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# Arkansas Baptist

NEWSMAGAZINE

Coolin' off—  
summer's here



ABN photo Mike Gill



Coolin' down after a hard game of church league softball is one of the pleasures of summer in Arkansas. The outfielder icing his parched tongue is Billy Ward, son of Rev. and Mrs. Bill Ward of Little Rock, where his father is pastor of Westside Church.

### Three new writers begin 'lessons for living' series

A Ouachita Baptist University teacher, a retired minister and an active pastor begin in this issue with the first two installments of Sunday School commentary in the ABN's "lessons for living" section.

Gene Petty, teacher in the religion department at Ouachita and pastor for 18 years at five churches, is new writer for the International (Convention Uniform) series of lessons.

He is an Arkansas native, born in England and reared in Stuttgart, with degrees from Ouachita, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and University of Oklahoma. He spent 15 years in the pastorate in Texas and served Arkansas churches in Glenwood, Benton, Sheridan and Murfreesboro. He has received numerous honors and has served in various capacities on the associational and state level.

Dr. Petty's wife, the former Shirley Tipton of Fordyce, is also a graduate of Ouachita. She teaches in Arkadelphia public schools.

C. A. Johnson Jr., pastor at Walnut Street Church in Jonesboro, is new writer for the Life and Work series curriculum. He is a native of Arkansas, graduated from El Dorado High School, Ouachita Baptist University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Johnson boasts 35 years experience in the ministry, with pastorates in Texas, Mis-



Petty



Johnson



Hook

souri and Arkansas and almost 200 revivals. Recent positions include Paragould First's pastorate and director of missions for Pulaski County Baptist Association.

He has served on the executive boards of Baptist conventions in Missouri and Arkansas, has served on the board of trustees at Missouri Baptist College and Southern Baptist College in Walnut Ridge. He was 1973 president of the Arkansas Baptist Pastor's Conference.

Johnson is married to the former Patsy White of Hattiesburg, Miss. They are the parents of three grown sons.

Don Hook, a native of Pleasant Plains and a pastor of Arkansas churches for 47 years, is a third new writer. He will write commentaries on the Bible Book series.

Hook spent three years in missions and evangelism. He was educated in Little Rock public schools, Jonesboro College and Ouachita Baptist College (now University.) He is married to the former Ruby Wallace of Pleasant Plains. They have one child and two grandchildren.

## In this issue

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When a Southern Baptist in Arkansas needs seminary training to become better equipped for his ministry, does he have to leave that area of ministry to get his education? Read how theological education has come to Arkansas.

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In addition to the business of the 125th annual Southern Baptist Convention held recently in New Orleans, La., much went on in auxiliary meetings and luncheons. News of the week is rounded up in a seven-page section of this week's ABN.

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A squabble over what one SBC state editor termed "censorship" has resulted in the editor's resignation in Colorado.



Reports of the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting in New Orleans continue in this issue, beginning on page 12. One of the major items of business for messengers to that meeting was the election of officers: (left to right) Gene Garrison, pastor of Oklahoma City's First Church, second vice president; James T. Draper, pastor of First Church of Euless, Texas, president; and John Sullivan, pastor of Broadmoor Church of Shreveport, La., first vice president.



Some time ago, while seated on a plane beside a well dressed middle-aged gentleman, we became aware that he was engrossed in a study of the Reformation. Striking up a conversation with him, we learned that he was a professor of history for an eastern university.

Our conversation, at length, turned to the major importance of the Reformation. This gentleman insisted that the significance was not so much theological as it was the development of a new freedom in government. He maintained that not only was there the inception of numerous Protestant denominations, but, also, the erosion of the old church-state relationship which had made freedom for those of differing views almost impossible.

His statements were true, of course, as far as they went. But the question we should consider at this point is — "What has produced this new openness and freedom?" Obviously, it is the outgrowth of religious convictions and theological truths renewed by the Reformation.

The old church-state argument has gone as follows: (1) only our church is right — that is, the only one true church; (2) those outside the church are doomed for eternal destruction; (3) heretics are arising who are dooming men to hell; (4) to protect the innocent we must destroy those enemies of God.

During the Reformation a renewed emphasis began to be placed on such New Testament doctrines as salvation by grace, individual choice before God, and the individual priesthood of the believer.

It appears then that the greatest changes which emanated were first a matter of Christian conviction and then actions which changed the whole world.

Of greatest importance to us today is the freedom which is ours. As Baptists, we have believed that freedom is God-given and is evident in many areas of life.

From a governmental point of view, each person now has the freedom to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience. We must always defend this important truth.

Baptists have long held to the biblical principle of separation of church and state. The principle is that the state shall not exercise authority over the church, nor the church over the state. The biblical base for this doctrine is founded in the teachings of Jesus as recorded in Mark 12:13-17. The Pharisees (meaning separatists), who held to the letter of the law or the Torah, came to Je-

sus along with the Herodians, the friends of Herod.

The two groups came to Jesus asking, "Is it lawful to give tribute to Caesar, or not?" If Jesus answered in the affirmative, that tax money should be paid to the Roman government, the Pharisees would say, "This man is recommending the overthrow of our ancient traditions and under the law should be stoned. On the other hand, if Jesus said, "No, it is not right to give money to Caesar," the Herodians would go immediately to Herod saying, "This man is recommending insurrection against the Roman government."

Either way, it appeared that Jesus would lose. But to their amazement he said, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." From this has developed the important doctrines of separation of church and state and freedom of choice.

For individuals outside of Christ, there is the freedom of choice — one can accept Christ and become a child of God, or he can reject the master to remain an alien.

We, finally, have the freedom to be taught by the Holy Spirit. A preacher friend tells of the conversion of a young boy who had come from a totally non-Christian background. The boy dropped in one Sunday morning to ask his pastor, "How can I understand the Bible?"

Almost without thought the minister replied, "Read your Bible and ask the Holy Spirit to guide you."

As time passed the pastor began to hear reports of the boy's remarkable new understanding of the scripture. One day after school he went to visit the young fellow as well as to witness to his family.

The youth was on the front porch reading his Bible. Not even noticing his pastor's approach, he raised his eyes from his Bible and said, "Lord, I just don't understand this scripture, I need your help with it."

After an elapse of some time the boy spoke audibly, "Sure — of course, that's what it means. Thank you, Lord, for helping me."

The preacher had learned the boy's secret. The fact that most of us know, but fail to apply. The foundations of freedom are in God's word — freedom of worship, freedom of choice, freedom to come before God. Let us then work to hold high freedom's holy light.

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## Woman's viewpoint

Iva Nell Miller

### The countdown

By the time this is being read by you, we, the Millers and the Dickens, will have received our family, the Dean Dickens. They will have come to us from their home in the Philippines, to spend a few months visiting and sharing something of their work and life in their mission area.

The anxiety of their return built up to an all-time high, and I found myself thinking, "Lord, give me patience for the wait that is set before me."

The mounting excitement created for me a fertile situation for reminiscence. Incidents and experiences began to surface that had long been in emotional storage.

How vividly I can recall our very first camp at Siloam Springs. The accommodations, then, were the tiny red shacks that were nestled throughout the valley. The grand old walnut trees provided protection

from the sun. A lively summer brook splashed along by the doorstep of each shack. What a pretty little stream, I thought, gurgling along, doing all the cute things a brook should do, as it noisily wended its way toward the ocean.

But the moment had come when Karr La, our four-year-old, must cross over the brook to make her way to her morning session of camp. As I eyed that stream, I began thinking, "brook, you be prissy and lively, if you must. You flirt with the rocks as you roll over them. But don't, please don't make splashy passes at the feet of my little one as she walks the wobbly footbridge. I've had her such a short time, and haven't told her that you might tease her by pretending that you are going to touch her new shoes."

How well I recall that at this point of my concern, she had safely crossed over the

stream, and was waving a message to me that she was safe and that she must go on.

This was a message that would be conveyed to me so many times as Karr La grew up and found God's place for her in the varied facets of life.

In reminiscence I see her receiving certificates that declared her qualified to enter high school, college, then marriage. These were streams, not of water, but symbolisms of decisions that would affect herself, and the lives of all who surrounded her.

Then came the greatest moment of all. They, Karr La and Dean, waving to us from the door of the plane that would take them, and their infant son to a far-away-land, where they would serve as missionaries to a people whom they dearly love. They were conveying to us that they were safe in the Lord; they must go on, and work while yet this day.

This visit with them is going to be very short. All too soon they, with their precious family, will return to their home in the Philippines to serve him. There is so much for them to do. The harvest truly is great, the laborers are few, and the night cometh.

Iva Nell Miller, Mena, is married to Dilard Miller, president of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention and pastor at Mena First Church the past 26 years. She is a retired public school teacher, still active as a substitute. The Millers are parents of Karr La (Mrs. Dean) Dickens, missionary to the Philippines.



## One layman's opinion

Daniel R. Grant/President, OBU

### Grandfatherly pride goeth before a roaring tornado

Pride is a strange thing. I was always taught that "pride goeth before a fall," and that Adam's original sin was pride. On the other hand, we hear a lot these days about the importance of taking pride in all sorts of things, from a football team to one's own personal appearance or the quality of one's work.

Then there is the perfectly harmless and even delightful matter of pride in one's grandchildren. At least I had always thought it was perfectly harmless until a recent visit Mrs. Grant and I took to the Magic Springs family amusement park with our children and (especially) two grandchildren. Our grandson and granddaughter, Tad and Allison, are now a little over five years of age and I am convinced they were clearly the smartest, best-looking, most-talented, and best-behaved grandchildren in the park during that entire day. You can be sure Mrs. Grant and I did just about everything they asked of us all day long, even unto riding the "Roaring Tornado," although we didn't give in to that request quite so easily.

For the unfamiliar, the "Roaring Tornado" is a modern day roller coaster on a wild ride forward through an upside-down loop and, just as the passenger thinks he might

survive the experience, another wild ride backward through the same upside-down loop lurching back to the point of beginning. The Roaring Tornado has been at Magic Springs for several years, I suppose, but it had previously been of utterly no significance to me and my life. It simply was not an issue because I could not conceive of any kind of argument or pressure that would make a persuasive enough case to make me ride it. That was before I ran afoul of the innocent insistence of my two grandchildren and felt the pressure of grandfatherly pride. My susceptibility to making an irrational response to their emotional appeal makes me worry about some far more serious situations. Is it possible that those who control the missile buttons that could plunge us into nuclear war are no more safe from an emotional appeal or whim of the moment?

We did manage to survive the Roaring Tornado, but there is serious doubt that the world could survive a nuclear holocaust. Betty Jo and I have made a firm decision that we will not ride the Roaring Tornado again. This is, not unless our grandchildren ask us again.

Daniel R. Grant is president of Ouachita Baptist University at Arkadelphia.

### Chaplain requests VBS material

Leroy Sisk, director of Chaplaincy for Arkansas Baptist State Convention, has issued a request of Arkansas Baptists for surplus Vacation Bible School materials.

"We have a need for these materials to be used by chaplains for Vacation Bible School in youth service centers," he said.

Materials may be mailed to either Benny McCracken, chaplain at the Arkansas Department of Corrections Youth Services Center in Pine Bluff (Rt. 8, Box 977, Pine Bluff 71602), or Doyle Lumpkin, chaplain at the Youth Services Center at Alexander (Rt. 4, Box 322, Alexander 72002). Sisk may be contacted at (501) 376-4791 or by writing P.O. Box 552, Little Rock 72203.

## What we can do

Satan is always active, trying to tear down anything that honors God, or brings real enjoyment to his people. The people working to break down our laws concerning the day of rest and worship remind us of those described in Amos 8:5, who ask, "When will the new moon be gone, that we may sell corn, and the sabbath, that we may set forth wheat, making the ephah small, and the shekel great, and falsifying the balances by deceit?" The greed that leads people to abuse the Lord's day leads to other sins as well, as the dishonesty described here. The kind of merchants who hate the idea of a day of rest are not the best kind to trade with in any case.

Also, many people do not realize that the so-called "blue laws" are the only reason some people have even one day off from work in the week.

Many say, "What can we do?" implying that we cannot do anything. I would suggest three things we can do:

First, there are Christian merchants who

can say, "Whatever others may do, I will honor the Lord's Day." These will find that they have the support of many conscientious Christian people.

Second, we can all, as Christians, be sure that we do not shop on the Lord's Day. The little, careless things we do, like running low on gasoline, can be avoided by forethought.

Third, we can stay out of places of business that disregard the Lord's Day. If this were really practiced, even by the relatively small number of people who take an active part in Christian work, the effect would be noticed, and might cause some merchants to see that it does not pay to abuse the Lord's Day.

Let us all pray and do our part to oppose the forces that would make our communities and our country entirely pagan. — **Clay Hale, El Dorado**

## Record album shocking

"I would like to take this opportunity to

offer a word of caution to all personnel in our churches who have the responsibility for teaching our pre-school and grade school departments in Sunday School.

Recently, I found a record album in our pre-school department that was what I considered to be disgraceful and shocking. It was rock and roll music with lyrics saying among other things, "My breathin's getting deeper and deeper"; "All you gotta do is have a good time"; "All I gotta do is let myself go"; "We're doin' it together"; and, "The music's makin everyone high".

The album apparently was prepared for use in Sunday schools by some "educational" company in New York. No one in our church seems to know where it came from or how it got in our room. I can not believe that our Lord would want us to play music for our four and five year-olds with underlying street references to sex and dope." — **Carroll D. Pruett, Clarksville, Ark.**

## Crucial questions for Christians

by Glen D. McGriff

**How can one avoid emotional stress created by past mistakes?**

Forgiveness is the freedom from the power of the past. Forgiveness can remove the emotional stress of a painful experience. The fact will remain so far as reality of historical experience is concerned, but it will not create emotional pain if authentic forgiveness has been offered. Not only is it important to forgive from the perspective of the one who is the offender but it is also a most significant fact for the one who is offended. Bitterness and wrath, which lead to resentment in the heart of the offended, will destroy. It is simply unwise and unhealthy to maintain a negative attitude of resentment and bitterness. For your own physiological well-being, forgiveness is a vital necessity.

Authentic forgiveness will alter one's behavior. If a person has really forgiven, he will not continue to bring up the history of the past. For example, if a wife has been unfaithful and the husband continues to treat her with distrust by keeping surveillance of



McGriff

every move she makes, checking up on her to verify her statements, and asking questions when information is known, forgiveness is not factual. If indeed he does recall the experience of the past, he will immediately remember that he has forgiven his wife and choose to put it out of his mind and will not allow it to be harbored to bring hatred.

To forgive authentically is to say goodbye forever to the pain of the past. While we cannot prevent Satan from bringing events of the past to mind, we can refuse to dwell upon it and we can refuse to nurse the pain that such thoughts bring. It is good for us to remember that love cannot grow in the field of bitterness and resentment. It should be pointed out perhaps that forgiveness is not based upon one's feelings about a situation or a person. The foundation for forgiveness is based upon God's generous and gracious mercy toward you. In Ephesians 4:31 we are told to be kind and tender-hearted, forgiving one another.

**McGriff is director of Ministry of Crisis Support, Arkansas Baptist State Convention.**

*Inquiries, comments or questions to be used anonymously in this column should be sent to Questions, Ministry of Crisis Support, Medical Towers Building, Suite 660, 9601 Life Drive, Little Rock, AR 72205.*



## Dermott men help UALR BSU

A work team from Dermott Church spent May 27-29 doing remodeling at the Baptist Student Center at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, providing more space for more than 300 students in the expanding program at UALR. When the center was constructed a four bedroom live-in apartment was included to rent for money for the utilities of the center. Other money is now available for the utility costs, and the space has been needed for the dining area and recreational area. The Dermott men removed the apartment and put up a new ceiling for the downstairs area. They are (from left) pastor David McLemore, Director of Missions Tom Darter and Tom Spurlock.

by Millie Gill/ABN staff writer

**Doug Thorne**

is serving Batesville First Church as minister of youth and outreach, coming there from Dennis, Texas. A native of Camden, Thorne is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University and of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He and his wife, Sherri, are parents of one daughter, Laura Nicole.



Thorne

**Larry Morrison**

has joined the staff of West Memphis Calvary Church as minister of education and youth. He has been serving as minister of education, youth and outreach at West Helena Second Church. Morrison is a graduate of the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

**David W. Henderson**

has accepted the call of Pine Bluff First Church to serve there as minister of education, coming there from the First Church of Westwego, La. A native of Blytheville, he is a graduate of Arkansas State University at

Jonesboro and of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

**Gerald Taylor**

was recognized June 20 for his 30th anniversary in the preaching ministry by Life Line Church in Little Rock where he is pastor. Other Arkansas churches he has served as pastor include El Dorado, Pine Bluff, Sherwood, Stamps and Monticello. He has also served as pastor of a church in St. Joseph, Mo. He and his wife, Catherine, are parents of four children.

**Gary Smith**

has resigned from the staff of Pocahontas First Church to enter Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

**Gus D. Poole**

died June 6 at age 81. He was a member of Green Forest First Church and a retired Southern Baptist minister. He spent 54 years in the ministry and served as moderator of seven Arkansas associations. Survivors include his wife, Alice, one son, Glyn Poole of Little Rock, a daughter, Inez Stafford of Green Forest, four brothers, two sisters and three grandchildren.

**Mary Frances Sharp**

was honored June 6 by Central Church of Magnolia for her 30 years of service as

church pianist. The church has established a scholarship in her honor at Baylor University, her alma mater.

**Charles Abanathy**

is serving as pastor of Vines Chapel at Beech Grove.

**John H. Greer**

has resigned as associate pastor of Harlan Park Church in Conway to attend Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

**W. Maurice Hurley**

has retired from 22 years of service as chairman of the psychology department of Ouachita Baptist University. He is residing at 1204 Coulter in Sherwood.

**J. M. McCraw**

has resigned as pastor of the Ozone Church.

**Lee Bennett Moore**

has been called to serve as pastor of the Shady Grove Church at Van Buren. He and his wife, Reva Jean, and their daughters, Lara Jean and Edith Lea, are residing at Lavaca.

**Jonathan Brobston**

has been called to serve as pastor of the Cass Church in Clear Creek Association.

**Julian Rowton**

is serving as interim pastor of the Ozone Church.

## briefly

## missionary notes

**Pea Ridge First Church**

honored Pastor Stanton Cram June 6 with an appreciation day in recognition of his more than three years of service to the church. Activities included the presentation of gifts and flowers to family members, special music, testimonies and an ice cream social.

**Russellville Second Church**

was in a revival June 6-10 led by evangelist Manley Beasley and Truman Owens, church music director. Pastor William J. Ladd reported 19 professions of faith and four additions by letter.

**Morrilton First Church**

has launched a summer outreach program of ministering to Petit Jean State Park campers. Services are being conducted each Sunday morning according to Pastor W. Coy Sample.

**Black Oak Church**

will celebrate its 75th anniversary Sept. 12. Former pastors, members and friends will be special guests. The mode of dress for the day will be the styles of 1900-1910.

**North Pulaski Association**

will sponsor its third annual God and Coun-

try Celebration July 4, at Baring Cross Church in North Little Rock, beginning at 4:30 p.m.

James Hays, associational moderator and pastor of Cedar Heights Church in North Little Rock, will be master of ceremonies. Speakers will be Lee Lawson, pastor of Chapel Hill Church in Jacksonville, Gov. Frank White and former governor Bill Clinton.

**Hazen Church**

will observe its 100th birthday July 4 with regular morning worship services, a noon meal and an afternoon musical program. The burying of a time capsule will conclude the observance.

## Focus on youth

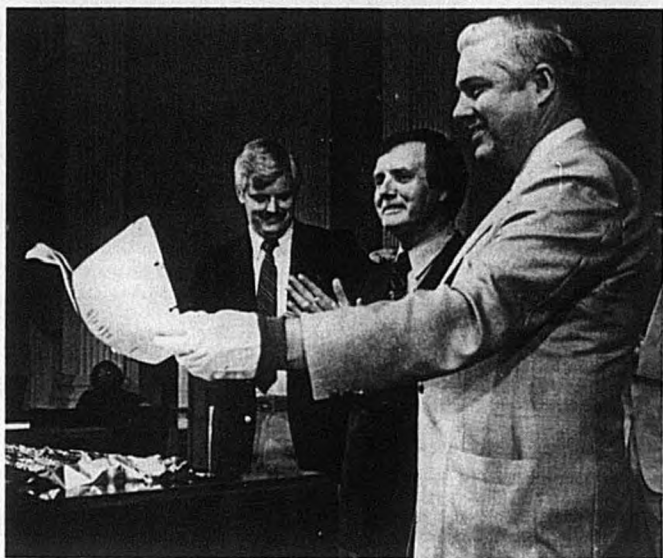
**Little Rock Second Church**

youth have returned from a mission trip to El Paso, Texas, where they assisted the Lakeside Church with a Vacation Bible School and youth revival. Sam Stricklin was evangelist and John Buffalo led music.

**Mr. and Mrs. James E. McPherson**, missionaries to Gaza, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 858 Sayles, Blvd., Abilene, Texas 79605). He was born in Livingston, Texas, and also lived in Las Cruces and Gallup, N.M., and California. The former Sharon Hanson, she was born in Bentonville, Ark., and lived in Coffeyville, Kan., and Las Cruces, N.M. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1973.

**Mr. and Mrs. Jesse L. Kidd**, missionaries to Brazil, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 5613 NW 41st St., Putnam, Okla. 73132). He is a native of Urbana, Ark. She is the former Wilma Gemmill of Carroll, Neb. They began serving with the Foreign Mission Board in 1969.

**Mr. and Mrs. G. Dean Dickens**, missionaries to the Philippines, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 27 Lamont Dr., Little Rock, Ark. 72209). After Sept. 1: 227 East "C" St., North Little Rock, Ark. 72116). They are natives of Arkansas. He was born in Little Rock and lived in Clinton before settling in Booneville as a child. The former Karr La Miller, she was born in Texarkana and lived in Eudora, Bauxite and Mena. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1974.



### Fort Smith First burns note

Ken Lilly, steering committee chairman for the "Together We Grow" campaign at First Church of Fort Smith, burns a mortgage note to signify the end of indebtedness on the present sanctuary built in 1967 while pastor Bill Bennett (center) and chairman of deacons Ron Stumbaugh look on. The ceremony was held May 30. The note was paid off six-and-one-half months early, saving nearly \$100,000 interest. Fort Smith has averaged 2,100 in Sunday School, and is already planning a future addition of a 3,300-seat sanctuary, expandable to up to 5,000 capacity.

Photo courtesy of Southwest Times Record



### Berryville First dedicates sanctuary

First Church of Berryville dedicated a remodeled and expanded sanctuary June 6. Seating capacity in the building was expanded from 275 to 465 at a cost of \$140,000. Education space was also added and offices were remodeled as a part of the project. The work took four months to complete. Berryville First was the fastest growing church in North Arkansas Association last year, with Sunday School enrollment jumping from 275 to 424. More than 40 have joined the church in the last seven months. Rich L. Kincl is pastor.

ABN photo/Bob Allen



### Batesville Calvary pays debt

O. T. Vest (right) holds a burning bank note while other members of Calvary Church of Batesville (from left) Jennie Wyatt, Myrtle Ramey and Rex Knight also participate in a special noteburning service. The church paid off part of a debt on a new dining/fellowship facility. Glenn E. Hickey, pastor of the church at the time of the ceremony, presided and R. A. Bone, pastor emeritus, delivered the guest sermon.

### Shepherd Hill dedicates building

Shepherd Hill Church at Pine Bluff dedicated the first phase of a building program June 6. The 5,200 square foot structure houses a temporary sanctuary and classrooms.

The church, formerly a mission of Greenlee Memorial Church in Pine Bluff, was constituted with nine members in 1981. Pastor Robert Bledsoe reports a current membership of 109.

Dedication guests included Bledsoe, Lehman Webb, director of Church Extension for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention; Freddie Pike, associate director of the ABCS Sunday School Department; Harold White, a former director of missions for Harmony Association, and Jimmy Watson, pastor of the mother church.

### Barcelona Road Church

at Hot Springs Village broke ground recently for a building program that will provide space for a growing church program and ministry.



# Theological education: 'in-service' training extended

by Betty J. Kennedy

## True or False?

A Southern Baptist who needs a seminary education to prepare for a God-called place of service has to move self and family to one of six cities where the denomination provides a school.

—Nearly all pastors of Southern Baptist congregations hold seminary degrees.

—Those who minister always get their theological training before they begin "full-time" ministry.

All three statements are false.

The truth is that more than half of Southern Baptist congregations are served by pastors who do not have seminary training, and many of them want to study but cannot afford to pull up stakes and spend several years at one of the SBC's six seminaries.

Southern Baptists acknowledged the need for "in-service" education when they set up the Seminary Extension Department in 1951. Through home study programs and seminary extension centers, training has been brought to those who could not come to the seminaries.

Now that Arkansas has added the "Seminary Satellite Program" and has plans for the first seminar for a doctoral level program, theological education is available from the most basic to the most advanced levels of study.

Raymond Rigdon, director of the SBC Seminary External Education Division, knows that not all who are called to serve are able to get a formal theological education. He would like to see Southern Baptists abandon the stereotyped division of minis-

ters into those with seminary training and those without. This can fracture fellowship, he explains, and can conceal the fact that competency in ministry is not always related directly and exclusively to the number of years spent in school.

The Seminary Extension Department wants to get Baptists to recognize the need to reach bivocational pastors, other church staffers and denominational workers (associational through SBC levels) who have no formal training. They also want to offer training for workers such as church secretaries and Mission Service Corps volunteers.

Seminary Extension already has two branches for study: the Home Institute for individual study, and seminary extension centers (Arkansas has 11), which offer classes conducted by approved sponsors using the department's curriculum materials.

Arkansas students have two other options in Boyce Bible School, a direct extension of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and the Little Rock Seminary Studies Program (also called Seminary Satellite) which was begun in February of this year.

A program for the doctor of ministries degree completes the spectrum of continuing education for Arkansans. That begins with the first seminar this fall, starting Oct. 25.

While the other programs provide training for students wanting basic theological training, seminary satellite and the doctor of ministries program are truly continuing education.

Seminary satellite attracted 50 students from all over Arkansas and some from Louisiana and Oklahoma for the three masters level courses of the first semester. Professors from SBC seminaries were brought to Little Rock each Monday for the 10 weeks of the courses.

Under a plan which involves all six of the seminaries, the two hours credit for each course can be applied to any one of the SBC seminaries of the student's choice. The Seminary External Studies Division pools the resources of the seminaries, but designates one school to provide curriculum, secure faculty, and handle all administrative matters. Midwestern Seminary serves as lead seminary for the Little Rock project, with C. W. Scudder as coordinator.

Seminary satellite is now gearing up for the fall semester which will begin Sept. 13.

Arkansas' doctoral level continuing education will begin with 15 students this fall for a course titled "The Ministry of Administration". The Little Rock D.M.N. program is a project of Midwestern Seminary.

These "in-service" and "continuing" education opportunities fill both a need and a demand. There is growing interest in theological education by church staff other than pastors and by "laypersons", according to the Seminary Extension Department. This demand seems to make extension education an idea whose time has come.

Rigdon explains that "in-service" education follows the model of the teaching by Jesus to his disciples. Jesus recruited 12 dis-

## Courses scheduled for fall

One course will be offered in Little Rock in the doctor of ministries program, new for Arkansas this fall, and three are scheduled through the Seminary Satellite program.

Bob Johnson, assistant professor of Church Administration and Religious Education at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Mo., will lead the first doctoral-level seminar in Arkansas, "The Ministry of Administration," beginning Oct. 25.

Johnson is a graduate of East Texas Baptist College with the B.D., M.R.E. and Ed.D. from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has been a member of Midwestern's faculty since 1979.

Persons seeking information about the D.Min. program may write Larry

Baker, Dean, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary 5001 N. Oak Street Trafficway, Kansas City, Mo. 64118.

Three courses will begin Monday, Sept. 13 through the Seminary Satellite.

Roy J. Fish, professor of Evangelism at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, will teach "Basic Evangelism." Fish has been a member of Southwestern's faculty since 1965. He is a graduate of the University of Arkansas with the M.Div. and Th.D. from Southwestern.

William B. Coble, professor of New Testament Interpretation and Greek at Midwestern Seminary, will be instructor for a second course, "Synoptic Gospels." Coble joined the Midwestern staff in 1960. He is a graduate of Howard Payne College with the Th.M., Th.D. from

Southwestern Seminary and post-graduate study at the University of Chicago Divinity School.

John C. Howell, professor of Christian Ethics at Midwestern Seminary, will instruct "Family Ministry Through the Church." Howell has been a member of Midwestern's staff since 1960. He holds the B.A. from Stetson University, the B.D. and Th.D. from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, the M.A. from University of Missouri at Kansas City, the D.D. from Stetson and post-graduate study at University of London, England. He is former academic dean at Midwestern.

The three courses will meet at Immanuel Church in Little Rock, 1000 Bishop.

## Six SBC agencies join forces to combat world hunger

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Six Southern Baptist agencies have joined forces in a project to help 13.8 million Southern Baptists combat world hunger.

Supported by the Foreign Mission Board, Home Mission Board, Sunday School Board, Woman's Missionary Union, and Brotherhood Commission, and coordinated by the Christian Life Commission, the project includes the distribution of 40,000 world hunger packets for the denominational observance of World Hunger Day, Oct. 10.

Packets will be sent to Southern Baptist pastors, ministers of education, Baptist Student Union leaders, directors of missions and other denominational leaders.

Foy Valentine, executive director of the Christian Life Commission, said the packet is to help Southern Baptists make a concerted and unified response to world hunger.

"Inside and outside our convention," Valentine said, "several organizations are pressing their conviction that hunger is the most critical moral issue of our time. Bread for the World works to shape public policy related to hunger. The SEEDS enterprise sponsored by Atlanta's Oakhurst Church seeks to raise consciousness and deepen commitment to alleviate hunger. Agricultural mission enterprises such as World Hunger Relief, Inc., and Global Outreach help to alleviate hunger by improving food production. Interdenominational enterprises such as World Vision raise money to feed the hungry.

"This compilation of materials represents the combined commitment of the Southern Baptist Convention's own agencies, however, to deal with the grave moral issue of world hunger."

Southern Baptist gifts for alleviating

world hunger through the Home and Foreign Mission Boards have increased dramatically since the 1970s. Gifts to world hunger jumped from \$81,000 in 1971 to \$4.9 million in 1981. Of that sum, \$4.76 million went to the Foreign Mission Board and \$145,800 went to the Home Mission Board.

"But the hunger crisis has not abated and millions are still desperately hungry," Valentine said. "Our progress has been infinitesimal in the face of the awesome challenge of world hunger."

"Bible study materials in the packet focus on God's special concern for the hungry and the needy, and emphasize God's mandate to his people to feed the hungry," said W. David Lockard, director of organization for the Christian Life Commission, who coordinated the project.

"Southern Baptists deeply believe the Bible," he said. "God's Word is unmistakable and does not allow us to ignore hungry people in our neighborhood and in our world."

The world hunger packet includes resources to help plan and conduct a world hunger emphasis in a local church and gives suggestions on how churches and individuals can support world hunger causes throughout the year.

Suggestions designed by the six Southern Baptist Convention agencies call for individuals to respond with prayer, by giving through the Foreign and Home Mission Boards to help the hungry, engaging in hunger education activities, exercising responsible Christian citizenship on behalf of the hungry, and becoming involved with hungry persons in the community.

According to Southern Baptist Convention action taken last year in Los Angeles, 80 percent of world hunger offerings go to the Foreign Mission Board and 20 percent go to the Home Mission Board, unless otherwise designated.

## Arkansas WMU staffer begins work

Carolyn Marie Porterfield is now serving Arkansas Woman's Missionary Union as Director of Baptist Women/Baptist Young Women work.


She is a 1982 graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary with the master of religious education degree. Porterfield is a native of Colorado, where she graduated from high school and earned an associate of arts degree. She graduated magna cum laude in May, 1977, from Wayland University, Plainview, Tex., with the bachelor of arts degree in sociology.

The new WMU staff member has been a summer missionary to Richmond, Va., for

the SBC Home Mission Board, and a missionary Journeyman for two years to Japan with the Foreign Mission Board. In the summer of 1981 she was youth director at Monument Baptist Church in Grand Junction, Colo.

As BW/BYW director, Porterfield's work will include training associational leadership, providing program help for individual churches, and planning state-wide activities for the two age groups.

She succeeds Willene Pierce, who was named executive director of WMU for Maryland Baptists.



Wayne Ward, professor at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., instructs students in New Testament Theology during the first semester of Arkansas' Seminary Satellite program.

principles and integrated their training with their service. The education of the disciples was in ministry.

How did Baptists get to the present state of training that requires seven years beyond high school and is formalized into degree programs?

By early colonial times the emphasis had shifted to education for ministry and the earliest universities were established to train young men who would later enter "full-time ministry." The assumption was that a person spent his early years training for the ministry of his adulthood, Rigdon explains.

Regular programs of ministerial training evolved over the next two centuries and education came to be measured by the degrees earned. Degrees are the focus of some of the currently offered education for Arkansas Baptists, but are not the whole motivation.

Jack T. Riley, pastor at Russellville's First Church, wants to complete the degree he began at Southwestern Seminary and took two courses in the seminary satellite program this spring. But even if he doesn't finish all the course work he will be satisfied to have the challenge and discipline of study.

Riley has advice for pastors about extension theological training: "You need to get into this because you never finish your training."

Those who want to start can get information from Lehman F. Webb, seminary extended coordinator, P.O. Box 552, Little Rock, AR 72203.

# Trip to U.S. hardly routine for missionary to Lebanon

by Bill Webb

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. (BP) — When Southern Baptist missionary Frances Fuller, native of Wynne, Ark., planned a month-long personal leave from Lebanon, she envisioned a quiet, uneventful time.

But the Israeli invasion of Lebanon wrecked her plans — scheduled for June 8 — and forced her to consider several travel options. She'd planned an uneventful airplane trip home, but she



Fuller

finally caught a ride to Cyprus via a Greek freighter, then flew on to the United States.

Taking the leave to attend daughter Cynthia's graduation from California Polytechnic State University at San Luis Obispo, she had also accepted an invitation to teach two weeks at the Wheaton (Ill.) College graduate school.

"I knew if I could come (to fulfill the teaching commitment), I had to come," she explained, even though she was torn over the decision about whether to leave Lebanon and husband, Wayne, in the middle of fierce fighting.

"There's something about living with the people; you care about them," she said.

"You don't feel it's appropriate just to leave when things get a little rough."

She found that leaving also could be rough. She was allowed passage on the freighter on the condition that air attacks did not prohibit the crew from getting the ship ready to leave port. For the first few hours after the ship departed, an Israeli gunboat circled and its commander interrogated the freighter captain by radio. Israeli war planes buzzed the ship.

Finally, the freighter was allowed to proceed.

The missionary, director of the Arab Baptist Publications Center in Beirut, had explored other travel options such as taking a launch or hydrofoil service to Cyprus. But both services had been halted.

She secured a driver who would take her to Amman, Jordan, via the Damascus Highway through Syria, though her husband was reluctant because of reports of strong anti-American sentiment in Syria. That trip fell through as Israeli and Syrian forces prepared to clash along the highway.

Most of the remaining 16 missionaries in Beirut are staying in the area of the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary located on a hillside on the outskirts of town. Mrs. Fuller said. Fighting has been centered in other areas.

"The scariest thing was the dogfights between Israeli and Syrian planes," she explained. "We just couldn't tell where they would fall. Stray and anti-aircraft shells that missed their targets also have landed and exploded in non-combat areas, she said.

The human need in Lebanon, particularly in places like west Beirut, a Palestinian section, is incredible, she said. Thousands upon thousands of people have been left homeless and live on the sidewalks because they have no place to go.

"I would want Southern Baptists to pray our mission would be able to make a contribution to rebuild people's lives," she said. Many people have lost loved ones, homes and their livelihood. "They are heart broken."

Pray for peace, she added. "The people are so tired of war; they want peace."

She said she and other missionaries are grateful for prayers on their behalf. "We love the feeling we get when we know that people are praying for us."

(The other Arkansas-connected couple assigned to Lebanon are currently on furlough in Louisville, Ky. LaNell Barnes, an Arkansas native, and her husband Emmett, a Missouri native who is a seminary administrator in Lebanon, were scheduled to return to the field July 5.)

## 1982 annual associational meetings

Arkansas Valley	Oct. 18	Moro
Ashley	Oct. 19	Martinville, Hamburg; Magnolia, Crossett
Bartholomew	Oct. 18-19	Corinth; Monticello
Benton	Oct. 11-12	Monte Ne, Rogers
Big Creek	Oct. 14-15	Flora, Viola
Black River	Oct. 18-19	Walnut Ridge, Tuckerman
Buckner	Oct. 12-14	Hartford, First; Waldron, First
Buckville	Sept. 25-26	Rock Springs, Buckville
Caddo River	Oct. 11-12	Black Springs; Norman, First
Calvary	Oct. 11-12	Judsonia, First; Augusta, First
Carey	Oct. 11	Calvary, Camden
Caroline	Oct. 12	Lonoke
Centennial	Oct. 11-12	DeWitt, First; Southside
Central	Oct. 14	Lakeside, Hot Springs; Calvary, Benton
Clear Creek	Oct. 12	Mulberry, First
Concord	Oct. 11-12	Fort Smith, First
Conway-Perry	Oct. 19-21	Morrilton, First; Union Valley
Current-Gains	Oct. 18-19	Witts Chapel; Greenway
Dardanelle-Russellville	Oct. 11-12-14	Pottsville, Ola; Dover
Delta	Oct. 11-12	Collins, New Hope
Faulkner	Oct. 11-12-14	Holland, Vilonia; Harmony, NLR; Emmanuel, Conway
Garland	Oct. 11-12	Harvey's Chapel; Antioch
Greene County	Oct. 18-19	Finch
Harmony	Oct. 18-19	Immanuel, Pine Bluff
Independence	Oct. 18-19-21	Northside; Pilgrims Rest; Calvary
Liberty	Oct. 18-19	Temple, Camden; Camden, First; El Dorado, First
Little Red River	Oct. 18-19	Concord
Little River	Oct. 11-12	Nashville, First; Horatio, First
Mississippi	Oct. 18-19	Blytheville, First
Mt. Zion	Oct. 18-19	Caraway; Strawfloor
North Arkansas	Oct. 14-15	Berryville, First
North Central	Oct. 11-12	Shirley, First; Clinton, First
North Pulaski	Oct. 18	Cedar Heights, North Little Rock
Ouachita	Oct. 11-12	Acorn; Gillham, First
Pulaski	Oct. 18-19	First Southern, Bryant; Olivet
Red River	Oct. 14-15	Beirne, First; Caddo Valley
Rocky Bayou	Oct. 14-15	Hardy, First; Sidney
Southwest	Oct. 14	Beech Street, Texarkana
Tri-County	Oct. 18	Calvary, West Memphis
Trinity	Oct. 11-12	Harrisburg, First; Weiner, First
Washington-Madison	Oct. 18-19	Elmdale, Springdale
White River	Oct. 11-12-14	Gassville, First; Bigflat; Rea Valley

# Unloving leaders harm youth, says Arkansas businesswoman

by Charles Willis

GLORIETA, N.M. — Church leaders who don't love youth shouldn't be working with youth, according to an Arkansas businesswoman and veteran youth worker.

Wanda Pearce, who with her husband operates a clothing store in Malvern, Ark., has served in various youth leadership capacities in Arkansas churches for 28 years.

"I'd rather have 50 kids with one leader who loves them than to have several smaller groups with leaders who don't love their kids," she said during the Summer Youth Celebration here. "They're wasting their time and they are hurting kids if they don't love them."

Observing that "one uncaring leader can do more harm than several caring leaders can undo," Mrs. Pearce says she has found that "once young persons drop out of a church activity, it's very hard to get them back. They find something else to fulfill their needs in life."

As a youth leader at Malvern's First Church and as an approved state church training worker in Arkansas, she is encouraged by her experiences with today's youth.

"Kids really do want to know how to live the Christian life; they want to live good moral lives," she said. "The youth I have encountered are beginning to be sick and tired of the drug culture."

"They have a need for models in the church — people who are honest — not always perfect, not always spiritually superior — but honest," she said.

Youth need to know what the church is all about, Mrs. Pearce feels. Among those needs are studies in doctrine, church history, discipleship and witnessing, all of which can be provided through a youth church training program, she said.

"I just feel so strongly that if a church doesn't have a good youth church training program, it is failing a generation in whom I see more hope today than we've had in a long time," she said.

Youth need to be told that they really are loved, she feels, and that the people who work with them love them.

"Youth workers need to spot potential and be able to verbalize that potential to the youth — not just at the church, but in other areas of life," she said. "Youth need to know how to use their gifts and be given the opportunity to use them."

Citing monologues, dramatic readings and youth-led worship services as but a few examples of occasions for youth to use talents, she said that "churches that do not give youth the opportunity to fail are in trouble. If youth fail, they fail. We should

love them in spite of it.

"We must realize that we are going to have smaller groups of youth for several years because of lower birth rates," she continued. "These kids are so precious; we cannot afford to waste any of them."

More than 2,200 youth and leaders attended the celebration sponsored by the youth section of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's church training department.

## Bird elected BP feature editor

NEW ORLEANS, (BP) — Craig Bird, 32, was named feature editor of Baptist Press, effective June 21 at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention June 14.

Bird, who has been director of news and information at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, Texas, since 1978, replaces Norman Jameson, who resigned to take a position at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

Bird was elected by the administrative subcommittee of the SBC Executive Com-



Bird

mittee, of which Baptist Press is a part.

A native of Camden, Ark., Bird is a graduate of the University of Texas, and a candidate for a master's degree from HSU.

Prior to joining the Texas Baptist-affiliated university, Bird was a houseparent and director of communications at South Texas Children's Home in Beeville, editor of the Beeville Bee-Picayune, copy editor and sportswriter for the Corpus Christi Caller Times and a reporter for the Lawton Oklahoma Constitution Press.

Bird has won more than 30 writing awards and has published articles in a number of denominational and secular publications.

Bird is married to the former Melissa Jackson. They have two sons, Coby Alan and Brant Michael.



For the eleventh year Ouachita Baptist University will send out two "CONTACT!" teams to participate in revivals, retreats, fellowships, and church camp activities across the state this summer, according to Randy Garner, director of the teams. Members of the two 1982 "CONTACT!" teams are: (top left) Ken Shaddox, a junior from Helena, Mont., pastor; (far left) Donald Knoll, a senior from Almyra, music director; (front left) Lisa Nevin, a junior from Cabot, accompanist; (top right) Mike Spradlin, a sophomore from Little Rock, pastor; (far right) Dwayne Chappell, a junior from West Helena, music director; and (front right) Leslie Berg, a sophomore from Hermitage, Tenn., accompanist. For scheduling of an OBU "CONTACT!" team, contact Garner, OBU Box 776, or call 246-4531, ext. 110.

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## Evangelism Thrust highlights pastors' conference

NEW ORLEANS, June 14 — The Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference blended evangelistic, Bible-based preaching with the election of a conservative president and the endorsement of the religious right by Vice President George Bush to maintain a conservative stance throughout a two-day meeting at the Superdome.

The conference was held June 13-14, prior to the start of the 125th annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention.

An estimated 2,000 persons poured down the aisles following an evangelistic appeal by Billy Graham at the opening session, prompting Pastors' Conference President Edwin Young to say he was "thrilled" by the response and SBC President Bailey Smith to say he wept with joy.

Attendance at the rally, estimated by Superdome officials at 42,000, was far short of the 80,000 goal, but Young, pastor of Houston's Second Church, was undaunted by attendance.

Elected as new president of the Pastor's Conference was Fred Wolfe, previously vice president of the organization, and pastor of Cottage Hill Church of Mobile, Ala.

Although vice president Bush began his

remarks by saying he would not be political, the Republican used the platform to endorse and embrace the religious right in the strongest statement on the subject made by a top official of the Reagan administration.

The Vice President said he did not feel the religious right wanted to impose its own moral values on American society, and that it was a predictable response to trends in America over the last 25 years, including legal abortion, use of drugs, widespread pornography, sexual conduct and marriage.

Calling involvement in the political process by the religious right "as American as apple pie," Bush drew applause saying "I embrace the constructive contributions it can make to strengthen the United States as one nation under God."

In his message following music by Johnny Cash and June Carter Cash, Graham said he had not come to speak on world affairs or deliver a major address, but to preach an evangelistic message.

Following a pattern he used for years, Graham first painted a dismal picture of world conditions. Pointing out 15 nations now have nuclear weapons, Graham said it would take only one accident, one crazy man, to start a chain reaction that would destroy the world.

"The chances of our living to the year 2,000 are very remote unless God intervenes with a miracle," Graham said.

Graham proclaimed all the problems of the world are basically moral and spiritual, and that the solution to all is the love of Jesus Christ.

SBC President Smith, pastor at First Southern Church, Del City, Okla., opened the conference, saying "this is the greatest hour in the history of mankind" to proclaim the gospel.

During a series of 12 sermons on "great" texts of the scriptures, the evangelistic, conservative theme was repeated by almost every speaker.



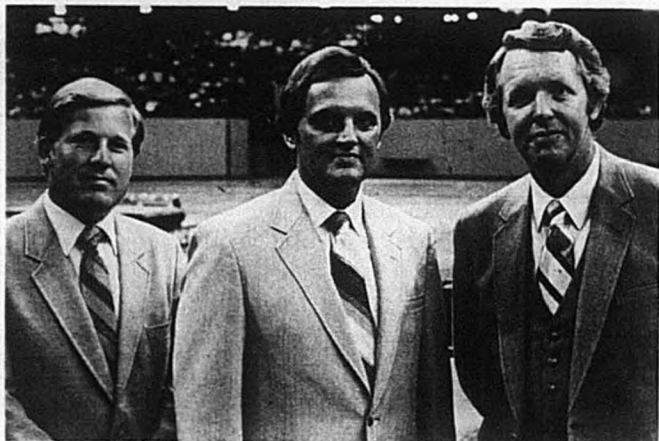
Bill H. Lewis, pastor of First Southern Church of Bryant, Ark., speaks in opposition to an Executive Committee recommendation that Article V of the SBC constitution be amended to require that one of the three officers (president, first vice president or second vice president) of the convention elected each year be a layperson. Messengers to the convention voted the recommendation down.



Graham



Bush



Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference officers for 1982-83 include (from left): Steve Brumbelow, Cross Lanes Church, Cross Lanes, W. Va., secretary-treasurer; Ron Herrod, First Church Kenner, La., vice president; and Fred Wolfe, Cottage Hill Church, Mobile, Ala., president.

## WMU challenged to witness

NEW ORLEANS, June 14 — The call to become witnessing women and celebration of 75 years of religious education for women were the highlights of the 94th annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union, the 1.1 million-member auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention.

The two-day meeting which drew more than 3,000 women returned to its theme, "Witnessing Women", during each session, focusing on the need for women to share the gospel on a regular basis.

As more and more women make evangelism a part of their lifestyle they will find the Holy Spirit placing them in many unexpected opportunities to share their faith," said Ophelia Humphrey of Amarillo, Tex., and author of "Witnessing Women."

Highlighting the myriad of lifestyles and opportunities available today were women representing the fields of business, the military, home and foreign missions and higher education.

Serving as a chaplain at the Naval Training Center in Great Lakes, Ill., Julia Cadenhead said her assignment is an unusual one for women but one she enjoys.

"In my role as a Navy chaplain I seek to help men and women face the tough challenge the Navy has to offer and share the hope available through Jesus Christ.

"I have found that true need and desire for help cross the boundaries of race, gender and culture. When a service member is worried about losing a family member it is not a matter of the chaplain being white or a male but if the chaplain can help me."

Jaxie Short, missionary emeritus to Hong Kong, told the audience that witnessing opportunities often become available during times of crisis.

"For me a witnessing woman overseas meant allowing yourself to hurt with the suffering of the people who surround you and know that your love and compassion can help them know the love of God."

Continuing the appeal for women to actively share their faith was WMU President Dorothy Sample who reminded the crowd that the Great Commission is for women too.

"Often we hear things in Southern Baptist life which intimate that women are not equal in the call of the Great Commission to go and share the good news, but God made women equal partners in this endeavor," Sample said.

Prior to her presidential address, Sample was elected to serve a second term as president of WMU. Sample is a psychologist and educator in Flint, Mich., and wife of Richard Sample, a bivocational pastor of a local congregation.

Also elected to a second term as recording secretary was Betty Gilreath of Charlotte, N.C.

In the celebration of 75 years of religious education for women, the audience was reminded that in 1907 the WMU Training School was opened in Louisville, Ky. It was later named the Carver School of Missions and finally merged with Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1962.

During the session four graduates of the training school shared about theological education for women then and now.

Included in the meeting were 15 special interest conferences covering the topics of mission issues, WMU enlargement, need for prayer support and strengthening the Cooperative Program.

## Arkansas WMUs honored at SBC meeting

NEW ORLEANS — Two Southern Baptist churches and five associations in Arkansas were recognized during the national annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union when it met here June 13-14.

Named as Distinguished Church WMUs were: First Church of Carlisle and Beech Street First of Texarkana.

Distinguished associations cited were: Carey, Concord, Independence, Liberty and Southwest.

## Women seek support for ministering

NEW ORLEANS, June 13 — Concluding that Jesus Christ would have been an "Equal Opportunity Employer," Professor Sarah Frances Anders Sunday night decried the meager achievements for women in areas of position, place and power in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Anders, chairperson of the sociology department of Louisiana College in Pineville, presented a paper on the status of Southern Baptist women in 1975 and gave an update Sunday night during a dinner for 200 women in ministry sponsored by Woman's Missionary Union, 1.1 million member auxiliary to the SBC.

Anders stated that even in the secular fields of politics, law, medicine and higher education, no real revolution has been occurring.

Instead, "only an increased awareness of inequities and some scattered evolutionary changes occurred. Women in ministry need not look to secular arenas for bold role models but set our own," she said.

Looking beyond the ordained church

staff positions, Anders said, Southern Baptists are also far behind other Protestant denominations in the positions given to women on local governing bodies.

"Even though Southern Baptists have local churches in every state that have opened this ministry to women, my estimate places the number of women deacons across our convention somewhere between the 154 Episcopal women and the 489 Methodist women who have been so ordained," she said.

Some areas of hope pinpointed by Anders included ministry on college campuses and home and foreign missions. Women comprise 42 percent of the home mission staff in the field and 54 percent of all career appointments at the Foreign Mission Board.

"In recent travels to Foreign Mission fields it was apparent to me that effectiveness in foreign lands was not predetermined by gender, age or marital status."

Anders noted that the percentage of women on denominational boards and committees (excluding seminary boards) has fallen from 12.5 percent in 1978 to 11 percent now. She pointed out that the proportion of clergymen on such boards is protected (at least one third of all boards, committees, and commissions), but that the remaining lay positions must be shared by men and women.

In addition to providing statistics, Anders shared that women serving in ministry positions in local churches, agencies and institutions seem to be crying out for a support system among their peers.

"It is often a lonely task filled with stress, illness and burnout similar to the experiences of men. A support network would provide us not only with current information but serve as a strengthening tool among us," Anders said.

She concluded that part of such a strengthening effort would be to acknowledge what many studies portray: that women in denominational service who try to "match the workday and workweek of the male workaholic seldom have house-husbands to prepare meals, launder, and give moral support."

Like men, who suffer from stress, illness and burnout, she noted, it may soon be obvious that "women in ministry have an even greater need for physical and spiritual retreats" and more frequent evaluation of priorities.

Conclusions drawn by Anders were that Southern Baptists need to (1) keep efficient records on all ordained and employed Southern Baptist men and women; (2) eliminate managerial gaps according to gender by considering qualified women for positions, and (3) establish some organ to gath-

er data about the enlarging role of women in ministry.

Following Anders' speech the women voted to form a support network of women in ministry sponsored by WMU.

## Correction

It was incorrectly stated in the June 24 issue of the ABN that messengers of the 125th annual Southern Baptist Convention adopted a resolution favoring legislation to allow tuition tax credits. The resolution passed actually opposed such legislation, stating it poses a threat to the First Amendment guarantees of non-establishment of religion and separation of church and state.

## Campus ministers look forward

NEW ORLEANS, June 14 — The Association of Southern Baptist Campus Ministers took an introspective gaze into the future during its sixth annual meeting here.

Highlight of the meeting, which attracted about 60 persons, was a report by Bill Clohan, former undersecretary of the U.S. Department of Education, who focused on separation of church and state in higher education.

Clohan specifically discussed the recent Supreme Court case, *Widmar v. Vincent*, involving the University of Missouri at Kansas City and the religious group, Cornerstone, composed of students.

The university sought to deny the students access to campus facilities, he reported. The university cited the First

Amendment's establishment clause, which says government entities cannot establish religion, as its support.

The students, backed by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, contended that the amendment's guarantee of free exercise of religion protected their right to meet on the campus, he said.

Clohan noted the justices' 8-1 decision in favor of the students, based on the U.S. constitution's guarantee of freedom of speech, bodes well for campus ministries in the future.

In an informal dialogue with Clohan, the majority of campus ministers indicated that they meet at least part-time on state university campuses.

Clohan said the "gray area" of the issue to be examined in the future will be to what extent they will be able to have offices on campus and receive services through their colleges and universities.

Clohan also predicted another "open question" which will be explored is the right of student groups to "worship" as opposed to conduct "religious meetings" on campus.

Discussing the future with the group, both Clohan and Duncan said the state of the economy will have its most damaging effects upon middle class students attending private institutions, such as Southern Baptist colleges and universities.

"There will always be programs for the economically disadvantaged, and the advantaged will have the funds themselves," Clohan said.

"But with less aid, the middle class will be moving from private colleges and universities and into state and community colleges," Duncan added. "This will be seen most radically in the 1983-84 school year."

Later, Howard Foshee, director of the division of Christian development at the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, discussed the ministers' relationship with the board's National Student Ministries (NSM) program.

New officers, elected during the meeting were: Fred S. Witty Jr., of Johnson City, Tenn., president; and the following vice presidents: Bobby Waddail of Baltimore, Md., administration; Yvonne Keefer of Lawrence, Kan., programs; Ircel Harrison of Jefferson City, Tenn., publication; and Bill Stroup of Jacksonville, Fla., membership.

## Music ministers urged to link secular, sacred

NEW ORLEANS, June 14 — Southern Baptist music ministers were encouraged at a two-day meeting here to make church music the "redemptive connection" between the secular and sacred.

The Southern Baptist Church Music Conference, one of six Baptist groups meeting

in advance of the Southern Baptist Convention, brought together 450 music ministers, denominational music workers and music educators.

Calling church music a "redemptive connection" between a secular world and the Christian gospel, Wesley Forbis, secretary of the church music department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., said music should speak to the despair left in the world by secular humanism.

While music itself is amoral, Forbis declared, it can be used for both good and bad.

"It is in the church that music and all its elements attain their real significance."

Al Washburn, president of the conference, linked musical renewal to spiritual renewal, and called on the ministers to make spiritual input part of their daily routine.

While acceding that fellowship is a good Baptist tradition, Washburn, associate professor of church music at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., said it must not become the priority.

Washburn suggested the musicians re-examine their theology and practice, keeping in mind they were called to minister.

United under the theme "Reaching People through Instrumental Music," the conference featured music from 11 choirs, soloists and ensembles, much of it instrumental.

The final session of the conference featured a concert by the Centurymen, a 100-voice male choir directed by Buryl Red of New York City. The group performed the musical, "Beginnings," written by Red and Ragan Courtney of Houston. Courtney and his wife, singer/composer Cynthia Clawson, were featured as narrator and soloist respectively.

During its annual business session the music conference bestowed honorary life membership on Mabel Stewart Boyter, children's choir director at Second Ponce de Leon Church, Atlanta; William R. O'Brien, former music missionary to Indonesia and executive vice president of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., and Orine Hughes Suffer, retired professor of church music at Golden Gate Seminary.

During a session of the Southern Baptist Convention, the conference was to present the W. Hines Sims Award to singer George Beverly Shea.

Officers for next year's Church Music Conference are president, Washburn; president-elect, Fes Robertson, supervisor of youth/adult/general materials development section, church music department, Sunday School Board; secretary-treasurer, Mary J. Tabor, Oklahoma; vice president of the denominational division, Charles Storey, North Carolina; vice president of the local church division, Harlan Hall, Texas, and vice president of the music educators division, Jack Coldiron, Texas.



Fellowship may have been close as the Billy Graham crusade ran in conjunction with the SBC Pastors' Conference, but the distance was not. One member of the 42,000-person congregation brings the speaker's platform into closer view with a set of binoculars.

## SBC evangelists avert bitter battle

NEW ORLEANS (BP) — After a marathon 12-hour session spiked with fiery preaching, boisterous singing and frequent calls for evangelists to "stand by God's inerrant word," the Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists ended on a high note of harmony, averting a bitter battle which had threatened to divide the 350-member association.

Controversy which had festered in recent months over the issue of who should control the conference was resolved when members ratified by a three-to-one vote a new slate of bylaws transferring major responsibilities from the conference's executive director to its elected officers.

The vote on new bylaws was called after evangelist Sam Cathey of Hot Springs, Ark., pled with conference members to "refrain from tarnishing the unified spirit of our conference and eroding our credibility among our fellow Southern Baptists." His successful motion to vote without debate was later credited with "bathing this conference in a spirit of unity" by Jim Wilson, an Orlando, Fla., evangelist and newly-elected vice president.

The conference had also been troubled by charges accusing president Freddie Gage of Fort Worth, Texas, of manipulating the conference as a "political machine" to garner support for conservative causes centered around the issue of biblical inerrancy.

Gage responded by vowing to "fight liberalism until all the blood is drained from my body," and declared, "If you don't like Paige Patterson (president of Criswell Center for Biblical Studies in Dallas — a conservative leader), then I don't want to be in the same conference with you."

Patterson, along with fellow conservatives Adrian Rogers, former SBC president and pastor of Bellevue Church, Memphis, Tenn., and Darrell Robinson, pastor, Dauphin Way Church, Mobile, Ala., participated in the general session of the CSBE.

Rich Scarborough of Nacogdoches, Texas, elected to succeed Gage as president, described the conference's purposes as being "for fellowship and for speaking to issues concerning all evangelists." But he added, "Before we can shake this convention, we must allow God to shake us and we must make peace with each other."

Other officers elected include Rudy Hernandez of Dallas, secretary/treasurer; Lee Castro of Mt. Juliet, Tenn., music director; Lonnie Parsons of San Antonio, assistant music director; Harold O'Chester of Austin, Texas, pastor advisor; and Felix Snipes of Atlanta, parliamentarian.

The conference also recognized 17 veteran evangelists for "500 combined years in



Newly-elected SBC president Jimmy Draper (right) responds to questions from a throng of reporters at Draper's first press conference. Draper, pastor of First Church of Eules, Texas, was elected on a second ballot with 57 percent of the convention's vote, gaining a sizeable edge over Louisville, Ky.'s Duke Km. McCall.

evangelism. Among those honored at a banquet led by newly-elected SBC president Jimmy Draper was Angel Martinez of Fort Smith, Ark.

Banquet speaker Bill Stafford, a Cleveland, Tenn., evangelist, declared, "I don't come to the Bible to discrepancies, but to look for Christ."

Draper urged the evangelists to "pray that Southern Baptists get back on track to win our world for Christ," adding, "I'm certain we can find common ground."

The afternoon session, billed as an "old-fashioned, soul-winning revival" featured addresses by evangelists Larry Taylor of San Antonio; Manley Beasley of Eules, Texas; James Robison of Hurst, Texas, and J. Harold Smith of Orlando, Fla.

Taylor told a crowd of 3,200 at the New Orleans Hilton, "The real thing hurting us is not liberals but inconsistency in our own lives."

Robison labeled events at the ongoing Southern Baptist Convention here as a "sick mess," adding, "the average Baptist today thinks the Bible is just another leather-bound accessory instead of a war manual."

Smith preached on "three deadlines" persons cannot cross and still receive salvation, noting, "the men who are attacking God's Word are close to crossing the line."

The rally, punctuated by frequent standing ovations and shouted exhortations from the audience, closed with an extended invitation to which an estimated 200 persons responded.

Conference delegates also passed numerous resolutions, including a condemna-

tion of "Christian rock-and-roll music as a medium for the gospel" and motions commending executive director Don Womack of Memphis, Tenn., Gage, and former vice president Ed Stalneck of Jacksonville, Fla., for their contributions to the conference.

## RE Association adopts constitution

NEW ORLEANS, June 14 — Plans to expand the Southern Baptist Religious Education Association (SBREA) into a professional national organization with increased services and visibility gained approved at the group's annual two-day meeting here.

Most of the approved changes — including the creation of an executive committee, a board of directors and a new position of executive director, as well as a restructuring of officers and fees — were contained in a new constitution adopted by a near-unanimous vote of SBREA.

A study committee, chaired by William E. Young, supervisor of the pre-school section, Church Training Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., brought the recommendations based primarily on a survey of Southern Baptist religious educators.

Elaine Dickson, manager of the Baptist Sunday School Board's direct sales department, was elected president of SBREA for 1982-83 and will work with the newly-created board of directors and other committees to implement the new constitution.

Dickson will succeed Charles F. Gwalt-



ney, minister of education at First Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, La., as head of SBREA.

Young indicated that hiring of an executive director for SBREA is contingent on securing funding for the position but hopes that a search committee for the slot will be appointed at the group's 1983 meeting in Pittsburgh, Penn.

SBREA is also seeking to obtain tax exempt status as a non-profit organization — a move leaders think will facilitate funding of the executive director's position.

Besides Dickson, other officers elected include: Gary Ellis, minister of education, Germantown (Tenn.) Church, as first vice president and president elect; Lucien Coleman, professor of religious education, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., as second vice president; Paul W. Thompson, director of the Sunday School Department, Missouri Baptist Convention, Jefferson City, as third vice president; Clyde Hall, supervisor of Adult Section, Church Training, Baptist Sunday School Board, as secretary-treasurer; and Cecil Roenfeldt, Sunday School associate of the Florida Baptist Convention, Jacksonville, as assistant secretary-treasurer.

During a luncheon ceremony, the group presented distinguished service awards to five retired members of the field.

In another action, the SBREA approved a report of its findings committee challenging members "to exhibit responsible leadership in the Southern Baptist Convention sessions and in their churches during these

days of denominational controversy."

## DOM's urged to sharpen skills

NEW ORLEANS, June 14 — Southern Baptist directors of missions were urged during a two-day meeting here to sharpen their leadership skills for working cooperatively with churches in missions and evangelism.

More than 500 associational leaders met at the Gateway Hotel in one of six Baptist conferences preceding the 125th meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention at the Superdome.

Bruce Grubbs, church administration consultant at the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., said effective leaders "must learn how to deal with conflict in redemptive, creative ways."

In one of three addresses, Grubbs said Southern Baptists "are scared to death of conflict. We almost always think it's un-Christian."

One reason Baptists often experience conflict is "we're together more than other groups," Grubbs explained. "We meet more, share more space. We are more prone to have problems with each other."

However, when groups can work through their conflicts and solve their problems, benefits are gained, he said.

"Conflict energizes people, overcomes apathy and creates a sense of urgency."

Advocating a servant-leader role for directors of missions, Grubbs said as more leaders adapt their style of behavior to

meet the particular situation and the needs of their followers, the more effective they will be in reaching personal and organizational goals.

Other speakers included Jimmy Allen, president of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, Fort Worth, Texas; Cline Borders, 1982 president of the Association of Directors of Missions, Shelby, N.C.; and Cecil Ray, executive secretary of the North Carolina Baptist Convention, Raleigh.

Officers elected for 1982-83 were: president, William R. Moyle, Tampa Bay, Fla.; president-elect, Bob Franklin, Montgomery, Ala.; secretary, Wayne Wilcoxson, Chico, Calif.; treasurer, Hugh Durham, Conroe, Texas; editor, Daniel F. Page, Greenville, S.C.; and host director, James Craven, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Oren Bradley, Mt. Airy, N.C., was presented the 1982 Seminary Extension National Award by the SBC External Education Division.

## Minister's wives affirm God's love

NEW ORLEANS, June 15 — Gladys Lewis used a humorous presentation Tuesday to assure minister's wives that God loves them and uses them in spite of their imperfections during their annual luncheon.

Mrs. Lewis, an Oklahoma City physician's wife, said she identified with the women because her husband sometimes served as a pastor while they were missionaries. She donned the hats of five fictitious ministers' wives and brought laughter with descriptions of Spiritual Susan's light-headed sweetness and Orthodox Olga's slavery to her calendar.

But for each fictitious character, she said, certain people would respond to their ministry and God would reward them with a "Well done."

Jane Pollard of San Antonio, Texas, was introduced as 1983 president of the conference. Also serving as officers in 1983 are Juanita Bush of Harrisburg, Pa., vice president; Barbara Combs of Tallahassee, Fla., secretary-treasurer; and Saralyn Collins of High Point, N.C., corresponding secretary.

To give time to prepare for the 1984 luncheon, the group elected 1984 officers. They included Gerry Dunkin of Waco, Texas, president; Wanda Johnson of Kansas City, Mo., vice president; Lottie Crim, Cheyenne, Wyo., secretary-treasurer; and Alene Paden, Fresno, Calif., corresponding secretary.



Larry Maddox, pastor of Little Rock Second Church, confers with officials about a resolution opposing legislation for tuition tax credits, presented by Maddox at the Southern Baptist Convention. The resolution was adopted by the messengers present in the Thursday afternoon session of the annual meeting.

## Arkansans named to committee

Two Arkansas pastors have been named by outgoing Southern Baptist Convention President Bailey Smith to serve on the Committee on Committees for 1983.

Johnny Jackson, pastor of Forest Highlands Church in Little Rock, and C. A. Johnson, of Walnut Street Church in Jonesboro, will serve on the committee that names the denomination's Committee on Boards, Commissions and Standing Committees.

The Committee on Boards, in turn, will nominate Southern Baptists to boards, commissions and committees for election by the messengers to the 1983 Southern Baptist Convention.

## Correction

A resolution adopted at the Southern Baptist Convention was amended to read that the Convention "... formally requests the (SBC) president to release all committee appointments 30 days prior to the annual meeting of the convention and that the Committee of Boards, Commissions and Standing Committees be requested to do likewise." A paraphrase of the resolution reported in the June 24 ABN was inaccurate.

## SBC seminary alumni honored at luncheons

### Southwestern honors Huber Drumwright

NEW ORLEANS, June 16 — Honoring of five distinguished alumni, including the late Huber L. Drumwright Jr., executive secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, the launching of the Alumni Century Club and the election of officers highlighted the national luncheon Wednesday for 1,300 former students and friends of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Honored as distinguished alumni were Drumwright, former dean of Southwestern's School of Theology; Mrs. Lucille Freeman Glasscock, W. Boyd Hunt, Mrs. Clyde Merrill Maguire and Mrs. Lucille Loyd Meadows.

Bill Tolar, dean of the School of Theology, presented the award for Drumwright, the first Southwestern alumnus ever given the honor posthumously. "With a heart as big as God ever placed in a man's soul," Tolar said, "Huber Drumwright loved with the kind of love that Jesus taught and that Paul wrote about in I Corinthians 13. He loved the Triune God and the Bible supremely; his family, absolutely; First Church of Dallas, Baylor University, Southwestern Seminary and Arkansas Baptists devotedly."

The three women were honored in conjunction with the 75th anniversary of theological education for women in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Robert O. Feather, vice president for external affairs, Baylor University, Waco, Tex., was elected national alumni association president for 1983.

Davis L. Cooper, pastor of the University Hills Church, Denver, Colo., was named president-elect, and John Earl Seelig, vice president for public affairs at Southwestern, was re-elected secretary/treasurer.

### Midwestern

NEW ORLEANS, June 16 — Alumni of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., selected a Georgian as president-elect of the alumni association, honored two other alumni with alumnus of the year awards, and established three new state alumni chapters during the seminary's national alumni luncheon at the Hyatt Regency.

Meeting in conjunction with the Southern Baptist Convention, the Midwestern Seminary alumni selected James Dubose of Avondale Estates, Ga., as president-elect of the national organization. A two-time alumnus of Midwestern, Dubose is director of associational missions for the Stone Mountain Baptist Association in Conyers, Ga.

Reflecting the growth of Midwestern alumni in several states, the seminary rec-



Minette Drumwright, Little Rock, wife to the late Huber L. Drumwright, executive secretary to the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, leads prayer to open one of the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting sessions. Mrs. Drumwright will leave Arkansas this fall to assume duties as an executive assistant with the Foreign Mission Board.

ognized the establishment of new alumni chapters in Mississippi, Georgia and the Northwest states.

### Southeastern

NEW ORLEANS, June 16 — More than 500 alumni, spouses and friends of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary heard President W. Randall Lolley report on events and plans for the 31-year old seminary in Wake Forest, N.C. at a luncheon here.

The alumni also adopted a giving program for the 1982-83 year and elected officers for the 4,822-member alumni association.

Calvin Metcalf, pastor of Central Church, Knoxville, Tenn., and a 1960 graduate was elected president for 1982-83.

Chosen as president-elect was William L. Self, pastor of Wieuca Road Church, Atlanta, Ga., a 1957 graduate who will assume the presidency in 1983-84.

Lolley's report included recognition of the significant contribution that newcomers Dean Morris Ashcraft, an Arkansas native, and Professor of Evangelism Delos Miles have made to the seminary community.

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## Seminary alumni (continued)

### Southern honors Arkansas pastor

NEW ORLEANS, June 16 — A record gathering of 1,619 alumni and friends of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary welcomed new President Roy L. Honeycutt, saluted two retiring faculty members, honored three alumni, and chose Georgia pastor Peter Rhea Jones as president-elect of the seminary's national alumni association.

Honeycutt, who succeeded Duke K. McCall as president of the Louisville, Ky., seminary on Feb. 2, reviewed for the luncheon guests his plans for two new campus buildings and the development of special centers focused on preaching, family ministries, evangelism, and the ministry.

Alumni of the Year citations were presented to Eugene L. Hill; John H. McClanahan, pastor of First Church, Pine Bluff, Ark.; and G. Allen West.

Dr. McClanahan, who has served the Pine Bluff Church since 1965, earned the master of sacred music, bachelor of divinity and doctor of theology degrees from Southern. He has been a guest professor for several courses at the seminary, and is the author of *A Call to Contemporary Discipleship*.



McClanahan

James C. Cammack, pastor of Snyder Memorial Church, Fayetteville, N.C., was installed as the new alumni president, succeeding J. Altus Newell, pastor of St. Matthews Church, Louisville, who presided at the luncheon.

Jones, who will serve as national president during the seminary's 125th anniversary year in 1984, is pastor of First Church,

Decatur, Ga. He is a former professor of New Testament at the seminary.



Results on close votes from 20,000-plus messengers could be made in a matter of hours with a computer counted punch card ballot system. A 12-member Tellers Committee, in charge of collecting and counting the ballots, included one Arkansas pastor, Don Harbuck of First Church of El Dorado.

### Golden Gate

NEW ORLEANS, June 16 — Allen Edward Schmidt, coordinator of Canadian Work for the Northwest Baptist Convention, was honored as alumnus of the year for 1982 at a luncheon of the Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary Alumni Association.

Schmidt, a 1962 graduate of Golden Gate at Mill Valley, Calif., with a bachelor

of divinity degree, received a plaque in recognition of the honor.

In a business session, Wayne Reynolds of Escondido, Calif., was elected president of the Association for 1982-83, and Wayne Nolen of Sacramento, Calif., was chosen president-elect.

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terial. Special attention will be given to emphases such as Dynamic Doctrines, MasterLife, DiscipleYouth, and the new Church Training record system. Those who attend the retreat will receive credit for the new Church Training book, *Equipping Disciples through Church Training*. Each pastor and director will receive a copy of the book.

Church Training will play a major role in the Developing Believers Emphasis which is a part of Bold Mission Thrust 1982-85. The Developing Believers Emphasis will be presented during the retreat, along with ways Church Training can support the objectives of Bold Mission Thrust. The Developing Believers section of the State Church Planning Guide will be the basis of this presentation.

For reservations or additional information, write Church Training Department, P.O. Box 552, Little Rock, 72203. — **Robert Holley, director**

## Changes in Sunday School literature

The October-December quarter will bring several changes in Sunday School curriculum materials. These materials should be ordered around the end of July in order to be received by October.

A new preschool curriculum is entitled "Bible Story Time at Church." It is designed for churches which have combined age groups, limited space, limited resources, or any combination of these elements. The new material will have a teacher guide, resource kit, and two pupil's leaflets.

For churches using the children's literature entitled "Children's Bible Study" a new resource kit will be



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available which will contain items such as song sheets, Bible games, Bible verses, puzzles, and more.

In the youth materials the "Youth in Action" and "Youth in Discovery" pupil pieces will include more color, art pupil response activities and will be enlarged to an eight-and-three-eighths-by-11-inch format. The binding will be changed from being stapled to a "nested" approach allowing for weekly distribution of the material. The Convention Uniform series will drop one pupil periodical and will rename the remaining piece "Sunday School Youth."

A new piece for single adults will be available in October. "Single Adult Bible Study" will be in the Life and Work series which will be written to meet the needs of all single adults. — **Freddie Pike, associate director**

## Rewards of child care come slowly, but they come

Child care, like any other profession, has many ups and downs. Those of us who have committed our lives, or a portion of our lives, to care for the children of other people have a unique and sometimes difficult responsibility. Most of us are here because we care, and caring within itself can become a heavy load to carry.

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These are the rewards of Christian Child Care. — **Eula Armstrong, director of special activities, Arkansas Baptist Home for Children.**

## How are you kicking?

The tale of the old Wyoming shepherd who each winter observed wildlife behavior affords a valuable lesson for us all. For example, he noted the differing strategies of wild horses and wild donkeys as they were attacked by wolf packs. The horses would first form a circle with heads inward. They would then vigorously kick outwardly, effectively driving the wolves away.

On the other hand, the dumb donkeys formed their circle with heads out. Then, with equal enthusiasm, instead of kicking their attackers they kicked one another.

Abalom, instead of contending with God's enemies, fought his fellow Israelites. Sadly, these included his own father, King David. There has never been a more handsome young man than

Abalom. Full of charisma and potential, he was also ambitious and egotistical. Finally, he was slain along with other "donkeys" who chose to kick inwardly (II Sam. 18:15).

For some, in-house fighting is more appealing than facing the real enemy. It's less bloody and more satisfying to the ego. How strange that too often some consider as being of the devil long standing ministries that fellow Southern Baptists are seeking to accomplish under the leadership of the Holy Spirit. This is dangerously close to being blasphemous against the Holy Spirit. Is not the unpardonable sin attributing God's work to Satan? Informed Baptists won't do that. Good soldiers of the cross always correctly position their heads, minds and hearts. — **Bob Parker, director**

# Young resigns Colorado editorship

by Jim Newton

DENVER (BP) — James Lee Young, 39, resigned effective June 25 as editor of the Rocky Mountain Baptist, saying he can no longer effectively function under the Colorado Baptist Convention Executive Board because of what he termed "censorship."

"The issue of censorship is not negotiable with me," he said in a statement read to Baptist Press, news service of the Southern Baptist Convention. "I will not compromise my convictions and principles and will not allow a paper of which I am editor to be censored by anyone."

Young claimed that following the convention's administrative committee meeting on June 9, he was ordered not to print any advance story on plans for a "closed" session of the Executive Board, or any story concerning a special committee study of the relationship between the Executive Board and the convention's Foundation/Church Loan Corp., without first clearing it with the chairman of the Executive Board, Davis Cooper.

Cooper, pastor of University Hills Church, Denver, and chairman of both the Executive Board and administrative committee, was on a cruise ship leading a conference for singles, and was not available for comment.

Glen E. Braswell, executive director-treasurer of the convention, said censorship is not the issue involved, and denied censorship has taken place. "It may seem to be censorship to him, but I have had no conflict with Jim Young."

Braswell said Young's resignation is a side issue, and that the real issue is a conflict between the bylaws and articles of incorporation of the Foundation/Church Loans Corp. and those of the convention and its Executive Board.

"This is a very complex, involved issue," Braswell said, adding that the administrative committee had simply asked Young to check any story he might write about this with the chairman of the Executive Board

"for accuracy." He added: "We don't want to censor any story; we just want to make sure it is accurate."

Dale Witt, president of the convention and pastor of Trinity Church, Loveland, Col., confirmed Braswell's position, saying he hopes Young will reconsider and not resign until the administrative committee could meet with him on Tuesday, June 22, as planned to discuss the matter. Young said he did not plan to attend such a meeting.

In a letter of resignation dated June 11, Young told Braswell and Cooper he had concluded that a meeting with the administrative committee to discuss the matter "will serve no useful purpose," and that he was resigning effective in two weeks, June 25, 1982.

"If they have the right, as the chairman of the Executive Board and other committee members are maintaining, to say the editor can or can not run something in the paper, I have the right and obligation to take a stand, to refuse to accept the order and resign," Young said in his statement. "That is the direction I have chosen."

Young said Cooper, in a meeting with him June 10, had told him the Rocky Mountain Baptist could not print any story announcing plans for a closed session of the Executive Board scheduled June 29 but said he could cover the meeting.

Young said Cooper made a distinction between "checking the story for accuracy" and "clearing the story," a distinction Young said is "crucial." Young said he had never objected to "checking" a story for accuracy, only being told he could not print a story.

Braswell said he saw no value in announcing plans for a special "closed" session of the Executive Board in advance, but he did see the need for complete coverage "after the meeting."

Witt compared it to the publication of internal matters discussed by a local church

nominating committee, saying as a pastor, he does not allow the church paper editor to publish something of a complex and confidential nature.

Witt said he felt Young was "overreacting" and said he wished Young would not suddenly resign without discussing it with the committee. "Jim is an excellent editor," Witt said. "No one on the committee has had anything but praise for his work."

Braswell said the relationships between the Foundation/Church Loan Corp. and the convention came to a head when the Foundation employed E. L. Gibbs, an attorney from Waco, Texas, as vice president, without Executive Board election, and elected employees as members of their board of directors.

Young said the situation in Colorado points to the need for a separate board of directors for Baptist state papers to give the editor freedom, yet accountability to an elected board, rather than to a convention's executive board and executive director.

Young came to the Rocky Mountain Baptist five years ago after four years as feature editor for Baptist Press, news service of the Southern Baptist Convention. Previously he was director of news and information services for Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, where he earned the master of religious education degree. Young is a former reporter for the San Diego Tribune and Navy photo journalist in Viet Nam.

Young did not immediately announce plans for the future, saying he is considering "several options" in business and journalism.

## Broadcast services director is named

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP) — George William (Bill) Nichols Jr., has been named director of the broadcast services department of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission.

In his new post, Nichols will provide consultation and production assistance to Southern Baptist churches, associations, conventions and agencies for their work in radio, television and cable broadcasting.

Nichols has been pastor of First Church of Albany, Ga., for five years. He is a graduate of the Florida State University, and has master of divinity and doctor of theology degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

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## Angola mission may reopen

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — The government of Angola may allow missionary personnel with technical expertise to reopen work in the African nation, according to a Southern Baptist missionary who visited there.

Betty McCown Dixon, former missionary to Angola now serving in Portugal, said conversations with government officials in two provinces indicated that such personnel — doctors, nurses, teachers, veterinarians, agriculturists and others — would be welcome to help in the "reconstruction of Angola."

Southern Baptist missionaries evacuated the civil war-torn nation in August 1975, a few months before Portugal granted Angola's Marxist government its independence. No missionaries have since been able to return as residents.

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## International

### Onesimus: Slave and brother

by Dr. Gene Petty, Ouachita Baptist University

Basic passage: Philemon 8-20

Central truth: True freedom is not found in running away but in submission.

The Apostle Paul's short note to Philemon, the wealthy slave owner in Colossae, is a beautiful Christian example of the change that occurs in a person's life when touched by the true master. Somehow in the providence of God, Onesimus found his way to Paul in a Roman jail and through the testimony of this great Christian missionary his allegiance was changed from this world to the spiritual one. However, this new allegiance immediately presented Onesimus with a dilemma: now that he served a new master he must return to the old one and make amends for all his wrongs.

In this respect Onesimus is no different than millions of other Christians whose whole perspective is changed with their new allegiance to a new master. Prior to his conversion Onesimus thought nothing of running away as a slave and even stealing some material objects from Philemon to finance his escape. In this respect he not only was depriving his earthly master of his service as a slave, but he was also depriving him of the use of these material objects. Now as a Christian Onesimus must return to Colossae and repay his earthly master. The difficulty in doing so, however, consisted in the punishment for a runaway slave: death, or at best maiming or scarring for life. What is Onesimus to do? Stay in Rome safe from his earthly master but displeasing his new one, or return to Colossae to please his new master and risk losing his life to the old one?

Such are the dilemmas of life for you and me. There is no real struggle in the life of the lost person; his allegiance is strictly to himself. It is only in a new allegiance to Christ that the battle begins in the human heart. Onesimus discovered what you and I have also found for ourselves: that true freedom is not found in running away, but in submitting to a new Lord.

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## Life and Work

### Jesus — God's son

by C. A. Johnson, Walnut Street, Jonesboro

Basic passage: Hebrews 1:1-2:4, 13:8

Focal passage: Hebrews 1:1-5, 10-11; 2:1-4; 13:8

Central truth: God has revealed himself clearly and directly to mankind through Jesus Christ.

1. God has spoken by his son. God isn't discovered; he reveals himself. In the past he revealed himself through the prophets, through dreams and other means. Now he reveals himself through his son Jesus Christ.

2. Jesus is God's personal revelation. God shows his majesty and might by the work of his hands, but he demonstrates his love and mercy by his son.

3. Jesus is God's supreme revelation. Seven facts are given about the son of God which bring out his greatness and show why his revelation is the highest God can give. He is: heir, creator, exact image of God, sustainer, redeemer, king, above the angels.

The angels are the most exalted of God's creatures, but they are in subjection to the son. God has enthroned his son high above all (Phil. 2:9-11). God had no greater messenger than his son, so he has no further message beyond the gospel.

4. Jesus is God's final revelation. All the revelation of God before Jesus was true but incomplete. His word was not completely finished until Christ came. When Christ came, the word spoken in him was God's final word.

5. Neglect of God's revelation in Jesus Christ is perilous. Neglect is inattention to the things of God, absorption in earthly interests, deadness of heart toward Christ, loss of God-consciousness. God's great salvation was brought to earth by the son of God himself. To treat it lightly exposes one to wrath and damnation.

6. Jesus is eternal. Out of the past eternities, having never had a beginning, Jesus came to us with his unchangeable nature as a redeemer. His help, his power, his guidance, and his grace are forever at his people's disposal. He need never be replaced, and nothing else can be added to his perfect work.

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## Bible Book

### Praise to the Lord of history

by Don Hook, retired Baptist minister

Basic passage: Psalm 68

Focal passage: Psalm 68:1-12, 19-20, 34-35

Central truth: Jehovah is to be praised for his righteous activity in all human affairs (history).

Praise, as David describes it in this Psalm, consists of: gladness and rejoicing (v. 3), singing (v. 4), extolling (v. 4), blessing God (v. 19), and ascribing omnipotence to God (v. 34).

1. We are to praise God because of who he is. He is Jah (Jehovah). Being Jehovah, he is the victor over all his enemies (vv. 1, 2, 4, 6, 12). He is mercifully mindful of the fatherless (v. 5). He is the benevolent judge of all widows (v. 5). He is the mighty leader of his people (v. 7). He is the only perfect law-giver (v. 8). He is the giver of rain (v. 9). He is the confirmer of his inheritance (v. 9, see Col. 3:24). He is perfect goodness (v. 10). The record of history is that God is actively engaged in all the affairs of men. Praise the Lord!

2. We are to praise God because of what he does. He loads us with benefits every day (v. 19). He delivers us from our enemies. He leads us through all of life's wildernesses. He provides redemption, salvation, and deliverance. He "walks with us, and talks with us, and tells us we are his own." This is the record of both history and personal experience. Praise the Lord!

3. We are to praise the Lord because of who we are. We are sinners saved by his grace. We are the "orphans." We are the "widows." We are the "poor." We are the victims of powerful enemies. We are his redeemed and delivered ones. We are his inheritance. Praise the Lord!

The fact that all time past, our times, and all time to come are in his hands should evoke our praiseful service always.

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## International

### Stephen: who laid down his life

by Dr. Gene Petty, Ouachita Baptist University

Basic passage: Acts 6:1-6, 8-10; 7:58-60

Central truth: The greatest test of a person's conviction is the test of life or death.

Stephen was one of the seven men chosen by the early church to assist the apostles in the administration of people's needs. We call these men "deacons" because that is the term used to describe them in the book of Acts and also because the term is translated "servant," and they were truly servants in every sense of the word. We also know from Acts 6:1-6 that Stephen was a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit as well as grace and power and that he did "great signs and wonders among the people." However, none of these beautiful characteristics meant anything when Stephen was faced with life or death by an extremely critical opponent.

In this respect we are no different than this first deacon. Our life may be characterized by all the Christian virtues listed in the New Testament, but there comes a time when all else is stripped away and we are faced with the basic choice of Christ and death or something else and life in this world. Such was the lot of this great man of God we know as Stephen.

He was the object of the wrath of a spurned enemy and they poured out their vengeance upon his life and took it from him with horrible stones. It is the same today: If you choose life in Christ and death to the world, you can be sure the world will pour out its wrath upon you and seek to take your life (at least your spiritual life if not in fact your earthly life as well).

An important factor in Stephen's life stands out at the end of Acts 7; he gave up his life victoriously and happily, not begrudgingly and defeated. When faced with the same choice today, you and I must also make the same decision Stephen made — life in Christ and death to this world. Our decision may not cost us our earthly, physical life, but it will cost us our allegiance to this world. The greatest test of a person's conviction is the test of life or death. Will you follow Stephen through the door of life?

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## Life and Work

### Jesus — our brother

by C. A. Johnson, Walnut Street, Jonesboro  
Basic passage: Hebrews 2:5 to 3:6; 4:15

Focal passage: Hebrews 2:6-11, 14-18

Central truth: Because Jesus shared our humanity, he understands and helps us in all of our trials and tribulations.

1. Man (mankind) has lost his way. God crowned man with a glory he did not give to any other created beings. But in exercising his freedom of choice, man lost his dignity and endangered his spiritual destiny. Man is frustrated by circumstances, defeated by his temptations, encircled by his own weaknesses. He who was meant to be free is bound. He who was meant to be king is a slave. Man is not what he was meant to be.

2. Jesus Christ entered into man's situation. He became man (our brother) and mankind could be perfected only by a savior who was himself a perfect man. Jesus became man, our brother, and endured all the limitations, trials, temptations, and sufferings we endure. Consequently, Jesus was able to sympathize with humanity because he entered fully into man's situation.

3. Jesus is our high priest. Jesus was fully obedient to God and is our merciful and faithful high priest. A high priest had a solemn service to perform; he had to present to God an atonement for sin. Jesus Christ is the only person who perfectly fulfills the conditions for a high priest. His obedience and death fitted him completely to be man's representative. He not only suffered with man, but for him. His suffering was both voluntary and vicarious.

4. Through faith we can appropriate the power and blessings of Jesus. He died to rid us of our frustration and servitude and bondage and weaknesses. The divine purpose has not been fulfilled in us yet. But through our faith we see Jesus already crowned with glory and honor. This experience gives supreme confidence to the Christian that he, too, will be triumphant through Christ.

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## Bible Book

### Praise to the Lord of creation

by Don Hook, retired Baptist minister

Basic passages: Psalms 8, 19, 29

Focal passages: Psalms 8:1-9; 19:1-4a; 29:1-4, 11

Central truth: God is worthy of all our praise because he is the glorious, sovereign Lord and master of all creation.

1. The cosmos, with all its order and harmony, is impossible without a creator. Our glorious God is the architect, builder, and sustainer of his creation. The distance of the planets from each other, the tilt of axes, and orbital revolutions account for sustained life, or the absence of it. The proper degree of terrestrial energy, and seed time and harvest is dependent upon the sustained accuracy of these. Any deviation or variation from the creator's ordained course would bring universal death and destruction. Only omnipotence can decree and maintain such harmony and order. Praise our glorious God who "upholds all things by the word of his power."

2. God's glorious creation is without meaning in the absence of man. Man is at the center of all God's creative, redemptive, and eschatological plans. That man, an infinitesimal unit in God's great universe, should receive such consideration from the glorious creator brings an awesome wonder to all of us (Ps. 8:2-8).

3. As the cosmic universe responds to the glorious creator with reliance upon, and praise to him, so should we, the center of all God's creative and redemptive plans, respond.

Ours is the response of stewards. We are the caretakers charged to cultivate, conserve, and enjoy God's creation (Ps. 8:6-8).

Ours is the response of children who are heirs to all of our father's creation, and who are already enjoying some of the inheritance (Ps. 29:11).

Ours is the response of worshippers: (1) to ascribe glory and honor to the creator; (2) to cultivate holiness in our personal lives, and (3) to publish abroad the attributes of our glorious Lord.

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## 'Average' church portrayed through annual statistics

by Jim Lowry

NASHVILLE — Southern Baptists with battered calculators, destroyed erasers and furrowed brows filled-in-the-blank almost five and one-half million times on Uniform Church Letters last fall to help track the growth of the denomination.

Nearly 150 separate items were dutifully reported more than 36,000 times by Southern Baptist churches submitting the annual reports to build a bank of information for use in planning the upcoming year.

One interesting bit of knowledge recovered is a representative look at the 36,079 churches which comprise the nation's largest evangelical denomination.

It's dependent on the perspective, of course, but the statistically "average" Southern Baptist church last year had 232 members, baptized eight persons and contributed \$2,375 to the Cooperative Program.

The "average" church more accurately would be called the median church, or the one with an equal number of churches higher and lower than that total. The statistical averages figured are higher than the median figures but are influenced by extreme values of larger churches.

This average (median) Baptist church has a Sunday School enrollment of 115 and 61 in church training, according to reports from the research services department of the Sunday School Board. The Woman's Missionary Union at the church has an enrollment of 32 and Brotherhood has 22. A total of 35 persons are enrolled in the church's music program.

Total gifts for the year for this average Baptist church are \$34,222 and mission expenditures are \$4,504. The church property is valued at \$156,995 and the church debt is \$28,001.

Resident membership is 168 out of the 232 total membership and the church had eight persons added by letter during the year.

Some convention-wide figures and information which should give insights into the dimensions of the denomination also have been compiled by the research services department.

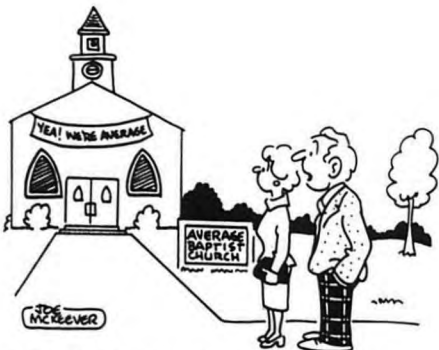
At each end of the SBC's numerical spectrum are churches like Memorial Church, Chapel Hill, N.C., Oakland Church, La Grange, Texas, and Rich Patch Church, Covington, Va., each reporting two members and First Church, Dallas, Texas, with 22,732 members.

Although the Southern Baptist Convention still is considered primarily a small-church denomination with 60.7 percent reporting less than 300 members, the percentage is dropping significantly. Ten years ago, 65.2 percent reported less than 300 members and 20 years ago nearly 70 percent of the churches in the SBC were in this category.

The historical beginning of the Southern Baptist Convention was in 1821 with the founding of the South Carolina State Convention. The Georgia convention was started in 1822 and Alabama and Virginia followed suit in 1823.

The Baptist General Convention of Texas, with the most churches and the highest membership, was started in 1848. The most recent addition to the denominational organization was in 1978 when the Nevada convention was begun.

Other random facts which might be of interest are 32,371 churches report having a regular (not interim or supply) pastor; and 6,097, or 16.9 percent, of SBC churches reported no baptisms for 1981.



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