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I must say it

Charles H. Ashcraft/Executive Secretary

Who causes more trouble?

Who is the source of our greatest grief? Who does us the greatest harm? Who is worst of all? Who is the most undesirable of the lot? Who causes the most trouble? Who is the most destructive person alive today?

The pusher, panderer, rapist, murderer, drunken driver, blackmailer, who? If you were to ask the seamen in Jonah's ship to Tarshish, only one answer would come forth, Jonah. Jonah was out of sorts with God, hence everything else was out of sorts. Jonah was not in God's will, was running from him, and, as such was not the answer, but the problem? The blame could be placed at no other point.

The one person who hurts more people in more ways is the person who is running from God. This person who is not in God's will, refuses God's call and place for him, spends his life trying to "make a deal" with God to circumvent God's choices for him. One who is in God's will stands in good stead to bless everything he touches while the person who turns his back on God will surely curse everything he touches. In his unhappiness he brings it upon others. His presence turns the brightest morning into a dark, dank, dour, dreary day. He is indeed the "Jonah" which wrecks the church, negates the witness, destroys confidence, damages the channel of God's grace, destroys the soul-winning potential of the church, thwarts the purpose of God and in general "causes the trouble."

He is not the ugly pusher, the foul panderer, the vicious rapist, the mean murderer, the evil blackmailer or the violent criminal across the street who operates his car while under the influence of alcohol. He is the nicely-dressed, well-mannered, highly-groomed, charmer who sits in the same place in church each Sunday, still trying to make a deal, anything but obey God's summons for a surrendered will.

These people are not the oceans of those seeking God's will with an open heart but the professional Jonahs who make a career of running from God and who on their dying day will still be trying to make a deal with God. This small number in our churches make it hard on all the rest as they are always on the road to Tarshish while the rest journey to Nineveh. It doesn't take but one person going the wrong way on a one way street to destroy the system.

What shall we do, cast them overboard? No, we shall continue (Gal. 6:1) to help them. Even Jonah was given another chance. (Jonah 3:1-3) Pushers, panderers, rapists, murderers, drunken drivers and blackmailers are destructive, but not more so than those who imperil the effectiveness of the church of the living God from which all hope arises.

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J. Everett Sneed

When death comes

When death claims the life of a loved one, it is very often followed by extreme grief. Some mistakenly feel that a Christian should not experience grief. But sorrow is a normal, natural response.

Psychologists are in agreement that if we try to blot out an event from our minds, that inevitably we will pay a great psychological price. Hence, grief should be expressed according to the individual's personality. Since each individual is different emotional expression will vary greatly.

Grief may go through various stages. First, there may be a period of shock. This is a natural reaction when the loved one dies suddenly or unexpectedly.

An individual may go through a period of numbness when he may not be able to cry or communicate clearly. This is a psychological defense to help keep from being overwhelmed by grief.

Eventually the experience of grief will come. The mourner may have a variety of emotions including grief, anger and guilt. But the worst possible disservice that a friend can render is to attempt to prevent such experiences.

Finally, there must be a time of rebuilding and developing of a new life. But the most important question for those who are left behind is "how to satisfactorily cope with loneliness and grief?"

As Christians we can take comfort from God's word. The greatest declaration of the Christian's hope is the bodily resurrection of Christ. His body after death was real and his followers could feel him. But it was a new and remarkable "resurrection body" which would never

die again. This is the kind of body which is in store for all true believers.

Paul does not answer all the questions concerning the nature of the resurrection body. But he does rest everything on the fact that Christ was resurrected and that we will have the same experience. (I Cor. 15:19-21)

The Bible teaches eternal life. This is not only a quantity but a quality of life for the believer. A vivid illustration of consciousness after death as well as reward and punishment is found in the story of the rich man and Lazarus. (Luke 16:19-31) While Jesus was not attempting to portray every detail of future life, he does give ample evidence of consciousness, joy and punishment. In discussing the after life, Jesus said "I am come that ye might have life, and that ye might have it more abundantly." (John 10:10)

Finally, a Christian honors his loved one by continuing his daily activity. Sorrow is normal, but God's grace should enable us to proceed with the task of daily living. Paul admonishes "...that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope." (I Thess. 4:13)

Each of us will one day have a rendezvous with death. Preparation involves providing for those we love both physically and spiritually. Spiritual preparation means not only trusting Christ, but a way of life which leaves a rich heritage to those we love.

Paul said "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling to God in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 4:13). May each of us so live today that the victory for ourselves and our loved ones is assured tomorrow.

Guest editorial

Confession is good

"Confession is good for the soul." It's also good for the body. If the psychosomatic understanding of illness has any merit at all, and I believe it does, then we would be healthier if we'd confess more. Unconfessed sin leads to unresolved guilt, which can manifest itself in harmful ways to the body.

I don't mean to paint an oversimplified picture. All illnesses are certainly not psychosomatic. But a significant number are. The psychosomatic perspective is not original with modern medicine. The Hebrew view of man is that of a psychosomatic unity of body and soul. If one goes wrong, the other is affected.

So - if we accept this biblical understanding of man, then what is good for the soul is good for the body, and vice versa. And confession does have a cleansing, healing effect.

The doctrine of the "priesthood of all believers" recognizes the need for confession. I've always heard this doctrine interpreted that Baptists don't require a priest to do their praying for them. Each is his own priest. (This is usually said with a condescending nod toward the Roman Catholic brethren.) Actually, the deepest meaning is not that we are our own priests, but that we are priests for one another. The New Testament

doesn't contain the phrase "priesthood of all believers", but it does talk about Christians confessing their sins to one another, which is the same thing.

There is nothing magical about confession. It won't keep you from getting the flu. But clean, honest confession is healthy, for it lessens the burden of poisonous guilt so many of us carry around. And the New Testament asserts that this is unnecessary, for "if we confess our sins to God, we can trust him, for he does what is right - he will forgive us our sins and make us clean from all our wrongdoing."

Confession is two-dimensional. There is a built-in source of healing power in confessing to our fellow human beings (maybe just one trusted friend) who we are and what we allow ourselves to be. But ultimately, the confessor must turn to God and confess that "it is against Thee, and Thee only, that I have sinned."

That's when the deepest healing takes place - as we confess our secrets to the God who already knows us through and through. Frederick Buechner says it well: "To confess your sins to God is not to tell him anything he doesn't already know. Until you confess them, however, they are the abyss between you. When you

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One layman's opinion

Daniel R. Grant / President, OBU

Personal morals and the public school teacher

Legal and judicial trends in the United States are building up to some difficult questions for Christian parents who believe that the personal morals of the teacher inevitably affect the morality taught by the teacher. Two recent cases that have been prominent in the news headlines illustrate the coming crisis.

In one case a young unmarried woman teaching in the public schools of Austin, Tex., became pregnant and expressed her intention to continue as a teacher. Neither she nor the unwed father wanted to become married, although she stated she was happy to be pregnant and have the child. When she was transferred from her teaching position to the library, she protested and announced she would seek a court order permitting her to continue to teach. She said her pregnancy out of wedlock was a matter of personal morality and had nothing to do with her teaching. She added that this was a discrimination on the basis of her sex, because unwed fathers were almost never suspended from teaching.

A second incident occurred in California recently when school authorities suspended a teacher when they discovered she was living with a man to whom she was not married. A recent news story reported that the court ordered that she be restored to her teaching position and given back pay.

It would seem that we are moving closer to the day when the law of the land says personal morality has nothing to do with our legitimate expectations of teaching performance in the public schools. Carried to its ultimate extreme, this could mean that all kinds of immorality outside the classroom, however repugnant it is to society, cannot disqualify a person from being a public school teacher. Hopefully, we are not to

that extreme yet, but it is only a small jump from here to there.

If public school authorities cannot enforce certain minimum standards of morality (private though it may be) on those who teach, they are compelled to accept one of two unfortunate positions: (1) Students are not influenced, either for good or bad, by the personality and character of their teachers, or (2) students are influenced by the personality and character of the teacher, but it is nobody's business whether the influence is for good or bad. It thus becomes "out of bounds" for school officials to try to evaluate a teacher's moral influence.

I am afraid the courts are painting themselves into a corner. There is a certain kind of traditional immorality (sins of the flesh, for example) they would like to tell school officials is a private matter. In reality, however, this is simply replacing the judgment of school officials with the judgment of the courts concerning whether "sins of the flesh" are really important or not. Once the court begins to rule that morality is a private matter for public school teachers, it is difficult to see how schools can have any legitimate concern for the teacher and narcotics abuse, homosexuality, habitual lying, or racial hatred.

It is easy, of course, to blame the courts unfairly for all of our problems concerning morality in the public schools. The saddest part of the trend is the strong possibility that the courts are merely reflecting a change in the morality of the American people. I would hate to think that the majority of the American people no longer place a high value on marriage as an essential part of parenthood, especially among those who teach our children.

Confession is good

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confess them, they become the bridge."

Discovering the healing value of confession may be as great a breakthrough as Saik's discovery of penicillin. Why don't you discover it for yourself? — Steve Hyde, Pastor, Lake Village Church

Letter to the editor— No creeds, please

Thank you for the article by Dr. Hershel H. Hobbs, "The Baptist Faith and Message—Creed or Confession?"

I have become increasingly alarmed with the insistence of some of my friends that all Baptist must accept with mandatory authority the 1963 statement "The Baptist Faith and Message." Furthermore, some of them will declare one to be a heretic if he does not accept their personal interpretation of the 1963 statement.

Let us not follow a creed or an interpretation of a creed. Let us not forget that the "sole authority for faith and practice among Baptists is the scriptures of the Old and New Testament"—Nathan Porter, Pastor, First Church, Arkadelphia

REVIVALS

Second Church, West Helena, Jan. 26-Feb. 1; Odis Chapmen, evangelist, Joe Wofford, song leader; 13 professions of faith, one by letter. Lawrence Vowan is pastor.

Old Walnut Ridge Church, Dec. 29-Jan. 5; David Miller, evangelist, "Red" Johnson, song leader, 10 by baptism, one by letter, eight rededications. Marshall Link is pastor.

The bookshelf

Dr. W.T. Holland, native Arkansan, former professor at Ouachita University and teacher of hundreds of Arkansas preachers, brings out his book **The Structure of Sermons**. It contains 200 pages of professional instruction on all types of sermons, giving the preacher valuable skills in sermon preparation and delivery. The exciting new book, complete with indexes and cross-indexing, contains 120 sermon embryos with subject, text, outline, and some illustrations, demonstrating 15 different ways to construct a sermon. In addition there are seven full-length sermons plus a prologue on "Why Sermon Structure," and an epilogue, "How to Prepare a Sermon." Hard back is \$6.95, paperback is \$3.95. Order direct from Dr. W.T. Holland, First Baptist Church, Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

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Living Together in a World Falling Apart is a book about the church-community -- what the authors say is "the holistic environment God has always intended for his people..." Dave and Neta Jackson have visited 12 of these communities and now live in one, Reba Place Fellowship in a changing neighborhood in Evanston, Ill. The book, available in paperback, is published by Creation House.

Praising performance to feature hymn tune arrangement by Arkansan

NASHVILLE (BP)—When the Nashville Symphony Orchestra plays five commissioned improvisations on favorite Baptist hymn tunes March 11, the work of an Arkansas composer will be among them. Francis McBeth's arrangement of "Amazing Grace" will be one of those works by contemporary American composers performed at "Praising 75" here March 10-13. McBeth is composer-in-residence at Ouachita University.

"Praising" is a four-night three-day musical event to premiere the new "Baptist Hymnal."

The Tuesday evening program of Praising 75 in Nashville's Municipal Auditorium will feature orchestral and choral music accompanied by the Nashville Symphony, under the direction of Amerigo Marino, music director and conductor of the Birmingham Symphony

Orchestra for the past 11 years.

Other tune titles and composers are "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship," by Robert Ward, North Carolina School of the Arts; "How Firm a Foundation," by Adolphus Hailstork, Dana School of Music, Youngstown University; "I Will Arise and Go to Jesus," by Llwyn Gomer, Michigan State University; and "On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand," by David Van Vactor, University of Tennessee.

"This We Believe," a commissioned choral work by Cecil Effinger, will be the major feature of the evening. A massed chorus of college and seminary choirs will perform the work, which is based on scriptures selected by Herschel H. Hobbs, retired pastor and former SBC president, from the statement of the *Baptist Faith and Message*.

Arkansans are new home missionaries



Mr. and Mrs. Garvin

ATLANTA—Fred and Arleen Garvin were among 14 missionaries and 19 missionary associates appointed in February by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. Garvin, a native of Weatherford, Tex., will serve as director of missions in Winfield, Kan.

A graduate of Hardin Simmons University in Abilene, Tex., and Southwestern Seminary in Ft. Worth, Tex., Garvin has served in pastorates in Colorado, Nebraska, Arkansas and Texas. Since 1974 he has been the director of ministries for the Delta Baptist Association in Dermott, Neb.

Mrs. Garvin, the former Arleen Alford of Texarkana, Ark., has attended both Hardin Simmons and Southwestern Seminary. They have five children.

News briefs

□ Rose Bud Church has organized a Woman's Missionary Union. Officers are Mrs. J.R. Hull, director; Mrs. L.B. McGahhey, mission study chairman; Mrs. Don Martin, mission action; and Mrs. Bill Lester, secretary-treasurer.

□ Geyer Springs Church, Little Rock, has licensed Phil Baldwin to the ministry. He is a freshman at Ouachita University and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ikey Baldwin.

□ Immanuel Church, Rogers, has begun a weekday Bible Study program over radio station KAMO. The live broadcast is done from his study by Pastor Bob Ebersold at 8:15 a.m.

Science scholarship set up at Ouachita

ARKADELPHIA—A scholarship fund in excess of \$20,000 has been established at Ouachita Baptist University by Mr. and Mrs. Carl R. Nelson of near Hot Springs in honor of their daughter Dr. Carole Nelson Dick.

Dr. Dick is a 1967 graduate of Ouachita and now lives in San Antonio, Tex., and her parents are members of Second Church, Hot Springs.

The endowment will help provide a University Scholarship in science.



WELCOME—Gary R. Cook, a Southern Seminary student from Little Rock, welcomes his home church pastor to the seminary campus. Jerry Warmath (left) is pastor of Pulaski Heights Church. He was one of several state and regional alumni association presidents who met at the seminary recently to map out 1975 plans for the 11,000 member association.

(I Corinthians 14:1-5)
by Bernes K. Selph
Fourth in a series



Dr. Selph

In I Corinthians 12 and 13 we have noticed that spiritual gifts were of God and that since they were products of the Holy Spirit they should bring unity. We further saw that the one thing which would hind the church together was

love and that this was a gift above all other gifts to be practiced by all because it was the one enduring gift. Paul is ready now to talk about the purpose of unity and use of gifts, to build the body of Christ, the church.

These three chapters probe at the very heart of the letter to the church at Corinth. They may well be the core of all his discussion, the hub around which his argument turns. The letter concerns numerous questions about the gospel, the Christian, and his conduct within and without the church. All these questions can well find their solution in the framework of these three chapters, the framework of unity. Take them away and there is no foundation for curing the divisions and misunderstanding in the church. They provide a balm for healing the hurt.

One good way to approach this chapter in relation to its theme is to ask, "What tongue to use?" With that another question, "What is the use of the tongue?"

Purpose of Speaking, vs 1-5

v. 1, He opens with the objective of the Christian life. It is set out in the opening words "pursue love." The verb form of this word signifies the prosecution of a course to its goal. Keep at what one has entered into. Love is the goal, the main thing.

In addition, continue to covet the spiritual gifts. Paul exalts love in the interest of the gifts, not to their disparagement. "It is not to be pursued to the exclusion of everything else but opens the true way to everything else." However, in all truth, it must be stated,

that to rightly understand the relationship of love and spiritual gifts that the latter be considered secondary. Note how he put it "But rather that you may prophecy" in preference to gifts, this is chief among the gifts, I Corinthians 12:31. "In order that you may prophecy" shows aim, and in striving after gifts prophecy is the best and is to control the rest. This must be done in love.

v. 2, The reason for prophesying is that one should speak clearly. One who speaks in a tongue speaks to God, but not to men. He may worship God, but his worship does not help another. There was plenty of sound but no sense. But he who prophesies speaks to man and makes sense. Paul used the word "mystery." In Paul's usage this word means the same as revelation. The Spirit gives a revelation but the speaker in tongues stops short of disclosure, and the church hears but does not understand when men so speak. Not so with prophecy.

v. 3, He who prophesies speaks to men, speaks in an understanding way, and for a very definite purpose. To build them up in their Christian life, give knowledge, to encourage them (stimulate the Christian will), to console them (strengthening the Christian spirit). Evidently, tongues speaking was failing to do these three things.

v. 4, This verse contrasts speaking in tongues with prophesying by showing the results of the two. To speak in tongues builds up one's self, one's ego. Though the real profit of the "tongue" is vague, the rapturous experience, or one's feelings, seem to confirm one's faith. Prophecy on the other hand builds up the church, the whole community. To Paul, this appeared more important. Man has the tendency to be subjective, to look inward. Paul knew this, hence, the encouragement to look outward. Man must be reminded to do this.

v. 5, Paul is very plain that prophecy is more important than speaking in tongues. "I want you all to speak in tongues." What does he mean by this. Well, see what he says in v. 2. To speak in tongues was to talk with God. Paul

wanted them to talk with God, experience him. He realized the need of a subjective reality, but he wanted them to realize there was another side...it is not to be neglected. It isn't enough to have an experience. Speak in tongues (have an experience with God), but "even more to prophecy." Have your experience with God; more important, proclaim the truth clearly so that others may experience God. It is more important that you help another experience God than it is that you utter mysteries of the Spirit for yourself. He meant that they should experience God, but the greatest experience one has is to help another experience him through understanding the gospel and not through speaking in tongues, or some so called spiritual experience. The "better" is preferred to the "good." Both gifts might be held, but he is looking beyond them. Edification of the church and not the individual experience was the end and mark of God's gifts to his church.

The word "greater" indicates a degree of importance. We hear a lot about the importance of one speaking in tongues and placing one over against another in superiority. Paul says clearly here the one who prophesies is greater than he who speaks in tongues so that the church is edified. If someone interprets then there may be equal importance, but if there is no one to interpret the important thing is to speak understandingly. The prophet does in one act what the tongue speaker does in two. Paul is not giving his preference merely, but the main reason lies in the usefulness of the gift. In either case the speaking is to edify the church. Build up the local body. If some action is destroying the local body, it should cease.

This series of articles gives an exegesis of I Corinthians 12-14. Scripture quotations are taken from the Revised Standard version of the Bible. Dr. Selph, currently pastor of First Church, Benton, holds the Th. D. degree from Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth. He was writer for several years of "Beacon Lights of Baptist History" for this publication.

Man's nature: The unity view

by Ralph W. Davis
(34th in a series)



Davis

As we have stated in the last two articles, dichotomy holds that man consists of body and soul and trichotomy holds that man consists of body, soul, and spirit. The third view of man's nature is what I call the unity view which denies both di- and trichotomy. "As a creature, finite in all aspects, however, he is a unity rather than a dualistic being" (Morris Ashcraft, *The Forgiveness of Sins*, p. 55). According to this view, the New Testament views man in his wholeness and sees sin as affecting man in his wholeness. "The terms flesh (sarx), spirit (pneuma), body (soma), and soul (psuche) in the New Testament may seem to assume a dichotomous or trichotomous view of man, but actually this is not the case. Each term describes the whole man from its particular perspective. The whole man may be described as flesh, or spirit, or body, or soul" (Stagg, *New Testament*

Theology, p. 25). The dualism which is usually expressed in a body-soul dichotomy led men to think that death was preferable to life since it would liberate the soul from the evil body, a prison. G. Campbell Morgan evidently holds to this view for he says, "The body is but a temporary and probationary dwelling place of man's spirit" (*The Crises of the Christ*, p. 49). Stagg states that this is not only the old Greek view but that many non-Greeks believe that the "soul exists before its habitation in a body, and it survives after being freed from the body when the body dies. In some systems the 'soul' is considered to be the essential self, the body being the 'prison' or 'tomb' from which the 'soul' is freed by death. Thus death is considered to be the friend of the 'soul'" (p. 319).

We cannot accept the view that the "soul" is entombed in a "body," and it is the body that sins. When John says in 1 John 3:9 that "whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin," he certainly was not saying that it is just the Christian's "body" that sins. He was rather saying that the Christian will not go on sinning

or make sin a continuous practice of his life. The unity view is the doctrine of man as seen in his wholeness. Man does not have a soul, he is a soul. Body and soul both describe the total man, each from its own perspective.

Next issue: *Flesh, Spirit, Body, Soul.*

Study Committee Sets public session

ATLANTA (BP)--Southern baptists wishing to express their views on a name change for the Southern Baptist Convention or the operation of the SBC Executive Committee are invited to set up an interview here March 31-April 1 with the committee appointed by the SBC to study these matters.

Appointments may be made on a first come, first served basis by contacting C.R. Daley, committee chairman, P.O. Box 43401, Middletown, Ky. 40243 (telephone, 502-245-4101).

Southern Baptists who cannot appear in person may share their views with Daley or other members of the committee in writing.

Daley said those desiring to meet with the committee must provide their own expense, since no funds have been provided by the convention for that purpose.

The Atlanta session is one of a series of methods being used by the committee, to gain information.

Daley said interviews have been conducted with all Southern Baptist agency heads, staff members of the Executive Committee, past and present elected Executive Committee members and others.

Members of the study committee will meet with Southern Baptist state executive secretaries and state Baptist editors in Mobile, Ala., during the annual meetings of the two groups there, Feb. 20-22.

In the meantime, state papers have included ballots on the question of a convention name change for any and all subscribers to register their views. Daley said the state paper surveys, along with a planned professional opinion survey of the entire Southern Baptist Convention, will strongly influence the committee in its report to the annual SBC meeting in Miami Beach in June.



Woman's viewpoint

Iris O'Neal Bowen

An anniversary remembered

Five years ago, about the first of March, a very special thing happened to me. I became, to my great astonishment, the writer of a real, sure-enough column! I could hardly believe it - I had missed Harriet Hall's column in the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*, and had read that she and her family had moved out of the state.

In a "nothing ventured, nothing gained" move, I called the editor of our magazine and timidly asked if anyone was going to take her place, and if so, why not me!

Well, that good man told me to send in a few samples of what I could do, and in a few days I was writing "Woman's Viewpoint!"

It would be hard to recite all the blessings I have received from this endeavor. I have made friends I have yet to meet. I have received a good bit of correspondence, most of it encouraging.

I have had to do some studying now and then, which surely has been good for

me

It has even fallen my lot to make a few public appearances, because of my column, and you know how I enjoy that!

Most of all, I hope I have been able to give my readers enjoyment, inspiration, comfort in the times of trouble, and, I hope, a chuckle now and then.

There have been times when I thought I came close to trying to preach, but the Lord didn't call me to do that, so I leave the preaching to those who are better prepared.

But these five years with our good paper have been so filled with blessings, I can hardly believe it.

I do appreciate my readers' interest in the column and cherish your correspondence and suggestions. I might add, many of my ideas have come from my readers.

I would like to hear from more of you, and to know if you like what I set before you!

'Big days,' staff ministries is growth formula for Oak Grove

"One of the keys to our growth," said Wayne B. Davis, pastor of Oak Grove Church, Van Buren, "has been our 'big day' philosophy. When we see more in Sunday School than we thought could possibly be enlisted, it shows what we can do when we work."

The church has had high attendance Sundays since Davis became pastor in July, 1970. In October, 1974, there were 801 in Sunday School. More than 50 people have made professions of faith on these occasions.

The church has experienced significant growth in the past four years. They were averaging 131 in Sunday School attendance in 1970. In 1974 they averaged 292. More than 350 people have been baptized in the past four years with approximately 600 making professions of faith. The church budget was under \$28,000 in 1970, but is now more than \$84,000.

"High attendance day encourages the church members," Davis observed "by providing additional prospects. For example, more than 200 were obtained through this year's high attendance day. Our members will be able to visit and witness to people who have some interest.

"Such a program always glorifies the Lord," Davis continued. "It does advertise the church and let the lost and unchurched people know that we are in business."

Davis emphasized that church attendance will always drop back after a high attendance day to nearly the same level it had been previously. "But there is

always some gain," he said. "It challenges and encourages our people to do more."

The growth in church membership has been a slow increase, rising from 440 to 747. In 1972, the congregation experienced its most rapid growth, baptizing 91. "It was my feeling that we needed to emphasize church member training," Davis said, "so we intentionally slowed down our outreach. We placed major stress on Bible doctrines. To strengthen our training, a wide selection of filmstrips and flannelgraph materials were purchased."

The greatest area of numerical growth is the training program of the church, averaging 175 in 1974. "This has been accomplished by the use of innovative materials and methods," Davis said. "We have used filmstrips, motion picture films, and occasionally Singspirations. We have begun holding our Vacation Bible School commencement on Sunday night, using every opportunity possible to encourage lost parents to attend and presenting the gospel to them.

"We are using the Lay Evangelism materials on Sunday evening," said co-pastor Leroy Rogers. "It is my joy to lead these discussions and our people are responding enthusiastically. We followed with a Lay Evangelism school in which 40 people were enrolled and numerous conversions resulted."

"It is important," Davis emphasized "for the pastor to be informed of the church's progress. I keep a running record of the Sunday School, our training program and bus attendance, as well as

expenses and receipts. This keeps me informed on the total program of the church.

"The most important method of church growth," Davis said "has been the bus ministry. We have six buses on five routes. Properly, these are not routes but ministries. It is our desire to minister to everyone."

Davis said "The key to the bus ministry are the captains. Each bus captain is almost like a mission pastor dealing with the children and adults on his route."

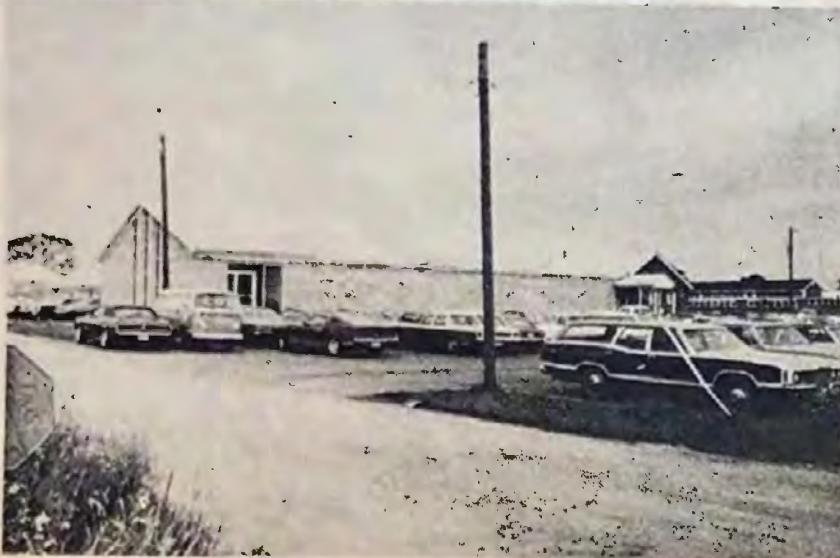
The church has baptized approximately 350 people in the last four years. This has been 50 percent adults, and 50 percent children.

"Staff is of great importance to any church," Davis said. "We have not had sufficient budget to obtain additional personnel so we have used volunteers. To be effective their efforts must be directed by one person.

"We do employ a 'coordinator of ministries,' Nancy McClure, who has served in this capacity for the past two years. She is doing an outstanding job in coordinating the work of all of our bus volunteers, and has developed a brochure on the bus ministry and served as a general resource person."

The church had been hoping for a full-time co-pastor since 1972. In August, 1974, Leroy Rogers was called to this position. "Rogers is doing a marvellous job with the children's church," Davis said. "For four years the children had attended the regular service where discipline was sometimes required. Our people did an effective job, but growth

Oak Grove's parking lot overflows with cars on a Sunday morning.



Wayne Davis is pastor of the fast-growing church.





Tommy Bowen is director for the church's bus ministry.



Co-pastor Leroy Rogers preaches to the children's church.

was making space a problem and placing more responsibility on members."

The Children's Church for grades one through six is averaging well over 150 in attendance and five conversions per week "Our desire," Rogers said, "is to communicate God's truths clearly and correctly to the children. We are thrilled to see what is happening."

Davis is continuing with the administrative responsibility while Rogers cares for the outreach effort of the church. On Sunday morning Davis preaches to the adults and Rogers speaks to the children, though they alternate on Sunday and Wednesday night services.

The church has had several helping ministries. They conducted a self-improvement course for the girls of the

community. The girls were taught how to style their hair, how to dress, etc. At the end of the study the church held a recognition banquet for those involved.

"Our philosophy is to have a short-term social ministry project," Davis said. "This helps the people and develops excitement without getting bogged down and losing interest. Of course, we also have on-going benevolent programs such as a clothes closet and emergency relief."

The church also has had a tape ministry for the older shut-ins. "We have used our college-age and career group to take tapes to the older people who were unable to attend worship services," Davis explained. "These young people appeared to be losing interest in the church, so we instituted this program to

minister to the senior citizens. The youth go to the homes on a Sunday morning, start the recorded service, sing with the people, then when the preaching starts, they return to the church for the worship service.

"Our future is very bright," Davis declares. "I believe that our church can be averaging 500 or more in the foreseeable future. It is highly possible that we will be baptizing over 100 annually in the next few years. Our present facilities are adequate to care for an average attendance of 500 and up to 1,000 on special days. We have the trained personnel, the space, a solid bus ministry, and an evangelistic base to provide a victorious future. As we rely upon the Lord great things will happen at Oak Grove."

Linda Bowen uses drawing and puppets to teach children.



Facilities are crowded when the children's church meets.





ABOVE, LEFT: Lloyd Patterson has been pastor since last June.

ABOVE: The church's building was completed in 1956.

FAR LEFT: On the centennial arrangements committee were Otis Mabrey, Una Horn, Mary Tucker, and Lillian Provence. Jerry Skiver also served.

LEFT: Troy Melton was pastor when the present building was completed.

Hopewell Church is 100

Hopewell Church in White River Association once lost their building to a tornado but the church survived to pass the century mark. They celebrated 100 years as a Baptist congregation last October.

The church was constituted in 1874 with a membership of 15, and services were held in a log house about a mile from the present location. The first building of their own was built on land donated by an early pastor, H.H. Hilton. It was dedicated in 1891 and destroyed by the tornado in 1917.

Mrs. Una Horn, compiler of church history, says that W.D. Jennings was pastor in 1916-17. Soon after he finished preaching the evening service on August 17, a tornado blew away the building, leaving the pews and organ intact. A kerosene lamp was still on the organ the next morning, Mrs. Horn noted. The

building was replaced on the same site by 1920.

The present building was erected during the tenure of Troy Melton, 1948 to 1956. The 1920 building was torn down and the church met in a nearby schoolhouse until the new building was completed. Melton preached the first sermon in the new building March 11, 1956. Melton is now director of associational missions for White River Association.

Seven classrooms, restrooms, a library, and a baptistry have been added to the church building, the auditorium has been redecorated, and new pews and central heating and air conditioning have been installed in recent years.

In 1963 a site was purchased for a pastor's home which was completed in 1965.

Pastors serving since Melton have

included Quinton Farmer, Lowell Jamison, S.W. Wilkerson, and Robert Swint. Jim Fowler was called in 1964 and served nearly eight years. Steve Dodson served October, 1972, through January, 1974. Lloyd Patterson, Hopewell's 22nd pastor has served since last June. He came from the pastorate of Montauk Church, near Montauk State Park, Missouri. A native of that state, Patterson attended Southern Baptist College and has served as pastor of Mt. Zion church near Jonesboro and First Church, Calico Rock.

He led the church in celebration of their centennial on Oct. 13. R.H. Dorris, state missions director for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, was the featured speaker. A covered dish luncheon was served at noon and the afternoon program featured the recognition of former pastors.

Your state convention at work

Foundation

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There are at least two ways this can be possible. When a gift is made to a Christian cause, there is the blessing of a personal involvement in the work of our Lord. Many times, this joy is far more valuable than the monetary value of the gift.

A man and his wife who had retired from schoolteaching were completing their estate plans. Provisions were being made for a blind niece and the Baptist Children's Home. Both husband and wife were overjoyed with their plans. When a comment was made about this, the man observed, "Young man, most people don't give enough to be happy."

Another way for one to have their cake and eat it too, is through a trust with the Arkansas Baptist Foundation. In 1973, the Foundation received an estate from a successful businessman. Provision had

been made for associational missions, child care, Christian education, and surviving loved ones. Since that time, five churches have benefited through the associational mission program, scholarships provided for needy students, additional monies for child care, and almost \$20,000 to survivors. At the death of the last survivor, the money they are receiving will be directed to Christian education.

Even with the distribution of almost \$25,000, the principal of the trust remains intact. In fact, it has appreciated in value because of quality investments that were made. Thus, a gift that was made in '73 keeps on giving.

It may be that you could make a gift that keeps on giving. For further information, and without obligation, contact the Arkansas Baptist Foundation, Box 550, Little Rock, Ark. 72203—Harry D. Trulove, Executive Director.



R. Wilbur Herring



Dr. Herring

Our state papers recently ran an article from the RNS quoting Billy Graham concerning the threats of a new Middle East war. Billy Graham stated that the war is "very, very close" and could be "an all-out slaughter that could drag in the rest of

the world.

Graham said, "It is a time for prayer." He also stated that he "would like to see 1975 as a year for prayer that God will give the leaders of the world some patience and some solution to our problems."

One of the reporters asked Billy Graham if he felt as if God has turned His back on the world. To this question the Evangelist replied, "God has not let go of this world, but it's late—mighty late."

Billy Graham ended his interview expressing a feeling that many of us have expressed and that all of us should take into consideration. Graham said, "unless man returns to God and God intervenes, we could be standing very close to Armageddon because so many nations today are developing the atomic bomb." It is not only Billy Graham that has this conviction at heart because so many of the servants of God share in this conviction. This is the reason that we feel as if the '76 Life and Liberty Campaign is more than just another program. It is more than just another evangelistic thrust. Many of us share in the belief that it is a now or never proposal.

It is our sincere hope and prayer that 1975 will be a year of prayer wherein the people of God will be in much prayer seeking God's will and asking God to lead the leaders of the world.

We need a spiritual awakening and only God can give this to us. It is my prayer that every pastor will be given this burden from the Lord and that He will lead His people in prayer night and day that God will turn America back to Him and we shall witness a great and mighty revival now.

CHURCH: the Sunday Night Place interpretation clinics



Holley

CHURCH: the Sunday Night Place Interpretation Clinics will be conducted in twenty-eight associations in our state between now and May 6. These clinics are designed for pastors, Church Training leaders and adult members. There will also be a conference for music directors led by a representative of the State Church Music Department.

Three important areas of emphasis will be dealt with in the conferences. These include: (1) Preparation for the Life and Liberty Crusade, (2) Enlarging and Enriching the Church Training Program, and (3) Growth in Discipleship Through New Member Training. Conferences will be led by trained and experienced leaders for Preschool leaders, Children's leaders, Youth leaders, Adult leaders and members, General Officers, and Music Directors. Be sure to consult your associational calendar for the time, date, and location of the clinic in your area. -- Robert Holley

Bible Drills, Speakers' Tournaments

Many associations will be conducting their Bible Drills and Speakers' Tournament soon. The district tournaments will begin the week of March 10. The location of the district tournaments are as follows:

Date	District	Location
March 10	Southeast	First, Warren
March 11	East Central	First, Forrest City
March 13	Northeast	Central, Ionesboro
March 14	Central	First, Benton
March 17	West Central	First, Van Buren
March 18	Southwest	First, Hope
March 20	Northwest	First, Rogers
March 21	North Central	First, Melbourne

herein is hope

To those who thirst for a droplet of hope, Southern Baptists can say: "In God's message of reconciliation you have hope."

We are ambassadors of reconciliation to knots of persons bottlenecked by language, culture, religion, abuse, deprivation, sickness, neighborhood. We must always be ready to explain the hope that we have in Christ.

When individually we cannot generate enough energy to penetrate their black despair with a ray of hope, we can plug into the powerful Southern Baptist home missions effort.

Through the Week of Prayer and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions, there is hope for us to cope with our national dilemmas.

In the message of reconciliation through Christ, there is hope for all the strains of our population to find joy, peace, brotherhood.

Examples of Other Annie Armstrong Easter Offering Allocations

Associational Services	\$825,000
Evangelism Projects	\$240,000
Interfaith Witness	\$90,000
National Baptist Ministires	\$390,000
Alaska Pipeline Ministries	\$20,000
US-2 Missionaries	\$190,000
Advance in Critical Areas after basic needs are met	\$1,300,000

Hope for physical strength

Through Christian social ministries, children like these in the Baptist Center daycare program in Oklahoma City find food, rest, education, and safety. Easter Offering allocation for Christian social ministries: \$900,000.

"Once you were away from Cnrist, living in the world without hope and without God. Now in Jesus Christ you have been brought near, for he is our peace. Breaking down the dividing wall of hostility, he united two sections of mankind, to reconcile them in one body to God. So you are no longer strangers and immigrants, but fellow citizens and members of God's household" (adapted from Ephesians 2:12-19).

Home Mission Board photos by Don Rutledge



Hope for new churches to proclaim the message

A backyard Vacation Bible School in Webster, South Dakota, will strengthen a new church begun by Missionary Henry Chiles. Easter Offering allocation for church extension: \$1,350,000.





Hope for more workers in missions

Mrs Cecil Willetto cares for her daughter in Tinian, New Mexico, while her husband works as a "Messenger of the Word." More than 1,000 laymen such as Cecil Willetto assist home missionaries in language missions. Easter Offering allocation for language missions: \$2,075,000.



Hope for a new way of life
 ... Smith, director of Southern Baptist Cooperative Ministries in Los Angeles, lists volunteers to help with prison reform and prisoner rehabilitation.

Home Missions
 Week of Prayer
 March 2-9, 1975

Annie Armstrong
 Easter Offering
 \$8,500,000



Hope for counsel and guidance
 Richard Cross, right, prison ministry director for Oklahoma City Baptists, counsels an inmate of Reno Federal Reformatory. Many chaplains and counselors work in various types of home missions. The Home Mission Board Chaplains Commission assists chaplains in hospitals, industries, and institutions, as well as more than 800 Southern Baptist military chaplains. Easter Offering allocation for chaplaincy ministries: \$30,000.





Missions come alive at ACT II

(Left Down) Acteens from Lake Hamilton Church assist Mrs. B.N. Nusko, Second Church Hot Springs with Registration. Rick Dodd and Girls Ensemble from First Dumas entertain at banquet.

Betsy Floyd leads theme interpretation. Lakeside Acteens promote NAC with skit. (Center) Mrs. John Abernathy autographs book.

(Right Down) James Anderson speaks at banquet.

Missionary homemakers compare assignments.

Mary Bennett, Journeyman, during Mission Fair.

Recognition of Student Queens.

The rain continued to fall and flash flood warnings were out but this did not dampen the spirits nor appreciably affect the number of high school Acteens who kept arriving at First Church Hot Springs for ACT II (Acteens Come Together). A bus load of girls from the Jonesboro area had problems with their bus so they left it in Little Rock and borrowed one from Geyer Springs Church and arrived only a little late. They overflowed an already packed Dining Room with a banquet in progress.

Music by Rick Dodd, Music and Youth Director for First Church, Dumas, and a Girls Ensemble from that church set a happy pace for the event. Recognition of 22 girls for their achievement in Student was led by Betty Jo Lacy, State Acteens Director.

The highlight of the evening's program was James Anderson, an Indian, who serves as missionary to his own people in Oklahoma. Dressed in native costume he sang for the girls and delighted them as he told of his experience as a member of Girls Auxiliary when the small church he attended as a child had no organization for the boys. As he told of his spiritual journey to the time in his life when he gave up his own ambitions to follow the call of God his audience was equally responsive to this more serious mood.

The Mission Fair which followed gave the Acteens opportunity to examine curios, see slides of mission work and talk informally with missionaries and their families. The missionaries present were James Anderson, Indians, Mary Bennett, former Missionary Journeyman to Hong Kong, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Caldwell and Nancy, Peru, Mr. and Mrs. John Floyd, Betsy and John Paul, Philippines, Ruth Petty, Sojourner, Joe Rubert, Chaplain; Mrs. James Swedenburg, Mike, Steve, and Joye, Korea, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Woodall, associational missions, and Mrs. John Abernathy, retired China, Philippines, Korea.

The Missionary Kids were of much interest as they related to their own age group. Carolyn Carter, high school senior and gymnast assisted Betsy Floyd with theme interpretations, led a fellowship on Friday evening and presided at the general sessions.

Saturday's program moved rapidly, filled with symposium, skits, panels, breaking into small groups for question and answer sessions with missionaries, going back together for more music, to hear James Anderson, missionary wives, Missionary Kids, until the final time of commitment led by John Floyd and ACT II became history.

Stewardship executive advisors enlisted

This department and the Arkansas Baptist Foundation have combined efforts to multiply their service to Arkansas Baptists through the enlistment and training of five stewardship executive advisors.

The men serving in this relationship are Lex Eaker of North Little Rock, James Walker of Warren, Charles Whedbee of Ft. Smith, Harry Wigger of Bella Vista, and Jerry Wilson of El Dorado.

These men are all pastors in Arkansas who are experienced and qualified in the field of stewardship and foundation work. In addition, they have received special training which will equip them to be of special assistance to churches, associations, and pastors.

The men are available for personal counseling with churches and pastors. They are also available to lead conferences or for speaking engagements. They serve with the endorsement of this office and the Arkansas Baptist Foundation. All their expenses when on an assignment will be paid by these sponsoring organizations.

The plan for utilizing these men as executive advisors is similar to that followed by the use of approved workers in other church program organizations. However, it is different in that these men will do more personal work directly with church leaders.

The services of these men can be secured by contacting this office or the Arkansas Baptist Foundation. If a church prefers, it can contact one of the men directly—Roy F. Lewis, Secretary of Stewardship-Cooperative Program.

Baptist men to hear seminary professor on role of father



Dr. Dowell

provide leadership and guidance for the entire family.

"The Role of the Father in a Christian Home" will be the subject of a conference at the State Baptist Men's Meeting to be held on March 14-15.

Theodore H. Dowell, will be leading the conference and speaking at the Baptist Men's Meeting. He is the Assistant Professor of Psychology and Human Relations at Southwestern Seminary.

Dr. Dowell served in the Army for two years. He served as pastor from 1948-53.

Someone has said, "The greatest need in America and the world today is dedicated Christian Homes." This statement is certainly a challenge to all Baptist men. Ideal Christian homes are a major responsibility of the Father who should

From 1953 to 1973, Dowell served as a missionary in Korea with the Foreign Mission Board, where he was Professor of Religious Education at Korea Baptist Seminary. He joined the faculty of Southwestern in 1973. He has traveled extensively in the eastern part of the world.

Dr. Dowell is eminently qualified to speak in the area of Christian homes and human relationships. Every Baptist man and Father will receive a blessing from hearing him.

Music is always an important part of Baptist Men's Meetings. Instrumental music will be provided by Ron Bohannon and Tommy Callahan on piano and organ. Special music will be by Larry Otwell, and others, to be selected.

Plan now to attend every session of the Baptist Men's Convention on March 14-15, at Lakeshore Drive Church in Little Rock.

First session 1 p.m., Friday, March 14. See you there—C.H. Seaton, Director, Brotherhood Department.

Will \$1 Save America?

No... but it will help.

We could send 1,300 additional missionaries into 50 states if every one of the 13,000,000 Southern Baptists gave one extra \$1.00 to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions.



"ANNIE" wants to congratulate "C.P." on the celebration of his 50th Anniversary. The Home Mission Board appreciates your support of both the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering and Cooperative Program. Together they support your missionaries.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR HOME MISSIONS, MARCH 2-9

Arkansas churches work with the deaf



Parrish

Occasionally I will receive a letter or meet someone on the street that will say, "I am not sure if we have a deaf ministry in Arkansas, but if we do, I need such-and-such and so-and-so." In an attempt to clarify and inform Arkansas Baptists, we will use

1975 for the opportunity of informing you of the deaf ministries throughout our state. These will be listed alphabetically, giving the name of the church, the pastor of the church, and the director of the deaf program.

Second Baptist Church, El Dorado. This deaf ministry was established in the church on Nov. 17, 1968, when several deaf persons united with this church from Marrable Hill Chapel of El Dorado. Jimmy Dodson, a son of one of the deaf ladies, helped with Sunday School services, and Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Landon, former missionaries to the deaf, began interpreting morning worship services. The deaf have been a great help in teaching, leading, and working in this area. Deaf from El Dorado and surrounding areas come in for weekly Sunday School and worship services. Recently a deaf choir was established in this church, and they have received numerous invitations from hearing churches throughout the El Dorado area to come and sing in their morning services. This has been a blessing, not only to the deaf themselves, but also to those who have observed this choir. Bruce Murphy is pastor of the church, and Lillie Faye Oldham is director of deaf ministries, assisted by Bob Norris.

Central Baptist Church, Hot Springs. This church began a ministry to deaf persons in 1965, supported by Pastor James Hill, Clovis Ivey, and Boyd Howard. The church provides Sunday School and worship services for the deaf in the Hot Springs area, including the Hot Springs Rehabilitation Center, where a number of deaf students are enrolled in vocational training. James Hill continues as pastor of Central Baptist Church, Boyd Howard is director of deaf ministries, and Boyce Miller, a ministerial student at Ouachita University, interprets the worship services in Central Baptist Church and also for the chaplain at the Hot Springs Rehabilitation Center.—Robert Parrish, Director of Deaf Ministries

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Sunday School

People everywhere...

for new adult Bible class



Cooper

This year, 1974-75, is the Year of the Adult. Special projects this year include Adult Directors Clinic, Adult Day in April, and starting new Adult Bible classes. As a part of the Life and Liberty Campaign, recognition is being given to all new classes since October, 1974, and continuing through 1976. The goal is at least 200 new classes. There have been 18 new classes reported to the Sunday School Department office.

The PURPOSE is to reach adults for Bible study, Christ and church membership.

The PLAN is: to consider the total possibilities for adults including those

now enrolled, church members not enrolled and all adult prospects, to enlarge the adult organization to "make room" for the total possibilities; and to enlist teachers and leaders and begin NEW CLASSES NOW!

The PROCEDURE is: to enlist positive support of all adults in the project; to inform entire church of the exciting possibilities; and to report every new class to the state Sunday School Department.

The REQUEST FOR RECOGNITION is to send (1) name and address of church; (2) name of pastor and Sunday School director, and (3) name of teacher to Sunday School Department, P.O. Box 550, Little Rock, Ark. 72203.

As a pastor, general Sunday School director, and Adult Sunday School leader, YOU CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN!--Don Cooper, Sunday School Dept.

YOU'RE INVITED

STATE WMU ANNUAL MEETING

March 18-19

First Baptist Fayetteville

By the WMU Director

"The windows are being washed, the floors scrubbed and polished - we're getting everything ready for you to come to the WMU Annual Meeting at Fayetteville.

"Since the ground hog did not see his shadow, we're expecting bright, sunshiny spring days for you to enjoy the beauty of our hills. We're looking forward to seeing you March 18 and 19. Anything we can do to make your stay more enjoyable, please let us know."

Sincerely,
Mrs. Gerald Jones
First, Fayetteville

By our State WMU President:

"Yes, everything is being readied for that wonderful experience that we call Annual Meeting.

Do finalize your plans now to attend every session beginning at 10 o'clock March 18 and closing at noon on March 19.

"Come anticipating, for:

You will meet our new Executive Secretary of WMU, SBC. . .

You will have the joy of meeting several of our missionaries, hear about their work and talk with them personally. . .

You will meet interesting personalities, for example, the Beasley-Murrays from England. . .

You will experience soul uplifting music. . .

You will have new and renewed participation in Christian fellowship. . .

You will be aware of the "Most High God as the most nigh God".

"To have these spiritual treats you must be here. We're looking for you!"

Mrs. George Tharel

LOCAL HOUSING: Entertainment (bed and breakfast) available in homes if requested by MARCH 12 from: Mrs. Herbert Huneycutt, 1616 Wedington, Fayetteville 72701.

Make motel reservations direct: Holiday Inn, Ramada Inn, Town House-Sands, Scottish Inn, Downtown Motor Lodge.

ARKANSAS BAPTIST FAMILY AND CHILD CARE SERVICES

CONTRIBUTIONS 1974

Total contributions received during the months of January through December, 1974
 (Thanksgiving Offering, Mother's Day Offering, Church Budget, Birthday, Sponsorship, etc.)
 Notify Johnny G. Biggs, P.O. Box 550, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201, if an error is found in this report. Thank you, Arkansas Baptists.

ARKANSAS VALLEY ASSOCIATION

Brookings	\$57.81
Brookley 1st	115.28
Bronckman	20.00
Carrollton	100.00
Elaine	50.00
Friendship	25.00
Helena 1st	569.70
Hughes	218.00
Lambert	30.25
Lea	263.95
Marionna 1st	129.00
More	300.00
Palmdale	1.49
West Island	104.00
West Island 2nd	124.50
TOTAL	\$3,605.47

AHLBY ASSOCIATION

Calvary, Crossell	\$25.00
Corinth A	50.00
Corinth 1st	1,229.25
Corinth 2nd	25.00
Eden	27.00
Friendship	140.00
Mountain Hill	430.54
Garland	35.00
Irving Chapel	181.70
Atwood	125.00
Aspiration	180.00
ATI Clinic	202.31
ATI Mission	125.00
North Crossell	101.00
Smith	35.00
Temple	150.00
TOTAL	\$3,122.10

BARTHOLOMEW ASSOCIATION

Antioch	\$67.00
Carrollton	30.00
Elmer Lake	18.00
Emmett	46.19
Erson	72.38
Florence	50.00
Heritage	254.35
Immanuel, Warren	230.08
Lafayette	21.50
Marionna	200.00
Monticello 1st	210.00
Monticello 2nd	81.12
North Side, Monticello	140.68
Old Union	30.00
Pleasant Grove	25.00
Selma	23.10
Union Hill	27.50
West Side, Warren	28.74
Wilmar	55.00
TOTAL	\$2,193.64

BENTON ASSOCIATION

Bentonville 1st	\$194.81
Centerline 1st	128.65
Central Avenue, Bentonville	38.96
Dixie	104.70
Geary	689.10
Gravelle	237.25
Gum Springs	126.80
Harvard Avenue Highhill	64.01
Immanuel, Rogers	124.10
Lowell	110.00
Macon Valley	89.04
Monte Ne	16.00
Park Street	37.84
Pea Ridge 1st	272.18
Pleasant Hill	115.75
Rogers 1st	43.12
Sileam Springs 1st	1,500.96
Sugar Creek	81.31
Sunny Side - 86 3/4 Trinity, Rogers	38.00
Twelve Corners	110.00
TOTAL	\$4,536.69

BIG CREEK ASSOCIATION

Cherokee Village	\$81.25
County Line	16.60
Elizabeth	1.74
Enterprise	30.00
Floa	26.40
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Marionna Springs	86.83
Salem	62.84
Spring River	29.00
Viola	49.51
TOTAL	\$401.49

BLACK RIVER ASSOCIATION

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Amagon	18.30
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Diaz	10.00
Grubbs	108.14
Horseshoe	25.00

Duane	147.19
Emmerton	77.80
Immanuel, Newport	284.80
Jacksonport	25.00
Amity & Porter	5.00
New Hope, No. 2	100.00
Newport 1st	65.00
Palma	65.15
Redgwick	15.00
Smithville	64.78
Spring Lake	41.40
Swifton	24.00
Tuckerman	10.00
Walnut Ridge 1st	489.80
White Oak	180.80
Southside Mission	25.00
Pleasant Valley, Sulphur	19.54
TOTAL	\$1,664.12

BUCKNER ASSOCIATION

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Castro Creek	56.25
Castro Chapel	110.00
Dayton	114.71
DeWitt	24.05
Edwards	180.00
Friendship	14.00
Friendship 1st	415.80
Haw Creek	192.85
Hon	45.44
Huntington	44.21
Ima	16.00
James Fork	61.75
Long Ridge	26.00
Maryfield	132.00
Midland	107.80
New Providence	30.00
Parks	21.04
Pleasant Grove No. 2	90.00
Rock Creek	14.45
Temple, Waldron	11.04
Unity	208.77
Waldron 1st	155.78
West Hartford	150.00
Windfield	81.65
TOTAL	\$1,438.18

BUCKVILLE ASSOCIATION

Cedar Glades	\$100.00
MI Taber	15.00
Rock Springs	25.00
TOTAL	\$140.00

CADDO RIVER ASSOCIATION

Amity	\$100.00
Black Springs	25.00
Cashin Gap	50.00
Greenwood	530.97
MI, Ida	118.50
Oden	50.00
Pine Bluff	21.15
Pine Ridge	85.00
Refuge	150.00
Sulphur Springs	5,655.5
TOTAL	\$1,259.15

CALVARY ASSOCIATION

Antioch	\$150.00
Augusta 1st	100.00
Beebe 1st	90.00
Beulah	25.00
Central, Bald Knobs	458.50
Crosby	185.00
El Paso	21.06
Good Hope	55.74
Grace	84.00
Gregory	50.00
Higginson	102.10
Hunter	144.84
Judsonia	215.23
Kensell	276.99
Liberty	111.25
Mc Crocy	214.54
Mc Rae	20.00
Midway	33.78
Morrow	79.00
Morlon	35.00
MI, Hebron	43.00
Pangburn	233.45
Patterson	69.40
Pleasant Grove	55.45
Rocky Point	140.21
Searcy 1st	112.50
Temple, Searcy	270.00
Trinity, Searcy	20.00
Tugelo	41.76
West Point	100.00
TOTAL	\$4,131.90

CAREY ASSOCIATION

Bearden 1st	\$108.61
Bethesda	40.00

Christy, Camden	\$97.98
Clarks	18.91
Clarks	205.00
Clarks	117.50
Clarks 1st	188.26
Clarks	20.00
Clarks	20.00
Clarks	111.82
Clarks	35.28
Clarks	11.40
Clarks	25.00
Clarks	64.00
Clarks	20.00
Clarks	292.00
Clarks	234.41
Clarks	45.00
Clarks	56.43
Clarks	87,881.90

LANDLINE ASSOCIATION

Briggs Chapel	\$11.00
Brooksville	41.00
Clarks 2nd	50.42
Clarks Creek	161.00
Clarks	215.41
Clarks	51.32
Clarks	29.00
Clarks	230.00
Clarks	208.70
Clarks	160.00
Clarks	191.25
Clarks	44.58
Clarks	1,418.00
Clarks	1,081.99
Clarks	100.00
Clarks	41.87
Clarks	41.06
Clarks	90.00
Clarks	41.00
Clarks	240.78
Clarks	891.32
Clarks	197.44
Clarks	141.11
TOTAL	\$6,247.40

CARROLL COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Blue Eye	\$287.77
Clarks Springs	236.80
Friendship Heights	144.91
TOTAL	\$670.98

CENTENNIAL ASSOCIATION

Almyra	\$75.00
DeWitt	170.25
Elmer Lake, DeWitt	31.82
Elmer	112.47
Elmer	25.00
Elmer	87.48
Elmer	311.85
Elmer	80.00
Elmer 1st	950.90
Elmer	60.00
TOTAL	\$2,104.87

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION

Antioch	\$908.00
Benton 1st	2,438.11
Byrd First Southern	80.00
Clarks	15.00
Calvary, Benton	180.00
Central, Hot Springs	440.00
Immanuel, Hot Springs	17.11
Clarks	18.95
Clarks	60.00
Grand Avenue, Hot Springs	658.10
Harvey's Chapel	131.80
Highland Heights	856.06
Hot Springs 1st	71.15
Hot Springs 2nd	200.00
Jessieville	11.04
Lake Hamilton	46.25
Lakeside Heights	70.76
Lakeside	10.00
Lee Chapel	127.51
Leopard Street	102.00
Memorial	15.00
Mountain Pine	112.84
Mountain Valley	61.80
MI, Vernon	14.05
Owensville	50.49
Park Place	175.75
Peary	50.00
Piney	167.50
Pleasant Hill	102.00
Riverside	143.29
Salem	181.30
Sheridan First Southern	38.00
Trinity, Benton	249.99
Trinity, Mt. Vernon	70.00
Viola Heights	50.36
Walnut Valley	69.79
TOTAL	\$7,231.17

ELDER LEMON ASSOCIATION

Alma 1st	\$120.00
Alma	30.75
Alma	10.00
Alma	43.04
Alma 1st	65.85
Alma 2nd	40.00
Alma 3rd	17.74
Alma 4th	15.00
Alma 5th	150.00
Alma 6th	24.82
Alma 7th	50.00
Alma 8th	112.47
Alma 9th	60.00
Alma 10th	20.00
Alma 11th	41.00
Alma 12th	247.74
Alma 13th	51.15
Alma 14th	149.76
Alma 15th	25.00
Alma 16th	27.00
Alma 17th	81.88
Alma 18th	50.00
Alma 19th	201.43
Alma 20th	50.00
Alma 21st	34.00
Alma 22nd	57.50
Alma 23rd	145.00
TOTAL	\$1,235.01

EDGEWOOD ASSOCIATION

Bellevue	\$65.26
Bellevue	98.18
Bellevue 1st	198.80
Bellevue	20.42
Bellevue	50.00
Bellevue	150.80
Bellevue 1st	25.00
Bellevue	21.00
Bellevue	21.00
Bellevue	60.00
Bellevue	11.00
Bellevue	448.20
Bellevue 1st	295.00
Bellevue	48.75
Bellevue	288.38
Bellevue 1st	174.00
Bellevue 2nd	212.11
Bellevue 3rd	84.41
Bellevue	42.48
Bellevue	21.55
Bellevue	128.00
Bellevue	11.00
Bellevue	42.14
Bellevue 1st	159.11
Bellevue	111.82
Bellevue	255.19
Bellevue	17.00
Bellevue	448.50
Bellevue	85.43
Bellevue	120.67
Bellevue	21.00
Bellevue	90.72
Bellevue	127.54
Bellevue	165.69
Bellevue	94.04
Bellevue	245.74
Bellevue	80.56
Bellevue	59.81
TOTAL	\$1,882.17

CONWAY PERRY ASSOCIATION

Biglow	\$85.16
Case	89.41
Harmony	29.51
Houston	30.00
Marion 1st	250.00
Harrod	121.00
Perryville	84.25
Pleasant Grove	50.00
Pleasantville	697.00
Thornburg	50.00
Union Valley	151.39
TOTAL	\$1,443.95

CURRENT RIVER ASSOCIATION

Biggers	\$50.29
Calvary, Corning	111.85
Columbia Jarrell	29.75
Corning	581.50
Hopewell	146.34
Anark	19.00
MI, Pleasant	65.10
Peltie	50.00
Parabonias	51.21
Ravenscroft Springs	122.70
Reyna	24.50
Shannon	80.00
Shiloh, Corning	27.22
Success	49.77
Wilks Chapel	94.30

TOTAL	\$1,579.50	TOTAL	\$3,380.79	Marrable Hill	34.43	Jonesboro 1st	1,406.41
DARDANELLE RUSSELLVILLE ASSOCIATION		HARMONY ASSOCIATION		Arday	160.00	Lake City	347.45
Belleville	\$10.00	Alzheimer	\$40.00	New London	145.00	Monette	98.00
Bluffton	200.00	Anderson Chapel	60.00	Norphet	111.28	Mt Pisgah	54.12
Centerville	41.71	Bethel	75.00	Park View	78.34	Mt Zion	384.85
Danville	168.82	Centennial	89.65	Philadelphia	80.00	Needham	61.08
Dover	59.86	Central	30.22	Salem	50.00	Netleton	266.08
East Point	154.94	Dollarway	45.23	Smackover	205.00	New Antioch	87.54
Havana	76.58	Dumas 1st	208.15	South Side	43.37	New Hope, Jonesboro	36.10
Hopewell	50.00	Forest Park	88.53	Stephens	304.00	Philadelphia	101.74
Immanuel, Russellville	35.00	Gould	375.87	Strong	215.00	Providence	41.00
Kelley Heights	39.00	Grady	54.00	Sylvan Hills	50.00	Rowles Chapel	40.00
Knoxville	32.09	Greenlee Memorial	11.00	Temple, Camden	21.34	Strawler	79.23
London	18.00	Hardin	78.00	Temple, El Dorado	104.70	University	100.50
Moreland	25.50	Hickory Grove	123.10	Trinity	428.77	Walnut Street	71.00
New Hope	23.35	Humphrey	268.55	Union	245.00	Wood Springs	62.50
Ola	59.00	Immanuel, Pine Bluff	170.00	Victory	57.44	TOTAL	\$4,363.51
Pittsburg	100.00	Kingsland	57.80	Village	170.50	NORTH ARKANSAS ASSOCIATION	
Pottsville 1st	61.00	Lee Memorial	88.00	West Side, El Dorado	200.00	Alpena	\$134.55
Rover	14.13	Linwood	219.70	Wildwood	32.30	Batavia	19.82
Russellville 2nd	209.05	Matthews Memorial	265.33	TOTAL	\$10,817.01	Bear Creek Springs	178.28
TOTAL	\$1,378.03	Oak Grove	115.58	LITTLE RED RIVER ASSOCIATION		Berryville	23.48
DELTA ASSOCIATION		Dakland	1.00	Center Ridge	\$12.00	Burlington	82.61
Arkansas City	\$348.39	Pine Bluff 1st	1,755.34	Concord	26.17	Cassville	75.00
Audis	40.00	Pine Bluff 2nd	1,309.06	Heber Springs 1st	191.50	Dnor	114.06
Bayou Maron	50.00	Plum Bayou	87.20	Lite Line	57.00	Eagle Heights	266.72
Bellaire	264.00	Rainin Chapel	37.45	Mt Zion	21.00	Elmwood	40.82
Boydell	25.00	Rison	390.00	New Bethel	25.00	Emmanuel, Harrison	33.00
Chickasaw	65.44	Shannon Road	20.00	Paletine	25.00	Everton	25.00
Cottine	150.00	Star City	323.00	Pleasant Ridge	115.43	Gather	20.00
Cottrill	307.00	Watson Chapel	164.40	Post Oak	25.00	Grandview	85.29
Eudora	188.50	White Sulphur Springs	15.00	Quilman 1st	235.00	Green Forest	67.00
Jennie	127.13	Yorktown	35.00	Southside, Heber Springs	60.00	Grubb Springs	77.42
Lake Village 1st	167.50	TOTAL	\$4,515.73	TOTAL	\$791.10	Harrison 1st	263.50
McGehee 1st	811.25	HOPE ASSOCIATION		LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION		Hopewell	100.00
Montrose	94.47	Anderson	\$10.00	Ashdown	\$204.15	Jasper	180.00
New Hope	100.00	Arabella Heights	58.55	Ben Lomond	10.00	Lead Hill	80.00
Northside	105.00	Beech Street 1st	411.75	Bingen	200.00	Marshall	91.01
Omega	53.70	Bradley	114.00	Brownstown	50.00	New Hope	200.00
Parkdale	58.03	Bronway Heights	8.98	Central, Mineral Springs	510.00	Omaha	44.47
Parkway	13.58	Calvary, Hope	54.00	Chapel Hill	49.29	Oregon Flat	103.00
Portland	45.00	Calvary, Texarkana	190.60	Columbus	14.44	Osage	50.00
Shiloh	53.53	Canfield	126.39	Dierks	26.25	Rock Springs	275.89
Temple	79.95	Central, Magnolia	2,194.60	Dicks	170.00	Rudd	46.93
Watson	200.29	Fouke 1st	290.65	Horatio	345.31	St. Joe	26.00
Wilmit	323.00	Guernsey	20.00	Kern Heights	101.71	Union	33.45
TOTAL	\$3,610.76	Haley Lake	16.80	Lockesburg	205.00	Valley Springs	25.00
FAULKNER ASSOCIATION		Harmony Grove	150.00	Mt Moriah	50.93	Woodland Heights	76.90
Beryl	\$98.54	Hope 1st	1,048.75	Murreesboro	102.59	TOTAL	\$2,939.21
Brimley Chapel	47.50	Immanuel, Magnolia	295.44	Nashville	295.00	NORTH PULASKI ASSOCIATION	
Conway 1st	204.00	Lewisville 1st	116.00	New Home	30.00	Baring Cross	\$406.12
Conway 2nd	40.14	Macedonia No. 2	66.00	Oak Grove	144.89	Bayou Meto	110.00
Emmanuel, Conway	30.00	Mandeville	192.75	Ogden	73.94	Berea	18.21
Erola	8.25	Memorial	259.80	Rock Hill	47.00	Bethany	186.11
Friendship	23.53	Mt Zion	200.00	Washington	187.60	Calvary, North Little Rock	96.00
Happy Hollow	52.00	Piney Grove	44.58	Wilton	59.31	Central, North Little Rock	300.00
Harlan Park	77.00	Pisgah	31.65	Winthrop	59.31	Chapel Hill	20.00
Harmony	307.26	Red River	57.00	TOTAL	\$2,887.41	Crystal Valley	166.25
Mayflower 1st	133.07	Rocky Mound	90.00	MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION		Gravel Ridge	131.25
Mt Vernon	35.00	Stamps 1st	721.56	Armored	\$85.61	Graves Memorial	300.00
Naylor	35.00	Silverino	111.00	Bethany	3.09	Highway	200.00
Pickles Gap	111.80	Tennessee	49.61	Black Water	51.40	Jacksonville 1st	920.00
Pleasant Grove	47.00	West Side, Magnolia	9.33	Blytheville 1st	\$82.80	Jacksonville 2nd	95.00
Southside, Damascus	400.00	TOTAL	\$4,899.79	Brinkley Chapel	25.00	Levy	180.00
Woooster	50.00	INDEPENDENCE ASSOCIATION		Brown's Chapel	20.00	Marrison Chapel	731.46
TOTAL	\$1,694.09	Batesville 1st	\$481.00	Calvary, Osceola	25.88	North Little Rock 1st	178.00
GAINESVILLE ASSOCIATION		Calvary, Batesville	698.52	Central, Dyess	80.65	Park Hill	90.00
Brown's Chapel	\$15.10	Cord	165.00	Cole Ridge	36.00	Pike Avenue	206.75
Emmanuel, Pigott	38.12	Cushman	10.00	Cross Roads	24.27	Ryan 1st	145.10
Greenway	347.62	Desha	41.03	Dell	62.51	Sherwood	113.74
Harmony	25.00	East Side, Cave City	38.18	East Side, Osceola	53.10	Sylvan Hills	337.63
Holly Island	25.00	Emmanuel, Batesville	376.60	Emmanuel, Blytheville	14.74	Zion Hill	200.00
Knobel	74.42	Floral	115.05	Joiner	32.57	TOTAL	\$4,631.62
New Hope	167.74	Marcella	57.19	Keiser	254.87	QUACHITA ASSOCIATION	
Nimmons	52.00	Mountain View	80.00	Leachville	374.00	Acorn	\$109.00
Peach Orchard	25.00	Mt Zion	80.75	Leachville 2nd	34.87	Bethel	25.00
Rector	341.25	Pilgrims Rest	70.00	Luxora	50.00	Board Camp	40.83
St Francis	700.00	Pleasant Plains	40.84	Manila 1st	116.05	Calvary, Meno	37.34
Tipperary	85.00	Rehobeth	64.38	Mary's Chapel	35.05	Cherry Hill	32.00
TOTAL	\$1,896.15	Rosie	349.90	Memorial	56.31	Concord	29.75
GRENE COUNTY ASSOCIATION		Ruddell Hill	27.73	New Harmony	34.78	Dallas Avenue, Meno	81.21
Alexander	\$79.31	Salado	150.00	New Liberty	49.98	De Queen 1st	10.00
Beech Grove	40.00	Sulphur Rock	109.97	New Providence	43.23	Gilham	302.90
Bethel Station	35.00	White River	127.10	Nodena	37.41	Grannis	79.19
Big Creek	96.24	North Side Mission	26.51	Number Nine	55.27	Halfield	85.97
Brown's Chapel	145.50	TOTAL	\$3,093.75	Osceola 1st	281.50	Haltion	234.10
Calvary, Paragould	142.80	LIBERTY ASSOCIATION		Ridgecrest	46.60	Mena 1st	88.51
Clark's Chapel	48.89	Buena Vista	\$22.00	Tomato	50.00	New Hope	23.50
Delaplaine	175.36	Caledonia	75.00	Trinity	100.75	Salem	50.33
East Side, Paragould	35.00	Cation	110.17	Wardell	70.00	Two Mile	21.00
Fairview	61.00	Camden 1st	649.28	West Side, Manila	105.00	Vandervoort	78.63
Finch	215.74	Camden 2nd	65.00	Whifton	85.00	Wicks	250.23
Fontaine	30.00	Chidester	100.00	Wilson	177.00	Yocana	288.00
Immanuel, Paragould	125.00	Cross Roads	111.00	Woodland Corner	48.34	TOTAL	\$1,858.49
Lake Street	33.00	Cullendale 1st	624.00	Yarbro	357.69	PULASKI ASSOCIATION	
Light	62.94	East Main	308.75	Gateway Mission	19.98	Alexander	\$170.66
Marmaduke	55.87	Ebenezer	370.05	TOTAL	\$3,591.30	Archway	75.00
Mounds	59.10	El Dorado 1st	3,461.35	MT. ZION ASSOCIATION		Baptist Tabernacle	287.44
New Friendship	68.05	El Dorado 2nd	377.60	Bay	\$70.00	Barnett Memorial	155.54
New Liberty	67.98	Felsenthal	200.00	Bethabara	183.00	Brookwood	20.00
Nutts Chapel	350.00	Galilee	141.74	Black Oak	200.00	Calvary, North Little Rock	300.00
Oak Grove	42.90	Harmony	65.00	Bono	67.95	Chicot Road	34.00
Paragould 1st	988.31	Hillside	35.00	Bowman	108.23	Crystal Hill	100.00
Robb's Chapel	157.00	Huffig	95.00	Bronkland	50.00	Douglasville	107.51
Rosewood	25.00	Immanuel, El Dorado	608.13	Buffalo Chapel	20.68	East End	80.08
Stanford	50.00	Junction City	270.47	Caraway	27.00	Forest Highlands	165.00
Third Avenue	34.67	Knowles	25.00	Cash	53.00	Garden Homes	7.72
Unity	163.00	Lapile	90.00	Central, Jonesboro	166.00	Geyer Springs	3,248.18
Vines Chapel	16.12	Lawson	87.88	Childress	73.57	Green Memorial	68.90
Walcott	66.25	Liberty	63.91	Dixie	25.00	Hebron	230.00
West View	115.76	Louann	19.39	Egypt	25.21	Holly Springs	186.00
		Maple Avenue	100.00	Fisher Street	86.28	Immanuel, Little Rock	850.00

Ironton	157 27	Calico Rock	73 75	TRINITY ASSOCIATION		Fayetteville 2nd	16 00
Life Line	148 36	Evening Shade	79 30	Calvary, Harrisburg	\$476 10	Friendship	32 37
Little Rock 1st	45 00	Finley Creek	12 00	Corner's Chapel	406 71	Greenland	72 02
Little Rock 2nd	108 33	Guion	20 00	East Side, Trumann	70 96	Huntsville	96 46
Markham Street	91 19	Hardy	46 21	Faith	75 00	Huntsville	62 00
Martindale	150 00	Melbourne	270 00	Greenfield	255 50	Immanuel, Fayetteville	431 95
Nails Memorial	477 40	MT Pleasant	64 26	Lebanon	746 50	Johnson	36 80
Natural Steps	163 82	Oxford	72 70	Lepanto	33 48	Liberty	170 00
North Point	2 77	Sage	52 28	Maple Grove	10 00	Lincoln	114 57
Olivet	455 86	Sidney	41 45	Marked Tree	80 00	New Hope	10 00
Plain View	63 97	Zion Hill	20 00	McCormick	10 00	Oak Grove	55 00
Pleasant Grove	105 35	TOTAL	\$700 95	Neals Chapel	50 00	Prairie Grove	354 76
Putaski Heights	740 00	SEARCY ASSOCIATION		Neiswander	60 00	Providence	132 14
Rosedale	134 86	Leslie	\$182 12	Pleasant Grove	88 00	Rolling Hills	236 00
Shady Grove	587 73	Morning Star	50 00	Pleasant Valley	75 00	Silent Grove	51 25
Sheridan 1st	50 00	New Hopewell	20 00	Providence	78 65	Sonora	38 46
Sunset Lane	1 188 40	TOTAL	\$252 12	Red Oak	21 25	Southside, Fayetteville	17 07
Tyler Street	119 25	TRI-COUNTY ASSOCIATION		Rivervale	46 51	Springdale 1st	127 50
Vimy Ridge	23 40	Antioch	\$70 00	Trinity	31 17	Spring Valley	100 00
West Side	377 81	Barton Chapel	75 37	Trumann 1st	490 81	Sulphur City	36 00
Woodlawn	93 55	Beckspur	66 56	Tyrone 1st	100 00	University	146 61
TOTAL	\$11,390 50	Calvary, West Memphis	83 00	Weiner	35 00	West Fork	32 75
RED RIVER ASSOCIATION		Cherry Valley	49 42	Waldenburg Mission	8 72	Winslow	160 50
Antone	\$53 59	Collt	50 00	TOTAL	\$3,189 31	TOTAL	\$3,140 06
Arkadelphia 1st	128 50	Crawfordsville	411 72	VAN BUREN ASSOCIATION		WHITE RIVER ASSOCIATION	
Arkadelphia 2nd	54 25	Earle	178 50	Bee Branch	\$38 00	Bruno	\$26 13
Beech Street, Gurdon	123 25	Emmanuel, Forrest City	50 48	Formosa	78 97	Coffey 1st	138 72
Beirne	58 65	Fair Oaks	380 24	Friendship	70 69	East Side	84 59
Bethel	76 25	Forrest City 1st	25 00	Lexington	25 00	Flippin	126 70
Bethlehem	43 75	Gladden	35 00	Pee Dee	35 00	Gassville	132 88
Caddo Valley	36 65	Harris Chapel	88 72	Plant	26 00	Henderson	42 19
Cedar Grove	50 00	Hydrick	20 00	Pleasant Valley	176 34	Hopewell	40 65
Center Point	100 00	Ingram Boulevard	158 19	Rupert	47 56	Inne Rock	20 69
Curtis	673 60	Madison	26 00	Scotland	20 00	Midway	90 40
De Gray	145 00	Marion	209 55	Shady Grove	35 00	Mountain Home	187 00
East Whelen	38 25	Midway	10 00	Shirley	13 17	New Hope	58 00
Harmony Hill	30 85	Palestine	43 00	Standley Memorial	141 54	Norfolk 1st	53 11
Hollywood	83 47	Parkin	152 55	Zion	38 93	Rea Valley	51 91
Marlbrook	50 00	Shell Lake	52 65	Fairfield Bay Mission	10 00	Tomahawk	12 04
Okolona	28 00	Tifton	37 00	TOTAL	\$756 20	Whiteville	102 76
Park Hill	318 00	Turrell	20 00	WASHINGTON-MADISON ASSOCIATION		Hill Top Mission	43 25
Prescott 1st	85 00	Union Avenue	96 91	Black Oak	\$105 00	Peal Mission	47 67
Richwoods	138 00	Vandale	60 72	Brush Creek	42 00	TOTAL	\$1,758 69
Shady Grove	20 51	West Memphis 1st	316 65	Calvary, Huntsville	7 14	OTHER CHURCHES	
Shiloh	209 75	West Memphis 2nd	41 77	Caudle Avenue	138 64	Clinton	\$273 00
Third Street	80 50	Wheatley	150 00	Combs	10 00	Russellville 1st	552 41
TOTAL	\$2,625 82	Widener	65 00	Elkins	10 00	Missionary Grove	405 00
ROCKY BAYOU ASSOCIATION		Wynne	535 05	Elmdale	195 15	Ellis	62 00
Belview	\$29 00	East Baptist Mission	30 00	Farmington	67 92	Greenbrier	9 33
Boswell	20 00	TOTAL	\$3,538 55	Fayetteville 1st	134 00	TOTAL	\$1,301 74
						GRAND TOTAL	\$143,607 77

Arkansas Baptist

State handbell festival

March 14-15

Marble Falls Convention Center

Dogpatch, Ark.

Don Allured — Festival Director

Allured is the Director of Music of the First United Methodist Church of Lake Charles, Louisiana. He is presently the National President of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers, the only organization of handbell choirs and directors which is nationwide. He conducts five handbell choirs in his own church and has served as guest conductor in more than 20 states.



Don Allured

PROGRAM FEATURES

15 Groups in Parade of Choirs
Guest Choir Concert
First Baptist Church
Clinton, Mo.

Banquet - 5:30 p.m. Friday

Ice Skating - 10:00 p.m. Friday

Handbell Festival

CONCERT

with 150 Ringers

Saturday 12:00 noon

Marble Falls

Convention Center

The public is invited
to attend

Housing

Reservations for Housing should be made directly with the Room Reservation Office at Marble Falls before March 1. A deposit of \$10 is required for each room in Marble Falls Inn. \$20 is required to reserve a chalet.

REGISTRATION will be at 4:00 p.m. on Friday. All housing arrangements and setting up of equipment should be completed before the banquet at 5:30.

How is God known best?

March 2, 1975

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:1-9



Pike

"Have you seen my brother?" the small boy asked with a look of hope in his eye. I had just entered a hospital lobby on my way to visit relatives and wondered how this strange boy thought I might know his brother. "No," I told him, "I don't even

know your brother. What does he look like?" Very quickly he replied, "Oh, if you had seen him, you would have known him. See, we are twins and he looks just like me." How is God known best? Look at Jesus. When you know Jesus you know God. Revelation is God disclosing himself and truths about himself to man. Christ is God's complete and final revelation of himself.

God is

The writer of Hebrews (no one knows for sure who wrote the book) is exhorting his discouraged people to put their complete faith and trust in Christ as God's divine Son.

As in Genesis, the writer begins by assuming the existence of God. "God spake," declared the writer. Thus, he covered two of the basic theological assumptions of Christianity, namely "God is," and "God speaks."

The thought to doubt the existence of God never entered his mind. Like the ancient Hebrews the writer starts with the fully confident idea that God is. That is, he exists. Just as confidently he declared that God is concerned about his people enough to speak to them. God is not an unconcerned and unloving Creator that has abandoned his handiwork. God is! God cares! God speaks!

Not only does God speak, but he speaks in different ways at different times. God spoke through promise and vision to Abraham; by giving of the Law through Moses; by poetic song through David; by symbolical prediction through Isaiah. All of these were used in a continuing unveiling of God's will and direction for man. All were fragments of God's divine purpose. The puzzle has been taking shape piece by piece. Now God has all the pieces in place. The picture is clear because God, in this final age, has spoken through his son. The greek form for "spoken" indicates final, full, and complete. Christ is God's complete revelation of himself.

Christ is supreme

The writer indicates six particulars concerning why Christ is supreme and fit

to be the final revelation

1. God has made Christ, his Son, the heir of all things. Christ speaks of himself as heir in the parable of the wicked husbandmen in Mark 12. Psalms 2 declares that God has given the nations and the very ends of the earth to his Son as possessions. Jesus is not simply owner, he is owner because of his unique sonship to God.

2. Christ was present with God in the creation. Christ was there as creator and called into being not only the physical universe but the times and ages through which the purpose of God is gradually unfolding.

3. Christ is the exact reflection and image of God. The words "brightness of his glory" do not mean the process of shining as a ray of light but denote the end result, the radiant reflection which shows essential likeness. Likewise the term "express image" means the exact reproduction of the nature and person of God. Like a coin or wax impression is the exact reproduction of the design of the die or seal, Christ is the exact image of God.

4. Christ holds the world together through the word of his power. Now we see the total picture of Christ creating, sustaining, and inheriting the worlds. He is the one who keeps the world moving on its course. The whole course of nature and history, when rightly interpreted, reveals the Son and therefore the Father.

5. Christ is the redemption for our sins. The Greek verb implies a single, definite act performed. Christ, in giving himself as the ultimate sacrifice for our sins, became our great high priest and our means of growing close to God.

6. Christ is exalted at the right hand of God. Sitting at the right hand of God, Jesus thereby declares that God's revelation, which has been continuing through the ages is now complete in and through him. The writer has very carefully indicated that, as the Son of God, Christ has a place of power and majesty. He has reclaimed his original dignity and power. His position and his Sonship prove he is higher than the angels who are messengers, not sons. Jesus then is pictured here as Prophet, Priest and King to all mankind, a theme to which the writer devotes the later chapters of the book.

Vigilance is necessary

Based on the very detailed statement in verses 1-4 and his proof that Christ is higher than the angels, the writer delivers the first of four warnings to his congregation. "We must pay much closer attention to what we have heard lest we

drift away from it" (2.1, New American Standard). The major problem of this early community of Christians was that the intensity and splendor of their faith was fading. They were in danger of slipping back into some of their pagan customs. They had faced severe persecution and had become discouraged because the Lord's second coming had not occurred.

Because of this, the people are warned that to ignore the message of God's Son carried much greater punishment than was received for ignoring the message of angels. After all, Christ himself had declared this salvation. It had been witnessed to by those who heard him. God also bore witness of it by various signs and miracles and by distributing gifts of the Holy Spirit to the believers according to his will.

The writer is reassuring the discouraged, doubting Christians that Christ really was who he said he was. When things were not going their way and problems were mounting, they were pointed toward Jesus as the rock and anchor of life. He knows about suffering and despair. He understands their problems. He made the ultimate sacrifice and subjected himself to pain and ridicule for them. Because he suffered these things personally, he understood better their problems. But he now lives on high interceding for them with the Father.

Relates to our lives

The message for us today is the same confident positive exhortation to pay closer attention to what we have heard concerning Christ and his purpose. Look more to Jesus when we are faced with doubts and troubles. Listen to the message of faith and courage from the writer of Hebrews. "Have you seen my brother?" he asked. No, I hadn't. But after seeing him I knew what his brother looked like. How do we know God best? By knowing Jesus, God's uniquely begotten Son.

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Tempted but true

Luke 4:1-13

Each person must decide for himself whose voice he will follow in life. Few people verbalize the choice they make but all people demonstrate their choice in what they do. Jesus affirmed his choice in the baptism and demonstrated it in the wilderness on the way to the cross. Let us prayerfully consider the choices Jesus made in the wilderness experience.

Was Jesus really tempted?

The New Testament writers think so. The writer of Hebrews declared that Jesus was tempted just like we are yet he did not sin (4:15). Also, the same two writers—Matthew and Luke—who tell of the virgin birth of Jesus, tell us the most about Jesus' temptations. Jesus was born the sinless Son of God but he became the righteous Son of Man. He chose God's way rather than the Devil's way. He did everything God expected him to do when he could have done less.

Why so long in the wilderness?

Consider what happened at Jesus' baptism. He made a public commitment to do the will of God, and God approved what he did by speaking to him through two Old Testament passages. From Psalm 2 came the words, "Thou art my beloved Son." The Psalmist pictures a king whom God would set on the throne of David. God told Jesus he was that person, that king. Then from Isaiah 42:1 God said, "In thee I am well pleased." This echoed Isaiah's picture of the Suffering Servant of God. "Never before in Israel had the idea of kingship and suffering been combined so clearly." (Fred Fisher)

Jesus knew the Scriptures well and he realized what God was saying. This was an awesome task he had chosen and required a great deal of soul searching to answer the question, "Do I want to be that kind of Messiah?"

As Jesus came to grips with this question, he lost all desire for food. He was not trying to cut out something for a few days but he was setting his course for life and all else took second place. This is true fasting. Concentration upon first things simply overshadows many others. We uselessly worry about what we must give up as a Christian until we focus upon Christ and "the things of earth...grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace."

Why did he not resolve that question before his baptism?

Remember, Jesus grew in his understanding of God. He knew about a special relationship to the Father at an early age. He soon realized this special relationship called for a commitment to service. He openly declared his willingness to serve and God opened up

more understanding to him. Perhaps for the very first time Jesus saw the connection between reigning and suffering so many had missed. When God revealed this to him he was caught up in the deep joy of knowing and the painful agony of doing.

What was so wrong about turning stones into bread?

The issue at hand was the Messiahship of Jesus. Yet Jesus' natural hunger for bread seemed to be the main point at hand. All that Jesus had decided could be lost by seeing only the circumstances instead of the issue. This happened to Esau when he sold his birthright to Jacob for a good meal.

Jesus could easily have started down the wrong road to satisfying only the physical hunger of people by feeding himself with his supernatural power. In fact, the quickest way to lose one's spiritual power is to channel it in the wrong direction.

Jesus came to give man far more than bread for the body. He would give this greater gift by fighting the battles men fight and winning without presuming upon a special relationship to God. He had the power, as later shown by the feeding of the 5,000. But he chose to direct the power toward others rather than himself.

"For Jesus, life did not consist in food and clothes, but in knowing the Father and doing the will of the Father. Jesus recognized that appetite is a genuine blessing as a servant, but that it is a terrible curse as a master." (Ray Summers)

Could the Devil have really made the world subject to Jesus?

No! The Bible calls Satan the "prince of the world" (John 14:30) but never is he given complete authority over the world. He is the leader of wickedness and rebellion against God, but only for a season. Both the Old and New Testaments insist that God controls the world. (cf. Rom. 13:1, Dan. 4:17) Of course, the Devil was doing his thing, telling a lie. (John 8:44)

Jesus could have won great multitudes of people by becoming a political reformer and military leader in a revolt against Rome. Israel could have become a political power among the kingdoms of the world and the Devil would have contributed his share to that. However, whoever finances your campaign must be given his due. Jesus chose to be God's Messiah (through suffering) rather than the Devil's messiah (through force). The result is that Jesus is alive in men's hearts rather than merely recorded in history books.

What distinction did Jesus make between the spectacular and the miraculous?

The Devil agreed that Jesus wanted to win the world but first he had to get the world's attention. The Devil suggested that Jesus leap from the pinnacle of the temple (about the height of a 10-story building) in a spectacular display of power. Since Jesus was already 30 years of age, this would be a tremendous short cut to power.

Jesus rejected this temptation for two reasons. First, it would force the hand of God to take care of him. Second, it would create a sensation which would overshadow the content of his message of the Father's love.

Jesus performed many miracles to open doors to truth. He stopped short of healing all the sick and feeding all the hungry because his mission was greater than that.

He refused to dissipate his power on temporal things and concentrated it against sin and death. The world was hungry and sick because the Devil was loose in men's hearts. To feed and clothe the needy would have only treated the symptoms. Jesus came to break Satan's hold upon men and he accomplished that through suffering, death, and resurrection. Man's heart is where the real sickness lies and that must be changed before he can appreciate healing of the body.

Conclusion

Jesus put the Devil in his place and adopted God's game plan of winning the world. Because he did, God fed his soul with the power of the Spirit, broadcast his fame wherever he went, crowned his suffering and death with the resurrection, and seated him at the right hand of the throne of God forever. God's way may not seem to be the fastest way, but it is the surest way.

These temptations of Jesus followed him all the way to the cross. The Devil did not give up in the wilderness but attacked him again and again through his family, his friends, his ministry, and in the moment of his humiliation on the cross. God's word was enough to carry him through and the same power is available to us today.

Believe it...and stay true!

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A smile or two

The college graduate returned home from his 35th class reunion in a very chastened mood "My classmates," he informed his wife, "have all gotten so fat and bald they didn't even recognize me" — Funny Funny World



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Jackie Kenly

Salesman walked up to the front desk to register for a room in the hotel. As he picked up the pen, a bedbug crawled across the desk.

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Fellow said he was as frustrated as a robin hunting worms in astroturf.

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Alexander, First	91	30	
Alma, First	361	8	2
Alpena	65	28	
Bentonville			
Central Avenue	74	21	
Mason Valley	95	50	
Berryville			
First	154	44	
Freeman Heights	130	54	
Blytheville, Clear Lake	106	93	
Booneville, First	263	278	
Cabot, Mt. Carmel	272	104	2
Camden, Cullendale	486	131	
Concord, First	103	27	1
Crownway, Second	311	102	1
Crossell, Mt. Olive	401	215	7
El Dorado, Trinity	156	81	2
Forrest City, First	679	148	12
Fl. Smith			
East Side	259	90	2
First	1255	254	3
Temple	133	71	
Trinity	175	77	
Gentry, First	173	55	1
Grandview	71	55	
Greenwood, First	293	92	
Hampton, First	147	81	
Hardy, First	143	42	2
Harrison			
Eagle Heights	311	134	
Woodland Heights	93	49	
Helena, First	280	87	3
Hope			
Calvary	189	111	2
First	418	136	
Hot Springs			
Grand Avenue	611	211	5
Leonard Street	109	72	
Memorial	112	49	
Park Place	378	95	1
Hughes, First	184	73	
Jacksonville			
First	408	91	4
Marshall Road	276	100	3
Kingston, First	56	38	
Lavaca, First	298	85	
Little Rock			
Cross Road	109	79	2
Crystal Hill	140	58	1
Geyer Springs	710	211	4
Life Line	528	147	1
Martindale	127	50	
Woodlawn	134	62	
Magnolia, Central	575	157	6
Monticello, First	306	56	2
North Little Rock			
Calvary	476	142	3
Levy	463	110	3
Paragould			
Calvary	236	137	
First	504	123	1
Paris, First	423	113	4
Pine Bluff			
East Side	229	163	1
First	607	127	3
Second	136	75	1
Sulphur Springs	160	82	2
Watson Chapel	425	112	
Prairie Grove, First	178	65	
Rogers			
First	490	129	3
Immanuel	467	91	4
Russellville			
First	501	116	2
Second	157	75	
Sheridan, First	287	104	2
Springdale			
Berry Street	103	75	
Elmdale	354	114	
First	1113		9
Texarkana, Trinity	360	167	4
Vandervoort, First	62	21	
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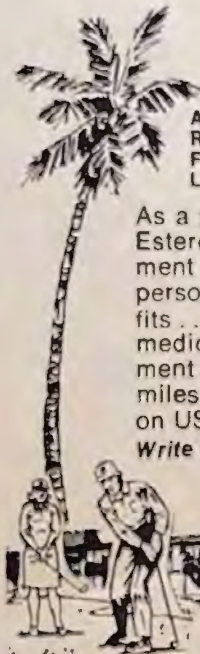
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Open-air classrooms stand as testimony to the fury of a tornado which reduced Crystal Hill Baptist Church at Little Rock to a pile of rubble. The storm struck about 4:15 on the afternoon of Feb. 22. Pastor Don Hook estimated the church to be a total loss, as was his home.

Tornado destroys Little Rock church

by Betty Kennedy

When tornadoes skipped across Little Rock and North Little Rock on the afternoon of Saturday, Feb. 22, they did not spare Baptist churches or Baptist people.

The storms which hit about 4:15 p.m. struck the Crystal Hill Church on Crystal Valley Road, destroyed the home of

Pastor Don Hook and sent him to the hospital with head and leg injuries.

A tornado then picked up a portable building at Olivet Church a couple of miles away, and smashed it to the ground.

Between the two churches, the storm played leap frog around residential areas. Among homes damaged were three belonging to Baptist Building personnel, and the home of W.O. Vaught, pastor of Immanuel Church who is president of the SBC Foreign Mission Board. These four houses are located in four different subdivisions.

Crystal Hill Church's building and the pastorium will probably be a total loss, according to Pastor Hook. The pews may be salvaged, and members have saved books from the church, including the pastor's library. Some of the books are being stored in the back of a camper belonging to Deacon Carroll Posey.

About a half dozen members of the church stood the next afternoon around a small open fire as light snow fell. They pointed out areas of rubble that used to be offices and classrooms, and talked about the well-equipped kitchen completed a little more than a year ago and the nursery which was enlarged only six months ago.

Pastor Hook expects to rebuild, "With the Lord's help," he said, we will rebuild by fall or early winter." He doesn't know about insurance payments for the church

building, but expects to get \$20,000 on the pastorium.

Several members of the Crystal Hill Church lost their homes, but there were no serious injuries.

On Sunday morning after the tornado, members held a service on the church grounds. They sang two hymns and had a season of prayer. Probably one of their objects of prayer was the deliverance of several of their members from the storms.

One of the members who escaped harm was Butch Harvey. As he drove by the Church Saturday afternoon he looked down the road and saw the tornado approaching. Because he saw no other place to go, he pulled into the yard in front of the church. He and seven nieces and nephews crouched in the floor of the car while the storm demolished the church building. Glass was broken out of the car windows, but none of its occupants received serious injuries.

The church's chairman of Deacons (and janitor) Jesse Weaver was on his way to the church and would have been inside, had he not stopped at the home of another member for a glass of tea.

The day after they lost their building, Crystal Hill members already had gotten permission to meet at nearby Lawson Elementary School and were talking of having their pastor back for the Wednesday night service.

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