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A Lifetime Of Religion And Humor

By Wayne Thompson
JOURNAL REPORTER

THE VANCE HAVNER QUOTE BOOK. Compiled by Dennis Hester. Baker Book House. 270 pages. \$9.95

IF YOU'VE HEARD a sermon anywhere in North Carolina, you've probably heard a quotation from Vance Havner.

The Rev. Billy Graham eulogized Havner, 84, who died Aug. 12 in Greensboro. Havner left more than 27 books and scores of sermons from his 72 years in the ministry. At the age of 11, Havner stood on a chair to deliver his first sermon at First Baptist Church in Hickory. Three years later, the local Baptist Association ordained the Jugtown boy a minister. He delivered his last sermon in 1985. Havner had only one pastorate, a year at a Weeksville church. The rest of the time he spent traveling the revival circuit.

In the age of television evangelism, Havner was a relic, a preacher who drew strength from a tattered Bible and an unwavering faith in God. He never allowed admirers to crank out press releases because he didn't think God's prophets should be movie stars. He liked to tell friends that a preacher should have the humility to stand in the shadow of the cross and let God shine.

Through *The Vance Havner Quote Book*, Hester has preserved Havner's legacy as a country preacher who reached his audiences with vivid language.

The quotations that make up the book — nearly 1,000 — include a wide range of subjects, from Christ to the state of America. For easier use in sermons, the quotations are filed under 470 topics in alphabetical order. The quotes are copyright-free.

A few samples of Havner's wit:

□ On the state of the church: "It's about time we quit playing church in these services that start at eleven o'clock sharp and end at twelve o'clock dull."

□ On the state of the country: "America is laughing itself to death in a vain attempt to drown its sorrows and forget its fears. Behind a thin veneer of hilarity, there are more broken homes, hearts, minds, and lives than ever in our history."

□ On television evangelism: "We are a nation of onlookers, a grandstand generation in the stadium, at the show, at home watching television. The church has become a professional pulpitism financed by lay spectators. Everything is geared to showmanship and entertainment that involves no commitment."

□ On sleep: "I think of the old bishop who could not sleep, so at two in the morning he got up and started reading his Bible. He came to where it says, 'He that keepeth Israel neither slumbers nor sleeps.' He said, 'Well, Lord, if you're sitting up, I'm going to bed. Good night.'"

For Hester, a native of Kernersville, *The Vance Havner Quote Book* represents a personal mission. Seeing many of Havner's books go out of print, Hester wanted to preserve his friend's wisdom. The book also helped him deal with the frightening decline in Havner's health that put Havner in a Greensboro nursing home and stopped his preaching.

"He was just a man like the rest of us and he struggled," Hester said in an interview. "Sometimes he felt like his prayers didn't get any higher than the ceiling. He didn't think it was right that the doctor told him he couldn't preach."

Their friendship began in 1972, when Havner preached at Gardner-Webb College when Hester was a student there. Hester, who graduated from Southeastern Seminary in 1979, is pastor of Pioneer Baptist Church in Richmond, Va.

Before the quotebook, Hester had written the foreword to Havner's *Playing Marbles With Diamonds*. He said Baker House plans to re-issue some of the other 30 books Havner wrote.

For more information on the book, write Hester at 7944 Turner Rd., Richmond, Va. 23231.

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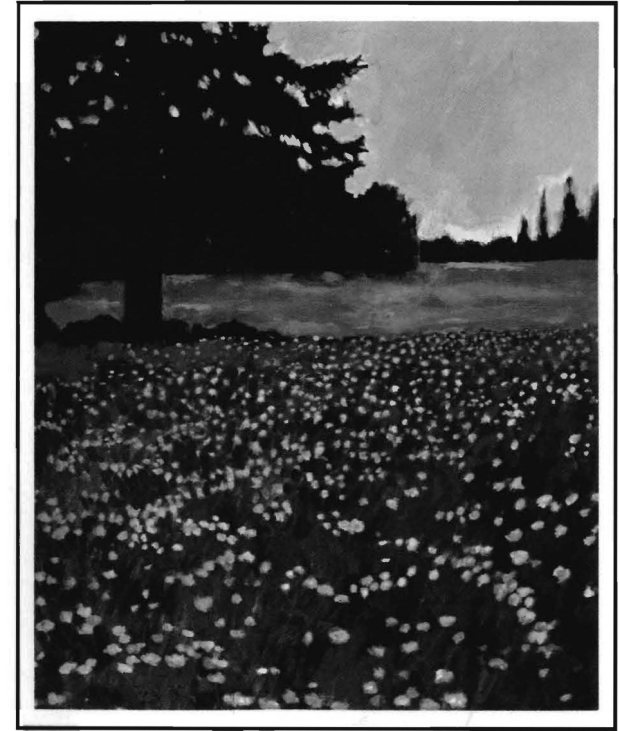
VANCE HAVNER, the beloved Southern Baptist preacher, hardly needs an introduction to the millions of Americans who have heard him preach the "old-time" religion and have read his inspiring devotional books. Born and raised in Jugtown, North Carolina, he delivered his first sermon at the tender age of twelve. Ordained at fifteen, he has never ceased preaching the simple message God gave him as a boy.

Vance did not follow the traditional route for the education of a minister. He attended college for a short time, but "preaching was a fire in my bones and I soon packed my belongings and left." Although he was called to several pastorates during the next few years, he was also determined to spread Christianity through the written word, and his first book, *BY THE STILL WATERS*, was published.

A turning point occurred in his life when he felt called by God into the itinerant ministry. It was also at this time that he married his beloved companion and co-worker of thirty-three years, Sara. Throughout the following years Vance and Sara traveled extensively throughout the United States bringing the Word of God to those who hungered for it. Meanwhile, Vance Havner has managed to have twenty-seven highly successful books published, among them *WHY NOT JUST BE CHRISTIANS?*, *THREESCORE AND TEN* and *SONG AT TWILIGHT*.

Though I walk through the valley

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*Though I walk
through the valley*

VANCE HAVNER

The year of Our Lord 1940 was a very memorable one in the life of the famous preacher and writer Vance Havner: that was when he fell in love with and married Miss Sara Allred. During the following thirty-three years, she was his constant companion and co-worker in the vineyards of the Lord. But if 1940 marked a high point, then 1973 was the beginning of a walk through the valley: Sara was struck down by a fatal and dreaded disease which distorted her lovely features and rendered her a helpless invalid.

There is compensation for our suffering if we can comfort others with our own comfort. And so Vance Havner took pen in hand and sat down to write this "testimony born of adversity" — **THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY**. Through the crucible of his loved one's suffering and death, his own faith in God was forged ever stronger. It is his sincere hope that readers who face similar hardships in their own lives will gain strength for their journey from his words.

Do not expect these pages to be filled with time-worn clichés or pat answers. It is written from the vantage point of one who has kept a vigil alongside the hospital bed of his dying wife. Vance Havner's deep, abiding faith in the Lord has helped him to reconcile some commonly-held notions on death and dying, such as . . . **I'M SO SORRY YOU'VE LOST YOUR WIFE . . .**

"Lost is not the right word for Christians divided by death. You haven't lost anything when you know where it is!"

I KNOW JUST HOW YOU FEEL . . .
"... people often try to sympathize, but you have to go through this to know what it is like. You cannot share by imagination or observation. You have been there or you haven't."

NOW THAT SHE'S GONE, DO THE BEST THAT YOU CAN . . .

"I want to do the best that Christ can do in me and for me and through me, exceedingly abundant above all I can ask or think."

THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY is as tender a love story as you'll ever read and it is much more: how one believer's grief was assuaged by faith . . . how our walk through the valley can bring us closer to the infinite light and love of God.

- The Walk Begins
- "Trusting Jesus, That Is All"
- A Kentucky Meditation
- Comrades of the Valley
- You Never Miss the Water Till the Well Runs Dry
- Some Unanswered Questions
- The Last Page
- The Forgotten Beatitude

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"I do not know of any man in my generation who has so stirred revival fires in hearts of so many people throughout the nation as has Vance Havner. Great crowds of people have packed churches and auditoriums to hear him preach. Whenever I see a book by Vance Havner I immediately purchase it, because I know that I am going to get some good thoughts for my own sermon material. I, along with thousands of clergy from all denominations throughout the country, owe a great debt of gratitude to Vance Havner. Always, on every occasion he has given the glory to the Lord Jesus Christ."

—Billy Graham
from The Foreword

White
Vance Havner



Vance Havner

Journey from Jugtown

Douglas M. White

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This is the story of the life and beliefs of a man who will go down in history as one of the greatest revivalists of the twentieth century. In an age where so many people have turned away from God, Vance Havner provides a striking and inspiring contrast. Here is undeniable proof that modern-day man can not only believe in God, he can be completely ablaze with the conviction and motivation of that belief.

Vance Havner has brought spiritual renewal to hundreds of thousands of people. He first preached at the age of 12 and was ordained by the time he was 15. He has delivered over 13,000 sermons and participated in more than 1,000 revival campaigns and conferences. He has written hundreds of articles for religious journals, countless newspaper columns and more than 30 full-length books which have a combined circulation of over half a million copies.

In his outstanding biography, VANCE HAVNER, Douglas White traces not only the outstanding events of Havner's career, but the thoughts that stood behind those events as well. The author allows Havner to speak for himself by sharing generous portions of excerpts from articles, sermons, and personal correspondence. The extraordinary depth of this great mind that was so rooted in God's Word is revealed for all to see and admire. Through this careful presentation of his life's work, one central purpose stands out—to convince the saints that God wants them to depart from sin, so that spiritual regeneration and victory can begin in earnest.

Last but not least, White paints a sensitive picture of Vance Havner's personal life: His early family life, his spiritual growth, his loving marriage, and his warm friendship with many of today's evangelical spokesmen. The author skillfully weaves together his reminiscences with the recollections of Havner himself. How this humble Christian moved from his small circle of influence to a national ministry in the revivalist tradition makes stirring, faith building reading.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Douglas M. White is a graduate of Prairie Bible Institute and Luther Rice Seminary. His active ministry spanned 38 years, during which time he was the pastor of churches in Georgia, Arkansas, and Virginia. Dr. White has known Vance Havner for over forty years and considers Havner to have had a most profound influence on his own ministry. In the area of writing Dr. White has produced several books, a large number of articles for Religious Journals, and several series of devotionals.

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Piedmont Baptist Association Dedicates the 1986 Book of Reports To The Memory Of



Rev. James B. Clifton

Born August 26, 1909 ... Home with the Lord September 4, 1986

Pastor Buchanan Baptist Church, Thirty five years

Served as Association Moderator 1969



Dr. Vance Havner

Born in the Jugtown Community, he once stated "I never knew the day that I wasn't called to preach". His preaching career spanned over 70 years beginning at the age of 12. Most of those years were spent as a traveling Evangelist and an author. In 1973 he was selected "Preacher of the Year" by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

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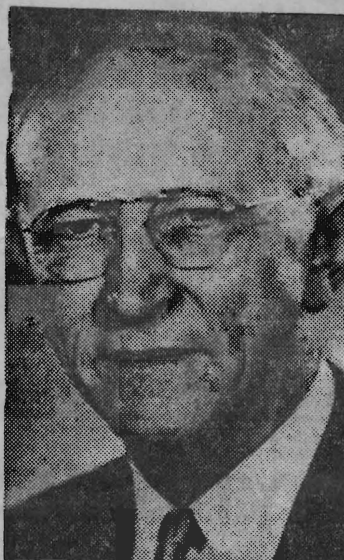
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First Baptist Centennial Observance Ends Sunday

First Baptist church of Hickory will conclude its week of centennial activities Sunday with the present pastor, Dr. J. Roy Robinson, bringing the morning message concerning the future work of the church. Dr. Vance Havner will conclude the week Sunday evening in a service to which all of the Baptist churches in the area have been invited.

Dr. Robinson has been pastor of the church since November, 1962. He is a graduate of Furman University and Southern Seminary. Among his pastorates have been Citadel Baptist church in Charleston, S. C., and First Baptist church in Greer, S. C. He has served as a trustee for North Greenville Junior College in Tigerville, S. C., Gardner-Webb College in Boiling Springs, and Southeastern Baptist Seminary at Wake Forest. He is presently a trustee for the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Dr. Havner is a native of Vale and is well known in Southern Baptist churches as a strong promoter of evangelistic work in the local church. He is continuously on the program of state evangelistic conferences throughout the south. Before leaving the pastorate to devote

full time to speaking and writing, Dr. Havner was pastor of First Baptist church in Charleston, S. C.

The Sunday evening service will be a community service and many churches in the area are dismissing their regular evening worship services to participate in this final anniversary activity which begins at 7:30 o'clock.



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Robert L. Neill, the president of Bob Neill Pontiac Inc., died at his home yesterday after an extended illness. He was 55.

Neill was born in Gaston County and graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1953.

When he moved to Winston-Salem in 1957 to found Bob Neill Pontiac, he was one of the young



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NEW YORK — A student went on a shooting rampage at a college yesterday, killing one man and injuring six other people, authorities said.

The victims lay bleeding while the gunman kept police and rescue workers at bay for about an hour.

Four of the wounded were hospitalized in serious or critical condition from the shootings, and police knew of no motive.

The shootings began at 2:20 p.m. on

Writer and Evangelist Vance Havner Dies

ASSOCIATED PRESS

GREENSBORO — Vance H. Havner, an evangelist, author and former columnist for *The Charlotte Observer*, died yesterday. He was 84.

Danny Jefferson of the Hanes-Lineberry Funeral Home said that the Rev. Billy Graham would join mourners for Havner on Thursday at a funeral at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Greensboro.

Jefferson said Havner had written 38 books and was considered by many Protestants to be the dean of revival preachers. He said Havner was a columnist for the *Charlotte paper* for 10 years.

Baptist Revival Begins Sunday

Announcing a series of evangelistic services at The First Baptist Church of Lincolnton, Sunday, February 28, through Sunday, March 7. The evangelist is Dr. Vance Havner, of Greensboro.

Dr. Havner is a native North Carolinian. He was born in Catawba County and grew up in the vicinity of Maiden. For a long time he was known as "The Boy Preacher", because he began preaching at the age of twelve. He was ordained to the Gospel Ministry at the age of fifteen. Dr. Havner served as Pastor of both city and rural churches for awhile in North Carolina and South Carolina. In 1940 Dr. Havner began a traveling ministry which has carried him all across the nation. He has conducted Bible conferences, evangelistic conferences and preached in the churches all over America. He is also an author, having written eighteen books of sermons and devotional meditation. His messages are primarily to the church. "They are Bible-centered, applications to faith and obedience."

His emphasis is on a revival among Christians. He believes that this preceeds effective evangelism.

The public is cordially invited to attend these services at 11:00 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. on Sundays, and at 7:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Monday through Friday. The Rev. Charles E. Parker is Pastor and song leader is Mr. Lowell Dotson.

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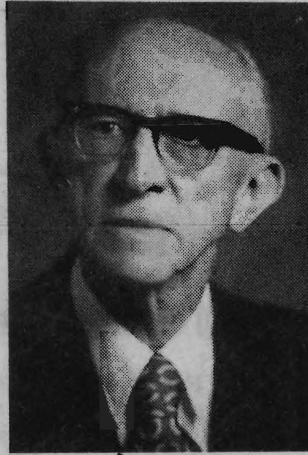
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Tri-County Bible Conference

for the church. He speaks to the current problems of violence, self-indulgence, and materialism.

Sunday night will be Church Night. Monday will be Club night for all local Civic Clubs to attend with their club emblems.



Dr. Vance Havner

Dr. Vance Havner, the prophet, will be the guest speaker for the Bible Conference sponsored by the Mitchell Baptist Association at the Tri-County Baptist Tabernacle. The conference begins on Sunday night, October 16th, at 7:30 p.m. and will be held till Oct. 19th. All churches and individuals are invited to attend and hear the man compared with Jeremiah. He is a modern day prophet

Dr. Havner Will Preach At Services

LINCOLNTON—Dr. Vance Havner, whose traveling ministry the past 24 years has taken him to churches across the nation, will preach Feb. 28-March 7 at evangelistic services at First Baptist Church.

Born in Catawba County and reared in the vicinity of Maiden, Dr. Havner for many years was known as "The Boy Preacher" as he began preaching at the age of 12 and was ordained to the gospel ministry at 15. Before beginning his traveling ministry in 1940, he served in city and rural churches in North and South Carolina.

Author of 18 books of sermons and devotional meditations, Dr. Havner has conducted Bible and evangelistic conferences, as well as preached in churches all over America. He emphasizes revival among Christians, which he believes is necessary for effective evangelism.

Services are scheduled for 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Sundays and 7:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Pastor is the Rev. Charles E. Parker, and Lowell Dotson is song leader.

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Rev. Vance Havner

Havner To Hold Revival Here

Rev. Vance Havner, noted author and evangelist, will conduct a revival at the Murphy First Baptist Church from October 8 through October 9.

A native North Carolinian, Havner began to preach as pastor of the First Baptist Church in Charlestown, S.C. the oldest Baptist Church in the South, for five years.

He began a traveling ministry in Bible Conferences and revivals in 1940 and has written 18 books of sermons and devotional meditations. His emphasis is on revival among Christians which he believes must precede effective evangelism.

Rev. Bill Thompson, pastor of the church, will be in charge of singing during the revival. Services will begin nightly at 7:30.

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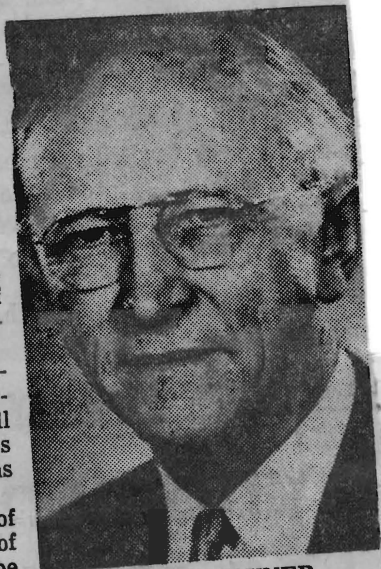
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Dr. Havner To Give Key Baptist Talks

COLUMBIA (AP) — The South Carolina Baptist Convention will hold a statewide evangelism conference at Columbia Feb. 22-24.

The conference will feature 23 addresses and sermons, 15 of them given by five widely known Baptist leaders.

Dr. Vance Havner, Greensboro, N.C., will make the opening message at each of the six sessions.

Dr. Havner began to preach at the age of 12 and was ordained when he was 15. He was pastor of the First Baptist Church of Charleston for five years. The emphasis of his message in on revival among Christians, which he believes must precede and will produce effective evangelism, according to the convention.

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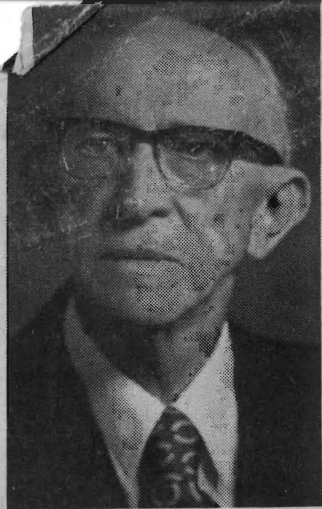
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First Baptist Revival Opens Sunday



REV. VANCE HAVNER

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Guest speaker for the services will be Evangelist Vance Havner, a North Carolina native who was ordained at 15 and who has served a traveling ministry since 1940.

First Baptist's pastor, the Rev. Williams Jones, extended an invitation to the public to attend the services, at 10:30 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. each day.



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"Baptists should not be anti-Catholic," he said, "and I don't want to cause any trouble among Baptists and Catholics here. God is Love, and we should love Catholics. But Catholicism is a threat to religious liberty and if you don't believe this, you are just naive."

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Revival Is Slated At Lexington Ave.

Dr. Vance Havner of Greensboro will conduct revival services at Lexington Avenue Baptist Church starting Sunday and concluding the following Sunday.

The Rev. Woodrow W. Robbins, pastor, said Dr. Havner will speak at the 11 a.m. services on Sunday, and at 7:30 p.m. daily at Lexington Avenue.

Also, the Rev. Mr. Robbins said, "One unique feature of

the revival will be the noon services to be held Monday through Friday, 12:05-12:30 p.m., in the auditorium of First Baptist Church. Following the service, lunch will be served in First Baptist's fellowship hall. This is so all office workers and those who attend can have a hot lunch at cost. The women of Lexington Avenue Baptist will prepare the meals."

Dr. Havner is a nationally known Baptist evangelist, conference speaker and author, and close friend of Dr. Billy Graham. He has been in the Baptist ministry for 50 years, starting his career in the mountains of North Carolina while a teen-ager.

The Rev. Mr. Robbins said that Dr. Havner will be in the Gospel Book Store from 2 until 4 p.m. on Monday for an autograph session.

Noted Baptist Leader Speaks Here Sunday

Dr. Vance Havner, nationally known Southern Baptist evangelist, will be the featured speaker when members of the churches of the Cabarrus Baptist Association gather in Kannapolis Memorial Stadium Sunday at 7:45 p.m. for a Crusade of the Americas rally.

This rally is being designated as Sunday School Action Night. Dr. Claude White, secretary, Sunday School Dept., Baptist State Convention, Raleigh, will present, "The Role of the Sunday School in the Crusade of the Americas."

A native of North Carolina, Dr. Havner grew up in Catawba County, began preaching at the age of 12 and was ordained into the ministry at 15. Prior to entering the field of evangelism in 1940, he was pastor of the First Baptist Church, Charleston, S. C., oldest Baptist Church in the South.

He is in demand for Bible conferences and church revivals throughout the nation. The author of some 18 books of sermons and devotional meditations, he frequently appears on programs at state conferences on evangelism and the annual sessions of the Southern Baptist Pastor's Conference and the Southern Baptist Convention.

The rally choir, composed of singers from the churches of the Cabarrus Baptist Association, will be directed by Charles Storey, minister of music at the First Baptist Church.

Purpose of the rally is to in-



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form the local churches of their responsibility in the upcoming hemispheric evangelistic endeavor.

The Crusade of the Americas is a trust in personal, revival, and educational evangelism.

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that will involve some 20 million Baptists in South America, Central America and North America. The year 1968 is a period of preparation for this evangelistic effort, and 1969 is the year of proclamation. From the southern tip of South America to a mission in Kiana, Alaska, far above the Arctic Circle, Baptists of the Western Hemisphere will unite under the crusade theme, "Christ, the Only Hope."

The purpose of the hemispheric project is threefold — to deepen the spiritual life within the churches, home and individual Christians; to evangelize the American continents; and to establish true moral and spiritual bases for the betterment of mankind's economic, social, and physical welfare.

Norman Brisson, minister of education at the First Baptist Church here, is chairman of the rally steering committee. Other members are: Rev. Coy C. Privette, minister of the North Kannapolis Baptist Church; Rev. Gilbert R. Pierce, pastor of Shadybrook Baptist Church; Rev. Larry McClure, minister of Centerview Baptist Church; Rev. Jack Mace, minister of the Royal Oaks Baptist Church; and R. H. Godfrey, layman of Centerview Baptist Church.