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1996 Arkansas Baptist Evangelism Conference

Arkansas Baptist State Convention evangelism department director Clarence Shell (left), who will retire in October following 27 years of convention ministry, was honored during last week's Evangelism Conference. Participants at the annual conference heard 21 sermons on commitment, witnessing and evangelism during the two-day annual event. Featured musicians at the conference included the Master Singers and Singing Women of Arkansas.



ABSC second vice president Frank Lady dies at age 66

J. Frank Lady Jr., second vice president of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, died Jan. 30 of an apparent heart attack.

Lady, age 66, was an attorney from Jonesboro. He previously had served on the Arkansas Baptist Executive Board and the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee as well as being a trustee of Williams Baptist College. An active member of Central Church, Jonesboro, since 1961, he was a Sunday School teacher and a former deacon chairman.

"Frank Lady was a Christian through and through," reflected state convention executive director Don Moore. "Whether in public office, the courtroom or in denominational service, everyone knew that Frank would always come down solidly on the side of godliness. He was a Christian gentleman."

Describing Lady as a "churchman" and a "crusader for righteousness," Moore added, "He lived, breathed and worked to help his church be the best it could be."

Noting that "many battles for civic righteousness have had to be fought over the years" against such concerns as obscenity, gambling and alcohol, Moore said, "Any such cause would find Frank being looked to for leadership, inspiration and assistance. He always led the way.

"I can't tell you what a loss I feel in his

passing of Frank Lady," Moore remarked. "He represented the very finest in leadership in his church, the state convention and the Southern Baptist Convention."

Arkansas Baptist State Convention president Rex Horne said he visited with Lady in Jonesboro two weeks before his death. "After Frank was elected second vice president, I wanted his counsel and wisdom," Horne explained. "We visited together about the Lord's work, His goodness and our love for our state. He spoke of people, our colleges and churches that had touched his life.

"I am so grateful for the visit I had with Frank Jan. 15," Horne added. "He and I had prayer together and determined to meet again soon. We will!"

In addition to his church and denominational service, Lady was a member of the Arkansas House of Representatives in 1975-76. He also was a candidate for governor in 1976 and 1978.

A graduate of Baylor University Law School, he was a former president of the Craighead County Bar Association. He also had served as president of the Jonesboro Exchange Club and the Arkansas-Louisiana Exchange Club District. Lady, a native of Trumann, was a U.S. Army veteran, where he served as a first lieutenant.

He is survived by his wife, Sue; one son, Frank Lady III of Ft. Leavenworth, Kan.; three sisters; and three grandchildren. A memorial service was held Feb. 2 at Central Church, Jonesboro. Memorials may be made to Central Church, Gideons International or Williams Baptist College.



Frank Lady Jr.

Cover Story



'To God Be the Glory' 6-11

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Volunteers fill vital role in mission efforts

By Russell N. Dilday

Associate Editor, Arkansas Baptist

Ed Greathouse's plan to grow Arkansas Baptists' volunteer pool may not be original, but it is biblical: "What we'd like to accomplish is to build people up, churches up and the convention up through faith and works."

That goal can be multiplied throughout Southern Baptist churches Feb. 25 during the denomination's annual Volunteers in Missions Sunday. The observance offers churches the opportunity to recognize missions volunteers in their congregations as well as encourage other members to take an active role in volunteer missions.

Greathouse, the new Missions Service Corps volunteer coordinator for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention and a Mission Service Corps volunteer through the Home Mission Board, has a plan to involve more Baptists in the state in volunteer missions both locally and nationwide.

"In volunteer missions, we want to make sure our whole purpose is in Matthew 28 — discipling and baptizing and teaching," he said. "And missions is the best teaching tool that an individual can get involved in because he has an opportunity to go with others and see what is being done."

What often happens when people are asked to minister through volunteer mission work, he explained, "is that they say, 'Well, we know the Lord wants us to do something, but we don't know what.'"

One of his responsibilities, he added, "is to try to put together needs along with individuals who have the talents for that. There are a lot of things that can be accomplished by people getting involved in missions: witnessing, fellowship with churches, or just allowing the Holy Spirit to work through you."

What is important, he emphasized, is getting beyond church walls. "As Jesus said, 'It's not easy to go to your own hometown to minister.' It's easier to go away from your own home and see the Lord at work."

Pete Petty, an associate in the ABCS state missions department, said those wanting to volunteer "don't have to know" what kind of work they need to perform. "One of the problems we have had (in recruiting volunteers) is that people don't know what to volunteer for. But they don't have to know."

"It's just important that they feel like God is leading them to do either one day, two days, one month, six months or a

year, depending on what kind of time and what kind of skills they have," Petty said.

Another "significant factor" in volunteerism, said Petty, is that "you don't have to always leave home. Ed is a good example, because he didn't have to leave his job. Ed is a home contractor."

"It's so important," agreed Greathouse, "that people know there are positions and purposes in Arkansas that people can do right out of their homes."



There are many ways to volunteer, Petty said, including doing work with the Missions Center at Hermitage, the Hope Migrant Missions Center, the Mississippi River Ministry, "rural church facilities that need brightening up by paint or small repair," Nailbenders and Church in a Day construction teams, student missions, and resort-type ministries with Lake DeGray Ministries and Ozark Mountain Ministries.

Volunteerism is not limited by age, either. According to preliminary HMB statistics, more than 40,000 youth and college students participated in Home Mission Board-sponsored missions projects last year, nearly twice the 24,522 adults who participated in projects.

To further the work of volunteerism among Arkansas Baptists, Greathouse has developed a plan to strengthen the enlistment process. He said his job is "to support foreign and home missions. I think that everybody has an opportunity to go if they feel called."

Among his support plans are:

"First, my plans are to contact all of the

directors of missions in Arkansas by phone," he said. "I don't know any other way to get to the areas and find district representatives to serve as consultants. I'm sure they each have a relationship with each of the churches in their districts and they can pinpoint the activity going on and individuals who have expressed interest in doing volunteer work."

"Second, we need consultants," he continued, referring to district volunteer mission consultants needed in the state. To date, only one of eight districts in the ABCS has a consultant.

"We're looking for individuals called by God, to begin with, and I believe there are seven more out there," Greathouse affirmed. "The individuals we are looking for are more or less self-starters — self-motivators led by the Holy Spirit to get out and promote missions because they have been involved in missions and have seen the benefits of it."

Next, Greathouse plans to help enlist volunteers directly. "There is a new short-term missions group, Missions on Short Term (MOST) at the Home Mission Board," he said. "Short-term missions has been Christian Service Corps in the past. Now they are changing it to clarify between CSC and MOST."

Through MOST, adults may serve as volunteer missionaries through the HMB's volunteer projects department (formerly Christian Service Corps).

Missions Service Corps is still active in the state, he said, with "six or seven MSC members in the state. These individuals are signed on a four-month to two-year basis. Then, if they go beyond two years, they are considered full-time missionaries."

He said his plan also involves meeting with church staff and members interested in missions opportunities for their churches in an effort to "share information about what is happening in the Southern Baptist Convention and all the things that are going on in Arkansas and foreign and home activities."

Greathouse said volunteerism is "easy" and invited anyone interested in "even one-day missions work" to call the ABCS missions department toll-free at 1-800-838-ABSC to request an application.

"We will keep a list and forward it to the HMB so they can give you any information they know and we will send a list of needs, also," he explained. "Then you need to pray about where you are needed." He said state missions department personnel will seek "to follow up with every individual."

YOU'LL BE GLAD TO KNOW



By DON MOORE
ABCS Executive Director

In one of the final articles I will write as executive director, I want to pay tribute to a small group of people who play a big role in all that we do. They are our directors of missions. While their numbers are small, their influence is profound. Their job is assisting churches. They are not featured much on large platforms but they are loved and respected. Scores of church leaders would sing their praises because of the counsel they gave or the opportunity they provided for them to grow and serve.

Directors of missions (DOMs) bear the brunt of church conflict as they seek to serve as mediators between factions in the churches. They go the second and third mile to help people stay in the ministry and keep food on the table when they have been terminated. They develop programs and ministries that expand the vision and influence of the churches in their association. They represent stability and maturity when young people are trying to find their way in the ministry.

The impact of the state convention agencies, institutions and ministries of the Executive Board is largely due to the influence of the directors of missions. The association cannot possibly provide the resources and personnel necessary for training and equipping their churches. This is where the DOMs ask the state to partner with them in assisting churches.

With only 30 field personnel in the Executive Board programs to relate to more than 1,300 churches, we could not possibly do what we do if it were not for the directors of missions. They plan the events, secure the locations and encourage the persons who should attend. From sign language to single adults; from risk management to race relations; from church planting to church planning; from buildings to budgets and all in between the DOMs help make it happen.

As I near retirement, I want to salute these heroes. They serve faithfully and sacrificially. "Thank you, gentlemen, for the love, prayers and support you have given to us at the Baptist Building while caring for your associations' churches."

NITA MOORE

Woman's Viewpoint

When women pray



"What happens when women pray?" This is not only a good title for a book, it's a good question for all of us to ask. I've had the privilege of teaching some of the principles from this book and as I reflected back over my own life, I noticed the ways in which it has been affected by prayer.

I have been moved during times of crisis in our family by how God prompted people to pray and how He sent them at crucial times to pray for us or with us. Our pastor responded so well to the prompting of God to call or visit at the times when our needs were the greatest. I know for certain that he wasn't psychic, he was obedient to God's leading.

Another thing that I've realized is that we may not know why God prompts us to pray for certain people or things at a particular time. An amazing example of that is how God prompted my first husband to pray for Don Moore's ministry every day for the last year of his life. God laid this on his heart and he was obedient. Little did we know that we were praying daily for the man whom God would send into my life as a companion at a later time.

Today, one of the great strengths in our marriage is our prayer life. God still amazes us in how He brings to our minds the need to pray for certain people or things when we're not even sure what the need is or why we're led to pray. But, when this happens and we're obedient to His prompting, He always reveals to us at a later time the reason He led us in this direction.

These reflections have affirmed to me the wonderful privilege of prayer, and the great power God gives us when we pray. I've come to realize through studying more about prayer that when God prompts us to pray, it's always for a purpose and we should not question, but just respond to His leading.

This time of reflection has also helped me to see the changes in my prayer life and the growing process involved. What an awesome God we serve and how I praise Him for His words to us in James 5:16, "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

Nita Moore, wife of retiring ABCS executive director Don Moore, is a member of Parkway Place Church in Little Rock. She has three children and nine grandchildren.

Personal perspectives

"God compels us to pursue a visible manifestation of our invisible unity in Christ."

—Gary Frost, SBC second vice president

"God uses three things to bring people to Jesus — the Word of God, the work of the Holy Spirit and the witness of the believer."

—Darrell Robinson, HMB evangelism section director

"There are many people today living a question mark when they ought to be living an exclamation point."

—Morris Chapman, SBC Executive Committee president

'Cherish our children'

"All of us have a responsibility to help children make it, and to make the most of their lives and their God-given capabilities." Does that sound like an appeal from a Sunday School conference leader or a missionary home on furlough? While either would surely agree with such a statement, the actual quote came from President Clinton during his recent State of the Union address.

And he's exactly right. Every adult does have the responsibility to nurture and encourage the God-given potential that each child possesses. One of the great tragedies of modern American society is the disposable family. Broken homes, sexual promiscuity, abortion on demand, latchkey kids, street gangs, drug abuse and countless other crises are wreaking havoc on the American family.

"Our first challenge is to cherish our children and strengthen Americans families," Clinton declared. Right again. But the real solutions to such issues begin at home — and church.

While many observers may dismiss Clinton's concerns as nothing more than election-year rhetoric, it is important to recognize the accuracy of his remarks. Regardless of the popularity of politicians promoting traditional family values these days, it remains undeniably true that the nation's children are at risk — and deserve our careful attention.

Describing families as "the foundation of American life," Clinton added, "In



STRAIGHT FROM THE EDITOR

By TRENNIS HENDERSON

particular, I challenge fathers to love and care for their children...A check will never be a substitute for a father's love and guidance." Other family-related issues highlighted by the president included domestic violence, teen pregnancies and media standards.

The greatest challenge, of course, comes not in defining the problems but in determining the solutions. "Safe sex" slogans and seminars won't solve sexual sin. The success of Southern Baptists' "True Love Waits" sexual purity emphasis is one positive example of how the church can affirm timeless biblical truths rather than bending to societal pressure. Southern Baptist LifeSupport groups provide another proactive ministry effort, seeking to help hurting families cope with such issues as divorce, dysfunctional family life and sexual abuse.

But even such creative Christian

programs have limited effectiveness if the principles are not reinforced at home. The starting point in Christian homes is for parents to serve as examples and encouragers to their children.

"Train up a child in the way he should go," Proverbs 22:6 counsels. The apostle Paul specifically instructed fathers to bring up children "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." That doesn't mean depending on television as a nightly baby-sitter or failing to give your kids some undivided personal attention on a regular basis. It does mean spending time teaching your children about biblical values that impact your life as well as being an active example of what being a follower of Christ is all about.

Beyond that, Christian families have the opportunity and responsibility to impact society through our personal witness, through our stands on social and moral issues and through seeking to help make a positive difference in the lives of others in need.

All of us do have a responsibility to help our children achieve their God-given potential — emotionally, intellectually and spiritually. It is a crucial priority that is in our best interest as individual families and as a nation.

Thank you, President Clinton, for reminding us of the urgency of our task. May we all work together to "cherish our children and strengthen American families."

Race relations: 'Hath not one God created us?'

By Gary L. Frost
SBC Second Vice President

"Have we not all one father? Hath not one God created us? Why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, by profaning the covenant of our fathers?" (Mal. 2:10).

Malachi is listed as one of the minor prophets. However, there is nothing minor about his message. His was the last Old Testament voice crying in the wilderness before another Voice joined the chorus some 400 years later.

Although little is known about Malachi, we know he was burdened to see integrity in the midst of God's people. He lived in a time of religious hypocrisy, and longed to see genuine spiritual passion replace lifeless ceremonial form.

Malachi's words were not addressed to the world in general, but to the children of God in particular and to the leaders specifically. He wrote to Israel, the chosen of God, to verbally chastise them for

mistreating their fellow Jews. He appealed to the covenant made with Abraham as a basis for their commitment to God and their concern for their brothers.

This passage obviously applies to our contemporary situation. Those who have been redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ are now the beneficiaries of a better covenant and are now members of God's great household. Peter wrote that we are "a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God" (1 Pet. 2:9, NIV). We should no longer see our primary identity as Negroid or Caucasoid or Mongoloid, but now, in becoming partakers of the divine nature, we can identify with a new race of people; we are "Regenezoid."

Some would suggest that God's agenda is to "homogenize" the church and to blend us all together into one bland expression of uniformity. But God's plan is not uniformity; it is unity. Unity speaks of oneness of purpose and commonality of character. It does not speak of identical

expression and regimentation of behavior.

A refreshing wind is blowing across our land as believers in Jesus Christ surmount cultural differences and are "endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Eph. 4:3). We see God bringing His family together. Believers of various nationalities and ethnic backgrounds are unifying in Christian oneness. While maintaining their cultural distinctiveness, with a single voice they declare that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Malachi asks, "Why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, by profaning the covenant of our fathers?" This rhetorical question calls not for an answer, but an examination. God compels us to pursue a visible manifestation of our invisible unity in Christ. My prayer is that the church will clearly demonstrate that "there is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all" (Eph. 4:4-6).

'To God be the Glory'

Conference participants hear 21 messages of challenge, inspiration

An estimated 1,000 Arkansas Baptists attended the 1996 Arkansas Baptist Evangelism Conference held Jan. 29-30 at Geyer Springs First Church in Little Rock. The conference, sponsored by the Arkansas Baptist State Convention evangelism department, featured a five-session program focusing on the theme, "To God be the Glory."

Clarence Shell, director of the Arkansas Baptist evangelism department, said that each year the conference has a "threefold purpose."

"Number one," he said, "is to give the best and latest information related to the Southern Baptist evangelism process. Our second objective is to give an interpretation of how churches can become involved in and use the best in evangelism."

"Third, it gives inspiration to our pastors, staff and laypeople so that they will have a desire to share the good news with friends, family and associates."

"I sensed, along with many others, that God really wanted to speak to us and give us spiritual awakening during the conference," he emphasized.

Butch Riddle, pastor of First Church, Ashdown, said he attended for "inspiration. I expect it. I come to the evangelism conference purely for inspiration. I need it. It is like a pastor's retreat to me."

He said the conference "lifts me up and helps me out. It challenges me and motivates me to be the kind of Christian I ought to be."

Two pastors and a vocational evangelist were among the conference's 12 speakers. The program also featured denominational leaders from the state convention, Southern Baptist Executive Committee, Baptist Sunday School Board, Home Mission Board and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Combined with the Festival of Evangelists which preceded the annual conference, participants had the opportunity to hear 21 sermons, including messages by three former Southern Baptist Convention presidents as well as both the incoming and outgoing state convention executive directors.

The audience heard Bailey Smith, a vocational evangelist from Dallas and former pastor of First Church in Warren; Arkansas native Gary Smith, pastor of Fielder Road Baptist Church in Arlington, Texas; and Ronnie Floyd, pastor of First Church, Springdale.

During the Monday afternoon session, Bailey Smith noted that "millions of our people leave church disappointed. They come to get something and they don't get anything."

Smith, who served as SBC president from 1981-83, emphasized, "When you come to church, it ought to be a happy time. It ought to be a glorious time. It ought to be an exciting thing to go to the house of God."

Preaching from Acts 8, he said, "I want you to see a man who came from church disappointed. Along comes Philip and begins to explain the Scripture. When you preach the Bible, you ought to be understood."



Evangelist Bailey Smith challenged participants to take seriously their responsibility to "tell a lost world that Jesus died for them."

Smith said people will not leave church disappointed if they come to a church:

■ "Where the people and the church are mission-minded and not position-minded," adding that "no preacher has a right to act exalted."

■ "Where Jesus is revered and not ignored," he said. "Jesus will never be outdated... We don't have anything to preach but Jesus."

■ "Where there's a grand submission to the Great Commission." Warning that "flesh is not a friend to evangelism," he said Baptists are "lazy" in evangelism efforts. "God forgive us of our lazy flesh."

■ "Where the Holy Spirit is honored and not cheapened. The work of the Holy Spirit is to get people saved."

During his second sermon on Tuesday afternoon, Smith asked: "What if you were lost and the Christians led people to Christ like you do? What chance would you ever have to be saved?"

Preaching from Acts 20:20, he urged participants to gain "20:20 vision" in

witnessing. Noting that two-thirds of Southern Baptist churches are in decline, he said, "Folks we don't need more disciples. We don't need more follow-up. We need better conversions. We are making A's in everything that is unimportant, but at the one thing God has called us to do, we're flunking out."

"Somehow we've got to teach people that the Christian work culminates at the church. It's fulfilled at the church. It comes to fruition at the church. But church work is done away from the building," Smith insisted. "Let's tell a lost world that Jesus died for them."

Gary Smith, preaching from Acts 4 during the conference's opening session, asked, "What's the value in a name?"

"A name means something," he answered. "A name gives something value or not. Sometimes a name is valuable because it means something personally." As the early church began its work, he noted, "they made sure that central to everything they did was the precious, simple name of Jesus."

"When anyone uses the name of Jesus, 'it is an expression of Lordship,' Smith said. "When someone spoke in the name of Jesus or sought to minister in the name of Jesus, it was an expression that Jesus Christ was the Lord of their life."

"The name of Jesus also brings life-changing power to anyone who will let that name be the name in their life," he said. "The name of Jesus made a crippled man able to walk, but I think the most significant change was in the life of the apostles."

"As I examine the name of Jesus and the use of name, the name of Jesus will always create unity and division at the same time," he concluded. "Jesus said, 'I've come to bring a fire.' The name of Jesus is something that will always be a line in the sand."

Preaching from Matthew 25 during the Tuesday afternoon session, Gary Smith highlighted "The Ministry of the Church."

Citing the centuries-old debate about whether the church's priority should be ministry or evangelism, Smith said, "I do not believe it is an 'either/or' issue. The Scripture says it is both ministry and evangelism."

Smith said that ministry in the church "validates the gospel" as "the world watches us to see if what we do matches what we are saying."

He said ministry also validates "within our own hearts that we know God and we walk with God," adding that ministry reflects "what God does in us."

A ministry of purpose, he concluded, ARKANSAS BAPTIST NEWSMAGAZINE

"will be endowed with God's supernatural power. There is a promise that Jesus will walk with us when we go do it. We start with a desire to do what God wants us to do, then we trust God that He will supply everything we need."

Ronnie Floyd, whose church has led the state convention in baptisms for the past eight years, said that today's Christians are "Kept in a Christless Culture."

Preaching from Jude during the conference's closing session, Floyd said, "There are five sins that depict the American culture and paint for us a picture of what a godless, almost atheistic culture exists right now in America." He said those sins are "homosexuality, abortion, pleasure, idolatry and greed."

Noting that Jude "was very concerned about the culture in which he was living in his day," Floyd added, "The culture began to penetrate the church. Either the church will change the culture or the culture will change the church."

Emphasizing that Jude "put it all on the line" despite the threat of martyrdom,

Floyd said Jude "understood what it meant to be kept for Jesus Christ.

"It means that you are kept safe, you are guarded over, that Jesus watches over you...and that He is constantly guarding over you. You are secure in Jesus Christ and your salvation is secure in Jesus Christ."

"We need courage to share Jesus Christ with a Christless culture."

-Ronnie Floyd
Pastor,
First Church, Springdale

Urging Christians to have courage, Floyd asked, "Where are the courageous leaders of the world? ...of America? ...in our own denomination? Where are the men and women of courage? The man or the woman who does not have courage does not understand the keeping power of Jesus Christ.

"Most of us have inherited the spirit of fear rather than the spirit of faith," he declared. "We need courage to share Jesus Christ with a Christless culture. If I am going to have courage, it will only be to the extent that I know I am kept."

The musical program was a prominent feature of the conference. Leading in music were Donnie and Madeline Jones, vocational music evangelists from Longview, Texas, and several Arkansas musicians, including the 150-voice Master Singers and Singing Women of Arkansas.

Rob Hewell, director of the ABCS church music ministries department, said music "is a very powerful tool in evangelism because many times people can be attracted to the message of the church through their interest in music."

In planning the conference, he added, organizers sought "to provide music that would be of encouragement to people attending the conference, to help them focus their hearts and minds on the issues and matters at hand and to remind us all that Christ is the only way of salvation."

Current, former state evangelism leaders preach during conference

Evangelism Conference organizer Clarence Shell, who has served in the Arkansas Baptist State Convention's evangelism department 27 years, will retire Oct. 15 as department director. During his tenure, more than 357,000 people have been baptized in Arkansas Baptist churches.

Honoring Shell during the annual conference's Monday evening session, department associate Paul McClung noted, "There has never been a place where Clarence has not tried to share the gospel." He said that during revivals led by Shell, more than 3,000 people made professions of faith in Christ and 10,000 more made other decisions.

State convention executive director Don Moore noted that Shell is "always positive, optimistic, visionary, one of the best planners" and "probably as near a man obsessed as anyone I know. He lives, eats, sleeps and thinks — everything about his life revolves around evangelism."

Darrell Robinson, director of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board evangelism section, said Shell "is a powerful preacher and evangelist" as well as "a planner and organizer," adding that "he has provided Arkansas with that balanced kind of approach that really puts evangelism in the best state."

"I was honored in a personal way

with the expressions of appreciation and love shared with me during the conference," Shell responded. "So many individuals extended a personal word. It was very moving in my heart and life."

Both Shell and his predecessor, retired evangelism department director Jesse Reed, preached during this year's Evangelism Conference.

Shell, preaching from Philippians 2:5-11 about "The Name Above Every Name," shared that Jesus is the sweetest name he knows. "Do you wear that name?" he asked.

"I chose to wear the name of Jesus in 1943 and then later answered the call to share that name but not until I had bargained with God to first let me gain fame in the field of baseball," Shell said. "However, as you know, God wanted me to become His messenger rather than a famous baseball player."

Stressing the urgency of sharing Christ's name as a loving Lord, a living Lord, a lasting Lord and a saving Lord, Shell added, "Today we would all be checking our spiritual baggage to hell if Christ had not taken the sins of the world upon Himself."

Emphasizing that Christ "has the power of life over death," Shell challenged conference participants to return home and share the name of Jesus with the multitudes who do not know Him.

Preaching from Hebrews 5:1-4 about "The Pastor's Call," Reed said a pastor



Clarence Shell

should be divinely called, a person of high character, a man of the Bible and prayer and a man dedicated to one aim — spreading the Good News.

Warning that many pastors have almost become Bible worshippers, Reed said, "It is possible for one to so major on the infallibility of the Word that he loses sight of the infallible Christ. The good news of the Word is that Christ walked among men, healed the sick, made the blind to see, the lame to walk, was crucified for all sins and then was raised from the dead and will come again, that is the Good News."

Urging pastors to spread the gospel by encouraging church members to leave fingerprints on every door knob in the community, Reed concluded, "When this is done, Jesus Christ will be shared, baptismal waters will be stirred and missions and evangelism will once again be our main emphases."

'Back to the focus'

Home Mission Board speakers challenge Arkansas Baptists to witness

Two speakers from the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board emphasized the great opportunity and responsibility Christians have to take the gospel of Jesus to every person in the world by the year 2000. Darrell Robinson and Ken Carter, who both serve in the HMB's evangelism section, told participants at last week's Arkansas Baptist Evangelism Conference that Southern Baptists need to be called back to the focus to which God has called them.

"We have a window of opportunity second to none between 1996 and 2000," Robinson said. "God is up to something in these days — by the end of 2000, Jesus will be on every tongue.

"As in Acts 1, God wants to prepare and use us, just as Jesus did with the disciples," he pointed out. "God wants to give us revival and use us in witness."

Robinson said three characteristics of revival are extraordinary prayer, the unity of the people of God and obedience to Jesus. "God is moving in a movement of prayer," Robinson affirmed. "In Acts, the disciples were brought to their knees by the enormity of the task — we have the same feeling in the billions.

"When you get Baptists in one accord, there is revival," he said, emphasizing the need for unity. "With our eyes on Him and

off mistakes we see each other making, there would be such power in our services that the hearts of lost people would melt like a stick of butter in a hot oven."

Obedience will follow prayer and unity, he noted. "In Acts, when the church got right, the Holy Spirit bridged the gap... God wants to give us revival. We need a fresh touch from the Lord."

In a second message, Robinson emphasized the need to share the Word. "At Pentecost, when the church began to do what the Lord said, they saturated the city and the word spread like wildfire.

"Many inside the church are charging we can no longer tell about Jesus, that we have to sneak the gospel up on the people or entertain them in," he said. "None of us have the authority to water down what Jesus said about His vision — every Christian is to be a witness.

"God uses three things to bring people to Jesus," Robinson explained, "the Word of God, the work of the Holy Spirit and the witness of the believer."

"We need a new climate in churches conducive to personal witnessing," he pointed out. Challenging pastors to "encourage and equip" church members to be effective witnesses, he added, "We need to be sensitive to lost people."

Ken Carter explained that it is vital to look at the church and its mission. "What is the church and what is it supposed to do anyway? Some don't know the difference between a crowd and a church," he said, using Luke 8 as an example. The central aspect of the church is that it be built around the Word of God, he noted, citing the parable of the sower and the seed.

"There's something about the power that is in a seed," he asserted. "The power of salvation is in the seed... No one is going to be saved who does not hear the word of God."

Carter said a truth that often goes unnoticed in the parable is the awesome responsibility of the sower. "The sower went out to sow the seed with the potential of power," he noted. "The interesting thing about the sower himself is his unusual confidence in the word of God — he never spent any time analyzing the soil.

"You never know where you are going to find the good soil until you sow the seed," Carter remarked. "Sometimes the people you think will be least responsive will be the most responsive.

"We need to have the attitude of the sower," he emphasized. "We need to be examples of what heaven is supposed to be like."

Musical program sets tone for conference worship sessions



Members of the Master Singers and the Singing Women of Arkansas choral groups (left) sang during Monday night worship sessions while the music of Longview, Texas, music evangelist Madeline Jones (above) was featured throughout the conference program.

Incoming, retiring state leaders urge action

A pair of sermons during last week's Evangelism Conference symbolized the change of leadership currently under way in the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. The two messages featured incoming executive director Emil Turner and retiring executive director Don Moore. Turner officially began his ministry among Arkansas Baptists Jan. 15 and will work alongside Moore until Moore's retirement the end of this month.

Moore preached during the conference's Tuesday afternoon session, focusing on the

message of the church in proclaiming the gospel of Christ. Highlighted the apostle Paul's declaration that "there is just one message for the church and that's the message of Jesus Christ and Him crucified," Moore emphasized the urgency of preaching about the cross of Christ.



Don Moore



Emil Turner

Turner said keys to help a dying church become "a living, breathing body for Christ" include perception of the church's true condition, taking purposeful action to reach lost people, paying the price to do so, proclaiming Scripture and affirming Christ's pre-eminence.

"What's more important in your church — the past or the future?" he asked. "Are you more concerned about the way it used to be or the lost people of the next generation who have no hope of going to heaven? Is your church a place of life

or a place of death?"

Highlighting the importance of an "intentional, planned approach to ministry," the new executive director said, "Churches ought to be the very organizations that do what they do because they want to reach lost people. That's our purpose — our only purpose."

Although reaching a lost world for Christ may cost a church comfort, conventional approaches and conflict, Turner added, "Paul understood the gospel must intersect the culture but he preached the Bible.

"The Scriptures are what revive a dying church," he declared. "The Bible will always win."

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—Don Moore
Retiring ABCS
executive director

Insisting that the message of the cross is clear, essential and motivational, Moore explained, "The gospel is not that Jesus was a good example. The gospel is not that Jesus had great teachings.... The gospel is that He died for sin and God raised Him from the dead for our salvation. No man has preached the gospel until he preaches that. The gospel involves the sacrificial, atoning death of Jesus Christ and His resurrection for our justification and salvation."

Moore said the message of the cross is essential because "it is the only message you know for sure pleases God" and "it is the message that transforms lives."

"The cross will kill everything is us that

is not like Jesus if we are committed to the message of the cross and the meaning of the cross," he added. "The message of the cross is essential because it is the only message by which sinners can be saved."

The message of the cross "gives the church a reason for existence," he emphasized. "No institution has the responsibility for bearing the message of the cross but the church. There is a real question about whether a church can justify its existence if its message is not the cross."

Moore said the message of the cross is motivational because it is universal in its application, unique in its appeal, unequalled in its affirmation, undeniable in its approbation, unequalled in its appreciation, uncomplicated in its appropriation and unfailing in its vindication.

"The only hope a man has for facing the inevitable reality of death and judgment is the cross of Jesus," he affirmed. "That cross never fails to have the blessing of God on it.

"Fellow Baptists, we must stay anchored to the cross as a reality that drives us constantly," Moore concluded. "God forbid that we should glory in anything save the cross of Jesus Christ."

Turner, preaching his first statewide message as executive director, spoke during the conference's Monday evening session. Preaching from Acts 17:1-6, he emphasized the importance of becoming churches which "upset the world."

The local church "used to be the organization that upset the world and now we just put the world to sleep," he remarked. "We used to be the organization that set the world on fire and now we just bore the world to death."

"You'll never do anything more practical to help people than telling them Jesus Christ can save their lives."

—Emil Turner
Incoming ABCS
executive director

Cautioning against becoming too practical, political or personality-centered, Turner said, "In a church that is upsetting the world, Jesus is always the center of attention.... You'll never do anything more practical to help people than telling them Jesus Christ can save their lives."



Morris Chapman



Jimmy Draper



Roy Fish

'God can give revival'

Denominational leaders emphasize need for spiritual awakening

Denominational leaders from the Southern Baptist Executive Committee, Baptist Sunday School Board and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary were among featured speakers during last week's Arkansas Baptist Evangelism Conference. The two-day event focused on the theme, "To God Be the Glory."

Morris Chapman, president of the SBC Executive Committee, urged Arkansas Baptists to "Live the Word." Preaching from James 1, he declared, "You don't really live the Word unless you truly love the Word."

"When we love the living Word and trust in Christ, our hearts are to please Him," he noted. "When we love the written Word, we'll saturate ourselves with the written Word."

Warning against a ritualistic religion that is "all form and no faith," Chapman said, "There's nothing worse than a dead religion — a religion when a person is doing all the right things for all the wrong reasons. James is saying the new birth brings new behavior."

"The believer is not simply to receive the Word, he is to open his heart and welcome the Word," Chapman insisted. "God will hold us responsible for what we hear and for what we should have heard if we had been listening."

Emphasizing the need to live God's Word with control, conviction, concern, caution and compassion, he added, "There are many people today living a question mark when they ought to be living an exclamation point.... To live the Word is to love the Word."

During a Tuesday evening message on the second coming of Christ, Chapman acknowledged that specific interpretations about the details of Christ's return are "not

a test of fellowship in Southern Baptist life." He emphasized, however, that "it is important that we believe in the imminent return of the Lord Jesus," adding that belief "ought to put an urgency in our bones to reach this world."

"Our Lord is going to come visibly and He's going to come victoriously," Chapman added. "This same Jesus who was born of a virgin is coming back.... This same Jesus who was nailed to the cross is coming back. This same Jesus who conquered the grave is coming back."

"The joy for the journey comes in being obedient to God."

—Jimmy Draper, president, Baptist Sunday School Board

Describing Christ's rapture of the saints as "a cataclysmic coming," Chapman said those left behind will face the tribulation followed by Christ's final return and His ultimate victory at Armageddon.

"The urgency is that He is coming at any moment," he declared. "Just because He hasn't yet come back doesn't mean He's not coming back at any moment.... Even so, come Lord Jesus."

Baptist Sunday School Board president Jimmy Draper also preached twice during the annual event. Preaching from Hebrews 12:1-2 during the conference's opening session, he detailed the joy Christ experienced in His earthly ministry.

Contrasting Christ's joy with the lack of joy many Christians reflect today, Draper

pointed out, "We're struggling to find joy in our lives and ministries."

The race described in Hebrews 12 features observers, obstacles and obsession, Draper noted. "Dear brother and sister, guard your heart," he urged. "Run with patience."

Christ's victory was based on His accomplishments, His actions and His attitude, Draper continued. "He endured the cross — He remained constant, He persevered, He disregarded the shame.... He had the joy of being obedient to God."

"I think when Jesus hung on that cross, God enabled Him for a moment to see every person who would ever get saved," he remarked. "The joy that was set before Him was the joy of millions of people responding to the free gift of salvation."

"We have so much trouble having joy because we look for joy in the wrong places," Draper said. "The joy for the journey comes in being obedient to God. You'll find your joy in being part of the redemptive purposes of God."

Draper's second message focused on studying and sharing the Word of God. "The church of the next century is going to be a church that teaches people the Word of God," he shared. "It's the only place we find absolutes. It's the only place we find comfort in a society of chaos."

Noting that "the church that is going to teach the Word of God is going to endure hardship and opposition," he added. "We're not at a picnic; we're in a war. The church must not give up in that battle."

"Our sufficiency is in Jesus Christ," Draper affirmed. "He enables us to do what He calls us to do. Our greatest desire ought to be to please Him."

"I believe God is going to bless His church. I believe we're moving into the

greatest century of advance that the church has ever seen.... Let's get on with that task."

Conference participants also heard Roy Fish speak about "The Lossness of Man" during the Monday evening session and conclude the conference Tuesday evening with a focus on "Spiritual Awakening."

Fish, professor of evangelism at Southwestern Seminary, declared that "the major problem in most Southern Baptist churches today is that we are treating 'Rescue the Perishing' as nothing but a song."

"Our efforts in rescuing have so sadly diminished during my 45 years of ministry and a part of the reason of why we don't rescue the perishing is that we no longer believe that the perishing are perishing," he noted. "When it comes to rescuing...our congregations are filled with spiritual Rip van Winkles who are asleep to crucial issues in critical times."

Describing the lossness of man as a present condition and a future destiny, Fish said, "Lossness as a present condition entails separation or alienation. It is more than mere badness toward God, it is awayness from God...Being lost means a life that is wasted. No man can achieve the purposes for which God ultimately created him if he is lost."

Noting that a belief in eternal punishment for those who are lost is "the most scoffed-at truth in the entire Bible," Fish added, "All of you would agree with me about lossness for what it is but I want to ask you, 'What do you do about it?'"

During the conference's closing message, Fish preached from Psalm 85 about "the three Rs of awakening" — repentance, reconciliation and restitution.

Defining repentance as "a knowledge that you as a Christian have a responsibility toward God to keep your life free from anything that displeases Him," Fish said, "There will be no revival without repentance."

He said reconciliation — "to make friends again" — also is necessary for revival. "Jesus said, 'Don't drop your offering in the plate. Leave your gift at the altar, be reconciled to your brother.' You and I have seen hundreds and hundreds of orders of worship, but I have never seen this in an order of worship," Fish pointed out. He said true reconciliation will break down barriers in churches and promote spiritual freedom.

Describing restitution as "restoring that which has been wrongly taken," Fish added, "That happens in revival. When revival comes, restitution invariably will follow."

"Only a sovereign God can give revival," he concluded. "He wants the winds of the Spirit to blow once again, but you and I must set the sails."

State vocational evangelists host fourth annual festival

Clarence Shell, director of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention's evangelism department; Bobby Cook, staff evangelist for First Church of Bismarck; and Bailey Smith, a vocational evangelist from Atlanta, Ga., were featured speakers for the fourth Arkansas Festival of Evangelists Jan. 29.

President Johnny Jackson of Little Rock and vice president Phillip Brown of Gurdon moderated the festival held at Geyer Springs First Church in Little Rock prior to the opening session of the 1996 Arkansas Baptist Evangelism Conference. Jackson presented a plaque to Shell, who will retire in October, in recognition of his support of Arkansas vocational evangelists.

"When the Fire Falls" was the message preached by Shell from I Kings 18. Citing Elijah as an example, he challenged participants to stand as Elijah did and declare that "God is God."

"Today, most people do not believe that real revival will come to America," Shell noted, "but I believe God is saying in the 20th century, 'I will forgive and heal your land if you will become recharged with my Spirit and reclaim lives lost to service and redeem the lost.'"

Shell said approximately four million Southern Baptists are lost to service because of never having moved their church membership, that three million are living on local church fields but not involved in the service of a local church and more than one million living in Arkansas need to know Jesus as Savior. "They represent our neighbor and those with whom we daily associate."

"When you preach with power, you will see a dynamic moving of God calling people to commitment," he concluded. "As His Spirit moves, you will see the fire of God fall, awakening people to respond to His call and be saved."

The price Christ paid

Cook, speaking on "The Death of Jesus Christ," dramatically portrayed the suffering experienced by Christ prior to His death on the cross.

"In the Garden of Gethsemane, Christ prayed for many hours, asking God if there was another way for the world's sins to be forgiven except by His crucifixion, finally acknowledging, 'Not My will but thine be done,' he said.

"The severe beatings by the Roman soldiers who marred His facial features

beyond recognition, the beating with rods, the crown of thorns placed on His head inflicted so much pain for our Savior, as did the scourging with whips," Cook continued. "He endured even more pain for the sins of the world when they placed a robe upon His open wounds and then ripped it off Him."

"The amazing thing of all of this is that death through crucifixion usually is by suffocation and yet Christ was able to speak seven short sentences because God the Father put Him there, making His soul an offering that the world might come to know Him as Lord and Savior," he added.

"Preachers, when you remember the price Christ paid for our sins, get in the pulpit and stand a little bit taller, boldly preaching the Word of God and God will bless it," Cook declared.

Marks of maturity

Smith, speaking from Philippians 1, said maturing Christians is the key to help make evangelism the priority of the church.

He said a joyful relationship, blessings in witnessing and Christ as the guardian of one's destiny are three marks needed to bring maturity.

"A happy, joyful relationship is needed to have a ministry of encouragement," Smith affirmed, noting that such a ministry will promote the Great Commission and soul winning.

"There is no comparison between a service where people are saved and one where no decisions are made," he continued. "As individuals mature and share the gospel and as Christ is preached, a great work for Jesus will take place."

Emphasizing Christ's role as the guardian of the world's destiny, Smith concluded, "Christ is the only way and the one and only message."

Music for the conference was directed by Richard Sager of Berryville. He and Mark Fawcett of Ava, Mo., were the featured soloists.

Pastor advisor Cliff Mayton of Immanuel Church in Warren, who spoke at an evening banquet for the evangelists, encouraged them to follow the apostle Paul's example of a firm commitment, a faithful life and a hope for the future. "These three things will be accomplished," he said, "as you keep your eyes on Jesus who is always faithful."

Music festivals target youth, children

Two sets of state music events at several locations will provide an opportunity for Arkansas children and youth to learn new music and sharpen their musical skills.

The State Young Musicians Festivals will be held March 2 at Central Church in Jonesboro and First Church in Pine Bluff and April 20 at First Church in Harrison, First Church in Fort Smith and First Church in Hope. Eight Area Youth Music Festivals will be held throughout the state in March and April, preceding the State Youth Music Festival May 4.

The Young Musicians Festivals are designed for choirs of children in grades 4-6. Participating choirs will learn the anthem, "And I Will Praise Him," at the festival as well as sing musical selections for performance.

Peggy Pearson, an associate in the Arkansas Baptist State Convention church music ministries department, explained that choirs have three participation options: singing for adjudication, for comments only or in the mass choir only.

Pearson said the festivals "provide a one-day event for children that encourages and models excellence in choral singing and corporate worship."

The cost for the March 2 festivals is \$4 per choir member. For the April 20 festivals, the cost is \$3 per member prior to March 25 and \$4 after.

ABSC church music ministries department director Rob Hewell said that the

Youth Music Festivals, for youth choirs in grades 7-12, will foster several "values" for participants. "The process of preparing the music will enhance their strengths and skills, but the festivals also will provide an arena of accountability," he said. "When we are singing for others, we seek to show ourselves faithful and do the best we can."

Area festivals will be held at the following dates and locations: March 2 at Haven Heights Church in Fort Smith; March 3 at Nettleton Church in Jonesboro; March 4 at Charity Church in Rogers and First Church, Hope; March 11 at First Church, Russellville; March 23 at First Church in Harrison; March 31 at First Church, Monticello; and April 14 at Levy Church in North Little Rock.

The area festivals will culminate in the State Music Festival May 4 at First Church in Little Rock. The cost for the state festival is \$2 per person for choirs and large ensembles, \$10 per ensemble for small ensembles and \$5 per entry for each vocalist, instrumental soloist or keyboardist prior to April 8. For information on area festivals, consult the Music Ministry Handbook of the church music ministries department for contact personnel at each area festival.

For more information or a registration packet for the Youth Music Festival, contact Hewell toll-free at 1-800-838-ABSC, ext. 5121. For more information on the Young Musicians Festivals, contact Pearson at the same number.

Sports tournament challenges Challengers

The Arkansas Challengers Congress will return in March with a new name and focus. The Arkansas Challengers Tournament of Sports (ACTS) for junior and senior high school boys will be held March 22-23 at Immanuel Church and First Church in Little Rock and at Park Hill Church in North Little Rock.

Harry Black, director of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention Brotherhood department, said that ACTS will feature its popular basketball tournament as well as "volleyball, a hot shot tournament, Speak Out, a pizza party Friday night and a missions program."

Event planner Ozzie Berryhill, ABSC Royal Ambassador director, said the event is a "good way" to build Challenger chapters in churches. "The biggest part is the interaction with other guys along with the missions slant," he noted.

"Another reason for the event's popularity is the selection of the all-star team for a missions trip to Venezuela," Berryhill added. The team members are chosen from among the tournament participants.

Ten Arkansas Baptist youth and their

leaders shared the gospel with more than 2,000 Venezuelans last July near Maracaibo. Berryhill said this year's team also plans to travel to Venezuela on a similar missions trip in the Maracaibo area.

Black said the ACTS basketball tournament will feature high school-age teams playing four-on-four basketball at Park Hill and First Church on Friday and Saturday and junior high-age teams playing three-on-three games at Immanuel Saturday.

Sharing information about the other events, Black added, "The volleyball will be an intramural-type tournament after the program Friday night at Park Hill. The Hot Shot tournament is an individual shootout for number of baskets in a set time."

He said the Speak Out is an annual oral essay competition in both junior high and high school divisions.

The cost to participate in the event is \$50 per team. Participants are responsible for their own meals and lodging.

For additional information or to register, contact Black toll-free at the ABSC Brotherhood department, phone 1-800-838-ABSC, ext. 5158.

LifeSupport training scheduled to equip new group leaders

Interested in giving help to hurting people through a ministry of healing and support? The LifeSupport Group Leadership Training Workshop, set for Feb. 19-20 at First Church in Benton, will teach participants how to organize and implement a LifeSupport ministry in local churches.

Gerald Jackson, an associate in the Arkansas Baptist State Convention discipleship and family ministry department, noted that LifeSupport ministries in churches "can help hurting families. Most of us have serious problems we have to deal with. LifeSupport groups can help people come to grips with those problems and give them a network of support."

The workshop, jointly sponsored by Central Association, the ABSC discipleship and family ministry department and the Baptist Sunday School Board discipleship and family development division, is designed for pastors, church or associational staff, support group facilitators and potential LifeSupport ministry leaders.

Jackson said the event "will provide participants with the understanding to lead their church to develop a support group ministry. The workshop will also equip participants to facilitate appropriate support groups."

LifeSupport groups are small, church-based support groups that deal with a variety of topics such as self-esteem, family relationships, divorce dysfunctional families, sexual abuse, grief recovery, eating disorders, chemical dependency and codependency.

The program will feature training by David Walley, a team leader and LifeSupport specialist in the BSSB discipleship and family development division.

Jackson said Walley "has facilitated support groups for divorce recovery, sexual abuse, adult children of dysfunctional families and has worked as an individual and family counselor through the local church setting."

There is no cost for the workshop. Participants must, however, bring the LifeSupport Leader's Handbook or purchase it for \$9.95 at the workshop. Participants are responsible for their own meals and lodging.

For more information, contact Gerald Jackson toll-free at 1-800-838-ABSC, ext. 5160.

Kwok: 'Righteous' race relations essential

The state of race relations in Arkansas is "improved," said Jack Kwok. "It is one of those things that I think we'll always struggle with, but it has improved.

"An ironic twist is that while we are making significant progress in personal relationships in Arkansas, the national debate is taking a turn toward political and legislative agendas," said Kwok, director of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention cooperative ministries with National Baptists department. "Sooner or later that's going to impact Arkansas."

"So we're going to stay the course of concentrating on personal responsibility, godliness, holiness and righteousness," he said. "Our emphasis is upon changing the hearts of people."

To do that, he said his department's work this year is to "involve more people and concentrate on areas of life that people experience every day like the family, the home.

"How do we teach righteous race relations in the home?" he asked. "We are moving into that area. Next year we will follow that up with, 'How do you teach righteous race relations in the church?'"

He said the vote at the 150th Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta last June to repent of racism was significant to Southern Baptist race relations because



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"some of our history is not holy, not godly and not right.

"Racism is one, slavery is another," Kwok continued. As Southern Baptists observed their sesquicentennial, "how in good conscience could we celebrate all

the good things and leave some glaring inconsistencies and wrongs untouched and unmentioned? The resolution came out of that and it was proper and good and was received well."

Kwok noted that the ABCS affirmed a similar resolution last October. He said that the ABCS resolution has been featured at the National-Southern Baptist fellowships and "God has blessed that. There has been a tremendous outpouring of the Lord and the Spirit of God and a spirit of repentance."

He said that the SBC vote, however, also "has drawn tremendous fire by some African-American faith groups. But our National Baptist pastors in Arkansas," he added, "have responded well."

Kwok said that attending one of 11 National-Southern Baptist fellowships sponsored by his department is a good initial step to promoting race relations in the state. Fellowships will be held in the next few months at the following locations and dates:

First Church in Jacksonville Feb. 8; Gennesaret Missionary Baptist Church in Arkadelphia Feb. 11; Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church in Camden April 28; Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Gurdon May 19; and Nettleton Church in Jonesboro Aug. 26.

Arkansas volunteers needed for Romanian mission project

A call has been issued by Arkansas Baptist Brotherhood department director Harry Black for volunteers to join the "biggest single team" yet to be sent from the Arkansas Baptist State Convention during its mission partnership with the European Baptist Convention.

The team will travel to Romania May 16-28 in an effort to construct a worship facility, perform medical missions, plant churches and witness to Romanians in the area around Bucharest.

Black said the group's primary objective will be "to plant churches. We will go into an area where there is an established group of Christians and construct a block building to be used as a worship facility and pastor training school."

He said that about half the team members will work on the construction of the proposed 24-by-40-foot building, while other volunteers will conduct medical clinics and evangelistic activities.

Black said the evangelism teams "will have the opportunity to do Backyard Bible Clubs, evangelistic street preaching and small crusades" in an effort to start new congregations. He added that a "real need" still exists for laypeople to help with both the evangelism and construction projects.

"Those on the evangelism teams don't have to be pastors. There is a real need for laypeople to pass out tracts. All participants should be able to share their testimonies."

According to Black, the team's efforts are a follow-up to a three-month medical mission trip made last year in the Bucharest area by retired Conway physician Rogers Edmundson. During that trip, evangelistic teams working with Edmundson reported 250 professions of faith in Christ.

The trip also is an answer to a request from Southern Baptist foreign missionary Mike Kemper, a Pine Bluff native. Black said that including a medical missions team "will bring great credibility to local churches."

"Romania is one of three or four countries identified as very open to the gospel," Black explained. He said the trip is critical, though, because "there is some movement toward communism and the Orthodox Church is not really thrilled with (what Christians groups are doing). That makes it important we get in while the door is open."

Black said the projected cost for the trip will be about \$2,000 per person and urged churches sending volunteers to "help with the expenses for those that the church commissions to go."

The deadline for volunteering for the trip is March 11. That date also is set for an orientation session for volunteers at the Baptist Building in Little Rock.

For more information, contact Black at the ABCS Brotherhood department toll-free at 1-800-838-ABSC, ext. 5158.

ARKANSAS BAPTISTS

Church news

Immanuel Church in El Dorado dedicated a new preschool, children and youth education building Jan. 7. The facility features 33 classrooms and nursery rooms as well as a special activity room, kitchen, media library and offices. The cost of the \$2 million facility is being funded by members through a three-year "Find Us Faithful" campaign. David Uth is pastor.

Rose Bud First Church dedicated a new educational building Jan. 28 with former pastor Harrel Cato serving as guest speaker. James E. Hill, retired director of missions for Calvary Association, is interim pastor.

Rogers First Church has instituted a new worship and Sunday School schedule to accommodate ongoing church growth. The church will offer Sunday School at both 8:15 and 9:40 a.m. and two morning worship services at 9:30 and 11 a.m. Ben J. Rowell is pastor.

Obituaries

Floyd C. Vineyard of Van Buren, a member of Bluff Avenue Church of Fort Smith, died Jan. 2 at age 78. He was a retired Southern Baptist minister who was pastor of several Arkansas churches, including First Church of Hackett, New Providence Church of Hackett, First Church of Huntington, Shibley Church of Van Buren, First Church of Altus, First Church of Dyer, Hon Church of Waldron, Calvary Church of Booneville and Rock Creek Church of Mansfield. In addition, he had served in Oklahoma. He is survived by his wife, Martha Sue Vineyard; a daughter, Sharon McAlpine of Mustang, Okla.; three sons, Ronnie Vineyard of Sapulpa, Okla., Rick Vineyard of Kiefer, Okla., and Robert Vineyard of Van Buren; two stepsons, Larry Kukar of Quinton, Okla., and Allen Kukar of Poteau, Okla.; two sisters; a brother, six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Raymond Morris Duncan Sr. of Hot Springs died Jan. 13 at age 84. He was a member of Leonard Street Church of Hot Springs where he served as a deacon and was involved in the bus ministry. He is survived by two sons, Raymond Duncan Jr. of Southaven, Miss., and Thomas Wayne Duncan of Salt Lake City, Utah; and a daughter, Mary Lee Loines of Bartlett, Tenn.

Lourell Charles Garner of Camden died Jan. 17 at age 90. He was a retired Southern Baptist minister, having served Faith Church of Camden. Survivors are his wife,



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Thelma Lancaster Garner; one son, Don Garner of Camden; one daughter, LaVerne Scott of Chickasaw, Ala.; seven grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

J. Lowell Ponder of Farmington died Jan. 19 at age 93 in Washington Regional Medical Center. He was a Southern Baptist minister, having served as pastor of churches in Arkansas and Texas. In addition, he was a director of missions for 11 years and administrator of the Texas Baptist Home in Dallas for more than seven years. He was a member of Farmington Church. Survivors are a daughter, Kathryn Doster of Farmington; a sister, Mildred Johnson of Farmington; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. Memorials may be made to Arkansas Baptist Children's Homes and Family Ministries, P. O. Box 552, Little Rock, AR 72203.

Staff changes

Bernard Rusert is pastor of Trinity Church in Malvern, coming there from a six-year ministry with Sobol Church in Fort Towson, Okla. He also has been pastor of Hollywood Church of Arkadelphia,

Martindale Church of Little Rock, Charity Southern Church of Rogers and Oden Church. Rusert is a graduate of Henderson State University and Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. His wife, Glenda, is an early childhood teacher and a musician. They are parents of one daughter, Kristy, a college student in Texas.

Tom M. Deere has accepted the call to serve as pastor of First Church of Pottsville. He previously served 15 years as pastor of Southern Baptist churches in Arkansas and Texas. Deere is a graduate of the University of Arkansas and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He and his wife, Sheila, have one daughter, Deborah Ann.

Toby Simers joined the staff of Second Church in Little Rock Jan. 21 as minister to youth. Simers and his wife, Kelley, have been members of the church since 1993. A native of Blytheville, he is a graduate of Arkansas State University and has served as a summer missionary for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. Simers recently began work toward a master's degree from Southwestern Seminary at the Little Rock Extension Center.

Nancy Regina Redding joined the staff of West Helena Church Feb. 1 as minister of music and adults. She came there from First Church of Macon, Miss., where she has served for the past four years in a similar position.

John Waters has joined the staff of First Church in Norphlet as minister of music and youth. A native of North Little Rock,



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he is a graduate of the University of Central Arkansas in Conway and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He previously has served churches in Formosa and England, as well as in Fort Worth, Texas. He and his wife, Janet, are parents of twins, Joshua and Jana.

Paul Williams has joined the staff of First Church of Dumas as minister of youth. He is a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Williams and his wife, Missy, are both graduates of Ouachita Baptist University.

Douglas W. Bassett has accepted the call to join the staff of First Church of Paragould as minister of youth and education. A native of Jonesboro, he is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, Williams Baptist College and Liberty Home Bible Institute of Lynchburg, Va. Bassett has previously served in Arkansas and Oklahoma. He is married to the former Teresa Kay Dement of Jonesboro. They have two children, Kathryn Elizabeth and Joshua Douglas.

Mark Maler has joined the staff of Trinity Church in Malvern as minister of music, coming there from First Church of Marion. In addition, he has been a staff member of

First Church of Batesville, West Side Church of El Dorado and Immanuel Church of Little Rock. He also has served as a Southern Baptist home missionary in Kansas and Nebraska. Maler is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University.

Barry Blanton has joined the staff of Second Church in Arkadelphia as minister of education and administration. He is a graduate of Louisiana Tech and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. His wife, Tonya, is also a recent graduate of Southwestern Seminary.

Jeff Fisher is serving as pastor of Hopewell Church near Corning. He is a student at Williams Baptist College.

Charles Malone has joined the staff of Lake Ouachita Church at Mount Ida as minister of music and youth. He and his wife, Sue, moved there from Mena.

Keith Michael has joined the staff of Second Church in Leachville as youth director. He and his wife, Susanne, are both senior at Williams Baptist College.

Ryan Hankins is serving as part-time youth minister for Otter Creek First Church in Little Rock. He is a student at Ouachita Baptist University.

Don Moore, who will retire Feb. 29 as executive director of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, is serving as interim pastor of Parkway Place Church in Little Rock.

Mark Tolbert recently resigned as pastor of Wynne Church to become pastor of Central Church of Decatur, Ala. Tolbert, who has served other Arkansas Baptist churches, currently is a member of the Arkansas Baptist Foundation board of trustees. He is a graduate of Georgia State University of Atlanta, Ga., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He and his wife, Joy, are parents of two children, Jennifer and Jason, both students at Ouachita Baptist University.

Don Crawford has resigned as pastor of Greenway Church and is residing in Kennett, Mo.

Wayne Brown has resigned as part-time associate youth minister at Levy Church in North Little Rock to begin secular employment.

People

Gini Walden was recognized Jan. 21 by South Side Church in Fort Smith for 10 years of music and ministry. Walden, who has led in worship, accompanied the sanctuary choir and served as a ringer in the handbell choir, was honored with an evening reception.

Wanna Coward is observing 25 years of ministry this month as secretary of Concord Association with offices in Fort Smith. The association is honoring her with a fellowship Feb. 22.

D. W. Bradley, who has retired as custodian following 23 years of service, was recognized Jan. 14 by Amboy Church of North Little Rock when the church observed "D.W. Bradley Day." He was presented with a money tree and honored with a dinner that was attended by approximately 100 people.

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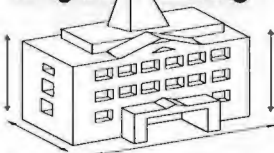
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Baptists share prominent role at National Affairs Briefing

MEMPHIS, TN (BP)—It was a mix of God and country, religion and politics. And prominent Southern Baptists were key figures at the National Affairs Briefing, Jan. 19-20. Held at The Pyramid in Memphis, Tenn., the NAB was sponsored by The Roundtable, a nationwide group of conservative organizations, churches and individuals.

The event's stated purpose was "to set the agenda for the presidential candidates to discuss the social issues and spiritual values that are shaping our country." Ed McAteer, a member of Bellevue Baptist Church in nearby Cordova, chaired the two-day session.

President Clinton was invited to address the conference but declined. Republican candidates Bob Dole, Lamar Alexander and Steve Forbes also declined to attend.

Candidates speaking at the event were commentator Pat Buchanan, Sen. Phil Gramm of Texas, Sen. Richard Lugar of Indiana, former diplomat Alan Keyes of Maryland, Congressman Robert Dornan of California, businessman Charles Collins of Florida and Harry Browne, the Libertarian

Party's candidate from Franklin, Tenn.

The presidential candidates shared the podium with several conservative activists and religious speakers, including Ralph Reed of the Christian Coalition, Beverly LaHaye of Concerned Women for America, Don Wildmon of the American Family Association and independent Baptist pastor Jerry Falwell.

Adrian Rogers, three-time president of the SBC and pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, told the crowd America is number one—in homosexuality, radical feminism, divorce, destructive family issues, abortion, the occult, new age religion, crime and violence.

"The nation born in 1776 must be born again or it will join the graveyard of nations," Rogers declared.

Issuing politicians a warning, Rogers said, "America today is more concerned about a balanced budget than righteousness. We need to get right with God.

"Government cannot make us good, only God can do it," Rogers said. Speaking from II Chronicles 7:14, he said America's hope is based on God's people seeking

renewal through repentance and confession of sin and returning to God.

Richard Land, president of the SBC Christian Life Commission, cited Ephesians 5 to call America to "walk circumspectly." Land said it is a critical moment in U.S. history, noting there is a need for a "profound moral and spiritual renewal."

"The problem in America begins with us," Land said. "We should be a moral disinfectant to our society." However, he added, only the "light of the gospel" can change hearts.

Later in the session, Land introduced Republican presidential candidate Phil Gramm. Land, who described Gramm as "pro-life and pro-family," told the media that his introduction was not an endorsement of Gramm's candidacy.

Gramm said he was the candidate who could deliver the kind of change Christian conservatives seek.

"If we're going to change America, we're going to have to have someone who is tough and committed," Gramm said.

Buchanan sounded his familiar theme of "America First" on economic issues and made numerous references to God and country during his speech.

Keyes emphasized his opposition to abortion, calling it a "self-destructive freedom."

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Doctrine study details role of the church in redemptive plan

Southern Baptists' 1996 doctrine study on the church "covers a waterfront" about the role of the church in God's redemptive plan, according to Don Atkinson, an editor in the Baptist Sunday School Board's discipleship and family ministry department.

Introducing the study to participants at the annual doctrine study training held in conjunction with last week's Arkansas

Baptist Evangelism Conference, Atkinson described this year's study book, *The Church: God's People on Mission*, as a practical guide to the governance, purpose and ordinances of the church. The book was written by Laney J. Johnson, pastor of Mobberly Baptist Church in Longview, Texas, and edited by Atkinson.

"Redemption has always been at the heart of God," Atkinson noted. "Ever since

the fall in the garden, God has been in the business of redemption, because He knew that man would need it.

"The agency through which God does His redemptive work is the church," he continued. The doctrine study covers the major questions about the role of the church, including such topics as the purpose, power, partnership, program and practices of the church.

The doctrine study deals with the local church as "the called-out body," Atkinson explained. In the Old Testament the body was simply the assembled, he said, while in the New Testament the body was those who believed in Jesus.

The church needs to be united to reconcile a lost world to Christ because of the challenges the church faces, Atkinson noted. He said these challenges include a secular mindset, a materialistic society, humanistic influences, new age religion and even parachurch groups when Christians use them to replace the church. "The main line of redemptive ministry is the church," he insisted.

"The church is built on a person, Jesus, who is the bridge that unites the Old and New Testaments," Atkinson said. "Jesus is the foundation on whom the church is built, and the cornerstone, the unifying principle that holds the structure together."

For more information about the 1996 doctrine study, contact the Baptist Sunday School Board at 127 Ninth Avenue North, Nashville, TN 37234; phone 1-800-458-2772.

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YOUTH

True Love Waits to go 'Thru the Roof' during youth leaders' rally Feb. 11

Event organizers want cards to go through the roof at the Georgia Dome Feb. 11 - not at a sporting event, but at Atlanta '96, a meeting of more than 10,000 youth leaders from various denominations and Christian student organizations. The cards, with holes punched in the middle to facilitate stacking, are commitment cards for True Love Waits - Thru the Roof.

True Love Waits, a sexual abstinence program for high school teens and college students, was launched two years ago by Southern Baptists. During the 1994 Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting in Orlando, Fla., more than 100,000 signed pledge cards were collected and displayed.

True Love Waits has gained international attention with thousands of young people around the world signing cards which pledge: "Believing that true love waits, I make a commitment to God, myself, my family, my friends, my future mate, and my future children to be sexually abstinent from this day until the day I enter a biblical marriage relationship."

Many of those cards have been signed in Arkansas, according to Randy Brantley, youth evangelism associate for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. "In planning for 'Thru the Roof,' we decided to present the True Love Waits video at Joy Explo in December and encourage students to make a renewal if they had signed the card previously," he explained. "If this was the first time a student had been exposed to the program, we encouraged them to take the cards home and talk it over with their pastors and parents and then send them in." More than 3,500 cards were turned in at the True Love Waits rally during Joy Explo to be part of the 27-story stack of cards at the Georgia Dome.

Other Arkansas youth who signed the cards participated in a regional True Love Waits - Thru the Roof rally on Jan. 13 in Batesville. Associational youth minister Joel Olive, who also is youth minister at Mountain View First Church, helped plan the event. "Because of Atlanta '96, we thought it was time to present True Love Waits. Our question was, 'How do we teach all the kids about this?'" Olive noted. "We decided on a great big event on a Saturday, and really publicized it -

television, local radio and newspaper."

The result was an attendance of more than 130 youth and 20 adults from four counties, four denominations and 22 different churches. Speakers included David Uth, pastor of Immanuel Church in El Dorado, and Charlie Winters, pastor of Cedar Heights Church in North Little Rock.

One young person whose card will be stacked in Atlanta is Crystal Neseth, 14, a ninth grader at Mountain View High School and a member of Mountain View First Church. "I had no question about signing - it was really special to make that kind of promise," she said. "It makes you feel really good."

Her enthusiasm was echoed by fellow youth group member Kolby Snellenberger, also 14. "We enjoyed the trip to the conference and the speakers were really great," he noted. "I had already made the pledge in my heart, but when you sign the card, you know you can't give it up - this is a promise to God."

As of late January, cards from all 50 states and more than 50 foreign countries had been received at First Baptist Church in Conyers, Ga., the collection point for the Thru the Roof campaign. The Feb. 11 commitment service will be taped by Trinity Broadcasting Network and broadcast on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, from 7 to 9 p.m. The events coincide with Southern Baptists' annual focus on February as "True Love Waits" month.

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'96 home mission study offers on-line resources

ALPHARETTA, GA (BP)—Southern Baptist churches participating in the 1996 home mission study can access supplemental study material this year from SBCNet, the convention's on-line computer service.

With an emphasis on chaplaincy and home missionaries, "People Count" is the theme of this year's season of home missions.

The home mission study will focus on chaplains, who are endorsed by the HMB Chaplains Commission. With the title "Going Where Others Cannot Go," the study showcases ministries chaplains can accomplish often better than a traditional church congregation, said Joe Westbury, coordinator for the study.

"We are very pleased with the initial response to the material since we went

on-line in August," said Westbury. "In the first five months, the information was accessed more than 700 times — and that is before the bulk of the Home Mission Study materials reached churches."

Seventeen mission study files are available electronically. One file updates statistical information and another lists prayer requests from individuals featured in the adult study. Fifteen files contain text from free brochures which explain a variety of chaplaincy ministries and how individuals can become a volunteer or full-time chaplain.

The files are found in the HMB library of SBCNet. Each file relates to the adult home missions study book but can be used to supplement the youth or children's study material.

The suggested time for churches to conduct the study is Feb. 18-21. The home mission study is part of the season of home missions, which also includes the Week of Prayer for Home Missions, the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for home missions, and home missions day in Sunday School. Woman's Missionary Union has adopted a \$42 million goal for the 1996 offering. Last year, the offering raised a record \$38.9 million.

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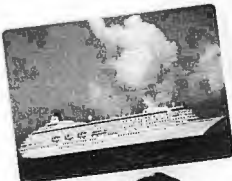
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Springdale pastor Floyd to be nominated as president of SBC Pastors' Conference

Arkansas Baptist pastor Ronnie Floyd will be nominated as president of the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference, which will meet June 9-10 in New Orleans prior to the 1996 Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting.

Floyd, pastor of First Church, Springdale, currently is chairman of the SBC Executive Committee. He has preached during the national Pastors' Conference each of the past three years and also is scheduled to preach the SBC's annual convention sermon this summer.

Claude Thomas, pastor of First Baptist Church, Euless, Texas, announced Jan. 25 that he will nominate Floyd to lead the Pastors' Conference.

"Several brothers from across the SBC asked if I would be willing to be nominated," Floyd told the *Arkansas Baptist News* magazine. "After I prayed about it, I submitted to what I believe the will of God is in this possibility."

Floyd said his "major motivation" in being nominated for the leadership role "would be the opportunity to make a difference for thousands of pastors and staff members who could, in turn, impact thousands and thousands of churches."

In addition to his leadership on the SBC Executive Committee, Floyd served on the seven-member Program and Structure Study Committee which proposed major restructuring in the denomination.

Ouachita to host worship conference

In response to "many requests from local churches," Ouachita Baptist University will host a Non-Traditional Worship and Ministry Conference, according to OBU religion department chairman Bill Steeger. The conference, sponsored by OBU's Center for Christian Ministries, will be held March 5 at Berry Chapel on the Arkadelphia campus.

Steeger said the conference, designed for pastors and "other interested church leaders," will be led by Stan Hannan, pastor of First Baptist Church in Eustis, Fla.

Steeger said Hannan, who grew up in Zimbabwe, was converted to Christianity

following "a career managing a contemporary singing group popular in Europe, Africa and America. He came to the States in 1987 and has done pioneering work in reaching beyond the walls of the church with the gospel in contemporary language, style and method."

The program will begin at 1 p.m. and conclude at 9 p.m. The cost for the conference is \$15 per person and includes a "working banquet" that evening.

For more information or to register for the conference, contact the OBU Center for Christian Ministries; phone 501-245-5599.

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Accepting resumes — for full-time pastor. First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 202, Atkins, AR 72823.

Seeking — Bivocational pastor. Send resumes to Oakwood Baptist Church, 18506 McArthur Dr., North Little Rock AR 72118. Attn: Pulpit Committee.

Accepting resumes — Sylvan Hills First Baptist Church needs a full-time experienced recreation/youth minister. Send resume to 9008 Sylvan Hills Hwy, Sherwood, AR 72120.

Accepting resumes — for full-time minister of youth. Send to: Search Committee, First Baptist Church, 501 N. Main, Fordyce, AR 71742.

Seeking resumes — for full-time minister of music and youth. Send resumes to: Music/Youth Search, c/o First Baptist Church, 201 E. Haywood, England, AR 72046.

Wanted — Full-time youth/education minister, to serve First Baptist Church, Raymore, Missouri. Send resume in care of: Tom Broadhurst, Search Committee Chairman, P.O. Box 618, Raymore, MO 64083.

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Arkansas River Valley Church			
	Coop	Prog	Designated
Arkansas River Valley-Rus	0.00	298.08	
Atkins First-Atkins	5,678.54	1,231.11	
Bakers Creek-Russellville	3,600.00	1,306.00	
Bluffton-Bluffton	1,102.83	1,407.00	
Briggsville Second-Danville	277.38	0.00	
Calvary-Dardanelle	3,174.02	684.74	
Centerville-Centerville	694.75	870.00	
Crow Mountain-Russellville	11,630.49	1,413.22	
Danville First-Danville	28,300.10	21,736.12	
Dardanelle First-Dardanelle	19,320.00	9,171.16	
Delaware First-Delaware	3,433.76	582.60	
Dover-Dover	36,013.46	5,979.27	
East Point-Russellville	3,682.04	1,066.63	
Fair Park-Russellville	1,665.56	1,271.18	
Grace Memorial-Belleview	325.00	206.00	
Havana-Havana	4,344.85	3,289.98	
Hector First-Hector	3,014.15	1,471.39	
Hopewell-Atkins	1,104.64	400.00	
Kelley Heights-Russellville	3,850.05	623.30	
Knoxville First-Knoxville	4,342.43	2,955.48	
London First-London	5,927.87	1,998.39	
Moreland-Russellville	65.00	0.00	
New Hope-Dardanelle	2,475.99	950.18	
Ola First-Ola	9,185.89	4,449.97	
Plainview First-Plainview	4,607.60	2,346.15	
Pleasant View-Russellville	722.52	42.47	
Pottsville-Pottsville	1,249.95	600.00	
Rover-Rover	2,319.16	260.26	
Russellville First-Russellville	179,289.10	90,771.17	
Russellville Second-Russ	45,154.57	16,125.40	
Scranton First-Scranton	4,746.43	1,345.86	
	391,919.13	174,863.11	

Arkansas Valley Church			
	Coop	Prog	Designated
Barton-Barton	886.71	265.00	
Bethel-Elaine	226.12	225.00	
Brinkley First-Brinkley	70,978.10	10,601.14	
Broadmoor-Brinkley	3,420.00	3,113.87	
Calvary-West Helena	715.00	0.00	
Clarendon First-Clarendon	15,288.57	5,000.68	
Elaine-Elaine	24,850.27	4,966.12	
Friendship-Marianna	1,924.00	1,133.00	
Helena First-Helena	15,556.20	6,688.25	
Holly Grove First Southern	255.00	0.00	
Hughes First-Hughes	9,600.00	5,243.00	
Immanuel-Wabash	1,995.23	630.27	
Lambrook First-Lambrook	1,042.92	334.55	
Lexa-Lexa	7,269.01	4,160.68	
Marianna First-Marianna	33,341.01	24,283.15	
Marvell First-Marvell	18,553.46	1,941.05	
Monroe-Monroe	400.00	380.00	
Moro-Moro	3,700.00	3,423.00	
Petty's Chapel-LaGrange	295.15	0.00	
Snow Lake-Snow Lake	51.59	0.00	
Turner-Turner	2,476.08	588.30	
West Acres-West Helena	1,200.00	123.00	
West Helena Second	22,429.31	4,599.43	
West Helena-West Helena	24,915.59	10,408.81	
	261,370.32	88,108.30	

Ashley County Church			
	Coop	Prog	Designated
Calvary-Crosssett	1,433.06	95.00	
Community Chapel-Crosssett	177.04	150.84	
Corinth-Bastrop	3,112.20	896.00	
Crosssett First-Crosssett	195,738.57	35,859.63	
Crosssett Second-Crosssett	916.13	150.00	
Eden-Hamburg	4,357.83	1,590.64	
Fellowship-Hamburg	700.00	300.00	
Foundry Hill First-Fountain Hill	560.37	85.00	
Gardner-Hamburg	5,772.89	963.00	
Hamburg First-Hamburg	53,269.80	16,653.00	
Jarvis Chapel-Crosssett	442.10	0.00	
Magnolia-Crosssett	16,800.72	2,732.39	
Martinville-Hamburg	3,253.64	510.00	
Meridian-Crosssett	10,510.00	1,194.00	
Mount Olive-Crosssett	68,050.04	11,362.63	
Mount Pleasant-Montrose	2,056.64	855.00	
Mount Zion-Hamburg	1,154.04	453.00	
North Crosssett First-Crosssett	3,495.46	1,850.50	
Pleasant Lane-Crosssett	1,600.38	1,233.83	
Sadsad-Montrose	114.75	0.00	
Shiloh-Hamburg	771.54	257.19	
South Main-Crosssett	5,525.00	3,787.70	
Temple-Crosssett	6,986.36	2,643.85	
Wilmot-Wilmot	10,037.73	5,660.00	
	396,836.29	89,283.29	

Bartholomew Church			
	Coop	Prog	Designated
Antioch-Hermitage	283.16	0.00	
Calvary-Monticello	11,767.32	2,003.84	
Cominto-Monticello	2,531.00	0.00	
Corinth-Wilmar	2,311.41	774.12	
Eagle Lake-Hermitage	2,466.04	0.00	
Ebenezer-Warren	1,743.34	1,882.88	
Enon-Monticello	4,171.18	1,621.32	
Florence-Monticello	1,774.04	263.00	
Green Hill Community-Wilmar	2,373.67	507.92	
Hermitage-Hermitage	14,247.34	4,216.19	
Immanuel-Warren	64,155.81	5,525.28	
Ladelle-Monticello	1,378.62	0.00	
Macedonia-Warren	1,412.23	833.00	
Monticello First-Monticello	64,381.55	15,066.33	
Monticello Second-Montic	25,014.86	7,642.29	
North Side-Monticello	3,327.81	332.55	
Old Union-Monticello	2,105.25	203.00	
Pleasant Grove-Warren	0.00	0.00	
Prairie Grove-Hamburg	1,626.97	300.00	
Primer Iglesia-Warren	150.00	40.00	
Saline-Hermitage	2,444.65	722.03	
Selma-Tillar	184.42	0.00	
Southside-Warren	1,162.88	0.00	
Union Hill-Hermitage	2,018.13	0.00	
Warren First-Warren	63,713.35	21,556.94	
West Side-Warren	2,626.59	1,038.67	
Wilmar-Wilmar	4,333.09	2,866.56	
	283,660.71	67,406.92	

Big Creek Church			
	Coop	Prog	Designated
County Line-Gepp	373.00	300.00	
Elizabeth-Elizabeth	390.00	760.00	
Enterprise-Viola	735.61	730.69	
Flora-Viola	130.00	25.00	
Mammoth Spring First	1,572.02	730.50	
Mount Lebanon-Hardy	1,622.37	125.00	
Mount Zion-Salem	90.00	548.99	
Saddle First-Mammoth Springs	536.71	1,170.40	
Spring River-Hardy	540.00	30.00	
Union Hill-Mammoth Spring	120.50	33.00	
Viola-Viola	4,525.70	1,027.00	
	10,635.91	5,810.62	

Black River Church			
	Coop	Prog	Designated
Alicia-Alicia	435.62	213.00	
Amagon-Amagon	150.00	80.00	
Banks-Mammoth Spring	715.53	0.00	
Black River-Hoxie	0.00	190.19	
Black Rock First-Black Rock	5,372.46	1,069.35	
Calvary-Walnut Ridge	3,889.88	2,383.68	
Campbell Station-Diaz	660.00	185.56	
Clear Springs-Black Rock	528.42	453.80	
Crossroads-Portia	277.14	413.68	
Diaz-Diaz	4,023.57	1,536.50	
Grubbs First-Grubbs	2,337.44	820.00	
Hoxie First-Hoxie	5,724.83	1,686.30	
Imboden First-Imboden	4,882.92	4,880.65	
Immanuel-Newport	3,922.62	853.00	
Jacksonport-Jacksonport	4,384.18	0.00	
Murphy's Corner-Newport	0.00	0.00	
New Hope #1-Smithville	1,291.74	819.40	
New Hope Hardy-Hardy	2,799.08	1,539.29	
Newport First-Newport	83,370.37	16,992.92	
Old Walnut Ridge-Walnut	1,557.82	65.00	
Pitts-Cash	276.10	38.57	
Ravenden First-Ravenden	884.00	178.00	
Sodgwick-Sodgwick	2,204.96	900.00	
Smithville-Smithville	2,718.77	842.88	
Spring Lake-Williford	1,382.29	1,307.49	
Swifton-Swifton	1,104.00	957.03	
Tuckerman First-Tuckerman	4,725.81	7,691.38	
Walnut Ridge First-	44,012.82	12,861.28	
White Oak-Walnut Ridge	600.00	571.00	
	187,710.37	59,529.95	

Buckner Church			
	Coop	Prog	Designated
Abbott-Mansfield	364.86	175.00	
Bates-Waldron	275.00	0.00	
Boles-Boles	729.29	283.00	
Calvary-Booneville	374.53	403.66	
Cauthron-Waldron	50.00	150.00	
Cedar Creek-Waldron	886.08	1,200.00	
Dayton-Mansfield	1,801.00	280.00	
Denon-Waldron	0.00	0.00	
Evening Shade-Waldron	836.15	0.00	
Fellowship-Huntington	8,859.14	4,987.07	
Friendship-Mena	180.00	0.00	
Hartford First-Hartford	16,406.49	4,760.16	
Haw Creek-Waldron	4,251.95	840.30	
Hon-Waldron	974.17	200.00	
Huntington First-Huntington	399.91	985.25	
Jone-Booneville	0.00	0.00	
James Fork-Mansfield	4,318.61	2,033.63	
Long Ridge-Booneville	1,365.00	500.00	
Mansfield First-Mansfield	32,436.83	12,851.03	
New Providence-Hackett	1,809.02	483.37	
Parks-Parks	1,050.05	2,127.24	
Pleasant Grove #2-Mansfield	1,202.14	595.00	
Pleasant Grove #3-Waldron	831.86	147.75	
Rock Creek-Mansfield	1,312.92	280.00	
Shiloh-Mena	0.00	50.00	
Southside-Waldron	1,748.22	0.00	
Temple-Waldron	1,029.01	195.00	
Unity-Waldron	396.28	20.00	
Waldron First-Waldron	44,477.95	10,737.38	
West Hartford-Hartford	835.09	395.00	
Winfield-Waldron	2,266.21	2,312.20	
	131,501.06	46,972.64	

Buckville Church			
	Coop	Prog	Designated
Rock Springs-Buckville	2,299.80	228.31	
	2,299.80	228.31	

West View-Paragould, 36,160.95 5,396.11
216,437.13 128,179.27

Harmony Church	Coop	Prog	Designated
Altheimer First-Altheimer, Bethel-Gould,	3,137.25	0.00	2,635.40
Central-Pine Bluff,	7,786.96	6,869.97	0.00
Claud Road-Pine Bluff,	4,828.70	2,050.14	0.00
Dollarway-Pine Bluff,	8,589.52	1,045.24	0.00
Douglas-Gould,	622.66	247.10	0.00
Dumas First-Dumas,	35,080.00	12,617.32	0.00
East Side-Pine Bluff,	11,834.95	1,561.00	0.00
Forrest Park-Pine Bluff,	17,098.74	1,984.91	0.00
Gould First-Gould,	3,451.84	1,130.00	0.00
Grady First-Grady,	1,630.43	367.00	0.00
Green Meadows-Pine Bluff,	7,245.36	2,006.57	0.00
Greenlee-Pine Bluff,	371.61	3,759.81	0.00
Hardin-Pine Bluff,	22,473.35	7,492.00	120.00
Harmony-Pine Bluff,	0.00	120.00	0.00
Hickory Grove-Star City,	1,291.60	3,791.11	0.00
Humphrey-Humphrey,	3,263.37	1,144.80	0.00
Immanuel-Pine Bluff,	52,299.74	24,689.92	0.00
Kearney-Redfield,	806.37	35.00	0.00
Kingsland First-Kingsland,	5,126.84	3,337.00	0.00
Linedwood-Moscow,	2,709.21	1,164.00	0.00
Matthews Memorial-Pine Bluff,	16,775.12	6,726.99	0.00
Northside-Star City,	110.00	0.00	0.00
Oak Grove-Pine Bluff,	2,457.99	101.00	0.00
Pine Bluff First-Pine Bluff,	59,848.20	10,579.89	0.00
Pine Bluff Second-Pine Bluff,	3,603.03	1,154.75	0.00
Plum Bayou-Wright,	3,069.12	609.16	0.00
Rankin Chapel-Dumas,	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rison-Rison,	15,229.25	5,114.50	0.00
River Road-Redfield,	1,978.23	534.22	0.00
Shannon Road-Pine Bluff,	7,165.44	1,062.00	0.00
Shepherd Hill-Pine Bluff,	12,839.80	2,908.00	0.00
South Pinewood-Pine Bluff,	5,245.82	503.00	0.00
South Side-Pine Bluff,	57,866.74	17,862.21	0.00
Star City First-Star City,	37,139.81	8,510.35	0.00
Sulphur Springs-Pine Bluff,	4,153.11	2,372.70	0.00
Victory-Dumas,	897.50	0.00	0.00
Watson Chapel-Pine Bluff,	89,586.84	13,362.75	0.00
White Hall First-White Hall,	58,041.49	10,852.04	0.00
Yorktown First-Yorktown,	3,544.00	650.00	0.00
	574,777.69	160,981.85	

Independence Church	Coop	Prog	Designated
Arbanna-Mountain View,	1,749.82	1,674.81	0.00
Batesville First-Batesville,	115,913.96	20,075.33	0.00
Calvary-Batesville,	34,732.00	17,476.35	0.00
Calvary-Timbo,	2,940.11	95.00	0.00
Cord-Cord,	5,136.00	1,163.00	0.00
Deshe First-Deshe,	7,117.47	1,808.73	0.00
Eastside-Cave City,	7,413.03	8,475.81	0.00
Emmanuel-Batesville,	2,056.00	329.00	0.00
Faith-Batesville,	1,541.43	100.00	0.00
Fellowship-Batesville,	2,250.46	686.00	0.00
Floral-Floral,	8,775.14	2,303.00	0.00
Foothills-Mountain View,	6,167.85	1,337.66	0.00
Independence-Batesville,	0.00	264.12	0.00
Marcella-Marcella,	1,565.83	313.00	0.00
Mount Zion-Batesville,	3,969.00	1,178.15	0.00
Mountain View First-Mount View,	18,586.37	19,337.44	0.00
Newark Southern-Newark,	5,996.21	1,594.30	0.00
Northside-Batesville,	2,817.78	286.55	0.00
Pilgrims Rest-Batesville,	1,302.77	912.75	0.00
Pleasant Plains-Pleasant Pl	1,059.09	617.63	0.00
Rehobeth-Batesville,	3,210.28	600.00	0.00
Rosie-Rosie,	4,751.59	3,520.68	0.00
Ruddell Hill-Batesville,	15,588.75	2,846.59	0.00
Salado-Salado,	1,332.00	837.56	0.00
Strawberry Southern-Straw Sulphur Rock-Sulphur Rock,	3,658.62	1,201.00	0.00
West-Batesville,	63,518.88	13,137.05	0.00
White River-Dil Trough,	2,478.88	610.42	0.00
	325,671.70	103,907.03	

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Liberty Church	Coop	Prog	Designated
Caledonia-EI Dorado,	3,000.00	1,847.88	0.00
Calion-Calion,	5,795.45	2,184.21	0.00
Camden First-Camden,	63,709.70	26,633.00	0.00
Camden Second-Camden,	67.52	0.00	0.00
Chidester-Chidester,	4,804.84	2,555.00	0.00
Cross Roads-Louann,	616.00	0.00	0.00
Cullendale-Camden,	53,668.42	11,926.95	0.00
East Main-EI Dorado,	29,950.91	5,507.85	0.00
Ebenezer-EI Dorado,	15,894.99	6,132.03	0.00
EI Dorado First-EI Dorado,	67,251.62	66,623.07	0.00
EI Dorado Second-EI Dorado,	86,049.70	28,867.80	0.00
Elliott-Camden,	11,543.71	998.86	0.00
Fairview Road-Camden,	3,232.00	1,169.00	0.00
Felsenthal-Huttig,	2,616.00	1,402.00	0.00
Galilee-EI Dorado,	901.87	1,467.31	0.00
Grace-Camden,	7,438.42	7,010.78	0.00
Harmony-EI Dorado,	5,335.05	1,212.75	0.00
Hillside-Camden,	19,068.98	4,433.09	0.00
Hutti First-Hutti,	6,617.33	2,662.06	0.00
Immanuel-EI Dorado,	14,245.33	36,673.09	0.00
Joyce City-Smackov,	6,762.22	1,891.25	0.00
Junction City-First-Junctio	10,675.40	1,646.21	0.00
Knowles-Strong,	2,308.17	1,589.25	0.00
Lapile-Strong,	1,554.00	0.00	0.00
Lawson-Lawson,	2,199.00	224.73	0.00
Liberty-Lawson,	4,516.82	1,350.00	0.00
Louann-Louann,	0.00	0.00	0.00
Maple Avenue-Smackov,	12,626.45	2,470.00	0.00
Marrable Hill-EI Dorado,	6,558.80	3,360.00	0.00
Midway-EI Dorado,	1,748.00	200.00	0.00
New London-Strong,	3,473.91	0.00	0.00
Norphlet First-Norphlet,	18,457.70	8,296.58	0.00
Northwest-EI Dorado,	4,911.05	1,051.51	0.00
Parkers Chapel First-EI Dora	11,294.32	4,197.38	0.00
Parkview-EI Dorado,	8,802.37	1,684.25	0.00
Philadelphia-EI Dorado,	1,691.50	434.32	0.00
Reader-Chidaster,	284.00	286.00	0.00
Salem-Stephens,	5,786.00	2,241.48	0.00
Smackov First-Smackov,	41,365.94	5,035.76	0.00
South Side-EI Dorado,	3,664.27	1,027.81	0.00
Stephens First-Stephens,	11,431.11	4,505.86	0.00
Strong First-Strong,	7,479.40	3,543.31	0.00
Sylvan Hills-Camden,	1,300.00	384.00	0.00
Temple-Camden,	1,282.66	135.00	0.00
Temple-EI Dorado,	2,596.86	837.00	0.00
Three Creeks-Junction City,	15,325.88	4,750.24	0.00
Trinity-EI Dorado,	2,351.74	161.00	0.00
Union-EI Dorado,	12,394.14	2,110.61	0.00
Urbana-Urbana,	1,588.82	753.00	0.00
Victory-EI Dorado,	1,523.86	0.00	0.00
Village-Magnolia,	8,153.80	3,081.85	0.00
Wesson-Junction City,	2,158.11	346.00	0.00
West Side-EI Dorado,	5,000.00	11,782.72	0.00
White City-Camden,	1,345.08	30.00	0.00
	749,896.03	279,613.85	

Little Red River Church	Coop	Prog	Designated
Bonesville-Greers Ferry,	2,114.09	311.47	0.00
Concord First-Concord,	1,817.04	342.22	0.00
Faith-Quitman,	230.18	110.00	0.00
Harris Chapel-Pangburn,	0.00	0.00	0.00
Heber Springs First-Heber	77,126.54	17,115.95	0.00
Higginson-Higginson,	5,499.00	1,506.00	0.00
Life Line-Pleasant Plains,	817.00	0.00	0.00
One Star-Greers Ferry,	41,138.68	11,155.00	0.00
McLester-Searcy,	1,819.33	102.71	0.00
Mount Zion-Concord,	129.27	23.90	0.00
New Bethel-Floral,	149.46	98.20	0.00
Palestine-Quitman,	4,294.51	1,911.00	0.00
Pines-Quitman,	1,350.79	750.50	0.00
Pleasant Ridge-Greers Ferry,	120.00	57.00	0.00
Pleasant Valley-Heber Sprin	3,237.59	1,088.36	0.00
Post Oak-Greers Ferry,	117.87	243.00	0.00
Quitman-Quitman,	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sugar Loaf-Heber Springs,	1,686.39	2,977.95	0.00
Sugar Loaf-Heber Springs,	6,178.00	2,428.15	0.00
Tumbling Shoals-Tumbling Shoals,	2,457.01	490.00	0.00

West Side-Greers Ferry, 13,765.69 7,228.29
 Woodrow-Prim, 2,778.30 1,482.77
131,801.74 38,663.47

Little River Church	Coop	Prog	Designated
Ashdown First-Ashdown,	23,548.87	2,677.45	0.00
Ben Lomond First-Ben Lomond,	314.24	0.00	0.00
Brownstown-Lockesburg,	426.33	149.80	0.00
Central-Mineral Springs,	6,216.22	6,856.25	0.00
Columbus-Columbus,	1,104.84	604.38	0.00
Cross Roads First-Winthrop,	3,478.87	1,327.40	0.00
Dierks First-Dierks,	2,499.04	853.00	0.00
Foreman First-Foreman,	5,980.29	953.61	0.00
Hicks First-Ashdown,	768.14	504.01	0.00
Horatio First-Horatio,	7,511.67	1,728.72	0.00
Kern Heights-DeQueen,	4,198.15	2,296.00	0.00
Lakeside-Kirby,	2,623.03	430.81	0.00
Liberty-Mineral Springs,	622.00	150.00	0.00
Lockesburg First-Lockesburg,	9,234.18	3,687.44	0.00
Lone Oak-Horatio,	360.00	300.00	0.00
Maranatha-Nashville	2,067.85	0.00	0.00
Millwood-Ashdown,	2,441.19	1,111.00	0.00
Mount Moriah-Murfreesboro,	0.00	0.00	0.00
Murfreesboro First-Murfrees	12,181.10	4,369.89	0.00
Nashville First-Nashville,	65,470.69	8,316.30	0.00
Oak Grove-Ashdown,	3,116.71	778.57	0.00
Ogden First-Ogden,	2,418.78	721.33	0.00
Ridgeview-Nashville,	14,451.54	6,127.98	0.00
Rock Hill-Lockesburg,	200.00	120.00	0.00
Star Line-Winthrop,	844.62	869.79	0.00
Washington-Washington,	975.00	811.00	0.00
Wilton First-Wilton,	1,474.00	938.76	0.00
	174,236.35	46,701.89	

Miscellaneous Church
 Coop Prog Designated
 100,573.30 785,075.51

Mississippi County	Coop	Prog	Designated
Armorel-Armored,	11,866.78	1,917.67	0.00
Bethany-Gosnell,	2,346.00	120.00	0.00
Bethany-Mania,	2,200.00	20.00	0.00
Blackwater-Mania,	1,243.61	354.81	0.00
Blytheville First-Blytheville,	135,353.53	8,351.56	0.00
Brinkley Chapel-Oscola,	210.00	0.00	0.00
Brown Chapel-Mania,	558.00	155.00	0.00
Calvary-Oscola,	8,174.65	2,775.58	0.00
Calvary-Oscola,	9,946.10	6,201.24	0.00
Clear Lake-Blytheville,	3,767.89	2,078.45	0.00
Cole Ridge-Blytheville,	2,600.58	383.33	0.00
Cross Roads-Blytheville,	451.07	12.00	0.00
Dei-Dei,	5,946.73	4,007.00	0.00
Dyess Central-Dyess,	480.00	139.00	0.00
East Side-Oscola,	1,322.55	530.00	0.00
Emmanuel-Blytheville,	1,225.87	266.00	0.00
Etowah-Etowah,	646.50	196.00	0.00
Gosnell-Blytheville,	20,949.68	6,288.09	0.00
Joiner-Joiner,	1,153.50	513.00	0.00
Keiser First-Keiser,	0.00	0.00	0.00
Leachville First-Leachville,	28,189.00	3,864.00	0.00
Leachville Second-Leachvil	4,959.89	876.36	0.00
Luxora First-Luxora,	7,016.67	580.00	0.00
Manila First-Manila,	20,409.67	6,959.00	0.00
Marys Chapel-Armored	240.00	48.64	0.00
Memorial-Blytheville,	637.48	68.80	0.00
Mississippi County-Blythevil	0.00	75.00	0.00
New Harmony-Mania,	614.25	204.75	0.00
New Liberty-Blytheville,	9,108.59	1,090.00	0.00
New Life Korean-Blytheville,	650.00	260.00	0.00
New Providence-Leachville,	1,079.00	0.00	0.00
Nodena-Wilson,	1,501.57	1,008.55	0.00
North Tenth-Blytheville,	9,783.09	359.00	0.00
Osceola Nine-Blytheville,	653.15	517.41	0.00
Number First-Oscola,	25,250.56	16,122.00	0.00
Pleasant View-Oscola,	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ridgecrest-Blytheville,			

Westside-Manila,	7,537.38	1,666.56	Dove Circle-Eureka Springs,	5,002.00	1,696.00	Chapel Hill-Jacksonville,	4,619.00	1,564.50
Whitton-Tyronza,	771.04	23.55	Eagle Heights-Harrison,	39,772.13	8,329.05	Crosspoint-North Little Rock	9,693.72	6,162.68
Wilson-First-Wilson,	15,378.20	3,122.50	Elkix-Bergman,	2,936.51	1,617.55	Crystal Valley-North Little	2,265.56	640.00
Woodland Comer-Blytheville,	1,050.92	58.28	Elmwood-Harrison,	2,687.29	725.00	Fellowship-Cabot	1,841.64	275.00
Yarbo-Blytheville,	4,053.32	2,748.00	Emmanuel-Harrison,	2,291.88	1,749.42	Forty-Seventh Street-North	6,000.00	25.00
	364,952.62	77,387.28	Eureka Springs First-Eurek	2,553.58	864.20	Friendship-Sherwood,	8,441.43	1,997.75
			Everton-Everton,	2,548.47	600.00	Gloriyand-North Little Rock	250.00	0.00
Mount Zion			Freeman Heights-Berryville,	22,280.52	5,183.50	Good Stewardship-North Littl	0.00	0.00
<i>Church</i>			Gaither-Harrison,	1,290.27	270.00	Grace-North Little Rock,	2,407.26	255.00
Alsup-Bay,	1,030.00	0.00	Grandview First-Berryville,	17,982.24	4,027.50	Gravel Ridge-Jacksonville,	29,172.16	11,294.77
Bay-First-Bay,	11,203.15	4,012.09	Green Forest First-Green	16,665.28	4,264.09	Graves Memorial-North Li	10,604.00	3,397.93
Bethabara-Lake City,	2,211.98	449.85	Groff Springs-Harrison,	2,237.23	1,410.46	Highway-North Little Rock,	27,151.95	22,412.72
Black Dak-Black Oak,	2,718.44	1,399.32	Harrison First-Harrison,	142,040.12	27,453.97	Indian Hills-North Little Rock,	22,951.93	> 100.00
Bono First-Bono,	654.57	1,085.37	Jasper Well-Harrison,	1,146.00	100.00	Indianhead Lake-Sherwood,	7,194.37	3,287.00
Bowman-Lake City,	6,891.60	1,189.00	Hopewell-First-Jasper,	12,407.98	3,235.53	Jacksonville First-Jackson	85,930.00	15,212.44
Brookland-Brookland,	3,654.33	4,956.40	Lakeland-Omaha,	600.00	1,915.80	Jacksonville Second-Jacks	41,562.64	6,456.21
Buffalo Chapel-Caraway,	248.25	0.00	Lead Hill First-Lead Hill,	6,873.06	8,174.60	Korean [of Arkansas]-Sher	0.00	0.00
Caraway First-Caraway,	11,130.51	10,276.68	Marble Falls-Dogpatch,	469.24	441.25	Korean-Jacksonville,	78.91	708.91
Cash First-Cash,	4,301.31	869.53	New Hope-Omaha,	3,549.97	1,220.37	Levy-North Little Rock,	47,298.13	13,585.42
Central-Jonesboro,	270,767.00	77,834.27	Newton County-Hasty	916.59	532.86	Maddox Road-Jacksonville,	2,468.00	539.43
Childress-Monette,	444.24	704.00	Northvale-Harrison,	23,046.59	7,691.96	Marshall Road-Jacksonville,	20,383.19	21,103.77
Dixie-Lake City,	697.00	200.00	Omaha First-Omaha,	518.85	0.00	Maumelle-Maumelle,	12,644.48	4,079.90
Egypt-Egypt,	275.00	110.00	Dregon Flat-Bergman,	1,736.64	436.19	Military Road-Jacksonville,	4,021.35	2,832.37
Friendly Hope-Jonesboro,	2,771.39	3,380.31	Osage-Alpena,	5,707.89	1,534.83	Morrison Chapel-North Lit	1,112.58	280.79
Highland Drive-Jonesboro,	26,508.00	1,273.18	Parthenon-Parthenon,	3,755.16	1,662.37	North Little Rock First-Nor	14,279.92	8,664.31
Jonesboro First-Jonesboro,	19,556.13	70,685.10	Rock Springs-Eureka Springs,	2,322.00	893.47	Oakwood-North Little Rock,	600.00	0.00
Lake City First-Lake City,	7,230.00	2,382.04	Rudd-Green Forest,	3,261.84	176.67	Park Hill-North Little Rock,	235,680.64	55,222.33
Lunsford-Lake City,	867.74	249.31	Saint Joe First-Saint Joe,	0.00	0.00	Remount-North Little Rock,	3,962.00	326.38
Magnolia Road-Jonesboro,	2,403.12	577.86	Searcy County-Marshall,	759.21	681.52	Riverside-Maumelle,	0.00	0.00
Monette First-Monette,	19,785.80	2,406.23	Snowball-Marshall,	428.73	155.00	Royal Oaks-Sherwood,	0.00	0.00
Mount Pisgah-Jonesboro,	930.56	151.72	South Side-Lead Hill,	3,045.26	4,114.04	Runyan First-North Little	8,848.81	1,215.55
Mount Zion-Paragould,	8,617.47	2,740.43	The Lord's-Marshall	341.75	300.00	Saintsville-North Little Rock	0.00	0.00
Needham-Jonesboro,	1,861.15	3,820.12	Trinity-Harrison,	316.00	161.53	Sherwood First-Sherwood,	68,164.10	17,031.53
Nettleton-Jonesboro,	69,990.96	15,200.19	Union-Harrison,	8,870.69	2,291.47	Sixteenth Street-North Littl	1,131.51	0.00
New Antioch-Brookland,	5,026.56	0.00	Valley Springs-First-Valley	16,126.64	8,430.10	Stanfil-Jacksonville,	682.00	275.00
New Hope-Black Dak,	1,874.44	436.68	Valley View-Eureka Springs,	6,398.49	2,362.00	Sylvan Hills-North Little Ro	15,000.00	27,848.74
New Hope-Jonesboro,	2,224.36	89.70	Western Grove-First-West	987.77	300.00	Trinity-Maumelle	600.00	611.00
North Main-Jonesboro,	11,824.38	2,037.55	Woodland Heights-Harrison,	16,258.06	6,522.95	Victory-Jacksonville,	3,971.00	2,289.50
Philadelphia-Jonesboro,	18,775.38	6,601.32	Zion's Light-Gilbert	2,760.72	443.00	Zion Hill-Cabot,	17,703.27	6,969.09
Providence-Jonesboro,	2,043.39	286.29		432,219.51	130,793.16		919,701.04	349,811.52
Rowe's Chapel-Caraway,	1,237.74	258.67						
South Caraway-Jonesboro	5,157.74	1,088.51						
Strawford-Jonesboro,	5,060.70	2,006.06						
University-Jonesboro,	6,131.00	2,618.00						
Valley Ridge-Jonesboro,	1,746.98	148.25						
Walnut Street-Jonesboro,	56,057.92	14,291.36						
Westvale-Jonesboro,	1,412.00	207.13						
Woodsprings-Jonesboro,	1,109.00	2,002.00						
	596,431.29	238,024.52						

North Central			Northwest		
Church	Coop	Prog Designated	Church	Coop	Prog Designated
Angora-Leslie,	75.00	175.00	Amazing Grace-Bentonville,	5,398.49	0.00
Bee Branch-Bee Branch,	2,118.59	1,150.01	Avoca First-Avoca	650.09	291.00
Botkinburg-Clinton,	100.00	309.45	Bella Vista-Bella Vista,	101,914.38	33,599.72
Burnt Ridge-Clinton,	0.00	0.00	Bentonville First-Bentonville,	37,694.01	7,334.49
Clinton First-Clinton,	45,827.61	12,466.76	Calvary-Bentonville,	4,320.98	0.00
Clintn-Clinton,	726.70	384.81	Centerion First-Centerion,	30,475.43	18,116.26
Fairfield Bay-Fairfield Bay,	16,540.89	6,055.37	Charity Southern-Rogers,	14,289.23	1,398.16
Formosa-Clinton,	5,159.10	2,444.51	Decatur First-Decatur,	15,878.29	13,684.41
Friendship-Clinton,	14,947.68	4,910.26	Emmanuel-Pineville,	816.50	338.24
Hallmoon-Clinton,	60.00	0.00	Faith-Colcord,	9,282.87	284.59
Immanuel-Clinton,	3,121.89	2,429.20	Garfield First-Garfield,	8,053.32	1,627.41
Leslie First-Leslie,	9,617.92	2,600.75	Gentry First-Gentry,	36,480.50	34,315.19
Lexington-Clinton,	1,886.46	2,000.00	Grace-Rogers,	3,470.54	310.00
Marshall First-Marshall	8,272.00	4,834.60	Gravette First-Gravette,	5,705.00	0.00
Morning Star-Marshall	1,038.58	270.00	Gum Springs-Siloam Springs	1,998.16	1,046.97
New Hopewell-Leslie,	156.60	0.00	Harvard Avenue-Siloam Spr	46,108.34	3,034.00
Pee Dee-Clinton,	2,834.00	999.00	Hickory Creek-Springdale,	177.88	0.00
Plant-Clinton,	1,174.49	304.25	Highfil First-Highfil	5,691.80	1,770.53
Pleasant Valley-Shirley,	2,957.67	988.81	Hiwasse First-Hiwasse,	3,235.69	1,375.28
Rupert-Clinton,	1,200.99	0.00	Immanuel-Rogers,	21,112.42	47,139.11
Scotland-Scotland,	2,253.12	2,521.97	Lakeside-Rogers,	10,256.16	1,662.50
Shady Grove-Shirley,	1,097.64	751.13	Lakeview-Cave Springs,	5,279.50	5,192.15
Shirley-Shirley,	3,705.94	963.15	Lowell First-Lowell,	21,861.12	3,000.00
Skyland Southern-Fox,	401.74	295.00	Lowell Spanish Mission-Lo	65.65	0.00
Sugar Loaf First-Hidden	1,870.18	628.00	Mason Valley-Bentonville,	2,680.71	1,006.00
	126,940.49	43,882.03	Monte Ne-Rogers,	5,749.68	1,204.94
			Mountain Springs-Rogers,	1,376.00	115.00
			Open Door-Rogers,	4,241.91	1,748.20
			Park Street-Bentonville,	1,577.22	178.00
			Pea Ridge First-Pea Ridge,	11,303.72	3,389.02
			Piney Point-Rogers,	1,267.34	93.00
			Pleasant Hill-Rogers,	2,212.44	686.24
			Robinson-	0.00	379.00
			Rogers First-Rogers,	205,812.55	37,061.53
			Siloam Springs-First-Siloam	42,449.44	17,497.55
			Spanish-Bentonville,	0.00	0.00
			Sulphur Springs-First-Sulphur	5,327.47	600.00

North Arkansas			North Pulaski		
Church	Coop	Prog Designated	Church	Coop	Prog Designated
Alpena First-Alpena,	4,154.89	2,819.78	Amboy-North Little Rock,	8,488.44	3,997.51
Batavia-Harrison,	2,335.11	1,228.57	Baring Cross-North Little Rock,	46,734.30	88,901.75
Bear Creek Springs-Harrison,	4,216.00	854.98	Bayou Meto-Jacksonville,	22,103.95	6,440.76
Beaver Lake-Eureka Springs,	1,092.17	665.00	Berea-Jacksonville,	345.38	414.00
Bellefonte-Harrison,	3,860.05	1,285.00	Bethany-North Little Rock,	7,666.75	3,234.51
Berryville First-Berryville,	15,291.38	4,476.89	Bethel-Jacksonville,	17,063.24	4,848.70
Beth-El-Green Forest,	2,417.23	82.00	Calvary-North Little Rock,	27,259.19	6,128.91
Blue Eye First-Blue Eye,	5,064.63	2,733.08	Cedar Heights-North Little	24,008.44	2,322.08
Boxley-Ponca,	3,353.87	670.00	Central-North Little Rock,	47,159.04	16,858.28
Burlington-Omaha,	2,788.93	357.41			
Cassville-Deer,	1,537.00	2,658.00			
Deer-Deer,	543.30	300.00			
Diamond City First-Diamon	2,052.00	963.00			

Sunny Side-Rogers,	0.00	1,500.00	South Highland-Little Rock,	39,690.00	8,271.15	Zion Hill-Melbourne,	1,334.04	1,766.90
Trinity-Rogers,	1,880.32	289.22	Sunset Lane-Little Rock,	2,140.00	150.00		105,711.32	44,275.39
Twelve Corners-Garfield,	3,561.18	500.00	Trinity-Mabelvale,	1,630.83	181.74			
	664,168.03	239,671.71	Tyler Street-Little Rock,	5,648.36	4,087.21	Southwest		
Oaachite			Vimy Ridge Immanuel-Alex,	1,244.17	613.29	Church	Coop Prog Designated	
Church	Coop Prog Designated		West Pulaski-Little Rock,	1,779.14	0.00	Anderson-Hope,	4,134.80	0.00
Bethel-Hatfield,	180.90	109.90	West Rock-Little Rock,	6,054.33	1,423.60	Arabella Heights-Texarkana,	3,591.19	618.69
Board Camp-Mena,	7,588.57	3,871.33	West Side-Little Rock,	1,888.47	1,981.51	Beech Street First-Texarka	133,662.73	56,679.92
Calvary-Mena,	2,563.34	2,816.00	Whispering Hills-Mabelvale,	551.26	0.00	Bradley-Bradley,	4,131.58	2,882.19
Chapel Hill-DeQueen,	2,653.69	1,505.26	Woodlawn-Little Rock,	13,089.00	3,121.00	Calvary-Hope,	25,984.12	6,761.82
Cherry Hill-Queen,	1,629.43	955.27	Woodson-Woodson,	1,075.07	787.82	Canfield-Lewisville,	2,927.67	378.68
Concord-Mena,	2,385.49	350.54		1,603,717.58	531,140.16	Central-Magnolia,	128,827.95	40,115.05
Cove First-Cove,	2,182.69	487.16	Red River			Cornertown-Texarkana,	17,383.84	3,788.67
Dallas Avenue-Mena,	25,952.56	9,307.05	Church	Coop Prog Designated		Faith-Texarkana,	2,736.51	596.32
De Queen First-De Queen,	47,623.40	22,203.35	Anchor-Donaldson,	239.80	30.00	Fellowship-Texarkana,	6,040.60	741.86
Gilliam-Gilliam,	1,846.40	205.00	Antoine-Delight,	1,336.95	873.71	Fouke First-Fouke,	11,846.84	1,311.00
Grisman-Grannis,	4,597.48	2,120.23	Arkadelphia First-Arkade	84,132.14	53,528.28	Fulton-Fulton,	0.00	0.00
Hatfield First-Hatfield,	16,764.13	2,633.19	Arkadelphia Second-Arkade	50,763.67	17,905.86	Garland-Garland,	418.68	55.00
Hatton-Cove	829.51	649.75	Beech Street-Gurdon,	15,835.88	6,340.87	Genoa First-Genoa,	3,685.90	1,705.16
Mena First-Mena,	64,978.11	17,233.90	Beirne First-Beirne,	2,530.28	1,169.01	Grace Community-Texarkana,	928.37	0.00
New Hope-Mena,	542.09	125.00	Bethel-Prescott,	943.88	860.00	Guernsey-Hope,	0.00	0.00
Saint Johns-DeQueen,	661.08	0.00	Bethlehem-Whelan Springs,	476.00	368.00	Hickory Street-Texarkana,	13,720.28	6,229.02
Salem-Mena,	3,300.11	1,647.02	Bismarck First Southern-Bism	1,082.05	668.00	Highland Hills-Texarkana,	8,768.70	1,872.30
Two Mile-Mena,	393.06	150.00	Boughton-Prescott,	0.00	0.00	Hope First-Hope,	60,274.40	36,901.45
Vandervoort First-Vandervo	5,683.04	1,489.78	Caddo Valley-Arkadelphia,	2,955.43	1,537.50	Immanuel-Magnolia,	2,723.00	856.00
Wickas First-Wickes,	757.97	655.00	Cedar Grove-Arkadelphia,	990.00	289.78	Lewisville First-Lewisville,	12,956.10	2,079.00
Yocanna-Mena,	1,300.09	349.00	Center Point-Gurdon,	960.00	400.00	Line Ferry-Texarkana	0.00	0.00
	194,413.14	68,863.73	Curtis First-Curtis,	4,908.50	584.00	Macedonia First-Fouke,	1,839.17	50.00
			Dalark-Arkadelphia,	0.00	0.00	Macedonia at Oddridge-Do	1,539.86	1,810.00
			DeGray-Arkadelphia,	2,050.00	1,175.00	Mandeville-Texarkana,	1,680.30	851.69
Pulaski			East Whelan-Gurdon	120.00	100.00	McNeil Second-McNeil,	0.00	0.00
Church	Coop Prog Designated		Emmet First-Emmet,	2,646.30	257.31	McNeal-Waldo,	11,052.64	2,768.81
Alexander First-Alexander,	13,667.76	4,194.99	Harmony Hill-Arkadelphia,	900.00	223.49	Mount Zion-Doddridge,	3,463.89	475.57
Archview-Little Rock,	13,028.42	3,816.03	Hollywood-Arkadelphia,	331.93	331.93	Phillips Chapel-Stamps	40.00	0.00
Barnett Memorial-Little Rock,	2,638.73	747.95	Lakeview-Arkadelphia,	0.00	0.00	Piney Grove-Lewisville,	1,479.28	611.98
Bingham Road-Little Rock,	12,313.63	2,149.80	Marlbork-Blevins,	2,450.46	400.00	Pinson Park-Texarkana,	0.00	0.00
Brookwood First-Little Rock,	2,646.81	795.00	Mount Bathel-Arkadelphia,	0.00	0.00	Pisgah-Fouke,	895.02	0.00
Bryant First Southern-Bryant,	26,037.52	3,496.91	Mount Olive-Arkadelphia,	1,782.22	520.00	Red River-Bradley,	180.00	0.00
Calvary-Little Rock,	80,058.74	27,524.95	Mount Zion-Arkadelphia,	2,640.45	292.00	Rocky Mound-Fouke,	1,383.62	654.00
Charity-Little Rock,	0.00	100.00	New Hope-Arkadelphia,	198.00	24.37	Shiloh Memorial-Texarkana,	6,391.49	1,130.32
Chicot Road-Mabelvale,	4,396.42	3,047.35	Okolona-Okolona,	300.00	0.00	South Texarkana-Texarkana,	1,536.57	465.02
Community Church of LR-L R	500.00	725.00	Park Hill-Arkadelphia,	26,094.15	7,902.58	Springhill-Fouke,	3,751.64	1,258.00
Cross Road-Little Rock,	3,273.56	1,577.81	Prescott First-Prescott,	20,135.02	3,500.45	Stamps First-Stamps,	24,352.00	6,925.01
Crystal Hill-Little Rock,	16,425.68	2,583.71	Primera Iglesia Bautista-Ark	163.76	600.24	Sylvano-Fouke,	5,241.39	1,473.68
Douglasville First-Little Rock,	300.00	200.00	Red River-Arkadelphia,	0.00	131.95	Tennessee-Texarkana,	3,631.17	1,368.15
East End-Hensley,	23,224.70	8,172.40	Richwoods-Arkadelphia,	5,032.68	640.00	Trinity-Texarkana,	121,796.75	12,644.44
Faith Southern-Alexander,	0.00	0.00	Shady Grove-Gurdon,	0.00	59.95	Westside-Magnolia,	650.05	650.05
Forest Tower-Hensley,	8,071.48	1,774.53	Shiloh-Arkadelphia,	1,711.00	1,513.00		636,001.09	195,709.85
Geyer Springs First-Little	342,332.25	67,438.29	South Fork-Gurdon,	750.11	1,690.19	Tri-County		
Greater Grace-Little Rock,	2,400.00	0.00	Southside-Prescott,	194.00	140.00	Church	Coop Prog Designated	
Green Memorial-Little Rock,	5,931.50	3,720.04	Sycamore-Gurdon,	160.00	0.00	Antioch-Wynna,	300.00	200.00
Hebron-Little Rock,	6,594.34	2,512.52	Third Street-Arkadelphia,	8,661.00	5,598.00	Barton-Tyrona,	1,404.25	257.00
Highlands-Little Rock,	0.00	0.00	Unity-Arkadelphia,	1,853.28	1,901.00	Beck Spur-Forrest City,	5,821.39	1,600.46
Hispanic-Little Rock,	0.00	0.00	Whelan Springs-Whelan Spr	240.00	50.00	Burnt Case-Widener,	0.00	0.00
Holly Springs-Little Rock,	1,190.14	347.00		245,568.94	111,599.47	Calvary-West Memphis,	9,080.93	7,694.57
Immanuel West-Little Rock,	1,769.75	2,577.80	Rocky Bayou			Cherry Valley-Cherry Valley,	7,481.23	1,565.00
Immanuel-Little Rock,	414,580.05	128,046.94	Church	Coop Prog Designated		Colt-Valley,	600.00	1,698.88
Indian Springs-Bryant,	6,797.79	6,639.60	Ash Flat-Ash Flat,	2,372.36	510.00	Crawfordsville First-Crawford	2,069.37	199.70
Ironton-Little Rock,	13,885.45	3,515.65	Belview-Melbourne,	6,133.19	2,573.41	Earle-Earle,	12,431.16	3,912.20
Lakeshore Drive-Little Rock,	204.39	4,013.46	Boswell-Boswell,	0.00	35.00	East-Wynna,	2,427.08	115.06
Lancaster Road-Little Rock,	2,141.80	245.00	Calico Rock First-Calico R	11,472.80	7,430.60	Emmanuel-Forrest City,	11,299.00	2,416.00
Line Line-Little Rock,	67,918.99	12,336.13	Cherokee Village First-Chero	12,802.05	10,531.13	Fair Oaks-McCrory,	6,640.10	2,467.27
Little Rock First-Little Rock,	163,374.39	81,278.50	Dolph-Dolph,	1,534.10	441.93	Faith-Forrest City,	1,443.18	568.00
Little Rock Second-Little	3,371.62	54,437.53	Evening Shade First-Evening	1,450.16	703.51	Ferrisburg City-First-Forrest C	33,996.00	23,709.13
Markham Street-Little Rock,	36,624.88	6,275.07	Finley Creek-Sidney,	160.44	24.35	Forrest City Second-Forrest	10,714.41	5,065.54
Martindale-Little Rock,	8,792.65	2,110.69	Franklin-Franklin,	207.25	1,290.00	Gilmore-Gilmore,	0.00	100.00
Natural Steps-Roland,	14,591.14	7,735.51	Guion-Guion,	0.00	0.00	Gladden-Earle,	513.20	250.00
New Beginnings-Little Rock,	197.39	197.38	Hardy First-Hardy,	10,336.20	2,738.77	Good Hope-Forrest City,	3,257.00	1,500.00
North Point-Roland,	661.12	226.00	Horseshoe Bend First-Hors	12,320.08	3,701.00	Goodwin-Goodwin,	1,528.31	0.00
Olivet-Little Rock,	35,310.00	8,406.21	Immanuel Southern-Salem,	1,200.00	230.58	Harris-Wynna,	1,917.00	1,191.00
Otter Creek First-Little Rock,	9,047.11	3,493.48	Melbourne First-Melbourne,	13,919.00	2,673.90	Hickry-Cherry Valley,	6,745.95	335.00
Parkway Place-Little Rock,	34,878.67	20,137.41	Midway-Melbourne,	5,193.72	2,986.58	Immanuel-West Memphis,	6,745.00	744.29
Pine Grove-Sweet Home,	6,152.44	2,493.90	Myron Pleasant Southern-M	1,040.15	202.00	Ingram Boulevard-West Mem	7,697.23	992.47
Plainview-Little Rock,	2,508.90	493.00	Nashville-Ash Flat,	2,036.17	660.61	Lokasha Estates-West Mem	875.24	0.00
Pleasant Grove-Little Rock,	10,906.00	1,831.75	Oxford-Oxford,	894.71	0.00	Lokasha-Hughes,	1,064.00	391.00
Pulaski Heights-Little Rock,	82,197.62	20,099.51	Sage-Sage,	3,997.39	1,244.05	Ladonia First-Madison,	2,100.18	288.97
Reynolds Memorial-Little Ro	2,193.44	2,565.15	Salam First-Salam,	9,185.22	1,291.17	Marion-Marion,	32,346.90	3,128.83
Roland-Roland,	832.15	1,523.43	Sidney-Sidney,	5,745.96	3,239.90	Midway-Palestine,	2,723.96	1,130.00
Rosedale-Little Rock,	2,375.77	2,303.00	Sylamore First-Calico Rock,	712.33	0.00	Morton-McCrory,	1,591.50	681.43
Shannon Hills First-Mabelv	2,743.86	1,056.11						
Sheridan First-Sheridan,	33,945.00	2,956.25						


New Life-Wynne	2,932.52	50.00	Rivervale-Rivervale,	2,815.92	478.50	Southside-Westfork	536.00	339.26
One Accord-Wheatley,	100.00	0.00	Shiloh-Harrisburg,	1,777.01	1,701.10	Spring Valley-Springdale,	1,148.20	1,145.00
Palestine First-Palestine,	772.00	232.00	Trinity-Marked Tree,	481.53	125.25	Springdale First Hispanic	16.00	6.00
Parkin First-Parkin,	10,042.85	4,947.64	Trumann First-Trumann,	18,301.84	4,724.84	Springdale First-Springda	233,357.31	49,591.98
Pine Tree-Colt,	522.46	553.15	Tryona First-Tryona,	3,922.00	1,564.27	Sulphur City-Fayetteville,	1,489.38	300.00
Pleasant Hill-Wynne,	2,311.91	945.50	Valley View-Harrisburg,	953.80	234.00	The Worship Center-Faye	0.00	0.00
Richland-West Memphis,	2,292.29	0.00	Waldenburg-Waldenburg,	70.75	0.00	University-Fayetteville,	85,000.00	21,839.00
Ridgeview-Wynne	2,778.41	194.91	Weiner First-Weiner,	1,394.84	215.00	Washington-Madison-Fay	0.00	11.50
Shell Lake-Heth,	2,973.38	724.50	West Ridge-West Ridge,	0.00	0.00	Wedington Woods-Fayett	45.18	0.00
Turrell First-Turrell,	1,905.68	687.37		135,579.89	38,085.61	West Fork First-West Fork,	17,185.23	3,027.48
Union Avenue-Wynne,	21,363.23	3,480.23				Western Hills Southern	1,000.00	35.49
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Vandale-Vandale,	111.77	0.00					658,986.27	180,439.89
Victory-Patterson	1,492.00	350.00						
West Memphis First-West	136,817.00	42,456.65						
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Wheatley-Wheatley,	5,023.42	4,449.23						
Widener-Widener,	2,057.12	349.27						
Wynne-Wynne,	47,000.00	18,326.82						
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Washington-Madison			Coop Prog Designated			White River		
Church Street	9,704.08	3,421.68	Church	805.09	838.33	Antioch-Filipin,	3,078.00	318.00
Berry Creek-Springdale,	3,843.27	1,535.00	Arkana-Mountain Home,	13,226.89	3,235.25	Arkana-Mountain Home,	560.35	37.29
Black Oak-Fayetteville,	5,121.95	1,670.44	Big Flat-Fig Flat,	4,109.72	0.00	Bruno-Everton	923.15	47.16
Brush Creek-Springdale,	4,109.72	0.00	College Avenue-Fayetteville,	340.00	420.00	Bull Shoals-Bull Shoals,	6,906.86	2,520.86
Calvary-Huntsville,	2,200.00	0.00	Combs-Combs,	220.00	0.00	Cotter First-Cotter,	3,669.42	2,555.99
Caudle Avenue-Springdale,	240.00	214.00	Elkins First-Elkins,	240.00	340.00	East Oakland-Mountain Home,	821.05	370.30
College Avenue-Fayetteville,	69,856.13	7,622.70	Elkins-Elkins,	5,487.13	825.95	Eastside-Mountain Home,	31,238.99	7,216.67
Combs-Combs,	6,255.84	2,028.55	Elmdale-Springdale,	3,259.76	316.89	Filipin First-Filipin,	20,158.75	6,929.61
Elkins First-Elkins,	104,140.14	51,005.00	Farmington First-Farmington,	289.49	30.94	Garnaliel-Garnaliel,	896.82	320.84
Elkins-Elkins,	5,253.84	2,028.55	Farmington-Farmington,	2,387.46	1,492.42	Gassville-Gassville,	9,713.84	3,752.53
Elmdale-Springdale,	6,255.84	2,028.55	Fayetteville First-Fayetteville	3,600.00	1,492.42	Henderson First-Henderson,	7,210.60	1,554.39
Farmington First-Farmington,	12,071.08	1,451.75	Friendship-Springdale,	2,387.46	956.76	Hill Top-Oakland,	300.00	0.00
Farmington-Farmington,	1,150.71	1,912.83	Goshen First-Southern-Gos	12,071.08	1,451.75	Hopewell-Mountain Home,	1,011.21	83.00
Fayetteville First-Fayetteville	1,159.00	235.00	Greenland First-Greenland,	1,159.00	235.00	Lone Rock-Norfork,	4,311.72	464.00
Fayetteville First-Fayetteville	220.00	122.00	Hindsville-Hindsville,	2,387.46	956.76	Midway-Midway,	4,235.69	1,631.32
Friendship-Springdale,	2,387.46	956.76	Huntsville First-Huntsville,	12,071.08	1,451.75	Mountain Home First-M	97,008.04	18,246.31
Goshen First-Southern-Gos	12,071.08	1,451.75	Immanuel-Fayetteville,	1,159.00	235.00	Mountain Home-Mount	9,251.21	627.49
Greenland First-Greenland,	1,159.00	235.00	Johnson-Johnson,	1,159.00	235.00	New Hope-Yellville,	3,799.30	389.42
Hindsville-Hindsville,	2,387.46	956.76	Lake Hill-Fayetteville	220.00	122.00	Norfolk First-Norfolk,	1,437.62	250.00
Huntsville First-Huntsville,	12,071.08	1,451.75	Liberty-Liberty,	5,782.98	215.01	Peel-Peel,	1,145.34	199.00
Immanuel-Fayetteville,	1,159.00	235.00	Life Change Cam. Fellows	657.29	269.78	Pilgrims Rest-Gassville,	780.00	344.92
Johnson-Johnson,	1,159.00	235.00	Lincoln First-Lincoln,	12,071.08	1,451.75	Pyatt-Pyatt,	4,604.03	1,553.32
Lake Hill-Fayetteville	220.00	122.00	North Hope Fellowship-Sprin	666.48	1,154.00	Rea Valley-Filipin,	1,834.70	0.00
Liberty-Liberty,	5,782.98	215.01	Northeast Southern-Fayettv	2,496.32	245.02	Summit-Summit,	0.00	0.00
Life Change Cam. Fellows	657.29	269.78	Oak Grove-Springdale,	1,351.00	1,156.00	Tomahawk-Saint Joe,	4,326.02	520.20
Lincoln First-Lincoln,	12,071.08	1,451.75	Old Missouri Road-Springd	8,078.59	4,929.04	Whiteville-Gassville,	1,525.24	827.56
North Hope Fellowship-Sprin	666.48	1,154.00	Prairie Grove First-Prairie	2,056.52	672.81	Yellville First-Yellville,	25,698.54	5,069.50
Northeast Southern-Fayettv	2,496.32	245.02	Providence-Fayetteville,	17,146.89	2,090.00		237,240.98	56,767.61
Oak Grove-Springdale,	1,351.00	1,156.00	Ridgeview-Fayetteville,	1,250.10	5,367.96			
Old Missouri Road-Springd	8,078.59	4,929.04	Seng Avenue-Fayetteville,	5,063.96	815.00			
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Remaining loyal

By Steven Mullen, assistant professor,
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Basic passage: Ruth 1

Focal passage: Ruth 1:1-5, 8, 12, 15, 17

Central truth: Loyalty demands our total commitment.

In Palestine, it was not uncommon for a famine to occur. Since the crops depend on both the regularity and the amount of the early and latter rains, it is devastating when such rains do not occur. Because of such a famine the family of Elimelech sojourned (or lived as a resident alien) in Moab. After living in Moab for 10 years, life was disrupted by the death of Elimelech and his sons, leaving his widow Naomi and her two daughters-in-law, Orpah and Ruth alone (Ruth 1:1-5).

After completing final arrangements for their spouses, Naomi and her daughters-in-law were faced with the important task of putting their lives back on course. It is interesting to observe that both Orpah and Ruth fulfilled their obligations to their spouses and mother-in-law (Ruth 1:8), which leads us to an important question: How much more than the minimum should a loyal person do?

■ A loyal person replaces their personal welfare with the welfare of others (Ruth 1:12). Ruth knew that Naomi was too old to bear another son for her to marry. Yet, she decided to prioritize Naomi's welfare and not her own.

■ A loyal person does not compromise their convictions, even when others choose a different course (Ruth 1:15). In order to be loyal, it may be necessary to travel a much more difficult road while others travel in luxury.

■ People who are loyal commit to the very end (Ruth 1:17). Loyal people are faced with the temptation to abandon their commitment. However, those who elect to do so never experience the victory.

Consider for a moment some of the characteristics of a loyal person: sacrifice, commitment, unconditional love. The most vivid account of loyalty occurred when Christ paid the price for our sins. If we have no obligation to be loyal to anyone else, we must be loyal to Him. He is worthy of all our praise and worship. It is our loyalty to Christ for which we will eventually be held accountable.

Life and Work

Don't be a hypocrite

By Ben J. Rowell, pastor, First Church,
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Basic passage: Matthew 6:1-8, 16-18

Focal passage: Matthew 6:5-8

Central truth: Do all for the glory of God, don't try to please man.

The best Greek manuscripts read, "Take heed that you do not your righteousness before men." This makes a lot of sense because the three duties of Jewish religion were prayer, alms giving and fasting, and were called righteous. In the Jewish mind righteousness was so closely associated with alms giving, or charity, that the terms were used interchangeably. Whether or not the reference to sounding a trumpet is to be taken literally, the phrase applicably describes the theatrical performances of the religious hypocrites, whose motive in their alms giving was to receive their plaudits of men.

In our churches today we still have people who give so they can be seen of men. In our scripture, such pompous giving was called "giving with both hands." Our Lord probably had this in mind when he said, "Let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth" (Matt. 6:3). These play actors (hypocrites) will have their reward in full. Showy righteousness has received its full payment. God will add nothing to it. Those content to do their giving secretly shall be rewarded, not by man's applause, but by their heavenly Father. Our giving should be so secret that the giver readily forgets what he gave. In this way he demonstrates true righteousness before God and not before people.

In Matthew 6:5-8, Jesus speaks about the practice of prayer, which the Pharisees loved to perform publicly. Rather than making prayer a matter between an individual and God, the Pharisees had turned it into an act to be seen of men. Their prayers were not directed to God but to other men and consisted of long repetitious phrases. Jesus condemned that kind of prayer. I have known some who prayed so that people would say, "Oh he can pray the most beautiful prayers." One of the most beautiful prayers I have ever heard was from an illiterate man who simply thanked God for saving his soul.

We are to enter our closet to pray. The word closet means inner chamber. It is possible to enter into the inner chamber of the heart and shut the door upon the world, even in the most crowded thoroughfare.

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Bible Book

Qualifications for leaders

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Basic passage: 1 Timothy 3:14-16

Focal passage: 1 Timothy 3:1-13,
4:11-16

Central truth: The church is given clear guidelines for selecting leaders. These are guidelines for maturity that all men should strive to achieve.

Qualifications for leadership in the church reflect the kind of maturity that should be evidenced in the lives of those men desiring to lead. Specific qualities of maturity which are called for leave no question about God's will in this matter.

Not only is this listing of qualities valuable for determining who ought to be leaders in the church, but they also reveal the spiritual maturity that all men in the church ought to pursue. The apostle Paul amplifies these qualities in Titus 1:5-9.

Another important thing to note is that in this entire listing of qualities there is absolutely no reference to spiritual gifts. He did not tell us to look for men with the gift of administration or the gift of helps, etc. Rather, out of some 20 qualifications given by Paul in both Timothy and Titus, 19 have to do with a man's reputation, morality, temperament, habits and spiritual maturity. One deals with leadership he gives to his own family.

According to these passages there are two offices in the local church: pastor and deacon. There is a clear delineation given by Paul in Philippians. The terms "overseer" or "bishop," "pastor" and "elder" are synonymous (Phil. 1:1b). The Roman Catholic church began to use the term "bishop" to refer to one in charge of a number of churches, but this is not the idea here. Our term "pastor" more clearly reflects the intent of "bishop" and "elder." Pastor means "shepherd," depicting the idea of leading and caring for God's flock.

Paul commands Timothy to teach the things he has shared about leadership and to "set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and purity (1 Tim. 4:12b). Timothy, as a young pastor, was to model for the congregation real spiritual maturity. Paul concludes, "Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers" (1 Tim. 4:16). He is not speaking of determining eternal destiny by one's good life, rather, he is speaking of saving themselves from the pain of spiritual failure.

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Showing kindness

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Basic passage: Ruth 2-4

Focal passage: Ruth 2:4,5,7-9

Central truth: What is desired in a man is his kindness.

Naomi and Ruth arrived in Bethlehem at the beginning of the barley harvest. Immediately, Ruth decided to go to work in the fields. Remember, this is soon after the death of her husband, father-in-law and brother-in-law. Ruth knew one way of overcoming sorrow was to accept her plight, make a controlled decision, and act on it with energy and determination (Ruth 2:7).

Boaz, a wealthy kinsman of Naomi, exhibited kindness in several ways.

■ He did not fail to address his workers (Ruth 2:4). One true quality of a person is how they treat people they do not have to impress. Real kindness is not revealed by the way we treat our superiors, but how we treat those to whom we do not answer.

■ Boaz was aware of the needs of people he did not know (Ruth 2:5). When Boaz saw Ruth he was unaware of who she was, but he knew she had a need. Her identity was not as important as what she needed. What a challenge for us!

■ His kindness was not limited (Ruth 2:8). Boaz instructed Ruth to glean in no other field but his. Too often we limit our measure of kindness as though God is limited in what He will supply for our distribution.

■ He made provisions for her safety (Ruth 2:9). Not only did Boaz show kindness himself, but expected those over whom he had control to do the same. Notice, he did not expect more or less of them than he did of himself. Too often we take the easy way out and do not demand that our children, and others over whom we have influence, show kindness. Likewise, we sometimes expect kindness to be generated by others when we are unwilling to do so ourselves. Also, I find it interesting that we usually expect to receive more kindness than we are willing to extend to others.

We are taught in Proverbs 19:22 that what is desired in a man is his kindness. Not only do we desire that in others, but others desire that in us.

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Life and Work

The way to pray

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Basic passage: Matthew 6:9-15

Focal passage: Matthew 6:9-10

Central truth: A great way to pray.

Jesus gives us the true way to pray. It is a beautiful prayer and is very brief. It is Jesus' model prayer for His disciples to follow. We sometimes call this prayer, "The Lord's Prayer," but it is actually the disciples' prayer. As Christians, we have probably repeated this prayer many times. In this prayer our Lord gives us a model on how to pray. I am very sure it was not intended simply as a form of prayer for congregation recitation, but surely we have here a pattern, a mold by which to formulate and express our own private prayers. We have a real pattern to follow.

Only Christians can truly pray this prayer. This prayer should be used repeatedly by Christians to check their own prayers to see if they are according to the will of God. I want to say again, only a born again Christian can pray this prayer, because it starts with these words, "Our Father which art in Heaven."

When we are praying, we are worshipping. Jesus used the word Father many times. To a believer, our heavenly Father is very approachable as we cry "Abba, Father." Abba is a very intimate personal term. It is like saying papa or daddy. Our Lord then teaches us to put first things first.

We are also to petition for personal needs such as daily bread. Daily here means sufficient for today. Some people believe that we are to only ask God for the big things in life like health, wealth, etc. But our Lord teaches us that we are to take even our small petitions to Him, like bread for the day. Nothing, my friends, is too small for our Heavenly Father to consider. The most minute or trivial thing is not too small to lay before Him.

In this prayer we are taught also to request for our spiritual needs such as forgiveness. "Forgive us our debts," oh, how we should praise our wonderful God who has forgiven our sins as we come to Him in repentance. Because of His gracious forgiveness we should also be willing to forgive. A forgiving spirit is made easier for Christians when we consider how much God has already forgiven. We need to pray also, "Lead us not into temptation." Please, God, help us in this area of our lives.

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Bible Book

Church relationships

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Basic passage: 1 Timothy 5:1-6:2a

Focal passage: 1 Timothy 5:1-22

Central truth: Relationships in the church are strengthened when we respect and serve each other in the will of God.

Paul begins chapter 5 with an admonition for Timothy to keep in mind the concept of family. As in any family, relationships require respect. If he treats the older members as if they were his fathers and mothers and younger members as though they were brothers and sisters, he would maintain balance in ministry. Paul wanted to make certain young Timothy did not show partiality to the younger members, ignoring the older (vv. 1-2).

Proper care should be given to older widows in need (v. 3). If a widow has children or grandchildren, it is their responsibility to extend care and not the church's responsibility (v. 4). Families who refuse to meet this need are considered worse than unbelievers (v. 8). The widow who is in need, without family, and living a godly life should have special care of the church (vv. 5-6, 9-10). An ungodly widow should not be subsidized by the church.

Young widows must be cautioned lest they fall into sinful habits of being "idlers," "gossips" and "busybodies" (v. 13). Therefore, Paul counsels the younger widows to remarry, have children, and manage their homes so the enemy will have no opportunity with them (v. 14).

Paul said elders who are in a preaching and teaching ministry should receive "double honor." The context of the passage indicates that financial remuneration is what Paul is addressing. Both the Old Testament (Deut. 25:4) and the New Testament (Luke 10:7) are quoted to add support. A generous spirit is required in providing "double honor."

The elder should be protected by requiring the corroboration of two or three witnesses before an accusation can be brought against him (v. 19). If correction is necessary, it should be done with love in the presence of other elders so they too may be warned (v. 20). Full accountability must always be acknowledged. In selecting an elder we must move cautiously and never lay our hands on a man who is impure, else we share in his impurity in so doing (v. 22).

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U.S. House honors Grahams with congressional medal

WASHINGTON (ABP) — The U.S. House of Representatives voted Jan. 23 to award the Congressional Gold Medal to evangelist Billy Graham and his wife, Ruth.

Rep. Charles Taylor, R-N.C., was the primary sponsor of a bill commissioning the honor. The measure passed the House 403-2.

Congressmen noted Graham's preaching ministry — which has reached more than 100 million people in person and 2 billion people through television — as well as his record of concern for the poor.

Democrats and Republicans alike praised the Grahams for their work and committed service to the country. They noted Graham has been a spiritual adviser and confidant to 10 presidents.

A congressional spokesman said fewer than 100 such awards have been given. Among previous recipients were George Washington, Thomas Edison, the Wright brothers and Winston Churchill.

Southern Baptists aid famine-stricken North Koreans

RICHMOND, VA (BP)—As millions of hungry North Koreans face starvation this winter from flood-induced famine, Southern Baptists will spend \$500,000 now — and perhaps more later — to send food aid.

Cooperative Services International, the Southern Baptist overseas relief and development agency, will use the funds to start a project designed to feed up to 10,000 North Korean schoolchildren for six months, purchase low-cost rice for immediate shipment to North Korea and ship large containers of foodstuffs provided by local Southern Baptist churches and others.

Disastrous flooding in North Korea this past summer destroyed thousands of homes and buildings and devastated the grain harvest. Even before the flooding, the food situation looked grim; North Korean harvests reportedly have fallen short of needs for the last several years.

Trustee leaders vote to reduce Brotherhood budget

GATLINBURG, TN (BP)—The Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission's trustee executive committee has approved a \$290,000 reduction in the agency's planned expenditures for the last eight months of its budget year.

"A year ago at this time we were in a growth phase and we were anticipating enlargement in all of our program areas," said James D. Williams, Brotherhood Commission president. Since then, he said, the proposal to merge the agency's operations into a new North American Mission Board has had some impact.

"We're not going to spend money we can't anticipate...so this is an effort to bring expenditures in line with our anticipated revenue," Williams said. The approved cuts represent less than 5 percent of the \$6 million in expenditures originally planned for the 1995-96 budget year.

WMU plans 'Project HELP: AIDS' ingathering for Feb. 11

BIRMINGHAM, AL (WMU) — Woman's Missionary Union members across the nation are making final preparations for local efforts in WMU's national "Dare to Care" project.

The national ingathering, set for Feb. 11, is one of the highlights of "Project HELP: AIDS," WMU's national ministry project for 1995-96 which has sought to involve WMU members and their church families in sharing the gospel while meeting the physical needs of those affected by the AIDS epidemic.

On Feb. 11, members of local Southern Baptist churches are encouraged to bring items to church needed by local AIDS ministries, plus \$1 per item. While a church may choose an alternate recipient, the project calls for the monetary contribution to be given through the WMU Vision Fund to support the ministries of House of Hope, an AIDS hospice in Vitoria, Brazil, directed by Southern Baptist missionary Karen Gray.

Oklahoma City pastor elected to lead state convention

OKLAHOMA CITY (ABP) — Oklahoma City pastor Anthony Jordan has been elected executive director of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma.

Jordan, 46, pastor of Northwest Baptist Church in Oklahoma City, was elected Jan. 19 by the state convention's executive board. He will succeed William Tanner, who retires June 30 after leading the state convention since 1986. Previously, Tanner was president of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board for 10 years.

Jordan currently represents Oklahoma on the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee. He is graduate of Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar, Mo., and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.