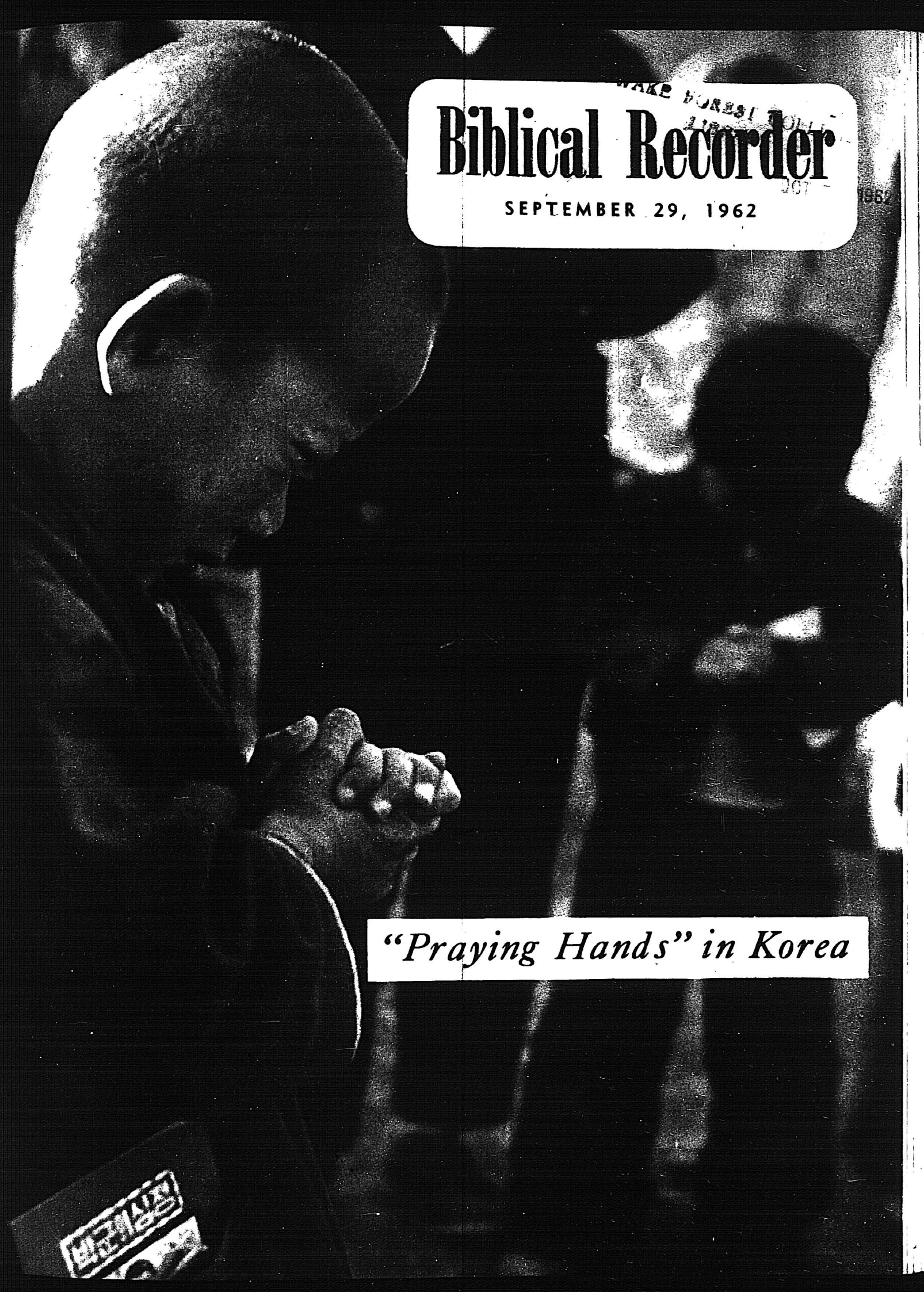




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Trite But True: History Repeats Itself With Southern Baptists

NASHVILLE — Notes put together while spending four days in this strategic city attending the Communications Conference, the SBC Executive Committee meeting and a session of the 1964 Baptist Jubilee Emphasis Committee:

Editor's Notebook

The Toy and Whitsitt controversies mentioned on the opposite page need further amplification. After 10 years on the Southern Seminary faculty (1869-79), Dr. Crawford Howell Toy resigned because of his advanced views of biblical criticism which had become unacceptable in the Convention. He was professor of Old Testament interpretation and later won distinction as teacher, scholar and author at Harvard University where he was Hancock Professor of Hebrew and other Oriental Languages.

President W. H. Whitsitt resigned at the same institution in 1899 after a controversy over an article he published. Dr. Whitsitt stated that English Baptists

revived baptism by immersion in 1641, a conclusion he reached after careful study and research in Europe. His documented statement undercut the foundation of the Landmarkers who preached the historical succession of Baptist churches from New Testament times. Relentless warfare was waged on the seminary as well as Whitsitt by some Baptist editors and correspondents. The storm subsided only when Dr. Whitsitt resigned.

It's a trite saying, but it's amazing how history repeats itself as Midwestern Seminary trustees this week discuss the fate of Dr. Ralph Elliott who has Southern Baptist history against him in defending his book on Genesis.

The marvels of this communications age were discussed, displayed and used in one session of the Communications Conference. An automatically dialed telephone call was put through to Stanton Nash, Hawaiian secretary, and to L. A. Watson, Alaska secretary. It was 5:30 a.m. in Honolulu and 4:30 a.m. in Anchorage—

and the men sounded like it when they answered the telephone. W. Cecil Bell of Nashville's Southern Bell division handled the demonstrations with W. C. Fields talking to the two "risers" in the 49th and 50th states. The automatically dialed telephone permits the user to file numbers into the phone and then flip to them when needed, eliminating laborious hand dialing. This was just one of many new developments shared with conference participants.

Dr. James L. Sullivan of the Sunday School Board described the new data processing equipment which will turn printed records at the rate of 14,000 words per minute. The IBM computer will help tremendously in keeping up with the study course record of 2½ million Southern Baptists. In the past, this has been a time-consuming, often-delayed job. The computer also will be used for many other jobs such as merchandise control for the Book Stores.

Clarence Duncan of the Radio-TV Commission told the Executive Committee that radio programs produced by the Commission are now broadcast in 50 states for the first time in the 24-year history of the agency. In addition to the news, he said that the Baptist Hour recently added the 500th station to its string—WKYB of Paducah, Ky. The half-hour program started in 1941 with 17 stations in 11 states carrying it.

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THESE FOUR TAR HEELS were among those on hand September 19 for the cornerstone-laying ceremonies of the new SBC building in Nashville. It will house the Executive Committee and other offices. Left to right are Dr. Douglas M. Branch and three Executive Committee members from North Carolina — Dr. W. D. Morris, Wilmington; Dr. A. Leroy Parker, Greensboro; and State President Nane Starnes, West Asheville. The building may be ready for the next semi-annual meeting in February. (Photo for RECORDER by Theo Sommerkamp of Baptist Press.)

ashville Talk: Critical Board Meeting at Midwestern

ASHVILLE—A meeting of the SBC Executive Committee is often referred to as a little "Southern Baptist convention." Therefore, it is an important "listening session." Following are some impressions gathered while sitting with a number of people here September 17-20. With the Midwestern Seminary trustees meeting September 27-28, it was not surprising that this was a leading topic of conversation. Nothing was said publicly, but in the corridors it was agreed that Midwestern is approaching a climax to the controversy brought on by Dr. Ralph Elliott's book, *The Message of Genesis*.

What will the trustees do? Will Dr. Elliott be asked to resign? (It will take only a simple majority vote for resignation, whereas a dismissal requires a two-thirds vote). Will he issue a statement that will resolve the impasse that has been reached? Has sentiment within the board changed since the 14-7 vote in his favor last December? These are questions that will be answered when the board meets, but already a few trends are evident. A spirit of mediation and compromise seems to be in the air. There are those who fear that this attitude will not help Dr. Elliott and the Midwestern administration. Both apparently have remained rather firm in the face of proposals that they have a change of attitude with regard to publication of the book. A study of Southern Baptist history, particularly in the Toy and Whitsitt controversies 1869-1879 and 1886-1899 reveals that in both instances the men involved stepped aside, thus avoiding a serious split in the convention. (See *Editor's Notebook*.)

Midwestern trustees face a very delicate situation and, being Baptists, they do not all agree on how to resolve it. Pressures on them are tremendous. Their decision could be one of the most important made by an SBC body in many years. Thus they need our prayers as they meet. Next week's RECORDER will give you the full story of this critical board session.

Executive Committee Acts Speedily

Perhaps the most important action taken by the Executive Committee was authorizing the telegram sent to every member of Congress asking that the higher education bill be delayed "until church-state problems (in it) are eliminated." The hour was late September 19, but the committee realized the seriousness of the matter before it when the House was voting the next morning. A smaller committee was sent out to digest and put more punch into the statement submitted by the Public Relations Subcommittee. This was done and a call made to Dr. Emanuel Carlson in Washington asking him to see that the telegrams were on the desk of each Congressman next morning. The final vote was close, 214 to 186, and the speedy action of the Executive Committee could have been the difference, along with the opposition expressed by the National Education Association. Columnist Drew Pearson identified House Speaker John McCormack as one of the men working hard to push through the legislation which

was supported by many Catholic institutions.

This is another instance in which the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in Washington is proving its worth many times over. Greatly outmanned by Roman Catholic legislative experts, Dr. Carlson and Barry Garrett always hold their own—and then some. They should have more help.

Tremendous Job by BJA Ideals Committee

It is our prediction that the statement prepared by the Baptist Ideals Committee to be used in connection with the 1964 Jubilee Advance emphasis will prove to be one of the greatest of its kind ever prepared by Southern Baptists. Dr. Ralph Herring is chairman of the committee and Dr. S. L. Stealey of Southeastern is a member. The statement won't be released until September 1, 1963, but it was enthusiastically approved by the 1964 BJA Committee in its session here. It deals with vital areas of the Christian life which are so meaningful to all Baptists. Wide distribution will be made of it during the Jubilee Year in 1964. Dr. Herring and his committee are to be commended for their superb job, which took literally hundreds of man hours to complete.

N. C. Tragedies Concerned Everyone

Everyone here was talking about the twin tragedies which hit North Carolina in one weekend—the deaths of Dr. and Mrs. V. Ward Barr and the passing of Dr. Charles Maddry. Special prayer was offered for their families by Dr. Duke McCall at the request of the Executive Committee. Dr. Baker J. Cauthen flew home to assist in Dr. Maddry's funeral as did Dr. C. C. Warren to conduct the funeral for the Gastonia pastor and his wife. All three of these valuable servants will be keenly missed. Our hearts go out especially to First Church, Gastonia—one of our truly outstanding churches. The two boys left without parents should also be in the prayers of N. C. Baptists in the difficult days ahead.

Teacher Is the Difference

THE FOLLOWING QUOTATION may be an oldie, but we enjoyed it tremendously and pass it along at a time of the year when nominating committees are trying to line up Sunday school teachers and Training Union leaders for the coming year:

"Give two teachers the same kind of class. One will love his pupils and seek to help each one. The other will merely meet the class. One will study diligently in order to have a message for the class; the other forgets to study. One will visit the class members and prospects; the other never gets around to visiting. One builds his class; the other lets his class die. One is never absent unless it is unavoidable; the other uses the slightest excuse to stay away. One is approved of God; and the other. . . ."

Do Beliefs Matter?

Lesson for October 7, 1962

John 3:17-18; 2 Thessalonians 2:13-16; 2 Peter 3:14-18

In the modern world religious beliefs seem to grow less and less important. The more we learn about the universe and about our life on this planet, the less we feel the need for the intangibles of the spirit. For a people who knew very little, God was the explanation of the unknown. For a people who understand the orderliness of the universe, God becomes increasingly unimportant.

That there is a trend toward complete secularism in thought there can be little doubt. Witness the increasing excitement which young people feel in the study of the sciences. Even young people who have a strong humanitarian concern tend to prepare themselves to express that concern through social service activities, through medicine, through teaching. But all over the country the theological seminaries are experiencing a drop in enrollment. This drop would not be of quite such serious concern to us if we were sure that the humanitarian interest springs out of religious conviction. But of that we cannot be sure.

It must be admitted that doctrinal concerns have sometimes been out of balance. Not all Christian beliefs are on the same level of importance. The form of church organization is a proper concern of Christians, for example, but it is not to be compared with the doctrine of the person of Christ. Yet some of us tend to be far more vocal on the former than on the latter. By a misplaced emphasis we have succeeded in making religion quite irrelevant to life in our world.

We begin today the study of a series of lessons that is of tremendous importance. We have long complained of the ignorance of our people on basic Christian beliefs. During this quarter we shall concentrate on doctrinal study. The doctrines which we shall be studying are not out on the edge but are at the heart of our faith. If we do our work well, we will have a good short course on Christian beliefs.

In religion at its best there are two basic elements: beliefs and actions. The relationship between these two elements is so close, that it is almost a "chicken and egg" kind of problem. Granted that both are necessary to true religion, which is the more important? Which is prior to the other? How does each affect the other? Are there good people who have no profound religious convictions? Are there people who are theologically correct but not very careful about what they do? To this problem we give attention today.

Belief as Trust (John 3:17-18)

Christian belief is at the outset belief in God. Only rarely in the New Testament is the word "believe" followed by "that." We do not believe that it will rain tomorrow, or that our sick friend will get well, or that we will be rewarded for our good deeds. Rather we believe God. It is in this sense that John uses the word in today's lesson.

In this sense of the word, to believe is to enter into a relationship with God. It is to see God's actions on behalf of man and to commit the self to God. Perhaps it is not so much something that you have or something that you do as it is something that you are. You do not believe once for all, but live a life of faith. It is a state of being, an abiding relationship.

At the center of this relationship with God is Christ. John sees Jesus as God's action on behalf of sinful man. In Jesus, God is working to bring man to himself. By his self-love (could we even say *self-faith*?), man cuts himself off from God. Since he is not in his proper place, that is, in right relationship with God, he is lost. As man believes, or as he comes to see God in Christ and to commit himself to him, that right relationship is restored.

Belief as trust or commitment is prior to belief as intellectual assent. Logically it would seem that we must know intellectually before we commit ourselves. Psychologically, however, such is not the case. Only when we have come to encounter the person can we understand the facts about the person. The latter is a necessary second step in a maturing Christian faith, but it is second.

Belief in this sense is of ultimate importance. This is the foundation, the starting point. All of life is built upon it. Not only our way of acting but even our way of thinking is shaped by it. Every person has some such starting point, some such assumption which is not subject to logical verification. No matter how objective he may be in the application of his principles, those principles are founded upon an assumption. For the Christian, the starting point is his belief in God.

Belief as Response (2 Thess. 2:13-14)

According to Paul, no man can by his own efforts establish a right relationship with God. Because God makes moral demands of us, we are constantly in danger of feeling that we create a right relationship with him by doing what he demands. But Paul makes it abundantly clear that no man, however good, is good enough. Salvation is the work of God.

It is in the light of this fact that we may understand Paul's statements in this passage. God has chosen us to be saved. The choice is not based upon our own relative merit. Neither is it an arbitrary, disinterested fatalism. It is a work of God's love, an assurance of God's providential care.

To believe is to respond. We do not initiate the move to return to God. Rather God has taken

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the initiative; our part is to respond. And response is not simply an action which we perform once for all. It is rather to live in relationship. Our faithfulness, our moral endeavor is the expression of our awareness of God's love in Christ.

Belief as Intellectual Assent (2 Thess. 2:15)

There is a sense in which belief is the assent of the mind to the truth of certain propositions. Since we are intelligent beings we can never be content with a religion that is not subject to a rational interpretation and explanation. Though we do not make reason supreme, we must be able to state logically and clearly just what we believe.

Paul speaks of "the traditions which you were taught by us, and urges the Thessalonian Christians to hold to them. Thus by the time Paul wrote this letter the things which Christians believed and taught about Jesus were rather well defined. There were, of course, differing interpretations of Jesus. It was for this reason that Paul wrote many of his letters, and indeed the much of the other materials in the New Testament were written. Christians needed (and still need) a description of the person and work of Christ which will be adequate to serve as a basis for evaluating all new interpretations and concepts. We have this description in the New Testament. Many other religious works of great value have been produced. But all of them are to be weighed and evaluated in the light of the truth in Jesus Christ.

Paul would not agree that "it doesn't matter what you believe, so long as you are sincere and honest." Obviously Paul places a premium upon sincerity and honesty. But it is quite possible for a person to be sincere and mistaken in his judgment. The Christian must make every effort to understand the gospel as it is. Though there is abundant room for differing interpretations at many points, we must always try to bring our interpretations into line with the objective truth of the gospel.

Belief as Fidelity (2 Peter 3:14-18)

Second Peter is an epistle which might well have been addressed to Christians of our day. It was written at a time when there was grave danger that the moral standards of the church might be lowered. The church had grown rapidly, particularly in the Gentile world. Jews had a notably higher moral standard than Gentiles and so long as the church was made up predominantly of people of Jewish back-

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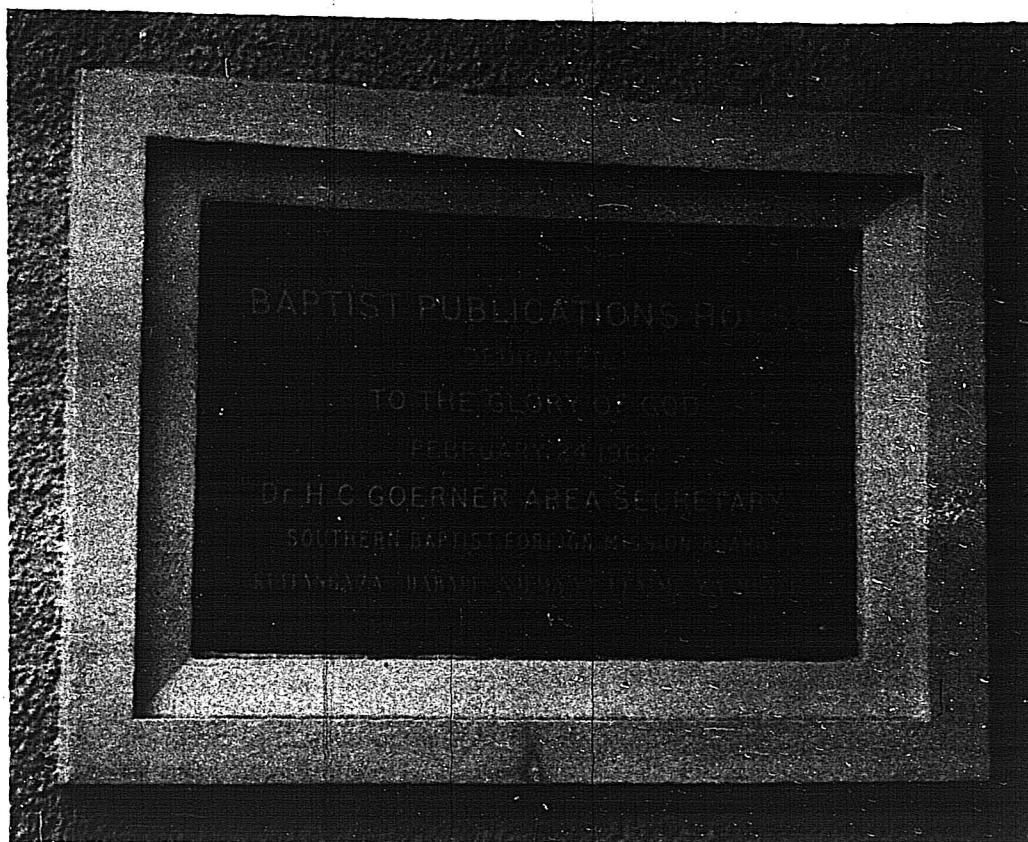
Miss Ernelle Brooks, missionary, from 102 Library St., Greenville, N. C., to Box 84, Beokuta, Nigeria, W. Africa.

ound, the question of morality would not be a basic one. But Gentile Christians would be seriously weak at this point.

Furthermore, there seems to be something about human nature which leads to an attempt to separate religion and morality. A person can be at the same time both a loyal church member and an immoral person without feeling any inconsistency. When this epistle was written, evidently some Christians were even appealing to Paul's insistence that Christians were free of the law to justify their own misconduct. Such an approach is a misinterpretation of Paul, as Peter shows, because Paul had emphasized the moral responsibility of Christians.

Although the word "belief" does not occur in this passage, the idea is there. Peter insists that genuine Christian belief cannot be separated from action. There is a way of acting that is a proper expression of Christian belief. To believe in Christ is to be faithful to him. To be faithful to him is to act morally. Some attitudes and actions are so inconsistent with the teaching and example of Christ that they can never be the fruit of belief in him. And, on the other hand, some attitudes and actions are so much in line with his teaching and example that they are the inevitable consequence of commitment to him.

Why do beliefs matter? They matter because they are the roots of action. What we believe, we are.



ENGRAVED IN SWAHILI at the bottom of the cornerstone is the purpose of the Baptist Publications House for East Africa: "To announce the good news of the kingdom of God." (Photo by Dale G. Hooper.)

Former Spencer Pastor, Now in East Africa, Helping "To Announce the Good News" There

By Dale G. Hooper

"My wife and I have decided we want to become Baptists," one of the typist-translators at the Baptist Publications House in Nairobi, Kenya, told me one afternoon recently. "We would like you to baptize us sometime soon."

A Christian of another denomination, this fine young man had continued to be faithful to his church during the year he had been working in our office. We had made no effort to bring about a change in his church affiliation. But as he translated and typed materials for distribution to the Baptist churches of East Africa he was fed a steady diet of Baptist doctrine. Now he wants a more definite and active part in spreading the good news of the kingdom by being a member of a church that sees this as its first task.

The decision of this young African and his wife, whose mother is a former member of the country's legislative council, is one evidence that the Baptist Publications House is accomplishing the purpose engraved on its cornerstone: "To announce the good news of the kingdom of God." Further evidence is reports from all areas

of East Africa saying that the materials prepared and sent out each month to more than 100 churches and preaching points are meeting a vital need in the teaching programs.

People are anxious for reading materials—they will read anything they can get. We must seize the opportunity of putting into their hands Christian literature that shows them the way of salvation, the path of growing in grace, and the road of Christian service.

(Mr. Hooper was pastor of Calvary Church near Spencer before volunteering for mission service in East Africa).

Wingate Enrollment Passes 1,000 for First Time

The registration at Wingate College has gone past the 1,000 mark for the first time in history. President Budd Smith has disclosed that fall enrollment has reached 1,002 and that the final figure could possibly reach 1,020. This would be approximately 100 more students than registered last year.

SBC Executive Committee Asks Congress To Delay Action on Higher Education Bill

NASHVILLE — The SBC Executive Committee in semi-annual session here September 19 voted to request Congress to delay action on the compromise higher education bill until "church-state" problems are eliminated. All members of both houses were contacted by night letter.

The committee said the bill merits more careful consideration because public grants to sectarian colleges, proposed in the bill, mark "a further erosion of an important public policy (not to give church college grants) and a basic constitutional provision in American life (church-state separation)."

Fruitland Expects 175 For Fall Term; Dr. Spivey Gives Convocation Address Monday

With a large freshman class and capacity enrollment of 175 expected, Fruitland Bible Institute opens for the fall term Monday, October 1. Dr. E. L. Spivey will deliver the convocation message at 7:30 p.m., and classes will begin Tuesday morning.

L. W. Cain of Marion is a new faculty member this year. He is a graduate of Wake Forest College and of Southern Seminary. He has had both pastoral and teaching experience.

Others on the faculty are: J. L. Jenkins, Boiling Springs; Robert P. Hamby, Connelly Springs; John H. Bowden, Monroe; John F. Rymer, Hendersonville; Jarvis Brock, Brevard; W. G. Camp, Mooresboro; and Fritz Hemphill, Director.



OPEN HOUSE FOR PASTORIUM of First Church, St. Pauls, was held recently. The home, located in a residential section about three-quarters of a mile from the church, is modern in every respect. It contains a foyer, living room, dining room, dinette, kitchen, utility room with half bath, family room, four bedrooms, and three bath rooms. There is a large screened-in porch and a two-car garage is attached to the house. Wall-to-wall carpeting was installed in the foyer, living room, and dining room, and the church furnished the draperies throughout the house. The Rev. Lawrence H. Knott is pastor of the church.

Further study also is needed, the statement said, because the loan of public funds to private institutions "with authority to give away 20 per cent of those funds as scholarships represents an inappropriate transfer of administrative functions to private or church agencies."

Approval of the bill would make \$2.35 billion in federal aid available to the nation's 2,040 colleges and universities. The bill provides for classroom construction aid to both public and church-related colleges, a loan fund for needy students and assistance for community junior colleges.

The bill restricts grants to "special purposes," such as science buildings, libraries, and engineering buildings.

But the committee said "the fact that these are specific purposes grants does not" alter the principles involved.

—MARSE GRANT

WF Enrolls Nearly 2,900

Wake Forest College began its seventh year in Winston-Salem with a record enrollment of 2,881 students.

Of the total, 2,280 are undergraduates in science, arts and business administration; 55 are fulltime graduate students; 158 are in evening classes; 158 are in law school and 230 are at Bowman Gray School of Medicine.

Dr. J. Allen Easley of the college's religion department spoke at the opening convocation which was held during the regular chapel period on Sept. 20 and marked the beginning of the college's 128th year.

House Kills Aid Bill, 214 to 186

By a vote of 214 to 186, the House Representatives voted down the compromise \$2.3 billion college aid bill which the SBC Executive Committee opposed on the ground of separation of church and state. The action sent the higher education bill back to a House-Senate conference committee and there were serious doubts that it would come again in any form.

Another body strongly opposing the bill was the National Education Association. Both groups sent telegrams to every member of Congress protesting the inclusion of church-related colleges in the federal aid program.

Rep. Edith Green (D., Ore.), floor manager of the bill, attacked Baptists for opposing the bill. She claimed it had been the policy of the United States for 100 years to give grants to church-related colleges. Observers said she made a dramatic effort to play down the "religious issue" in the bill as mere sectarian controversy.

The North Carolina delegation voted 10-2 to send the bill back to conference committee with only Reps. Harold Cooley and Herbert Bonner supporting the bill.

Major Points Listed

Major points in the compromise bill were:

(1) Federal grants totaling \$900,000,000 to private and church-connected colleges but only for building science halls and libraries. The federal government would pay 60 per cent of the cost.

(2) Low interest loans totaling \$600,000,000 for building general classrooms.

(3) Loans totaling \$600,000,000 over the next eight years for an estimated 212,500 college students. The maximum individual loan would be \$1,000 and a college could use 20 per cent of its allotment as "non-reimbursable loans."

(4) Grants totaling \$250,000,000 for community junior colleges for the next five years. The money could be spent for science, engineering or library buildings or for machinery equipment, utilities and land for such utilities.

NEW RECORDER CLUBS—Churches which have begun BIBLICAL RECORDER clubs recently include Germanton, Pilot Mountain Association, Charles C. Lethcoe, pastor, with seven subscriptions; and Maple Grove, Stone Mountain Association, Roy Franklin, pastor with four subscriptions.

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Population Explosion Challenges Churches

North Carolina Baptist churches surpassed all previous records last year in expending \$14,208,679 on remodeling and constructing new buildings. This is the best single item of expenditures among all denominations, and yet the churches are not building fast enough. The new educational buildings are usually filled to the average attendance saturation point of the building within a few months after completion.



Dr. Crowder

It is expected that by 1970 more babies will have been born than the present total membership of the ten leading denominations in America. All denominations must make up gains during the next ten years or there will be 12,000,000 more unreached people than at the present. This gigantic task cannot be done in our present facilities. The problem of building to meet the challenge of population explosion will be discussed at the state-wide Church Building Conference to be held in Spilman Baptist Church, Winston, October 5 from 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Dr. Rowland E. Crowder, Consultant in the Church Architecture Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, Tennessee, will show how the church decides the size and arrangement of the building.

Paul Johnson, a graduate of the University of Virginia and Church Architect with the Church Architecture Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee, will discuss the latest materials and designs of church buildings.



Mr. Johnson

—JACK R. BAGWELL, Secretary Church Planning Department North Carolina Baptist State Convention 301 Hillsboro, Street, Raleigh

If one holds a straw parallel to the Gulf Stream, the ocean will flow through it. If we are parallel to the celestial currents, the Divine will flow through us. — EMERSON

ON THE COVER: The dramatic picture on this week's cover was made by Dr. Charles Tabor, missionary to Korea. Note the feeling in the eyes and hands which were caught by Dr. Tabor as the boy joined his elders in prayer—with the New Testament in his pocket. This picture is used through courtesy of "The Outlook," Southeastern Seminary publication, which ran the photograph in its recent missionary edition.

Reporter Says Kennedy Caught in Tug-of-War

NASHVILLE (BP)—The President has been caught in the middle of a tug of war between the Catholic bishops and the Protestant separatists, "a religion reporter for the *New York Times* said here.

This, he added, has John F. Kennedy's political tacticians "undoubtedly worried."

The speaker was John Wicklein, who won a Freedoms Foundation Award for his coverage for the *Times* of the religious issue in the 1960 Presidential election campaigns.

"For the pragmatists among them (the tacticians), if not indeed for the philosophers," Wicklein continued, "the better course must seem to be: keep pulling with the separatists. They are aware that the cultural ratio of Protestant voters to Catholic in 1964 will still be about 3 to 1, and that religious partisanship has not died.

"To keep or gain one Catholic vote by outright support of a distinctly Catholic position that is opposed by Protestants will mean the loss of three Protestant votes."

Addressing the Southern Baptist Communications Conference here on the "continuing religious issue," Wicklein made these other observations:

"In a sense, today, the Catholic Church is standing for election . . . asking in effect to be made a partner with the Federal Government in educating the nation's school children."

"Indications are that if Kennedy were to do no more than maintain his standing with those who voted for him last time, the religious equation should be even more in his favor in 1964."

"I think it is likely that the Republicans will nominate a Catholic for the vice-presidential slot when they go in against Kennedy again."

"Kennedy became President in spite of his religion, not because of it. . . . The election (of 1960) did not hinge on

In Loving Memory



Ward and Myrtle Barr

This is the front cover of the October issue of the *Gaston Association* bulletin. The publication edited by John L. White paid tribute to Dr. and Mrs. V. Ward Barr who were killed recently in a train-car wreck in Louisiana.

the Roman Catholic Church but on the two men involved."

"It was evident many more Protestants voted against Kennedy because of his religion than Catholics voted for him because he was a coreligionist."

"Only 51 per cent of the Catholics voted for Stevenson (Adlai Stevenson, the previous Democratic Party candidate for President); three-fourths of them voted for Kennedy."

Jury Awards League \$2,250

The Christian Action League has been awarded \$2,250 in a damage suit filed against Schloss Poster Advertising Co. of Charlotte. A Mecklenburg County jury made the decision.

The League said that it had contracted with the company in 1961 to run 14-anti-liquor ads on billboards in the Charlotte area. The organization said it was damaged to the extent of \$5,000 when the Schloss company decided not to run the posters.

"It seems easier to give \$10 to a missionary to feed and clothe a hungry child than to give \$10 toward the missionary's support; and it seems harder still to give \$10 through the Cooperative Program to help train the missionary for service. How much faith do you have?"—R. T. (TOM) GREENE.

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Providence Will Observe Centennial Next Week

Providence Church at Providence, Caswell County, is observing its 100th anniversary with a weeklong celebration, September 30-October 7. The cornerstone for the new building was laid on Sunday morning, September 24. On September 30 the Rev. Roy Keller, a former pastor, will preach at the morning service; dinner will be served on the grounds at 12:30, with the cutting of the big Centennial Cake in the shape of the new church building; and all former pastors will speak in a special afternoon service.

Providence was organized as "an arm of the Yanceyville Church" in 1862, so

Pastor Paul Hardy of the Yanceyville Church will be on the program. Former pastor Billy Smith will be preaching in revival services each night at 7:30 from Monday, October 1, through Sunday, October 7.

All six of the living former pastors, one from California, one from Florida, one from Tennessee, and three from North Carolina, will be back for the occasion. Each one will preach in the morning service at 10 a.m. on "his day." The days designated are: Monday—Frank L. Israel, Westminster, Calif.; Tuesday—B. C. Lamb, Wauchula, Fla.; Wednesday—

R. W. Prevost, Ooltewah, Tenn.; Thursday—Roy D. Keller, Apex; Friday—Hugh L. Nichols, Durham; and Saturday—W. T. Smith, Fayetteville. Each will be allowed about five minutes in the evening service of his day to give highlights of his ministry and to recognize those married and baptized by him.

Pastor Charles O. Jenkins states that all offerings on September 30 will go toward reducing the debt on the new church building. It is hoped a sizeable dent will be made in the \$17,783 still owed.

Gardner-Webb's Curriculum To Include Courses Leading To R. N. Degree in Nursing

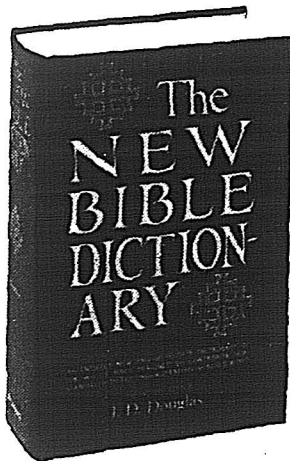
Gardner-Webb College, Boiling Springs, is broadening its curriculum to include courses of study leading to the R.N. degree in professional nursing. This is made possible by an agreement between the College and the Rutherford Hospital School of Nursing at Rutherfordton.

President E. Eugene Poston of Gardner-Webb, Mrs. Grace C. Lee, R.N., Director of the School of Nursing, and R. H. McKinnon, administrator of the hospital, joined with Mrs. Rush Stroup, chairman of Gardner-Webb's trustees, and Frank H. West, chairman of the hospital's trustees, in announcing that the agreement had been approved by the boards of trustees of both institutions. They said they believed this to be a progressive step designed to be of mutual benefit to both participants, strengthening the scholastic program of the College and of the nursing school.

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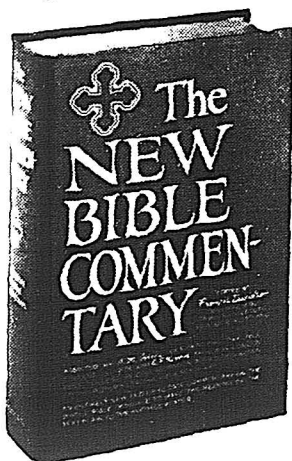
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A lonely, solitary chick, poking around in the electric incubator full of unhatched eggs, remarked, "Well, it looks like I'll be an only child. Mother's blown a fuse."

* * *

Little Susie came running to her grandmother holding a dry pressed leaf which was evidently a relic of days long ago. "I found it in the big Bible, grandma," she cried excitedly. "Do you s'pose it belonged to Eve?"

Comments on BOOKS

By C. Sylvester Green

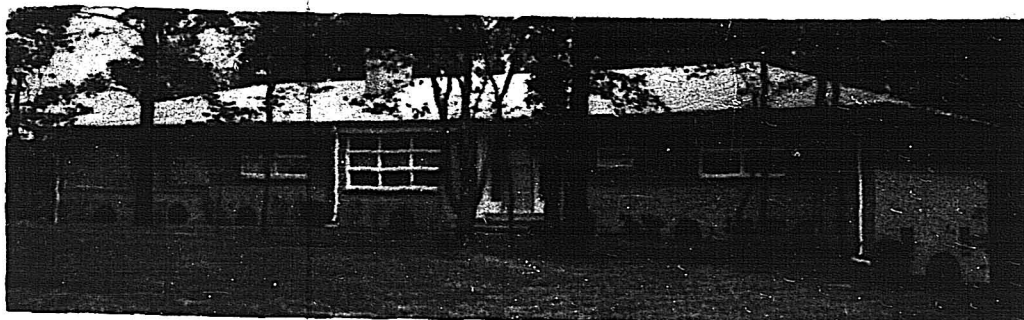
"Worthy books are not companions—they are solitudes: we lose ourselves in them and all our cares." (BAILEY)

Recently there has been reprinted **ART AND RELIGION** by Von Ogden Vogt (Beacon, \$1.75, paper). Originally published in 1921 by the Yale University Press, this new edition has added to it both a preface and an epilogue by Mr. Vogt. The 24 chapters on art and the church seem more pertinent today than they did 40 years ago. So much has happened since. Significant and foremost is the tremendous change that has come in church architecture. This the author treats in his epilogue. He seems hesitant to endorse present-day trends, but with absolute fairness shows that what is happening is a part of the liberal emphasis on free expression, and that this too is part of modern religion.

It might be most interesting after reading Vogt to turn to a beautiful new book, **CHRISTIANITY IN MODERN ART** by Frank and Dorothy Getlein (Bruce, \$5.00). Remember Vogt's tolerance, and the reader will not be too disturbed by the lambasting tirade these authors make because what is known as religious art is after the style of Hoffman and others of the Nineteenth Century. Yet they see some encouraging signs of an affinity long neglected that may bring religion and art together again after nearly three centuries. They discuss with superb illustrations painters, architects, craftsmen, and sculptors of the present who have remarkably rediscovered Christianity, and are making it vital in their work.

A careful reading of these two volumes will open an entirely new and vital avenue of appreciation of religion for the average one of us who has found little place for art in the interpretation of religion.

Labeling the Pharisees a "devout but misunderstood sect," R. Travers Herford in his study, **THE PHARISEES** (Beacon, \$1.75, paper), disputes the connection of the Pharisees with nothing short of hypocrisy and attempts to show their history and their teachings as significant in the religious development of mankind. It is a thoroughly interesting



OPEN HOUSE FOR PASTORIUM OF FIRST CHURCH, RANDLEMAN, will be held Sunday, September 30, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. The attractive home has eight rooms, two baths, and a full-size basement with fireplace. It contains 4,000 square feet of floor space in all, including the basement. The parsonage committee was composed of Sherwood D. Robbins, chairman; Charlie D. Lewis, Lester Hough, Mrs. D. B. Hilliard, and Mrs. P. H. Massey. The Rev. Fred W. Reece is pastor of the church.

Two from N. C. to Take Part in Japan Crusade

Two North Carolina Baptist pastors have been invited to preach in a nationwide Baptist evangelistic effort in Japan next spring.

The Rev. Nane Starnes, pastor of the West Asheville Church, and president of the Baptist State Convention, was named to preach in a revival in Onoda, Japan; and the Rev. Gordon Weekley, pastor of the Providence Church, Charlotte, was named to preach near Tokyo.

A total of 147 evangelists were selected for preaching assignments in the vast Baptist New Life Movement in Japan, March 26-May 6, 1963, designed to reach every person in the country. The revivals will be preceded by five area-wide crusades in major metropolitan areas in Japan, with television and radio expected to take the Gospel message into nearly every Japanese home in the nation. Evangelist Billy Graham will be one of the main speakers in the area-wide crusades.

The Far East Broadcasting Company in Manila has agreed to broadcast crusade sermons in nine languages throughout Asia, including major portions of Russia and Red China.

Changes of Address

The Rev. Ray Hamilton from Wakeminster Baptist Church, Route 6, Durham, N. C., to Highland Baptist Church, 1224 Forest Drive, Mount Airy, N. C.

The Rev. Robert E. Gray from P. O. Box 751, Hillsboro, N. C., to Route 2, Liberty, N. C.

The Rev. Lonnie R. Brock from Arcoverde, Pernambuco, Brazil, to 1001 Beveridge Road, Richmond, Va. Mr. Brock, a missionary, is now on furlough.

analysis, and it is good that Beacon has reprinted this work first published by Macmillan in 1924.

The Rev. and Mrs. Judson Rotan Commended to New Field of Work

The Rev. and Mrs. Judson Rotan are highly commended by the Brunswick Baptist Pastor's Conference to the Liberty Association and the Park Place Church, Thomasville, where Mr. Rotan will become pastor October 1. He resigned the pastorate of Jennie's Branch Church, at Shallotte to accept the new work. While at Jennie's Branch, he was very active in the work of the Brunswick Association.

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LAKE VIEW MISSION, HICKORY, will become church in future.

By M. O. Owens, Jr., of Gastonia

Convention Scholarship and Loan Fund Proposed

Because of my interest in young people, and my concern for the future of our denomination, it is my expressed purpose to present to the annual meeting of the Baptist State Convention of N. C. the proposal outlined below. Recognizing that there may be flaws in the plan, or serious questions as to the wisdom of it, I should welcome comments and opinions from anyone who is willing to give a little thought to the matter. If the idea is good, but there are suggestions for improvements in the plan and its operation, these will be welcomed.

1. That a Scholarship and Loan Fund be established by the Baptist State Convention of N. C. for the purpose of encouraging Baptist young people in North Carolina in educational pursuits, especially in the area of church-related vocations, and teaching in our Baptist schools and colleges;

2. That each year on Father's Day, or some equally suitable time, the churches of the Convention be requested to seek contributions, amounting to at least 10c per member, for this Fund, with the Council on Christian Education to be responsible for promoting this annual offering;

3. That a Committee of 15, composed of five pastors, five laymen, and five women, be elected to administer the Fund; the term of membership on the Committee to be five years, with one pastor, one layman and one woman elected each year, after the first year; (in establishing the committee, one pastor, one layman, and one woman shall be elected to serve one year; one of each for two years, etc.);

4. That the rules and regulations governing the use of the monies of the Fund be drawn up by the Committee, then recommended to and adopted by the Convention; that they follow a pattern somewhat as given below:

Foundation to Invest Funds

(1) The first year 25 per cent of the monies received to be used for loans, and 75 per cent invested in a Scholarship Fund, from which only the income may be used; the second year, 50 per cent to be used for loans, and 50 per cent placed in the Scholarship Fund; the third and succeeding years, 75 per cent to be used for loans and 25 per cent for the Scholarship Fund;

(2) The Scholarship Funds to be entrusted to the North Carolina Baptist Foundation for investment and management, with the income from the Fund to be paid annually to the Committee for its distribution;

(3) The income from the Scholarship Fund to be used as outright grants to students, subject to the requirements established by the Committee;

(4) Loan funds to be made available to Baptist young people who meet the qualifications to be established, with the following as an idea:

A. A student applying for a loan must be a member of a Baptist church co-operating with the Baptist State Convention;

B. Must have maintained a "B" average or better during the last two years of high school;

C. Must be of good moral character;

D. Must be recommended as deserving by the pastor of his or her church, and by two other adults, not members of the applicant's family;

E. Preference to be given to young people who plan to pursue careers in church-related vocations, or as teachers;

F. Loans renewable to students who maintain Christian conduct and a "C" average in classwork;

G. Loans to be available for both undergraduate and graduate work;

H. Loans to be forgiven - 1/10 for each year served full-time in definite Christian service as pastor, church-related vocation, missionary, or teacher in Baptist schools or colleges;

I. Loans to bear 4 per cent interest beginning one year after a student finishes college or graduate school, or quits school.

5. Rules and regulations for this loan and Scholarship Fund are to be established by the Convention on recommendation from the Committee, and may be changed at any time by the

Lake View Mission, Hickory, Is Growing; Has Pastor Now

More than a year ago the Thermo Rankin Association conducted a survey in the Lake View area of Hickory and recommended that a mission be established there.

Under the leadership of East Hickory and Highland churches, the mission held its first meeting January 7 in the Viewmont Optimist club house.

Several months ago the two churches asked the deacons of First Church, Hickory, to consider active sponsorship of the mission and after a thorough study, members voted unanimously to undertake the project.

On September 9, the Rev. Bill Baker, associate pastor of First Church, began his duties as mission pastor. A building fund has been started and land has been purchased for the site of a future church. At the present time, 79 persons are enrolled in Sunday school and the average preaching attendance is 60.

same procedure. The Fund and the Committee may be abolished by the action of the Convention in two successive years.

Methodists Have Fund

For some time it has been my feeling that Baptists ought to have such a Fund as this with which to encourage our young people. It is true that our individual institutions have certain loan and scholarship funds, but the emphasis is not generally on helping those who plan to enter the fields of service covered by the proposal. Other denominations are far ahead of Baptists in this area. The Methodist Church has had such a Fund since 1872. In these years, more than \$12,000,000 has been made available to Methodist young people, of whom 70,000 have been helped. This past year, 4,800 Methodist churches gave \$245,000 into the Fund, and nearly one million dollars was distributed to young people who needed help, in the form of loans.

Here, it seems to me, is a wonderful way in which Baptists can help their young people, and encourage them toward the church-related vocations, and the teaching field.—M. O. OWENS, JR.

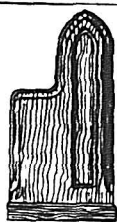
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Good News from Germany

With all of the frightening news from Germany that is spread across the pages of today's newspapers, it is heartening to be reminded that there is some good news. Dr. and Mrs. James Stertz (Jim and Eda) have just completed one year of service as the first Southern Baptist missionaries to Germany. From Russelsheim, they write the following encouraging report:

"English language work in Europe continues to grow. Jim serves as a district missionary to the eighteen churches and missions in Germany and as clerk-treasurer for the Association of Baptists in Continental Europe. The Association includes, in addition to the German groups, six churches in France, and one in Madrid. W. C. Ruchti in Rome reports high hopes for the early organization of a church there which will probably join the Association. Jim preaches every Sunday, arranges supplies for empty pulpits, holds revivals, teaches study courses and serves on the Missions Committee of the German district.

"Our most critical problem has been and is finding qualified men to serve these young churches. A few weeks ago we had six empty pulpits in such strategic places as Heidelberg and Mainz and no help in sight. Now we are glad to report that it looks as if we may have as many as five men coming to help us: an additional missionary, a missionary associate and three young seminary graduates who are coming independently to serve for a season in this work. Even with these we could use more. By Christmas there may be a church in Berlin. Anybody reading this letter looking for a challenge?

"Eda majors in WMU, though she teaches Sunday school and pinch hits in whatever spot she is needed as opportunities arise. Last Friday 31 women from eight of the English speaking churches in Germany came together for a Prayer Retreat, some driving 130 miles to get to the meeting and then back again. The hostess church in Frankfurt gave us a happy, inspirational day. Mrs. Charles Compton of Arkansas is Frankfurt's WMS president, and Mrs. Herbert Stout of Texas, the pastor's wife. Mrs. Jim Byrd of Arkansas, who is a member of the church at Furth, is Associational WMS president. Some of you may know these ladies. In a business session at the close

of the day Eda was nominated as president for next year.

"We rejoice in every opportunity we have to work with German Baptists, a people much to be admired. Jim worked with the local German Baptist church in their sponsoring of a week-end revival among the Spanish-speaking laborers in Russelsheim and was able to find Spanish Bibles and tracts for distribution among those who attended. There are thousands of Italian and Spanish laborers in Germany.

"German Baptists have an imaginative evangelistic program. The Rufer movement, begun in 1949, sends teams of young volunteers out as evangelists. These young people preach, teach and counsel, with no pay, a week at a time, in areas of spiritual need. There is the 'Time of God' movement in which married couples serve as evangelists, youth leaders or teachers for a year at no pay. Since the War, the Bund has sponsored

tent meetings many times in villages where there is no existing Baptist work.

"The Lewis Krauses from Oklahoma, recent appointees of the Board for English-language work here, will arrive in late August. Their coming will not only be a terrific boost to the work but will make it possible for Jim to enter into a more concentrated program of language study which he so much wants to do.

"Thank you for your faithfulness in writing us and in praying for us. Your interest and concern has helped us through the first difficult year of adjustment and service. Bear with us yet as we continue along a path not always smooth or easy to discern that we may follow surely as He leads."

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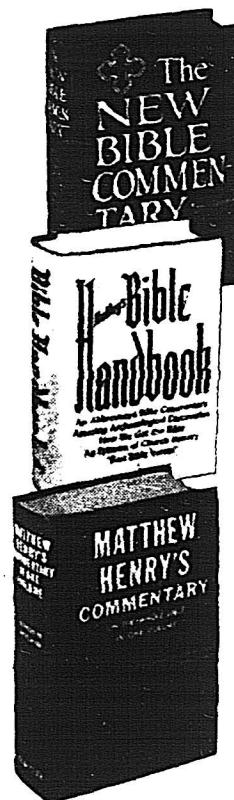
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Goldsboro's Madison Avenue Church Completes Payment on \$250,000 Building

On September 16 **Madison Avenue Church in Goldsboro** observed a mortgage-burning and rededication ceremony following the morning worship service. The event celebrated the payment of all indebtedness on the \$250,000 educational building, first occupied about six years ago. Payment of the debt, scheduled to take 10 years, was accomplished in eight and a half years. Now the 1,000-member church is looking forward to constructing a sanctuary and more Sunday school rooms. Among those taking part in the mortgage-burning ceremony were the Rev. Roy Beals, pastor; Ed Womble, chairman of deacons; and Cleo Sutton, budget finance chairman, along with other church officials.

Rozier Church, Robeson Association, recently installed stained-glass windows in the sanctuary. Previously an educational plant was built. The sanctuary has been redecorated, remodeled, and brick-veneered. The Rev. A. P. Stephens is pastor.

The **Union Church of Route 2, Lenoir**, observed its 150th anniversary recently. An all-day service was held, and three former pastors spoke during the day. Dinner was served at the church and singing was enjoyed by many friends and former members. An interesting history of the church was given by Miss Billie Triplett. The Rev. Sam Stevenson is present pastor.

Open house for the new pastorium of **First Church, Randleman**, will be held on September 30. The Rev. Fred W. Reece will begin his sixth year as pastor there the first Sunday in November. During the five years a number of improve-

ments have been made in the church plant, including renovation of the present building, carpeting the sanctuary, installing an organ and grand piano, and constructing a tower at the sanctuary at an approximate cost of \$10,000. The lot for the pastorium was bought, and present value of the church property is \$225,000. There have been 219 additions to the membership, and other phases of the work have grown accordingly.

The **First Church, Dublin, Bladen Association**, recently purchased stained-glass windows for the newly remodeled and redecorated sanctuary. Air-conditioning was part of the renovation. The educational building was redecorated also. Three new senior deacons were elected recently, and nine junior deacons are to be elected on October 14. The church has just voted to increase Cooperative Program gifts by 35 per cent. Pastor A. P. Stephens reports that the church is expanding in service and vision.

The **Berea Church Mooresville**, made good progress during the seven years and eight months of the pastorate of the Rev. Geter R. Porch, who has accepted a call to Mineral Springs Church, Jonesville. Membership has increased, as have gifts. A \$7,000 pastor's home has been paid for, a Sunday school building costing \$21,000 has been built and paid for, and a \$12,000 fellowship building has just been completed, with only about \$1,500 remaining to be paid on its cost.

On August 22 **Webb's Chapel Church** in South Roanoke Association voted to build a pastorium. A suitable lot was given almost immediately. The building fund now stands at \$2,350 and on Sunday, September 30, the congregation intends to raise the amount to \$4,000 with a special "Harvest Offering" so that construction can begin immediately. A special program of music will be presented by the choir, and dinner will be served on the grounds, with all former members invited to attend. J. Neal Tolson is interim pastor.

October Baptist Hour Topics

Baptist Hour speaker for October is Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and his sermon topics are: October 7, "From Rags to Riches"; October 14, "Life's Common Denominator"; October 21, "If at First You Don't Succeed"; October 28, "Three Dimensional Living."

Speaker for Brotherhood Conference

Dr. William C. Smith, Jr., will speak on "The Layman and His Vocation" during the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Conference at First Church, Winston-Salem, on October 5. Dr. Smith is the rector of Baptist Student Work in North Carolina. He is a graduate of Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Virginia, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.



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Ira Prosser to Direct 1963 Convention Music

Ira G. Prosser, minister of music and education for Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky., has been appointed music director for the 1963 session of the Southern Baptist Convention, which will meet in Kansas City, Mo.

Courses in Sign Language for Seminary Students and Wives

Students at Southeastern Seminary and their wives are being given the opportunity to learn sign language, thanks to the efforts of Neal Peyton, associate missionary with the Division of Missions, Baptist Student Convention, and his wife, Jo Ann.

Two beginners' classes and one advanced class are on the schedule. Jo Ann teaches the beginners' class for the student wives Thursday nights at 7:00. At the same time Neal, a senior at Southeastern, teaches the advanced course. The other beginners' course is held on Thursdays at 4:00 p.m. "It is hoped that through these courses many shall feel a responsibility toward the deaf which might be in a present, or a future, church field," Mr. Peyton said.

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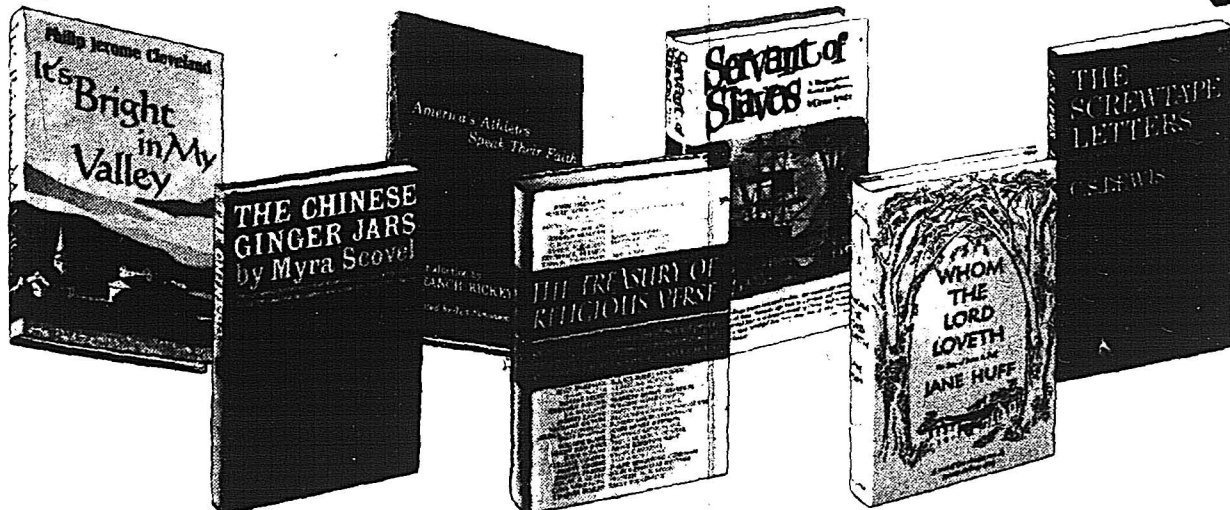
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Baptists May Exhibit At 1964 New York Fair

NASHVILLE (BP) — Baptists may have an exhibit at the New York World's Fair going on in 1964-65.

The SBC Executive Committee voted here to allocate \$32,750 from convention operating reserves for it. Other Baptist bodies in North America would be expected to combine financial resources and provide another \$32,750.

SBC participation was made dependent on the favorable decision of other groups taking part in the Baptist Jubilee Advance.

Wayne Dehoney of Jackson, Tenn., chairman of the public relations subcommittee, said from 70 to 100 million persons are expected to attend the Fair. It opens April 22, 1964, and closes in the fall of 1965.

"Exhibit space is available in the Protestant Center on a corner location on the Avenue of the Americas . . . one of the principal thoroughfares (in the fair)," he added in presenting the report.

"An art exhibit depicting Baptist mileposts, especially with reference to religious liberty has been discussed" although nothing has been chosen yet for the exhibit space, the subcommittee said.

Printed material telling about Baptists would be given out to Fair visitors, it was pointed out. Also, student summer missionaries under the direction of the SBC Home Mission Board would possibly help staff the exhibit during the two summer seasons.

Many Baptists who come to Atlantic City, N. J., for the climaxing service of the Baptist Jubilee Advance in May, 1964, would attend the Fair in New York, a comparatively short distance away. Baptists of seven groupings would take part in the Atlantic City meeting.



GREAT SPIRITUAL IMPACT for Christian Missions was made at Gaston Intermediate Camp at Gardner-Webb College the last of August. Mrs. J. T. McRae, Elkin, former missionary to Gaza, answered questions and thrilled campers with altar stories and costumes during eight 45-minute periods. Pictured is Mrs. McRae talking to the Rev. John White, Promotional Director, who is costumed as the father of an Arab family of Gaza.

Canadian Question Due for February Hearing

NASHVILLE (BP) — A full hearing will be conducted next February into the matter of seating Canadian messengers at the annual session of the Southern Baptist Convention.

This was reported here to the SBC Executive Committee. The 1962 session referred the controversial question to the Executive Committee for study. A report is expected to be made to the 1963 Convention at Kansas City, Mo.

Some Baptist churches in western Canada already send messengers to the Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington, the state convention with which they cooperate.

But Article II of the SBC Constitution

has been interpreted as barring Canadians and all others outside the United States from coming as messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Other Baptist groups in Canada have protested the proposed admission of Canadian messengers to the SBC. Messengers are elected by local churches to vote on Convention business.

The Canadian seating question was one of the major items of business before the 1962 SBC at San Francisco.

Maddry Memorial Fund

The family of the late Dr. Charles E. Maddry requests that any expressions of sympathy be made in the form of a gift to the fund started by Dr. and Mrs. Maddry for the perpetual support of a foreign missionary. All such contributions should be sent directly to Dr. Baker James Cauthen, secretary, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., and marked "The Maddry Memorial Fund."

Change of Address

The Rev. Joe Dempsey to Route 1, Evergreen, N. C.

The Rev. Geter R. Perch from Mooresville, N. C. to Jonesville, N. C.

The Rev. Paul H. Russell from Red Oak, N. C., to College Park Motel, Highway 301-A North, Rocky Mount, N. C.

The Rev. James Kisselburg from Route 1, Zionville, N. C., to Route 2, Old Fort, N. C.

The Rev. J. R. Bouldin from Whitakers, N. C., to Pinetops, N. C.

The Rev. John M. Cann from Bakersville, N. C. to First Baptist Church, Chesterfield, S. C.

The Rev. Rufus L. Morgan from Washington, N. C., to P. O. Box 156, Atco, N. J.

The Rev. Bruce B. Littlejohn from Route 2, Old Fort, N. C., to Route 1, Bogart, Ga.

The Rev. Paul Wonders, Jr., from States-

ville, N. C., to Eau Gallie, Fla.

The Rev. H. L. Crain from Saluda, N. C., to Pacolet, S. C.

The Rev. Levon Herring from Evergreen, N. C., to Cerro Gordo, N. C.

The Rev. Terry Jones from Edenton, N. C., to 209 W. Divine St., Dunn, N. C.

The Rev. Frank R. Shaw to 115 North Ave., Wake Forest, N. C.

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