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**Men Asked To Pray
For Crusade In Japan**

MEMPHIS (BP)--The Japanese New Life Movement Crusade is being suggested as a major object of prayer during the observance of Baptist Men's Day Jan. 27 in Southern Baptist churches.

George W. Schroeder, Memphis, executive secretary of the Convention's Brotherhood Commission, a sponsor of the observance, said Baptist men can play an active role in the crusade.

Even though they may not be among the 600 pastors and laymen who plan to share the gospel with the Japanese March 26-May 5, they may engage in intercessory prayer. They can ask God to move in his power upon the people of Japan who will hear the gospel during the crusade, Schroeder said.

They may also lead their churches to adopt prayer partners with churches and missions in Japan between now and the crusade, he added.

T. A. Patterson of Dallas, executive secretary of Texas Baptists, can provide church prayer partners, Schroeder said.

Aim of the crusade is to saturate Japan with the gospel. Most of its 94 million inhabitants aren't Christians.

This Baptist Men's Day observance will be the first since the name of the Convention-wide event was changed from Layman's Day and the date moved from October to the fourth Sunday in January.

One of the features of Baptist Men's Day this year is a prayer breakfast by each church group the morning of Jan. 26.

A major objective of Baptist Men's Day is to recognize men for the service they have rendered and to challenge them to live out their Christian faith even better.

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(This story may be used with Baptist Men's Day photo mailed on Nov. 30.)

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James Wilkinson
Dies In Georgia

ATHENS, Ga. (BP)--James C. Wilkinson, 82, a minister for 62 years and former president of the Georgia Baptist Convention, died Dec. 31 in an Athens hospital after a three-month illness.

He was a former member of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee and was chairman of the Georgia Baptist endowment committee at the time of death. Survivors include his wife. Funeral services were held Jan. 2 in the Athens First Baptist Church where he retired as pastor in 1949 after a 28-year ministry.

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Folks and Facts.....

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.....The Baptist Messenger, weekly paper of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, began 1963 with the largest circulation in its 50-year history, according to Editor Jack L. Gritz of Oklahoma City. Circulation has reached 81,305. (BP)

Buckner Benevolences
Names New President

DALLAS (BP)--R. C. Campbell, a medical center development counselor and former Dallas Baptist pastor, has been named president and general manager of Buckner Baptist Benevolences.

The vast Buckner system includes the largest Southern Baptist children's home, a boys' ranch and a home for girls, two homes for the aging, and a home for unwed mothers.

Campbell will serve as chief administrator over the entire system, succeeding Ellis L. Garnett, who will retire after heading Buckner Benevolences for more than 10 years.

For the past year, Campbell, 41, has been development counselor for Community Service Bureau and Children's Medical Center in Dallas.

Previously he was pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Dallas for eight years. He has also been pastor of Baptist churches in Gainesville, Tex., and Alvarado, Tex.

A graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Campbell also attended the University of Chattanooga in Tennessee and Texas Wesleyan College in Fort Worth.

His election by the Buckner Benevolences board of trustees came during observance of Founder's Day at the Buckner Home here. At the Founder's Day observances, the Texas Historical Society placed a medallion on the log cabin in which the founder of the Buckner Home, R. C. Buckner, was born.

The Buckner Benevolences system, which cares for about 1,300 Texas children annually, includes the Buckner Baptist Children's Home in Dallas; Buckner Baptist Boys' Ranch in Burnet; Buckner Baptist Girls' Home in Lubbock; Buckner Baptist Maternity Home in San Antonio; Buckner Baptist Trew Home for Aging in Dallas; and Buckner Baptist Haven for Aging in Houston.

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Folks and Facts.....

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.....Stanley Howell has resigned as associate in the Training Union department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention to become secretary of Training Union and Baptist student work for the Baptist State Convention of Michigan. Effective Jan. 31, he moves from Middletown, Ky., to Detroit.

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