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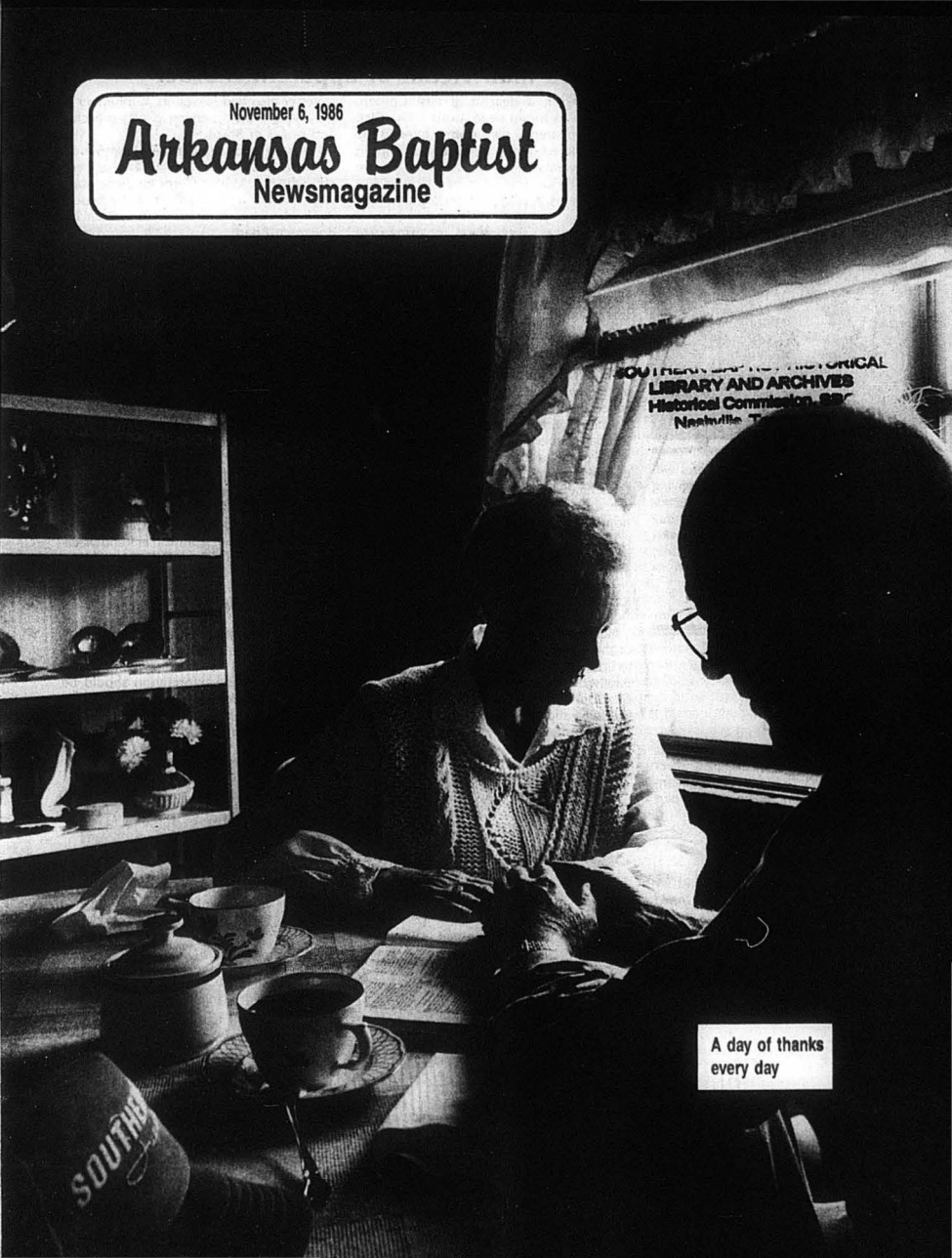
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A day of thanks
every day

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On the cover



BSSB photo by Jim Veneman

Although citizens of the United States will celebrate their national day of Thanksgiving Nov. 27, every day should be a day of thanksgiving for the Christian. Beginning each day with God is part of the lifestyle of thanksgiving practiced by Bill and Jerrie Partee, members of LaBelle Haven Church, Memphis, Tenn.

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5 tax reform and you

How will the sweeping changes in the U.S. Tax Code recently enacted by Congress affect you? Larry Page, vice-president of the Arkansas Baptist Foundation, begins a four-part series on the Tax Reform Act of 1986.

10 combatting drugs

With challenges for young people to "Just Say No," a campaign has begun across the United States to fight back against the drug and alcohol epidemic sweeping our nation's youth.

Eudora man victim of apparent murder

Earl Verser, a deacon at First Church, Eudora, was found dead at his home Oct. 31. He apparently died from a blow to the head suffered during a robbery attempt in which several guns and his automobile were stolen. The car was recovered later in Fort Worth, Texas. A young man is being held by police in connection with the incident.

Verser was serving as chairman of Ouachita Baptist University Development Council Campaign to raise funds to expand and update OBU's Riley Library. He had served as an OBU trustee for 12 years and was chairman four of those years.

Verser also had served as a volunteer in the AMAR project, serving as a lay preacher and singer in Brazil.

He was a graduate of Lonoke High School and attended OBU in 1946-47. He had served in the U.S. Marine Corps for three years, was a farmer and an officer in the Eudora Bank. He was director of Arkansas Rural Endowment Board.

He was preceded in death in 1984 by his wife, Mollie Trimble Verser. Survivors include five children, Ann Verser Swift, Joyce Verser Poole, Jane Verser Galbo, Karen Verser, and Earl Ed Verser.

OBU homecoming activities slated Nov. 14-15

ARKADELPHIA—Homecoming activities at Ouachita Baptist University have been scheduled for the weekend of Nov. 14-15. Reunion gatherings, a parade, soccer game, football game, a Christian music concert, social events, and an alumni buffet are some of the events being coordinated by the Ouachita Former Students Association and the OBU Student Senate, co-sponsors of homecoming week activities.

Leon Patillo, a contemporary Christian music vocalist will be the featured concert artist at Ouachita on Nov. 15 at 7:30 p.m.

in the Sturgis Physical Education Center. General admission seating is available. For more information on the concert, contact Scott Bryant, assistant director of student activities at OBU, P. O. Box 3793, Arkadelphia, AR 71923; (501) 246-4531, ext. 539.

Persons desiring more information concerning homecoming tickets to the football game in reunion blocks or other aspects of homecoming should contact Carbon Sims, associate director of alumni affairs and placement at OBU, P. O. Box 3762, Arkadelphia, AR 71923; (501) 246-4531, ext. 576.

HMB needs information on retired chaplains

Huey Perry, director of chaplaincy division of the Home Mission Board, is attempting to update the mailing list of retired Southern Baptist chaplains who were endorsed by the Chaplains Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. In order to improve contact, Perry requests those retired chaplains in

Arkansas to provide the division with the following: name, mailing address, category of chaplaincy, years served (datewise), and year of retirement. The information should be sent to: Huey Perry, Director, Chaplaincy Division, Home Mission Board, 1350 Spring Street, NW, Atlanta, GA 30367-5601.

Photo by Mike Douglas, Wynne Progress



Wynne noteburning—East Church in Wynne held a service Sept. 28 to celebrate payment of a \$40,000 indebtedness on its educational building and fellowship hall. The church received financial assistance from the Arkansas Baptist State Convention Revolving Loan Fund. Pastor Gary Akers (third from left) and building committee members burned the note.



Most of our churches are doing a far better job in supporting their pastors than they were in the past. Perhaps the greatest problem currently is the so called "package support" for pastors and staff members.

When a church uses the "package support" method it will say to its pastor or staff member, "You have a certain amount of money which you can divide in any way you desire." For example, a church may offer \$25,000 to its pastor as a "package." From this package he is to determine the amount he desires for salary, mileage, insurance, and retirement. This method makes the church's support of its pastor or staff member look good but, in reality does not properly support the minister.

First, when a pastor visits the hospital or the lost he is ministering for the church. All business mileage should be cared for outside of the pastor's salary. When a church takes a minister's professional or business mileage from his package, it is asking the pastor to pay for the privilege of doing the church's work. We would estimate that a majority of pastors would drive 1,500 miles per month. Conservatively it costs 20 cents per mile to operate a car or \$3,600 per year.

The Annuity Board recommends that a pastor place 10 percent of his income in retirement. Failure to do so will result in an inadequate retirement and will mean that an individual who has served the Lord all of his life will live out his latter years with insufficient income. Ten percent of \$25,000 is \$2,500.

It is absolutely imperative that an individual have adequate hospital insurance. Hospital insurances vary greatly in cost. Probably an average cost for a family of four would be \$250 per month or \$3,000 per year.

Finally, if the church does not provide a parsonage a pastor must devote a portion of his salary to housing. If a congregation does provide a house for the minister money must be laid aside in order to make it possible to purchase a house when he retires. Currently the Internal Revenue Service allows a minister to place 25 percent of his cash income for housing, provided he can justify this expenditure. If a pastor takes 25 percent of a \$25,000 salary it would be \$6,250. For our purposes let us suppose that his housing payments are \$300 a month and his utilities \$150 (both of these figures are minimal in today's economy). This would amount to \$5,400.

After all of these figures are deducted from a \$25,000 salary it leaves a salary of \$10,500 or a weekly income of \$192.31. It is virtually impossible for a family of four to live on this income.

Each church should recognize that the pastor has expenses

that the average individual does not have. For example he is expected to wear suits more often than most of the congregation.

The principle of proper support for a man of God has long been recognized. The Jews stressed the importance of caring for their vocational religious leaders before the time of Christ. Rabbi Jacaman stated that it was the duty of every Jewish community to support a rabbi, particularly as he naturally neglected his own affairs to concentrate on the things of God.

Christ emphasized the spiritual duty of his followers to care for those whom he called into his ministry. When he sent out the twelve apostles as workers, Jesus said, "Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses... for the workman is worthy of his meat" (Matt. 10:9-10).

Paul emphasized the necessity of caring for those who are involved in the proclamation of the gospel. The apostle declared, "Even so did the Lord ordain that they which proclaim the gospel should live by the gospel" (1 Cor. 9:14).

The question arises, "How much should a church pay its pastor?" Obviously, it is impossible to recompense a man for his spiritual services, for no one can value an eternal soul. Further, it might be difficult to pay a servant of God for the actual hours of service which he renders. He is to be present, to preach and teach, to give comfort at times of sorrow, to assist in times of joy, to counsel, to visit, and most of all, to witness to the lost.

The pastor should be paid at least as well as the average person in the community. Information on the effective buying power per family can be obtained through the Chamber of Commerce, Wallace Building, Little Rock. These statistics can be obtained on a county basis and will prove exceedingly helpful. Usually, if an average per family estimate is attempted without benefit of such information, the figure will be too low.

All that has been said about the pastor's salary holds true for the church staff worker and for the associational director of missions. Perhaps, associational DOM's, as a group, are the most underpaid full-time religious workers in the state. This is particularly true when we consider the load they carry and the importance of their task.

Each church should strive to properly care for its pastor and staff. Monetary remuneration is one way a congregation can express appreciation for those who serve. In providing care for your church staff, in a very real sense, you are reflecting the love of God. Jesus said, "In as much as you have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matt. 25:40).

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One layman's opinion

Daniel R. Grant

On being bold with billions

It's embarrassing to confess that I don't always practice what I preach. I am reluctant to make the confession but it is almost a requirement for writing this column. The truth is that I was "studying" in Ouachita's required weekly chapel instead of giving my full attention to the speaker.

Actually, I had taken out paper and pen and was carefully writing down several maintenance and custodial needs of Mitchell Auditorium as our distinguished speaker, Avery Willis, began to tell Ouachita students about the beginnings of the MasterLife program. It is more than just a little embarrassing now to admit that the custodial needs of Mitchell Auditorium seemed more important to me than following my regular advice to students on giving courteous attention to the chapel speaker. This is especially true since it was Avery Willis talking about

Christ's plan for winning the world.

It was only when Willis asked rather bluntly, "Do you know how many people one billion are?" that I tuned in. I thought I knew the answer to that one until I heard him say that, if the early Christians had begun baptizing one person every minute from then until the present, we still would have baptized only about one billion of the world's 4.5 billion people. To the reply that mass evangelism and more pentecostal revivals are the answer, he informed us that if there had been a new Pentecost of 3,000 souls saved every day from the time of Abraham until the year 2000 A. D., this still would not be enough to reach the world for Christ.

As you might guess, Avery Willis then led us back to the Great Commission as God's plan for reaching the entire world for Christ. The plan is unbelievably simple—that every

believer should be an obedient disciple, with each disciple going and making more disciples.

Yet it is discouragingly difficult from our human mathematical perspective to win billions of people to Christ. For each Christian believer to make disciples is to begin winning the lost in geometric proportions, rather than arithmetic proportions. It is growth in ever widening concentric circles, rather than growth of a single line. This is the secret of Bold Missions with billions—confronting every person in the world with the Christian Gospel by the year 2000 A. D.

For some reason or other I still have not shared with our maintenance department the custodial needs of Mitchell Auditorium.

Daniel R. Grant is president of Ouachita Baptist University.



Woman's viewpoint

Rita Spillyards

A special touch

Sometimes I teach the 12th grade girls in Sunday School at our church. Sometimes they teach me I'd like to think a little of both occurred the morning our lesson was about Jesus healing the leper.

All three accounts (Mat. 8, Mark 1, and Luke 5) relate that Jesus put forth his hand and touched the man. One perceptive young lady quickly observed that Jesus didn't have to touch him, in fact, there were sound reasons not to make physical contact with a person suffering from leprosy.

Jesus easily could have healed the man with a word, or even a thought, but he chose to convey a mighty message with a simple touch. We do not know who witnessed the act, but our class enjoyed imagining the electricity that must have passed among the group as all eyes were riveted to the point of contact.

Since that lesson, I've given some thought to some touches that have been significant to me: the grip on my father's arm as the wedding march began; that same grip on a different arm as the wedding ended; the precious tiny grasp of a baby boy, and later a little sister; the silent embrace of a grieving friend; and of course, a couple of particularly poignant grape jelly kisses.

But the touch I still can feel, the one that burned past flesh and into my heart, hap-

pened on "moving-in day" my freshman year at college.

The strongest, most dependable people I'd ever known had come to help me get settled. It didn't take long. Far too quickly we were finished and it was time for my parents to leave. There was nothing else to do, nothing else to say, and yet we all knew nothing would ever be the same again.

In an awkward moment, my mother and I reached out for one another. I will never forget how small she felt, or how fast her heart was beating. There were no words, but volumes were conveyed.

Was she remembering the grasp of a precious newborn? I don't know. I'll have to remember to ask her. But for now, somewhere along the streets of Pine Bluff a school bus is rumbling toward our house, I'm going out to meet it. One passenger is a little boy who deserves a special hug—a touch I hope he'll remember with feelings of security, acceptance, and love.

Do you know someone who needs a special touch today?

Rita Spillyards is married and the mother of two small children. She is a member of First Church, Pine Bluff, where she teaches 12th grade girls Sunday School and works in the graded choir program.

Letters to the editor

It is finished

It is finished.
How horrible those words must have sounded to Satan. How horrible to find his hellish constitution had been rewritten after so long; to find his authority over this world was limited not only by the God who had cast him down, but also by the same weak mortals he had preyed upon for so long. How frustrating to find out that despite all his efforts, his days of glory were rapidly coming to an end.

It is finished.
And so is the power Satan held over our lives. Rejoice in the freedom freely offered you. Don't be blinded by dark spirits or demonic teachings. Stand with Christ at the cross, and proclaim this very moment: "You are finished!"

Yet so many do yield their victory to that roaring lion that Jesus' words are made a mockery. That sound we hear in the wind isn't Satan weeping in defeat, but rather roaring with demonic laughter.

We must realize we are at war, one with no neutral territory. We are either victors, or victims. If we try to continue in a misguided pacifism, then Christ's last words are made our death knell, not Satan's. Let us come to realize that we are in deadly peril. Our souls, and the souls of our loved ones are at stake. If we do not stand now, we never will.

We must realize that Jesus did rise, and his Spirit is alive in us because of that fact. We must realize that Christ's last words were addressed to Satan and his angels, not to us.—
Lajonn Klein, Arkadelphia

You'll be glad to know...

"I just wish I could extend (our missionary service) a little longer," and "if I had another life to give, I would give it in the same way and in the same place." These were the sentiments of the 67 missionaries who recently retired from Foreign Mission service.

The average length of service for these 67 was over 29 years each. One couple served in Brazil 45 years. Seven missionaries served more than 40 years, with 51 of them serving more than 30 years. In all, their total years of ministry comes to 1,962 years. Dan Luper, a 38-year veteran of service in Brazil, said that the Executive Director of the Foreign Mission Board told them that "if we would give our lives to missions, the Foreign Mission Board would try to take care of everything else. That promise has been kept remarkably well."

The retiring missionaries cited repeatedly their gratitude for the Cooperative Program that allowed them to "minister without worrying over financial burdens."

My response to the Oct. 13 occasion that recognized these missionaries is fourfold. First, how thankful I am to God for these who have paid such a price that unworthy sinners in 40 countries of the world might be saved! Second, how thankful I am for the program God gave Southern Baptists 60 years ago that sustains our missionaries, that is our Cooperative Program. Third, is a question that bothers me. Who will answer the call and take their place? When calls come for 300 to 350 preachers each year, and an average of 50 to 60 go, will the shoes of these saintly servants go unfilled? Fourth, is another bothersome question. Will our present church membership know enough about missions and the Cooperative Program to sustain it? I do not ask out of doubt, but out of concern. So little preaching and teaching is done on the way New Testament churches worked together to support missions, I greatly fear that the present generation will assume the Cooperative Program to be the invention of man rather than the gift of God as revealed in scripture.

Don Moore is executive director of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.



Moore

First of a four-part series

Tax Reform Act of 1986: an overview

by Larry Page

Recently Congress passed and President Reagan signed the Tax Reform Act of 1986, making the most sweeping changes in the tax laws in almost 50 years. This article and the following three will provide an overview of the new law. This series will also present some of the more common year-end tax strategies made more attractive by the new act's provisions.

It should be noted that the Tax Reform Act is a comprehensive and lengthy piece of legislation, rendering any detailed analysis of it far beyond the scope of a series of articles such as these. You are urged to consult your advisors on how the new law applies to you.

Income tax rates. For 1987 only, income taxes will be payable based on a progressive rate table containing five brackets which will range from 11 to 38.5 percent.

For married taxpayers, the tax brackets are as follows:

Taxable Income		Married	Rate
	Married Filing Jointly	Married Filing Separately	
	0—\$ 3,000	0—\$ 1,500	11%
	\$ 3,000—28,000	\$ 1,500—14,000	15%
	28,000—45,000	14,000—22,500	28%
	45,000—90,000	22,500—45,000	35%
	Over 90,000	Over 45,000	38.5%

Rates for other taxpayers are:

Taxable Income		Head of Household	Rate
	Single	Head of Household	
	0—\$ 1,800	0—\$ 2,500	11%
	\$ 1,800—16,800	\$ 2,500—23,000	15%
	16,800—27,000	23,000—38,000	28%
	27,000—54,000	38,000—80,000	35%
	Over 54,000	Over 80,000	38.5%

Effective in 1988 and thereafter, there will be only two brackets, 15 and 28 percent. The 28 percent rate will be applied when taxable income reaches \$29,750 for married filing jointly returns, \$23,900 for head of household returns, \$14,875 for married filing separately returns, and \$17,850 for single returns.

One interesting thing about these rates is the phase out of benefits of the 15 percent bracket for high income taxpayers. As a taxpayer exceeds certain levels of income, a surcharge is added to his taxable income. The result is an increase in the effective rate at which the income tax is paid. However, the total tax an individual must pay cannot exceed 28 percent of taxable income.

Standard deduction. For 1987, the standard deduction will be \$3,760 for married taxpayers filing jointly, \$2,540 for heads of household and single taxpayers and \$1,880 for married taxpayers filing separately.

Beginning in 1988, the standard deduction will be \$5,000 for married taxpayers filing jointly, \$4,400 for heads of household, \$3,000 for single taxpayers and \$2,500 for married taxpayers filing separately. After 1988, these rates will be adjusted for inflation.

Under current law, elderly (age 65 or over) or blind taxpayers receive an extra personal exemption or two extra exemptions, if both elderly and blind. The new act abolishes these extra personal exemptions and allots to such persons additional standard deductions. An elderly or blind married taxpayer receives an additional \$600 standard deduction or \$1,200, if both elderly and blind. An unmarried blind or elderly individual receives an additional standard deduction of \$750 or \$1,500, if both elderly and blind.

Personal exemptions. The amounts allowed for personal exemptions will increase each year from \$1,900 in 1987 to \$2,000 in 1989. Beginning in 1990, the personal exemption will be adjusted for inflation.

A phase out of the benefits of the personal exemption will be applied to high income taxpayers. As discussed earlier, high income taxpayers can lose the benefits of the 15 percent tax bracket. After forfeiting all of the advantages of the lower bracket, reductions in the amount of the personal exemption will be triggered at particular income levels. Again, the tax on total taxable income cannot exceed 28 percent.

The next article of this series will discuss how the new act treats some of the most common deductions.

Larry Page is vice-president of the Arkansas Baptist Foundation.

by Millie Gill / ABN staff writer

people



Collingsworth
Woman's Missionary Union director at Grand Avenue Church in Fort Smith. She is a former editor of *Royal Service Magazine*.

Anne Leavell Collingsworth of Fort Smith recently was in New Orleans to serve as one of the leaders for a women's conference held on the campus of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. She is a member and

Henry Magee has resigned as pastor of Hartman First Church to serve as pastor of Ola First Church.

Terry Parks is serving as pastor of Union-town Church. He has served on the staff of Oak Grove, Van Buren, and Mountainburg Churches. He and his wife, Judy, have three sons, Jason, Jacob, and Jonathan.

Richard Gates has joined the staff of El Dorado Second Church as minister of music, coming there from Tylertown, Miss.

Brent Powell has joined the staff of Lakeside Church in Hot Springs as part-time music and youth director.

R.B. Crofts is serving as interim pastor of Owensville Church.

David Blase began serving Oct. 26 as pastor of Nashville First Church. He has served for the past eight years as pastor of Highland Park Church in Texarkana, Texas. Blase is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and Luther Rice Seminary. He has served churches in Arkansas, Texas and Kansas. His wife, Ann, is a native of Gurdon and a graduate of Henderson State University. They have two sons, John David, a student at OBU, and Shawn, an junior at Nashville High School.

Jim Williams is serving Russellville Second Church as volunteer education coordinator. He will lead a potential leaders training course, preparation week for Sunday School teachers, and weekly workers meetings.

Ken Thompson has retired as minister of music at Harvey's Chapel in Hot Springs.

He and his wife, Zelma, will continue to reside in the Hot Springs area where he also has served as music director for Garland County Association.

Clarence Hill will join the staff of Jessieville Church near Hot Springs Nov. 9. Hill, who has been in full-time music evangelism, will serve the church as minister of music and outreach.

Mike Taylor has resigned from the staff of Elmdale Church in Springdale to join the staff of Gracemont Church in Tulsa, Okla.

Larry Watkins is serving Elmdale Church in Springdale as interim youth and activities leader.

Daniel Palm has joined the staff of Perryville Church as music, education and youth director.

Bill Platt has been called to serve as pastor of Shannon Hills Church near Little Rock. A native of Batesville, he has served as pastor of Arkansas churches, including Emmanuel Church in Conway. He has been a student at Boyce Bible Institute and taken extension courses from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

briefly

Ozark First Church ordained Bill Molder to the deacon ministry Oct. 5. Those participating in the service were Pastor John Matthews, Jack McCormick, George W. Domeser, director of missions for Clear Creek Association, Richard Armstrong and Ken Roy.

Harrison First Church ordained Don West to the deacon ministry Nov. 2. The church recently recognized Mrs. Frank Coffman Sr. as the member of longest tenure. She has been a member there for 70 years.

Huntsville First Church ordained Harry Waggner, Jack McCarty, Jim Owens and Sam Story to the deacon ministry Oct. 26.

South Side Church at Fayetteville ordained Pastor Larry Spencer to the preaching ministry Oct. 26.

Greenland First Church held open house Oct. 11 to celebrate the completion of a new activities building. The building houses a gymnasium, fellowship hall, raised stage, apartment and kitchen, according to Pastor R.B. Stockton.

Benton Salem Church recently began two morning worship services due to increased enrollment.

Fayetteville First Church held its fall revival Oct. 26-29. Angel Martinez of Fort Smith was evangelist. Providing special music were Mark Short, minister of music, Jennie Riggs, organist, George Tharel, pianist, the Sanctuary Choir, the ladies ensemble, and others.

Indianhead Lake Church in Sherwood ordained John G. Begley and Michael B. Boyd to the deacon ministry Oct. 19. Pastor Jack Kwok served as moderator.

Runyan First Church in North Little Rock ordained Jim Fortenbury and Dwaine Thomasson to the deacon ministry Oct. 12. Pastor William Philliber was moderator.

Haw Creek Church at Waldron will observe its 75th anniversary Nov. 9 with homecoming. Activities will include a noon luncheon and afternoon services.

Cross Road Church in Little Rock youth presented a puppet program in the children's worship service Nov. 2.

Stamps First Church recently ordained Robin White and Charles Goodwin to the deacon ministry.

Russellville Second Church dedicated its new library in honor of James L. Gray Oct. 26. Gray has served the church in many leadership positions, including that of a deacon, since its organization as Frankfort Avenue Mission, a mission of Russellville First Church, in 1955. Frankfort Avenue became Russellville Second Church in 1959.

Mulberry First Church was in a revival Oct. 19-22 that resulted in 11 professions of faith, according to Pastor Rex Easterling. Doug Applegate, pastor of Crossroads Church in Portia, was evangelist. Brian Ford of Jonesboro was in charge of special music.

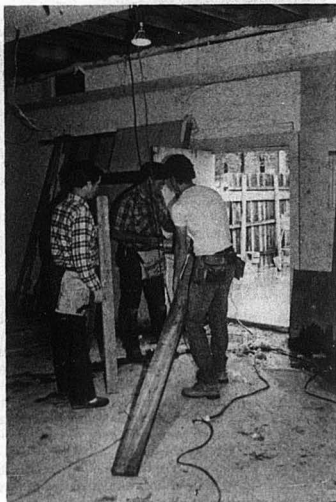
Rolling Hills Church in Fayetteville will have James Dunn, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in Washington D. C. as speaker in a church and state forum Nov. 9, according to Pastor Layne Smith.

Spring Lake Camp pavillion is being constructed by volunteer laymen who have also provided financial gifts of over \$4,600 toward the project.



Pastor honored—Crystal Hill Church in Little Rock observed Don Hook Day Oct. 26, recognizing Hook as pastor emeritus of the church by presenting him with a commemorative plaque and monetary gift. Hook, who began serving as pastor of Crystal Hill in Sept. 1971, retired there as a full-time pastor in January, 1978. Pastor Sid Carswell recognized Hook as an "institution" among Arkansas Baptists, noting his leadership as State Convention president in 1965-66 and as a state missionary during World War II when he served as director of the Baptist Soldiers Center at Camp Chaffee. He was baptized and ordained in Pleasant Plains Church, where he celebrated his 50th anniversary in the ministry in 1980. Hook has pastored a number of Arkansas churches during his 56 years of Christian service, and currently is serving as director of the Crisis Closet for Pulaski Association and as interim pastor of Woodson Church. Hook and his wife, Ruby, have a daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Moore of Searcy. Greeting guests as they leave the service were (left to right) Carswell and his wife Ruth, Mrs. Hook and Hook.

ABN photo / Millie Gill



Remodeling assisted—Brotherhood and Royal Ambassador volunteers from two North Little Rock churches, Remount and Park Hill, worked in southwest Little Rock Oct. 25, assisting Grace Mission with expansion construction. Remount workers included Mike Wilkerson, Rocky and Javan Coombs, Lonnie Beck, Darrell Sansom and Jimmy McMinn. Park Hill representatives were Brian Carroll and Randy Davies. Paul Williams serves as pastor of the mission.

Just say "nyet"

In the summer of 1963, a friend and myself learned the meaning of "nyet" while attempting to enter Lenin's tomb in Moscow. It was about 9:30 p.m. The sergeant of the guard, with that simple word, taught us that it was way past regular visiting hours.



Parker

In the Soviet Union "nyet" means "no!" With the greatest alcoholism problem in the world, leaders in the U. S. S. R. are successfully encouraging young and old alike to say "nyet" to alcohol.

Someone has reported that communist party leader Mikhail Gorbachev has been a teetotaler from his youth and that he talks like a communist Carrie Nation.

The tremendous lobbying power of the makers and sellers of alcoholic beverages in our country are influencing our leaders to say "no" to just drugs, not alcohol! Alcohol, though legal and widely socially acceptable, is the number one drug problem in America. Must we wait until our own alcoholism problems become so great that only then will national, state and local leaders also say "no" to alcohol?

We owe our many battered children, youth, and adults the honesty and integrity to say "no" to ethyl alcohol! A great travesty of justice was recently seen in the failure of our national Congress to pass a law that would require alcoholic beverage manufacturers to show on their labels that they contain ethyl alcohol, a dangerous drug!

Another term learned while visiting the U.S.S.R. was "blagodarit vy." It simply means "thank you." A big majority of the thousands who have lost loved ones and friends in alcohol-related accidents would heartily say "blagodarit vy" to all U. S. political, medical, educational or even religious leaders who would be courageous enough to say "nyet" to alcohol!—Bob Parker, Christian Life Council

Island Baptists celebrate 150th anniversary of work

WASHINGTON—The 600 Baptists of the Turks and Caicos Islands observed in August the 150th year since a Baptist congregation was firmly established here in 1836.

Baptists from the Bahamas came as missionaries during 1825-27, a time of persecution by the Anglican Church. The Turks and Caicos Baptist Union was organized in 1898.

The Baptist Union announced a goal of 800 members over the next decade. Present population of the Turks and Caicos Islands is approximately 8,000 people. The Union is a member of the Caribbean Baptist Fellowship.

Growing Fouke First Church celebrates centennial anniversary

ABN photo / Mark Kelly

An air of optimism brightened the 100th birthday celebration for First Church, Fouke.

The congregation, organized in 1886 as the Bethel Church, has seen church attendance grow from 100 to 140 in just three years and has simply run out of space. A standing-room-only homecoming crowd listened approvingly Oct. 19 to a report on plans for an extra 12,500 square feet of worship and educational space.

Pastor Larry DeGarmo noted the expansion will add space for 135 children and triple the current worship capacity at an estimated cost of \$350,000.

Preaching from 1 Chronicles 28, James T. Draper Jr., pastor of First Church, Eules Texas, told an afternoon crowd there are three requirements for building God's house.

First, "know the God of your fathers." This implies a personal experience of God and continuing Christian growth, as well as an appreciation for one's religious heritage, Draper said.

Second, "serve him with a perfect and willing heart." Salvation must be followed by service, Draper explained. "Serve God 'whole hog' and be glad to do it," he counseled.

Third, "seek God." If you seek him, God will reveal himself, Draper declared. "We have as much of God as we want," he said. "God wants you to know him."

When a church realizes God had chosen them for a task and placed them where he wants them, they can proceed with their mission out of a sense of calling, Draper said. A church should build only if God has called them to the task.

Draper's father, James T. Draper Sr., pastored the Fouke Church 1938-40 while a student at Ouachita Baptist College (now University). The younger Draper was a preschool child at the time.

The centennial celebration included Sunday morning worship, a noon potluck luncheon, and an afternoon homecoming. Mark Kelly, managing editor of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* preached the Sunday morning message. Larry May of Sylvan Church, Texarkana, and Mary Anne Hervey of Hickory Street Church, Texarkana, provided special music for the afternoon service.



James T. Draper Jr., pastor of First Church, Eules, Texas, preached an afternoon message to members and guests of First Church, Fouke, as that congregation celebrated its 100th anniversary Oct. 19. Draper's father pastored the church while he was a student at Ouachita Baptist College (now University).

Wanjes 'Hapi' to be in Southern Baptist family

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP)—If not for the efforts of a Southern Baptist missionary, Hapi Wanje says he might have been named Mohammed.

But thanks to James Hampton, Hapi and his brother, Elijah, became Christians rather than Muslims. Now the two Wanjes are students at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, where Hampton trained for ministry.

The Wanjes' father, Morris, was "one of the first converts in Kenya" under Southern Baptist missionaries. The father chose Chris-

tianity over Islam through the witness of Hampton, a missionary to Kenya.

When the two brothers return to Kenya after completing studies at Southwestern, they also will assume leadership roles.

Elijah intends to return to Baptist High School in Mombasa, where he was assistant headmaster before coming to seminary. He returned to the United States to study because he saw a need for Christian education in Kenya.

Hapi is studying in Southwestern's communications program. He wants to work

with the Baptist communications studio in Kenya when he returns.

Both Hapi and Elijah are graduates of Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Ark.

Like their father, Hapi and Elijah say they have answered the call to ministry because "we have seen the needs of our people."

"We both came to a bridge where we knelt down. We have seen our people back home and we are compelled by the Lord to do something," Elijah says.

"We are seeds of a seed," Hapi adds.

State Church Training Convention held in Little Rock

ABN photos / Millie Gill



The 1986 Arkansas Baptist State Convention Church Training Convention, held Oct. 28 at Immanuel Church in Little Rock, was highlighted by a reunion of former members of B. Y. P. U. (Baptist Young Peoples Union), the Sunday night program of Southern Baptist churches that later became Baptist Training Union and is now Church Training. (Left) Among the featured speakers for the convention were James Bryant, furloughing missionary from Bangkok, Thailand, and Phillip B. Harris of Nashville, Tenn., retired Southern Baptist Convention Church Training director. (Above) Conference leaders included Stanley Howell, supervisor of the SBC Church Training growth section, who was leader for general officers.



Brazilian choir to perform—Coral Sinfonico, the North Brazil Seminary Choir under the direction of Fred Spann, will be performing in Arkansas during the month of November. Performance dates are as follows: Nov. 21, First Church, West Memphis; Nov. 23, Immanuel Church, Little Rock (early a.m.); Calvary Church, Little Rock (11 a.m.); First Church, Pine Bluff (p.m.); Nov. 24, Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia (noon and afternoon); and First Church, Hot Springs (p.m.).

Tri-County favors Amendment 65

In its annual meeting on Oct. 20, the Tri-County Association passed a motion, "That this Association go on record favoring 'Amendment 65' in the upcoming general election, that we oppose abortion in all forms except for saving the life of the mother, and that we favor all Christian alternatives to abortion."

Foreign Board fills black relations post

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—Victor L. Davis, pastor of the East End Church in Suffolk, Va., has been named manager of the black church relations section of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Davis is to promote foreign missions in churches, recruit black Southern Baptists for foreign mission service, serve as a liaison between the Foreign Mission Board and black Baptist conventions in the United States and communicate with pastors and lay people of the 900 black Southern Baptist churches.

Davis replaced Willie Simmons, who left the position in August to return to Los Angeles as a bivocational pastor.

'Just Say No' clubs help kids fight drug use in Arkansas

by J. Everett Sneed

Susan Hutchison, wife of Asa Hutchison, is a volunteer promoting the "Just Say No" clubs in Arkansas. The clubs are designed to assist children in rejecting drugs, alcohol and tobacco.

Mrs. Hutchison says that the clubs were organized by children themselves. They also chose the name for the clubs.

First Lady Nancy Reagan came to a school approximately two years ago in an effort to combat drug use.

After she had given some facts on the devastating effects of drugs one of the children asked, "What can we do to stay free of drugs?" Mrs. Reagan spontaneously replied, "Just say no!"

When Mrs. Reagan left the children went to their principal and asked to start a club. The children immediately adopted the name "Just Say No" club.

The clubs spread to other schools quickly. Today there are more than 10,000 "Just Say No" clubs throughout the United States. These clubs are primarily in public schools, although they are found in churches, 4-H Clubs, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and community buildings.

Unfortunately, there are only six known schools that have "Just Say No" clubs in Arkansas. Mrs. Hutchison feels that it is imperative that we increase the number in Arkansas. She said, "I'm interested in establishing a wide network of 'Just Say No' clubs in Arkansas for two reasons. First, I learned through my husband, a former U. S. Attorney, that drugs are having a widespread negative impact on our state. I discovered that it was not just the down and out that use drugs but that people from every level of society are involved in them.

"Second," Mrs. Hutchison continued, "I have four children of my own whom I want to rear in a proper environment. I try to teach my children to make the right choices. This is what I want for all of our children throughout the state."

The clubs are designed for elementary and junior high schools. The national "Just Say No" Foundation recommends incorporating the club activities with the school curriculum. Mrs. Hutchison emphasizes that the "Just Say No" concept is adaptable and can be handled in the way that is best for a school or a community. She says, "The thing that is different about 'Just Say No' clubs is that rather than just giving the children specific facts about the harmful effects of drugs the clubs create a comradarie or a support group where children are able to interact with one another."

Mrs. Hutchison observes that it is difficult

for children to say, "No." They need help to make personal commitments that will prevent them from becoming involved in drug use.

The program is designed to help the children support each other and to provide an alternative to the concept that drug usage is the "in thing to do."

Mrs. Hutchison observes that more and more children are out on their own and this makes them more subject to peer pressure. The kids need to know that there are others with the same struggle that are trying to "say no." They need to know that there are others back in their club that will support them.

Mrs. Hutchison emphasizes that the goal is to start early so that when children come in contact with drugs, they can be motivated to say no without fear of social rejection.

Mrs. Hutchison says children are coming in contact with drugs at an earlier and earlier age. Often children are left alone where alcohol is in the house. Often neighbor children may come and say, "Let's take a drink together."

This is a real temptation. But the program is designed to give an option to our children.

Often children want to say "no" but they don't know how to handle the situation. The "Just Say No" clubs can teach children to say to a friend, "Let's make an ice cream soda," or "Let's go out and shoot baskets." This approach puts pressure on the child who suggested the use of drugs, alcohol or tobacco. This is particularly true when a child knows that there is support back at his "Just Say No" club.

The national "Just Say No" Foundation receives support from several corporations, individuals and some federal grants. It is a non-profit corporation that came into existence after the clubs had been formed. The Foundation has as its primary goal to keep the work of the clubs coordinated and to keep up with registration. They also furnish materials for use in the local clubs, including such things as drama, music, flags, book covers, T-shirts, buttons and balloons.

The work is mostly left up to the local clubs who get their own local sponsorship. Mrs. Hutchison observes that it is not difficult to obtain funding for a local club.

The activities of a local club vary greatly. It depends a great deal on how the principal and teachers view the needs. However, a club should have on-going activities and monthly meetings at a minimum.

Mrs. Hutchison suggests a number of projects that clubs could use. Among these are: (1) writing or presenting skits on drug prevention; (2) a poster contest; (3) presenting and videotaping a skit which could in turn be shown to a local civic club (such a project might result in sponsorship); (4) an occasional guest speaker who would present facts on the harmful effects of drugs; (5) a newslet-

ter which would allow students to express how they say no to drugs; and (6) think-tanks on how to say "no" and help a friend who is promoting drug usage.

Mrs. Hutchison observes that there is adequate interest among teachers and school administrators to organize and obtain sponsorship. She believes that the primary need is simply to call attention to the "Just Say No" club program.

Recently Mrs. Hutchison spoke in several schools where students immediately told her of the drug usage that was going on in the school. Mrs. Hutchison said, "Drug usage is very pervasive. One thing that makes it so dangerous is the use of drugs and alcohol by parents and older brothers and sisters."

Mrs. Hutchison believes that the "Just Say No" club program will help to break the cycle of drug usage even when children see their loved ones or authority figure involved in the use of drugs. She said, "We want to help our children to make the right choice and keep their bodies safe.

"Ultimately the answer to drug usage," Mrs. Hutchison continued, "is to lead people to recognize that a spiritual determination must be made. People must recognize that they have a higher obligation to the Lord. An individual has only one body and God expects us to do the best we can with it just as we do with our minds and our talents."

Mrs. Hutchison hopes that church leaders will do everything possible to stop drug abuse. She feels that an intensive drug education program which emphasizes the harmful effects of drugs, alcohol and tobacco is imperative. People need to know the devastating effects.

Second Mrs. Hutchison believes that individuals should be informed as to the legal consequence of being involved in drug usage. She said, "We need to encourage our judges and prosecuting attorneys to strictly enforce the law. As the wife of a U. S. Attorney I became aware that there were judges, prosecuting attorneys and politicians who would overlook the use of marijuana by doctors, lawyers and politicians. There needs to be a public outcry against such lax enforcement of the law.

"The public should insist," Mrs. Hutchison continued, "that local newspapers report the sentences handed down by local judges. Let the judges and lawyers know that you are paying attention to the sentences that are being given to drug pushers."

For more information individuals interested in the "Just Say No" program can contact Susan Hutchison or Linda McFarland at (501) 646-2111 or the national "Just Say No" Foundation at 1-800-258-2766.

J. Everett Sneed is editor of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine.



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Arkansas Baptist State Convention Contributions

Total cash contributions received in the office of the Executive Director of the Executive Board, January 1, 1986, through September 30, 1986. If any errors are found in this report, notify Don Moore, P.O. Box 552, Little Rock, 72203.

CHURCHES	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM	DESIGNATED GIFTS	CHURCHES	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM	DESIGNATED GIFTS	CHURCHES	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM	DESIGNATED GIFTS
STATE AT LARGE								
INDIVIDUAL RECEIPTS	50.00	17,841.02	FLORENCE	103.50	132.00	OLD WALNUT RIDGE	625.25	297.00
ARK BAPTIST FNDN S A WHITLOW, MRS.	26,101.24	111,922.61	HERITAGE	4,240.23	649.95	PITTS	212.00	20.00
HUBER L. DRUMRIGHT, WBU CONTRIBUTIONS	96.12	2,013.83	IMMANUEL, WARREN	17,373.29	10,159.60	RANDENBEN 1ST	1,402.00	258.00
MSU CONTRIBUTIONS		3,736.83	LADELL	895.67		SEGUWICK	618.16	602.10
UNITY BAPTIST CHURCH	253.60	50.00	MACEDONIA	1,547.41	25.00	SMITHVILLE	2,162.19	488.00
CLARKSVILLE 1ST	22,689.72	9,132.18	MONTICELLO 1ST	27,304.38	1,737.93	SPRING LAKE	1,684.87	1,254.17
MT OLIVE, DISBANDED			MONTICELLO 2ND	6,737.87	2,160.44	SUJFTON	1,967.73	545.13
HT PLEASANT, INACTIV			NO SIDE, MONTICELLO	1,593.40	221.92	TUCKERMAN 1ST	1,782.61	2,467.22
JERICHO, INACTIVE			OLD UNION	123.06		WALNUT RIDGE 1ST	25,258.23	8,705.04
VANDERBILT AVE, INAC			PLEASANT GROVE	159.96		WHITE	150.00	190.00
ANTIJOCH	70.85		PRALIRE GROVE	159.96		CALVARY, WALD RIDGE	821.05	796.18
TEMPLE, W. MEMPHIS	5,384.00		SELMA	1,428.75		SOUTHSIDE	306.51	140.00
KIMBERLING HILLS			UNION HILL	611.44	772.00	CROSSROADS CHURCH	1,274.11	422.00
CALVARY, ARSDOWN			WARREN 1ST	40,001.37	17,420.34	BUCKNER		
GRACE FELLOWSHIP BA		750.00	WEST SIDE, WARREN	1,363.98	557.72	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	100,058.90	31,077.86
OPEN DOOR MISSION			WILBAR	1,794.19	2,119.16			
THE SUNDAY SCHOOL B			SOUTHSIDE	1,024.54		BUCKNER ASSN	522.77	100.00
CHURCH ON THE ROCK, D			SPANISH FELLOWSHIP	199.28		BATES	700.27	100.00
NEW LIBERTY SO	112.26		CALVARY SOUTHERN	3,959.00	898.00	CALVARY, BOONEVILLE	515.54	39.81
VICTORY, BOONEVILLE	576.66	186.56	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	118,764.37	44,900.98	CAUDRON		
RIVERSIDE	3,095.00		BENTON COUNTY			CEGAR CREEK	124.29	25.00
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	59,499.45	145,634.88	BENTON ASSN		100.00	CLARKS CREEK	180.00	375.00
ARKANSAS VALLEY			BELLA VISTA	38,484.00	15,614.24	DAYTON	1,573.23	375.00
ARKANSAS VALLEY ASN			BENTONVILLE 1ST	33,556.94	16,656.42	DENTON	280.62	29.00
BARTON	2,150.01	67.00	CENTERSTON 1ST	6,168.95	1,672.50	EVENING SHADE	150.34	150.34
BRICKCREYS	669.02	214.64	CALVARY BAPTIST MIS	1,800.48	759.90	FELLOWSHIP	1,780.73	1,859.73
BRINKLEY 1ST	30,123.80	20,427.29	DECATUR 1ST	6,110.45	3,576.27	FRIENDSHIP	73.66	73.66
LAWRENCE 1ST	8,708.62	2,134.75	GARFIELD 1ST	2,400.03	5,564.49	HARTFORD 1ST	9,129.34	2,539.25
ELAINE	15,415.79	1,005.50	GENTRY 1ST	14,655.22	3,576.49	HAW CREEK	1,527.93	40.00
FRIENDSHIP	1,430.25	500.00	GRAVETTE 1ST	2,631.41	638.00	HUNTINGTON 1ST	565.57	451.07
LEAS	16,643.63	4,878.40	LOU SPRINGS	900.24	457.02	LONG		
HUGHES 1ST	7,500.01	5,710.00	HARVARD AVE, SILDAM	9,944.64	2,659.53	JAMES FORK	2,565.40	2,385.73
LAMBROOK 1ST	710.21	67.00	HIGHFILL 1ST	4,291.87	3,427.00	LONG RIDGE	1,539.84	120.00
LEAS	3,965.26	1,773.04	IMMUEL ROGERS	29,929.97	3,781.86	MANSIE 1ST	2,520.00	5,462.40
MARIANNA 1ST	17,809.04	8,530.80	LAKEVIEW	1,283.31	538.61	MIDLAND 1ST	4,439.99	8.44
MARVELL 1ST	10,575.00	814.88	LODELL	4,434.48	406.04	NEW PROVIDENCE	635.80	666.00
MONROE	125.00	155.00	MASON VALLEY	2,505.84	764.25	PARKS	790.90	744.24
MORO	2,700.00	1,270.00	MONTE NE	1,500.00	351.10	PLEASANT GROVE #2	964.07	745.00
NORTH SIDE, HELENA	794.13		OPEN DOOR	2,000.00	1,585.11	PLEASANT GROVE #3	661.44	173.39
PETTYS CHAPEL	127.22		PARK STREET, BENTON	13,550.19	2,534.65	ROCK CREEK	1,128.17	200.00
SEASIDE	66.94		PARKE RIDGE 1ST	513.94	76.31	SHILOH	912.73	244.66
TURNER	1,606.20	296.16	PLEASANT HILL	66,135.44	11,231.76	TEMPLE, WALDRON	222.13	467.00
WEST HELENA	20,020.47	6,523.86	ROGERS 1ST	66,135.44	11,231.76	UNION HOPE	222.13	467.00
WEST HELENA 2ND	7,313.29	91.00	SAND SPRINGS 1ST	35,652.89	18,219.10	UNION VALLEY	23,123.76	3,991.08
BROADDOOR	4,500.00	2,647.85	SUGAR CREEK, DISBAN	1,470.29	299.25	WALDRON 1ST	366.67	550.00
IMMANUEL, ELAINE	1,428.51	168.83	SUNNY SIDE	634.90	213.06	WEST HARTFORD	883.16	667.00
CALVARY, WEST HELENA	650.00		TRINITY, ROGERS	601.66	120.84	SOUTHSIDE, WALDRON	553.45	200.00
HOLLY GROVE 1ST SOU	672.85	271.46	TWELVE CORNERS	681.65	85.00	BOLES MISSION	263.77	200.00
BETHEL	144.38		RO-LYNN HILLS	355.00	245.00	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	69,123.17	20,441.70
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	155,479.63	58,207.46	FAITH	1,818.00	1,222.85	BUCKVILLE		
ASHLEY COUNTY			LAKESIDE	4,989.69	382.64	BUCKVILLE ASSN	80.00	
ASHLEY CO ASSN			CHARITY SOUTHERN BA	513.58	382.64	CONCORD	598.35	93.00
CALVARY, CROSSETT			ASSOCIATION TOTALS	288,974.06	96,378.93	HT TABOR	730.92	
CORINTH	1,653.30	657.29	BIG CREEK			ROCK SPRINGS		
CROSSETT 1ST	120,771.34	196.20	BIG CREEK ASSN		34.00	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	1,409.27	
CROSSETT 2ND	544.79	30.00	COUNTY LINE		160.00	CADDO RIVER		
LEAS	1,751.69	717.51	ELIZABETH		125.00	CADDO RIVER ASSN		
FELLOWSHIP	450.00	109.06	ENTERPRISE		70.00	BLACK SPRINGS		
FOUNTAIN HILL 1ST	570.00	433.98	FLORA		471.00	CAJDO GAP	128.00	
GARDNER	2,935.60	591.00	FLORENCE SPRING		471.00	GLENNWOOD 1ST	10,447.42	1,724.58
HARBING 1ST	18,958.35	4,002.15	MT. ZION		225.00	HILL SIDE		
JARVIS CHAPEL	637.13	2,964.50	SPRING RIVER		322.40	LAKE QUACHITA	2,277.17	4,028.35
MAGNOLIA	14,191.10	1,760.99	VIOLA	2,754.78	1,859.59	LIBER		
MONTICELLO	1,760.99		ASSOCIATION TOTALS	2,754.78	1,859.59	LITTLE HOPE	327.87	30.00
MERIDIAN	6,516.41	492.00	BLACK RIVER		250.00	MT GILEAD	789.00	200.00
MT OLIVE	19,889.69	4,763.50	BLACK RIVER ASSN		307.00	HT 1ST	8,804.26	2,726.56
NEW PLEASANT	2,417.46	541.15	ALICIA BAPTIST CHUR	987.31	79.00	MURPHY	1,050.00	190.00
NORTH CROSSETT 1ST	6,217.15	3,648.23	AMAGON	345.00		NORMAN 1ST		
SARDIS	75.00	75.00	BANKS	165.17		ODEN 1ST	2,204.37	370.00
SEASIDE	377.95	129.98	BLACK ROCK 1ST	1,546.71	87.00	PENCIL BLUFF	1,206.51	411.00
TEMPLE	3,650.14	5,584.42	CAMPBELL STATION	690.00	34.56	REFUGE	1,227.84	472.22
PLEASANT LANE	696.31	424.75	CLEAR SPRINGS	85.00	97.00	SULPHUR SPRINGS	166.46	20.83
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	203,836.40	43,175.12	DIAZ	2,107.27	296.40	PINE RIDGE	147.00	
BARTHOLOMEW			GRUBBS 1ST	1,194.64	978.09	BIG FORK BAPTIST CH	235.50	50.00
BARTHOLOMEW ASSN		500.00	HORSESHOE	1,372.69	302.21	ANITY SECOND BAPT C	227.90	
ANTIOCH	342.67	106.06	MOXIE 1ST	2,372.69	3,054.48	COMMUNITY BIBLE CHU		
COMINTO	863.65	80.50	IMBODEN 1ST	6,814.12	2,350.00	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	29,238.30	10,403.94
CORINTH	1,026.33	49.07	IRVING NEWPORT	3,154.00	3,054.00	CALVARY		
EDEN LAKE	1,159.22	63.81	JACKSONPORT	1,837.53	50.00	CALVARY ASSN	1,306.50	830.00
EISENEZER	2,053.95	673.15	MURPHY'S CORNER	100.00	90.00	ANTIJOCH	626.00	
ENON	2,560.88	832.33	NEW HOPE #1, SRITHV	144.17	329.00			
			NEW HOPE #2, HARDY	1,113.82	6,027.23			
			NEWPORT 1ST	38,272.74	6,027.23			

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MISSISSIPPI COUNTY								
MISSISSIPPI CO ASSN			GRUBB SPRINGS	909.84	451.10	CALVARY LITTLE ROCK	80,288.77	29,735.48
ARBOREL	4,557.21	500.00	HARRIS BLVD	48,949.27	14,538.63	CHICAGO ROAD, HABELV	1,117.71	612.00
BETHANY, BLYTHEVILLE		1,498.97	HOPEWELL	519.54	96.42	CROSSROAD	1,481.66	620.22
BLACKWATER	401.54		JASPER 1ST	7,000.73	2,519.87	CRYSTAL HILL	16,384.94	4,613.70
BLYTEVILLE 1ST	117,201.06	15,838.19	LEWEL 1ST	2,364.84	2,364.84	DOUGLASSVILLE	902.27	45.00
BRINKLEY CHAPEL		262.12	MARSHALL 1ST	6,346.26	2,266.84	EAST WOOD, HENSLEY	9,449.13	4,742.61
BROWN CHAPEL	862.00	271.00	NEW HOPE	1,025.00	1,200.00	FOREST HIGHLANDS	18,142.66	19,569.29
CALVARY, BLYTHEVILLE	4,460.27	638.67	OMAHA	19,438.97	3,327.85	FOREST TOWERS	3,729.95	1,135.50
CALVARY, OSCOLEA	4,982.10	1,374.11	OREGON FLAT	4,360.56	451.50	WOODMAN	209.68	
CANTON DRESS	3,591.85	1,374.11	OSAGE	1,826.11	348.39	GEYER SPRINGS 1ST	183,398.64	45,552.11
CLEAR LAKE	3,121.09	1,901.55	PARDENON	1,161.57	1,461.11	GREEN HEMLOCK	7,127.83	2,672.40
COLE RIDGE	1,894.30	135.71	SPRING SPRINGS	1,726.57	1,075.21	HOLLY SPRINGS	502.06	304.00
CROADS	2,902.49	248.05	RUD	1,750.00	1,400.00	IFANUEL, LR	284,460.14	135,399.57
EAST SIDE, OSCOLEA	1,123.57	777.00	1ST JOE 1ST	117.00	158.02	OLIVET	6,027.33	1,880.50
EMANUEL, BLYTHEVILLE	1,029.78	192.00	LEAD HILL	1,505.70	1,454.40	LAKESHORE DRIVE	38,063.62	6,245.60
ETOWAH	47.85	154.50	TRINITY	211.74	52.12	LIFE LINE	24,638.54	7,054.13
GOSNELL	4,857.96	968.78	VALLEY SPRINGS	5,251.12	2,293.40	LITTLE ROCK 1ST	121,464.62	84,509.34
JOINER	1,366.79	330.00	WADDLAND HEIGHTS	5,232.83	2,244.44	LITTLE ROCK 2ND	13,629.40	
KEISER 1ST	2,558.51	98.29	WADSWORTH	10,743.43	2,594.78	MARHART STREET, LR	24,409.39	12,764.86
LEACHVILLE 1ST	11,495.62	1,949.29	MARBLE FALLS	246.38	106.00	HARTINDALE	10,375.06	2,240.54
LEACHVILLE 2ND	2,732.52	769.99	WESTERN GROVE CHURCH	252.45	158.02	HULLS MEMORIAL	4,342.28	2,224.16
LUXORA 1ST	2,815.53	1,400.00	SNOWBALL	127.71	25.00	NATURAL STEPS	4,940.56	2,661.75
MANILA 1ST	9,402.56	4,097.63	LAKELAND	450.00	350.00	NORTH POINT	458.34	100.00
MARYS CHAPEL	550.92	375.08	BEAVER LAKE	445.42	189.00	OLIVE	30,998.00	12,451.80
MEMORIAL	764.85	114.00	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	210,614.83	60,883.54	PINE GROVE	2,370.74	202.25
NEW HARTONY	106.75					PLAINVIEW	1,527.48	204.20
NEW LIBERTY	4,401.23	1,581.80				PLEASANT GROVE	2,189.45	200.00
NEW PROVIDENCE	232.50	353.00				PLEASANT HEIGHTS	72,965.44	16,330.43
NIDENA	1,771.31					REYNOLDS MEMORIAL	2,098.03	1,543.18
NO. PROVIDENCE	562.17	262.63				ROLAND	1,486.00	779.59
OSCOLEA 1ST	34,568.51	7,494.72				ROSELIE	8,895.04	1,458.00
PACIFIC CREST	1,458.00	1,805.00				SHADY GROVE	768.13	182.00
ROSA						SHANNON HILLS 1ST	1,700.83	338.00
TRINITY, BLYTHEVILLE	15,506.69	3,021.37				SHERWOOD 1ST	5,878.00	1,285.00
UNDELL	802.50	855.00				SOUTH HIGHLAND	24,997.53	5,779.69
WESTSIDE, MANILA	2,369.73	8,001.35				SUNSET LAKE	11,860.39	3,714.28
WHITTON	967.25	365.00				TYLER STREET, LR	4,160.96	3,273.00
WILSON	7,949.28	1,689.85				VICTORY, IFFANUEL	13,500.00	2,224.16
WOODLAND CORNER	4,677.55	252.00				LANCASTER ROAD	2,943.74	199.00
YARBRO	70.00					WEST SIDE, LR	1,338.02	1,084.01
BETHANY MANILA		246.18				WOODSON	13,500.00	3,224.16
FRIENDSHIP	717.16					WOODSON	774.64	558.33
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	261,229.73	50,878.12				SPANISH MISSION		
						NICHOLS ROAD, DISBAN		
						TRINITY	126.81	119.00
						OTTER CREEK	12,289.81	3,100.00
						NEW LIFE	450.45	
						ASSOCIATION TOTALS	1,142,313.16	464,795.84
						RED RIVER		
						HELVENSTON	16,407.05	5,906.26
						REAR RIVER ASSN		250.00
						ANCHOR	1,258.34	50.00
						ANTOINE	1,067.28	1,397.40
						ARNADELPHIA 1ST	3,351.20	27,351.20
						ARNADELPHIA 2ND	18,140.38	17,042.02
						BECH STREET, GURDON	15,083.58	6,141.97
						BEIRNE IST	1,100.78	490.00
						BETHNE	615.93	29.65
						BETHLEHEM	2,327.00	3,445.32
						CAODD VALLEY	4,462.25	1,602.80
						CEDAR CREST	1,128.63	160.80
						CENTRAL POINT	810.00	308.00
						CURTIS	3,015.91	922.39
						DESBAY	1,571.30	1,285.00
						EAST WHELEN		
						EPHET IST	447.40	61.24
						HARDONY HILL	675.00	358.82
						HOLLYWOOD		
						LAKEVIEW	278.77	279.76
						HARBORCRO	992.90	125.00
						IT BELLEVILLE	144.00	170.00
						IT OLIVE	795.03	
						IT ZION	759.42	110.10
						ONKOR	182.00	
						PARK HILL	8,305.78	3,888.45
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						SOUTH FORK	2,077.72	1,000.00
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						THIRD ST, ARADELPHI	1,876.00	531.75
						UNITY	2,797.00	1,000.00
						WHELEN SPRINGS	180.00	
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						ASSOCIATION TOTALS	135,918.93	78,920.33
						ROCKY BAYOU		
						FAITH, BATESVILLE		819.67
						SALEN IST	5,142.71	1,233.21
						CHEROKEE VILLAGE	5,583.77	3,281.71
						SADDLE	50.00	14.00
						ROCKY BAYOU ASSN		
						ASH FLAT	90.00	100.00
						BELLEVILLE	826.54	
						BOSWELL	25.00	
						CALICO ROCK 1ST	2,390.48	1,009.94
						COAL PO	304.00	
						EVENING SHADE 1ST	1,485.18	578.32
						FINLEY CREEK	45.00	70.00
						FRANKLIN	620.70	221.00
						GUION, DISBANDED		
						HARDY 1ST	6,407.71	3,387.45
						HELBOURNE 1ST	5,004.00	1,512.90
						HIVOK	644.33	64.00

CHURCHES	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM	DESIGNATED GIFTS	CHURCHES	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM	DESIGNATED GIFTS	CHURCHES	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM	DESIGNATED GIFTS
OXFORD	504.27	244.50	GOOD HOPE	746.30		UNIVERSITY, FAYETTEV	17,750.00	22,178.70
SAGE	1,723.09	691.37	RICHLAND	788.00	340.00	WEST FORK	6,139.29	1,902.31
SIXEY	2,227.17	1,202.97	LAKESHORE MISSION	713.56	560.95	WINDLOU 1ST	3,688.37	4,182.80
SYCAMORE 1ST	100.00	100.00	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	292,832.09	94,302.68	GANG AVENUE	1,332.34	1,487.80
WISEMAN	480.00	150.00	TRINITY			NORTHEAST SO 135	1,655.04	1,261.30
ZION HILL	597.00	142.60	CALVARY, LEPANTO	668.57	137.25	WEDINGTON WOODS FIR		
HORSEHOE BEND	2,110.74	2,043.24	TRINITY ASSN			ASSOCIATION TOTALS	312,659.43	188,286.90
RIDWAY	2,065.14	966.75	ANDERSON TULLY	550.27	172.71	WHITE RIVER		
HT LEBANON	538.35	138.00	BETHEL, INACTIVE			MORNING STAR	460.00	600.00
HT PLEASANT SOU	782.79	250.00	BLACK OAK			WHITE RIVER ASSN		80.00
NORTHEAST BAPTIST C	3,112.31	747.72	CALVARY, HARRISBURG	3,832.60	1,032.08	ARKANA	959.40	313.00
UNION HILL	381.66		CORNERS CHAPEL	1,609.07	682.95	BRUNO	758.25	20.00
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	43,787.64	19,333.39	EASTSIDE, TRUMANN	1,181.69		BULL SHOALS 1ST	3,247.61	549.55
			FAITH	200.00	750.00	COTTER 1ST	4,820.55	2,797.60
SOUTHWEST ARKANSAS			FISHER 1ST	1,894.64	1,420.00	EASTSIDE, HTN HOME	8,886.08	2,107.34
ROSE HILL, INACTIVE			FREER	521.71	51.32	FLEPPIN 1ST	6,694.38	2,701.84
SOUTHWEST ASHNS	2,508.60	650.72	GREENFIELD	1,549.14	399.07	GASSVILLE	1,800.00	2,159.93
ARABELLA HEIGHTS	3,629.83	1,075.42	HARRISBURG 1ST	7,419.61	61.00	GARDNER 1ST	3,478.39	702.89
BEECH STREET 1ST	67,796.69	28,011.47	LEBANON	6,288.08	67.18	HOPEWELL	694.96	211.45
BRADLEY	9,296.12	2,690.85	MARCO 1ST	1,877.90	2,244.11	LONE ROCK	734.01	391.72
BRONWAY HEIGHTS	650.88	91.72	MARKEO TREE 1ST	5,333.97	1,382.89	MOUNTAIN HOME 1ST	2,351.65	891.72
CALVARY, HOPE	14,942.01	7,680.31	MCCORDIC	50.00	130.00	NEU HOPE	55,382.32	27,247.62
CALVARY, TEXARKANA	9,296.12	2,700.00	MORNING STAR	329.35	300.00	NORFORK 1ST		
CANFIELD	1,740.24	1,316.65	NEUSWANDER	1,000.00	400.00	OAK GROVE, INACTIVE		
CENTRAL, MAGNOLIA	90,378.32	49,379.43	PLEASANT GROVE	8,571.59	195.00	PILGRIMS REST	450.00	90.00
FOUKE 1ST	5,724.42	2,056.06	PLEASANT HILL	1,351.00	50.00	PVATT	2,088.23	676.92
FULFORD	1,174.00	323.45	PRAIRIE VALLEY	1,141.76	361.92	REA VALLEY	2,088.23	676.92
GARLAND	105.00	265.00	PROVIDENCE			REAR ALLEY	2,088.23	676.92
GENDIA 1ST	3,661.03	932.10	RED OAK	221.08	30.00	SUMMIT	474.00	
GUERRE	1,392.60	93.04	RIVERDALE	1,043.78	45.50	TAMAHAK	710.95	91.85
HALEY LAKE	140.18	106.00	TRINITY	1,219.83		WHITEVILLE	8,051.87	2,408.36
HARDY GROVE	306.67		TRUMANN 1ST	18,045.64	3,203.16	YELLOWVILLE	918.65	407.36
HICKORY ST, TEXARKAN	645.25	1,231.84	TRINITY 1ST	2,365.41		BIG FLAT MISSION	283.82	121.57
HIGHLAND HILLS	4,004.19	1,273.68	VALLEY VIEW	2,629.58	271.24	HILL TOP	441.48	143.00
HOPE 1ST	46,719.36	17,386.56	WEINER 1ST	7,629.58	438.00	WEST END	379.01	362.85
IMMANUEL, MAGNOLIA	1,470.22	583.00	WEST RIDGE		26.00			
IMMANUEL, TEXARKANA	10,886.66	595.70	WILLOW			ASSOCIATION TOTALS	109,751.83	46,875.13
LEBANONVILLE 1ST	7,246.64	1,839.05	WALDENBURG	145.34		GARLAND COUNTY		
RACEWOODIA #1	615.00		CENTRAL BAPTIST CHU	1,605.38	217.35			
RACEWOODIA #2	975.00	200.00	GILNORE CHAPEL	374.15				
HANDEVILLE	1,135.47	1,261.00	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	72,007.55	17,277.92			
MEMORIAL	7,891.63	5,235.00	CLINTON 1ST	11,475.00	4,120.01	CEDAR GLADES		1,172.06
RITCHIE ST, TEXARKAN	90.00		HALFPOON	45.00		ARITY 1ST	1,299.93	573.85
HT ZION	290.00	665.00	ANDRA	45.00		ANTIOCH	3,321.97	742.01
NORTH EAST, TEXARKAN	2,917.55	836.30	IMMANUEL, CLINTON	196.42	77.00	EMMANUEL, HOT SPRING	696.12	349.00
PINEY GROVE	1,652.29	342.57	LESLIE 1ST	6,665.51	1,798.53	GRAND AVE, HOT SPGS	10,780.07	2,963.00
PISSIGN	1,392.66	661.25	NEW CENTRAL	139.15		HARVEYS CHAPEL	3,663.66	2,112.40
RED RIVER	120.00		NORTH CENTRAL ASSN			JESSIEVILLE	6,867.17	3,201.25
ROCKY MOUND	734.97	131.50	BEE BRANCH	1,103.19	535.00	LEONARD ST, HOT SPGS	2,195.54	1,915.29
SHAWN MEMORIAL	5,078.88	662.25	BRUSH CREEK	180.00		HILL CREEK	1,420.80	682.00
SOUTH TEXARKANA	835.88		CORINTH			MOUNTAIN PINE 1ST	5,280.90	682.00
SPRINGHILL	1,123.60	6,002.42	FORNOSA	3,198.01	1,554.35	MOUNTAIN VALLEY	285.75	9,620.12
STARMS 1ST	15,577.50	4,689.57	FRIENDSHIP	1,445.25	2,361.73	PARK PLACE	30,853.87	9,620.12
SYLVAN	3,899.09	1,149.83	LINGTON	1,028.28		RECTOR HEIGHTS	1,101.44	338.13
TENNESSEE	2,907.50	6,153.81	PIE DEE	1,178.20	226.19	VISTA HEIGHTS	656.00	35.00
TRINITY, TEXARKANA	48,251.45	8.34	PLANT	648.22		GARLAND COUNTY ASSN		
WESTSIDE, MAGNOLIA	429.08	367.00	PLEASANT VALLEY	1,037.28		CALVARY, INACTIVE		
FALCON 1ST BAPT CHU	202.53		RUPERT	1,041.72	122.00	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	71,958.66	23,804.11
MCCOIL SECOND BAPT	1,120.02		SCOTLAND	1,097.03	272.87	MISCELLANEOUS TOTALS	1,426.25	49,622.12
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	376,644.48	139,886.99	SHAW GROVE	826.48		GRAND TOTALS	8,667,146.29	3,566,174.31
			SHIRLEY	1,173.67	102.38			
TRI-COUNTY			BURNED RIDGE	90.00	18.62			
PLEASANT HILL	790.88	294.00	ZION	160.00				
TRI-COUNTY ASSN	225.00	500.00	FAIRFIELD BAY	167.89	2,479.51			
ANTI-OAK	930.85	315.60	FACEWOODIA MISSION	145.33				
BARTON CHAPEL	4,342.75	1,215.85	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	43,784.23	14,549.92			
BECKSPUR			WASHINGTON-MADISON					
BURNED GANE			WASHINGTON-MADISON		50.00			
CALVARY, W. MERRIS	12,374.69	5,852.05	BERRY STREET, SPGDAL	3,675.91	2,275.71			
CHEERY VALLEY	6,342.87	1,537.03	BLACK OAK	540.00	1,975.00			
COLT	450.00	313.00	BRUSH CREEK	1,290.12	1,432.57			
CONFORDSVILLE 1ST	245.00	245.00	CALVARY, HUNTSVILLE	1,576.15	177.00			
EARLE	15,132.82	8,263.69	CAUDLE AVE, SPGDAL	4,438.46	1,518.68			
EMMANUEL, FOR CITY	4,223.23	438.69	CHEERY GROVE	1,518.59	349.00			
FAITH OAKS	2,755.00	275.00	ELKINS	130.00				
FAITH	554.19	345.32	ELKINS 1ST	531.91	208.00			
FITZGERALD	1,009.59	967.91	ELKINS 2ND	34,786.79	15,981.45			
FORDSLEY CITY 1ST	20,000.00	180.00	FALCON	3,729.99	700.99			
FORREST CITY 2ND	3,979.78	1,007.03	FAYETTEVILLE 1ST	64,433.44	26,188.26			
GLADEN	593.76	466.00	COLLEGE AVENUE	600.00				
GODWIN	1,067.27	66.75	FRIENDS	393.80	150.00			
HARRIS CHAPEL	987.25	512.20	GREENLAND 1ST	1,456.76	1,065.83			
HYDRICK	706.02	20.00	HINDSVILLE	240.62	368.82			
INGRAM BOULEVARD	8,403.62	148.00	HUNTSVILLE 1ST	3,222.80	388.82			
MADISON 1ST	540.00	269.50	IMMANUEL, FAYETTEVIL	5,327.72	1,388.55			
14,415.68	1,505.06	78.00	JOHNSON	1,247.32	295.00			
RIDWAY	622.60	174.02	KINSTON 1ST SOU	2,152.82	675.85			
PALESTINE	5,507.02	3,542.73	LIBERTY	2,073.10	1,306.05			
PINE TREE	235.50	454.02	LINCOLN 1ST	7,617.62	1,460.83			
SHELL LAKE	399.00	177.40	NEW HOPE, INACTIVE	2,133.14	348.40			
TILTTON	503.00	240.00	PRAIRIE GROVE 1ST	10,503.18	2,943.46			
TOGO	1,000.59	718.56	PROVIDENCE	2,043.00	648.36			
TURRELL	1,801.10	26,442.84	RIDEVILLE	6,665.73	3,080.66			
UNION AVENUE, UYNNH	9,830.44	1,139.85	ROLLING HILLS	5,433.55	1,568.99			
VANNADDE	1,339.85	21.64	SILENT GROVE	1,313.85	296.00			
WEST MERRIS 1ST	107,925.18	7,854.26	SONORA	1,145.54	1,405.93			
WEST MERRIS 2ND	7,854.26	2,457.00	SOUTHIDE, FAYETTEVIL	221.05	1,223.25			
WHEATLEY	2,337.00	215.54	SPRINGDALE 1ST	107,155.00	87,728.00			
WIDENER	1,100.00	17,409.35	SPRING VALLEY	365.82				
UYNNH	43,255.38	221.65	SULPHUR CITY	1,103.18	565.20			
EAST BAPTIST CHURCH	506.00	241.83						
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Infant resource project helps teen-age mothers cope

by Gretchen Vetter

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP)—Shrill ringing shattered the midnight silence. A worried voice on the telephone brought Sue Brown to full attention: A teen-age mother needed help.

Brown spent the rest of the night in the hospital emergency room with the three-month-old child and his mother, Judy. "I had no one to call. He needed a doctor and I couldn't get him there," Judy explained later.

Brown is director of Infant Resource Project, a ministry to low-income mothers in Louisville, Ky.

The Infant Resource Project "was created in response to the alarming fact that it is common for many low-income mothers to leave the hospital and not have anything to wrap the baby in," explains Jim Holladay, a home missionary and local pastor.

The purpose of the project is to provide the essentials for infants, as well as guidance and support for the young mothers. Project workers also assist in housing and transportation.

The program has eight volunteers who regularly visit girls in their homes. Other volunteers help during the summers.

In addition to donations of clothing, medicine and other items, the project operates on a \$600 annual budget. The money buys infant formula, diapers, cribs and maternity clothes.

Somehow the project squeezes by. "One day we had a request for five cribs and two strollers. We had none," Holladay remembers. "The next morning when I arrived at the office, four cribs, two car seats, a stroller and a bunch of clothes and toys were in the hallway. And we hadn't put in a call to anybody."

Brown recognizes teen mothers love their babies. "For the first time in their lives, somebody belongs to them," she says. "The sad part is that it's a mother-centered relationship. Babies are not born to fulfill mothers' needs: Mothers must fulfill babies' needs."

Brown wants to help these mothers help themselves and their babies.

This article was adapted from the September-October 1986 issue of *Missions-USA*. Gretchen Vetter is a freelance writer in Louisville, Ky.



Sue Brown, director of Louisville's Infant Resource Project, loves babies and their teenage mothers. A single parent with two teenagers, she understands what raising children alone can involve... depression, loneliness, and hopelessness. Brown's ministry offers friendship and hope.

WMU members urged to combat child abuse through missions

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP)—Ginny Hendricks, a Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union leader from Clorietta, N. M., has called upon WMU members in churches across the country to consider combating child abuse in their local communities through mission-action efforts.

"Child abuse touches all types of children—the advantaged as well as the disadvantaged; all races; all ethnicities; even our

church members," Hendricks said. "We can't push it aside as something that doesn't touch us. We have to push aside the comfortable curtains and lethargy and deal with it, even though it's something we'd like to not know about or deal with."

To help spot child abuse, people can look for children who have repeated injuries, neglected appearances, disruptive behavior or passive, withdrawn behavior, Hendricks

said. Also, parents who are supercritical or families that are extremely isolated are on the "danger" list.

"Use caution and good sense in identifying child abuse," Hendricks said, but definitely report suspected cases. "You have a moral, and in some cases, a legal responsibility to report child abuse. By law, you cannot be prosecuted for doing so in good faith."

Breakthrough near, Peace Committee chairman says

GLORIETA, N.M. (BP)—“There is more reason for hope for peace” than at any time in the past 18 months, Southern Baptist Peace Committee Chairman Charles Fuller said.

Fuller made the comment after a three-day prayer retreat of the 22-member Peace Committee, executives of the national SBC agencies and seminary presidents.

During the retreat, at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center near Santa Fe, N.M., the presidents of the six Southern Baptist seminaries made a seven-point series of “commitments” aimed at resolving the theological/political controversy that has occupied the attention of the 14.5-million member denomination for nearly a decade.

Fuller told Baptist Press the presidents’ “Glorieta Statement” is “a crucial statement which provides great promise for breaking through the logjam.”

The chairman added, “I have much more respect for the integrity and stature of our seminary presidents to believe they would offer a plan which compromised their

consciences.”

Although the presidents said their plan would be implemented “regardless,” the Peace Committee voted 19-0 to affirm the presidents and to accept the plan “at face value.”

The committee also voted to end its continuing dialogue with three of the seminaries—Midwestern in Kansas City, Southern in Louisville, Ky., and Southeastern in Wake Forest, N.C.—and to leave lingering questions about theology for the administration and trustees to deal with.

The committee also voted to affirm the SBC Foreign Mission Board and its president, R. Keith Parks. The committee had left open dialogue with the Foreign Mission Board regarding Ruschlikon Seminary in Switzerland.

“The meeting produced the most far-reaching potential of any we have had in the year and a half we have been in existence,” Fuller said. “We saw more reason for hope than at any time in the life of the committee.”

Fuller commented that in the peace process “peace at no price is as improbable as peace at any price is undesirable.”

In addition to the prayer retreat and the president’s statement, the Peace Committee also:

- Voted to ask William Crews to continue as a member, even though he was elected president of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, Calif., during a trustee meeting Oct. 13.

- Encouraged Southern Baptists to abide by the Peace Committee request to declare a year-long moratorium on political activities.

- Passed a motion affirming the leadership of all Southern Baptist agencies.

- Set its next meeting for Dec. 1-2 in Atlanta.

- Affirmed its previous decision to make a preliminary report at the February meeting of the SBC Executive Committee and to have a final draft ready for release in early April.



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'Moderate-conservatives' respond to Peace Committee

by Marv Knox

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—Moderate-conservatives in the Southern Baptist Convention have called upon the SBC Peace Committee to consider their concerns about the strife-torn denomination.

"We are putting our proposals and concerns on the table. There is nothing covert or indirect about them," said James Slatton, pastor of River Road Church, Richmond, Va.

Saying he was "speaking for moderates," Slatton added: "We feel the Peace Committee has addressed itself to the concerns of the fundamentalists. Moderates until now pretty much have been dealt out of the picture.

"The seminary presidents have responded to the concerns of the fundamentalists as conveyed to them by the Peace Committee and have responded as to what they would do," Slatton said. "This now will be the most revealing moment in our long and tragic controversy, for the ball is now in the court of the fundamentalists. Now we will see whether they intend to continue making a division among us or whether they will now act to respond to the concerns of moderates. . . .

"We will see whether the intention of the

other side is control through this action of the Peace Committee, or whether it is concern for the well-being of the whole body."

Joining Slatton in presenting the proposal were Winfred Moore, pastor of First Church of Amarillo, Texas, and moderate-conservative candidate for SBC president the past two years; and Norman Cavender, layman from Claxton, Ga., who joined Slatton in presenting moderate-conservative concerns to the Peace Committee's subcommittee on denominational politics this summer.

"Now that the presidents of the seminaries have made a united effort toward peace and reconciliation, there must be movement on all sides toward peace to match that which the presidents have done," said Moore, a member of the Peace Committee. "There has to be movement; it cannot be left where it is. We must move toward a common center point."

"The seminary presidents have bent over backwards in an attempt to find authentic peace, a way in which we can have inclusion of all our people and all our sincerely held views," Cavender added. "Now we're going to find out if the other side wants peace."

On this topic, Cavender noted: "When Adrian Rogers was elected president, he said his presidency would be characterized by fairness, love and joy. We're going to find out if he meant what he said and if his appointments as president will be balanced with moderate representation in fairness, or whether he will do as recent presidents have done and continue stacking appointments with fundamentalists."

Speaking of his hope for peace and willingness to be a reconciler, Moore, said: "If concrete movement is made in that direction (toward peace, as initiated by the seminary presidents), I would request permission to nominate for the presidency Dr. Rogers or somebody else, if there is movement toward peace."

"The burden now is on the Peace Committee," Cavender added. "They have in hand half the solution for peace. The other half will have to come through the Peace Committee as they deal with the fundamentalists' stacking of boards and attempted fundamentalist domination of everybody."

Marv Knox is feature editor for Baptist Press.

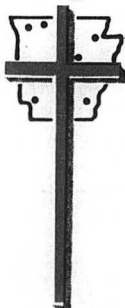
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1,120 won to Christ in Baptist crusade in Paraguay

ASUNCION, Paraguay (BP)—Baptists put an evangelist in a stadium and on television for a week in Paraguay, and 1,120 people made decisions to accept Christ, a Southern Baptist missionary reported.

Nilson Fanini drew 5,000 to 6,000 people each night to an Asuncion stadium during a week-long crusade in mid-October, said Tom Law, a Southern Baptist missionary in Asuncion. About 7,000 people attended the final Sunday night meeting.

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board and the Paraguay Baptist Convention split the \$30,000 bill to have the crusade broadcast at prime time each night, said Bill Damon, the board's associate area director for Eastern South America.

Even on one rainy night, more than 80 people walked down the steps to talk with counselors and make commitments to Christ. Before the crusade, about 400 Baptists were trained as counselors.

People who met counselors received a package containing tracts, the Gospel of John and the first of a six-part Bible study called "Six People Who Met Jesus." They also received a card with the basic plan of salvation and another card they filled out, giving their name, address, church attendance history, and decision.

Church members living nearest the new converts have been visiting them at home, giving them New Testaments and continuing the Bible study, said Law, who is promoter of evangelism and new work for the

El Salvador missionaries continue quake relief

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (BP)—One week after the earthquake that killed hundreds and left thousands injured or homeless, Southern Baptist missionaries continued their efforts to help quake victims.

They have distributed heavy plastic sheeting for temporary shelter to at least 5,000 homeless people, said missionary Bill Stennett. More than \$25,000 in Southern Baptist relief funds also have paid for lanterns, food, medicine, water containers, tin roofing and wood for housing reconstruction.

The quake damaged First Church of San Salvador, the offices of the Baptist Association of El Salvador and the Baptist Bookstore. Subsequent reports from American Baptists, who work closely with the association, indicated at least two church members died in the earthquake. Many others are said to have suffered injuries or lost their homes.

Emmanuel Church also was damaged, along with a Baptist-sponsored orphanage and a wing of a Baptist school in the city.

Baptist pastors in the city reportedly met and agreed to help 500 families. Their relief efforts include food, medicine, temporary shelter and plans for more permanent housing. Salvadoran Baptists' have provided \$6,000 so far for the efforts.

Paraguay Baptist Convention for the greater Asuncion area.

About 110 pastors, seminary students and lay people from Brazil rode 1,500 miles in buses to do house-to-house visitation as part of the crusade. They helped during counseling and worked with churches to help create an atmosphere of enthusiasm. One of the bus drivers made a profession of faith.

The convention rented 49 city buses that were rerouted to churches and mission points 35 miles away and then to the stadium. To board a bus, a church member had to have an accompanying non-member.

So far, more than 1,000 Bibles have been given out as part of the crusade. A 13-week Bible study is planned for 75 homes, starting in March 1987, Law said.

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Parks challenges students to be 'kingdom builders'

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP)—Dozens of students at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary walked the aisles of Alumni Chapel making commitments to service in response to a challenge by Keith Parks, president of the SBC Foreign Mission Board, to be kingdom builders instead of empire builders.

Parks' message concluded World Mission Week, a major emphasis on world missions

at Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

Comparing today's Christians to the religious people of Jesus' day, Parks warned of misunderstanding the nature of the kingdom of God as those people did.

These religious people "thought they had to control." That is why they had "laws upon laws," Parks explained. They did not realize "the Spirit would blow to prostitutes and jails

and seldom through the Sanhedrin and across the altars and through the temple."

He also warned of seeing the kingdom of God as one of creed rather than faith. "You can control creed," he admitted, but "living faith is between a person and God."

Parks cautioned against translating the blessings of the kingdom into material terms. "Not one word in Scripture undergirds the misconceptions that serving God is for self-benefit," he insisted, pointing to a belief that material gain is to be expected in return for obedience to God and that pain and suffering are indications of sin.

"What happened to Jesus?" he asked. "Did he miss out on what God wanted? Why did he live and die in poverty?"

Parks answered his own question, "Jesus could not set up a kingdom to serve himself and redeem the world at the same time." He then asked his audience, "Are we willing to be kingdom builders, or will we insist on building empires?"

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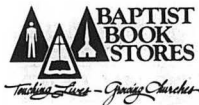
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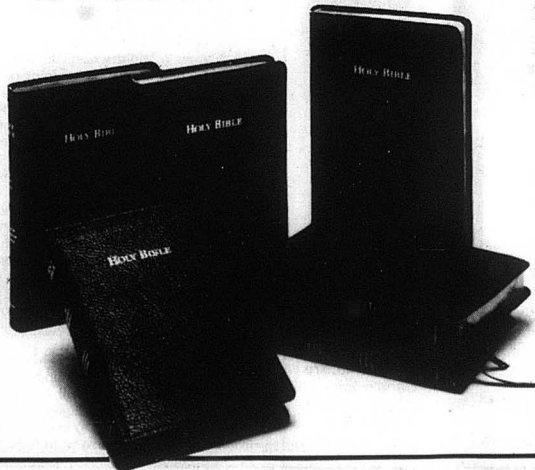
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Community church in California votes SBC

GLENDALE, Calif. (BP)—The independent United Community Church of Glendale, Calif., has voted unanimously to affiliate with the Southern Baptist General Convention of California.

The \$7 million church facility, which sits on property larger than a city block, is comprised of a 2,200-seat amphitheater, chapel, garden fellowship building, educational and office facilities and a full gymnasium.

With 800 members, the church automatically became one of the larger churches in the California convention. According to the convention's 1985 annual, average church membership is 292.

The "transdenominational" church made the decision in order to "maximize its efficiency for Christ" and become an integral part of the "great commission," said Pastor John Myrick.

"We didn't want to be an island unto ourselves," Myrick said. "We felt we could accomplish more for Christ in cooperation with other churches." The church also needed the resources of a mainline denomination to help with training and involvement of teachers and members, he added.

"Our goal in coming here was to reach this community for Christ, to make this an evangelistic church," Myrick said. "We want to be a church where we give God a chance to do miracles."

"Since they are of 'like faith and order,' I am pleased to welcome them into the convention," said C.B. Hogue, state convention executive director. Hogue said he discovered the only difference between the church and most others in the state convention were its name and independence. The doctrines, polity, constitution and bylaws are typical of Southern Baptist churches, he added.

St. Louis convention housing booked on first day

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—Southern Baptists only needed one day to fill their convention's allotment of downtown hotel rooms for the 1987 Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis June 16-18.

The St. Louis Housing Bureau received about 4,500 requests postmarked Oct. 1 from Southern Baptists seeking accommodations in the 4,000-room downtown block, announced Tim A. Hedquist, convention manager and vice president for business and finance of the SBC Executive Committee.

Oct. 1 was the earliest postmark allowed on 1987 convention housing requests, Hedquist said. The requests were opened and assigned Oct. 15 by employees of the city's housing bureau.

The first-day demand for rooms was a record, Hedquist reported: "In previous years, we've been getting about 4,000 room requests postmarked Oct. 1, about 800 or 900 postmarked Oct. 2 and several hundred that were mailed later. This year, about 4,500 were postmarked Oct. 1, and 50 were postmarked Oct. 2. Hardly any were sent later."

Consequently, the 4,000 pre-arranged rooms—normally enough to accommodate all the Oct. 1 mailers—fell short this time. The block will be expanded to about 4,500 for San Antonio, Texas, and the 1988 annual meeting, he said.

Lucky winners in the St. Louis Housing Derby will receive confirmation on their downtown rooms after Dec. 1. First they will receive acknowledgement from the housing bureau, and then they will hear from the hotels. Room deposits will be made directly to the hotels.

But all is not lost for other Southern Baptists who want to attend the convention. About 9,000 additional rooms are available in St. Louis, although they are not as close to the downtown Cervantes Convention Center as rooms in the convention block.

The 500 requests postmarked Oct. 1 that were not assigned rooms in the block and the others postmarked from Oct. 2 to Oct. 6 are being turned over to travel agents, Hedquist said. The travel agents will secure accommodations for these requests and then contact the requestors directly.

The early requestors are less fortunate, he noted. People who mailed their requests prior to Oct. 1 will receive their original requests forms, along with their ill-fated pre-Oct. 1 postmarks. They each also will receive a list of available St. Louis hotels and telephone numbers.

That information also is available to Southern Baptists who wish to attend the annual meeting but who have not yet made housing accommodations, Hedquist noted.

Interested persons can contact the SBC Executive Committee, 901 Commerce, Suite 750, Nashville, Tenn. 37203.

But Hedquist suggested two other options for arranging for rooms:

One, contact a travel agent. Travel agents work on commission and at no cost to the consumer. A travel agent can help track down available rooms and save consumers time, effort and telephone bills.

Or, call the toll-free reservation numbers for hotel chains with facilities in St. Louis. This is a direct, inexpensive and relatively easy way to guarantee a room.

Accommodations also are available for Southern Baptists who plan to bring their housing with them, Hedquist said. St. Louis has a downtown recreational vehicle park. Reservations should be made directly with St. Louis RV Park, P.O. Box 663, St. Louis, Mo. 63106; phone (314) 241-3330. Other recreational vehicle parks are available, but not near downtown, he said.

Limited accommodations also are available to Southern Baptists who cannot afford hotel rooms, he added. The St. Louis local arrangements committee plans to provide some free housing in homes of Southern Baptists in the community. Information about this housing is available from the Executive Committee.

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Women's group 'grieved'

ST. LOUIS (BP)—Leaders among Southern Baptist Convention women ministers have expressed alarm concerning a decision by the SBC Home Mission Board not to fund the ministries of women pastors.

The board voted Oct. 8 not to give future financial support to any woman who is pastor of a local church.

The steering committee of Southern Baptist Women in Ministry has followed with a statement of response "concerning personnel policies regarding ordained women."

"We are deeply grieved to learn of the decision of the board of directors of the Home Mission Board to reject future requests for church pastoral aid from local Baptist congregations with women serving as pastors," the statement said.

It called the Home Mission Board action "an obvious affront to Christian women and men who understand pastoral leadership as a gift given by the Holy Spirit not according to gender." It added the action "is an even greater affront to the autonomy of the local church and to the Good News of the gospel, which declares that there is neither male nor female in Christ."

"While some may hope to discourage women from pastoral leadership by this (the board's) action, women will continue to answer God's call," the statement asserted. "And God will continue to choose whomever God wills, regardless of the vote of a board of fallible human beings."

Convention Uniform

Southern Kingdom destroyed

by Erwin L. McDonald, Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine editor emeritus

Basic passage: 2 Kings 24:18 to 25:9; Jeremiah 7

Focal passage: 2 Kings 24:18 to 25:9

Central truth: The penalty for sin is too high a price to pay for indulging in sin.

After the fall of the Northern Kingdom (Israel), which took place in 722 B.C., the Southern Kingdom (Judah) had 135 years to benefit from the tragic example of her neighbor and to put her own house in order, but to no avail. The preaching of the Prophet Jeremiah and of others God sent went unheeded. As a consequence, Judah herself fell, in 587 B.C., before the cruel onslaughts of the armies of the Babylonians (also called Caldeans).

(1) The nation's last king (2 Kings 24:18-20)

One of the things that hastened the end of the kingdom of Judah was the ungodliness of her kings. But one of the kings, Josiah, did "that which was right in the sight of God" (2 Kings 22:2). In sharp contrast, his father and grandfather, rulers before him, "did evil in the sight of the Lord" (2 Kings 21:2,20).

Sad to say, three sons of Josiah, who came to the throne after him, took after the earlier members of the family. The last of these, Zedekiah, was also the last of the Judean kings. Placed on the throne by the Babylonians as their vassal, he was removed by them following his rebellion against them. Verse 20 reveals that God used Zedekiah's rebellion to bring judgment upon Judah.

(2) The fall of Jerusalem (2 Kings 25:1-19)

Zedekiah and his sons sought to flee to the south but were soon overtaken by the Babylonians, who "slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, and put out the eyes of Zedekiah, and bound him with fetters of brass, and carried him to Babylon."

In due process, Nebuchadnezzar's captain of the guard took vengeance on Jerusalem itself, destroying the best of its homes and tearing down the Temple.

Writes Edersheim, in *The Bible History*: "So the last remnant of Judah had gone from the Land. The Davidic rule has passed away, so far as mere earthly power was concerned. The Davidic kingdom to come would be wider, higher, deeper... (embracing) the brotherhood of man (and) reaching up to heaven... (rooting) in righteousness and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost."

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Life and Work

My brother's keeper

by Bradley A. Rogge, Brookwood First Church, Little Rock

Basic passage: Genesis 4:1 to 5:32
Focal passage: Genesis 4:3-12,15

Central truth: Persons are responsible for one another as well as for their own attitudes and actions.

Have you ever been angry? I have. Have you ever been angry at God? Moses was, and I must admit that I have been too. Anger and discouragement do not necessarily lead to sin. But failure to master anger and despair ultimately leads to destructive action.

The time had come to offer sacrifices to God. Remember a blood sacrifice was required for the remission of sin. Abel provided the sacrifice God demanded; Cain thought "I'll do it my way."

By doing things his way, Cain discovered that God had rejected his offering. Cain discovered that "By faith, Abel offered to God a better sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained the testimony that he was righteous" (Heb. 11:4a NAS).

Anger is a natural emotion that comes with rejection. Cain was given the chance to correct his mistake. God told Cain: "If you will just do as I ask, you'll be accepted."

Cain chose the more human route of dealing with his sin. Instead of accepting personal responsibility he, as his parents had done before him, looked elsewhere to find blame. This time though, instead of an innocent animal being killed because of sin, an innocent man lay dead in the field.

God confronted Cain with his sin, but Cain lied to God compounding his sin by claiming innocence (v. 9). But God knew of Cain's sin as he knows of all our sins. Others may not see our crimes against righteousness but God does. Those sins do not go unpunished. God's punishment is marked by his wonderful grace. A mark was placed on Cain. This mark was to protect Cain from any vengeance. Vengeance does belong to God and to no one else. God is in the business of punishing sin if, in God's perfect judgment, punishment is needed.

As Christians, we too have offerings to give God and he expects us to do it his way. We need to give him the tithe through our local church; we need to give him our talents in service.

As Christians, we need to accept personal responsibilities and realize that each of us has that very human tendency to deny our own sinful nature.

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Bible Book

Jesus heals the sick

by Woodrow W. Dishongh, Lancaster Road Church, Little Rock

Basic passage: John 4:43-5:18
Focal passage: John 5:2-3,5-18

Central truth: A religion based on rules can cause one to leave Christ out.

Jesus returns to Galilee and immediately is confronted with a request for power in healing. Jesus tested the courtier's faith by asking if he wanted to see signs and wonders before he would believe. Jesus knew his faith was real when he pleaded, "Sir come before my child dies." The courtier refused to be discouraged, he expressed faith, and ultimately surrendered to Christ. This illustrates the Christian life. We have a need, the need is met in Christ, and when we turn our lives over to him we are overwhelmed with his love.

Jesus probably came to Jerusalem alone. His disciples are not mentioned and as he walked by the Pool of Bethesda he encountered a man lame for 38 years. Did he want to be healed? Did he really want to be changed? Jesus wanted to know the man's desire. With an answer in the affirmative Jesus simply said, "bend your will to make it happen." This was like asking him to do the impossible, but when Jesus said "get up" the man responded. What happened was a combination of his will and God's power cooperating together. Seeing these many impaired people at Bethesda makes us aware that today in our little world there are many people seeking help in many ways. As we hear Jesus ask, "Do you want to be healed?", it gives us a challenge to encourage the many we relate to who may have lost hope.

After the healing the Jewish leaders take Jesus to task because of its being done on the Sabbath. We are reminded of the Jewish regulations and the thousands of little rules set forth as to what was considered work. No burden was to be carried on the Sabbath, but Jesus reminded them that God did not stop work on the Sabbath. True, God rested on the seventh day, but he rested from creation. God is ever doing and God's love and mercy act on the Sabbath as well as on any other day.

Jesus accepted the opportunity to heal and this should challenge us not to take lightly any God given opportunity. We are challenged by this experience to respond to Jesus' call to obedience and we are reminded that meeting human needs are more important than religious form or tradition.

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Ministers' marriages need special love, care

RIDGECREST, N.C. (BP)—Occupational hazards of being a minister can lead to strained marriages in which differences need to be aired, a seminary professor said during a Fall Festival of Marriage weekend at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Conference Center.

Ministers have occupational symptoms that cannot be overlooked, said Macklyn Hubbell, associate professor of psychology and counseling at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Because of these symptoms, Hubbell said, pastors and church staff ministers and their spouses must work extra hard at their marriages.

The weekend conference was one of five being held at three locations this fall by the family ministry department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Hubbell, with his own unique names for symptoms indigenous to a minister's family, said the "Junior Chamber of Commerce Syndrome" is one of the most damaging to the family environment.

"Ministers are always busy, busy, busy, busy," Hubbell said. "That may do a community a lot of good, but I don't know how good it is for their families." He noted ministers feel they must maintain a certain

pace, "but schedules can be radically reduced. It is more important that the minister be with his wife and children. People watch the way ministers treat their husbands or wives."

Hubbell said the "Seam Allowance Syndrome" is another problem unique to a minister's family.

"This is a man who can talk about many spiritual things when he's out in public, but when he gets home and takes off his spiritual robes, he becomes a monster and just gobbles up his family," he explained, insisting a minister's family deserves the best, "but they usually get the worst. All the thoughtful words and gestures go to the other people."

Ministers also often fall into the "Pharaoh Syndrome" or the "No, I won't let my people go," syndrome, he said. Because a community expects the best out of a minister's family, "the minister thinks his family must live a certain way to reflect justly on him."

A minister's marriage needs a lot of forgiveness, basic respect and creativity to work, Hubbell advised. He also said keeping feelings current, listening to each other, allowing for anger and having a sense of humor create a healthy marriage.

Report indicates active student missions role

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—Students are a significant force in the Southern Baptist Convention and are playing an active role in the SBC effort to spread the gospel around the globe by the year 2000, the director of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's national student ministries department claimed.

Charles Johnson cited statistics collected from state student ministries directors that showed students are involved in state and associational missions and ministries in addition to supporting and participating in home and foreign missions efforts.

Johnson released the report for the 1985-86 school year indicating 152,348 students were involved in the 1,086 Baptist Student Unions on campuses throughout the nation. That is an increase of 5,776 students and 47 units from the 146,572 involved in the 1,039 Baptist Student Unions reported in 1984-85.

A total of 10,335 students were involved in missions through the SBC Home Mission Board, SBC Foreign Mission Board and state and local mission projects, almost matching the 1985 report of 10,866 students participating in missions projects.

Gifts to state Baptist Student Union mission totaled \$971,262 with another \$466,397 for local campus-sponsored missions. Student ministries contributed \$87,289 to world hunger relief efforts.

State directors in 1985 reported a total of \$1,216,847 contributed to BSU missions. Comparisons are not possible because the 1985 total included state BSU mission funds

and some local campus mission funds. Information on contributions to world hunger relief was not collected in the 1985 report.

Students are not only involved in short-term mission projects but also are actively involved in local churches, said Bill Henry, national student ministries program supervisor.

"Students are involved in churches every week. They are teaching Sunday school, leading music and performing other roles throughout the convention," Henry said.

In addition to working in existing churches, students helped establish 114 new churches in the past year, surpassing the NSM Bold Mission Thrust goal for students to help start 100 churches each year, Henry said.

He said the state directors' statistics show that students also are participating in training and Bible study.

The report shows 10,818 students involved in witness training, up 765 from the previous year; 136,518 enrolled in Bible study through local church Sunday schools, an increase of 30,303; and 40,948 in campus Bible study groups, an increase of 3,185 from last year.

"They are training and they are doing missions. The key to Southern Baptist student work since it began more than 60 years ago has been a balance of training and involvement," Henry said.

A national student ministries goal is to have 1,500 campus organizations by 1990. The 1986 report includes 78 new campus ministries, with a net increase of 47.