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Arkansas Baptists are committed to the command: "Go, teach." They provide one four-year Baptist College, Ouachita Baptist University at Arkadelphia, and a two-year institution, Southern Baptist College at Walnut Ridge. They support, through the Cooperative Program, six Southern Baptist theological seminaries who produce dozens of Arkansas-connected graduates each year.

Baptist Seminary, College and School Day this year focuses on the more than 5,000 dedicated faculty and staff who serve in the 72 Baptist institutions around the nation. Some of these individuals are featured in a related article on page 16.

Students claim conversion of kidnapping suspect

by Bob Allen

A Walnut Ridge man charged with shooting his way into a dormitory at Southern Baptist College and holding two students there at gunpoint has since made a profession of faith in Christ, members of a jail outreach team say, and students at the dorm are saying the whole episode has worked to the glory of God.

Eugene Milgram, 31, is charged with shooting out a plate glass door at Sutherland Hall, the men's dormitory at the Walnut Ridge junior college, and holding two residents there at gunpoint for about five minutes at about 1:30 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 24.

College student Teddy Reynolds, 18, Alicia, said Milgram held a .410 shotgun on him and roommate Randy Hall, 19, Batesville, while demanding to see a nephew, who had lived at the dorm in the past but is no longer a resident there. The boys did not know Milgram's nephew, and things stood at a stalemate in the next few minutes as they tried to reason with the intruder.

The drama ended with the arrival of police. Lawrence County Sheriff Gene Matthews ordered Milgram to drop the gun and the two students bolted from the dorm lobby down a hallway. Milgram ran down another hallway, but was subdued without incident, eyewitnesses report.

Reynolds said that Milgram threatened to shoot him, Hall and resident director Doyle Cooper during the incident. Because of Milgram's overall behavior and the discussion between them, however Reynolds said he did not think Milgram intended to harm him.

When police entered the lobby with six force revolvers drawn, however, Reynolds feared shots might be fired, and immediately ran for cover.

Several students dropped to their knees in prayer while police negotiated with Milgram, said John Atchison, assistant resident director. Atchison said he believed the fact that the dorm residents dealing with Milgram were Christians affected the situation. "If you had not been a spiritual person, you could have come out here with the wrong attitude, and something could have happened," he said.

Everyone involved was happy that police were able to capture Milgram without harming him. "Those people outside, who didn't have anything to do with it, they say they should have shot him or should put him away for the rest of his life. The people who saw what was going on, our hearts went out to him. We saw his need," Reynolds said.

The Monday after Milgram's arrest, a group of students from the college went to the county jail seeking to see him. Milgram refused.

On Thursday, three students who were not at the dorm the night of the alleged incident were back at the jail for a regular weekly visit to prisoners. One of the three, Phillip Rodgers, 21, of Bay, mentioned to Milgram that he knew his nephew. Milgram asked Rodgers if the three were at the jail to "talk about the Bible." He told Rodgers that he had been reading the Bible, but could not understand it.

Rodgers told Milgram that he needed to ask Jesus into his heart. Fellow student Everett Palmer joined the discussion. The three read scripture, prayed and Milgram afterward said he believed he had accepted Christ. "He said he had asked Jesus into his heart and that he felt his burden lifted," Rodgers said.

"We just really believe it was an act of God that everything happened like it did," said 18-year-old David Parsley, of Brinkley, the third student visiting the jail.

"I'm glad the guy was saved, because he could have easily been killed and gone to hell," Rodgers commented.

Rodgers, who is head of the college's jail visitation ministry said this is not the first time it has borne fruit. "It's just like the Bible says, 'I was in jail and you visited me not.' I just feel like it's something a Christian ought to do. And the Lord blesses it."

Milgram is being held on \$50,000 bond facing felony charges of two counts of kidnapping and three counts of aggravated assault. Before arriving at the college, he is alleged to have pointed a gun at a waitress in a truck stop and fired at a farmhouse. He is scheduled to be transported to the Arkansas State Hospital in Little Rock for psychiatric evaluation.

College gets grants for computer purchase

Southern Baptist College has received two grants amounting to a total of \$11,890 for computer equipment and programming. The National Science Foundation made a grant of \$3,445 and a gift from a private trust fund in Arkansas of \$8,445 rounded out the total grant.

These funds will provide the following equipment: two desk-top business comput-

ers, two memory kits, two compilers, two telephone interface, one line printer, and one pilot plus. This computer equipment will assist in introducing students of SBC to the field of data processing and computer science.

The grants will provide the administrative staff of Southern with computer assistance in Resource Development.

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The late Huber L. Drumwright, who was executive secretary of the Arkansas State Baptist Convention, has been selected posthumously as one of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary's 1982 Distinguished Alumni.

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The 1982 Evangelism Conference, held Jan. 25-26, is being hailed as a great success. Photos and accompanying article by editor J. Everett Sneed on pages 8 and 9 tell the story.



The special session of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention and the joint Southern Baptist and National Baptist Evangelism Conferences were two of the best events which have taken place in Arkansas Baptist life in some time. We believe that the two events strengthened each other. The purchase of the additional property will care for the space needs of the Baptist Building personnel for the foreseeable future. The Evangelism Conference exhibited the best in cooperation between National and Southern Baptists of Arkansas and provided excellence in inspiration and information.

The purchase of the two parcels of property between the present Baptist Building parking lot and Capitol Avenue was passed without a single question being asked. This may have been due first to the fact that it is an excellent buy which has been negotiated without borrowing a single penny from outside sources, saving the 17 to 19 percent interest currently being charged.

The purchase was even more appealing because it enhanced the value of the property already owned by Arkansas Baptists. It also alleviated the space problem for the immediate future and opens up new options even for the long-range. Among the long-range options would be the placing of a second floor on the newly acquired 5,000 sq. ft. building. So from every standpoint it is an excellent business deal.

A second reason for the messengers' delight over the purchase was the excellent presentation which was made to the special called convention. Special commendation should go to Charles Barfield, who made the presentation to the convention and who chaired the Baptist Building committee; to Convention President Dillard Miller, and to Executive Board President Ken Lilly. All of these, including the Baptist Building Study Committee members and the interim Executive Secretary L. L. Collins, deserve our praise for the excellent manner in which the purchase was handled from beginning to end.

A final reason for the good spirit of the called convention was the excellence of the Evangelism Conference. The called convention was convened on January 26, just

prior to the final session of the Evangelism Conference. Baptists respond to good preaching and singing. This conference provided the best in music and inspirational messages, as well as excellent resource conferences on evangelistic methods.

Credit for the fine Evangelism Conference belongs to Clarence Shell, director of Evangelism for Arkansas Baptists and Bob Ferguson, director of Cooperative Ministries for National Baptists. A joint committee of National and Southern Baptists worked together closely in the selection of speakers and musicians for the conference. We express our appreciation to all who worked together to make this meeting a success.

One of the fine by-products of this conference was the forming of a closer relationship between the National and Southern Baptists of Arkansas. Most of those who attended saw that Black and white Baptists have something to offer each other. The Black Baptists have a freshness and uniqueness of style that can benefit Southern Baptists. We, also, have organizational abilities that can enhance the work of our National Baptist friends.

There are a number of lessons to be observed from these two meetings. First, Baptists will do what is right when they are provided with the facts in a clear, concise and non-dogmatic way. We even respond better to these facts when they are presented at a time of high spiritual enrichment.

Second, Black and white Baptists are brothers in the Lord who have a great deal to offer each other. It would be tragic not to avail ourselves of the blessings and benefits which we can provide each other. We believe that a joint National-Southern Baptist Evangelism Conference should be permanently established, convening every three or four years.

Finally, as we reflect on the good spirit in which we conducted our business and the high inspiration that we experienced, let us thank God and resolve, by God's help, to keep our work moving forward with this same spirit of victory.

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Woman's viewpoint

Minette Drumwright

Lord of My Rocking Boat

Life is often thought of, especially by poets and hymn writers, as a sea through which we steer our boats. There are times that are calm and serene, and the sailing is smooth. Then there are periods when dark clouds gather and storms occur; indeed, those times when "the tempest is raging" and "the billows are tossing high."

Life's storms come in all kinds of forms: loss of a loved one, great disappointment in a person or a situation, alienation, illness, despair... Everyone of us, sooner or later, encounters storms. No one is exempt. Our boats are going to rock.

Last July I was at First Church in El Dorado to speak to the Baptist women there. With the meeting scheduled for an early start on Monday morning, and with my husband away on a preaching mission, I drove to El Dorado on Sunday afternoon in time to attend the evening service with our dear friends, the Shad Medlins. The message was a beautiful, unique overview of the book of Psalms.

The special music captivated me. It was a new song with a familiar theme, and the melody and some of the words lingered on

and on in my mind and heart. I found myself humming it often as it permeated my being. "He is Lord... of the sea... He is Lord of you and me." With a slight streak of the poetic in me, I visualized Jesus' strength, majesty, serenity, gentleness, companionship, and most of all, his strong Lordship as we make our day-by-day voyages in boats that are subject to the unpredictable crosswinds of life itself. As the words and melody roamed through my mind and heart, I relaxed in fresh amazement with the assurance that he makes all his Lordly resources available to me.

On another Sunday, this time in the midst of a lovely fall, my husband and I headed together for that same city and same church, this time for Huber to supply for Pastor Don Harbuck. Late that night, after returning home from an unusually sweet, relaxing day, life's most tempestuous storm struck without warning. My lover/best friend was taken from our boat, and I was left on a tossing sea.

Somehow, in those early hours and many times since, those "El Dorado words" have surfaced from the recesses of my soul

where they had penetrated to the depths. He is Lord of the sea — no matter how rough it is. He is Lord of me, for he and I have settled that completely — long before the storm. The sea is still turbulent. My boat is still rocking. Yet I am confident that I will ride out the storm through deep trust in him as Lord of all that is and shall be.

My plea, my friend, to you is this: Relax where you are — whether your sea is calm, or whether it is stormy, and let Christ be Lord of you. That's his speciality. I know. For he is Lord of my rocking boat.

Mrs. Drumwright, of Little Rock, was married to the late Executive Secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention who died in November of 1981. She is the mother of two daughters and a widely known speaker and author. She has served on the Home Mission Board and the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Mrs. Drumwright is a member of Little Rock's Immanuel Church.

The title of Mrs. Drumwright's column is taken from a Navpress book by Carole Mayhall, of the same name.

Letters to the editor

The real issue

Separation of church and state was the real issue in the recent Arkansas Creationism case. For Baptists the issue turns on where religious instruction should take place and who should financially support such instruction.

We Baptists have always believed that the proper place for religious instruction is the home and the church — not the public school. We believe that programs of Christian education should be financed by free will tithes and offerings — not public taxes.

We have always feared the chilling effect of government involvement in matters of conscience and religious doctrine. Historically, it was Virginia Baptists who pressed the issue to make the separation of church and state a part of our Bill of Rights.

It is clear that this latest Creationist upsurge wishes to have the public schools of our land promote their religious view of creation. Any true Baptist can immediately see the impropriety in such a stand.

I would like to commend the ministers who were parties to the ACLU suit and particularly Rev. Nathan Porter of Arkadel-

phia. I am glad it can be said that a Southern Baptist minister had a hand in striking down the Arkansas Creationism statute. — James W. Watkins, pastor, Faith Chapel, Memphis, Tenn.

Teach true facts, too

Our Southern Baptist minister, Nathan Porter states that "Evolution is not the issue." I believe it is very much the issue because it is a false theory which our children are forced to accept. Many people do not realize that Charles Darwin, who started this theory, later in life admitted it was false and regretted that he thought it up and that people accepted it so readily. Before his death, he became a Christian and acknowledged the Bible story of Creation as a fact.

If children are not to be taught Creation Science, which is a true fact, then they should not be forced to learn the Evolution theory which is not a true fact. They should hear both sides of the controversy and make their own decision. — Mrs. Gertrude Jesser, Fayetteville, Ark.

What was not said

A clarification needs to be made concerning the news item, "BBI Gains Accreditation, Mid-America Turned Down," appearing in the Jan. 7, 1982, issue. The information was correct, but what was left unsaid may be easily misinterpreted. In listing Mid-America along with the Florida Bible Institute, there was nothing in the news release which indicated the two institutions are in two different divisions. It makes it appear that the two were seeking accreditation on the same level.

I think the readers of the *News* magazine would like to know that Mid-America is seeking accreditation in the highest level of accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools — including a graduate program which offers the doctor's degree. Naturally, the higher the level of accreditation sought the more difficult and demanding the requirements. Since the Baptist Press felt obliged to report Mid-America's rejection in all fairness this should have been pointed out. — Jimmy A. Millikin, Professor of Theology, Mid-America Seminary

Opposition to "tongues"

In reference to the issue of "tongues" I must raise my opposition to some of the things mentioned heretofore. It is my observation that most Baptists are ignorant of what the Bible teaches on the subject, leaving the "theology" up to their pastors.

The gift of tongues was a valid spiritual gift and was given for a specific purpose. That purpose was to make communication possible. It was *nothing* more than the ability to speak a previously unlearned foreign language for the sake of preaching the Gospel. After the completion of the canon of Scripture, the need for tongues ended. I Cor. 13:10 says, "But when that which is perfect is come; that which is in part shall be done away." Many say that the word, "perfect," is a reference to Christ. However, it is not. This is because that word is neuter in gender (in the Greek) and Christ is never referred to in that manner in the Bible. In chapter fourteen, verse 22, Paul also says that tongues were for them that believed not — *the Jews*. Verse 24 tells us that an unsaved man would be turned off if he saw all the believers speaking in tongues in a church service. In fact, Paul says the man would think they were crazy. A lot of people, dear brothers, will not follow Christ today because they have seen too many insanities and are not willing to be a part of the lunacy. Isn't it sad that people are still insisting that the "Charismatic Movement" is something good and should be accepted? Anything that splits churches and drives away the lost is *anything* but good!!!

Brethren, I ask that all of you be wary of false teachings about the gift of tongues, for many a church has been split because of them. I challenge every one of you to make your study of the Bible a personally rewarding experience. Nothing can thrill the soul of man like the study of the Word of God. Don't be duped into trading it for some ecstatic experience! Let us serve only him! — **Todd W. White, Fayetteville**

Shocked at quote

The recent Baptist Press article reporting a Southern Baptist minister, Nathan Porter, as "representing the historic Baptist position" in opposing Arkansas Act 590 is truly shocking.

His statements reveal his understanding of "the separation of church and state" to mean that Christianity has no place in any government institution. This is a common misconception. Our Baptist forefathers went to jail and fought for the right to preach, read the Scriptures, and pray whenever and wherever they felt led. What they opposed was a state sponsored and mandatory denomination. Never did they intend to take Bible reading or prayer out of public schools or any other branch of govern-

ment. Never did they intend to prohibit teaching of truth. Scientific creationism is as viable a scientific hypothesis of origins as is evolution. It is no more religious than evolution, either. Evolution, as well as humanism, has been legally declared a religious belief, so to discredit creationism because it is "religious" is nonsense.

I pray that this decision will be appealed and overturned. — **Arthur N. McAninch Jr., Pastor, Emmanuel Church, Carlville, Ill.**

Body should be united

I appreciate the article on "Believers Should Unite." And it was printed at a very appropriate time.

After reading the letters of criticism and rebuttal concerning the article on "Tongues, Valid Gift," it was good to read the edifying thoughts on how the body of Christ should be united in the love of the Lord and the power of the Holy Spirit.

The "tongue" subject sure seems to put some people in a defensive and attacking mood.

In Mr. Hines' article there was no mention of any spiritual gift being more important than sharing the gospel. And he never said that "love was not the more excellent way."

According to Jude 12-13, when the believer "builds himself up in faith, by praying in the Holy Ghost," then he will "keep himself in the love of the Lord." Then he can't help but share this love with other people, to the believer and the lost, saying "Jesus loves them and will do the same for them."

So believers instead of responding in hostility and trying to prove that brother biblically wrong, why not pray as Jesus did in John 17:21, "that all may be one in the body of Christ." Then as he prayed "that the world would know that he was sent from the Father. When the body of Jesus Christ become as one, the lost will have no problem believing the Good News for they will see Jesus in the believers." — **Mrs. Chalmers Stevens, Parkin**

Prophetic voices

Dr. Nathan Porter, from Arkadelphia, is to be highly commended for his wisdom and conviction in the exercising of his inalienable right as an individual in joining with 22 other plaintiffs in the law suit against Act 590 known as the creation-science legislation. He was numbered with 11 other clergymen who represent Christian leadership within our state.

As a Southern Baptist, it is most gratifying for me to know that he is a Southern Baptist minister who acted individually in representing the historic Baptist position as exemplified by Roger Williams, Isaac Backus, John Leland, Joseph Martin Daw-

son and E. S. James.

Dr. Porter's perception of the ill-considered legislation has been confirmed by Judge Overton's decision declaring Act 590 unconstitutional.

The Act is anti-Christian because religious instruction or reference to religious writings could not be presented in teaching creation-science.

If our Southern Baptist ministers were required to teach the creation-science portion of the legislation in our churches with the restraints imposed by the law, they would be involved with heresy for they could not declare the whole counsel of God. It would be unlawful for them to refer to our God who is represented through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Our Baptist forefathers were primarily responsible for the First Amendment to the Federal Constitution which gives us religious liberty. Dr. Porter's position is the grand position in support of separation of church and state.

As taxpayers, we must not be required to support any religion in our public schools. If we will observe Deuteronomy chapter 6:4-9 and support our homes, churches and synagogues in the religious instruction of our children, we have nothing to fear, except the fear of failing to discharge our most sacred responsibility.

In these days of confusion, it is most inspiring to see Dr. Porter stand up and be counted. I pray that such prophetic voices will continue to be heard within our beloved land in the enjoyment of religious liberty for all. Thus, no person will ever be required to support the teaching of any religion which violates his or her will and conscience. — **Raymond B. Higgins, El Dorado**

Needed, pastors

W. E. Vine defines pastor, "a shepherd who tends his flocks (not merely one who feeds them), is used metaphorically of Christian pastors, Ephesians 4:11. Pastors guide as well as feed the flock — this involves tender care and vigilant superintendance."

As a young pastor I was thrilled to listen to the late Dr. R. G. Lee, the great preacher, relate he averaged 10 personal visits a day as pastors of the vast and great Bellevue Baptist Church.

I concur in the need of multiple staff but one man is the shepherd. I know the need both to organize, promote and preach. Jesus describes in picturesque language John 10:2-4 the function of the shepherd, the title chosen to describe a pastor.

In a day characterized by computers, identification by numbers the personal ministry of a pastor who makes "house calls" is blessed. — **John S. Ashcraft, pastor Brookwood First, Little Rock**

by Millie Gill/ABN staff writer

John Finn

has resigned as director of missions for North Arkansas Association, effective March 1 to become pastor of the Antioch Church of Roseville, Mich. Finn, who recently began his 16th year as a DOM, has contributed to the growth of Arkansas and Southern Baptist programs through associational promotion, as president of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, as co-chairman of the Baptist Student Union Third Century Campaign and as a pastor of several state churches. Finn is volunteer chaplain of Boone County Jail and assists with alcoholic rehabilitation programs. He and his wife, Bette, have one son, Rodney.



Finn



Hofmeyer



Hull



Sease

Brenda Gail Hofmeyer

has joined the staff of Paraguide First Church as youth director. A native of Baton Rouge, La., she is a graduate of Louisiana State University with a degree in general studies and a minor in recreation/parks management. She also has a degree in religious education from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. She has served as a summer missionary in Alaska, Indiana and Georgia and has served as summer youth director for the First Church of Baton Rouge.

J. R. Hull

is serving as pastor of the Diaz Church in Black River Association, going there from serving four-years as pastor of Bay First Church, Mount Zion Association. While at Bay he served as associational moderator, Church Training director and as camp com-

mittee chairman and pastor. He and his wife, Geneva, are active in the mission program of the church.

L. Ray Sease

is serving the Horatio First Church as pastor, coming there from the Loveview Church in Itasca, Texas. He retired in 1979 from the Air Force with the rank of master sergeant. He attended Community College of the Air Force. He is also a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has served churches on both the Foreign and Home Mission fields. In the military, he received the Bronze Star and three Air Force commendation medals for meritorious service and job accomplishment. Sease and his wife, Frances, have two children.

Charlie Bowen

is serving as interim music director of the Crossett Temple Church. He is a student at Ouachita Baptist University.

Harold Elder

is serving as pastor of the Hot Springs Park Place Church. A native Arkansan, he is a graduate of Arkansas Tech University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Mike Henderson

is youth director at the Royal Antioch Church. He is a student at Ouachita Baptist University.

Ernie Walker

began serving Feb. 7 as pastor of the Needham Church. He has been serving as associate pastor of the Jonesboro Nettleton Church.

Mrs. Mamie Gibson

was recognized Jan. 31 by West Memphis First Church for her 25 years of service in the church nursery.

Jack Bean

is serving as pastor of the Thornburg Church. He resides in Conway where he is a high school student counselor.

Morris W. Ratley

has resigned as minister of music at the Magnolia Central Church. He had served the church, in this position, for more than 15 years.

Drumwright gets alumni award from Southwestern

Arkansas' late executive secretary, an educator and three outstanding lay women have been selected as the 1982 Distinguished Alumni of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

National Alumni Association President Charles G. Fuller of Roanoke, Va., announced the recipients January 28, in Ft. Worth.

Huber L. Drumwright, who was executive director of the Arkansas Baptist Convention before his death in November, 1981, was named posthumously.

Other recipients include Lucille Freeman Glascock of Corpus Christi, Tex.; W. Boyd Hunt, distinguished professor of Theology at Southwestern; Clyde Merrill Maguire of Jacksonville, Fla.; and Lucille Loyd Meadows of Dallas.

The five will be honored at a seminary's national luncheon June 16 in New Orleans.

Drumwright was a member of the seminary's faculty for nearly 30 years before assuming the Arkansas post in September, 1980. He was Dea. of the School of Theology, 1973-79, and was a professor of New Testament.

A native of Texas, Drumwright was a graduate of Baylor University and received the bachelor of divinity (1950) and doctor of theology (1957) degrees from Southwestern. He also served as pastor of First Church of Ada, Okla., 1959-60. While on the seminary faculty, he was pastor of churches in Dallas, Ft. Worth and Allen, Tex.

The seminary has honored 64 Distinguished Alumni since the awards were inaugurated in 1964. This is the first time that an award has been given posthumously.

Recipients have included missionaries, denominational leaders, pastors, religious educators, church musicians and other ministers.

briefly**Harrison Eagle Heights Church**

is assisting the Southern Baptist congregation of Rushville, Ind. Pastor Jack L. Ramsey reported that a \$100 contribution will be sent monthly to the Indiana church as a part of the Arkansas/Indiana Linkup.

Conway-Perry Association

churches are participating in the Arkansas-Indiana Linkup. Director of Missions Refus Caldwell reports that a fund has been established for this purpose. The associational executive board, in a January meeting, voted to send \$800 monthly to the Creekwood Church for its ministry in west Muncie.



Benton mayor George Wagner cuts the ribbon amidst other dignitaries at the dedication of Benton First's new Family Life Center Jan. 31.



Association dedicates first office

The 31 churches in Black River Association in northeast Arkansas dedicated an associational office building in Alicia Sunday, Jan. 24.

Marvin Reynolds (pictured above), director of missions for Black River Association, said this is the first time the association has had an office.

The Alicia location at the center of the association is ideal, Reynolds said. The association spans a distance of as great as 90-100 miles. In the past, the association has scheduled meetings at various churches, often forcing messengers from outlying areas to travel a great distance.

The new office contains space for the director of missions' office and for medium size groups. Reynolds said the monthly executive board meetings will be held at the facility. There are also plans to hold committee meetings, seminary extension classes and other courses and seminars at the office.

The 1,500 square foot building was remodeled from what was formerly a retail parts store and later a youth recreation building. It had been vacant for some time. An estimated \$6,000 was spent on the remodeling, including all office furniture. In addition, Reynolds said, an estimated \$4,000 worth of labor was donated by members of association churches.

Members of the office committee were James Newnam, Jerry Holcomb, Larry Corbett, Rick Frie, Calvin Whitlow and Reynolds. — Bob Allen

Benton First opens Family Life Center

First Church in Benton held a dedication service Sunday, Jan. 31 to mark the completion of a \$950,000 Family Life Center.

Facilities in the 25,000 square foot structure include four floor levels, an education area, a gymnasium, a missions room and a fellowship hall designed to seat up to 350.

Construction of the building lasted 13 months, Benton First pastor Thomas R. Tutor said. The church has had full occupancy of the building since Dec. 1.

James L. Sullivan, former president of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, was keynote speaker for the morning worship service and offered the dedication prayer in the afternoon service.

"I am grateful that we were able to reach this milestone," Tutor said in the morning service, "but I hope and pray we will be able to use this building to reach the lost, to teach the saved and to minister, because we all know there is a need for wholesome recreation in Benton."

The new building is one phase of a three-step building program planned at Benton First. The congregation plans to begin very soon a renovation of the church auditorium to be followed by construction of a chapel and additional education space. The entire building program is expected to be completed by 1985.

The building committee was chaired by Lacy Landers. Members included Estelle White, Pauline Bethel, Sam Ballard, Kenneth Cook, Ron Fulcher, John Rogers, Larry Wolf, Jerry Dixon, David Pierce and Noel Wright. — Bob Allen

Bible conference set

The 1982 Mid-winter Bible Conference will be held Feb. 22-26 at Springlake Baptist Assembly in Lonsdale.

Scheduled topics include Old Testament; dealing with world religions, cults, controversial issues and church discipline; New Testament; religion and politics; and several other preaching and specific ministerial concerns.

Conference personnel will be John Clement, Tommy Tutor, H. E. Williams, Carl Overton, B. K. Selph, Nick Garland, James Zeltner, W. E. Yarbrough, Oscar Golden, Pat Titsworth, Hugh Owen, Jerry Wilcox, Glen McGriff, Duane White, Richard Johnson and Harold Stephens.

Persons seeking further information on the conference may contact Oscar Golden at Calvary Church in Benton (778-4762) or Charles Holcomb; assembly director at Lonsdale (939-2480.)

The Greater Bradley District Choir presents a concert (right) at the 1982 Evangelism Conference. (Below) Evangelism Director Clarence Shell visits with his wife Virginia between sessions.

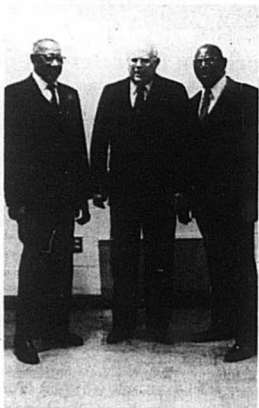


Full-time evangelists introduced were (front from left) Kathy Ferguson, Route 1, Box 524 Mabelvale, 72103, music, 557-5338; Brian Kinder, P.O. Box 2036, Little Rock 72203, music, 985-1048; Gene Stacks, 622 Newcastle, North Little Rock 72116, preaching, 834-3665; Bob Barnett, 3608 Nantucket, Fort Worth, Texas 76140, music, 817-478-4707; Clarence Hill, 3837 Albert Pike, Hot Springs, music, 767-6489; Jim Wiley, P.O. Box 558, Searcy, 72143, preaching, 268-3163; (back) Bob Etters, 132 Kansas Cr., Jacksonville 72076, music, 988-2138; Jack Parchman, Box 9713, Little Rock 72119, 562-5133; Chester Miller, Route 1, Box 285, Evening Shade 72532, 528-3904; Lewis Woods, Route 2, Box 228, Tyrone 72386, 343-2786; Billy Walker, SBC, Box 281, Walnut Ridge 72476; Herbert "Red" Johnson, 520 Spring St., Mountain Home 72653, singing and soulwinning; Gene Ellis, Star Route 11, Box 103, Hot Springs 71901, preaching, 767-3689.



Text and photos by J. Everett Sneed

(Above right) Carolyn Weatherford (left) executive director of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention, shares a hymnal with Arkansas Baptist State Convention WMU executive director Julia Ketner. (Below, from left) C. R. Mazique, president of the Regular Arkansas Baptist Convention Incorporated, Dillard Miller, president of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, and P. J. James, president of the Consolidated Missionary Baptist State Convention represent the three conventions taking part in the evangelism conference.



Joint Evangelism Conference with National Baptists hailed as great success

The 1982 Evangelism Conference, which convened in the Park Hill Church, North Little Rock, on Jan. 25-26, was a joint endeavor of the Regular Baptist Convention, the Consolidated Baptist Convention and the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. Both National Baptists and Southern Baptist leaders hailed it as a great success.

Clarence Shell, director of Evangelism for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, said of the conference, "This Evangelism Conference represented the best overall cooperation that I have ever seen. I want to express my appreciation to the host church and its staff for the excellent work that they did. Bob Ferguson, director of Cooperative Ministries with National Baptists, who worked with the joint National-Southern Baptist committee, played a major role in making this conference a true success.

"I have a deep appreciation," Shell continued, "for the presidents of the three conventions who gave their full cooperation. From the expressions of those who attended, it was truly a great spiritual revival."

The three speakers who had multiple messages at the conference were Howard Ramsey, director of Personal Evangelism for the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Georgia; Clay Evans, pastor of the Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill.; and Landrum Leavell, president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, La.

The conference provided inspiration and information on how to develop an evangelistic church. Shell said that he had three objectives for 1982: (1) Lead our churches to share Christ with every lost person in Arkansas; (2) Break the all-time baptismal record set in 1950 when 16,367 people were baptized; and (3) To lead every church to have a Bold Mission simultaneous revival this spring.

The Evangelism Conference featured conferences on methods both on Monday evening and Tuesday afternoon. The nine identical conferences dealt with a wide variety of subjects including "Preparing for a Local Church Revival," "Personal Evangelism," and "Conserving Results of Evangelism." The methods conferences along with those who spoke on methods in the Evange-

lism Conference were designed to assist in carrying out the major evangelistic goals that have been set.

The overall theme of the Evangelism Conference was, "Evangelism, Every Christian's Task Through the Church." The individual themes of the sessions were designed to develop the major theme of the conference. These themes were: "Sin, the Tragedy of Humanity," "Love, the Nature of God," "Salvation, Our Only Hope," "Witnessing, By All Means Save Some," and "Evangelism, the Church's Task."

The attendance for the conference was excellent. For the closing session on Tuesday evening apparently every seat in the auditorium was filled.

What the speakers said who had multiple messages:

Landrum Leavell said, "The building up of the body (church) is our job. And it is to be done in righteousness since we are Christ's bride."

Regarding the Bible, Dr. Leavell said, "A New Testament Church is one that teaches the Bible without apology. If our experiences do not square with the Bible they are spurious. I don't want any student to ever graduate from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary that doesn't believe the Book without question."

Howard Ramsey said, "We can look at our lost neighbors that we see every day but while they are without Christ their tombstone says right now 'dead.' To be dead means that one is enslaved to evil. An individual is conforming to the standards of the world. We are the children of disobedience. Because of sin God is forced to give men up."

Clay Evans said, "The scripture tells of a man who went out to sow and he found four different kinds of soil. We encounter different kinds of people. But our job is to sow seed. The question our Master is asking is 'are we doing our best?'"

What some of the other speakers said:

D. L. O'Neal, vice president of the Regular Arkansas Baptist Missionary State Convention, said, "Sin is the most divisive thing in the universe. It is more dangerous than the atomic bomb. It is more devastating than any malady in the universe. It is de-

ceitful in nature and makes right to be wrong and wrong to appear right."

David Miller, director of missions for the Little Red River Association, Heber Springs, said, "There are many theories about the things that unite us as Baptists. But the thing that truly unites us is the fact that all of us have been hell-bound sinners and we have been saved by the grace of God. This is the great unifying force that holds us together."

Wayne Davis, pastor of the Oak Grove Church, Van Buren, said "People of all descriptions need Jesus, but the real problem is that we don't see people who are in need of Jesus. Everyone has a right to correct doctrine no matter what their finances are, no matter what their color is."

W. W. Walker, pastor of the First Church, Highlands Park, Little Rock, said, "Planning is of the utmost importance. If one does not plan, he plans to fail. If we are to reach the lost of our community we must develop plans and carry them out."

Carolyn Weatherford, executive director of the WMU of the Southern Baptist Convention, Birmingham, Ala., who gave her testimony of conversion, said, "I remember how I felt when I walked down the aisle and was saved. Before I could eat my Sunday lunch I went to tell my best friend who had never been saved."

Emmanuel McCall, director of Black Church Relations Department of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga., said, "We must learn to care for individuals. You are not going to win anyone to Christ when their stomachs are growling. If the church wants to attract people by all means, we must be different. Our Master was different because he was interested in all kinds of people."

W. O. Vaught, pastor of Immanuel Church, Little Rock, said, "I never talk to people about sin. I'm not weak on sin. I know what sin will do. It will tear you apart. But the only way to deal with sin is for a person to accept Christ and then deal with sin on a day-by-day basis. In salvation the issue is Christ. When we go out to win people we must be sure that we give them Christ before we leave them."

New Annuity insurance program adds enrollment

Jan. 1 marked the date of the new Church Insurance Program administered by the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The new program offers Southern Baptist church personnel balanced insurance coverage by way of a Church Term Life Plan, Church Comprehensive Medical Plan and a Church Disability Plan. The Annuity Board

administers competitive insurance rates in order that churches can afford to offer all employees the protection they deserve. "However lower rates don't mean one has to settle for less coverage," said Harold S. Bailey, director of Development-Churches. "This year more than 13,000 participants have enrolled in the medical plan, almost 10,000 have been enrolled in the term life

plan and nearly 7,000 church employees have taken advantage of our disability plan. We anticipate many more churches will respond by enrolling their ministers in the new program this year," said Bailey.

Brochures, outlining the Church Insurance Program, are available to churches by contacting their state annuity secretary or writing Harold S. Bailey, Annuity Board, SBC, 511 North Akard, Dallas, Texas 75201.

Bold Mission Thrust

ACTS 1:8



1982-85

- Reaching people
- Developing believers
- Strengthening families

Arkansas Bold Mission Thrust strategy on schedule

Arkansas' strategy for launching Bold Mission Thrust continues on schedule as key leaders at every level consider their role in planning and implementing this three-year emphasis for 1982-85. Three major emphases will claim our attention and challenge our best effort during these years: (1) Reaching People, (2) Developing Believers and (3) Strengthening Families. Our State Convention, associations and churches will consider these emphases as they plan their involvement in Bold Mission Thrust: 1982-85.

Countdown to Bold Mission Thrust Launch

The National Church Growth Launch Meeting held in Nashville on Dec. 4-5 challenged key state and Southern Baptist Convention leaders and offered helpful information to those involved in state planning.

The Directors of Missions Retreat, to be held on Feb. 17-19, will include an overview of Arkansas' strategy and the role of the association in launching Bold Mission Thrust for this three-year period. The association will have a vital role, especially in conducting the Associational Church Growth Workshop.

The State Church Growth Conference, to be held May 3-4 at Park Hill Church in North Little Rock, will provide training for a team of leaders from each association. This team should include the director of missions, the associational missions committee chairman, stewardship committee chairman, evangelism committee chairman and the associational Sunday School, Church Training, WMU, Brotherhood and Music director. This team will then conduct an Associational Church Growth Workshop to be sched-

uled in each association later.

The State Church Growth Conference will begin at 2 p.m. Monday afternoon, May 3, and will adjourn at noon on Tuesday. Financial assistance will be provided for travel, lodging and meals for members of this team. Reservations should be coordinated by the Director of Missions or the Moderator where there is no Director of Missions.

An Associational Church Growth Workshop should be conducted in each association offering training, inspiration and materials to key leaders from each church. This workshop may be scheduled as a two-day event or on two consecutive evenings. Those who attend this workshop should include pastors and church staff members, chairmen of stewardship, evangelism and missions committees, and the Sunday School, Church Training, WMU, Brotherhood and Music directors. The Associational Church Growth Workshops should be scheduled during May, June, July or August.

The Spiritual Directions Weekend is the primary action in the churches as they prepare for growth. Along with the establishment of goals and objectives, it is critical to the effectiveness of the emphasis. The Spiritual Directions Weekend should involve the pastors, church staff, deacons and key church program leaders. The suggested schedule calls for a Friday night, Saturday morning and Sunday during August or September.

Priority Planning by the church during September and October is the final phase of the planning process. During this time the pastor and key leaders will formulate growth goals and actions for the church's approval.

Resources for planning

Pastors, church staff members and other key church leaders will have access to some very helpful planning materials as they plan for their involvement in Bold Mission Thrust, 1982-85. These include:

(1) *Reaching People, The Pastor's Manual for Church Growth*, compiled by Bruce Grubbs. This *Pastor's Manual* will give specific helps for the church in conducting the Spiritual Directions Weekend and in their priority planning. It is designed to help a church launch the Reaching People emphasis which includes a Sunday School Growth Emphasis, the establishment of new work, and the training of effective witnesses. The manual also introduces the Developing Believers and Strengthening Families emphases, the two other aspects of Bold Mission Thrust, 1982-85.

The *Pastor's Manual* will be mailed to all Arkansas pastors by March 1 and will be mailed from the Sunday School Board. Additional copies may be purchased from the Baptist Book Store. Those who receive the *Pastor's Manual* should have their copy in

hand when they attend their Associational Church Growth Workshop this summer.

(2) A *Church Planning Guide* is being prepared for churches in our state to use as they plan for this three-year period. Key leaders will find it helpful as they set their goals and plan projects related to reaching people, developing believers and strengthening families. The *Church Planning Guide* will be available through the Associational Church Growth Workshop.

(3) The *Church Administration Magazine*, beginning with the February issue, will contain a series of articles on planning and implementing a growth strategy in your church. These articles, written by Bruce Grubbs, compiler of the *Pastor's Manual*, will provide an excellent foundation for pastors and key leaders who will be leading their churches to plan for growth.

In these articles Church Growth is understood as the divine human process of adding to a church those who have been saved through Jesus Christ, equipped them for responsible discipleship resulting in witness-

ing, ministering and the establishment of new fellowships of believers. Four dimensions or types of growth set forth in Acts will be presented in these articles.

The March, April and May issues of the *Church Administration Magazine* will be especially helpful in planning the Spiritual Directions Weekend. The *Church Administration Magazine* may be ordered using the undated Church Literature Order Form.



Your state convention at work

Arkansas Baptist Assembly The Children's Building will be a busy place

Preschoolers and younger children have a happy time as they learn Bible truths in the Children's Building during the six Arkansas Baptist Assemblies at Siloam Springs.

Provisions are made in the Building for preschoolers and children who will be in the first, second, and third grades during the 1982-83 school year.

Teachers are enlisted to lead the children in learning experiences each morning from 8:15 until noon. Provisions are made for preschoolers birth through three during the worship services each evening.

Four departments are provided: babies and toddlers; two and three-year-olds; kindergarten and grade one; and grades two and three.

Each morning's schedule includes activity time, group time, outdoor play, snacks, and rest time. Preschoolers are given an opportunity to learn Bible truths through these activities: art, blocks, books, homeliving, music, nature, and puzzles. Second and third graders learn through participating in Bible games and Bible-related activities. Group time activities include Bible stories and games, music, Bible thoughts and verses, and prayer.

Units of study for the three preschool departments will be: "Jesus Loves Me," babies and toddlers; "Jesus Helped People," two- and three-year and kindergarten-grade on departments. — Pat Ratton, preschool consultant, Sunday School Department



Ratton

Regional clinic

The Church Media Library Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board will sponsor a regional clinic at DeGray State Park Lodge March 19-20, 1982. The two day clinic begins at 2 p.m. Friday and adjourns at noon on Saturday.

Three conferences will be offered at the clinic: two "How to Classify and Catalog Media" (one basic level and the second an intermediate level) conferences and "How to Develop a Media Education Program." Jane Watson, techni-



Jackson

cal process director at Immanuel Church in Little Rock, will lead the basic level conference and Jacquelyn Anderson from the Sunday School Board will lead the intermediate level conference on technical processes. Glynn Hill from the Sunday School Board will lead the media education conference.

Preregistration is required. For additional information about registration procedures and agenda information, contact Gerald Jackson, Church Training Department, P.O. Box 552, Little Rock, Ark. 72203. — Gerald Jackson

Church Training

Youth convention preview

"Growing in DiscipleLife" will be the theme of the 1982 Youth Convention meeting on Friday, April 9, at Robinson Auditorium in Little Rock. Bob Norman, pastor of the Northway Church in Dallas, will be the featured speaker at each of the sessions.



Norman

Gabriel, a music group from Arlington, Texas, will also be featured at each session. Gabriel is a professional recording group composed of Jeff Walter and Robin Lyle. They will be remembered from their performance at Baptist Youth Day at Magic Springs last September.

This year's Youth Convention will also include an introduction to DiscipleLife, an in-depth disciple/witness training program for youth. Approximately 5,000 youth are expected to attend this year's Youth Convention. — Bob Holley

Changes proposed for State bylaws

Arkansas Woman's Missionary Union bylaws may be amended at any session of an annual meeting provided the proposed changes have been submitted to the WMU Executive Board and members of Woman's Missionary Union. The Bylaws Committee, with Mrs. John McAlister serving as chairman, will give its report at the WMU Annual Meeting, March 16-17, at Baring Cross Baptist, North Little Rock.

The following changes for clarification are proposed:

Article VII — Executive Board. Section 2. "None shall serve more than five consecutive years, and one year shall elapse before she shall be eligible for election to (the previously held position)." Change wording in parenthesis to read "either of these positions."

Article VIII — Nominations and Elections. Section 1. Add phrase, "with alternates for these ten members." Section 2. Add phrase in parenthesis, "The Nominating Committee (and alternates) shall be elected at the Annual Meeting and shall serve for one year."

The theme for this year's Annual Meeting is "Transformed." Program guests to challenge and inspire us include Dr. Dorothy Sample, president, WMU/SBC; Alma Hunt, former executive secretary, WMU/SBC; Chris Elkins, former moonie and member of Home Mission Board staff; missionaries Thurman and Kathie Braughton, James Hampton, Randy Cash, Ben Kirby, and others. Music will be directed by Ervin Keathley, Church Music Department/ABSC. Features include a parade of flags to open the session and a fellowship

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time with program personnel following the Tuesday evening session. A nursery will be available for preschoolers at all sessions.

A pastors' wives appreciation dinner will be held on Tuesday evening, 4:45-6:30. Information and reservation form will come later.

Motel reservations may be made direct to Ramada Inn North, Holiday Inn, Days Inn, or Passport Inn, North Little Rock.

Christian Life Council

The whole package

Cable television is fast becoming a part

of the American domestic scene. In the distant past when television first appeared in homes, the big complaint was that viewing the new invention (then black and white only) caused a breakdown in communication between family members. I recalled hearing someone tell of a visit by a close family member who had not been seen for many years. The visitor complained that during the several days visit few words were exchanged due to eyes and ears being glued to the "box."

Later, with the coming of color and more stations available, complaints began to be heard of moral problems involving pro-

gramming. Nowadays, even without cable TV, old line networks and commercial sponsors are being challenged for presenting series and specials rampant with distasteful language, violence and sexual perversion. On the whole these challenges have been weak.

At first, the alcoholic beverage people seldom had opportunities for peddling their wares on television. Now they are among the biggest and most influential sponsors. Many parents are now terribly disappointed with the growing connection of beer with the American sports scene. In years past, drinking was generally considered a "no-no" by athletes and coaches, but now aspiring young athletes and fans are given the strong impression in advertisements and programing that drinking makes for a more "macho" athlete. In reality, his competence and competitiveness are both impeded. Pray for divine wisdom in relating to all television programming. — Bob Parker

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Stewardship

Tax seminar tapes available

Tapes of the tax seminar conducted Jan. 27 by the Stewardship Department are available for \$2 each.

The tapes included discussions by a CPA, an attorney and a representative from the Annuity Board. Subject matter covers housing allowances, car expenses, forms to use, IRA's and other materials related to pastors and staff members.

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This concern for people led Baptist Memorial Hospital along the way to introduce some significant developments to the health care field.

For instance Baptist Memorial Hospital was the first in the Mid-South to offer telecobalt therapy, an inpatient psychiatric unit, an EMI brain scanning unit and a coronary intensive care unit.

The institution also introduced to the Mid-South fluoroscopic image magnification, a sleep disorder center, inpatient rehabilitation, and cardiopulmonary and gastrointestinal laboratories.

On the national scene, Baptist Memorial Hospital pioneered in personalized patient care through a visiting hostess program and in housing its medical staff next door in a medical office building.



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Baptist Memorial Hospital also introduced to the health care field the computer for automatic data processing and the concept of monitoring by telemetry a vast range of mechanical equipment through an automated supervisory data center.

And the response of Mid-Southerners to this quality health care has made the 2,068-bed Baptist Memorial Hospital the largest non-profit health care institution in the United States in terms of beds and admissions.

During 1981, Baptist Memorial Hospital provided care for 62,547 admissions.

That's equal to the combined population of the Tennessee cities of Bolivar, Covington, Humboldt, Lexington, Union City, and Germantown.

Physicians performed 55,585 surgical procedures, the equivalent of one operation for every person in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

The average daily cost of operating the hospital was \$441,168 and free services, excluding Medicare and Medicaid allowances and bad debts, totaled \$6,447,191.



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■ Employees	1,005
■ Admissions	17,083
■ Surgical procedures	13,075
■ Emergency Department visits	15,200
■ Births	4,917

Technicians gave 188,826 x-ray examinations. That's more than the combined population of Little Rock and West Memphis.

The hospital also provided 4,172,574 laboratory procedures, almost one test for every person living in Arkansas and Mississippi.

Patients consumed an average of 4,470 meals daily and sent to the cleaners 11,328,794 pounds of laundry during the year.

To provide these services, Baptist Memorial Hospital needed a medical staff of 1,007 and 5,844 employees.

But that's history. The clear movement in the hospital field in the future is for institutions to become multi-unit organizations linked

together in a way to provide health services more effectively.

Baptist Memorial Hospital is responding to this opportunity with a



**Baptist Memorial Hospital
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■ Admissions	914
■ Dialysis treatments	18,565

*Includes admissions to the following open units: Rehabilitation units and to the trauma, pulmonary disease, spinal cord injury, burn, pediatric, neurosurgical, and breast.

corporate services program which makes its expertise available throughout the Mid-South.

Already linking themselves to Baptist Memorial Hospital as affiliates are Lauderdale Hospital, Inc., Ripley, Tennessee; Baptist Memorial Hospital-Tipton, Inc., Covington, Tennessee; Corning Community Hospital, Inc., Corning, Arkansas; and Baptist Memorial Hospital-Booneville, Inc., Booneville, Mississippi.

The structure of the future is Baptist Memorial Health Care System, Inc., which embraces the three Memphis units of Baptist Memorial Hospital, four regional hospital affiliates, and other corporate entities.

According to President Joseph H. Powell, the structure is needed to provide the flexibility necessary to give optimum health care in the 1980's and beyond.

The long range look calls for Baptist Memorial Hospital to continue to develop as a referral center where advanced specialized medical care is used to treat a wide range of complex illnesses.

The foundation for the future remains the same as that for the past.

In the last analysis, it's people serving people.



Baptist Memorial Hospital - A Ministry of Arkansas Baptists

International Together with Christ

by W. T. Holland, Boyce Bible School

Basic passage: John 15:1-27

Focal passage: John 15:1-16

Central truth: Abiding in Christ is necessary to fruit bearing and prayer (v. 1-8); abiding in love is necessary to Christian joy and friendship with Christ (v. 9-16).

1. Abiding in Christ is the key to fruit bearing. Sometimes this statement is printed on tickets or checks, "Not good if detached." If the branch (believer) is not attached to the vine (Christ) there is no fruit. If one is not in Christ, he cannot bear fruit (v. 5). No abiding means no fruit, and no fruit shows no abiding. If there is abiding in Christ there will be fruit witnessing to the fact.

2. Abiding in Christ is the key to effective prayer. Jesus' prayer promise (v. 7) is not a blank check for selfish people. Prayer is not crying up the chimney of the universe to a celestial Santa Claus; it is an aligning of our wills with God's will. Prayer is bound up with fruit bearing.

3. Abiding in love is the key to Christian joy. Our obedience is evidence of abiding in his love. Jesus' assurance of the Father's love, his willingness to obey his commands, even to the cross, brought joy to his heart (Hrs. 12:2). He sought joy for his disciples. Joy is perfect acquiescence in God's will.

Asked the secret of her happy face, an aged Negro woman replied, "I've got joy! I stands for Jesus, O for others, and Y for yourself. Jesus, Others, Yourself — then you got joy."

4. Abiding in love is the key to friendship with Christ. Christ's willingness to lay down his life for his friends (v. 13) validates his love for us. The fellowship into which we are called is friendship not slavery, the essence of which is work without meaning (v. 14, 15).

A man is known by his friends. God called Abraham, "My friend" (Isa. 41:8). Can he say the same of us?

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Life and Work Freedom: master or servant?

by Cary Heard, Park Hill, N. Little Rock

Basic passage: I Corinthians 9

Focal passage: I Corinthians 9:12, 15-22

Central truth: The highest expression of Christian freedom is the subordination of personal rights to the service of Christ and the salvation of the lost.

1. Paul begins chapter nine with an affirmation of both his Christian freedom and his apostolic authority. As an apostle and the founder of the Corinthian church he certainly had the right to "reap material benefits" (v. 11) from them, but he declined to use that right "in order not to put any obstacle in the way of the Good News about Christ" (v. 12). The obstacle he had in mind was, no doubt, the accusation of his enemies that he only preached for material gain (v. 3-7).

2. Even though the Bible teaches "that those who preach the gospel should get their living from it" (v. 9-14), Paul chose not to claim that particular right in order not to limit his freedom to win people to Christ. "The privilege of preaching the Good News without charging for it" (v. 18) took precedence over all else. Paul said he "would rather die" (v. 15) than do anything which might offend someone and turn them away from Christ.

3. From Paul's point of view, then, Christians are truly free only when they are at liberty to forego their personal rights and make themselves "everybody's slave in order to win as many people as possible" (v. 19). He illustrates this with his method of accommodating himself to the lifestyles of Jews, Gentiles and weak Christians (v. 20-22). While his critics saw such accommodations as compromise, Paul believed he had authority for this approach in the example and teaching of Christ (v. 21).

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Bible Book The King confronts his enemies

by Vester Wolber, Ouachita Baptist University

Focal passage: Matthew 21:33-43

Central truth: In rejecting Jesus and the authority of that revelation of God that he brought, the Jewish leaders rejected God.

1. The definitive issue in divine/human relations is the authority of Jesus. In answering the challenge of his authority made by the chief priests and elders long ago, Jesus also speaks to 20th century persons. The wicked renters who beat up and killed the authorized agents of the householder — including the son — who came to collect rent, represented more than the Jewish people who opposed and killed God's prophets and were making ready to kill God's son: they also represent all persons now living on earth who ignore God's duly authorized message, neglect God himself. Just as the indignant householder was expected to deal harshly with his rebellious and wicked renters, just so can God be expected to judge severely those persons who stand guard at the entranceways of their lives to keep God out.

2. When people read such passages from the Bible, they readily acknowledge that rebellious men deserve to be severely punished for their wickedness; but when the Spirit of God isolates them individually, causes the Word to bear in upon them individually, their logic sometimes deserts them and they react with resentment toward the Word of God, or toward the one who brings the Word to them.

The religious leaders in Jerusalem saw the logic of harsh punishment for the wicked renters, but when the thrust of the parable was brought to bear upon them their reason gave way to hatred and proposed violence. They preferred to kill Jesus rather than let him bring God into their lives.

Those who oppose Christ today are not able to plot his murder, but they work hard to kill his influence wherever possible.

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Channel 4 launches drug campaign

Little Rock's KARK Channel Four will join six other Gannett television stations in a major long-term drug campaign, highlighted by a two-hour prime-time telecast Feb. 12, 7-9 p.m.

The telecast consists of a hard-hitting, no-holds-barred special, "Epidemic! Why Your Kid is on Drugs", followed at 8 p.m. by a live "Drugline 4" segment when viewers can talk with a battery of counselors. "Drugline 4" will then remain in operation 24 hours a day for at least six months.

Leading up to the special, Newscenter 4 will telecast a five-part news series on its 5 o'clock and 10 o'clock Eyewitness News, February 8-12.

"Epidemic! Why Your Kid is on Drugs" is the in-depth story of what may be the greatest health hazard in the nation: the use of mind-altering drugs by our young. It will address the issue of youthful drug abuse in all aspects: current research on marijuana smoking and the damage to the body's reproductive system, marijuana and the military, the deadly combination of drinking or drugs with driving, the tragedy of drug-related suicides and the influence of music, TV and movies on the drug culture in America.

The hour-long special was written, narrated and co-produced by Collin Siedor with the Gannett Documentary Unit. Siedor points out that one third of our children start smoking marijuana in grade school, and that one in ten high school children smoke every day. Further statistics which prompted the Unit to produce the special indicate that three million teenagers in this country are alcoholics, a kid dies in a car accident every 23 minutes, in most of which drugs or alcohol is involved, and that drugs have contributed to 400 thousand suicide attempts by youth each year, more than 5,000 of which will succeed.

The entire two hours will be repeated the following afternoon, Saturday, Feb. 13 at 4:00 for those with conflicting Friday night activities.

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Showering the bride

In many churches it is a tradition for the women of the church to give a miscellaneous shower for every young person among the membership who marries. The shower is a gift of love which expresses appreciation for the life which the church has nurtured and brings good wishes for the future. It's a time for fellowship and a happy memory for the bride, groom, and their families.

The arrangements for the shower can be coordinated through a group of hostesses who wish to serve, through a Sunday School class, or through some other group. Invitations will usually be church wide, utilizing the bulletin, announcements, and telephone calls. The shower can be drop in, or have fixed hours and include gift opening, games, or sharing activities. Other details for the hostesses to consider are tables for displaying the gifts and for the bride's book, flowers for the bride, invitations to friends or relatives who might wish to attend. Some churches may want to include the groom and friends of his.

Refreshments served from an attractive table are important. Hot or cold punch, coffee, cookies, nuts, and non-sweet tidbits are favorites. Other possibilities are cake or pie, individual parfaits, sandwiches, a fresh fruit tray, cheese and crackers, iced tea, hot spiced tea, hot or cold cider.

Party iced tea

This economical punch is nice in a punch bowl or served over ice.
6 tea bags and 4 cups boiling water 6 oz. can frozen orange juice
or 6 heaping teaspoons instant tea 6 oz. can frozen lemonade
1-1/2 cups sugar (to taste)

Steep tea for 10 minutes. Cool. Add rest of ingredients and water to make one gallon. Serve over ice.

Party sandwiches

With the following spreads, make a variety of different sandwiches using thin sliced white, wheat and rye breads. Make open faced with the cream cheese filling topped with olives or pimiento. Alternate 4 slices of white and dark rye or wheat and cut in ribbons. Use either spread to make triangles, rectangles or squares. Trim crusts from bread. Garnish with fresh parsley.

Bacon horseradish spread

3 oz. package cream cheese 1 1/2 teaspoons horseradish
1 tablespoon milk 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
4 slices crisp-cooked bacon 1/4 teaspoon salt

Soften cream cheese. Add remaining ingredients and blend well.

Ham spread

1 cup ground ham 2-3 tablespoons mayonnaise (to
2 tablespoon sweet pickle relish make a spreadable mixture)
2 hard cooked eggs, chopped fine dash of Worcestershire sauce

Mix. Spread bread thinly with soft margarine or butter. Then spread with ham mixture.

Virginia Kirk, professor emeritus at Arkansas College, is a member of First Baptist, Batesville. Jane Purtle is on the staff of Christian Counseling and Teaching Center in Syria, Va. They have enjoyed cooking together for several years.

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IRS to examine Texas church's bank records

WASHINGTON (BP) — A Sherman, Texas, bank must produce its records of that city's First Pentecostal Church as ordered by a federal appeals court, following the U.S. Supreme Court's refusal to review the case.

The Grayson County State Bank has refused for more than three years to produce the records as demanded by the Internal Revenue Service in an audit proceeding directed at the congregation's pastor, Charles E. Glass. IRS is looking into Glass's tax liability for 1973 through 1976.

Going, teaching

by Arthur L. Walker, Jr.

Go.
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It was Christ himself who united these two commands for his followers. In response to these commands, Southern Baptists have historically committed themselves to going, through an emphasis on world-wide missions; and to teaching, through an emphasis on education — both in the church and through an extensive system of educational institutions.

The theme of this year's Baptist Seminary, College & School Day focuses on the commitment of Southern Baptists to the Christ-given command, teach. And because of this emphasis, the day will focus on those who daily carry out this command: the more than 6,000 teachers and administrators of Baptist schools.

Many Baptist churches will take time on Seminary, College & School Day, Sunday, Feb. 21, to remember in prayer the ministries of dedicated faculty members like Maxine Hart, a business professor at Baylor University, and Bill Leonard, who teaches church history at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Says Dr. Hart: "When students leave college, I want them to be ready for lives of leadership in the business office of the future — a future very different from anything we could have dreamed of."

In order to help her students prepare for such a future, Hart insists that lessons in honesty and personal ethics be a central part of the courses she teaches.

Dr. Hart believes that training students to reach their highest ability is her contribution to the Kingdom of God. "In business, the best Christian testimony is our actions," she says.

Bill Leonard learned from his parents the importance of Christian commitment as well as an appreciation of history. Those values have found expression through his ministry as a seminary church history professor.

His role as a teacher fits well into his concept of Christian ministry.

"I don't see a dichotomy between the classroom and the pulpit," explains the ordained Southern Baptist minister. "History must be meaningful and relevant in the local church as well as the seminary classroom."

Leonard, a popular Bible teacher and preacher, believes seminary offers the "best of both worlds."

"Not only do I have the privilege of teaching and working with persons who are beginning their ministry, but I also have the opportunity to teach and preach in local churches which is always a meaningful experience."

For Professors Hart and Leonard and their colleagues in 72 Baptist seminaries, colleges and schools, the command to Go, Teach has become a life commitment.

Arthur L. Walker, Jr. is executive director-treasurer of the SBC Education Commission.

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Although IRS obtained a summons to examine the record in November 1978, the taxing agency waited until May 1980 to ask a federal district court in Texas to enforce it. That court denied the government's request but the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals reversed the lower court, ordering the bank to comply with the IRS request.

In appealing that decision to the Supreme Court, attorneys for the church labelled the IRS efforts as "clearly an excessive and unnecessary interference" into "internal financial matters." They also cited a portion of the Internal Revenue Code forbidding the IRS from auditing the "books of account" of any congregation, even if it engaged in unrelated business enterprises.



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