Her healing and probable conversion demonstrated the superiority of Jesus over false spiritualism. The economic loss sustained by her owners caused them to make political accusations against Paul and Saul. Their subsequent imprisonment provided the occasion for the marvelous conversion of a pagan jailer to the Christian faith.

The jailer's question in Acts is very significant, "What must I do to be saved?" Paul's answer is equally important, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved."

For one who was not a Jew, not even a half-Jew, nor a "God-fearer," but rather a pagan unconditioned by Judaism in any way, the only essential for salvation was faith in Jesus Christ.

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God's purpose never fails

By Fred M. Wood

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Basic Passage: Isaiah 44-48

Focal Passages: Isaiah 44:21-22, 28; 45:1a, 4, 22-23, 48:17, 20

Although God chose Israel as the nation through whom the Messiah would come, He used others to help accomplish this purpose.

This lesson emphasizes that God sees the "complete picture" in worldwide redemption. He promised Israel a bright future, assuring her that other nations would join in accepting her God (44:1-5).

The prophet then reasserted the divinity and eternity of God, following with a caustic tirade against idolatry (44:6-20). He urged the exiles to hold to these truths and never leave their forgiving God (44:21-23).

A lengthy "Cyrus Passage" follows (44:24-45:28), declaring God has chosen this heathen ruler to implement His plans for Israel. The next three chapters refer only incidentally to Cyrus, majoring on Babylon's overthrow, and the emancipation of Israel. A contrast between the idols of Babylon and the true God of Israel (46:1-13) is followed by an ode on the fall of Babylon (46:1-15).

The larger section chosen for study this week concludes with an exhortation to the exiles as they faced the prospect of deliverance (48:1-20).

Running throughout the entire material is the main thrust that God brings His work to pass regardless of how people respond. His redemptive program will be fulfilled even though opposition arises against Him.

God's reminder (44:21-22)

The "these things" Israel is called upon to remember include that which has been spoken concerning the folly of idolatry and the words that will follow concerning God's marvelous grace.

The prophet's picture of God's forgiving work may be that of removing a stain or wiping out the writing in a book. God always takes the initiative in His redemptive work, but many must respond.

The forgiveness at this point is for the nation in order that she may perform the function for which God has chosen her. Individual salvation comes through the Messiah, Jesus Christ, our personal Saviour.

Unconsciously doing God's will (44:28; 45:1a, 4)

Often God does His work through unlikely agents and sometimes through those who do not even know they are working a work for Him.

Such a person was Cyrus the Great. God used him to defeat Babylon and decree that the Jews could go back to their homeland. God called him "My shepherd" and the prophet spoke of him as the Lord's "anointed," titles that

sound strange for a heathen ruler.

Although some literary sources speak of Cyrus as a "good" person, his moral character is not the point. God controls historical events and can use anyone, anytime, to do His will, whether or not that person knows he is in the service of God. How beyond our comprehension is God and His activities!

God's universal call (45:22-23)

Having declared His creative power and moral integrity and having called the heathen to consider His character, God invited all of them to accept Him as Lord. At this point, God did not pronounce judgment to those who refused but merely gave a gracious invitation for them to come to the One who could interpret the course of history and who alone could save.

God's purpose for Cyrus was shown to make him a part of His divine worldwide redemptive mission, not merely a doer of benevolent deeds of Israel. No passage in all the Old Testament shows God's universal love so graphically.

The word "saved" means "delivered" and has the idea of giving freedom or "space in which to move." Thus, in a spiritual sense, it means to deliver, rescue, or lead out. God wishes to save in order to liberate one from all the confining circumstances that makes his life little and limited, giving him room to become all he wishes and that which God desires for him to be.

It pays to serve God (48:12, 20)

God is now ready to deliver His people. How much better it would have been if they had obeyed Him and made the years of hardship unnecessary. At last, however, redemption day has come.

The prophet speaks with joy and excitement as he commands the people not only to come out with a melodious testimony but to tell it everywhere.

God never fails! What He determines to do will become reality. However He wishes to do it and whomever He wishes to use are not important. The ultimate fact is that God will be victorious! Therefore, we should make sure that we are on His side!



Wood

Minister wins severance pay

WASHINGTON (BP)— A defrocked and fired minister of a California-based religious sect will collect severance pay from the church following U.S. Supreme Court refusal to hear the church's appeal that civil courts have no jurisdiction in such disputes.

The high court action leaves in place rulings by California state courts that Richard A. Gipe, dismissed from the ministry of the Worldwide Church of God for "preaching heresy, disloyalty, and 'causing confusion in the Church,'" is entitled to \$3,269 in severance pay.

After his 1979 firing, Gipe filed a complaint against the sabbatarian church with California's department of labor, asking for severance pay and other financial benefits under state law. Although the court denied all other claims, it ruled the church was obligated under an agreement it had reached earlier with Gipe to pay the severance.

In legal papers filed with the Supreme Court, an attorney for the church argued that in the church's eyes, Gipe was guilty of committing "the highest act of infidelity — spiritual treason, if you will — the commencing of his own church and

the pirating of members that were entrusted to his spiritual and physical care."

By ordering the church to make a severance payment, the church argued further lower courts committed an "absolute transgression" of the church's right to exercise its religion freely.

California officials argued that the high court should not hear the case because the church presented no federal question in its challenge and because church officials did not exhaust legal remedies in California courts before appealing to the nation's highest tribunal.

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By Bill Webb

PORT WILLIAMS, Chile(BP) — This South Atlantic island port of 600 people goes virtually unnoticed by most of the world. But Port Williams is of immense importance to the Chilean government — and to Southern Baptist Missionary Victor Lyons.

Situated 200 miles off the Southern tip of South America, Port Williams is a strategic military base guarding Chilean territorial claims to dozens of islands and a wedge of the Antarctic against what Chile regards as Argentine expansionism. Port Williams is the official capital of the Chilean Antarctic.

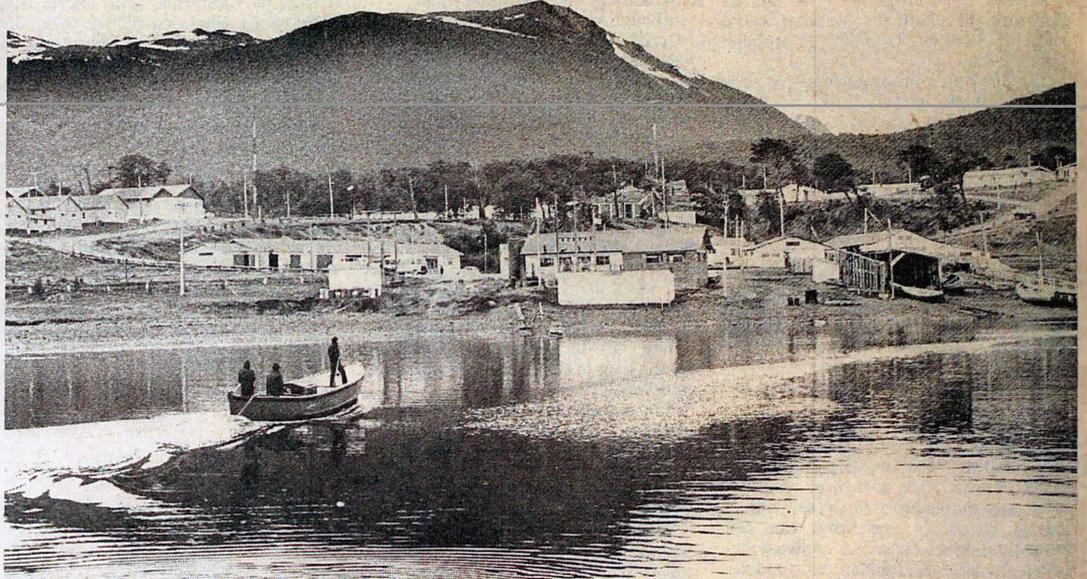
To Lyons, Port Williams is spiritually strategic. Military personnel here experience tensions from isolation and separation from family. Many welcome Christian counseling and witness. Eighty to 90 percent of base personnel leave after two years at the Navarino Island port, so Christians won and developed at Port Williams will, in time, disperse to communities throughout Chile with the gospel.

Ironically, Lyons' bimonthly visits to Port Williams were not even on the first-term missionary's agenda when he and his wife, Lucinda, arrived in Chile in January 1982. For two years they had anticipated ministry in the world's southernmost city, Punta Arenas, Chile. Lyons had most of his evangelistic strategy mapped out for the city of 120,000 people on the Straits of Magellan, even before he arrived.

As the couple stepped off the plane in Punta Arenas for the first time, David Salinas, a marine electrician, greeted them on behalf of a two-family congregation in Port Williams. Salinas and his wife, Nora, and children, Claudia and Moises, had flown up to the mainland at their own expense to ask the new missionary to make regular visits to their community.

Lyons was impressed. In early March, he boarded a six-passenger plane to make a trial trip to Port Williams. When the aircraft glided onto the tiny island airstrip, all eight evangelicals greeted him.

The week went well. Base Commander Frederick Corthorn Besse, also the mayor of Port Williams and governor of the entire Chilean Antarctic, said he would try to arrange free passage for Lyons' future visits. He gave the group wood to build benches for their chapel, constructed a few months earlier. A committed Catholic, Corthorn attended services himself one night, then author-



ISOLATED BEAUTY — A launch carries visitors to Port Williams across a bay from the military base's landing strip. Only the military has access to telephone and two-way communications to the mainland on the isolated island post.

ized a weekly radio broadcast and granted the group permission to evangelize the whole community door to door. By the end of the week, an enthusiastic Lyons had committed himself to return regularly.

Lyons' work on Port Williams is comprehensive, his schedule rigorous. He preaches every night and visits homes each afternoon, passing out tracts to the adults and giving chewing gum to the children. Bible and doctrinal studies often follow worship and may last a couple of nights.

He also maintains a late-night counseling schedule that starts around 11 p.m. and may continue until 2 a.m. or later. He helps couples deal with marital problems and counsels young soldiers trying to eliminate vices — such as excessive drinking and gambling, both prevalent in Port Williams.

On his most recent trip to Port Williams, he was granted permission to visit three other island communities in the region, where he preached and distributed literature. He hopes to return to those ports, some of which had never had

a clergyman visit before, he said.

Since neither Port Williams nor Punta Arenas has a source for religious literature, Lyons takes orders each visit. With healthy diversions so limited in Port Williams, he places great stock in what he calls the "reading ministry." He also plans to train several members of the group in theological education by extension.

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geline churches and help train some future leaders in churches throughout Chile as these men leave," he said.

One of those men is Salinas. A Baptist — though several of the 30 or so current members of the congregation represent other evangelical traditions — Salinas is president of the group, an administrator-pastor. Soft-spoken and gentle, he is the driving force behind the work. He provides leadership when "Pastor Lyons" is not there. He also mobilizes the believers for community ministries.

When someone on the base faces a crisis and must return to the Chilean mainland, the group is likely to help with travel. When fire destroyed a family's home, the evangelicals saw that the victims did not miss a meal.

Nora Salinas was not a believer when her husband opened their home for worship four years ago. She closed herself in her bedroom while he and the others prayed, studied, and worshipped, but she could not help overhearing them as they prayed over and over for her salvation. Finally she made her profession of faith and her life changed dramatically. Today she faithfully leads a women's group.

Though the congregation has its own chapel now, the Salinas home has remained the fellowship hall. Because dinner at the base dorm coincides with evening worship services, Nora Salinas developed a ministry of hospitality for

the single men and those separated from their families. They know they will find a hot meal at her table after the service. She usually does not sit to eat herself but quietly waits on the others. Like her husband, she has developed servant qualities.

The little dining table in one end of the living room is central to the ministry in Port Williams. Strategy for evangelism and training have been shared here. Over cups of thick, black Chilean coffee, visitors linger long after the meal for fellowship, prayer, and singing to guitar accompaniment.

Says Lyons, "I've taught more theology and Bible around that table than in the chapel."

And if he figures it right, as his fellow believers are dispersed from Port Williams, that theology will be shared informally at other tables all over Chile for years to come.



DINNER? — David and Nora Salinas, key members of the evangelical congregation on Port Williams, enjoy a visitor's reaction to a pair of king crabs he pulled from the bay.



FELLOWSHIP — Chilean marines and naval personnel joke with Missionary Victor Lyons (right foreground) following services at the evangelical chapel at Port Williams.