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"Give us this day
our daily bread..."

Matthew 6:11

Observe World Hunger Day
October 10, 1982



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by W. David Lockard



The facts about world hunger are shocking, and no matter how many times Americans are made aware of the problem, its magnitude seems to come as a surprise. Southern Baptists have designated Sunday, Oct. 10 as a special day to consider the plight of the world's starving and what response individual Baptists and congregations will have. World hunger features are on this page and on page 15 of this week's ABN.

In this issue

6 A magic Saturday

Thousands of youth around Arkansas will remember Sept. 11 as one of the high points of the year. A total of 8,796 paying customers walked through the turnstiles at Magic Springs amusement park near Hot Springs for the second annual Baptist Youth Day, sponsored by Arkansas' Church Training Department.

8 The new WMU

Beverly Sutton, an executive for the Woman's Missionary Union auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, urged Arkansas women to take a fresh look at the missions organization. She spoke to 600 WMU members at WMU Training Day, an annual meeting sponsored by Arkansas WMU.

10 Room at the inn

An official request form for housing at the 1983 annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, to be held June 14-16 at Pittsburgh, Pa., is reproduced in this week's ABN.

When Jesus taught us to pray, "Father . . . give us this day our daily bread," he was affirming God's deep care and generosity toward every individual. When we pray for daily bread, we express our dependence upon God. Our Lord teaches us to pray with confidence that the basic necessities of life will be provided. Such confidence is grounded in God's unlimited love and bountiful resources.

What would it be like to really pray for daily bread? Most of us cannot imagine such a desperate and urgent prayer. The words of Jesus assure all people that it is not too much to ask for daily bread. Throughout their lives, multiplied thousands pray frantically for enough food to sustain life for another 24 hours.

During the past five years, more people have died of hunger than were killed in all the wars, revolutions and murders of the last century. Thousands of children die of starvation every day. If the world has grown accustomed to starvation, God has not. Such hunger is unnecessary and unacceptable to our Lord.

God declares that he will hear the poor, the needy, and the hungry; that he will answer their cries, and will not forsake them (Isaiah 41:17). However, he chooses to use his people in answering the prayers of those who hunger.

We who pray the Lord's prayer place our-

selves at the Lord's service. We discover that he summons us to work for those things for which he has taught us to pray.

How urgent and compelling is it for Christians to invest time and resources in ministering to the hungry of the world? This task is not an option. It is not casual. It is critical and not incidental. It is a compelling requirement.

We are compelled to feed the hungry because of the magnitude of human need, the moral intolerance of the growing problem, and the clarity of God's word.

The right to food is God given. We do not have to debate the importance of caring for those who hunger. Jesus Christ has made that decision. "Come O Blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you . . . for I was hungry and you gave me food." These words from Matthew 25 are clear and disturbing.

Baptists are a caring people. Because of God's blessings and resources, we are also able to help feed the hungry.

World Hunger Day, October 10, is an opportunity for you and your church to let God answer prayer through you.

W. David Lockard is director of organization for The Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention with a major responsibility for world hunger education and action.

BSSB search committee needs names by Oct. 1

NASHVILLE (BP) — Response has been good to requests for nominations for a president of the Sunday School Board, according to the chairman of the Search Committee, who urged all interested Southern Baptists to submit recommendations before the Oct. 1 deadline.

John J. Bryan of Bluefield, W. Va., emphasized that "Any Southern Baptist is encouraged to make a nomination." He said the seven-member committee would like to receive nominations from a cross-section of the denomination.

Bryan, a layman and medical doctor,

said recommendations should be made in writing and include a complete biographical sketch of the nominee and a concise statement of the reason for the nomination.

Recommendations should be mailed to Bryan at P.O. Box 1728, Bluefield, W. Va. 24701.

When the board's trustees elected the Search Committee in August to seek a successor to Grady Cothen, guidelines also were adopted calling for the new president to be elected in February, 1983 or as soon thereafter as possible.

Recognizing evangelists

The feature "And some . . . evangelists" is being discontinued, effective as of this issue. The change is a result of action of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine Board of Directors at their Aug. 13 meeting.

The Board motion also directed the ABN staff to report moves from or to local church staffs by these persons in vocational evangelism on the same basis as other staff changes.

In addition, Arkansans who work full-time in evangelism and attend the annual Arkansas Baptist Evangelism Conference in January will be photographed for publication and their name and mailing address will be listed along with reports of that meeting.



Fortunate, indeed, are the churches which have associates to work alongside their pastors. Experienced pastors are grateful for the help provided by these talented and dedicated people. But all too often there is a failure to properly consider these people when a congregation is changing the senior pastor.

There are a number of questions that need to be clearly understood by the associates and the congregation regarding the status of the church staff when there is a change in the senior pastor. What, for example, happens to an associate minister when the pastor resigns? Should all of the staff resign to make it possible for the new pastor to choose his own staff? Should the associate stay on during the interim but be prepared to resign as soon as the new pastor comes? Churches dealing honestly with these questions could help increase the tenure and the ease of mind for associate ministers.

Suppose you are a staff member. You have been with the church you are serving for a number of years. The pastor with whom you have served has accepted another church. In the course of securing a new pastor, you find it necessary to leave. The new development is sudden and you have no place of service. How do you feel? Many of the most bitter disappointments in all of church life developed in precisely this way.

It should be remembered, however, that the pastor is the senior minister and as such he is head of the staff. This is true regardless of his age or tenure, or of the age or tenure of the other members of the staff. This does not make him a dictator. It does mean that he should have greater influence than the other members of the staff. His ideas should be taken seriously and his wishes should be respected. The relationship of the pastor and the staff should be a two-way street. Though the pastor should be the leader, he should, also, respect the professional skills and the areas of expertise of his associates.

There are steps that churches can take which will contribute to harmony, understanding and more security for staff members. Staff security and contentment are of great importance and will enhance the effectiveness of the ministry.

First, when a church is in the process of calling a pastor, detailed agreements should be reached early regarding the associates. This agreement should be shared with the associates, so

there will be no surprises awaiting them.

Every person on the church staff should be called by the church. This is true for both practical and theological reasons. Every person is responsible to the whole church, and in a Baptist church, the congregation is the final authority. Practically, a position on a church staff is more than a mere job. It is a place of ministry and witness. The selection of an associate should involve the pastor and the appropriate committees. But the final approval of an associate should be done by the entire congregation.

If a prospective pastor insists on having a staff of his own choosing, the pulpit committee and the congregation expressing interest in him should know this early in the process of negotiation.

In all fairness, the staff should be given time to relocate. In the sports world, managers of professional football or baseball teams have contracts. If they are terminated early, the organization they serve must fulfill the conditions of the contract. Though church staff members have no such contract, they deserve as much consideration as the sports world gives those who serve them.

If a pastor and one or more associates reach an agreement to stay together as a team, the church they are serving should know, as well as any other church considering either of them. Having everyone properly informed can prevent much grief. It would avoid the possibility of a new pastor insisting that a staff member resign to make room for "his staff member."

The greatest contribution to harmonious relationships between pastors, churches and church staff members is Christian commitment, respect and understanding. It is always in order for everyone to have a clear understanding of the expectations and relationships.

Southern Baptist churches are harmed by too many moves of pastors and staff members. Associates have only slightly more than one-half the tenure of pastors, which is too brief. Many of the hasty changes of staff members can be traced to misunderstandings or broken promises. It is necessary that everything be clearly understood and that all commitments be kept. Whatever leads to greater staff commitment and security will ultimately enhance the work of the Lord.

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by Millie Gill/ABN staff writer

Donald Ray Ball Jr. has joined the staff of England First Church as minister of music and youth. He is a graduate of Louisiana State University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He and his wife, Eileen, have two children.

Eva Evins

was honored Sept. 5 by Parkway Place Church in Little Rock in recognition of her 100th birthday. Mrs. Evins has been a member of the church (originally Baptist Tabernacle) since 1937, serving as both a Sunday School and Church Training teacher. The church presented her with red roses and birthday cards were presented by each Sunday School class.

Thurman R. Knight

of Charleston died Sept. 8 at age 71. He was a member of the Bloomer Church, where he served as a deacon for 34 years. Survivors include his wife, two daughters, one son, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild. A memorial has been established at the Bloomer Church.

Phillip Griffin

has recently been called as minister of music/youth at Beebe First Church. He is a junior at Ouachita Baptist University. His parents are Rev. and Mrs. Ron Griffin of Jonesboro.

Henderson Brown

is serving as interim pastor of the Everton Church.



Ball

Bob Presley

has accepted the call to serve as associate pastor of the Markham Street Church in Little Rock, coming there from the Dumas First Church where he served for more than five years. Presley has been actively involved in the work of Harmony Association, is a member of the Arkansas Baptist Singing Men and serves as vice-president of the Arkansas Baptist Religious Education Association. He is married to the former Charlotte Stokely. They have three children, Bobby, Susan and Bruce.

Mitch Tapson

has resigned as pastor of the Sage Church to attend Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and to pastor the Greenbrier Church in Fort Worth. His wife, Linda, is teaching music in the First Church of Dallas.

Warren Banks

has resigned as pastor of the Mount Pleasant Church in Rocky Bayou Association.

Tim Porter

has been called to serve as pastor of the Sage Church. He and his wife, Sabra, moved there from Batesville where he served as associate pastor of the Fellowship Church.

Hal Gallop

is serving as interim pastor of the Ash Flat First Church.

Benny Foster

has been called to serve as pastor of the Post Oak Church.

Jimmy Hogg

has been called as associate pastor of the Forrest City Second Church. He was ordained to the gospel ministry Aug. 15. Hogg is married to the former Beverly Heustess. They are parents of two sons, Jimmy Jr. and Greg.

Mack Davis

has resigned as pastor of the Brighton Church at Paragould to attend Ouachita Baptist University.

W. M. Thomas

has resigned as pastor of the Fontaine Church at Bonon.

Clyde Morris

is serving as pastor of the Finch Church at Paragould.

M. E. Prince

has resigned as pastor of the Lefe Church.

Jack Masterson

is serving as pastor of the Booneville Calvary Church. He and his family are missionaries on furlough from Brazil.

Charles Van Pelt

has resigned as pastor of the Rock Creek Church to become pastor of the Riverside Church at Donaldson.

John Heird

has resigned as pastor of the Temple Church at Waldron.

briefly

Austin Station Church

held deacon ordination services Sept. 12 for Glen McDaniels and James Davis. Odis Chapman was speaker and Don Elliott, superintendent of Cabot Schools, led the prayer of dedication. A total of 18 preachers and deacons participated in the service.

Midway Church

at Melbourne held a deacon ordination service Sept. 5 for Bobby Joe Tate and Cub Rush. Manuel Macks, director of missions for Rocky Bayou Association, led the inter-rogation. Don Sanders, a former pastor, was speaker. Ralph Allmon is pastor.

Beech Street Church

at Gurdon recently completed a Spiritual Directions Weekend and is now observing Sunday School Preparation Month. October will be outreach month with a Oct. 31-Nov. 4 revival to conclude activities. Greg Stanley is pastor.

Lavaca First Church

observed Woman's Missionary Union Missions Roundup Aug. 30. Janie Sellers, missionary to Indonesia, spoke to the 70 in attendance. Cleona Lane, Concord Association WMU director, and Cindy Berg, associational Baptist Women's director, were guests. Cheryl Stem, church WMU director, reported the roundup resulted in day group membership doubling and the organization of two night groups.

Helena First Church

will observe homecoming Oct. 10. All former members and former staff members are to be guests. Billy F. Hammonds is pastor.

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These are sad times for Baptists who know why they are Baptists and from whence they came. Not only are we concerned with prayer amendment and tuition tax credit legislation on a national level, but now our conscience must be burdened with the position of the president and board of trustees of Southern Baptist College.

They have chosen to ignore the history of Ouachita Baptist University's involvement in receiving federal funds which now have been discontinued. Southern Baptist College is seeking Federal grant of \$1 million over a five year period.

The foregoing position is an attack upon the wall of separation between church and state. In 1776, James Madison opposed tax support of religious institutions or agencies, under any guise used to seek tax aid, directly or indirectly. For Southern Baptist College to take tax aid through federal funds to preserve it as a religious institution or enlarge its ministry, is to sacrifice its very reason for existence.

Religious institutions are entitled to protection of the law but not the use of the law to compel support. Such support violates the religious liberty of all persons contributing thereto without consent.

How long will the wall between church

and state stand against this continuing attack?

I do not expect the wall between church and state to fall from direct attack. It is impregnable from such onslaught. If it ever crumbles it will disintegrate, in the words of the late Justice Cardozo, with the "disintegrating erosion of particular exceptions".

If my fellow Baptists and others continue to persist with this erosion, what will be the effect and final consequences be? Someday an aroused and informed citizenry will demand a complete evaluation and analysis of the church-tax relationship. A severe curtailment or complete withdrawal of tax-exempt privileges may result. Who then will plead their cause? Who then will have the right to complain if Baptist churches institute a procedure designed to protect the integrity of this uncompromising Baptist principle? — **Raymond B. Higgins, El Dorado**

Arsenal for deterrence

I read with interest the two pages of the Sept. 2 edition concerning "peace activities" and the horrors of atomic war. Abhorrence of war and mass destruction is indeed a virtue that is shared by all Christians.

I was not surprised at Mrs. Caldicott, national president of "Physicians for Social

Responsibility," absolving the Soviet Union as the primary cause of the "arms race." I was, however, dismayed at the lack of challenge or rebuttal from the other participants. To imply, even by omission, that the United States must share in the aggressive designs of the Soviet Union for world conquest is ignorant, misleading, and decidedly false.

Our nuclear arsenal, including delivery systems, has as its primary objective the deterrence of war. How can we comment on the "type" and "size" of our deterrent without considering the nature and motivation of the adversary that we hope to deter? And yet I found not even one mention of "Communism" — its philosophical imperatives or recent aggressive exploits. It is the communist mind that decides the effectiveness of our deterrent force. Our success speaks for itself and I thank God for it.

As compassionate as I know how, I must say the following about our bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. "Don't tell me about Hiroshima and Nagasaki without mentioning in the same breath Pearl Harbor, Wake Island, Bataan, Iwo Jima and Okinawa." Yes, the Japanese were victims of the atomic bomb but they were victimized first by their own leaders.

May we never forget that — **Neal Callahan, Maumelle**

buildings

HMB commissions 41, approves 58 more

ATLANTA (BP) — The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board has announced approval of 58 persons for mission service and the commissioning of 41 young men and women as US-2 missionaries.

The newly-approved group included 10 missionaries, 19 missionary associates, 25 to receive church pastoral assistance and four to get language pastoral aid. The approval was made by the HMB executive committee during its September meeting.

The US-2 missionaries were commissioned for two years of mission service in 19 states. They will do work such as resort missions, starting new churches, evangelistic outreach, missions work with the deaf, work with Baptist centers, inner city missions, music ministries, youth work and to help prepare Baptist ministries at the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles.

Among the group was Twyla Roach of Royal, Ark., who will do evangelistic work for the New England Baptist Fellowship.

□ If the world's hungry were to line up, single file, in front of your door, the line would continue out of sight, over the continent and ocean, around the world, circling the globe 25 times.



First Church of Lead Hill dedicated a parsonage Aug. 29. The home was donated to the church in memory of the Rev. and Mrs. Reglus W. Raley, leaders instrumental in organizing the church in the early 1930s, by one of the Raleys' children. Part of the ceremony included the installation of a plaque on the front of the house designating the home the "Rev. Reglus W. Raley and Nancy J. Raley Memorial Parsonage." Marshall Boggs is pastor of the church.



A crowd estimated at 10,000 gathered on a parking lot at Magic Springs to hear Grady Nutt (insets), Weston and Davis, and Clyde Spurgin and Archie at Baptist Youth Day Sept. 11. Pictured above is a view of the crowd from the "Roaring Tornado" ride.

Church can be fun, but living for Christ is serious, Nutt tells youth

by Bob Allen

Christian humorist Grady Nutt entertained 9,000 youth, but urged them to take seriously principles of outreach and discipleship, at the second annual Baptist Youth Day, sponsored by the Arkansas Baptist State Convention Church Training Department, at Magic Springs Sept. 11.

An outdoor rally held on an asphalt parking lot outside the Hot Springs amusement park was thought to be the largest gathering of Baptist youth ever in Arkansas, Church Training associate Bill Falkner, who spearheaded the event, said. Ticket sales to the park, which had advertised itself closed to the general public, totaled 8,796. The size of the crowd including latecomers and small children was estimated at 10,000.

Joining Nutt as headliners were Arkansas' own Weston and Davis, an evangelistic musical duo from Jonesboro, and ventriloquist Clyde Spurgin and his puppet, Archie, who for the day donned the identity "Captain DiscipleLife." Spurgin is a pastor from Green Forest.

A primary purpose of Baptist Youth Day is to acquaint the state's youth and youth leaders to the DiscipleLife Church Training concept and the DiscipleYouth discipleship training/youth evangelism course sponsored jointly by the Church Training Department and the Evangelism Section of

the Home Mission Board. The day's schedule included repeated runs of a multimedia slide presentation describing DiscipleLife, produced by the state's Church Training Department.

Nutt, an ordained Baptist minister who achieved public recognition as a regular on the "Hee Haw" television series, introduced himself as an authority on young people. "I've tried to be one most of my life," he joshed.

For the next several minutes he tickled his audience with a chain of anecdotes about his experiences as a young person growing up in church, despite intermittent rains that soaked the audience to the skin but dampened neither their spirits nor those of the entertainer. "If Billy Graham can stand out and preach in this stuff, so can I," Nutt proclaimed during one shower.

Nutt closed on a serious note, admonishing youth to take home two ideas that could make the Magic Springs Saturday "a magic trip for your group."

Jesus offered forgiveness to people, Nutt said. "They never had to ask." "A young person doesn't need to come seeking repentance. He needs acceptance."

Nutt continued, "Jesus never told one person what they had to do to earn God's love." He urged youth to love other young

people unconditionally.

"The healthiest thing that every happens in a church happens when youth in a church become open to other young people," he said.



Clyde Spurgin, pastor at Green Forest First Church, and Archie "discuss" Baptist Youth Day.



Executive Board to consider nominee

The Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention will meet in a called session Thursday, Sept. 23 to hear a recommendation for Executive Secretary.

The search committee for a successor to Huber L. Drumwright, who died last November, will present their nominee at that afternoon session, according to Ken Lilly of Fort Smith, who is board president. The executive committee of the board issued the call for the meeting Sept. 16.

Home Board elects three staff members

ATLANTA (BP) — The executive committee of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board filled three staff positions during its September meeting.

Newly-elected staff members are Wallace W. Buckner of San Francisco, Calif., director of multiethnic ministries and Ronald J. Lawson of Kansas City, Mo., director of media production. Leonard O. Hinton Jr., HMB evangelism researcher since 1979, was named associate director of the evangelism support department.

Ministers' Wives group founder dies

ATLANTA (BP) — Mrs. Sue Latimer Wesberry, first president and a primary organizer of the Southern Baptist Ministers' Wives Conference, died Sept. 7 after a long illness.

She was the wife of James P. Wesberry, pastor emeritus of Morningside Baptist Church, Atlanta, now executive director of the Lord's Day Alliance of the United States. (The Wesberrys were in Little Rock in February for the organization of a local group.)

Mrs. Wesberry, a member of the board of directors for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, was active in all phases of denominational life. For many years she was an elementary school librarian and was active in Delta Kappa Gamma for teachers.

Her husband is a member of the SBC Executive Committee.

□ In Bangladesh, the wealthiest 16.7 percent of the rural population controls two-thirds of the land, while almost 60 percent of families must make their livings on less than one acre of property, up from 38 percent in 1975.



Tony Weston (top photo, left) and Billy Davis, music evangelists based in Jonesboro, perform during the big rally from a platform with the loop of the Roaring Tornado looming in the background. (Above) Sheila Graham (left) and Sherri Parrish sample one of the amusement park's delicacies, funnel cakes. The girls came to Baptist Youth Day with a group from First Church in Ozark. (Left photo) an unidentified quartet tops a peak in one of Magic Springs' many stomach-turning rides. Carnival rides, carnival foods, numerous youth choirs, other musical groups and the largest rally ever held by Baptist youth in Arkansas made 1982's Baptist Youth Day a resounding success, Arkansas Church Training personnel report.



New image suggested for local church WMU

by Millie Gill

Arkansas women took a look at ways of creating a "new" image for local church Woman's Missionary Union organizations in a Sept. 9 meeting at Little Rock.

The annual WMU Training Day was sponsored by the Arkansas Baptist State Convention WMU office. Immanuel Church was the meeting place for the 600 participants.

"You will give a 'new look' to your organizations as you create a new spirit of enthusiasm and as you commit yourself to using that enthusiasm in enlisting new members," said Beverly Sutton of Birmingham, Ala.

Sutton, director of the Field Services Department of the Southern Baptist Convention WMU, focused on church awareness and planned strategy as keys that open doors of 'new image' success.

Church awareness, she said, comes as a result of a working/cooperative relationship with the pastor, church staff, deacons and leaders of other organizations. "They will assist you in your efforts of making others aware of the purpose, relevance and worth of WMU," said Sutton.

"Through the Bold Mission Thrust, God has created an atmosphere of expectancy among Southern Baptists. You must take advantage of this by donning a new cloak of enthusiasm and enlisting those eager to grow in missions education, awareness and involvement," she continued. She listed a

sensitivity to the needs of prospective members and a new spirit of action in the community through the local church as other factors that develop an attractive organization.

"Use action verbs as you communicate the message by word of mouth, through enthusiastic reports, the printed page, posters, bulletin boards, banners and displays," she told women. She listed the WMU Manual, Year Book, Enlistment Book and the *Dimension* magazine, all SBC publications, as the survival kit for WMU enlistment.

Sutton characterized a successful organization as one that has (1) missions education as its purpose; (2) works within the church plan to promote the goals of the church and to support other church programs; (3) is active, providing a variety of meaningful missions experiences; (4) has members who are enthusiastic about WMU and missions and excitedly tell their friends about the organization; (5) holds meetings that are stimulating, creative and timely; (6) uses WMU materials prepared especially for its use and (7) recognizes its potential for growth and makes adjustments for it.

"Arkansas WMU will portray a 'new image' with a very sharp focus as new members 'catch the spirit' and grow to a realization of their role in the missions organizations," Sutton concluded.



ABM photos/Millie Gill

Mrs. Jack T. Carter (above, left) of Immanuel Church, Little Rock, discusses enthusiastic new approaches to enlisting prospective WMU members with (from left) Gladys Redus and Faye Kerr of West Side Church, also of Little Rock. "Catch the Spirit of the New WMU," the 1982 emphasis for the statewide and SBC missions organizations, is contained on an overhead projector transparency (top photo). The thrust calls for an enthusiastic outreach program to enlist WMU members, for cooperation with pastors and church staff members in the effort, and for meeting the needs of individual prospective members. Beverly Sutton, speaker at a Sept. 9 meeting in Little Rock, refers to literature (center photo) and (left) encourages WMU'ers to "be vivacious" in enlistment.

Responding to the needs of the elderly

by Horace L. Kerr

Southern Baptists are responding to the needs of older persons.

Many local churches responded to these needs before the denomination acted. This is evidenced by the rise of senior adult fellowship groups, most often called clubs.



Kerr

The Sunday School has been in the forefront in serving homebound elderly. Church recreation has promoted fellowship groups for a number of years.

The 1974 Southern Baptist Conference on Aging raised awareness of the needs of senior adults and possible actions to meet some of those needs. That awareness coupled with the growing number of senior adults in our midst (perhaps 20 percent of our total membership) has increased response to the needs of older persons. A review of some of these advances should be encouraging and stimulate additional growth.

Housing and health care facilities seem to come to the minds of most people when ministry to older persons is mentioned. These are continuing needs of a relatively small percent, though large number, of the elderly. A few churches, some state conventions and some associations have built and do operate such facilities. Others have sought to provide a ministry to persons in facilities owned and operated by others.

There are perhaps more appropriate kinds of ministry which can and are being provided-appropriate to our nature as religious organizations and also to the needs of a larger percent of older persons. These ministries provide meaning to life — a Christian perspective.

(Let I am misunderstood, let me add here my personal concern for those who need housing and health care and my commendation of those Baptist groups who do provide them. They have our active support. My concern here is that we not limit our understanding of ministry to those which require special facilities and large outlays of money.)

Some notable responses to the problems of the aging have been made by Southern Baptist agencies. Woman's Missionary Union and the Brotherhood Commission have led with suggestions

special materials and programs for senior adults through Sunday School, Church Training, Church Recreation, Church Administration, Church Music, Church Media-Library, Broadman Press and Broadman Products. The special unit for senior adult ministry is in the Family Ministry Department. We produce *Mature Living* magazine, books for senior adults and their leaders and helps for Senior Adult Day. We provide conferences for senior adults (9 weeks of Chautauquas at Glorieta and Ridgecrest and a Caribbean Cruise) and their leaders (seminars and workshops). We also assist state conventions and associations with conferences, workshops and retreats for senior adults and their leaders. The book, *How to Minister to Senior Adults in Your Church*, published by Broadman is a guide for a senior adult program. The National Association of Baptist Senior Adults provides us a channel for communicating with senior adults and their leaders.

The Southern Baptist Association of Ministries with the Aging offers opportunity for fellowship and professional development in annual meetings.

Literally thousands of churches now have some special activities for senior adults designed to aid them in finding and enjoying the abundant life in Christ. Most State Conventions and many local associations join in providing support for these efforts.

Horace L. Kerr is supervisor of the senior adult ministry section of the family ministry department of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Kerr is author of "How to Minister to Senior Adults in the Church."

Questions or comments on this column for and about senior adults should be sent to Senior Adults, Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine, P.O. Box 552, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203.

For and about



senior adults

and materials for mission action both for and with senior adults. The Home Mission Board provides special social ministries and opportunities for involvement in mission service. Seminaries offer courses to train pastors and church staff persons in understanding and ministry with senior adults. The Foreign Mission Board has provided mission opportunities for retirees and seeks to enlist senior adults in intercessory prayer for missions. The Christian Life Commission has prepared materials to raise awareness and is an advocate for the elderly. The Annuity Board assists church and denominational employees to meet their needs in retirement.

The Sunday School Board produces

Cooperative Program Report: August

1981		1982
\$ 591,258.08	Budget for August	\$ 759,888.73
621,035.78	Gifts for August	721,602.68
29,777.70	Over (under)	(38,286.05)
\$4,730,064.66	Budget year-to-date	\$6,079,109.96
4,887,124.74	Gifts year-to-date	5,910,709.41
157,060.08	Over (under)	(168,400.55)

The \$721,602.68 received during August, though short of monthly budget needs, is \$100,566.90 more than gifts during August of 1981. Gifts to date are 8.46 percent over last year and represent 97.23 percent of the budget goal.

□ In 1976, a group of Southern Baptist Convention agencies began to ask what they could do to keep the issue of world hunger in the minds of the people. The result is World Hunger Day, which was observed for the first time on Wednesday, August 2, 1978.

□ Direct food distribution is one of the many methods of hunger relief efforts done through the Foreign Mission Board. A total of \$569,528 was sent in 1981 to 14 countries specifically for "food distribution." The countries were: Haiti, El Salvador, Panama, Venezuela, Poland, Upper Volta, Equatorial Brazil, South Brazil, Paraguay, Zimbabwe, Thailand, Kenya, Tanzania, and the Philippines.

**SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION
OFFICIAL HOUSING REQUEST FORM**

JUNE 14-16, 1983—PITTSBURGH, PA

MAIL TO

SBC Housing
#4 Gateway Center
Pittsburgh, PA 15222

- PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE ALL ITEMS TO ASSURE ACCURACY.
- COMPLETE EACH PART BELOW IN DETAIL FOR CORRECT AND RAPID COMPUTER PROCESSING.
- SHOULD MORE THAN ONE (1) ROOM BE NEEDED, SUPPLEMENTAL ROOMS LIST **MUST** BE ATTACHED USING SAME FORMAT AS IN PART III.
- ALL CONFIRMATIONS WILL BE SENT TO INDIVIDUAL INDICATED IN PART I.

PART I

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete requested data using abbreviations as necessary.

(NAME OF PERSON REQUESTING ROOMS)

If necessary, photo-copies of this form may be used to make additional reservations.

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(FIRST NAME)

(LAST)

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(STREET ADDRESS OR P. O. BOX NUMBER)

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(CITY)

(STATE)

(ZIP - U.S.A.)

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(Area Code)

(PHONE NUMBER)

Must be received by
Housing Bureau no
later than May 16, 1983.

PART II

INSTRUCTIONS: Select FIVE Hotels Motels of your choice. No request will be processed without FIVE choices.

- FIRST CHOICE** _____
- SECOND CHOICE** _____
- THIRD CHOICE** _____
- FOURTH CHOICE** _____
- FIFTH CHOICE** _____

PART III

- INSTRUCTIONS:**
1. PRINT OR TYPE NAMES OF ALL PERSONS OCCUPYING EACH ROOM.
 2. SELECT TYPE ROOM DESIRED WITH ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE DATES.
 3. SUPPLEMENTAL LIST FOR ADDITIONAL ROOM MUST USE SAME FORMAT.
 4. PRINT OR TYPE LAST NAME FIRST.

Name of all persons occupying the room (print last name first)

1		3	
2		4	

Arrival Date _____

Departure Date _____

Arrival Time _____

Check type of room desired:

_____ Single (1 bd/1 pr)

_____ Triple (2 bd/3 pr)

_____ Double (1 bd/2 pr)

_____ Quad (2 bd/4 pr)

_____ Twin (2 bd/2 pr)

_____ Other (specify) _____

IMPORTANT: No phone orders will be accepted. Hotel locations are shown on accompanying list. Make a photocopy of your order for your files. Housing Bureau processes reservations in order of date mailed. Confirmations will come direct from your hotel. DO NOT SEND DEPOSITS WITH RESERVATIONS. If rooms are not available at hotels of your choice, comparable reservations will be made at another cooperating hotel. If rate requested is not available, next available rate will be assigned. Cancellations and other changes may be made by phoning the hotel in which you have a reservation.

NOTE: PLEASE RECHECK ALL ITEMS FOR CORRECT INFORMATION

DO NOT MAIL FORMS POSTMARKED BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 1982

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Housing request form SBC, Pittsburgh, Pa. June 14-16, 1983

Use of form

The form on the facing page is similar to the one that has been used for the past three Southern Baptist Conventions. All individuals wishing to make hotel reservations for the Southern Baptist Convention must use this type of form. No phone reservations will be accepted by the Pittsburgh Housing Bureau.

Who should use the form

All individuals wishing hotel reservations should use this form. One form should be used for each room requested.

How to use the form

Part I — Accurately fill in the requested information. The confirmation will be mailed to the person whose name appears in Part I.

Part II — From the accompanying list, select five hotels of your choice. Place the names of the hotels on the lines in Part II, in the order of your preference. You must select five (5) hotels.

Part III — Fill in all information requested for the room you wish to reserve. If you need more than one room, use a second sheet. Photo copies of the form may be used.

Detach the form and mail it to:

SBC HOUSING

#4 Gateway Center

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222

NOTE: HOUSING REQUESTS POST-MARKED PRIOR TO OCT. 1, 1982, WILL BE PROCESSED AFTER THOSE POST-MARKED OCT. 1, 2, OR 3.

Further information

If you have need for further information, contact: HOUSING INFORMATION, SBC Executive Committee, 460 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, Tenn. 37219, phone (615) 244-2355.

Additional forms are available from your state office.

HOTEL LOCATION AND RATES

	Approximate Distance from Civic Arena	Single	Double
Downtown			
Pittsburgh — Hyatt	1 block	\$60.00	\$65.00
Pittsburgh — Hilton	10 blocks	\$64-76.00	\$74-86.00
William Penn	4 blocks	\$46-58.00	\$54-66.00
Sheraton — Station Square	12 blocks	\$75.00	\$85.00
* Duquesne University	6 blocks	\$15.00	\$12.50/Person
Greentree			
Parkway Center Inn	4 miles	\$58.00	\$64.00
Redwood Motor Hotel	4 miles	\$38.00	\$42.00
Marriott	4 miles	\$68.00	\$74.00
Holiday Inn	4 miles	\$65.00	\$71.00
Viking Motor Hotel	4 miles	\$35.00	\$40.00
Sheraton — South	11 miles	\$38.00	\$45.00
Oakland			
University Inn	3 miles	\$49.00	\$59.00
East			
Holiday Inn — Monroeville	15 miles	\$50.00	\$60.00
Marriott — Monroeville	13 miles	\$60.00	\$70.00
Holiday House	13 miles	\$45.00	\$49.00
Harley Hotel	10 miles	\$48.00	\$58.00
Holiday Inn — Parkway	8 miles	\$50.00	\$60.00
Quality Court	8 miles	\$32.00	\$36.00
Airport			
Holiday Inn — Sewickley	10 miles	\$52.00	\$59.00
Holiday Inn — Airport	15 miles	\$67.00	\$77.00
Hilton Inn	12 miles	\$53.00	\$65.00
Howard Johnsons	15 miles	\$50.00	\$56.00
Ramada Inn	15 miles	\$50.00	\$55.00
Sheraton	15 miles	\$45.00	\$55.00
North			
Holiday Inn — Warrendale	16 miles	\$28.00	\$32.00
Ramada Inn	14 miles	\$31.00	\$34.00
Sheraton	12 miles	\$45.00	\$50.00

*These are college dormitory rooms.

NOTES:

1. The above prices do not include a 7 percent tax.
2. The William Penn is the Convention headquarters hotel, and the Hilton is headquarters for the WMU.

Forrest City hospital joins Baptist system

FORREST CITY, Ark. — A 112-bed acute care hospital in this Northeast Arkansas city has become a part of the Baptist Memorial Health Care System, Inc., after a vote by the St. Francis County Quorum Court to lease Forrest Memorial Hospital while Baptist Memorial builds a new hospital.

The agreement approved in August calls for the Memphis-based health care system to pay St. Francis County \$25,000 a month for approximately 30 months to lease the existing facility while the new hospital is planned and built, Bill Fleming, director of corporate services in the health care system, said.

Baptist Memorial would continue to lease the new hospital at \$25,000 a month for the length of time required to pay off the long-term construction debt, Fleming said. All lease payments are to be forwarded by the county into a fund to provide health care for its indigent patients, he added. The health care system would have the option to continue leasing the hospital after repayment of all debt.

Contracts for construction of the new hospital, contingent upon a certificate of need from the state of Arkansas, are to be let within 36 months of closing on the agreement, which is expected to be next month, Mr. Fleming said.

Forrest Memorial, serving a population of some 150,000 in St. Francis, Lee and Monroe counties, becomes the seventh hospital in the Mid-South to affiliate with the health care system.

Baptist Memorial Health Care System is the corporation formed to oversee the growing range of health services provided by Southern Baptists in Tennessee, Arkansas and Mississippi. The system includes hospitals owned or leased in Ripley, Covington and Union City, Tenn.; Hardy and Corning, Ark.; and Booneville, Miss.; as well as the three-unit Baptist Memorial Hospital and Trezevant Manor-Allen Morgan Nursing Center, both in Memphis.

Your state convention at work

Child Care

Agency notes change, but some things stay the same

"Some things change; yet remain the same." Seems contradictory, doesn't it? The first time I heard the statement, I thought so, too. However, upon closer examination, I understood the truth as I related it to the pilgrimage of our agency.

There have been a number of changes in our child care ministry since we began in 1894 when Mrs. Hannah Hyatt Gardner gave her home and 80-acre farm near Monticello to Arkansas Baptists. These program developments have been the attempt of our board of trustees and staff to respond to the changing needs of children and families. Our base is still Arkansas Baptist Home for Children in Monticello, but we are now ministering all across our state from the following locations: Area offices located in Little Rock, Jonesboro, Fayetteville, Harrison and Hope; we have two emergency re-

ceiving homes in Little Rock and Sherwood and a group home for boys in Jonesboro. These expanded ministries have been developed in cooperation with churches and associations.

As I reflect on our pilgrimage and the changes that have occurred, I'm also reminded that the part that has remained the same has to do with the reason we exist. In obedience to our understanding of God's Word and sensing his leadership all through the years has brought us to this point. We want to understand his truths, his commands and do them. The ministry of our agency is one way of sharing the good news of Christ's love to those in need. Its ministry — meeting the needs of others in the name of Jesus Christ. It may be giving a cup of cold water in his name. I don't believe this truth will ever change. — **Johnny G. Biggs, executive director**

Family Ministry

Marriage enrichment retreat to be held at DeGray

DeGray State Park Lodge is the site for a marriage enrichment retreat Oct. 28-30, 1982. The retreat is part of Southern Baptist's marriage enrichment retreat system and is sponsored by the Arkansas Baptist State Convention and the Family Ministry Department of the Sunday School Board.

Dr. and Mrs. Jack Sanford will be the retreat leaders. Dr. Sanford is pastor of the Colonial Church in Memphis, Tennessee. He is a graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and has received special training in marriage enrichment. Dr. and Mrs. Sanford



Jackson

have written for various Sunday School Board publications and led marriage enrichment projects in Tennessee, Kentucky and Illinois.

The retreat is a special time away providing a personal growth experience for couples who have a good marriage and want to enhance their marital relationship. It begins at 7 p.m. Thursday and concludes at noon on Saturday.

Information about the agenda, costs and registration procedures is included in a brochure mailed to directors of missions, pastors and church staff members. You can also contact the Church Training Department, Box 552, Little Rock, Arkansas, 72203, for additional information. — **Gerald Jackson, director**

Missions Ministries

Fall COM rally at Camp Paron

Camp Paron was the site of the fall Campers on Mission rally. There were about 35 in attendance. An historical tour was taken on Friday directed by Dr. H. E. Williams. The group visited Old Union Church north of Benton where Rev. Daniel Lynch is pastor. According to Dr. Williams this church is the second oldest Baptist Church in continuous existence in the state. The Old State House, Territorial Restoration and Baptist Building were visited.

The program also included a mission presentation by Doyle Lumpkin. Conway Sawyers, Missions Director, ABSC, gave the Bible study.

A business session was led by President Amos Greer. Discussion included plans to take a caravan to the national rally, June 24-26, 1983, in Jemison, Ala.

The current officers were re-elected for the coming year. The officers are: Amos Greer, president; H. E. Williams, vice president; Mrs. Bud (Benita) Hardister, secretary. — **Pete Petty, director**



COM leaders pause on steps of Old Union Church during historical tour.

Seminar announced for transitional churches

NASHVILLE — Rebuilding a Sunday School in a transitional community will be the topic of a seminar for ministers of education at the Sunday School Board Nov. 15-18.

Jere Allen, associate director of the Home Mission Board's metropolitan missions department, will lead sessions

on the unique characteristics of churches in changing communities.

Kirk Hadaway, research director of the Center for Urban Church Studies, will present a report on a research project on programming in the transitional church.

Seminar participants will be able to talk by a special telephone hook-up with

Thomas Wolf, pastor of the Church on Brady, Los Angeles, Calif., a growing church in a changing community.

Other features will include using the basics of growth to rebuild the Sunday School, help in working with language groups and with the black community and a field trip to Belmont Heights Church in Nashville.

Sunday School

Goal setting: The best method

The best goal setting method I know for a large group is one that personally involves every leader and member present in the procedure. Personal involvement makes it the people's goal and assures wider participation in actions to help reach the goal.

For example, consider the basic function of reaching people. How to set a growth goal is important.

First, gather the leaders and members together. This could be on a Wednesday night led by the pastor or a trained guest leader. Have the people seated around tables of about six or seven to a table. Lead the people to write down certain Sunday School and church statistics on a sheet of paper. Out of this exercise establish the average number of persons enrolled in Sunday School per teaching unit. Teaching units are adult and youth classes and departments for children and preschoolers. A church with 280 enrolled in 14 teaching units has an average of 20 per unit. This is the formula for establishing new units. In this example it means that for every new unit organized the Sunday



Hatfield

School can increase its enrollment by 20 in about a year. Proper goal setting is influenced by other factors including the number of rooms available, the number of members who might participate in visitation, the number of contacts made and reported and the general attitude toward growth. Allow about 30 minutes for the leader to establish and the people to write-in all the known factors mentioned above.

Second, ask each group of six at a table to talk over their ideas of what the growth goal ought to be and to write it down. Allow about 12 minutes for this process. After the groups have finished, determine the average goal of the several groups. This can become a realistic and challenging church goal. The larger group then projects the expected increase in attendance, budget receipts and baptisms. Goals and projections are further broken down into more manageable quarterly goals. Assignments are made for implementation of plans to reach the goals.

The dynamics of this meeting is unbelievable. People become excited in goal setting and projecting expected results. Motivation is established to implement outreach.

May we help you set a goal in the '85 by '85 growth emphasis?
— Lawson Hatfield, director

Evangelism

Nationwide revivals in 1986

The Home Mission Board and directors of evangelism voted to plan and prepare for nationwide revivals in '86. This decision was made believing that God has commissioned us to reach every lost person in our nation with the gospel. History has proven that God blesses Southern Baptists richly when they cooperate in a great effort.

The theme of these simultaneous revivals will be "Good News America — God Loves You". It is the desire of the evangelism leaders that the American people know there is some good news. The best news that any person can know is that God loves them. This was proven as God shared the ultimate of his love in his son, the Lord Jesus. We believe that Christ so loved every individual that he willingly laid down his life that each person might know him personally.



Shell

It was our privilege to present Arkansas' involvement in these revivals to the program committee on Aug. 12. The program committee unanimously adopted this proposal.

On Aug. 26, the program committee presented this to the total executive board. The executive board voted unanimously to enter into this great effort. The date set for the Arkansas participation is March 9-30, 1986. These dates cover a three week span.

Each association will have an opportunity to choose the most suitable date for them. We will be asking the directors of missions and chairmen of evangelism to present this to their executive committee. We will be praying and preparing that God may give us a great spiritual awakening. — Clarence Shell Jr., director

Christian Life Council

Let's get serious about stopping drinking and driving in Arkansas

The Christian Life Council challenges every adult in Arkansas to consider something to show they really mean business when it comes to actually doing something other than complain about the growing, serious problem of the drinking driver.

Clip the pledge shown here and encourage adults in your church, neighborhood and where you work to sign and send them to Representative Judy Petty. Why not duplicate and distribute the pledge.

In conclusion, the Christian Life Council calls upon every Arkansas Baptist to reaffirm their commitment to total abstinence as set forth in the traditional church covenant. — Bob Parker, director

The Pledge

(The following pledge has nothing to do with whether or not one is a total abstainer and applies to all adults.)

Since scientific tests prove even one drink containing ethyl alcohol affects driving skills, and since accidents, injuries and death involving teens especially are increasing at an alarming rate, in order to help drastically reduce such and to exert adult leadership and example, I join other adults in Arkansas in pledging not to operate a motor vehicle while under the influence of ethyl alcohol or any other mind altering drug.

Signed _____

Date _____

Mail to Rep. Judy Petty, Chairman of the Governor's Task Force Against Drunk Driving, P.O. Box 55175, Hillcrest Station, Little Rock, AR 72205.

International God preserves his people

by Don Hook, Little Rock

Basic passages: Genesis 37; 42-45; 50

Focal passages: Genesis 50:15-26

Central truth: God frames all of life's circumstances into the fulfillment of his plans and purposes.

All of the basic passages must be read to grasp the subject.

God covenanted with Abraham (Gen. 15:4-21), with Isaac (Gen. 26:2-5), and with Jacob (Gen. 35:9-12) that their descendants would be a great nation and Canaan would be their land. But, for four centuries their descendants had lived in Egypt as a slave people without a country.

Such a situation raised questions: Could God relocate approximately two million people? Would he? When and how would God do this? This scripture tells us that God did! It tells us that God preserves his people.

1. By having "good" for his people as his eternal purpose (Gen. 50:20; Rom. 8:28). This is God's consuming desire and his avowed purpose.

2. By using the deeds and actions of all kinds of people. Joseph, one of the noblest men who ever lived, Joseph's envious and scheming brothers, slave trading Ishmaelites, Potiphar's ungodly wife, an imprisoned butler, and a pagan Pharaoh were all fitted into the pattern of God's providential preservation of his people.

3. By channeling the circumstances of life and time into the main stream of God's ultimate objective. The deep, dark tragedies within Jacob's family, drought and famine, years of great prosperity, and the emergence of a great man of God (Joseph) were some of the real circumstances God channeled toward preserving his people. God had a covenant to fulfill and promises to keep. Absolutely nothing could thwart or prevent.

The powerful preserving providence of God is still at work and will work until Jesus comes. Praise his name!

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Life and Work Ethical living

by Homer W. Shirley Jr., Family and Child Care of Little Rock

Basic passages: Hebrews 12:12-17; 13:1-7, 9, 17, 22-25

Focal passages: Hebrews 12:14-17; 13:1-7, 17

Central truth: The life of faith is expressed in how we live in relation to others.

1. The Christian life is meant to be lived in association with others, not in isolation (Heb. 12:14-17). Therefore we must act correctly toward others. This means to live at peace with others. Always keep our interests focused on the well-being of others. To live effectively requires clean lives. Lives set apart to God. Daily attention to right living is a must. The shoots of bitterness must be cut off as soon as they spring up. What is most important to you? A meal to satisfy the present appetite or the doing of right that has a long range effect? We must not sell our privilege to serve for a momentary gratification. To pursue that course leads to a life of ruin.

2. A mature faith produces a series of qualities that relate us to others (Heb. 13:1-7). Brotherly love binds us together. Our hearts and homes are opened in hospitality to those who are strangers from God. We remember those who are imprisoned. Regardless of the cause, they are to be the object of our love and ministry.

I remember several years ago how people from the church I pastored ministered to a young man in the local jail. He was a drifter from a distant state. Through the kindness of the people of God the young man accepted Christ and I baptized him. He became a child of God and a member of a loving fellowship.

Marriage must also be kept as a sacred relationship. Purity prior to and in marriage is to be the order of the Christian life.

Greed has no place in the life of Christians. We are to seek the Creator and his will rather than the things of the world. Faith trusts God to provide.

3. Submission to the leaders God has set over us is to characterize our lives (Heb. 13:17). Life lived in association with others must be lived orderly. We must be obedient members of the society where we live. Proper respect to those whom God has given as our leaders is required. In short, our relationship to God will be reflected in our daily relationship to others.

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Bible Book Response to God

by Bob Wilson, First Church, Osceola

Basic passages: Psalms 81, 82, 95

Focal passages: Psalms 81:10-16; 95:1-11

Central truth: A right relationship with God is always a matter of obedience to his will.

1. Israel was a special people, chosen by God for a special purpose. They were not chosen on the basis of human merit but on the basis of God's grace. God had big plans for them which included a life of abundant living. Through a covenant relationship God wanted them to be his instrument in fulfilling his redemptive plan for mankind. Over and over, God promised his faithfulness and blessings if they would be responsive to his will.

2. The psalmist states the motivation for allegiance to him. Their miraculous deliverance from Egyptian bondage by the hand of God called for nothing less than total and wholehearted commitment. As Christians, we, no less, have been delivered from bondage by this same mighty hand. As slaves to sin, we were as helpless in improving our condition as the Egyptians were in improving theirs.

3. From the beginning of creation, man has always been given the freedom to reject God or respond to his perfect will. God never forced his will on anyone then nor does he now. Israel chose to follow their own desires, therefore forfeiting what God had to offer them, an abundant life and opportunity for service. The psalmist emphasized that a people who willfully persist in going the wrong way in spite of the strong compulsion of God, must face the consequences. For a believer, this attitude can only bring a life of aimless wandering. Every moment the children of Israel spent in the wilderness were moments God intended for them to spend in the abundance of Canaan.

4. The psalmist would have us learn a lesson from these wayward Israelites. God's way is always best. He desires to bless his people and given them an abundant life here and now. Our response to his will will determine the extent to which these blessings and opportunities can become a reality to our life.

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Why are they hungry?

Over one billion people on earth today suffer the pangs of hunger constantly. Approximately 10 million of them die each year of diseases related to nutrition deficiency. Another million actually starve to death each year. Startling isn't it?

The average affluent American has difficulty understanding the problem of world hunger. He will often ask, why are they hungry? The answer to that question is varied and complex. However, let us be simplistic and say that much of the hunger of the world is a grim reality to many people simply because they do not live in affluent America. Just to be a citizen of this country assures one normally of an abundance of food. Yet, we are told that some 30 million Americans live below the poverty level. Few, if any of them, will die of starva-

tion though.

Hungry people of the third world are not so secure as Americans. They live in countries without enough food to go around. Rarely do these countries provide any kind of welfare programs. The average level of unemployment is 70 percent. There is no unemployment insurance for the workers. Food preservation and distribution, as found in American supermarkets, is non-existent.

The tragedy of having to live in a part of the world where starvation is the plight of the masses, was not chosen by anyone. Most of them would like to live in America. Most would like to have a job so they could support their families. I know, they came to me and begged me to help them find a job

in different lands where I have been. But there were no jobs available.

After all, explaining trouble is not the Christian thing to do. Jesus plainly told the people of his day that human tragedy should not be analyzed, but rather ministered to in the name of the Lord. Those of his day wanted to know, "who sinned that this man was born blind"? They thought explanation of human suffering negated responsibility. Jesus thought that human suffering offered a chance to minister before the Lord.

There may be millions of reasons people are hungry, but only one major reason for feeding them — Jesus would and we should. — H. E. Williams, chairman, World Hunger Committee, ABSC

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Draper champions Bold Mission, seminary, Cooperative Program

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP) — Southern Baptist Convention President James T. Draper Jr. challenged students at Southwestern Seminary to lose themselves in missions.

Draper, preaching in Truett Auditorium Sept. 2 with students standing around the entire room, said plenty of people are willing to preach from a big pulpit but pointed out "if Bold Mission Thrust is going to mean anything, there are going to have to be students come out of our seminaries who are willing to go to Canada, to foreign missions, to the Northeast and lose themselves in missions," Draper said.

Bold Mission Thrust is the SBC's program

church," said Draper, pastor of First Church of Euless, Texas. "You'll say 'That's easy for you to say, you're in a big church.' Well, to tell you the truth, it's never been that big a deal. I had a student come up to me the other day and say, 'I'm ready to preach for you anytime.' I said 'I bet you are.'"

Draper made no reference to denominational controversy, instead preaching a 10-point sermon from Hebrews 11 which was received with a standing ovation. "I've used the tools I learned in this seminary every day of my life," said Draper, a third generation Southwestern graduate. "Study hard. Learn your lessons."

Draper told the students in the end it is not their cleverness or ingenuity that pleases God, or the size of the church they lead. "God is only pleased by faith," he said.

In a meeting with seminary officers and deans, Draper and Sullivan pondered the value of resolutions at the SBC annual meeting and indicated they will try to clarify the resolution process. Draper also said

he plans to make several committee appointments in the next month and will release all his appointments before the next annual meeting in Pittsburgh.

Draper voiced strong support for the Cooperative Program, saying "I don't like everything in my church budget, but I still support it." He indicated Southern Baptists who don't agree with every aspect of the convention's unified budgeting process ought to consider the same attitude.

Sullivan, who ran against Draper for the presidency in June in New Orleans, said he has found Draper to be "open, honest, responsive and responsible." John Newport, vice president for academic affairs, told the SBC officers. "We need to develop trust. We have different lifestyles but we need to learn to trust and live with each other."

Draper's grandfather was in the first Southwestern class to meet in Fort Worth in 1910. Draper's father began classes there in 1936 when Draper was one year old. Draper began classes as a student in 1958.

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SBC first vice president John Sullivan, pastor of Broadmoor Church, Shreveport, La., and Fred Wolfe, president of the SBC Pastors Conference, also participated in the chapel service, a part of Southwestern's 75th anniversary observance. Draper, Sullivan and Wolfe are Southwestern graduates, as is Gene Garrison, SBC second vice president who was scheduled to appear but could not for health reasons.

"Everybody wants to preach in the big

Miami churches win tax exemption plea

MIAMI, Fla. (BP) — Central Baptist Church, which won a drawn out court tax case 10 years ago, joined with two other downtown Miami churches to resist another attempt to tax church property and apparently has won again.

"They (the county) came in and even measured my study and the sanctuary to figure out tax assessment," Conrad Willard, pastor of Central Church, explained. The city and county are seeking to generate revenue to finance what has become popularly known as the "People Mover," a 20-mile, elevated train system to provide mass transit in downtown Miami.

The three churches — First United Methodist, Gesu Catholic Church and Central — estimate they would each face massive tax liabilities ranging between \$20,000 and \$40,000 annually for the 15 years of the bond issue and would be forced to seriously curtail or eliminate some of their ministries to the community. Additionally, there was concern over government efforts to tax churches as if they were business and assess church property at the same rate (estimated at 20 to 27 cents a square foot) as businesses.

Willard wrote both mayors (Miami and Dade County) a letter reminding them of the earlier case which went to the U.S. Supreme Court and culminated in 1972 with a ruling the city had to repay Central Baptist Church \$50,000 it had paid under protest on taxes on its parking lot. Miami Herald religion writer Adon Taft also publicized the conflict, pointing out the beneficial role the churches played in the community and what services might have to be cut.

"We have more than 130 men in our in-

dependent ministry, we provide food and shelter for those needing it, a counseling service, a weekly noontime Bible study and luncheon for downtown workers and community organizations use our facilities for meetings." Central's associate pastor Doyle Wetherington told the journal.

Forewarned by Willard's letter, the newspaper publicity and the efforts of the other ministers and church members, the city council was most receptive when the three pastors led a delegation into the council meeting. "We had barely gotten inside when one councilman made a motion to exempt churches from the tax," Willard said. "But the mayor said in order to make sure things were done properly the attorneys for the churches, the city attorney and the county attorney better work out an agreement."

The lawyers huddled briefly then returned with a proposal. "The city agreed to authorize the creation of a joint tax assessment office with the county on the condition that 'houses of worship or property directly relating thereto' be excluded," Willard explained.

The matter must still be approved by the county board but the county attorney has assured the churches there will be no problem at that point.

Earlier, county officials said the levy was not an ad valorem tax even though it was based on "leasable square footage" but was an assessment for services just like sewers or sidewalks. David Eastham, appraisal supervisor, conceded the county was "looking at churches sort of like we're looking at office buildings" even though the churches do not lease out its space.