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Rheubin L. South

PRESIDENT

Marion H. Moore

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Can any good come from Watergate?



Dr. Grant

Never in my memory has the news of any public scandal been so sickening and disheartening as the continued revelations concerning official involvement in Watergate. It would be hard to decide which has hurt the nation more, the news of the crime involved in a presidential election campaign, or the news of the frantic effort to cover up responsibility for the crimes. Tragic though it all is, I think it is important

to ask even in the midst of a national disgrace, whether any good can come out of it.

At the risk of seeming to be Pollyanna-ish, I would suggest several good things that can and should come out of Watergate. First of all, we might acquire a little national humility, something that has long been overdue for Americans standing in the public eye of the world. We Americans have so long prayed the prayer of the publican on the street corner ("We thank thee God that we are not as other nations") that it could be very good medicine indeed for us to pray asking God to forgive us for encouraging national leaders to believe that a good end justifies all kinds of corrupt means.

I am reminded of the story of the man who was explaining to Dwight L. Moody why he did not need to pray. He said, "I have everything I could possibly want or need, so why do I have any need for prayer?" Moody is said to have replied, "You might, sir, pray for a little more humility."

A second good thing that could come from Watergate would be a total reexamination of the dangers of electronic eavesdropping in all aspects of modern life. We revealed our frivolous attitude toward eavesdropping when we originally called it the Watergate "Caper." It has only been more recently that we have come to the sobering truth that it is far more serious than a "caper." The very tyranny of police state snooping that we have rightly opposed in Hitler's Germany and in international communism, seems to have found its way into the highest levels of our own government. I believe we will find a way to save our nation from this.

One other good thing can and should come from Watergate. This is something we all should have known all along — that good government is everybody's business. We have learned the wrong lessons if we conclude from Watergate that all politics and politicians are dirty, or that "the Republican party is rotten to the core," or that "good government is a hopeless task," or any one of several other cynical conclusions. I am determined to be optimistic about the good that can come from Watergate. I believe our nation will pass laws to make it far more difficult for it to happen again. Even more important, the vast

majority of our citizens have seen at its ugliest the idea that the end justifies the means, and this picture should be worth far more than 10,000 words.

Let us all hope it is so. — Daniel R. Grant, President, Ouachita Baptist University

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Concern for individual justice



Editor Sneed

In recent years concern for law has fallen to an all-time low in our nation. This is evidenced by the increased disregard for decisions handed down by the court and the obvious contempt with which law enforcement officers are often treated.

There are many reasons for the ineffectiveness of our legal system. To begin with, we haven't given adequate staffs to our courts to keep pace with the heightened responsibilities. As crime increases with population work dockets become heavier. The unfortunate result is an almost "assembly line" type of justice.

Since our courts determine the principles by which law enforcement agents must operate, as well as the sentences of those who break the law, it is imperative that adequate time be given for individual consideration. It may be impossible for a people of low income to have adequate representation and legal advice. When work loads are too heavy and individual rights are dependent upon financial resources, the courts are apt to become forces of injustice.

Those who have the responsibility of presiding over the courts deserve our sympathy. They must operate on the funds and within the framework we have given them. But it is of great urgency that our courts reflect our nation's concern for justice for every citizen.

Concern for law is inherent in the Judeo-Christian

religion. This includes justice for the individual, as well as protection of the collective rights of the nation. While much of our contemporary legal system is rooted in the Old Testament law, the New Testament does not neglect the Christian's responsibility to law, justice, and government. Peter tells us that we are to "Fear God. Honor the King." (1 Pet. 2:17.) Hence, we are to revere and uphold our government.

Jesus in discussing the relationship of man to God and government said "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." (Mark 12:17.) So we have a definite relationship to both God and to our government.

Since law is the cornerstone of government, the question follows, "What can a Christian do to improve our judicial system?"

- The first thing is to support our courts.
- We should always work through legal channels to bring needed change. It is morally wrong and self-defeating to work outside the law to produce corrective measures.
- We should be available to serve as witnesses.
- We can serve on juries when summoned.
- We can vote for Christian judges who are men of integrity and who will act of our responsible concern for justice.
- We can protest the appointment of any person on the basis of political favor rather than competency.
- We should support tax reforms which will result in additional revenue for upgrading the courts.
- We can support by word and action those who are concerned with true justice.

When crises come to your pastor

Most of us are accustomed to having our pastor minister to us in times of trouble. In the course of an average week he may well visit the sick, comfort those who have lost loved ones, and counsel people concerning almost every conceivable problem. Sometimes the role of the pastor and the church member will be reversed as the pastor faces a time of crises.

Let us suppose there has been a death in the family. Where can he and his wife go for comfort? One of the many roles which an associational superintendent of missions fills is that of pastor to the pastors. But no matter how effective the missionary is or how close they may be as friends, he can not express the concern of the church members.

How can a church member help the pastor? Initially, church members must recognize the fact that their preacher needs help. The fact that a man is called of God to the ministry does not take away his need for understanding.

Understanding can be more difficult, however,

if the pastor's children get into trouble. Statistics indicate that children of the clergy are generally better behaved than most. But even these children do sometimes have serious problems. In such instances, the pastor needs reassurances and the support of his congregation.

The following suggestions might prove beneficial in comforting your pastor if crisis should occur in his family:

- Recognize that he is a mortal man who needs the help of God and fellow Christians.
- If he wishes to discuss his problem, let it be with the assurance of it being held in strictest confidence.
- Empathize with him — show your pastor you love him and that you really understand.
- Don't drown him in his own emotions.
- Above all, remember the admonition of Paul "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." (Gal. 6:2.)

I must say it!

The judiciary 100 years from now



Dr. Ashcraft

The present laws with the attendant Judiciary would make liars, hypocrites, and criminals of us all. A plea of guilty or not guilty doesn't mean anything really. A guilty person may be wisely advised by his attorney to plead not guilty to guarantee his basic rights in a highly prejudiced community. An innocent person may be advised equally well by his attorney to plead guilty due to the extremely high costs of

defense, the long delay in coming to trial, the ill health of the defendant, and the embarrassment of a lengthy public trial. Most of those with traffic citations will pay the fine whether they are guilty or not as the loss of work time and reasonable attorney's fee would be exorbitant in contrast to the customary fine.

Vengeful judges may refuse to accept a guilty plea hoping to burn the trembling defendants into giving incriminating evidence upon others or themselves by forcing them into a jury trial. Many innocent people are frightened into guilty pleas by threats of a change from misdemeanor to felony charges by ambitious prosecuting attorneys seeking a high percentage of convictions to impress the voters in the next election.

It has been estimated by parole board members that as many as half of all people appearing before the parole board had plead guilty in fear of a tougher sentence if they fight it out in an expensive jury trial. Under our present laws it is almost impossible for a good citizen to make it through a day without violating some law. What is the future of the Judiciary as regards criminal cases?

Many laws will be negated, many revised for greater charity to the layman, and more relevant new laws will be enacted. The range of the penalty, as for example one to 14 years for a specified crime, will be lessened and more standardized. The present jury system will be tossed aside by the citizens of future generations. A group of competent, non-political, professional people will come into being who will serve as judge, jury, and parole board in criminal cases. The competent panel will be a permanent, full time group interested in the primary purpose of rehabilitating the defendant and restoring him to some degree of acceptance and worth to society. Sophisticated vengeance, deals in exchange for guilty pleas on lesser charges, bargains between prosecutors, judges and defense counsel will become as obsolete as blood letting, duelling, and Edsel automobiles. The dramatic performances of long jury trials with daily reporting the play by play accounts will fade in the interest of helping the wrong doer and the wronged person regroup their losses and go on living. No one man will be allowed the wide range of pronouncing sentences which could wreck the total lives of potentially worthy people.

The concept of "Trial by Jury" has served its day well but can no longer be among the baggage of those journeying into an age demanding free, speedy, just and humane considerations for its bad people. Sentences such as the one meted out against a Black defendant of 10,000 years by a Western Judge has much to be desired in compassionate jurisprudence. As people advance in enlightenment it will be reflected in their constructive treatment of evil doers.

I must say it! — Charles H. Ashcraft, Executive Secretary

Deaths

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (BP) — Casper C. Warren, long-time Southern Baptist Convention leader best known as the father of the SBC 30,000 Movement, died May 20 at a Charlotte hospital after a lengthy illness. He would have been 77 on May 28.

Warren, pastor of First Church of Charlotte for almost 15 years, had been president of the Southern Baptist Convention from 1956-57, and had held virtually every major post in denominational life.

Warren, during his presidential address to the Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City in 1956, challenged the convention to establish

30,000 new churches and missions before the denomination's 150th anniversary in 1964 as part of the Baptist Jubilee Advance.

Accepting Warren's challenge, the convention called Warren to lead the denomination in what is known as the 30,000 Movement.

Though the denomination did not reach the magic 30,000 figure, the movement has been termed a "practical" success, with almost 25,000 churches and missions established during the period from 1956-64.

In 1964 membership in the convention passed the 10 million mark, exceeding membership of the Methodist Church,

and became the nation's largest Protestant-evangelical denomination.

A native of Sampson County, N.C., he was a graduate of Wake Forest College, and Southern Seminary, Louisville. He received honorary doctorates from Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, and Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, N.C.

Warren was pastor of Lexington Avenue Baptist Church, Danville, Ky., from 1928-38, and then moved to the pastorate of Immanuel Church, Little Rock. In 1943, he became pastor of First Church, Charlotte, which he served until resigning to head the 30,000 Movement.

News briefs

First Church, Russellville, has purchased a new 60-passenger bus for use by youth and other church groups and for a planned bus ministry.

First Church, Van Buren, has voted to remodel present facilities and construct a new educational wing at a cost of \$273,500. The three-story wing, to be built east of the present plant, will provide 18,000 square feet of space.

Jack Ramsey, pastor of Lamar Church, recently received a diploma from the Home Mission Board for completion of their total Bible Correspondence courses. The diploma represents 16 years of study for Bro. Ramsey.

Tony Weston, Arkansas State University student, was licensed to preach recently by Nettleton Church, Jonesboro. He will serve as youth director at West Helena Church this summer.

Harry Warren Burge was licensed to preach by Nettleton Church, Jonesboro, recently. He is presently director of the children's church service at Nettleton.

Gary Moon, University of Arkansas senior, will be summer youth director at East Side, Ft. Smith. He began his work with the church on May 20.

West Helena Church has ordered a new air-conditioned church bus to be delivered June 22.

Woodlawn Church, Little Rock, had a "bond burning" ceremony May 27, signifying the retirement of an \$80,000 indebtedness for building construction. The payoff is two years in advance of the 1975 bond maturity date.

Karen Montgomery, University of Arkansas junior, will serve South Side Church, Ft. Smith, as youth director this summer.

Leonard Street, Hot Springs, recently voted to remodel their sanctuary by installing new stained glass windows, pews, and carpet.

Pleasant Grove Church, Ferndale, had annual homecoming May 27 and celebrated the 122nd anniversary of its history as a church. It is the oldest Baptist church in Pulaski County.

Sunset Lane, Little Rock, had Homecoming Day May 27 with dinner on the ground followed by singing and fellowship.

Life Line Church, Little Rock, had ground-breaking May 20 for two new educational buildings.

Douglasville recently ordained Raymond Smith as deacon.

Geyer Springs First, Little Rock, honored Paul Sanders May 27 on the occasion of his sixth anniversary as pastor of the church.

First Church, Marked Tree, has



Elected seminary student officer

Gary Cook (right), a first year theology student from Little Rock, Ark., has been elected vice president of the Student Government Association at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. Cook a Baylor University graduate, meets with Elaine Dickson, director of student affairs, to discuss upcoming plans.

employed Joe Francis as summer youth director. He is presently on the faculty of Marked Tree High School.

First Church, McGehee, honored their new music director, Ron Marcum, May 27 with a fellowship.

First Church, Weiner, has begun construction of a new parsonage.

First Church, Camden, has employed Tommy Bryan, Ouachita University Student, as summer youth director.

Central Church, Jonesboro, installed a new organ valued at over \$6,000. The organ was a gift to the church from three of its families.

Joe Robertson, Ouachita University junior, has been employed as summer youth director by Tyler Street Church, Little Rock.

Randy Clift, Garland, Tex., has accepted the call of Calvary Church, Little Rock, to become summer youth director. He is a May graduate of

Ouachita University, where he majored in physical education. He has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army, and will go on active duty in October.

Welch Street Church, Little Rock, will hold a final service June 14 at 7:30. The church was merged with Chicot Road Chapel, a mission of Life Line Church, on June 2.

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Doctrines of the faith

Doctrine determines

By H. E. Williams

President, Southern Baptist College



Dr. Williams

Recently, while talking with a member of the Board of Trustees of Southern Baptist College who is a leading attorney, relative to the need to train our Baptist people in the stewardship of property after death, he remarked, in the presence of his pastor; "Our people are not as sensitive about remembering their institutions in their wills as others. I seldom make a will for a Catholic who does not leave a percentage of his estate to his local church, even when the estate is worth \$10,000 or less." He went on to say "But, I seldom ever make a will for a Baptist who does remember a Baptist cause in his will."

The pastor responded by saying "That follows their theology. They feel that they gain something for works."

It is not my purpose here to discuss the nobility of remembering a Baptist institution or local church in the making of a will. However, let me interject that such a practice seems to be good for the health of an individual since it appears to me, that when a Baptist makes a will to a Baptist college, he seems to add about 20 years to his life-span. That beats miracle drugs, or even heart transplants!

My main thesis here lies in the fact that doctrine ultimately determines conduct. "As a man thinketh in his heart; so is he.", is an axiom of life. If people are committed to doctrinal concepts, they will inevitably act according to those doctrines. If our doctrine is basically Armenian, we will do works of penance in order to gain God's approbation. In time, such works will tend to become perfunctory, without faith, commitment, or personal meaning, and will lead to a form of legalism such as that practiced by the Pharisees and Sadducees, ancient sects of Judah.

No church rises above its doctrinal beliefs and many fall far below. If churches do not declare great doctrinal principles and instill them into the minds of their people, they will fail to rise to great Christian stature.

In this day of the ecumenical movement, there are those who decry doctrines in the churches. Some feel that doctrinal views are the source of differences, therefore a hindrance to unity in the Christian community. There are others, especially in the Baptist fellowship, who rebelled at the meticulous way that many taught our doctrines in the past, and resort to the error of weakening our stature in doctrinal teaching and belief. Both schools of thought are basically wrong. It is not true that we are divided because of doctrine — we are divided because men, in developing their doctrinal belief, have been influenced too much by non-Christian philosophies. For instance, Armenian theology is basically pagan — not Christian. The Hebrew religion allowed this sort of theology to arise because of the absence of clarity, which came later with the Christian revelation. It should be pointed out, however, that the Hebrew faith did not basically teach anything that would warrant the Armenian position, as is evidenced by the views advanced by Jesus regarding the teachings of the Old Testament. He often explained that the errors of the Jews were based on their misconceptions of the Old Testament authorities.

When someone says, "Oh, I don't guess it makes any difference what one believes, just so he is sincere," he is not voicing a true Christian view. Jesus said of some, "Ye think so and so," and that makes you, "Like whited sepulchres full of dead men's bones." It is important to develop strong and intelligent doctrinal belief. It is also important to possess the right spirit in believing. Tragedy arises when we try to divorce the two. The Christian life is composed of both understanding and spiritual experience as may be evidenced in commitment and service. Don't decry doctrinal declaration if those doctrines are Christian and if they call for nobility in achievement. Western man has risen to tremendous heights in our long history because of the influence of Christian doctrines in shaping his destiny. His laws, his moral conduct, his social structures, his democratic experiments, his aspirations and his institutions all reflect his basic doctrines (basic concepts) and commitments to his struggle forward.

Gift to Ouachita is family affair

ARKADELPHJA — Two generations of the same family have made substantial deferred gift provisions for Ouachita University, according to Dr. Ben M. Elrod, OBU vice president for development. The provisions have been established by Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Halsell and their son and daughter-in-law, Rev. and Mrs. Aubrey C. Halsell.

In both cases, property was given to Ouachita in exchange for a fixed income to be paid to the donors for life.

"The gift annuity is a good plan for persons who want to give to Ouachita, yet need to retain the income so long as they live," Dr. Elrod said. "There are also some favorable tax consequences."

The elder Halsell and his wife, Annette, are natives of Clark County and were married in 1910. A grocer who was extremely active as a Baptist layman in his early years, he ultimately became a minister at the age of 54. He established 17 missions as mission pastor of Immanuel Church in Little Rock and Baptized more than 1,900 persons.

The younger Halsell, a retired Colonel in the U.S. Air Force, was pastor at Rison, Crossett and West Memphis and organized the first Baptist church in Alaska. He also organized Baptist Buildings Savings, Inc., in 1955. He and his three brothers all graduated from Ouachita.

Arkansas man receives degree from seminary



Morris

WAKE FOREST, N.C. — Gary D. Morris of Piggott was one of 191 persons who received degrees or certificates in commencement exercises May 25 at Southeastern Seminary.

Morris received a Master of Divinity degree. He is a graduate of Oakland City College and is married to the former Glenda Bell of Piggott. They have a four-year-old son, Chad.

The 1973 class at Southeastern was the largest that has graduated in 11 years. With this commencement Southeastern has awarded 2,893 degrees and certificates.

Woman's viewpoint

A thought for her penny

By Iris O'Neal Bowen



Mrs. Bowen

Now five, and every day more observant, Michele happened onto a penny which had a wreath on its back instead of the usual Lincoln Memorial.

"Look, Mother," she said of the wreathed coin, "this penny is different from most pennies.

Most pennies have baby beds on them!"

I suppose to a small child the tiny likeness of the Lincoln Memorial with its facade of many columns could look like a baby bed.

There are times when we would be better off if we could take a child's view of certain things. Didn't Christ say, as he talked of faith and a person's coming to him, that he must have the faith of a little child?

Yes, a child's faith is uncomplicated by the things that adults have added to their lives — the desire to be the

complete masters of their lives — or the need to impress those about them — or allowing unimportant things to take precedence in their lives.

A child takes things literally, and if his father says, "Come to me," he does that.

When God calls an adult to come to him, he is likely to say, "Yes, Lord, as soon as I get rid of some questionable friends," or "Yes, Lord, when I clean up my life a little, so I will be fit to be your child."

With faith as a little child, his answer will be "Yes, Lord!"

After we have come to God, he expects us to grow in our faith, to get out of our baby beds and start building our lives. He wants us to have something to show for our efforts, lives built on strong foundations, with steps wide and tall to get closer to him, with tall columns of faith to support us through all conditions.

Then when people look at us, they will see columns of a tall building, rather than the side of a baby bed!

Former Arkansan gets honorary degree



Dr. Whitlow

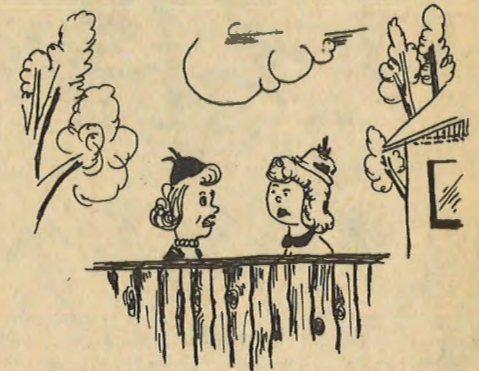
C. Eugene Whitlow, a native of Arkansas, was awarded the doctor of divinity degree by Grand Canyon (Baptist) College, Phoenix, Ariz., at the college's commencement exercise on May 21. Dr. Whitlow, who grew up in Bradford and

Searcy, is presently director of communication for the Baptist Convention of New Mexico, Albuquerque, N.M., and editor of the *Baptist New Mexican*, the official paper of the convention. Early in his ministry he was pastor of First Church, Gentry.

Reporting VBS

Reports on Vacation Bible Schools in Arkansas churches will be carried in the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* if churches will send figures for enrollment, average attendance, and conversions. These should be sent to Lawson Hatfield, 525 West Capitol, Little Rock, 72203, so that they may be compiled by the Sunday School Department. Reports already received will be referred to Sunday School for the listing to begin in the June 14 issue.

The support of the ministry



"I don't think our pastor's wife should take a secular job. She'll be needed in Vacation Bible School, because most of us have to work and can't teach."

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Attend seminary board meeting

The Board of Trustees for The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary held its annual meeting recently on the Louisville, Ky. campus. Meeting with President Duke K. McCall are (left to right) Bernes K. Selph, pastor of First Church, Benton; McCall; and Harry G. Jacobs, chaplain for the Arkansas Department of Corrections, Pine Bluff.

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Rheubin L. South

PRESIDENT

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Cooperation

On the Southern Baptist College campus there are some exciting moments. The lady of 90 years who sits behind me in church services coaches basketball. A 16 year old boy with a withered hand and leg teaches sociology. A young couple and their 4, 5 and 6 year old daughters lecture in biology courses. A retired missionary moderates a humanities seminar. A bright-eyed junior girl leads an excellent mixed chorus and her playmate twin brothers help coach basketball. How's that? You don't believe it? Well, it's true!

Week by week these are the kinds of people, who with their companions and friends in the cities, towns and rural places of Arkansas put an offering into the Lord's service through their churches. By the miracle of cooperation in missions each shares in all of the work of Christian Education. The unlettered may teach; the unskilled may sing; the crippled may share an athletic work. The learned and unlearned alike are part of the glowing tradition of training Christian leadership. This is the romance and thrill of the Cooperative Program of Arkansas Baptists.

Larry Tucker
writes for
Southern College

All of us who serve on this campus, alive with the beauties of spring and the promise of summer, rejoice daily in the strength of the program of cooperation. In this sense we are the voices and counsel of our forbears to the present generation trusted to us for teaching and training. We are also your contemporary voice to the minds, hearts and consciences of the sons and daughters, grandsons and granddaughters who people our dormitories, classrooms and laboratories. We, too, may be the voice of God's call to them in life service.

May I paraphrase a word of Christ. He told his disciples, "Apart from me you can do nothing." It is also true that apart from the faithful host of young, mature and older Christians who week by week give through the Cooperative Program we could do nothing.

With deep feeling, we thank God for this cooperative ministry. Isn't it wonderful to be workers together with one another and with him? — Larry A. Tucker, Southern Baptist College.

Full power of financial resources released thru Cooperative Program

One of the most interesting sights in Arkansas is Blue Springs, located in the northwest corner of the state seven miles from Eureka Springs.

The exact origin of the water is unknown, but it is reported by geologists to be of glacier origin and to come from the Pacific Northwest by way of an underground river. Flowing from an undetermined depth of more than 510 feet, the water gushes forth at the rate of 38 million gallons every 24 hours.

The water flows out from the spring to form the Blue Lagoon, a large, beautiful body of clear blue water. Its power is seen briefly and dramatically as it flows over a dam before dissipating into a small stream and later into Table Rock Lake. I have stood at Blue Springs and looked in wonder and awe at this natural resource of God's earth.

I have also stood in the Baptist Building in Little Rock and in the Southern Baptist Convention Building in Nashville and considered with even greater wonder and awe the great financial resources of God's people, known as Southern Baptists.

As Cooperative Program receipts flow in from around the state, we are aware that the checks and remittance forms tell only a very small part of the story. Some of the receipts come from large, influential churches, and others come from small, rural churches with very limited membership. Some of the funds have originally been given through their church by wealthy merchants and land owners, but other parts of the funds have come from widows and children with very limited financial means.

Yet, all of the funds are pooled together to maintain the multiple ministries and outreach operated through the state convention.

A generous 38.82 percent of the funds are forwarded on to Nashville, Tennessee, where a similar process takes place. From there the funds are channeled to the various convention agencies and ultimately into specific projects and to individual missionaries.

The full power of these financial resources is usually seen only briefly as the funds flow through these two collecting points and are represented in large figures of a state convention budget or the Southern Baptist Convention budget. Most people see the funds somewhere downstream, after they have been divided up prayerfully among the many Southern Baptist causes.

Because of this, many Southern Baptists are unaware of the tremendous financial power which is theirs through the Cooperative Program. Those of us who serve at the collecting points could only wish that all of you might share with us the impressive sight of God's people combining their financial resources in one united effort to claim our state and world for Christ. —Roy F. Lewis, Secretary of Stewardship-Cooperative Program Department

Spectacular and celebration

"CHURCH: the Sunday Night Place" Celebration will be an Arkansas event to be held at Immanuel Church, Little Rock, Oct. 25, 1973, from 10 a.m. until 8:45 p.m. It will replace the annual Church Training Workshop and will be similar to the Training Union Conventions of the past. The program will include conferences, a drama prepared by Mrs. Sarah Miller of Houston, a banquet for 200 people, a 100-voice choir, a message by Dr. Nolan P. Howington, and several other features of importance. It will be the big meeting of the year for all church training leaders and members.

"CHURCH: the Sunday Night Place" Spectacular will be a convention wide project which will be held March 21-23, 1974 in Ft. Worth, Tex. The Spectacular will feature drama, creative workshop, testimonies, and the premier of a musical written especially for the Spectacular, all intended to inspire and motivate persons to participate in the Sunday evening activities. The Church Training Department will pay the expenses of about 43 people to the Spectacular who will assist in conducting "CHURCH: the Sunday Night Place" Rallies in each association in Arkansas during 1974. —Ralph W. Davis



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Make reservations now for boys from your church. —C. H. Seaton, Director

Church Training New adult quarterly

The new adult periodical which will be available for the October-December quarter has had its name changed before it was born! It was discovered that another company had the name "Living now," so this new periodical's name has been changed to "Young Adults in Training."

Beginning in October, 1973, there will be three adult periodicals (quarterlies):

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YOUNG ADULTS in Training

Our department plans to prepare another brochure this summer which will give the units and sessions for each of these periodicals for October, 1973 through September, 1974. —Ralph W. Davis

Gardner joins Music Department

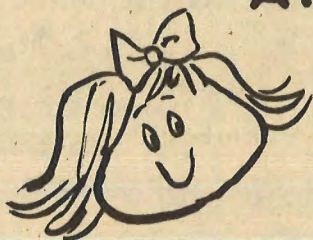
NASHVILLE (BP) — John F. Gardner III, minister of music for four years at Olivet Church, Oklahoma City, is a new consultant in church music administration for the church music

department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Gardner, a native of Little Rock, holds the bachelor of church music degree

from Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, and the master of music education degree from the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville.

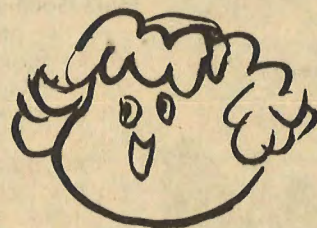
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Win-Witnessing Studies — These studies are designed to give practical help in becoming a more effective witness. Special attention will be given to the WIN materials. Personnel from the Evangelism Department will be leading

A Jesus book



Hatfield

A new American Bible Society book is on the press, expressly designed for Arkansas Baptists.

It is simply titled, JESUS.

"Off the press" date is scheduled for June 15 and availability will be by order-forms from the American Bible

Society. The book will sell for about ten cents per copy.

A free sample copy and order-form will be mailed to every pastor as soon as they are available. It is best to wait for this order-form which has a special control stock number for the Arkansas issue of the JESUS book.

Three messages from Arkansas Baptist State Convention leaders will be included in the 111 page book. "Share the Word Now" is the theme of the special messages and promotes the three programs, People Now, Extend Now and Win Now, programs of the Sunday School, Missions and Evangelism Departments of the state convention.

The *Jesus* book is a compilation of selected passages from the four gospels of "Good News for Modern Man" (TEV). It tells the story of the life and teachings of Jesus.

Jesus is a Share The Word Now book.

Jesus is a People Now book.

Jesus is an Extend Now book.

Jesus is a Win Now book.

When a church orders copies of the book for wide free distribution, the numbered order-form should be set in accordance with several distribution plans a church may want to use.

Some suggested ways to distribute the book are listed as follows:

1. Give it as a free gift at every door of every house on a church field. Include a short note or bulletin from the church.
 2. Distribute it free during a People Search (July-September, 1973 or April-June, 1974). Census takers give one at every door.
 3. Give a copy to every person attending a revival.
 4. Use in camps, assemblies, retreats and planning meetings.
 5. Include it with other leaflets when visiting prospects.
 6. Use in bus ministry, give every rider a copy.
 7. Use in starting or conducting a new Sunday School, Mission or Fellowship Bible Class.
 8. Use in resort-recreational areas.
 9. Use in Vacation Bible School and in Brotherhood and WMU Mission actions.
 10. Churches or individuals provide chaplains of institutions with quantities for distribution.
 11. Give away in witnessing opportunities. Hand mark selected passages used in witnessing.
 12. Youth groups and choirs give away freely and boldly in the market place, shopping malls, airports, bus stations and community meetings.
 13. Supply through tract racks.
 14. Carry a supply in the car glove compartment and give to filling station operators.
 15. Associational camps and projects.
- What other uses can you think of?
- A free copy of *Jesus* and order-form will be mailed to pastors late in June. Use the order-form to purchase large quantities for wide distribution during the Share The Word Now Emphasis of 1973-74. — Lawson Hatfield, Sunday School Department

these studies.

Arkansas, Land of Mission Opportunity — Would you like to know more about what Baptists are doing in Arkansas? If so, this is the study for you. Maps, pictures, charts and projected aids will be used to pinpoint and describe in detail the many facets of outreach fostered by the State Missions Department. Personnel from the Missions Department will lead these studies.

Conference on Summer Youth Program — This conference is for summer youth directors and other youth leaders who have responsibility for planning the summer youth program for a church. It will deal with summer youth program materials, and day camping program materials. Personnel and representatives of the Church Training Department will lead these studies.

The adult division assembly includes all those over 18 years old.

Siloam offers these and many other enrichment opportunities for adults.

See ya there! — Don Cooper, Sunday School Department

Vocalist, football star Added to SBC Program

PORTLAND (BP) — Vocalist Cynthia Clawson of Little Rock and Miami Dolphins veteran Norm Evans have been added to the final night program of the Southern Baptist Convention slated here June 12-14.

Miss Clawson and Evans will join Oregon Senator Mark O. Hatfield in the second portion of the Friday night emphasis called a "Share-the-Word Celebration," according to Russell H. Dilday Jr., chairman of the convention's committee on order of business.

Both will give testimonies concerning their experiences in sharing the Gospel, said Dilday, pastor of Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church in Atlanta.

Miss Clawson, now married to Ragan Courtney of the staff of Second Church in Little Rock, has been featured on many nationwide television programs, including Spring Street USA, the televangelism program of the SBC Home Mission Board, and the CBS Newcomers. She is the daughter of Thomas W. Clawson, pastor of Hot Wells Baptist Church, San Antonio.

Evans has been called the spiritual leader of the world champion Miami Dolphins football team. He is a deacon at the Sheridan Hills Baptist Church, Hollywood, Fla., and is active in many related ministry activities, including the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

The American family

By Michael D. Chute



"What can I do to bring about harmony in my family?" (photo by Dan Loftin)

NASHVILLE — The American family, with worldly problems rising up to engulf it, is in despair, confused and disillusioned. Family problems are like cancer, growing slowly and silently, lurking unnoticed until a tragic moment, then striking to kill.

Today's family reminds us of that ageless Mother Goose character of Humpty Dumpty, who after a great fall couldn't be saved, not even by "all the king's horses and all the king's men."

In the words of one 40-year old father, "What can I do to bring about harmony in my family? I have a son and daughter in high school — one is on drugs, the other belongs to a revolutionary faction. My wife and I have tried but it is too

much for us and we have given up. When I was a kid, our family had problems — depression, war — but not like this. At least we were a family."

One cannot help but feel compassion for this distressed father. He has tried everything he knows to strengthen his family, except for one thing. When asked if he had asked God and the church for help, he reluctantly answered, "No, I didn't think the church could help me with drugs, attitudes of my children, or lack of communication in our family. Well, considering all the problems, I . . ."

He hadn't thought of God! He had tried everything money could buy, but not God! This father is like the woman

who tried to mop the floor without turning off the water faucet; he tried to put the evils, which made his family the way it was, back into the family. He hadn't thought of God!

As more and more families realize this simple fact and turn to churches for help, churches must be ready to minister to them. Churches must offer families concrete answers to their problems through programs like "ReaLife in Christian Homes," the theme for Christian Home Week, 1973; and "CHURCH: the Sunday Night Place," new theme of Church Training; Acteens and Royal Ambassadors; Woman's Missionary Union; Brotherhood; and the list goes on and on.

Yes, times are hard and problems are enormous. Headlines are ablaze with such injustices as Watergate, Manson, the Chicago 7, and Supreme Court decisions on prayer in public schools.

Why all these family problems? One answer is not sufficient but basic problems exist in higher education, mass media and the rapid social change. These are problems which the family cannot prevent, but effective answers are available through church programs.

Because of these marital and family problems, some believe this is the last generation that will ever marry. Renowned magazines have featured special issues on alternative family life styles. Recent books on this subject include "The Death of the Family," "Marriage Is Hell," and "The Nuclear Family in Crisis."

Divorce rates set new records every year — some estimating that one of every three marriages terminate "on the rocks." Crime continues to rise — revolutionary terrorism, My Lai mass-murders, hijackings. Youth are becoming alienated. Denied maturity and experience they find life's troubles too much to deal with and try to find answers in drugs, sex and communes.

"I knew that for every hour of comparative ease and comfort its treacherous alliance might confer upon

critical condition?

me now, I must endure days of bodily suffering; but I did not, could not, conceive the mental teen-age addict? It was written in 1842 by a young English immigrant, William Blair.

In "Reader's Digest" magazine, a young girl named Karen tells, "We are animals. We are all animals in a world no one knows. . . I imagine that I've been sorry every day that I've had the habit. . . I'll probably die — early. . . I don't care anymore. I really don't. Because there's nothing for me. I don't have any reason to quit using."

It is sad indeed that Karen doesn't care, that she has nothing and no reason to quit using. Karen is crying out for someone to care. She wants someone to love her and someone does but she'll probably never know Him. Karen is not the only one suffering. We as Christians are suffering. Churches suffer in wasted lives and lost talent. We have a duty and we are not living up to it.

Thinking of another youth problem — juvenile delinquency — reminds us of the message in Proverbs. "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it." However, in addition to his parents, a young person in America has many trainers — some good, some not.

A while back, the Louisville *Courier Journal* reported a story as told to them by Anatol Holt, a 31-year old math instructor at the University of Pennsylvania.

"Yesterday afternoon. . . I lost the most precious thing that life ever gave me, a three-and-a-half-year-old girl child. She was murdered at three in the afternoon, in the basement of a house only a few doors from ours. . . Had I caught the boy in the act, I would have wished to kill him. Let no feeling of cave-man vengeance influence us. Let us rather help him who did so 'human' a thing. You will understand that I am not lecturing to you for the pure joy of sounding wise. I am hurt to the depths of my being, and I cry out to you to take better care of your children."

Southern Seminary trustees create new Bible-college

LOUISVILLE (BP) — A new educational program which would offer Bible-college courses to ministers with limited formal education was approved by trustees of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in annual session here.

The Boyce School of Christian Ministry, named for Southern Seminary Founder James P. Boyce, will open this fall if charter provisions are approved by the Southern Baptist Convention in Portland, June 12-14.

Facilities for the new school will be in the building once used by the Woman's Missionary Union Training School, later renamed the Carver School of Missions and Social Work, which was merged with the seminary 10 years ago.

The 60,000 square-foot building contains residence facilities, classrooms, offices and a chapel, and is situated on the western edge of the seminary campus.

Allen Willis Graves, former dean of the school of religious education and currently vice president for student affairs at the seminary, will become president of the new Boyce school. Graves has been a member of the seminary staff since 1955, and holds the doctor of theology degree from the seminary.

The Bible-college division of the School of Christian Ministry will have no degree program, Graves said. It will offer a wide variety of courses designed to meet the vocational needs of the commuting or resident student with minimum formal training.

Some courses will be offered one day a week, some for one week each month, and some in the evening allowing either part-time or full-time study, Graves said. No course would span more than a two month period.

With an "open admissions" policy for the new school, interested Christian laymen would be allowed to enroll in the Bible-college. Faculty would be drawn from trusted, experienced Baptist leaders in the active or retired pastorate, in church staff positions, and in denominational programs, Graves said. Generally, Southern Seminary professors will not teach in the new Bible-college division, he added.

A 15-member board of overseers was named by the seminary trustees to approve faculty and courses of the new school. Among the overseers are the executive secretaries of the Baptist state conventions of Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, and Indiana, plus other leaders in missions, evangelism and church development in a nine state area.

In addition to the Bible-college program, the Boyce School of Christian ministry will offer several programs in continuing theological education for seminary-trained ministers on a year-round basis, expanding the seminary's continuing education series begun 10 years ago.

Explaining the need for the new school, President Graves noted that more than 50 percent of present Southern Baptist pastors have had no seminary preparation and 20 percent have had only high school education or less.

"Each year the number of pastors with limited academic preparation is augmented by the addition of others who also lack college and seminary training," he said.

"Our location places some obligation on us," Graves said. "We are immediately adjacent to a densely populated area where Southern Baptist growth has been quite expansive in recent years, yet there are no Southern Baptist institutions north of the Ohio River offering preparation for many ministers without college or seminary education."

Graves spent several months making a feasibility study for the school, interviewing denominational leaders in adjacent states and officials of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, nearby Bible Schools, and the Southern Baptist Seminary Extension Department. Encouragement was voiced by all with whom he consulted, Graves added.

The Boyce School of Christian Ministry will utilize the dormant charter of the Carver School of Missions and Social Work, if the necessary revisions to that charter are approved by the Southern Baptist Convention in Portland.

Book reviews

Meditations for Happy Christians

Author: James P. Wesberry

Publisher: Broadman 1973

Price: \$3.50 (126 pages)

This book has 58 meditations which are interesting, inspiring and impressive. Fresh illustrations point to channels of happiness which are open to all who will accept. "The author challenges the reader to accept both good and bad that comes his way and to turn it into something creative." "The Answer to Life's Loneliness" and "Beyond the Death Line" are two of the topics discussed. This is an ideal gift book to both young and old. —Bruce H. Price, Newport News, Va.

Hobbs says lack of understanding is SBC's most critical problem

MILL VALLEY, Calif. (BP) — Warning against making the Statement of "Baptist Faith and Message" a "creed," former Southern Baptist Convention President Herschel H. Hobbs said the most critical problem facing Southern Baptists today is "their lack of faith and understanding of one another."

Hobbs, recently retired pastor of First Church, Oklahoma City, traced the background leading up to the decision by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1963 to reaffirm and revise the convention's 1925 statement on the Baptist Faith and Message. Hobbs was chairman of the committee recommending the statement for adoption.

He warned against looking to "The Baptist Faith and Message" as a "Baptist Creed," stating: "It is not a creed, but a statement.

"The preamble," he continued, "carefully protects the right of the individual conscience." He added that he feels some Baptist would make a creed of the document by focusing on the body of the statement and ignoring the preamble.

Speaking to faculty and students at Golden Gate Seminary here in a lecture-dialogue session, Hobbs, visiting

professor of preaching at the seminary pointed out that the committee which he chaired was appointed just across San Francisco Bay 11 years ago when the SBC met in San Francisco.

The committee, composed of all presidents of Baptist state conventions in the SBC, was asked to study the 1925 statement and recommend for approval at the convention in 1963 in Kansas City a "similar statement" or an introductory statement which might be used as an interpretation of the 1925 statement.

Hobbs, chairman of the committee and president of the SBC at the time, said that the committee "was able to make a general statement which would apply to the vast majority of grass-roots members." After much discussion and debate, the statement was approved by the 1963 convention in Kansas City.

Hobbs pointed out here that the 1925 statement came into being at a time when Baptists faced the questions being raised concerning evolution, while the 1963 statement was the result of discussions concerning "the nature of scripture."

Hobbs said the 1925 statement has been reaffirmed three times by convention vote. "If it ever needs changing, it should be done in order,

and not on the spur of the moment. If the document is to be amended, it should be amended by committee as it was in 1963. It should never be changed simply on a motion from the convention floor."

Hobbs said he does not find a greater trend toward liberalism today than in any other time among Southern Baptist seminaries.

"I think 90 percent of all Southern Baptists are right down the middle theologically, with five percent on either side," he said. Hobbs also quoted an Oklahoma newsman who once said, "A liberal Southern Baptist is a conservative Protestant."

The problem the convention today faces is not a matter of conservative versus liberal, he noted. "The problem we face is combining people from all sections of the country with varying ideas," he said.

Hobbs has been the principal preacher since 1958 for the Baptist Hour, international radio program produced by the SBC Radio-Television Commission.

10,000 copies of Bible available free at SBC

PORTLAND (BP) — More than 10,000 marked copies of the New Testament will be given away to the people of Portland during sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention here June 12-14.

SBC President Owen Cooper said the Bibles would be made available, free, to any person attending the convention who would pledge to give one copy away to some person he or she might meet while in the city of Portland.

Cooper urged the convention messengers to use the marked New Testaments in personal witnessing to carry out the theme of the convention sessions, "Share The Word, Now."

"It's going to take some effort to give away 10,000 Bibles that week," Cooper commented, "because there are not that many waitresses, bellhops, taxi drivers, hotel maids and others with whom convention-goers usually come in contact."

Cooper said the free Bibles were made available "through the generosity of a group of Southern Baptists interested in witnessing and sharing the Word, now."

A dedicatory program will be held in the Baptist Book Store exhibit area at the Portland Coliseum on Tuesday at 8:45 a.m., just prior to the opening session of the convention, Cooper said.

Glendon McCullough, executive secretary of the SBC Brotherhood Commission in Memphis, will preside over the dedication program.

Between parson and pew The evangelist

By Velma Merritt



Mrs. Merritt

Churches blindly invite evangelists to be with them during a revival. In most cases they are known only by their reputation of the number of souls saved in their previous meetings.

Evangelistic styles are as varied as the men who are in that

ministry. Some are egotistic, others are Spirit-filled. Some are extroverts, others are quieter.

We recently had the privilege of having evangelist Dan Vestal from Ft. Worth in a meeting at our church. Other evangelists would do well to look carefully at this man's love of God and church. Bro. Dan portrayed a love for the people unlike any evangelist I had come in contact with. He showed concern for the church. He did not try to draw attention to himself or what a

great sinner he had been. He tried to draw everyone's focus to Almighty God. When he entered the pulpit, he did so only to proclaim God's word. He continually encouraged the congregation.

Large numbers are usually saved in Evangelist Vestal's meetings, but ours was an exception. His comment regarding the results says much about the man. "We asked God for revival, and this is what He sent us. We would have liked to have seen more souls saved, but God brings the increase, not man."

Bro. Dan made no mention of money. He did not ask for a specific amount to come to our church and he did not ask for support from the pulpit. He left that up to the Lord also.

God has called men to the position of evangelist. He has beckoned them to preach the good news. More evangelists should remember that when they are behind the pulpit, they are to proclaim only the Good News of Jesus Christ and not exalt themselves.

Illinois men build church in West Indies

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (BP) — A small Baptist congregation on St. Kitts Island in the West Indies now has a new church building, built by their own members with the help of nine Baptist men from Illinois.

The new Mt. Carmel Baptist Church building will serve several villages on the Atlantic side of the island.

Five villages the church will serve already have mission Sunday Schools, and three have worship services. They meet in empty stores or dwellings, and one meets under a large tree.

The nine Illinois Baptist men went to St. Kitts, not to build the church for the congregation, but to work with the members, side by side, as they constructed the building together.

"Whatever we did, someone from the church worked at also — carpentry, digging, concrete mixing, etc.," said John Whitman, associate editor of the *Illinois Baptist* and Baptist Men's consultant for the Illinois Baptist State Association who served as team coordinator.

Three pastors and six laymen, including two carpenters, were recruited by Charles L. Chaney, church extension director for Illinois Baptists.

Arrangements for the work crew were made by Eugene Grubbs, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board consultant for laymen overseas, and William Womack, Southern Baptist missionary in the Windward Islands. Materials were purchased partly from funds given through the 1972 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions.

The group included three pastors, an airlines pilot who flew six of the men in a private plane, a vocational shop teacher, a mechanical maintenance supervisor for a public school, a lumberyard worker, and a carpenter for an Air Force base.

Before the nine Illinois men arrived, members of the St. Kitts Island church had dug by hand the 45 by 80 foot basement, carrying the dirt out in buckets and wheelbarrows.

Men, women and children worked with the visitors during the day, with others coming at night after working elsewhere all day.

They formed bucket brigades to pour concrete for pillars, and made the concrete blocks themselves. They also sold some concrete blocks they made to buy other materials, Whitman said.

"The younger men were anxious to learn, and our men were glad to show them how to continue with the work after we left," Whitman said.



CHURCH CONSTRUCTION IN WEST INDIES: Illinois Baptists work with a member of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, St. Kitts Island, West Indies. The men are carrying concrete to pour footings for a new church building on the island. Nine Baptist men from Illinois worked two weeks, helping local Baptists construct the new building, which will serve several villages. (BP) Photo by John Whitman

Each Illinoisan spoke at least three times at Sunday School or worship services during the two weeks, including one open-air service. They also took advantage of personal witnessing

opportunities each day, Whitman said.

At least seven persons made professions of faith, including one 20-year-old who worked every day on the project.

FMB appoints six; votes to enter 77th country

RICHMOND (BP) — The Republic of Niger was approved as a new mission field and two couples assigned there during the May meeting of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board here.

With board action, Niger became the 77th country where Southern Baptist missionaries are assigned, and the ninth nation of West Africa. Six of the nine are French-speaking countries.

The board's move, effective June 1, was precipitated by a request from Oumarou Youssoufou, who is a counselor with the Niger Republic's Embassy in Washington, D.C. The Niger national asked the board for help in establishing in his country a vocational school staffed by Christian teachers.

H. Cornell Goerher, the board's administrator for West Africa, at first expressed concern that so few Southern Baptist missionaries are equipped to work in the French language, and that it would take more than a year to prepare someone for service there.

However, plans moved ahead when it

was discovered that Hausa is the chief language of the area where the school is to be established.

Two couples, Mr. and Mrs. H. Jerold Palmer and Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Williams, were missionaries in Northern Nigerian where Hausa is spoken. Because Palmer and Williams have the necessary language skills and vocational training, they have been transferred to the Niger Republic as its first missionaries.

In other action, the board appointed two couples for general evangelism and employed a dentist and his wife as missionary associates.

The new missionaries are Mr. and Mrs. Bill F. Fudge of Youngstown, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Dan C. Routledge of El Portal, Calif.; and Dr. and Mrs. Thomas K. Goodman of Arlington, Tex.

The board also allocated \$10,000 for drought relief in Rhodesia and gave approval to travel plans relating to several projects.



The Oregon coast has spectacular scenery as viewed from Ecola State Park, north of Cannon Beach. The area is about 100 miles from Portland. (BP) Photo Courtesy Portland Chamber of Commerce

Portland, Ore.: setting for the Southern Baptist Convention 1973

Portland, host city for the 1973 meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, is a city of a half-million people. Mt. Hood, 11,245 feet high and snow-covered year round, is 62 miles away. (BP) Photo Courtesy Portland Chamber of Commerce





Statue of Sacajawea, the Indian woman who guided the Lewis and Clark expedition through several thousand miles of wilderness to the Pacific. The memorial is in Washington Park, Portland. (BP) Photo Courtesy Portland Chamber of Commerce



Memorial Coliseum, Portland, Oregon, is the meeting place for the Southern Baptist Convention, June 12-14. The facility seats 13,000, has 2,000 parking spaces, and is a short drive from downtown. (BP) Photo Courtesy Portland Chamber of Commerce



St. John's Bridge spans the Willamette River in the Northwest corner of Portland, Oregon. One of the West Coast's first suspension bridges, it has been called one of the seven most beautiful in the world. (BP) Photo Courtesy Portland Chamber of Commerce

Southern Baptists to produce 'Dale Evans Show' for TV

FT. WORTH (BP) — Dale Evans, known as "Queen of the West" and wife of movie star Roy Rogers, is the host on a new television talk show to be produced by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission here.

Filming on "The Dale Evans Show" was slated to begin in Hollywood in May, using a homelike setting, similar to the one in which Dale Evans and Roy Rogers live in Apple Valley, Calif.

"I've been thinking about such a show ever since I did the Mike Douglas Show about three years ago," Miss Evans said. "I enjoy meeting people, getting to know them and exchanging ideas with them. So I was thrilled when the Radio-TV Commission approached me."

The show will seek to appeal to believers and non-believers alike in "essentially a Christian talk show," Miss Evans said. "This show will be an excellent opportunity to bring the whole spectrum of the American way of life into spiritual focus.

"We plan to present guests who may be sometimes controversial, who will have very definite opinions, and who will be able to express these opinions clearly," she said.

"We will deal with serious subjects which can stand in-depth probing," including such topics as law and order, marriage, welfare, racial discrimination, obscenity, abortion, sports, etc.

"I expect to have guests from the medical profession, lawyers, writers, politicians, athletes, and probably even

people who are not celebrities but who have given unselfishly of themselves to other people," she added.

"I believe such a talk show will be successful because I feel the spiritual life in America must catch up to the scientific life in America," she continued.

"The fact that Disney productions are highly successful, and that several religiously-oriented films have done so well encourages me," she stated. "The public wants realism, but it also wants entertainment. People recognize that some things are innately right and that wrong must not be glorified."

Aside from a planned musical opening expected to involve scenes from Miss Evans' movie and television career, "The Dale Evans Show" will have an unstructured format to allow for interesting dialogue and discussion. One portion of the show will feature Miss Evans' opening mail from listeners who ask her opinion on subjects, or make observations.

Paul M. Stevens, president of the SBC Radio-TV Commission, described Miss Evans as an ideal host, saying "she is a woman of great charm and warmth, whose compassion and deep Christian convictions are known to everyone who has ever met her or read her books. We feel deeply confident that she is the best possible choice for this show and that she will make it one with which we will be pleased to be associated."

WMU names 'Contempo' editor

Miss Ellen Dossett, a former missionary journeyman and school-teacher, has been named editor of *Contempo*, the monthly magazine for Baptist Young Women.

Miss Dossett will move to the Birmingham office of Woman's Missionary Union, publisher of *Contempo*, June 25.

She presently works with the Department of Juvenile Services in Maryland, and previously worked on the staff of *The Maryland Baptist* state newspaper.

Miss Dossett, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. William Lee Dossett of Mobile, Alabama, is a graduate of Samford University, Birmingham. She served two years with the Foreign Mission Board as a missionary journeyman in Kenya. She taught school in Citronelle, Alabama, and in Baltimore, Maryland.



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\$221,287 gift given to Southeastern Seminary

WAKE FOREST, N.C. (BP) — The largest gift from an individual in the 23-year history of Southeastern Seminary has been presented to the school by a Richmond, Virginia Baptist layman.

Harwood Cochrane, chairman of the board of Overnite Transportation Co., has given \$221,287.50 to the Southern Baptist institution.

The money will go into the Harwood Cochrane Endowment Fund established by the seminary trustees in their annual meeting here.

Income from this gift will be used to supplement salaries of three distinguished professors and to inaugurate a scholarship program for students who will be designated as Cochrane Scholars.

Students will be selected from the scholarships on the basis of excellence

in character, scholarship, commitment, and promise in Christian ministry.

In other major actions the trustees confirmed the election of Thorwald Lorenzen as assistant professor of New Testament and named J. Colin Harris to the faculty as assistant professor of Christian education. Harris is a member of the instructional staff of Meredith College.

Trustees were told that student enrollment for the fall semester was 581, the largest in the past ten years.

The trustees also approved the renovation and enlargement of the seminary library building in the coming year at a cost of \$650,000. This construction has been planned to accommodate the growing collection of books and to provide expanded library services, seminary officials said.

In another action the trustees voted to permit persons holding the bachelor of divinity degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary to exchange that degree for the master of divinity degree upon payment of a fee set for processing the exchange of degrees.

Sabbatic leaves for the 1973-74 academic year were granted to Donald E. Cook, professor of New Testament; Ellis W. Hollon, Jr., professor of philosophy of religion and Max G. Rogers professor of Old Testament.

Twenty-eight members of the Board of Trustees coming from 21 states were present for the annual meeting.

Claud B. Bowen, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Greensboro, N.C. was re-elected president of the board.

J. Nixon Daniel, an attorney in Pensacola, Florida, was re-elected vice-president. Henry Bridges, state auditor of North Carolina, is secretary and Nash H. Underwood, a dentist in Wake Forest, N.C., is treasurer of the board.

YOUR RIGHT TO KNOW

Why changes were made in the Insurance Program

By
Darold H. Morgan

Every family needs medical and hospital protection! Ministers and church employes are not excluded. They, too, get sick and run up huge medical bills. We know. Last year almost \$5½ million was paid in claims through the Health Benefit Plan we administer for church employes.

We're thankful we can offer a plan that helps our people when their bodies hurt. Without this protection, the financial impact of major illness or accident can be ruinous to them.

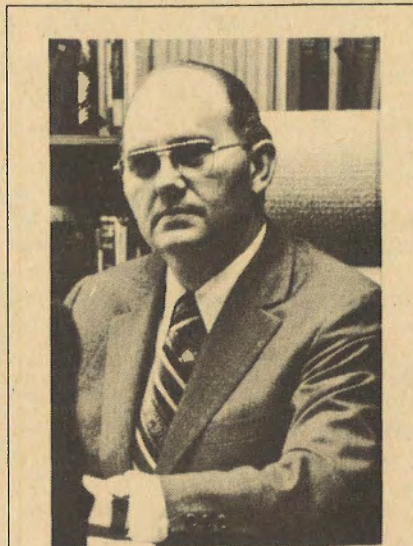
Yet, we have been acutely aware and concerned about rising costs of medical and hospital protection.

After coming to the Board, I felt our members were tired of all the changes we had to make to keep the plan going. I wanted to stabilize the insurance program for them. To do this, a committee of trustees, all insurance specialists, and the Board staff studied the problem. Our decision to make changes and seek bids from different companies came from this study.

With the old plan, we tried to administer a true group plan. To be effective, a group plan must have 75% of all eligible members participating. About 35% enrolled. Without the necessary enrollment, costs had to rise. We also learned there was a very direct relationship between costs of medical insurance within different areas of the nation and within age groups of members.

We faced three alternatives:

- (1) Operate the old plan without changes and anticipate future premium increases;
- (2) Close the plan entirely, or
- (3) Change the plan altogether.



This is the fourth in a series of informal messages by the Annuity Board President.

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We eliminated the first two. To continue the old plan would violate the spirit of the recommendation of messengers of the Southern Baptist Convention, who last June asked the Board to consider changes.

To close the plan would create problems for our members. Most would have to get protection elsewhere; others would be unable to get coverage anywhere, because of pre-existing health problems.

Our only feasible alternative was to change the plan entirely. Out of our study came the now available "Designed Insurance Protection for Employees of Southern Baptist Churches." It is a new kind of program underwritten by Aetna Life & Casualty which has individual and group coverage concepts.

The program provides life insurance, disability income insurance and medical benefits. Members are classified by age and geographical location. We believe the only fair way to stabilize the program for all is for each to assume his share.

The program allows a member to select coverage based on his personal need. He has a choice of three different schedules of life insurance and four separate plans of medical and hospital protection. In addition, he may include long term disability income protection relating to his salary.

We sincerely believe our new program will result in improved benefits, service and stability despite the higher costs for some members.

We appreciate the support we have received in the changes made. We look forward optimistically to the challenging future as we see the new insurance program becoming a major segment of our ministry.

Let us tell you more about the insurance program. Write me. I'll see that you get information as quickly as possible.

Southern Baptist Church Music Conference

Sheraton Motor Inn, Portland, Ore.

June 15-16, 1973

Friday morning, June 15

- 9:00 Call to order and presentation of the program — Carl Perry, president, Southern Baptist Church Music Conference and minister of music, First Church, Knoxville, Tenn.
Hymn: "God of Grace and God of Glory"
- 9:05 Welcome to Portland! — Sam Fort, state music secretary, Northwest Baptist Convention, Portland, Ore.
- 9:10 Interlude — Miss Carol McClure, harpist, Louisville, Ky.
- 9:25 Concert by Ministry '73, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Chorale, directed by Phillip Landgrave, professor, Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.
Cantata — "The Gospel According to Christmas," by Phillip Landgrave. The cantata includes the 1973 Church Music Conference commissioned anthem, "He Came, He Comes," by Phillip Landgrave
- 9:55 The Nashville sound — Loren R. Williams, music sales specialist, Broadman Press, Nashville, Tenn.
- 10:05 Message: "A Singing Religion" — Charles A. Trentham, pastor, First Church, Knoxville, Tenn.
- 10:30 Exhibit break
- 10:50 Honorary membership presentation to Mrs. B. B. McKinney, Nashville, Tenn.
- 11:00 Master class with Jean Berger, professor, University of Arizona, Tucson, presenting his new choral drama, "Yiphtah and His Daughter"

Friday afternoon

- 1:15 Hymn "Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him"
- 1:20 Concert — The Youth Choir, First Church, Abilene, Tex., directed by Tom Mosley
- 1:50 Piano Concert — Max Lyall, professor, Belmont College, Nashville, Tenn.
- 2:15 Round Robin Conferences (five conferences running simultaneously, beginning at 2:15 and repeated at 3:10 to enable participants to choose two conferences)
— "Youth Choirs on Tour," led by Steve Hilson, Stitt Coombs Evans Talent Agency, Los Angeles, Calif.
— "Sound Systems — Display and Demonstration," led by Bruce Braun, technician, National Broadcasting Co. (NBC-TV), Los Angeles, Calif.
— "How To Get Your Anthem Published," led by Don Hinshaw, publisher's representative, Carl Fisher, Inc., New York City
— "Building Spirituality in Group Singing," led by Sonny Salsbury, composer for Word, Inc., and minister of music in Yakima, Wash.
— "Choreography, Staging," led by Alex Plasschaert, choreographer, North Ridge, Calif.

3:10 Repeat five Round Robin Conferences listed above

- 4:00 Departmental Conferences
— Local church division
— Educational division
— Denominational division
— Instrumentalists
— Conference wives' fellowship

Friday evening

- 6:00 Southern Baptist Church Music Conference Banquet, West Ballroom, (tickets must be purchased in advance, prior to June 1, \$5.50 each) Entertainment: The Spring Street Singers, directed by Buryl Red

Friday night

Session at First Church, 909 Southwest 11th, Portland

- 7:45 Organ Prelude — Mrs. Kathleen Skipton Stewart, First Church, Portland
- 8:00 Worship Service — William J. Reynolds, secretary, Church Music Department, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.
Soloist: Randall Veazey, tenor, evangelistic singer and voice teacher, Foley, Ala.
- 8:30 Concert by Miss Mary Costa, star of the motion picture, "The Great Waltz," and former soloist, Metropolitan Opera
Accompanied by Max Lyall, Belmont College, Nashville, Tenn.

Saturday morning, June 16

- 9:00 Hymn, "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"
- 9:05 Conference business session
Registration committee report
Membership committee report
Resolutions committee report
Secretary-Treasurer report
New business
Introduction of new president and council members
- 9:30 Concert, "The Trouveres," California Baptist College, Riverside, Calif., directed by Curtis Cheek
- 10:00 Exhibit break
- 10:20 "The Trends of Performance in the New Music" — Kurt Kaiser, Word, Inc., Waco, Tex.
- 10:40 "The Trends in Church Music Today" — Ralph Carmichael, composer, conductor, arranger
- 11:00 Premier performance of new youth musical, "God Is Here — I'm Here — Now We Can Start," by Ralph Carmichael and Kurt Kaiser
Performed by the choir of First Nazarene Church, Portland, Ore.
- 12:00 Adjourn

God is supreme

By Bob L. Wright, Pastor
First Church, Harrison

International
June 10, 1973
Exodus 20:3-5a
Matthew 6:24-33



Wright

Under the general heading "God's Laws for Man" there are two units. The first unit for this month was "The Necessity of Law." The second unit is "Disciplined Living in Relation to God," and will be covered in three lessons.

This lesson deals with the first two of the Ten Commandments. The first commandment requires an absolute loyalty to God.

God is first (Ex. 20:3)

It makes no change in God that you relegate him to a second or third or fourth or any other position in life. God is first! Placing God secondary to other things of life does not judge God, but judges the one who chooses other things before God.

Law prohibits because men are sinful. But prohibitions presuppose as their foundation positive commands. Alexander Maclaren says "We are forbidden to do something because we are inclined to do it, and because we ought to do the opposite."

In the day of Moses men believed in many gods. They do still. God expected the people in Moses day to have him first. He does still. And a God can not remain a God worthy of supreme devotion if He has to step down occasionally from his throne to allow some other god to reign even for a few moments. God must have first place in your life because he is supreme. Therefore, you have no need even for a second god or a place for a second god.

The negative is quickly followed by the positive intimations, "You shall have me." To accept that offer would recover all lost hope and fill every empty heart. This proposition affirmed would bring life and courage to otherwise dead and discouraged people.

Idols are out (Ex. 20:4-6)

An idol is worshipped for its imagined power. And the truth is that idolatry is a live problem today. In the Bible, references to the second commandment are far more numerous than are the references to any other. We must not take lightly what the Bible treats so seriously. The constant temptation faced by so many is that of an "easy tolerance." This leads to compromise and eventually contamination.

Idols take various forms. And each form is an effort to localize God. Each form limits God in respect to the maker. The idol maker is not so foolish as to believe the man-made god unbreakable. He is only forming a god he can control.

Idols for believers are out! No matter what form that idol may take it must go. In our day there are idols everywhere. The idols of the twentieth century take the form of comfort, recreation, job, house, and possessions. The tragedy is that so many have come to tolerate all of these as essential. The warning from God is that he will not tolerate anything which stands between him and his creation.

"For I the Lord thy God am a jealous God," indicates the degree to which God feels toward each person. You matter greatly to God. He knows you better than you know yourself. He knows that you can not survive spiritually worshipping anything other than the true and living God. Secondly, the nature of idols themselves call upon idolaters generations of heartache and disappointment, "For I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me" (Exodus 20:5b.)

Yet to those who dare to recognize him as supreme there is unlimited mercy and abundant love. "And showing mercy unto thousand of them that love me and keep my commandments" (Ex. 20:6.)

The commandment is clear. "Thou shall not make onto thee any graven image." Eventually every man is like his god. You become like the thing that you put in the place of God. Idols are out! God said so!

Supreme service is always singular (Matt. 6:24)

Every life must declare its god. Every person must discover his center. Each has the right to choose. In religion Jesus said the choice is narrowed to an alternative, God or things. The choice finally narrows down to a dominant direction. And our very nature requires that we must choose. We can not travel in two directions at the same time. The appli-

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cation is much like the Oriental saying, "No man can carry two melons in one hand."

Elton Trueblood in his book *Foundations for Reconstruction* says "The number "one" differs from all other numbers, not in degree but in kind. The step from two to three is relatively slight, but the step from one to two is enormous. A man who has two wives and a man who has three wives are in the same class; they are polygamist; they are both able to divide their deepest affection. But both are totally different from the man who, because he can not divide his affection, is wholly loyal to one wife . . . there is more essential difference between one and two than there is between two and a million." Truly, this is the difference that a supreme belief in a singular God can make in your life.

Jesus has always called for single-hearted devotion to God. "Mammon" is not always evil. In this context it simply describes a situation that is impossible. And Jesus is making the call to discipleship clearly one of singular devotion.

As God declared himself to be the one true God so Jesus calls for one direction in discipleship. Divided service cancels out any hope of supreme commitment. Divided loyalty proves to be no loyalty at all, "For either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other."

Jesus urges a singular service which will bring an added blessing: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added onto you." This experience is now commonly called "serendipity." It means the gift of finding valuable or agreeable things not sought for. But the kingdom must have priority. And that is the choice open to each one of us. It is as though Jesus said, "Make the kingdom of God your aim, your goal, your life pursuit, and you will find something unexpected lying there along the path of your search."

Conclusion

Only God is to be worshipped. Idols, whatever their form, must go. The choice you make is yours. You may love God supremely or ignore him. You may trust him or deny him.

God asks that we keep our eye on the main direction of life.

The American visitor in Moscow, observing the people standing in line at the GUM dep't. store, patiently waiting to buy the scarce merchandise, was reminded of the remark of a Russian delegate to the U.S. when he was shown a copy of Sears, Roebuck catalogue.

"Do you mean to tell me," he said, "that in America all these things are available to the masses?"

"Available. heck," exclaimed the American. "In America we have to beg people to buy them."



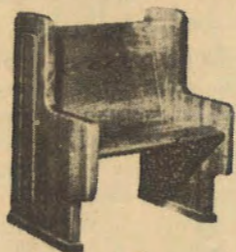
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A smile or two

A woman on a diet was told by her little girl that she shouldn't eat peanuts because they would make her fat.

"How do you know that?" asked the mother.

"Mother," said the little girl, "haven't you ever seen an elephant?"

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I've forgotten who it was who told me about a friend who only took up golf last summer and who, in playing an early round, hooked a screaming drive toward a group of players in an adjoining fairway. In the tenseness of the moment, he forgot the traditional warning cry of "Fore" but he did come up with a suitable substitute.

"Two, two," he shouted in alarm.

Well, it all added up to the right number, anyway.

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An apprentice plumber that quits is called a drip-out.

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After the same bank teller had been robbed five times by the same crook, the FBI man asked if he noticed anything special about the thief. "Yes," recalled the victim. "Everytime I see him he's wearing better clothes."

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With the present low value of the dollar and the high price of meat what we need is a new form of currency: Beef jerky imprinted with a profile of the secretary of agriculture.

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A Navy recruit lost his rifle on the firing range. When told that he'd have to pay for it, he protested: "Suppose I was driving a Navy jeep and somebody stole it. Would I have to pay for that, too?" He was informed that he would have to pay for all government property he lost.

"Now," the recruit said, "I know why the captian always goes down with his ship."

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A dude pulled his new high-powered automobile to the gas tank and said, "Fill'er up!" The attendant pushed the gas into the tank and the driver left the motor idling. In a little while, the gas station attendant went up and tapped on the window. "You'll have to turn the motor off," he said, "you're gaining on me."

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If you want to forget all your other troubles - wear tight shoes.

Attendance report

May 27, 1973

Church	Sunday School	Church Training	Ch. Adns.
Alexander, First	55		
Alma, First	259	105	1
Alpena	54	19	
Berryville, First	158	51	2
Booneville			
First	172	154	
Glendale	80	40	2
Camden, First	469	67	2
Cherokee Village	102	3	3
Conway, Second	290	85	3
Crossett			
First	452	115	1
Magnolia	160	106	
Mt. Olive	338	169	2
Des Arc, First	191	82	
Forrest City			
First	634	175	2
Second	139	62	
Ft. Smith			
Haven Heights	215	102	
Trinity	190	46	1
Greens Ferry, Westside	101	39	
Hampton, First	103	42	
Harrison, Eagle Heights	201	96	7
Hope, First	438	119	1
Hot Springs			
Grand Avenue	214	128	3
Leonard Street	65	50	
Park Place	393	101	
Piney	220	63	1
Vista Heights	90	59	3
Hughes, First	164	48	
Jacksonville			
First	323	54	2
Marshall Road	249	118	1
Lake Village, Parkway	58	39	
Lavaca, First	221	96	
Little Rock			
Crystal Hill	129	60	
Geyer Springs	640	178	4
Life Line	523	107	6
Martindale	96	62	
Woodlawn	84	40	
Mabelvale, Shannon Hills	63	37	1
Magnolia, Central	503	168	3
Melbourne, Belview	152	103	3
Monticello, Second	222	104	
North Little Rock			
Baring Cross	458	114	1
Calvary	352	120	1
Levy	330	105	
Park Hill	591	115	
Paragould			
East Side	160		
First	333	92	1
Paris, First	355		
Pine Bluff, First	545	174	
Green Meadows		18	
Prairie Grove, First	136	74	
Rogers, First	507		
Roland, Natural Steps	80	53	
Rudd	40	11	
Russellville			
First	376		1
Second	144	44	
Springdale			
Berry Street	92		
Caudle Avenue	124		
First	694		5
Vandervoort, First	27	13	
Vimy Ridge, Immanuel	61		
Warren			
Immanuel	225	61	1
Westside	57	43	
West Helena, Second	179	81	

Hospitality is the art of making people want to stay without interfering with their departure.

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What does the SBC president do?



Interviewing Owen Cooper are Steve Stanford, Steve Epperson, and Stane Stanford. (Brotherhood Commission photo by Tim Fields)

YAZOO CITY, Miss. — "Mr. Cooper, what does the president of the Southern Baptist Convention do?"

To 10-year-old Steve Stanford, that seemed like a good place to begin. It was something he thought 125,000

Crusader Royal Ambassadors would like to know.

Steve, his brother Stan, and Steve Epperson were representing all Crusader RAs as they interviewed SBC president Owen Cooper. All three boys attend the First Baptist Church here, where Cooper is a member.

Cooper's answers to the boy's questions appear in the June issue of *Crusader*, the monthly missions magazine for boys ages 6-11.

The questions ranged from what Cooper liked best about being president to where he got his turtle collection. Many of the questions had a very practical turn, such as "Who does your job here while you are away on convention business?" and "Have you ever worried about getting skyjacked?"

When asked what one change he would like to see among Baptists, Cooper replied, "To deepen the spiritual commitment of the layman. If laymen are really committed to the Lord, his program, and the sharing of his word, any other problems will take care of themselves. Such things as church attendance, giving to the church, personal witnessing, mission involvement, and providing leadership for various church organizations will naturally come from a person totally committed to the Lord."

Looking toward this year's convention meeting, Stan Stanford asked if Cooper expected to be re-elected. "I have no plans about that," the president responded. "I will be nominated, and then it's in the hands of the messengers to decide what they want to do."

Church services and materials catalog available in June

NASHVILLE — The first of its kind, the new "Church Services and Materials Catalog 1973-74," will be available this month, according to David P. Turner, central support group leader at the Sunday School Board.

Planned and produced by the board's church services and materials division, the catalog features all church literature and Convention Press materials along with related Broadman products.

"The purpose of this catalog is to provide one resource from which churches can preview and select materials to support their church emphases for the coming year," said Allen B. Comish, director of the church services and materials division. "For the first time, related products in church literature and Convention Press are being presented together as a church would use them."

The catalog, a reference book to be used year-round, is designed to assist churches in selecting and ordering for the 1973-74 church year. It is presented

by church program emphases as an aid to churches in their planning. It contains Sunday School, church training and church music curriculum content frameworks. These content frameworks provide a preview of lessons being offered. It also includes a section on ordering, along with church literature and Baptist Book Store order forms.

New program materials featured are Day Camping, Summer Youth Program, CHURCH: the Sunday Night Place and Backyard Bible Club. Other emphases include a Pastor's Section, People-to-People, Witness Involvement Now (WIN), New Church Study Course, Church Rally to ReaLife, Church Library Services, Family Spiritual Growth, Deacon Materials and more.

One copy of the catalog will be sent to each church and another to the church library without charge. Additional catalogs may be obtained by sending \$1 for postage and handling to Promotion Section, Central Support Group, Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Ave., North, Nashville, Tenn., 37234.

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