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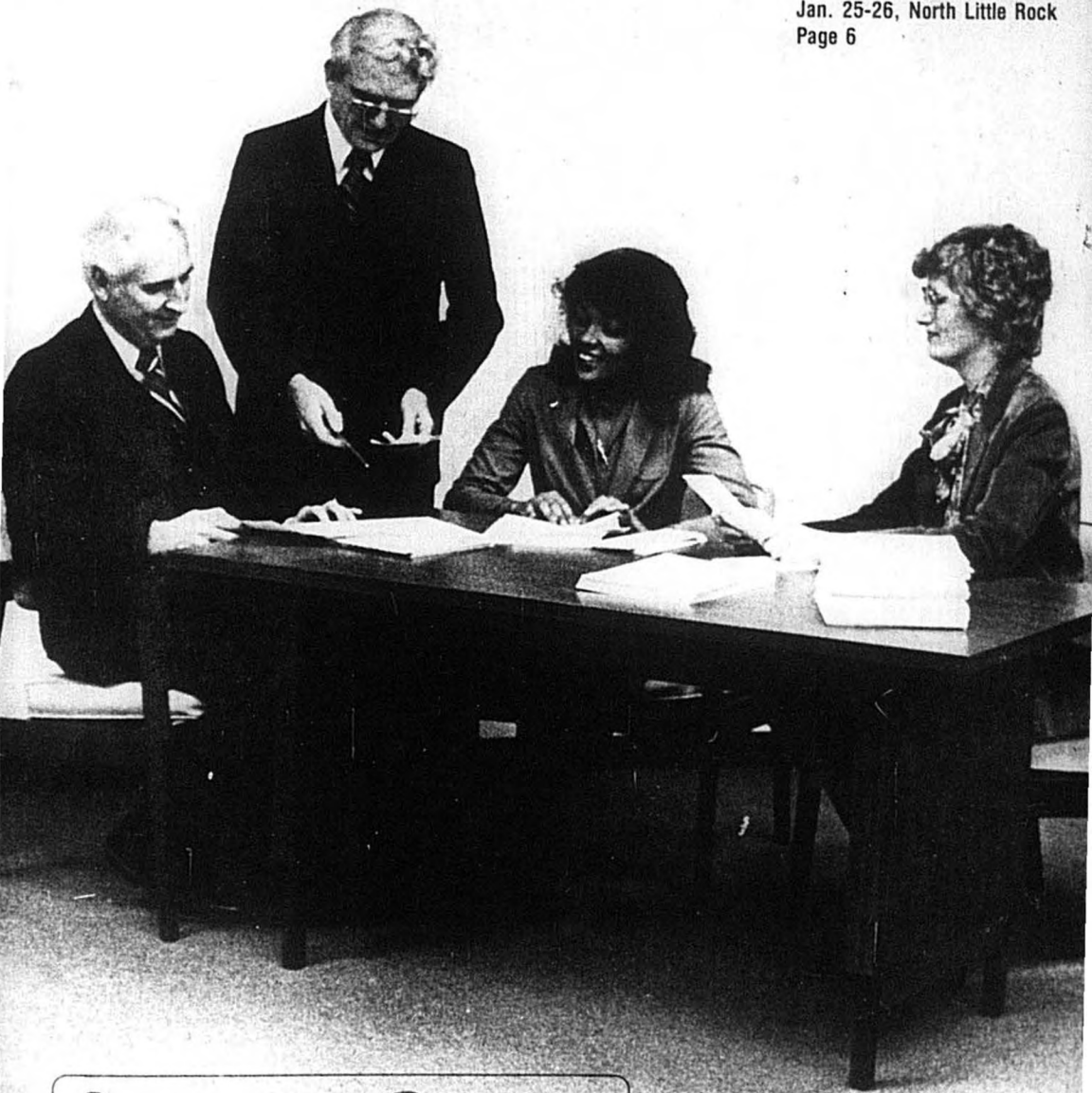
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(Pictured from left) Robert Ferguson, director of Cooperative Ministries with National Baptists; Clarence Shell Jr., director of Evangelism; National Baptist Department secretary Sandra Scott, and Evangelism Department secretary Margaret Wright make final preparations for the State Evangelism Conference scheduled Jan. 25-26 at Park Hill Church in North Little Rock. Baptists from two National Baptist groups, the Regular Baptist and the Consolidated Baptist conventions, and from the Arkansas Baptist State Convention will attend the joint conference. Details of the conference are included on Page 6 of this week's ABN.

Fields are not white; but harvest is ready

by Linda Lawson

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — "The fields are not white ... but they are ready for harvest," a specialist in Southern Baptist work among ethnic groups says.

Concepcion Padilla, general field services consultant with the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board language unit, made the comment as he emphasized the urgent need for Southern Baptists to share the gospel with the burgeoning ethnic populations in the United States.

Padilla believes Southern Baptist efforts must be targeted both to ethnic groups who study and worship in their own languages and to bilingual, bi-cultural persons who are second- and third-generation ethnic persons.

"I believe Southern Baptists for the first time are taking a serious look at reaching ethnics," said Padilla, who noted that the paternalistic approach of earlier years is being replaced by leaders who are seeking serious answers to questions about how to reach ethnics.

Padilla is both optimistic and "depressed" over Southern Baptist work among ethnics.

"I am optimistic because I see signs of us wanting to reach ethnic persons," said Padilla. "But I feel depressed because the

time is now and we're not geared up for now."

Some of his optimism comes from the fact 609 Southern Baptist ethnic Sunday Schools have been started since 1977.

But some of his "depression" comes from his allegation that "we haven't done anything about reaching" the largest group of ethnics: bi-cultural and bilingual persons. They can be reached by Anglo churches and ethnic churches, he says, but the most effective way to reach them is through bilingual and bi-cultural churches which are practically non-existent in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Southern Baptists need to become more sensitive to ethnic needs, develop more strong, effective leaders among ethnics and give priority attention to urban ministry, said Padilla.

"If we are to reach ethnics, we've got to reach the cities, and if we are going to reach the cities, we've got to reach ethnics," said Padilla.

As part of Southern Baptist efforts to increase the denomination's Sunday School enrollment to 8.5 million by 1985, six conferences are scheduled in 1982 to acquaint pastors and key leaders of ethnic congregations with outreach plans and strategies.

Writers for ABN lessons for living



Holland



Heard

which offers theological courses below the masters degree level.

A native of Alexander, Ark., Dr. Holland is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University and has residency work toward the Ph.D. degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has been a pastor in Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana and Missouri.

He is married to the former Mary Kathleen Chapman and they are the parents of two daughters and a son.

Cary Heard, writer for the Life and Work series, is in his seventh year as pastor of Park Hill Church in North Little Rock.

A native of Georgia, Dr. Heard is a graduate of Baylor University and holds the Th.D. degree, with major in philosophy of religion, from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Dr. Heard also has been pastor of churches in Texas and Louisiana.

He and his wife, Mary Lou, are the parents of three children.

Other new writers will be introduced as they begin a unit of study.

Two new writers begin "Lessons for living" in this issue of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*. Based on the scriptures taught in the three Sunday School lesson series published by the Baptist Sunday School Board, the new treatment began in the ABN with the first issue this year. "Lessons for living" offers a summary sentence and several applications of the scripture to Christian living.

W. T. Holland begins this week as writer for the lessons from the International (or Uniform) passage. Dr. Holland most recently served several years as director of the Little Rock Center of Boyce Bible School,

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Editor J. Everett Sneed sees several advantages in Arkansas Baptists purchasing property on Capitol Avenue, across Arch Street from the present Baptist Building, to provide more parking and office space. Messengers to a special session of the state convention will decide next week.

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The state Church Music Department urges churches to take seriously the threat of prosecution for violation of copyright laws when they reproduce music scores and texts.

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Church giving to the Cooperative Program is reported this week.



In the history of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, we have had only three special sessions. They have sometimes been called to deal with such traumatic problems as our inability to pay debts. A fourth special convention will take place Jan. 26 at 6:30 p.m. The purpose will be to provide opportunity for Arkansas Baptists to purchase two parcels of property at the corner of Capitol Avenue and Arch Street, located directly in front of the present Baptist Building parking lot.

Interim Executive Secretary L. L. Collins and the Baptist Building Study Committee (Charles Barfield, chairman; John Maddox; Eddie McCord; and Terrell Gordon) have completed their negotiations with the individuals offering the property for sale and have received firm offers. The cost to the Convention will be \$315,000 for the larger lot with a 5,000 sq. ft. one-story brick building (this is much less than the original offer). The building is in good condition and could be used to relieve the overflow of the present Baptist Building. The second parcel is available for \$110,000, making the total cost \$425,000 to the Convention. The two lots together are 100 ft. by 152 ft. and would provide for approximately 30 additional parking spaces.

The Convention is in a good position to purchase this property, since the \$425,000 can be borrowed from the Executive Board reserve fund, avoiding the current high interest rate. The reserve funds could be replaced in a relatively short period of time, since the present Baptist Building property will be paid out in the middle of 1983. The \$6,000 per month payment would then be used to replace the money borrowed from the reserve fund.

How would the purchase of this property be of value to the Arkansas Baptist State Convention? If the messengers vote to buy this property on Jan. 26, it will care for the space needs for the Baptist Building for the immediate future. It will avoid the renting of property or costly and ineffective efforts to remodel the space of the present Baptist Building.

At the same time, this purchase will enhance the value of the present Baptist Building property. When it is

joined with the property on Capitol Avenue, providing direct access to Capitol Avenue, it will be valued approximately \$8 more per square foot.

The purchase of this property will care for the immediate space needs of the Executive Board and the Baptist agencies which need to be housed in Little Rock. It will, also, open up additional bargaining opportunities should the Convention decide to relocate the Baptist Building at some time in the future. The purchase of this property makes sense from every standpoint.

Pastors preparing for retirement

The early preacher had been a great warrior for God. He had successfully served the Lord in many small churches. His salaries had always been small and now he was old and he must rely upon charity to keep him alive.

This sad story has been re-enacted many times in the past. How tragic it has been for these men to have no dignity in their last days here on earth. Today the situation can be different because of the work of the Annuity Board.

Their objective is to get the highest practical return on investments in order that the benefits (retirement or disabled church or agency people and their widows or families) may obtain the highest possible benefits each year.

The integrity of the Annuity Board is reflected in the fact that they neither invest in nor loan money to the liquor industry, the tobacco industry, nor the motion picture industry.

Every church, regardless of size, can participate. Every employee, whether full-time or part-time, can have protection through the Annuity Board.

We are exceedingly fortunate to have Mrs. Nadine Bjorkman as our field representative. If individuals, churches, or associational groups have questions, Mrs. Bjorkman will give the most able assistance.

If your pastor does not have this protection, surely you would want him to have it. Please, let our pastors retire with dignity.

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One layman's opinion

Daniel R. Grant/President, OBU

The limits to efficiency

Through the years, my wife and I have discovered some remarkable ways of improving the efficiency and economy of our preparations for the Christmas season. One of the most obvious ways is to shop at the half-price sales after Christmas for all of the new decorations needed for next year, as well as for many of the gifts to be given next year. Of course, this does require a considerable amount of storage space, and there is always the risk that presents bought in January cannot even be found 11 months later. Even so, there's a lot to be said for doing your Christmas shopping more than 11 months early.

Furthermore, we made the remarkable discovery last year that it was not necessary to take a permanent (artificial) tree apart and pack it away in its box for 11 months. We found out we could simply leave it standing undecorated, move it to our storage room, and save a great deal of time that was previously spent taking apart and putting together again. This year, in an effort to continue our crusade for greater efficiency and economy at Christmas-time, we decided to move the fully decorated

tree — complete with lights, ornaments, and tinsel — upstairs to the storage room, so that we could save all that additional time usually spent untrimming and trimming the tree. We had not anticipated how many ornaments would fall and break during the journey from the living room through the narrow hallway, up the stairs, and through the even more narrow doorway to the storage room. Nor had we anticipated how much time it would take to restore the symmetry of the lights, ornaments, and tinsel, that were badly mangled during the journey.

Our problems with putting the fully decorated Christmas tree into deep freeze for 11 months caused me to do some overdue soul-searching about the whole idea of efficiency and economy in the observance of Christmas. Carried to its extreme, we simply might devise a push-button system for turning on and off all of the component parts of the Christmas spirit, eliminating the necessity of Christmas shopping, decorating, cooking, sharing, and (ultimately) loving. It occurred to me that I was trying to do a time-and-motion study of the efficiency of

Christmas preparations, very much as an efficiency expert might undertake to measure assembly-line efficiency in producing automobiles. Surely I had known all along that the level of joy in Christmas rises in direct proportion to the level of labor and love invested by the participant.

I may even go back to the old post-Thanksgiving search for a Christmas tree out in the woods, unless, of course, I find a good bargain in the post-Christmas sales of permanent trees.

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



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Woman's viewpoint

Mary Lou Heard

Where there is love

When my husband agreed to lead the Bible study at the University of Arkansas BSU Retreat last fall in Tahlequah, Okla., our family had some decisions to make. It seemed reasonable to consider taking our three children along for the retreat and then spending a few days floating rivers and exploring towns in northwest Arkansas.

As Cary prepared for the Bible study, I prepared to keep three active children subdued on the back row in a room full of college kids for two days. I wrote for information on the area so we would be able to explore near the retreat site and not get in the way of the planned activities. I prayed for the retreat to be a success and looked forward to the days our family would have together. I explained to the children that they would have to share their daddy for a cou-

ple of days, and then we would have him all to ourselves. I was not prepared for what happened at that campsite.

Our children were engulfed in a love that was not expected. They were not allowed to sit quietly on the back row during any session. They were included in a natural, comfortable way. By the second day, they were drinking in every word that was said or sung or shared. They did not want to miss any part of the activities.

The kids on the retreat could have politely ignored our children without criticism. They had nothing in common. Instead, they openly received our children without prejudice. In this atmosphere of acceptance, our children were thriving. The retreat turned out to be an unexpected blessing for our

family. We went to minister to someone else and had a delightful surprise.

How many times do we go to church and ignore people we do not know? How many times do we go out after church with the same group of friends without including anyone new? It is easy to get so busy that we do not even see new people or feel we must hurry off because we are already over-committed and our mental circuits are over-loaded. Where there is love, the Lord can work in the lives of his people. Thank you, BSU, for loving our children.

Mary Lou Heard is a member of North Little Rock Park Hill Church, where her husband, Cary, is pastor. A mother of three, she has a degree in home economics and education.

by Millie Gill/ABN staff writer

Stephen P. Landers

has joined the staff of Pine Bluff South Side Church as minister of music and youth, coming from the Baylor Church in Ennis, Texas. He is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University with a bachelor of church music degree and of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary with a master of church music degree. Landers has served on Arkansas church staffs in Hope, Arkadelphia and Little Rock. A native of Little Rock, he is married to the former Linda Carol Baxley.

Larry Dean Sherman

has joined the staff of Pine Bluff South Side Church, serving as associate pastor. A native of Mena, he is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary with education degrees. He has served churches in Mena and Hot Springs. He is married to the former Gwendolyn Ann Looper. They have two children, Robby Dean and Teri Lynn.

Donald Ray Edmonson

is serving Pine Bluff Matthews Memorial Church as minister of music/youth and outreach. A native of Manila, he is the son of Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Edmonson of West Memphis, and is married to the former Brenda Kay Alexander of Dell. They have two children, Anthony Ray and Jeffrey Scott. Edmonson attended Southern Baptist College. He has served Arkansas churches in Blytheville, Tyrone, Earle and West Memphis.

Lannie W. Smith

began serving Dec. 20, 1981, as pastor of



Landers



Sherman



Edmonson



Smith

the Humphrey Church, coming there from the Northside Church in Manchester, Ga. A native of Dumas, he is a graduate of the University of Arkansas at Monticello and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Smith, during his Georgia tenure, has held both associational and state convention leadership positions. Mrs. Smith is the former LaDonna Frances Byrd of Pine Bluff. She is a graduate of Tift College in Forsyth, Ga.

Sharon Monroe

is serving the Alexander Hilldale Church as music/youth director. She is a student at the University of Arkansas in Little Rock.

Barry Raper

has been called by the Donaldson Riverside Church to serve as minister of music. He is a sophomore at Ouachita Baptist University.

John B. Wright

recently observed his 10th anniversary as pastor of Little Rock First Church. The

church under his leadership has experienced increases in church membership, Sunday School enrollment and attendance, and its budget. Property value has increased from \$250,000 to \$6,500,000 in this 10-year period.

Ed Falcomata

has resigned as minister of music/youth at Harrison First Church to accept a staff position with the First Church of Fairfield, Ill.

Winford Callison

is serving as interim pastor of the Rock Springs Church.

Kenneth Raines

is now pastor of the Harrison Trinity Church.

James Berryman

has been named international president of Civitan. He is professor of religion for Ouachita Baptist University.

Russell Hodges

has been selected to be conference organizer for Glorieta Baptist Conference Center's Music Week — July 17-23. Hodges is instructor in music at Ouachita Baptist University.

briefly

Monticello Second Church

recently purchased additional property that includes a building with a parking area at \$1,700.

Bear Creek Springs Church

ordained Pastor Ken Davenport to the gospel ministry Dec. 27.

Burlington Church

recently held a deacon ordination service for Edward R. Edwards, Leroy Edwards and Silby Estes. Churches assisting were Bear Creek Springs, Harrison Eagle Heights, Omaha First, Western Grove and Harrison Woodland Heights. Leonard Herring was moderator; Jack Barnes, clerk; Frank Uebe, presented candidates; Dennis James, led questioning; Gregg Cantrell, ordination prayer; James Bryant, message and charge and Ralph Hodges, benediction.

Benton County Association

has invited historian Mrs. Melvin (Maggie) Smith of Siloam Springs to write and com-

pile the 141 years of associational history, featuring each associational church. Individuals are to submit written suggestions, printed materials, biographies, church histories and baptism pictures. The publication of the book is planned to coincide with the completion of the associational office.

focus on youth

Benton Calvary Church

youth presented an evening worship service Jan. 17 at Arkansas Baptist Home for Children in Monticello. The service included a puppet presentation, music and testimonies.

Dardanelle First Church

youth choir "Sonlight" has been chosen to perform at the 1982 World's Fair in Knoxville, Tenn. They will perform in the Baptist Pavilion June 9. Joe Morris is director of the 34-voice choir. Tony Berry is pastor.

Volunteer showing slight improvement

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (BP) — Roy Church, Southern Baptist extended service volunteer stricken by a paralysis-causing illness Dec. 12 in Quito, Ecuador, is showing slight improvement.

Church, paralyzed from the neck down, has regained some movement in his right hand, his wife, Ruth, said. He has been a patient since Dec. 16 at North Carolina Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem.

Though recovery from the illness, Guillain-Barre Syndrome, is slow, Church is optimistic he will overcome the paralysis. Despite occasional breathing problems, he has remained in good spirits, his wife says.

Your state convention at work

Family Ministry

Single Adult Conference

Arkansas Baptists' first state conference for single adults will be held Feb. 19-20, 1982, at the Second Church in Little Rock. The conference begins at 7 p.m. Friday and ends at 4 p.m. Saturday.

Ann Alexander Smith and John Howell will be featured out-of-state leaders. Mrs. Smith is the single adult consultant in the Sunday School Board's Family Ministry Department, and Dr. Howell is academic dean at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City. Other program leaders include Kathy Ferguson, Leland Hurt, Willene Pierce, Bob Spray and Harry Trulove.

Special conferences for single adults include: "I Am What I Am — That's Good," "Developing My Spiritual Life," "Single Mission Opportunities," "The Christian and Divorce," and "Budget, Credit, and Investments." One conference will be provided for leaders of single adult groups, "Working with Single Adults."

The conference will feature worship and fellowship sessions, special conferences, a mini-concert and testimonies from Christian single adults.

Additional information about the program and registration costs and procedures can be obtained by writing the Church Training Department, P.O. Box 552, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203.

The conference is sponsored by the Arkansas Baptist State Convention and the Baptist Sunday School Board. — Gerald Jackson



Jackson

Falls, Texas, until coming to New Orleans. You will find him to be a dynamic preacher of the Word.

Carolyn Weatherford, executive director of Woman's Missionary Union, will speak Tuesday afternoon on "Women in Witnessing". Miss Weatherford is a very interesting and humorous speaker. She will make you laugh and she will make you think at the same time. She will also be leading two special conferences on "Women in Witnessing".

Howard H. Ramsey will represent the Home Mission Board. Howard will preach the closing message Monday afternoon and teach the Bible study on Tuesday evening. He is a dynamic preacher and one of the finest authorities on personal evangelism. He will also lead two conferences on "Training Laity in Personal Witnessing".

Ron Griffin will be coming back home from Saginaw, Texas. He will be speaking on "Reaching the Lost Through Sunday School".

The program personalities are ready. Our prayer is that you can share with us the dynamic spirit of God moves in our midst. — Clarence Shell Jr.

Church Music

Copyright law means you

There are many misconceptions concerning the copyright law, and they could

be costly.

If illegal music or literary (text) are found in your church, the following can happen:

- (1) The pastor is sued;
- (2) The deacons and trustees are sued;
- (3) The church is sued;
- (4) The individual who actually did the copy is sued.

Several lawsuits are being processed with four churches being sued for \$50,000, and one church has been ordered to sell half of its property to pay the lawsuit. The Religious Publishers are committed to selecting 10 churches who are breaking the copyright laws for immediate prosecution.

Section 106 of the 1976 copyright law defines 'Exclusive Rights in Copyrighted Works.' This covers literary (text), musical, dramatic, etc.

There are 'Limitations on Exclusive Rights' (sec. 107, Fair Use), but there are strict prohibitions defined in the report. This is where most of the misconception exists.

Recently a copyright attorney remarked, "I hope our choir directors don't spend their time in front of a jury instead of a choir."

The church development director of the Puget Sound Association gives this advice, "Destroy all copied music immediately. It is not worth it! If you need money, you do not print it. If you need a bus, you do not steal it. Please do not steal from a publisher. It is against the law, and our churches must not be involved." — Glen E. Ennes

Evangelism

Arkansas Baptist Evangelism Conference

This is the last call for the State Evangelism Conference Jan. 25-26. This conference for Southern and National Baptists in Arkansas will be at Park Hill Baptist Church, North Little Rock. The first session begins Monday afternoon, Jan. 25, at 1:30.

Landrum P. Leavell, president of New Orleans Seminary, will be our Bible teacher. He was pastor of First Church of Wichita



Leavell

John Gardner



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Tommy Robertson

Family and Child Care

A gift of real estate

Why does a person give a piece of real estate that was purchased for an investment to Arkansas Baptist Family and Child Care Services? That question was asked John S. McConaughay of Griffithville recently when he and his wife, Betty, gave five acres in the city of Searcy to this vital ministry.

An answer to such a question is not especially easy for someone who has always insisted on remaining anonymous for fear someone will think "he is tooting his own horn." But when we suggested doing the tooting that the Lord might use their example to motivate others to give, McConaughay replied, "I suppose it is okay if it will be to the advantage of children, but that is the only reason."

Many factors seem to emerge that have had an influence on such a decision. The McConaughays are farmers. Therefore, they have observed first-hand the work of God in the world and the importance of being good stewards of his blessings. They are Christians and members of Griffithville First Church. Their present pastor and wife, Brother and Mrs. Danny Jackson, along with others through the years, have had a positive influence.

As any parent will know, there are no better teachers for parents than their own children. The McConaughays are parents of four children. In addition, they have been foster parents for many more children through the years. John expressed it well when he said, "There is nothing like personal experience to learn about children."

Family and Child Care

Child Care trustees change

Plaques of recognition and appreciation for six years of faithful service as members of the board of trustees of Arkansas Baptist Family and Child Care Services were presented to Mrs. Betty Sims of Pine Bluff and Frank Huffman of Blytheville at the December meeting of the board of trustees. Not present at the meeting, but also receiving a plaque was Mrs. Mary Sawyer of Benton. A certificate was presented to Mrs. Linda Chapman of Monticello and to Winfred Bridges of Paragould for three-year terms of faithful service.

Richard Hill of Little Rock, Mrs. Jack Bledsoe of Des Arc, and Robert Hettinga of Dardanelle, joined Charles Ainley of Paragould, and Jess M. Lunsford of Heber Springs on the board as first-time members.

The board is composed of persons with a broad spectrum of professional skills. This is very important to the services of the agency. — Johnny G. Biggs, executive director

by Homer Shirley

God often uses other people beyond our own circle of family and church to influence us to important decisions. In this case, one of those people is Dr. George Wadley, a veterinarian from Searcy. Dr. Wadley, who is also a member of the board of trustees of Arkansas Baptist Family and Child Care Services, recently spoke about the



The McConaughays: helping give children a chance.

ministry of the agency to the congregation at First Church of Griffithville. That was "the last grain of powder," as John expressed it, that drove the idea home. It was an awareness of needs that finalized the decision.

The gift has been made for the purpose of meeting needs of children. John said he would "rather see parents raise their own children if the proper kind of love is present." Since that is not always the case, the McConaughays want to help provide for these children who have needs. "Children are easier to change than adults," John expressed. Therefore, they want to help give children a chance to become all they may possibly become through Christ and his love.

Well, there is the story — a beautiful one of Christian love, Godly influence and of commitment to Christ that results in the use of what he has entrusted to his people.

Plans have already begun for use of the property. The primary wish of the donors is to see it used for an Emergency Receiving Home in the Searcy area. With that in mind, a study is being made to determine needs and other available resources in the area. Hopefully others in the area will respond to help meet the needs of hurting children and families.

The admonition from the Lord to all of us through their example may well be that given to the lawyer after telling the parable of the Good Samaritan, "Go, and do thou likewise" (Luke 10:37).

Christian estate planning means



Planning for the unexpected Proverbs 6:6

Minimizing taxes Matthew 22:21

Providing for family needs I Timothy 5:8

Having a plan for final distribution Luke 12:20

Looking ahead toward retirement Proverbs 10:5

Recognizing God's Ownership I Chronicles 29:14

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Foundation someone to turn to

In an unavoidable financial crisis, where there is seemingly nowhere to turn, Arkansas pastors have a friend — the Arkansas Baptist Foundation. The Foundation oversees a fund designated to provide income for pastors in emergencies. Pictured above, Foundation associate Lewis Beckett presents Mrs. Linda Gallegly, widow of an Arkansas pastor who died in April 1981 after a long bout with cancer, a check to help out with medical bills. Since 1974, the fund has been used to aid other pastors beset with catastrophes including home fires, emergency medical and dental treatment and one bivocational pastor who was laid off his job. The funds are handed out on a case-by-case basis with available dollars dictating the size of the donation. "We want to remind people," Foundation president Harry D. Trulove said, "that the only limit to what can be done with the Foundation is their imagination."

TAX SEMINAR LEVY BAPTIST CHURCH 3501 Pike Ave.

January 27, 9:30 A.M.



Pastors and their spouses are cordially invited to attend a complimentary luncheon, beginning at 12 noon, January 26th. The 11-day Cruise/Pilgrimage in the footsteps of Paul and hosted by J. Everett Sneed and Drs. Munn, Terry and Tolar of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary will be fully explained at this luncheon. **JANUARY 26th @ NOON/BARING CROSS BAPTIST CHURCH/NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARK.** No matter what you plan for this summer . . . come and see!

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Ghana missionaries safe following military coup

ACCRA, Ghana (BP) — All Southern Baptist missionaries in Ghana are safe and activities there are returning to normal following a Dec. 31 military coup, according to reports received by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

The weekend following the coup, John Mills, the board's director for west Africa, received reports from all mission stations that missionaries were safe. Although borders remained closed and a nighttime curfew was imposed, missionaries were beginning to venture outside their homes and resume normal activities. The American Embassy had urged the estimated 1,500 Americans in the country to remain in their homes in the immediate wake of the coup.

Thirty-one of the 51 Southern Baptist missionaries stationed in Ghana and a volunteer family in transit to Togo were in the country during the coup, but the coup had little effect on those living outside Accra.

Arkansas residents Billy L. and Evelyn Bullington were among the missionaries stationed in Accra during the coup. Bullington is a native of Charleston. He and Mrs. Bullington are graduates of Ouachita Baptist University and have served in Arkansas at Bearden and Delight.

News reports indicate that Jerry J. Rawlings, the 34-year-old former flight lieutenant who staged the coup, has arrested former civilian president Hilla Limann and a number of other government officials. Two years ago, Rawlings staged a similar coup, overturning the government of Lt. Gen. Frederick Akuffo. He turned over leadership of the nation to Limann after a public election, but staged the recent coup, he said, because Limann had failed to stop corruption and had contributed to the country's economic decline.



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NASHVILLE — Wei Fung Lin (l), Taiwan, Huitshih Teung (c), Taiwan, and Hitomi Akasaka, Japan, take a short break from an afternoon of sightseeing while participating in the Friendship International House Christmas project. Lin, a student at Michigan State University, East Lansing; Teung, Wesleyan College, Macon, Ga.; and Akasaka, University of Tennessee, Martin; participated in the Friendship International House sponsored by Belmont Heights Baptist Church, Nashville. More than 500 international students participated in 25 cities across the U.S. this past year. Friendship International House, coordinated by the Sunday School Board's National Student Ministries, gives students a chance to view American life and to spend the holidays in a Christian atmosphere.

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CHURCHES	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM	DESIGNATED GIFTS	CHURCHES	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM	DESIGNATED GIFTS	CHURCHES	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM	DESIGNATED GIFTS
STATE AT LARGE								
INDIVIDUAL RECEIPTS	21,585.67	59,327.64	SALINE	900.35	100.00	BUCKNER		
ARK BAPTIST FUND	10,777.69	62,047.15	SELMA	146.19		BUCKNER ASSN		685.38
S A WITTELOW, MEM.		325.00	UNION HILL	390.00		ARBIT	491.66	135.78
HUBER L DRUMWRIGHT,		315.00	WARREN 1ST	34,299.45	11,330.15	BATES	1,052.25	
RUSSELLVILLE 1ST	46,476.44	13,990.96	WEST SIDE WARREN	1,275.65	227.79	CALVARY, BOONEVILLE		
MT PLEASANT	89.00	50.00	WILMAR	2,027.63	1,086.20	CAUTION		
JERICHO INACTIVE			SOUTHSIDE	916.97		CLARKS CHAPEL	106.30	100.00
VANDERBILT AVENUE	2,250.30	155.95				DAYTON	35.00	
BETHANY, MANILA			ASSOCIATION TOTALS	110,811.36	30,135.96	DEWITT	2,085.22	1,249.64
NEW LIFE			BENTON COUNTY			DENION	323.64	
PINE BLUFF CHMP-DS	18,293.96	150.00	BENTON ASSN			EVENING SHADE	2,205.50	220.50
FAITH COMMUNITY BAP	1,055.35	439.00	BELLA VISTA	21,629.03	11,799.60	FELLOWSHIP	1,063.75	743.96
KIRKINGHER HILLS	200.00		BENTONVILLE 1ST	22,325.02	6,409.79	FRIENDSHIP	237.12	1,340.00
CALVARY, ASDOOM	1,726.78		CENTERTON 1ST	4,041.00	1,321.71	HART CREEK	10,178.63	288.13
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	102,455.19	136,800.70	CENTRAL AVE-BENTON	1,578.46	553.06	HOM	1,361.30	300.00
ARKANSAS VALLEY			DECATUR 1ST	8,299.74	2,412.50	HUNTINGTOWN	1,218.96	235.00
ARKANSAS VALLEY ASSN			GARFIELD 1ST	2,400.00	3,307.88	IGONE	88.11	
BARTON	2,789.05	92.50	GENTRY 1ST	20,594.99	5,240.17	JAMES FORK	2,420.74	2,040.10
BRICKETS	880.21	497.80	GRANETTE 1ST	3,602.88	2,071.84	LONG RIDGE	1,285.27	746.00
BRINKLEY 1ST	38,985.14	21,192.04	GUM SPRINGS			MANSFIELD 1ST	8,971.78	2,136.45
CHAFFIELD-DISSBANDED			HAYWARD AVE, SILOAM	9,630.75	1,477.47	MILANO 1ST	2,888.90	338.25
CLARENDON 1ST	21,638.56	2,115.80	HIGHLIFT 1ST	4,324.49	3,071.71	MILPROVIDENCE	241.86	80.00
ELAINE	21,637.68	564.88	IMMUNEL, ROGERS	34,848.97	16,713.32	PARKS	2,164.38	251.16
FRIDESHIP	874.30	158.75	LAKEVIEW	1,196.91	1,542.72	PLEASANT GROVE 23	1,028.72	388.38
HELENA 1ST	18,978.28	7,540.46	LOWELL	4,479.53	612.00	PLEASANT GROVE #3		499.23
HUGHES 1ST	8,199.99	8,050.52	MADOR VALLEY	2,966.29	787.15	ROCK CREEK		20.00
LAMBROOK 1ST	1,810.52	168.58	MODER	2,745.87	672.33	SHILOH		
LEDEN	4,984.82	3,274.35	OPEN DOOR	8,196.63	762.15	TEMPLE, MALDRON	964.54	75.00
MARIANNA 1ST	16,792.36	7,556.77	PARK STREET, BENTON	786.53	109.82	UNION HOPE	359.95	
MARYVALL 1ST	9,380.00	631.95	PEA RIDGE 1ST	20,494.24	2,416.98	UNITY	175.07	
MORDO	1,726.50	1,895.00	PLEASANT HILL	1,185.38	406.85	WALDRON 1ST	25,151.20	5,295.70
NORTH SIDE, HELENA	1,771.31		ROGERS 1ST	48,799.95	8,027.64	WEST HARTFORD	692.90	1,456.91
PETTYS CHAPEL			SILOAM SPRINGS 1ST	28,122.87	14,578.03	WINDFIELD	586.59	
SNOW LAKE	483.76	583.40	SUGAR CREEK	694.33		SOUTHSIDE, MALDRON	608.62	71.49
TURNER	1,124.52	362.71	SUNNY SPRINGS 1ST	3,379.02	574.93	BOLE'S MISSION	283.10	250.00
WEST HELENA	25,364.82	8,823.00	SUNNY SIDE	3,379.02	294.45	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	86,685.12	18,445.83
WEST HELENA 2ND	8,478.55	2,000.00	TRINITY, ROGERS	316.63	384.79	BUCKVILLE		
BRIGADMOOR	3,317.18	1,092.00	TWELVE CORNERS	99.32	44.00	BUCKVILLE ASSN		
IMMANUEL, ELAINE	1,782.49	1,037.75	UNION TOWN HILLS	551.27	143.23	CONCORD	25.00	
HOLLY GROVE 1ST SOU	1,467.23	98.01	FAITH	778.00	452.90	MT. TABOR	659.00	
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	181,517.27	67,736.27	LAKESIDE	2,237.29	1,803.40	ROCK SPRINGS	1,030.91	155.45
ASHLEY COUNTY			ASSOCIATION TOTALS	260,855.41	90,271.72	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	1,714.91	155.45
ASHLEY CO ASSN			BIG CREEK			CADDO RIVER		
FALVARY, CROSSSETT			BIG CREEK ASSN	24.00	30.00	CADDO RIVER ASSN		
CORINTH	2,430.37	243.58	COURTY LINE	55.00		UNITY 1ST	1,100.00	116.03
CROSSSETT 1ST	115,783.68	18,558.33	ELIZABETH	110.00	65.00	BLACK SPRINGS	935.04	32.92
CROSSSETT 2ND	758.94		FLORA	100.00	15.00	CADDO GAP	195.00	
EDEN	1,814.01		GUM SPRINGS	25.00		GLENNWOOD 1ST	11,580.35	1,953.65
FELLOWSHIP	670.38	280.60	MAMOUTH SPRING	1,227.98		HILL SIDE	1,344.14	615.00
FOUNTAIN HILL 1ST	2,147.74	879.82	MT. Zion	180.00	200.00	LIBERTY		
GARDNER	2,659.03	381.83	SPRING RIVER	1,089.15	799.10	LITTLE HOPE	200.00	
HARBURG 1ST	20,000.00	6,027.81	VIDLA	360.00	1,362.11	MT LEO	281.71	
JARVIS CHAPEL	897.31		ASSOCIATION TOTALS	3,171.13	2,471.21	MT IDA 1ST	8,028.70	3,331.23
MAGNOLIA	18,631.26	3,884.37	BLACK RIVER			MURPHY	720.00	1,252.99
MARTINVILLE	670.13		BLACK RIVER ASSN	2,222.35	366.00	MORRAN 1ST		
MEDEIAN	9,727.00	979.64	ALICIA	300.00	108.00	ODEN 1ST	1,211.85	406.00
MT OLIVE	20,853.62	2,813.59	AMAGON	300.00		PENCIL BLUFF	1,623.99	343.75
MT PLEASANT	2,396.00	492.50	BANKS	52.78		REFUGE	703.74	65.00
NORTH CROSSSETT 1ST	8,190.90	4,251.46	BLACK ROCK 1ST	212.48	165.55	SALMUR SPRINGS	388.87	100.00
SANDIS	282.95		CAMPBELL STATION	650.00	847.80	PINE RIDGE	348.00	140.00
SHILOH	643.91	242.52	CLEAR SPRINGS			BIG FORK MSSH		
TEMPLE	20,246.19	8,300.12	COLLEGE CITY	1,323.03	755.74	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	28,551.86	8,809.72
PLEASANT LAKE	1,308.26	475.09	DIAR	1,562.36	332.10	CALVARY		
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	229,869.14	45,907.76	GRUBBS 1ST	1,610.95	571.55	CALVARY ASSN	600.00	840.00
BARTHOLOMEW			HORSESHOE	54.43		ANTIOCH	18,130.38	11,808.26
BARTHOLOMEW ASSN	32.65		HOGIE 1ST	2,194.62	517.70	3BEEB 1ST	10,811.49	4,762.73
ANTIOCH	1,000.00		IMMOEN 1ST	6,426.29	3,902.44	BETHANY	826.41	21.00
CORINTH			IMMANUEL, NEWPORT	4,280.00	1,906.50	CENTRAL S BALD KNOB	17,251.18	9,056.23
CORINTH	632.38	235.24	JACKSONPORT	3,705.00		COTTON PLANT 1ST	5,863.00	3,179.00
EAGLE LAKE	248.02		MURPHY'S CORNER	140.00	40.00	CROSBY	626.65	336.00
ENGLEZIER	2,147.00	688.31	NEW HOPE 21, SMITH	344.84	91.00	EL PASO	751.04	290.60
ENON	2,530.38	964.75	NEW HOPE 22, HARDY	344.67	100.00	GODD HOPE	647.67	316.00
FLORENCE	138.00	132.25	NEWPORT 1ST	35,528.21	10,259.83	GRACE	2,487.51	840.03
HERITAGE	5,193.64	562.89	OLD WALNUT RIDGE	1,363.16	734.92	GREGORY	1,140.00	310.00
IMMANUEL, WARREN	22,723.22	1,456.88	PITTS	176.04	68.70	GRIFFITHVILLE 1ST	907.44	46.00
LADOLE	1,456.88	159.31	RAVENSDEN 1ST	920.26	25.00	GRISTINSON	2,400.00	2,005.48
NACOGDONIA	290.00		SEDOGICK	907.01	700.75	HUNTER 1ST	2,445.00	1,208.06
MARDISON	100.00	125.00	SMITHVILLE	3,122.88	1,405.75	JUNOSONIA 1ST	8,672.72	3,968.13
MONTICELLO 1ST	27,224.91	6,131.01	SPRING LAKE	2,248.76	658.40	KENSSET 1ST	8,269.80	2,864.28
MONTICELLO 2ND	5,131.19	907.70	SWIFTON	2,059.78	761.82	LENERZ	520.82	353.00
NO SIDE, MONTICELLO	1,636.32	355.00	TUCKERMAN 1ST	1,575.00	1,700.75	MCCRORY 1ST	6,679.32	3,259.02
OLD UNION	31.53		WALNUT RIDGE 1ST	23,088.50	9,529.24	MCDAY 1ST	3,241.00	889.00
PLEASANT GROVE	75.00		WHITE OAK	2,000.00	406.91	MIDWAY	413.75	
PRAIRIE GROVE	120.00		CALVARY, WAL RIDGE	638.26	330.26			
			SOUTHSIDE	772.71	190.00			
			PORTIA 1ST SOU MSSN	261.43	159.26			
			ASSOCIATION TOTALS	97,602.77	35,789.96			

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MORROW	DISBANDED		BUIE		66.14	NORTH SIDE	CHARLEST	1,882.14	1,608.63
MORTON	1,580.80	1,074.74	CALVARY, BENTON	17,221.55	3,693.59	NORTH SIDE	FT SMITH	4,316.00	2,008.10
MT HERMON	1,694.58	1,983.25	CENTRAL, HOT SPRING	20,862.10	7,561.22	PALESTINE	9,196.21	9,171.18	
PANGBORN IST	4,438.02	270.00	GILKAD	394.98	23.98	PARIS IST	922.28	4,018.90	
PATTERSON IST	771.04	524.71	GILKAD HILL	1,438.94		PHOENIX VILLE	6,699.54	2,704.62	
PLEASANT GROVE	1,422.12	813.00	HIGHLAND HEIGHTS	20,889.54	7,821.81	PINE LODGE	99.21	753.13	
PLEASANT VALLEY	594.38	212.32	HOLTSVILLE, ALEXANDER	1,672.12	17,340.16	ROSEVILLE	2,112.01	4,971.65	
RAYMOND GROVE	192.50	83.00	HOT SPRINGS FIRST	30,578.82	12,534.36	ROSEVILLE	595.97	4,171.16	
ROCKY POINT	80.50		HOT SPRINGS 2ND	81,805.70	19,302.49	RYE HILL	94,588.12	1,977.72	
ROSE BUD	2,450.50	1,144.95	HURRICANE LAKE	4,581.43	988.12	SOUTH SIDE	WOODSEYVILLE	2,991.19	1,318.58
SEARCY IST	82,310.89	17,582.59	LEASIDE HARTZTON	5,107.28	2,126.79	SOUTH SIDE	FT SMITH	7,031.64	8,033.90
SEARCY 2ND	1,310.94	385.00	LAKESHORE HEIGHTS	3,462.13	1,752.45	SPEARING	3,913.00	1,882.44	
TEMPLE, SEARCY	13,961.01	2,080.31	LAESIDE	6,985.00	3,331.36	TEMPLE, FT. SMITH	7,931.99	2,124.87	
TRINITY, SEARCY	5,246.28	4,947.08	LEE CHAPEL	3,816.14	1,224.30	TRINITY, HOT SP. SMITH	9,115.92	3,000.00	
TUPAC	1,307.19	1,661.88	LEWISVILLE ST+HOT SPGS	1,524.20	1,041.11	UNION HALL			
UNION VALLEY	1,122.19		LONSDALE	614.61		VESTA			
WEST POINT	658.38		MALVERN 3RD	19,135.78	4,234.15	WINSTON PARK	2,400.00	1,899.81	
VALLEY	5,313.00	1,497.06	MEMORIAL	6,094.75	9,701.58	DELAWARE	2,876.35	497.39	
ROYAL HILL	136.25	79.00	MT VERNON	17,180.50	1,077.26	WESTSIDE			
DENMARK	481.00	654.00	OLD UNION	2,128.03	486.75	WEST ARIZ. MISSION	280.07	1,138.00	
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	201,512.21	79,648.86	OWENSVILLE	2,906.00	1,570.00	SOUTH SIDE MSN, PARIS	225.00	61.55	
			PEARCY	1,498.17	372.61	CALVARY MISSION	232.26	492.76	
CAREY			PINEY	10,628.89	372.61	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	723,483.21	216,483.76	
CAREY ASSN	6,795.94	2,715.48	PLEASANT HILL	3,905.92	1,165.91				
BEHESDA	429.10	171.31	RIDGECREST	1,462.44	325.08				
CALVARY, CAMDEN	5,789.52	1,900.23	RIEFSIDE	2,103.52	913.99				
DALLAR	50.00	30.00	SALEM	1,550.80	1,550.80				
EAGLE HILLS	1,856.50	212.07	SEARCY	4,904.80	338.05				
FAITH	19,300.00	11,042.73	SHERIDAN 1ST SOU	1,134.96	110.25				
FORDYCE IST	7,826.63	1,752.63	SHOREWOOD HILLS	986.25					
HAMPION IST	1,299.92		TRINITY, BENTON	11,575.00	3,005.02				
HOLLY SPRINGS	1,117.04		VALMONT	1,718.50	2,005.43				
MANNING	1,388.10		WALNUT VALLEY	2,920.49	1,227.84				
NEW HOPE	1,372.40	222.50	WARGELINA ROAD MASN	6,394.53	4,744.92				
QUICKEN TA	597.10	55.00	WALNUT VALLEY	2,947.53	994.80				
PROSPERITY	901.24	911.00	WATKINS	2,947.53	4,744.92				
SHADY GROVE	47.88	537.49	WATKINS	2,947.53	4,744.92				
SOUTH SIDE, FORDYCE	1,614.64		WEAVERVIEW	370.58	155.72				
SPARKMAN IST	17,245.00	15,447.00	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	316,811.64	109,998.12				
THORNTON IST	1,713.27								
TINSMAN IST	180.00	100.00							
TULIP MEMORIAL	226.98	25.00							
WILLOW									
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	48,951.88	35,800.88							
CAROLINE			CLEAR CREEK						
CAROLINE ASSN	1,735.00	664.51	CLEAR CREEK ASSN						
AUSTIN STATION	1,756.84	275.00	ALMA IST	1,373.80	699.66				
BAUGH CHAPEL	1,205.19	1,205.19	ALVA 1ST	2,705.17	276.65				
BENTON IST	1,205.19	1,205.19	BATSON	599.00	838.00				
BROWNVILLE	2,150.93	366.93	CASS	334.75	350.00				
CABOT IST	45,344.50	8,425.58	CEADRYVILLE	3,624.82	608.73				
CABOT 2ND	296.15	186.50	CLACKSVILLE IST	18,272.43	11,991.35				
CADIZ	1,494.52	510.84	CLARKSVILLE 2ND	1,709.13	1,341.65				
CARLEISLE IST	28,541.12	5,640.47	COAL HILL IST	850.19	189.05				
CHAMBERS	56.78		CONCORD	6,702.87	1,580.52				
COCKLEBUR	692.20	35.00	CORNER 1ST	1,374.17	276.65				
COLEMAN	1,951.87	709.04	E. MT ZION, TRINITY	1,345.48	406.80				
CROSSROADS	26,934.25	4,444.07	HAGARVILLE	129.10					
DES ARC 1ST	2,700.92	122.50	HARTMAN IST	1,096.22	335.00				
DEWALLS BLUFF IST	2,335.97	2,703.55	KELER	3,883.53	23.00				
ENGLEWOOD	18,725.09	5,122.80	LAMAR	3,583.50	1,796.93				
HUNNOK IST	1,516.73	181.13	MOUNTAINBURG IST	1,000.00	352.00				
IMMANUEL, CARLEISLE	3,972.88	1,259.27	MUGBERRY IST	11,687.51	2,332.50				
KOZ	4,406.85	1,523.81	NAAR GROVE	2,822.22	4,881.81				
LONDRE	17,707.80	5,306.51	OGARK IST	19,931.86	3,008.22				
MT CARREL	19,477.86	1,184.98	OGDEN	1,308.18	1,195.00				
MTH SPRINGS	1,107.73	573.46	ROE	223.50	106.00				
NEW HOPE	517.92	186.07	SHADY GROVE						
OX GROVE	1,200.00	1,051.00	SHIBLEY	1,175.50	335.88				
OLD AUSTIN	871.04	528.63	SPADNA	2,570.00	710.00				
PLEASANT HILL	1,809.97	375.00	TRINITY, ALVA	1,862.50	1,092.50				
STEEL BRIDGE	3,642.89	1,885.00	UNION GROVE	1,130.15	300.25				
TOTALC	3,684.80	3,096.25	UNIONTON	106.83	306.25				
WARD IST	5,893.44	3,963.84	VAN BUREN IST	34,271.63	9,544.95				
WATKINS	5,077.98	1,816.93	VAN BUREN 2ND	686.54	38.09				
WORTH	606.81	238.12	VINE PRAIRIE	1,035.08	159.28				
CALVARY, WARD	2,626.95	307.95	WEBB CITY	2,622.20	1,246.71				
EDBERSON MEM BAPTIS	44.32		WOODLAND	200.00	380.00				
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	237,256.75	53,033.04	EAST SIDE MISSION						
			CLEAR CREEK SO WAFF	22,651.06	4,777.13				
			DARR	371.46	250.00				
			ASSOCIATION TOTALS	157,455.49	50,687.89				
			CONCORD						
			CONCORD ASSN						
			GARLING IST	4,268.40	2,025.82				
			BETHEL	1,618.30	244.50				
			BLUMBERG	1,300.00	193.59				
			BLUFF AVE, FT SMITH	1,687.76	300.00				
			BUONVILLE IST	14,201.37	4,402.50				
			BRANCM	4,983.88	1,425.04				
			BURNSVILLE		298.32				
			CALVARY, FT. SMITH	21,429.79	6,777.21				
			CHARLESTON 1ST	10,750.80	4,971.56				
			EAST SIDE, FT SMITH	48,116.26	7,798.87				
			ENTERPRISE	2,106.20	816.23				
			ESTABLISH	1,337.18	345.00				
			FORT SMITH IST	20,559.75	72,013.83				
			GLENDALE	2,237.87	762.26				
			GRAND AVE, FT SMITH	209,691.19	45,734.02				
			GREENWOOD	31,027.88	5,230.91				
			MACKRETT IST	1,133.05	275.35				
			HAVEN HEIGHTS	8,927.00	3,072.00				
			HIGHLAND 4th IST	31,367.19	31,367.19				
			IMMANUEL, FT SMITH	22,359.59	3,150.89				
			JENNY LIND IST	6,911.78	1,276.00				
			KAGALEA IST	19,873.43	7,120.19				
			MAGAZINE IST	4,302.50	1,480.00				
			MEMORIAL	1,756.23	925.50				
			MIRON	996.84	234.00				
			MT. HAMPTON	239.32	239.32				
			MT. ZION	109.00	109.00				
			NEW HOPE	5,299.68	1,108.42				

CHURCHES	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM	DESIGNATED GIFTS	CHURCHES	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM	DESIGNATED GIFTS	CHURCHES	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM	DESIGNATED GIFTS
PLAINVIEW IST	1,486.20	1,444.09	UNITY	296.42	328.50	LOUANN	763.76	307.39
PLEASANT VIEW	459.77	96.00	VINES CHAPEL	66.84	23.00	MAPLE AVE. SMACKOVER	18,425.33	17,561.17
POITTSVILLE	2,413.36	353.12	WALDOTT	2,916.38	27.00	MARABLE HILL	1,925.19	906.45
ROSELIN	388.17	362.90	WEST VIEW	5,671.84	2,257.29	MIDWAY	1,622.00	151.00
RUSSELLVILLE ZND	16,180.91	2,295.27				NEW LONDON	1,748.59	
IMMANUEL, DANVILLE	2,741.00	893.37	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	111,645.08	36,078.21	NORHPHLET IST	2,430.59	6,037.76
CALVARY, DARDANELLE	618.00					PARKVIEW	12,961.87	3,852.57
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	82,823.98	28,709.96				PHILADELPHIA	3,490.47	264.50
						SALEM	5,088.00	1,670.50
						SMACKOVER IST	40,473.60	7,567.07
						SOUTH SIDE-EL DORADO	1,271.17	4,870.00
						STEPHENS IST	18,113.17	6,844.72
						STRUNG IST	19,531.28	75.00
						SYLVAN HILLS	600.00	
						TENNIE, CAMDEN	2,397.69	267.71
						TEMPLE, EL DORADO	1,581.31	246.07
						THREE CREEKS	5,007.10	1,113.41
						TRINITY, EL DORADO	14,661.39	9,008.52
						UNION	14,148.50	2,100.00
						URBANA IST	2,768.93	690.00
						VICTORY	1,362.70	1,358.50
						VILLAGE	2,186.81	1,068.30
						WESCON	2,353.75	1,472.12
						WEST SIDE-EL DORADO	23,646.47	7,880.98
						WHITE CITY	155.00	20.00
						WILDWOOD	689.74	50.00
						ASSOCIATION TOTALS	563,887.98	263,154.72
						LITTLE RED RIVER		
						LITTLE RED RIV ASSN		
						BROWNVILLE	695.49	384.77
						CENTER RIDGE	296.53	430.85
						CONCORD IST	2,393.38	1,097.59
						HARRIS CHAPEL	158.92	
						HEBER SPRINGS IST	47,441.76	6,477.46
						LIPELINE	60.00	
						LONDON STAR		
						MT. OLIVE	180.00	1,002.00
						MT. Zion	150.00	418.01
						NEW BETHEL	67.78	5.74
						PINE DAK	1,167.32	552.52
						PINES	1,047.92	1,180.00
						PLEASANT RIVER	110.00	57.40
						PLEASANT VALLEY	1,121.98	157.16
						ROCKFORD IST	133.60	35.00
						GUITMAN	2,697.58	1,444.01
						SOUTH SIDE-HEBER SP	2,985.10	3,505.81
						WESTSIDE IST	2,529.86	565.75
						WOODBORN		488.87
						BREWER MTN MISSION		
						ASSOCIATION TOTALS	63,837.02	17,803.27
						LITTLE RIVER		
						LITTLE RIVER ASSN		
						ASHWOOD IST	28,498.55	11,717.33
						BEN LOMOND IST	564.39	
						BINGEN IST	774.23	1,100.00
						BROOKSTOWN		
						CENTRAL-MINERAL SPG	2,750.00	3,547.60
						CHAPEL HILL	1,693.44	1,876.78
						COLUMBUS	600.86	305.00
						DIBARK IST	2,917.32	765.38
						FOREMAN IST	3,232.98	1,659.85
						HICKS IST	913.41	463.77
						HOARAT IST	1,500.00	2,759.71
						KERN HEIGHTS	1,200.00	560.25
						LOCKESBORO	4,483.29	2,355.69
						LONE DAK	180.00	50.00
						MT. HOLBEIN CHAPEL	1,271.86	295.38
						MURKREESBORO IST	5,572.44	2,134.50
						NASHVILLE IST	38,504.62	14,213.36
						NEW HOME	1,285.84	382.13
						OAK GROVE	837.75	326.81
						OSZAN, INACTIVE		
						RIDGEWAY	8,200.21	1,895.00
						ROCK HILL		
						STATE LINE	100.00	200.00
						WASHINGTON	360.00	200.00
						WILMOT IST	2,028.57	467.06
						WILNETHRUP IST		
						LAKESIDE	1,965.42	236.70
						CROSS ROADS IST	950.18	282.45
						ASSOCIATION TOTALS	109,417.46	47,747.57
						MISSISSIPPI COUNTY		
						MISSISSIPPI CO ASSN		
						ARCADE	5,567.10	807.38
						BETHANY,BLYTHEVILLE	369.47	90.47
						BLACKWATER	548.89	85.20
						BLYTHEVILLE IST	91,316.34	16,822.65
						BREITEL CHAPEL		
						BROWN CHAPEL	1,029.71	31.23
						CALVARY,BLYTHEVILLE	4,202.87	372.44
						CALVARY, OSCEOLA	2,415.10	899.98
						CENTRAL DRESS	2,309.00	264.44
						CLEAR LAKE	4,408.89	2,470.89
						COLE RIDGE	2,236.96	601.85
						CROSSROADS	407.46	190.16
						CROSSROADS	3,066.00	1,000.00
						EAST SIDE, OSCEOLA	1,221.51	443.00
						EMMANUEL,BLYTHEVILLE	1,354.27	359.09
						ETOWAH	488.25	
						GOSWELL	10,458.98	1,562.59
						JOINER	1,799.80	505.79
						KEISER IST	2,064.11	135.50

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CALVARY, TEXARKANA	13,341.89	4,157.51	PROVIDENCE	348.28	260.61	WHITEVILLE	562.63	475.55
CANFIELD	778.78	1,363.04	RED OAK	178.50	102.08	YELLVILLE	7,030.29	3,444.41
CENTRAL MAGNOLIA	73,754.09	59,469.62	RIVERVALE	1,215.88		BIG FLAT MISSION	333.66	30.00
FOURIE 1ST	7,367.00	2,072.33	TRINITY	1,344.91	143.17	HILL TOP	570.77	173.00
FOUNTAIN	1,408.00	1,168.00	TRUMANN 1ST	20,507.07	6,122.17	PEEL	546.03	204.62
GARLAND	180.00	35.00	TYRONZA 1ST	7,229.76	1,938.95			
GENDA 1ST	1,320.00	227.06	WELLS VIEW	591.84	353.35	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	92,075.88	33,076.74
GUERNSEY	100.00		WEINER 1ST	1,487.44	700.00			
HALLY LAKE	294.93							
HARMONY GROVE	50.00	382.50	SHILOH					
HICKORY ST TEXARKANA	880.00	1,051.00	WALDENBURG	104.02	40.78			
HIGHLAND HILLS	939.77	936.15	CENTRAL BAPTIST CHU	705.19	190.00			
HOPE 1ST	48,780.33	18,270.26						
IMMANUEL MAGNOLIA	11,487.98	1,583.00	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	91,344.50	18,375.67			
IMMANUEL, TEXARKANA	11,487.98	1,504.80						
LEWISVILLE 1ST	5,989.46	2,992.93						
MACDONNIA 1ST	671.00							
MACDONNIA 22	1,000.00	781.00	CLINTON 1ST	8,227.27	3,576.25			
MANDEVILLE	423.10	40.00	HALFMOON	84.62				
MEMORIAL	6,944.87	2,841.50	ANGORA					
MITCHELL ST, TEXARKA	130.00		IMMANUEL & CLINTON	673.19	115.80			
MT. ZION	453.00	600.00	LESLIE 1ST	10,132.95	1,633.79			
NORTH EAST TEXARKANA	3,761.84	1,038.96	NEM HOPEWELL	162.85	30.00			
PINEY GROVE	1,345.42	79.17	NORTH CENTRAL ASSN					
PISGAH	955.91		BEE BRANCH	924.36	933.28			
RED RIVER	195.00	60.00	DORCHESTER	130.00				
ROCKY MOUND	839.89		CORINTH					
SHILOH MEMORIAL	8,400.03	1,172.58	FORNOSA	2,824.78	1,504.50			
SOUTH TEXARKANA	2,870.01	380.08	FRIENDSHIP	3,638.96	2,571.45			
SPRINGHILL	1,086.45		GARDNER	168.82				
STAMPS 1ST	12,967.14	8,703.87	PEE DEE	810.33	269.00			
SILVERING	761.29	287.00	PLANT					
TENNESSEE	1,896.47	548.84	PLEASANT VALLEY	253.68	2.32			
TRINITY, TEXARKANA	23,404.48	2,647.88	RUPERT	1,063.62				
WESTSIDE MAGNOLIA	1,151.52	148.91	SCOTLAND	987.81	547.22			
FAITH, TEXARKANA	3,749.00	387.00	SHADY GROVE	830.92				
FALCON 1ST BAPT CHU	336.89		SHIRLEY	1,126.34	432.73			
			BURNT RIDGE	90.00	495.00			
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	322,156.06	141,785.22	ZION					
			FAIRFIELD BAY	7,650.57	3,063.05			
			ASSOCIATION TOTALS	40,326.67	15,174.39			
TRI-COUNTY			WASHINGTON-MADISON					
PLEASANT HILL	358.69	50.00	WASHINGTON-MADISON					
TRICOUNTY ASSN			BERRY STREET & SPGDALE	860.00	993.00			
ANTIOCH	180.00	117.00	BRUSH CREEK	2,005.39	583.15			
BARTON CHAPEL	2,285.47	687.01	CALVARY, HUNTSVILLE	1,556.87	308.94			
BECKSPUR	2,024.85	800.00	CAUDLE AVE, SPGDALE	4,834.99	1,309.83			
BURNT CAME			CORNS	120.00	60.00			
CALVARY, W. MEMPHIS	15,919.10	7,380.32	ELKINS 1ST	200.00	905.06			
CHERRY VALLEY	6,549.30	1,710.27	EMDALE	35,234.35	11,393.86			
CORT	485.00	504.50	FARMINGTON 1ST	273.62	778.07			
CUMFORDSVILLE 1ST	3,157.78	486.60	FAYETTEVILLE 1ST	37,330.62	28,470.19			
EARLE	21,985.10	6,300.15	COLLEGE AVENUE	201.60	199.25			
EMMANUEL FOR CITY	3,243.41	194.35	FRIENDSHIP	89.23	21.00			
FAITH DAKS	3,109.51	1,017.42	GREENLAND 1ST	149.11	149.99			
FAITH	96.20		HARDY 1ST	1,425.99	776.05			
FITZGERALD	2,419.88	1,007.30	IMMANUEL 1ST	2,465.34	1,163.00			
FORREST CITY 1ST	20,504.96	11,843.10	EMMANUEL & FAYETTEVILLE	9,146.40	1,851.77			
FORREST CITY 2ND	3,670.94	1,180.95	JORNISON	1,613.62	872.00			
GLADWIN	830.93	50.00	KINGSTON 1ST SOU	2,828.98	532.33			
GODWIN	888.45	63.20	LIBERTY	3,516.81	1,918.10			
HARRIS CHAPEL	1,554.00	50.00	LINCOLN 1ST	7,173.15	2,030.54			
HYDRIK	927.70	50.00	NEM HOPE - INACTIVE		10.95			
INDIAN BOULEVARD	12,493.88	3,280.25	JACK GROVE	1,393.80	10.95			
MADISON 1ST	860.00	895.85	PRAIRIE GROVE 1ST	8,354.29	3,414.54			
MARION	16,012.60	1,565.75	PROVIDENCE	1,083.43	124.12			
MIDWAY	797.14	288.00	RODGVIEW		366.00			
PALESTINE	119.52		ROLLING HILLS	1,321.09	1,178.35			
PARKIN 1ST	10,656.96	7,591.42	SILENT GROVE	1,212.25	188.33			
PINE TREE	635.31	460.32	SOMERA	1,696.80	2,046.48			
SHELL LAKE	300.00	104.11	SOUTHSIDE & FAYETTEVILLE	457.16	80.94			
TILTON			SPRINGDALE 1ST	75,826.86	55,577.22			
TOGO	1,659.39	633.83	SULPHUR CITY	1,371.72	935.47			
TURRELL	2,118.63	420.00	UNIVERSITY & FAYETTEVILLE	5,500.00	18,936.11			
UNION AVENUE, WYNNE	9,750.85	328.51	WEST FORK	4,739.21	1,713.49			
WANNDALE	1,115.85	301.52	WELDON 1ST	2,996.62	1,945.53			
WEST MEMPHIS 1ST	131,013.33	36,897.05	SANG AVENUE	266.89	1,226.20			
WEST MEMPHIS 2ND	8,915.74	866.12	NORTHEAST SOU MESSN	709.90	753.78			
WHEATLEY	2,335.45	3,922.00	WEDDINGTON WOODS FIR	104.56				
WIDENER	550.00							
WYNNE	43,286.15	18,594.20	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	229,576.76	145,053.15			
EAST BAPTIST CHURCH	1,697.85	847.88						
GATEWAY MESSN, INACTI								
LAKESHORE	160.00							
IMMANUEL	1,258.93	458.00						
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	334,304.03	110,756.98						
TRINITY			WHITE RIVER					
CALVARY, LEPANTO	562.09		MORNING STAR	505.20	34.00			
TRINITY ASSN			WHITE RIVER ASSN		100.00			
ANDERSON TULLY	335.34	50.00	ANTIOCH - INACTIVE					
BETHEL			ARANKA	790.55	61.30			
BLACK OAK	1,029.17		BRUND	641.23	250.19			
CALVARY, HARRISBURG	4,314.30	870.42	BULL SHOALS 1ST	3,318.36	920.14			
CORNERS CHAPEL	2,430.12	266.80	COTTER 1ST	3,608.59	1,940.50			
EASTSIDE, TRUMANN	350.36	136.00	EASTSIDE, MTH HOME	10,930.72	2,428.24			
FAITH	280.00	280.00	FELPPIN 1ST	6,568.45	2,229.22			
FISHING	1,214.12	777.05	GASSVILLE	2,977.29	2,963.24			
FREER	1,106.33		HENDERSON 1ST	2,047.79	273.16			
GREENFIELD	1,324.00	274.00	HOPEWELL	766.24	229.50			
HARRISBURG 1ST	8,237.25	1,288.00	LONE ROCK	270.79	316.72			
LEBANON	1,909.80	118.00	MIDWAY	2,400.18	631.02			
LEPANTO 1ST	12,248.67	1,056.71	MOUNTAIN HOME 1ST	38,328.33	14,684.27			
MAPLE GROVE	438.33	300.00	NEM HOPE	1,239.24	415.37			
MARLED TREE 1ST	9,343.30	1,343.30	NORFORK 1ST	1,742.57	5.00			
McCORMICK	15.00	15.00	DAY GROVE - INACTIVE					
NEAL'S CHAPEL	371.75	32.00	PILGRIMS REST	490.00	230.00			
NEISWANDER	100.00	400.00	PYATT	1,511.59	453.69			
PLEASANT GROVE	655.17	444.37	REA VALLEY	482.64	917.81			
PLEASANT HILL	1,578.00	150.00	TOKANAWK	917.81	468.88			
PLEASANT VALLEY	1,727.99	744.91		492.93	156.72			



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International

A new beginning

by W. T. Holland, Boyce Bible School

Basic passages: Luke 3:15-22; 4:14-44; 7:19-23

Focal passages: Luke 3:15-22; 7:19-23

The miraculous nature of Jesus' birth being known only to a few, he is introduced by Luke as the Messiah by John's preaching, by the events accompanying his baptism, by his own preaching to his home folks at Nazareth, and by the works done before the deputation sent to him by the Baptist in prison.

1. To what may we compare the excitement caused by the preaching of John the Baptist? In America in January, 1776, Thomas Paine published a 48-page pamphlet entitled "Common Sense" urging separation from Great Britain. By spring, 100,000 copies were circulating in the colonies. This helped to fuel the flames of their passion for independence.

2. Josephus says that Herod Antipas put John in prison because he feared his influence with the people. Luke tells us the real reason (3:19, 20), which Herod hardly dared admit publicly. Communist rulers gave as their reason for imposing martial law in Poland: the leaders of Solidarity were inciting to anarchy. The real reason was that some union leaders had dared propose a national plebiscite to determine whether Poland desired Communism at all. No form of dictatorship dares risk such a vote.

3. If baptism pictures a death, burial and resurrection, why was Jesus baptized? Not to picture the death of the old man of sin, his burial and resurrection to a new life. By this act Christ consecrated himself to his mission by pre-figuring the cardinal events in his Saviourhood — his own death, burial and resurrection.

4. Jesus' works witnessed to his messiahship (John 5:36). Challenged by a well-known agnostic to a debate, missionary H. P. Huges accepted on the condition that each speaker bring 20 people to the platform whose lives had been changed for the better by the respective philosophy of each speaker. There was no debate.

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Life and Work

Christian sexuality

by Cary Heard, Park Hill Church, North Little Rock

Basic passage: I Corinthians 5-6

Focal passages: I Corinthians 6:12-20

Basic truth: The Christian's body is the temple of the Holy Spirit and should be used for God's glory.

1. Arguments against maintaining a strict biblical standard of sexual purity have not changed much since Paul's day. The "I am allowed to do anything" (v. 12) argument comes out today "restrictions are bad for you — express yourself, do your own thing." The other argument Paul mentions, "food is for the stomach, and the stomach is for food" (v. 13), could be paraphrased "it is no more immoral to gratify our sexual appetite than it is to eat when we are hungry." Paul takes a "yes; but" approach in rebutting these arguments. Those who reject all restrictions are slaves of their passions rather than their masters, while the "do-in" what comes naturally "bunch misses the higher, spiritual purpose God has for our bodies — 'to serve the Lord'" (v. 13), and to share his resurrection (v. 14).

2. Paul enlarges on this idea of God's higher purpose for our bodies in verses 15-17. The body of a Christian is part of Christ's body (v. 15). This means we are spiritually one with him (v. 17), and our sexual conduct inevitably involves him. Since this is so, practices which may be acceptable to pagans, such as consorting with prostitutes in Corinth's temple of Aphrodite, are forbidden to Christians.

3. Instead of saying, "I am allowed to do anything" (v. 12), we should say I do not belong to myself but to God (v. 19). This is not only because God is my Creator, but also because he is my Redeemer — he bought me for a price (v. 20; I Peter 1:18-19). If I truly believe that and love him as I should, I will want to use my body for his glory rather than just for my own pleasure.

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Bible Book

Teachings concerning personal values

by Tommy Robertson, director of missions, Liberty Association

Basic passage: Matthew 19:1-30

Basic truth: Our personal values must be based upon God's intention rather than the selfish concepts of men.

1. Marriage in God's sight is to be a permanent union regardless of the careless concepts of men. The question of the Pharisees seems to be a timeless question because it is as relevant now as then. Jesus took them all the way back to God's intention and taught them that God's plan for marriage is not one partner at a time, but one partner for life. The only exception to this was adultery on the part of either husband or wife. Many people, then and now, do not like his concept because of their lax moral standards. The Christian is to have a concept that agrees with that of Christ.

2. Eternal life is never gained by the performance of good works, even the attempt to keep the commandments of God. The young man who came to Jesus wanting to know what he must do to have eternal life found that obeying the Law of God to the best of his ability would not bring eternal life. Man can never perfectly keep God's law because of our sinful inclination. The only way to eternal life is by casting ourselves on the Lord's mercy and letting him give us salvation.

3. The judgment of God will present surprises to men for he will not judge according to our selfish expectations. Many who think they have arrived in God's service and are doing all they should be doing will find God's concept of them far short of their own. Those who humbly follow the guidance of the Lord, yet know they have a long way to go to fulfill all of God's expectations, will find God's rewards for them far greater than they imagined. Our task is to serve and leave the rewards to him.

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First quarter gifts move 12.9 percent

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — A modest December increase in undesignated gifts through the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program raised receipts for the first quarter of the fiscal year to \$20,628,934, an increase of 12.9 percent over the same period last year.

December's undesignated gifts of \$6,766,658 were just 4.3 percent ahead of December 1980.

"The small percentage increase in Cooperative Program receipts for December at first appears quite low," said Harold C. Bennett, executive secretary-treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee which distributes the funds. "But when compared to the decreasing consumer price index, total receipts are encouraging."

"A large number of state conventions

World evangelism foundation hands reins to Foreign Board

by John Rutledge

DALLAS (BP) — It was billed as a celebration, but many of the speakers shed tears. Some called it a funeral, others a wedding. But whatever the description, the last official gathering of the World Evangelism Foundation in December in Dallas marked a significant moment for Southern Baptists as mission leaders outlined convention plans to adopt the concept that WEF pioneered — partnership evangelism.

The foundation was begun by W. H. "Dub" Jackson Jr., a Southern Baptist missionary to Japan for 17 years who resigned in 1969 to develop a way to send teams of pastors and laymen on one-to-one witnessing ventures in partnership with foreign Baptist churches.

The result was World Evangelism Foundation. During more than 12 years, it has coordinated trips by about 6,000 U.S. Baptists to 35 countries.

During foundation crusades, about 60,000 persons expressed a desire "to know the Lord" Jackson said. "We feel that most were genuine conversions because of the excellent follow-up by the national churches." People returned from the crusades excited about missions in general.

The Foreign Mission Board, however, is beginning its own partnership evangelism program and WEF decided last year to

phase out its operation. The banquet in Dallas was the last event for the foundation.

Jackson joins the board March 1 as regional coordinator for partnership evangelism assigned to Ruschlikon, Switzerland, for a year. Later he will spend a year each in South America, Asia and Africa to help establish the board's new program.

William O'Brien, executive vice president of the Foreign Mission Board, said, "It's really not a merger or a takeover. It is the adoption of a concept — partnership missions."

The "concept" was praised and examined by more than a dozen speakers during the banquet at the Dallas Hilton and an inspirational program at First Church in Dallas, that lasted more than four hours.

Ramsey Pollard, retired pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, and former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, praised Foreign Mission Board Executive Director R. Keith Parks, who could not attend the banquet.

"Parks has a vision and a capacity to welcome change and see its necessity that perhaps no other executive secretary has had," Pollard said. "There is a new day coming, and more evangelism than the Foreign Mission Board has ever done."

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will increase Cooperative Program percentages to the SBC beginning in January. I'm encouraged by the numerous comments I've received from pastors and church leaders who are increasing their gifts to world missions through the Cooperative Program."

Designated gifts, which fluctuate widely throughout the year, nearly doubled the previous December's gifts. December 1981 receipts totaled \$1,409,660, a 95.3 percent increase, pushing year to date designated receipts to \$3,690,966, a six percent increase for the same period last year.

Total designated and undesignated receipts for the first quarter are \$24,319,900, an 11.8 percent increase over the same quarter last year.

Churches encourage, reject seminary trained women

WAKE FOREST, N.C. (BP) — Though churches encourage women to respond to the call of God for seminary training, they say "no" when offered the resultant skills, says veteran Baptist editor C. R. Daley.

"It's time our denomination and its leaders addressed the matter of proper utilization of Baptist ministerial man and especially woman power," Daley, editor of Kentucky's *Western Recorder*, told mid-term graduates at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. "It is time the Southern Baptist Convention provides for a study which would lead to some workable plan for ministerial employment compatible with biblical teaching even though it might challenge Baptist tradition."

Daley, whose son was among the graduates, told them they face a potentially bleak economic future. "The truth is," he said, "some of you will have difficulty finding any church that will support you and your family."

He said some of them "will have to teach school, sell insurance or automobiles or real estate... to support your family and preach because there's fire in your bones."

Daley also noted that in the area of job

security, "the unpardonable sin for a Baptist minister is to become 50 years old."

Hitting hard at worship practices, he said that "in some services with one's eyes closed it would be hard to tell whether you were in a church or a night club."

"The gospel," he said, "only needs soundings in its simplicity, proclaimed in its purity and power and declared in its demands. It is not enhanced by chartreuse suits nor plunging necklines."

He also said today's cultural materialism is more influential than the teachings of Jesus. "How else," he asked, "do we explain the fact that on an average churches keep and spend on themselves 85 cents of every undesignated dollar while devoting 15 cents to the needs of the rest of the world?"

"Let's face it," he continued. "Many Baptist facilities of our day are monuments to our pride instead of expressions of our piety."

In his closing remarks, Daley said, "The fiercest battle you will have is whether to speak the word of the Lord as you understand it or to speak what your hearers want to hear — whether to be popular or prophetic. To be both is very difficult."