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Arkansas Baptists plan  
Conference for Women



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Betty Atchison, (right), chairman of the steering committee for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention Conference for Women, and Virginia Cloor, one of the scheduled program personalities, stand in front of the Pine Bluff Convention Center, site of the conference scheduled April 29-May 1. The conference is bringing in a number of well-known women's conference and retreat leaders, musicians and authors. The organizers say they plan to attempt to meet the needs of all women, from the small rural church to the large city congregation. The conference theme is "The Christ Fashioned Woman". Emphasis will be given to the woman as a Spirit-controlled, creative and industrious person, vivacious, well-adjusted, submissive in her marriage and informed, involved and caring in her ministry. A \$20 registration fee may be sent with name and address to Mrs. Kerry Powell, P.O. Box 8748, Pine Bluff, Ark. 71611, phone number (501) 534-3448.

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Suzan Bryant, a native of El Dorado, now resides on the Caribbean island of St. Vincent, where she works as a missionary nurse in a battle against malnutrition. Baptist Press story and photos on Page 8.

## ABN offers front-page coverage to local churches

The editor and staff of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine wish to express appreciation to all who have inquired about using the front cover of the Newsmagazine for your weekly mailout. We are pleased to have your inquiries and we believe that this will be a tremendous service to many of our churches.

The cost of using the front cover is \$29 each week for camera-ready copy. Copy that has to be set by the printer is \$44 each week. Larger churches desiring more space may also use the back page. Two pages camera-ready cost \$40.00. Two pages to be set cost \$70.00 each week. These charges are, of course, in addition to your regular

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The deadline to mail your copy is Friday each week which should be received at the printer's on Monday and then received in the homes on the following Thursday.

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## Writer for ABN lessons for living

Lawson Hatfield, director of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention Sunday School Department, begins this week as writer of the International (also known as Convention Uniform) lesson in the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine's "lessons for living" section.

Hatfield has served in the state Sunday School Department since 1960, coming there from the Sunday School Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, where



Hatfield

he served as secretary of new work in 1959.

He is a native of Little Rock and a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University. He is married to the former Juanita Gill of North Little Rock and has one daughter, two sons and three grandchildren.

Hatfield has received the Th.M. and the Doctor of Ministry degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has written articles for *Church Administration*, *Sunday School Administration*, *The Sunday School Builder* and numerous articles for the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*.

He has served churches as pastor in Texas and Arkansas.

## Computer error results in record Annuity Board calls

Annuity Board personnel are working around the clock to defuse the problems which have generated over 600 phone calls a day.

A computer malfunction has delayed the posting time of monthly insurance payments for participants in the Board's insurance program. As a result many Southern Baptists are receiving lapse notices on their insurance plans. "Members who have kept their payments current will not lose their coverage," said Darold Morgan, president of the Annuity Board. Morgan has

asked insurance participants to be patient until the technical error can be corrected.

The problem arose when the new Church Insurance Program, launched Jan. 1, precipitated thousands of transfers and hundreds of new applicants. Morgan said he is pleased with the tremendous response to the new program.

Record numbers of phone calls have flooded the Annuity Board. "Yesterday we received over 600 calls on the switchboard. That far exceeds our busiest day ever," said Fairy Holmes, switchboard supervisor.

## Media library seminar offers specialization

NASHVILLE — A specialty seminar, offering in-depth training in three areas of church media library work, is scheduled at the Sunday School Board's Church Program Training Center, March 15-19.

Sponsored by the board's church media library department, the seminar will offer 20 hours of study in the areas of promoting media services, conducting a cassette tape ministry and in classifying and cataloging

media.

Participants will choose one of the three areas of specialization for the week. An additional two and one-half hours of general sessions will be offered for all participants.

Registration may be made by sending a \$50 fee for each participant to Church Program Training Center, P.O. Box 24001, Nashville, Tenn. 37203.



In a recent gathering of Baptist people, the discussion centered around whether or not Christians should go to the horse races at Hot Springs. A variety of opinions were expressed. Some felt that it was fine to go and to bet on the horses. After all, they said, "it's legal." Others felt that it was all right to go but that a Christian shouldn't be involved in gambling. Some believed that a Christian shouldn't be there at all, because even his presence would hurt his influence.

In answering a question, such as this, there are a number of considerations. First, and most important, what light does the scripture shed on the subject? Obviously, gambling is an attempt to acquire something for nothing. A gambler, then, is not a producer but a parasite who lives on the losses of others. The Bible teaches us that we are to love and assist others, even our enemies (Matt. 7:12; 5:43-44). The gambler says, "What's yours is mine, and I'll take it if I can win it."

A second consideration is how a particular activity affects society. Gambling has a wide range of bad effects for individuals. Some of these are: (1) It encourages dishonesty; (2) It often drives losers to theft and other crimes; (3) It lowers the standard of living for the loser; (4) It breeds laziness and discontent; (5) It destroys the winner's sense of value; and (6) It demoralizes character and personality.

Gambling has a wide range of adverse social effects even when legalized. Unquestionably, gambling breeds crime and attracts the lower elements of society into an area. In many instances it deprives families of the basic necessities of life.

There is no doubt that gambling interests have often gained control of political and law enforcement agencies. Several congressional investigations have revealed the devastating effects of the gambling industry and the lengths to which those who control it will go to protect their own interests.

The fact that gambling is legal does not make it right for a Christian to participate in it. By the same logic one could argue that drinking of alcoholic beverage or even prostitution is acceptable for Christians. Both are legal in

some parts of our country. There is a higher authority than the law of the land for Christians and this is the demands of our Lord.

Some maintain that it is wrong to bet on horses, but it is all right to go just to see the horses run. We agree that racing horses are beautiful animals and that it is a delight to see them race. But attending the race certainly would damage the effectiveness of an individual's witness. This was evidenced by the statement of one individual who said, "I believe that it is all right for me to go to the horse races but it would be wrong for my pastor to go." If it harms the witness of one person, it will have an adverse effect on the witness of another.

There are many who are habitual gamblers and who can hardly control their gambling urge. The attendance of a Christian may encourage such a person to become reinvolved in gambling. Paul sets forth a principle which would apply here. The apostle said, "If meat makes my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world stands, lest I make my brother to offend" (1 Cor. 8:13).

Paul was referring to meat which had been offered to idols in Corinth. This meat was a better quality and was less expensive than other meat. Many of the Christians at Corinth were former heathens who had participated in making burnt offerings to idols. The meat which was not used in the offering was the best part of the animal for eating. But the eating of such meat was a problem for those who had once been involved in idol worship. So Paul said, "For the sake of my weak brother I would be willing to give up the eating of meat altogether. I do not want to produce a problem for my brother in the Lord."

What should the Christian's posture be concerning horse racing at Hot Springs? He should not be involved in gambling. Gambling is wrong. Further, a Christian has a responsibility of influence. It is important for us to never participate in anything which will be harmful to the cause of Christ.

Christians should work through proper government process to eliminate all legalized gambling from our state. In the meantime, we should demand proper enforcement of existing laws concerning this evil.

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## Woman's viewpoint

Frances Carroll

### Something Beautiful

The words of the song, "Something Beautiful", echo in the valley of my soul. "He made something beautiful of my life." Jesus Christ did exactly that for me. As I became aware of his presence in my life, my entire lifestyle changed. A life filled with nothingness was searching for a way to become alive and really live. As the truths of God unfolded and I realized that he wanted my life to become something beautiful.

Surely no child was happier with their Christmas toys than I, when I received my gift from God, a new life in him. A new world was mine as the words in my Bible became real and had meaning in my life. The pages of the unused Bible were soon lined with words that had been underlined and held special meaning. Using a red lead pencil I marked the pages and the passages that showed me new truths. The beauty of the Christlike life opened before me and

the examples were amazing and exciting as I learned how he taught his disciples as they lived among the master.

Words, wonderful words, of comfort, joy, peace and love filled my heart. There were ever present warnings about the pitfalls of life and the dangers that came from the prince of the world. As my hunger increased and knowledge of the Lord began to fill my soul, there was a need and desire for him to control my life. The Lord isn't pushy and waited patiently for me each day.

As I knelt by my bed and prayed words filled my head but I was mute. Finally, in a brokenness of spirit and complete humility I wept. "God, I know you have more for me, show me please. I want to belong to you and you alone my Father God." I wept for a very long while in what seemed like eternity. I sobbed in gasps, feeling drained of life itself. The anguish and torment of a life-

time began to leave my being, I knew that I wanted to follow him and serve him in every way. My life had changed in a few short moments and the feelings of my old self began to disappear. Beautiful thoughts and feelings filled my heart, knowing that I had found him in a special way.

Each day I experience some type of spiritual growth in my life. Life is living not for myself now but for him. No longer do I feel like the ugly duckling, I am a beautiful child of the king. As we learn how to let our lights shine, then, and only then, will others see his spirit in us. Where the light shines is beauty and love. He made my life something beautiful and he can do the same for you.

**Mrs. Carroll of Russellville is a member of First Church, where she teaches a women's class, is director of children's worship and is intercessory prayer chairman.**



## One layman's opinion

Daniel R. Grant/President, OBU

### What we pay our leaders

It has been a long time since the nation has given itself such a verbal tongue-lashing as it has over the press reports that the new football coach of Texas A & M has been promised \$287,000 a year. Descriptive comments have included "outrageous," "completely out of line," "a sad commentary on American society," and "a fact of academic life."

Jackie Sherrill, highly successful 38-year-old coach of the University of Pittsburgh Panthers, accepted a six-year contract at Texas A & M for an alleged \$95,000 annual "base pay" plus cash and other benefits from Aggie fans and alumni to bring the total compensation to \$287,000 a year. The President of the United States is paid only \$200,000 per year plus an additional \$62,000 in expense accounts, and he has to recruit Cabinet members at \$69,630 per year. U.S. Supreme Court justices are paid \$81,288, and the chief justice receives an extra \$3,387 for presiding over the other members of the court. It is probable that Coach Sherrill will make more money than anyone else in the educational field in the

United States, including professors, deans, and presidents of our largest universities.

It is hard to pinpoint the blame for this mixup in priorities. The salary of a winning football coach at one of the top 10 or 20 universities in the country seems to be determined by a simple law of supply and demand, and we seem to demand winning football far more than we demand such things as great libraries, great classrooms, and great laboratories, with great librarians and teachers to bring them about. If we don't like the pay scale we have primarily ourselves to blame, rather than Texas A & M.

Senator Dale Bumpers recently said, "One good teacher, in my opinion, is worth ten Super Bowls." He could have said the same thing about one good preacher, one good lawyer, one good auto repairman, and one good doctor. My next major project is going to be figuring out a way to have good teachers, preachers, doctors, etc., without eliminating the Super Bowl. — Daniel R. Grant is President of Ouachita Baptist University at Arkadelphia.

### Scholarships at OBU

College-bound students planning to attend Ouachita Baptist University next fall have until Monday, March 1, 1982 to submit applications for academic scholarships, according to Harold Johnson, director of student financial aid at OBU.

Application forms and additional information may be obtained by writing or calling Johnson at P.O. Box 776, Arkadelphia, Ark. 71923 or (501) 246-4531, Ext. 570.

### Letter to the editor

#### Curious on 'true facts'

The letter of February 11, 1982, "Teach True Facts, Too," from Mrs. Gertrude Jesser, Fayetteville, was of much interest to me, and I am wondering where she got her facts about Charles Darwin's later life. My reference books do not tell that Darwin regretted his earlier theory — knew it was false, and that he became a Christian and believed, as I do, the Bible story of creation.

I would be happy to tell this wonderful story to my children and grandchildren, but I would want to be able to tell them where to find this information for themselves. Will you please help me? — Estelle Allen, Mountain Home

by Millie Gill/ABN staff writer

**Carbon Sims**

began serving March 1 as minister of education/administration at Camden First Church. He came there from the Monticello First Church where he served for nine years as minister of music/education. He has also served on the staff of both Hot Springs Second and Pine Bluff Immanuel Churches. He attended the Julliard School of Music in New York and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Sims and his wife, Jerl Dene, have a daughter, Susan, and two sons, Carbon Randall and David.



Sims

**Bill Cyert**

is serving as music director of the Little Rock Martindale Church. An ordained deacon in the North Little Rock Levy Church, he attended the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, and has taken extensive training in IBM education courses. He has served in the U.S. Army and is now responsible for program analysis with Arkansas Blue Cross-Blue Shield. He and his wife,

Betty, have two children, Tammy and Steven.

**Robert McDaniel**

is serving as pastor at Smackover First Church, going there from North Little Rock Calvary Church. He has also served as pastor of churches in Bradley and Camden, as well as in Texas. He is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He and his wife, Nancy, have four children.



McDaniel

**Randy Bartmier**

has joined the staff of Fort Smith Bluff Avenue Church as music/youth director. He is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, and has served two Oklahoma churches as music director. He was a member of the Fort Smith Grand Avenue Church.

**Ricky Melson**

is serving as associate pastor of the Ozone Church. He was licensed to the ministry by this church in 1981.

**Randall Dill**

is serving North Little Rock Levy Church as minister of music/youth. He came there from the Russell Park Church in Fort Myers, Fla. A native of Evansville, Ind., he is a graduate of Campbellsville Baptist Church in Kentucky and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Prior to serving in Florida, he served churches in Indiana and Kentucky. His wife, Jane, is a graduate of Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green.



Dill

**Virginia Lois Kennedy**

died Feb. 21 at age 65 in Little Rock Baptist Medical Center. A native of Little Rock, she was a member of the Little Rock Calvary Church and was nursery director at Pulaski Heights Church of that city. Survivors are her husband, Dale E. Kennedy Sr., three sons, Dale E. Kennedy Jr. and William L. Kennedy of Little Rock and Thomas A. Kennedy of Chicago, Ill., and five grandchildren. Funeral services were held Feb. 24.



ABN photo/Bo Allen

**New Life Church organizes**

Ninety-three members and a number of visiting ministers signed the charter of New Life Church in rural Pulaski County following an organization service Feb. 14. The new church voted to cooperate with the Pulaski County Baptist Association, the Arkansas Baptist State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention. Pastor Sedic Wesson (pictured at left) listens as moderator Bill Duvall, former pastor at First Church of Wakefield, presents the charter in form of a motion. The Wakefield church had supported the New Life mission since last November. Johnny Jackson, from Forrest Highlands Church, preached the first sermon in the new church after the constitution was approved.

**briefly****Paragould Calvary Church**

was led in the study of "Jeremiah, Witness Under Pressure" Feb. 8-15 by evangelist Paul Ragland. Enrollment was 175 with 152 receiving credit for the Bible study course.

**Hughes First Church**

will observe its 60th anniversary Sept. 19 with a homecoming. Ben Rowell, now pastor of Rogers First Church and a former pastor of the Hughes church, will be speaker. Mrs. Gibson Morgan is chairman of the planning committee. Others assisting will be Mrs. Eva Allen, Mrs. Henry Harmon, O. E. Worrell and Bob McKenzie.

**Gillham First Church**

held a deacon ordination service Feb. 14. Those ordained were Edgar Brewer, Sunday School superintendent, and Lawrence Stark. Harold Brewer, pastor of Beebe First Church and a brother of Edgar Brewer, was speaker.

**Little Rock Second Church**

has planned a "Journey of Love" program for March 1-April 11. This program is designed for members to reach out in love and meet the needs of others through letters, telephone calls, gifts, prayer and meals.

# 363 attend first statewide singles' conference

by Bob Allen

A total of 363 persons registered at Arkansas Baptists' first statewide singles' conference, held Feb. 19-20 at Second Church in Little Rock.

Ann Alexander Smith, single adult consultant for the Baptist Sunday School Board, and John Howell, academic dean at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary were keynote speakers for the first of what is expected to be an annual event sponsored by the Family Ministry section of the Arkansas Baptist Church Training Department.

Gerald Jackson, Church Training associate and coordinator of the conference, said only 123 singles had preregistered before the opening session on Friday, Feb. 19. Organizers had expected about 200 and were pleasantly surprised as cars and vans from all over Arkansas and out of state continued to roll in.

Jackson described the response as "a good start for us in Arkansas" in emphasizing ministry with singles. "We are looking forward to this being a significant part of our state convention program in the coming years," he said.

Jackson said there have been a couple of singles' conferences held in Arkansas in recent years, but they were local affairs, sponsored by individual churches. The state convention's involvement in singles' ministry is in a fledgling stage, but is ex-

pected to spread its wings soon.

The next statewide opportunity for singles will be a Labor Day weekend retreat at Glorieta, N.M., Sept. 2-7. A group from Arkansas traveled together to the retreat last year. Registration is now open for this year's trip.

Jackson said a main thrust now will be trying to encourage associations to start their own singles' ministries. "We hope we can multiply these kinds of experiences," he said.

Stressed in messages by Smith and Howell were the importance of building self-esteem, forgetting past failures and bitterness and looking forward to a future of fulfilling life and spiritual growth.

In the opening message, Smith asked singles to begin with introspection. "Dare to take a look at yourself. It's a painful process to look inward and identify who we are, but the advantages outweigh the agony.

"I believe with my whole heart we can celebrate singleness," she said. "There is something more to singleness than just the opposite of marriage. We have equated singleness with a lack of wholeness.

"Most of us need to stop living in the past, stop living in the future and start living in the present," she said.

Howell urged singles to develop relationships as a way of minimizing the effects of

"the sin of self-centeredness" and the "shackles of past failure and bitterness." He challenged them to look forward to a future where they can learn to grow by understanding past failures, to refuse to let their lives be "ruled by they and them," and to commit their lives to Christ.

"Find the joy of living each day," Howell said. "God called you to it."

Small group sessions were held on working with single adults, self-esteem, developing a spiritual life, divorce, mission opportunities and budget, credit and investments.

A number of single adults from Arkansas contributed to the program by giving testimonies, leading small group sessions and by special music.

Annette Hanshaw, a single adult from Immanuel Church in Little Rock shared in one session. "I know all of us don't feel called to be single," she said. "Some of us are single by choice and some by circumstances. But if all of us are truly seeking the Lord's will in our lives, we will realize that at this particular time it is best for us to be single.

"It's OK to be single. There is a place for singles. We are special to God. We have a witness to others that married people don't have. I believe he watches over us and cares for us, maybe even more than some of the others."



ABN photos by Millie Gill



Fellowship, worship and information filled the 10 hours-plus set aside for Arkansas Baptists' first statewide single adult conference held Feb. 19-20 at Second Church in Little Rock. Pictured at left, Gerald Jackson (left), Arkansas Baptist State Convention Church Training associate in charge of the program, speaks casually with John Howell, academic dean at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, one of two featured speakers at the conference. (Above) Jack Schoemaker and Martha Gresham, both members of Life Line Church in Little Rock, converse during a time put into the program to allow singles from the various churches across the state to get acquainted with one another.

## Singles' ministries serve special needs

A popular folk singer in the 1960s used to strum his guitar and vocalize an observation "the times, they are a-changing." In the 1980s, lifestyles are a-changing and Southern Baptists are busy trying to respond to the special needs of a rapidly growing single adult population.

Ann Alexander Smith, single adult consultant with the Baptist Sunday School Board, discussed the singles' ministry situation with three groups of single adult leaders in small group sessions at Arkansas Baptists' state singles' conference at Little Rock Second Church.

"We are the baby of the denomination as far as the Southern Baptist Convention is concerned," Smith said, explaining that little is being done at present beyond recognizing a need.

Census figures have yet to be finalized, Smith said, but it is estimated that 60 million single adults live in the United States, with 45 million in the 18-54 age bracket. It is estimated that there are 20 U.S. metropolitan areas with 50-60 percent of the adult population single.

"I think singles are here to stay," Smith commented.

While these singles share a common marital status, they come from varying circumstances.

A growing number of adults are opting to remain single. Some choose to pursue careers before marrying and some shy away from marriage because of fear of a rising divorce rate that claims more and more marriages. Others plan to marry some day, but have not yet found their "significant person," Smith said. Still others would like to marry, but circumstances have prevented them from doing so.

As divorce courts fill up, so do church singles' groups, with singles that have been married. The incidence of divorce rose 91 percent in the last decade. In one year, 1979, two million marriages were recorded nationwide and one million divorces. Laws governing divorce are being relaxed, with 49 of 50 states now having "no-fault" divorce laws.

Smith said one reason for the increased divorce rate is that people are "getting married for the wrong reasons. In America, we have equated love with feeling. Feelings come and go," she said.

"Part of our work ... is to bring commitment into the picture. Unless a person can be committed to themselves

and God, they can never be committed to another person.

"Divorce is less than God's ideal," she said, "but there is hope." People do not have to shut the world down because there is a divorce."

There is also a significant number of widowed in the population, particularly women. Wives are outliving their husbands by an average of seven years. Women outnumber men five to one in singles' groups, Smith said.

Another group is those who are separated and deserted. They are married, Smith said, but may feel like they are single.

A substantial number of singles are parents. Twenty-two percent of households are single-parent arrangements. In some areas of the country, Smith said, never-married singles are choosing to adopt children to begin a single-parent household.

Smith shared the results of a survey of needs identified by single adults in a ministry setting. Not in order of importance, the top eight are self worth, acceptance, companionship, loneliness, finances, sexuality, assistance with children and knowing God's will. — **Bob Allen**



Danny Thomason (left) of Little Rock performs an original song for special music during one of the conference sessions. (Above) Ann Alexander Smith, single adult consultant for the Baptist Sunday School Board, leads a small group session on working with single adults. Others leading conferences were John Howell, Bob Spray, Leland Hurt, Harry Trulove and Willene Pierce.



# Your state convention at work

Christian Life Council

## Extinguishing today's missiles

"Stand firm therefore, having girded your loins with truth... taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming missiles of the evil one." Ephesians 6:14-16.

Truth and faith continue to be sorely needed in resisting satanic missiles of our day. Never has a people been so effectively bombed by such missiles. Americans, young and old alike, are being constantly bombarded with extensive and expensive propaganda from the alcoholic beverage pushers.

You and your family should keep the following truths in mind as ethyl alcohol propaganda missiles are fired by means of television, radio, movies, magazines, newspapers, billboards, and the naive who have already fallen prey.

1. Ethyl alcohol as found in varying amounts in beer, wine and distilled spirits is the number one problem drug in America.

2. Ethyl alcohol is the great disinhibitor in our society.

3. The consumption of ethyl alcohol relates to at least half of fatal auto accidents.

4. The consumption of ethyl alcohol probably relates to half of pedestrian deaths.

5. Many more than half of all crimes, including murder, are committed while under the influence of ethyl alcohol.

6. The consumption of ethyl alcohol detrimentally affects the relationship of the husband and wife in every way emotionally, materially, physically and spiritually. — **Bob Parker, director**

Evangelism

## Personal counseling in revival

The spirit of William Carey's great mission sermon should characterize our churches in revival. "Attempt great things for God, expect great things from God." God will bless any church that fulfills the spirit of these two great principles.

A New Testament church should plan and prepare for decisions to be made in revival services. A wise pastor will want capable and consecrated counselors trained to assist him. Each of these counselors must be able to take the Bible and show a person how to be saved and lead him to a personal commitment of his life to Christ. They should know scriptures of



Shell

assurance and security to share with the insecure person. The counselor should be spiritually mature enough to deal with church members who come on rededication. The counselors should be trained to give comfort to troubled hearts.

There are several definite values in using counselors during the invitation. The counselor who is prepared to lead a person to Christ in the altar also is available to present Christ on the job, at home or at school. The use of a counselor releases the pastor to deal with others as they come with decisions. Another value is that it shows the spiritually needy that others in the church really care about them.

Jesus prepared men to assist him. We that preach his Word do well to follow his example. — **Clarence Shell Jr., director**

Church Training

## 1982 State Youth Convention

The 1982 State Youth Convention will feature Jeff Walter and Robin Lyle from Arlington, Texas. They are Christian recording artists performing and recording under the name "Gabriel." They performed for over 7,000 youth on Baptist Youth Day at Magic Springs last September.



Gabriel

"Youth... Growing in DiscipleLife" will be the theme of this year's Youth Convention meeting at Robinson Auditorium in Little Rock on April 9. Sessions will begin at 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.

The program will also feature the Ouachita Singers under the direction of Charles Wright and the Southern Singers directed by Jim Sides from Southern Baptist College. Bob Norman, pastor of Northway Church in Dallas, Texas, will be the speaker.

A special feature of this year's Youth Convention will be the introduction of DiscipleYouth; a Youth Discipleship Witness training experience for youth. This will be presented by the Church Training and Evangelism Departments of our State Convention. — **Robert Holley, director**

Church music

## Arkansas choirs to sing at World's Fair

We received word this week from Baptist Ministries for 1982 World's Fair, Inc., that four youth choirs from Arkansas have been selected to appear at the Baptist Pavilion at the World's Fair in Knoxville, Tenn., this summer.

We congratulate the following choirs and churches for this distinct honor: First, Mountain Home, June 2; First, Dardanelle, June 9; Beech Street First, Texarkana, Aug. 11; First, Forrest City, Aug. 13.

These choirs survived a rigorous screening process which included the submission of an audition tape, a picture of the group

in costume and a close screening of the styles of music they are capable of performing.

The selection committee had a difficult time choosing which choirs would be invited from the hundreds who applied. We think these four from Arkansas will be among the best.

You will have an opportunity to hear all of these choirs when they participate in the State Youth Choir Festival at Immanuel Church in Little Rock on Saturday morning, March 27. The Junior High section of the festival will meet at Second Church. You are cordially invited to attend at either of these locations. — **Ervin Keathley, secretary**

## Cooperative Program

### The Cooperative Program average

Arkansas Baptist churches give a larger percentage of their undesignated dollars through the Cooperative Program than the average Southern Baptist church. Callers often ask, "What does the average church give through the Cooperative Program?" In Cooperative Program promotion, church members repeat this question.

The question is often asked with plans to increase the church's percentage in the next budget. Very rarely is the question raised with intentions of decreasing the percentage.

Baptists don't like averages in baptisms and Sunday School attendance. Success or failure isn't measured by averages.

When a church looks at mission support through the Cooperative Program, these questions are worthwhile. What are our

ministry priorities? What are our financial and people resources? What is our highest potential? What are our needs compared with world needs? What is God's will for our church?

Trying to be average does little for incentive. Striking the happy medium deadens initiative. Being normal blurs vision. Once a church attains an average status, it is easy to become complacent.

People like to excel. Churches want to do the best they can. The above average church is what makes Cooperative Program gifts in Arkansas above average.

The average Arkansas Baptist church gave 9.77 percent of its tithes and offerings through the Cooperative Program in 1981.

— James A. Walker, director

## Church Administration

### Minister of Education/Youth seminar

Ministers of Education and Ministers of Youth will have a unique opportunity for training, personal growth and fellowship at the Minister of Education/Youth seminar April 29-30. The seminar will be held at De Gray State Park Lodge near Arkadelphia. The sessions will begin at 10 a.m. on Thursday and conclude at 3 p.m. on Friday.

Ministers of Education will be led in separate sessions by Will Beal, Consultant in the Church Administration Department, Baptist Sunday School Board. Bob Taylor, also from the Church Administration Department, will lead Ministers of Youth in their sessions. Joint sessions for the two groups will be led by Fred McGehee from the Career Guidance Section of the Church Administration Department. Dr. McGehee will lead sessions related to career goals, personal fulfillment, team building, conflict resolution and staff relations.

Any staff member who has responsibility for educational and/or youth ministry is invited to attend the seminar. For additional information, write Robert Holley, P.O. Box 552, Little Rock, 72203. — Robert Holley, director



Holley

## Vacation Bible School

### VBS Clinic follow-up

As an example of practicing what we preach, here is a follow-up of the VBS Clinic.

Training in VBS materials and techniques was given to 202 associational leaders. Thirty-one of our 42 associations had a representative at the clinic.

A list of Associational VBS Clinics will be printed in the March issue of "Sunday School News." If your association is not listed, be sure to contact your associational office for that information.

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# Arkansas native helps Vincentian babies live

by Elaine Herrin

KINGSTOWN, St. Vincent (BP) — Seeing the severely malnourished baby lying in a box on the floor in a corner — barely alive — almost made Suzan Bryant sick.

The missionary nurse quickly hospitalized Lisa, the 8-month-old daughter of a young unwed mother, and gave her a high calorie blend of oil, sugar and milk.

Thriving on the special blend (provided initially by Foreign Mission Board hunger relief funds but now purchased by the hospital), Lisa became alert and soon developed into "the beautiful dark-eyed baby girl God intended her to be," Bryant remarked.

Suzan Bryant, an Arkansas native, had read about the alarming malnutrition and escalating infant mortality rates on St. Vincent even before she came to the Caribbean island nearly four years ago. She came determined to make things different.

The public hospital treated malnutrition, but existing programs were not getting at the root causes or effectively preventing malnutrition and subsequent deaths. Superstition, ignorance and lack of resources were major problems.

"People here love their children," Bryant said. "But they are often trapped in ignorance and superstition."

Some villagers believe that foods such as fish, cheese and liver cause stupidity, stunting and worms.

Older Vincentians, convinced that children who become thin are "hexed," try to ward off evil spirits by tying black strings around the child's wrists and waist.

Some children who receive medical attention return to the hospital months later, again malnourished.

"Even though we held classes in the hos-

pital for the mother, when she returned home, 'baby was well,' so she saw no need to continue what we had begun," she said.

Other parents learned about good nutrition, but did not have the resources for preparing nutritious meals at home. Finding that many women were willing to grow food for their families when properly taught, Bryant added a section on kitchen gardening to her program. And during 1981 the Southern Baptist mission began providing chicks and laying hens as a source of fresh eggs.

Bryant's 10-week community health program, approved by the Vincentian government, is taught in the mountain villages around Kingstown.

She works with a parent or guardian whose child is being treated for malnutrition, then uses this contact to introduce the program in that family's village.

If a child is brought in for treatment from a village where classes already have been taught, Bryant sends word to former class members in the area. They share their notebooks and training with the mother when her child is discharged.

To date she has taught eight area programs, averaging about 25 parents in each. In Georgetown, 40 enrolled, including some men who came to a session on family planning.

Painfully aware that children still die from malnutrition in St. Vincent, her dark eyes brighten when she thinks of the progress that has been made: "We can't do everything, but we have done something. I feel good about that," Bryant said.

So do children like Lisa, now a happy, healthy little girl who recently celebrated her second birthday.



BP photo/Margaret Herrin

Two-year-old Lisa, held by her great-grandmother, has bright eyes and a bright future today on her native island of St. Vincent. She had neither when Suzan Bryant, Southern Baptist missionary nurse, first saw her as a malnourished 8-month-old. Lisa, who lived with her young mother, was barely alive. The infant was immediately hospitalized and placed on a high calorie diet. She was released healthy and alert weeks later to her great-grandmother, who agreed to rear her following the nutrition regimen prescribed by the hospital.



Backyard gardens have not only become a source of community pride but also a means of preventing malnutrition in the villages of St. Vincent. Suzan Bryant, Southern Baptist missionary nurse from El Dorado, Ark., discusses the progress of one garden with a group of women in one of the mountain villages on the Caribbean island.

A high calorie diet and loving care will give this severely malnourished infant of St. Vincent a new chance for a healthy life. Suzan Bryant (left), a Southern Baptist missionary nurse introduced the special diet in the pediatric ward at Kingstown (St. Vincent) General Hospital. She also developed a government-approved community health program to help prevent malnutrition and to lower the infant mortality rate on the Caribbean island.



## New faces at Sunday School Board, agencies

### Arkansas native promoted at Board

NASHVILLE — Arkansas native John F. Gardner III, son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Gardner Jr. of Fort Smith, has been promoted to process and design specialist in the church and staff support division office at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Gardner, former minister of music and youth at First Church of Siloam Springs, moved to his new position from the board's church music department, where he was a consultant for small churches and associations. In the church music department he also was staff coordinator for five years and then church music administration consultant prior to his most recent position.

In his new position, Gardner will assist division director Gary Cook in the administration of work from the church administration, church music, church architecture, church recreation and church media library departments.

He is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, and holds the M.M.E. degree from the University of Arkansas. Prior to moving to the board's church music department in 1973, he was minister of music at Olivet Baptist Church in Oklahoma City.



Gardner

### Commission names Baptist Men's director

Doug Beggs, pastor of Hampton Road Church in DeSoto, Texas, has been named Baptist Men's director for the Baptist Brotherhood Commission.

Beggs, who assumed duties March 1, is a native Texan. He holds a B.A. degree from Baylor University, and a B.D. degree from Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary.

He has been pastor at several churches in Texas and has been active in the Texas state Brotherhood program, serving as a Brotherhood regional director for six asso-



Beggs

### WMU plans biography

Woman's Missionary Union is working with Broadman Press to produce a new biography of Annie Armstrong, to be released in March 1984.

ciations and a state Royal Ambassador campcraft and counselor trainer.

He also has been active in Texas lay recreational activities.

As director of Baptist Men, Beggs will evaluate, develop, and implement program design for Baptist Men and lead in interpreting the program through field service assignments.

### WMU names Mann editor

BIRMINGHAM, AL.

— Anne Leavell Mann of Atlanta, Ga., has been named editor of *Royal Service* by Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to Southern Baptist Convention. *Royal Service* is WMU's monthly magazine for adult women. With approximately 320,000 subscribers, *Royal Service* has the largest circulation of any missions magazine within the Southern Baptist Convention. Miss Mann was previously Baptist Young Women consultant for Woman's Missionary Union of Georgia. She has also served a summer internship at First Church of Opelika, Ala. A native of Newnan, Ga., Miss Mann holds degrees from the University of Georgia and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. While at Southwestern, Miss Mann was the recipient of the Elizabeth G. Price Memorial Award, which is presented to the woman with the highest grade average in the School of Religious Education. Miss Mann is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Mann Jr. She is the niece of Landrum P. Leavell, president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.



Mann

Yoder named to new post at Brotherhood Commission

Larry Yoder, associate in Baptist Men's work at the Brotherhood Commission, has been named director of church relations for the Commission.

A new position, the director of church relations will lead in coordinating all Brotherhood curriculum, will relate to general Brotherhood officers



Yoder

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in local churches, and will interpret Brotherhood work through field service assignments.

The 38-year-old Yoder is a graduate of Georgetown College and has earned degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Before joining the Brotherhood Commission staff, Yoder directed Royal Ambassador work for the state of Virginia. He also served for four years as a Southern Baptist foreign missionary in Belgium.

### Sisk to direct programs of peace, alcohol for CLC

NASHVILLE, Tenn.

(BP) — Ronald D. Sisk, 32, has been elected director of program development for the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, the moral concerns agency of the 13.7 million-member denomination.

Sisk, who joined the staff Feb. 1, will have assignments in the areas of peace with justice, alcohol education and action and the development of new programs related to Christian social concern and action, according to Foy Valentine, Christian Life Commission executive director.

Sisk has been pastor of the Forks of Elkhorn Baptist Church in Midway, Ky., for the past two years and is to be a May 1982 candidate for the doctor of philosophy degree in Christian ethics at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

He is a native of Texas who grew up in Arkansas. Sisk was a professor's assistant at Southern seminary from 1978-80 and before that was an instructor in history and political science at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff.

He earned a master of arts degree from New York University and the bachelor of arts degree from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville.

Sisk was a summer missionary to New York City and then served as a US2 home missionary in New York University from 1971-72.

He is married to the former Sheryl Sims of Denver, Colo., and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray V. Sisk of Pine Bluff, Ark.



Sisk

## OBU begins building

ARKADELPHIA, ARKANSAS — Two grants from out-of-state foundations totaling \$600,000 have been given to Ouachita Baptist University to aid in the construction of a new \$4 million Health, Physical Education and Recreation (HPER) Complex, which is part of the Centennial Advancement Campaign at the school.

At the ground-breaking ceremony of the structure Tuesday, Feb. 16, Daniel R. Grant, president of OBU, announced that a \$500,000 matching grant had been given by the Mabee Foundation of Tulsa, Oklahoma and an outright \$100,000 grant had been given by the Carr P. Collins Foundation of Dallas, Texas to be used for construction of the building.

"Just the act of breaking ground and beginning the building creates an air of excitement," said Roger Harrod, OBU's vice president for development. "It also makes the various publics of Ouachita feel a sense of pride."

"We went to the Mabee Foundation of Tulsa and they gave us a grant of \$500,000 with the condition that we raise the remainder of the money for the HPER building by Dec. 31 of this year," said Harrod. "The Carr P. Collins Foundation of Dallas, Texas notified us that they were awarding us \$100,000 for construction," he added.

With more than \$1.8 million pledged toward the campaign, Harrod feels confident about starting on the building. "I think it is appropriate that we start the structure now and it speaks well of the strengths of Ouachita, especially at a time when the economy is not in very good shape."

The structure is part of Ouachita's Centennial Advancement Campaign, which is designed to raise Ouachita to new levels of strength and excellence between 1981 and 1986; 1986 being the year Ouachita will complete 100 years of service as an institution of Christian higher education.

The Centennial campaign's first phase will extend through 1983 and will consist of two major objectives: (1) achieving a significant increase in the level of annual operating support by at least \$500,000 and (2) financing the construction of two buildings — the HPER complex and a 2,000-seat auditorium. The estimated cost of each of the

buildings is \$4 million.

During the Phase I period, the development staff at Ouachita will study and recommend to the Trustees the appropriate goals for the 1984-86 Phase II period. Further analysis of the list of needs required to attain Ouachita's Centennial Goals by 1986, estimated to cost \$30 million, will be a part of this study in helping determine the Phase II goals.

The Pickens-Bond Construction Company of Little Rock has been awarded the contract for the HPER complex by the OBU board of trustees. The company is estimating 12-14 months for completion of the building, which will be located directly beside the present athletic facility, Rockefeller Field House.

The architects, Blass, Chilcote, Carter, Lanford and Wilcox of Little Rock have worked with the builders with energy conservation in mind and have cut costs from the estimated \$4.5 million to approximately \$4 million.

In addition to the renovation of the present varsity basketball facility, there will be 65,000 square feet of new space added. The new multi-purpose structure features a 25-yard pool, new classroom and office space, four handball/raquetball courts, a gymnastics area and an intramural facility for basketball, volleyball and tennis.

Renovation of the present field house will include improvement in the seating area, addition of new weight rooms, dressing rooms and concession areas.

The faculty/staff and the trustees' former trustees' are winding up their areas of

the Centennial campaign. "Both have set good standards for all of the other campaigns to be successful," said Larry Bone, director of alumni affairs and development officer.

Three other areas of the first phase in the campaign: an alumni fund drive, an Arkadelphia area campaign and the OBU Development Council Drive are in the process of enlisting leadership.

The Alumni Campaign is nationwide and will involve more than 11,000 people. The base goal is \$750,000 with a challenge goal of \$1,250,000.

The Development Council campaign is in the leadership stage, also. The base goal is set for \$800,000 with a challenge goal of \$1.5 million.

"We are in the process of enlisting the campaign leadership in the Arkadelphia area," said Harrod. A city-wide luncheon is planned for Feb. 25 involving about 100 people. "At that meeting the group will decide on leadership, goals, and the calendar for the effort."

In addition to the home-based campaigns, funds will be raised through Ouachita's deferred gifts program through provisions in wills and trusts for endowed chairs and other additions to the endowment, particularly to achieve a \$500,000 annual operating increase.

Another source of capital is expected to come from higher levels of annual giving by Southern Baptist Convention churches through the Cooperative Program of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention and by alumni and other friends through the concept of the "living endowment."

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## International

### Christ's miraculous power

by Lawson Hatfield, Arkansas Baptist State Sunday School director

Basic passage: Mark 1:21-45

Focal passage: Mark 1:21-27; 40-45

Central truth: Jesus has power to help us meet our needs.

1. Jesus had authority in what he taught and in the miracles he wrought (Mark 1:21-27). With a ring of authority Jesus came across clearly to the people in the doctrine he taught. His miracles were not for show or compensation. His miracles were performed to give ultimate authority to his doctrine. He both taught truth and performed wonderful signs because God was with him.

Unclean spirits knew that Jesus was the Holy One of God, and sought to avoid his presence and power. Most unbelievers still resist the power of Jesus. The reason some resist Jesus is that sin is thought to be too precious to surrender. For some, sin is so completely immersed into their existence it seems impossible to be set free. Except for the wonderful power of Jesus, no one would be saved. The power of Jesus can cancel the power of sin in any life today.

2. Reach out and touch a leper. Hansen's disease (as we know it today) imposed a dreadful existence on its victims. Leprosy set one outside any religious, social or family contact. A leper was untouchable. The skin and flesh disease was terminal. The diseased person was hopeless and helpless. Jesus reached out and touched the leper and responded to his cry of faith. Ministry is not always easy or clean. Ministry may never be easy under some circumstances. Except for love, self-giving love, many ministries go unattended.

A summary of today's lesson is that Jesus has power to meet our needs; he speaks and acts with authority; and he responds to faith at a risk. We, like the people at Capernaum and in Galilee, are astonished and amazed at his teaching and miracles.

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## Life and Work

### Unity in diversity

by Earl R. Humble, Southern Baptist College Basic passage: I Cor. 12:12-27

Focal passage: I Cor. 12:14-27

Central truth: The unity of the church is well illustrated by a study of the human body.

1. Every member of the body contributes to the health and well-being of the body. This is true of the human body as Paul clearly shows in our passage. The human body is healthy and functions normally only because every member of the body performs according to its assigned purpose. There is no flaunting of its importance of any member of the body, and there is no apology by or for the less-favored members. The parallel with the church is obvious.

2. A lesson from Paul's analogy teaches us that we need one another. There are some members of the human body without which life can go on, but an all-wise Creator has a purpose in everything he does. Therefore, nothing is superfluous in his design of the human body.

Likewise, we need one another in the Lord's body, the church. If every member does his work as he ought, the whole body prospers for it is a unity in diversity. As the eye needs the ear, and the tongue needs the lips, so the pastor needs the deacons, and the teachers need the students.

The older members of the church need the vigor, enthusiasm and sensitiveness of youth. Young people need the wisdom, experience and spiritual insights of older members.

3. Each member feels concern for other members. In the human body if one has an ear ache the whole body suffers. Each member sympathizes with the problems and shortcomings of other members. Each member shows respect for all other members.

What would happen in a church if the same consideration should be shown for one another as is shown by the members of the body? Jesus seems to have had this in mind when he prayed in John 17:21, "That all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me." By this Jesus was saying that when a church exhibits this kind of unity, the Spirit of the Lord will convert sinners to him.

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## Bible Book

### The King's Last Supper

by Vester Wolber, Ouachita Baptist University

Basic passage: Matthew 26:1-30

Focal passage: Matthew 26:17-19

Central truth: While religious leaders plotted to kill him, Jesus instituted the Supper as a preview of his impending death, and as a memorial of his death.

1. When we have been untrue to ourselves and unfaithful to the Lord, he lets us know that he knows, even as he informed Judas that he was aware of the plot to betray him. While perversity may not be as deeply encrusted in our hearts, or as terribly vicious, there is a little of Judas in all of us; and when the right combination of pressure is brought to bear upon us we are in danger of defecting, often for less than Judas was paid.

We, too, like the 11, need to keep asking, "Lord, is it I who is about to betray you?" Let us remember always that those who ate the Supper with the Lord denied him before the night had passed, and that the one who affirmed his loyalty most vociferously was also the one who denied him most vehemently.

2. Our Lord challenges us to lift our weary eyes above and beyond any present difficulties, lift them and fasten them onto his lofty promises. The last line spoken before departing from the upper room (v. 29) was not a sad farewell to his loyal followers; it was, rather, a radiant assurance that he would drink with them the new and true wine in the consummate kingdom. Every person needs to have one or more supremely joyful events scheduled on his or her personal calendar. In the dark hours to follow Jesus' disciples suffered needlessly on the brink of despair: their heavy hearts would have thrown off their weighty burdens if only they had kept in mind their happy appointment with the Lord.

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## Grants donate \$20,000 toward 'Recorder' land

RALEIGH, N.C. (BP) — Marse Grant, editor of the *Biblical Recorder*, and his wife, Marian, have donated \$20,000 for the purchase of a site for the Recorder's new offices.

"We believe in the Recorder and want to help maintain its ministry as a free and independent paper," said Grant, who retires Sept. 13 after 23 years as editor.

"The Recorder has provided my living for these years, and my wife and I wanted to give back to it a part of what I have earned. My wife may have to sell our house to cover the check, but she's had to be a good 'juggler' of money the 40 years we've been married," he said, smiling.

The gift was made in honor of his father who died in 1967, in honor of his mother and Mrs. Grant's parents, who are still living.

Commenting on the gift, Tommy J. Payne of Greenville, N.C., chairman of the

newspaper's directors, said, "The Recorder has been Marse's life. You put your money where your life is."

The money is one-half the \$40,000 purchase price of 20,000 square feet adjacent to the Raleigh Baptist Association's offices at New Bern Avenue and Luther Road. Grant says \$2,000 earnest money has already been given the association, which owns the land, to secure the deal. The remaining \$18,000 will be raised through individuals and foundations in keeping with the state convention's financial plan, he said.

The Recorder's plans to construct offices apart from the state convention, which announced recently a move to a new location, has prompted some controversy in the state. Grant opposed the move and the Recorder's land purchase was announced

hours after the state's general board announced its move.

From 1911 to 1957, the Recorder had its own offices and in fact rented space to the state convention. When the convention built its current building in 1957, the Recorder joined them and is currently paying more than \$15,000 annual rent.

Payne said in a statement that Grant conceded, the newspaper's situation is "not unlike a family that has rented for 25 years and now wants to buy a home of its own."

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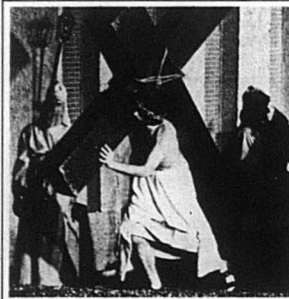
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## FCC rejects random selection for low-power TV licensing

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP) — Applications for 106 low-power television stations by the American Christian Television System (ACTS) apparently will not be determined by lottery.

The Federal Communications Commission voted 5 to 1, Feb. 8, against using the lottery as a means of determining two or more applicants competing for the same area.

The lottery was proposed by Congress as a way to speed up the process to license low-power stations, particularly to determine between two or more applicants in the same area.

But the FCC, on the recommendation of

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its staff, decided the lottery was an "unworkable" solution to the problem, since the Congressional action requires the commission to screen applicants and give preference to groups under-represented in broadcasting, such as minorities.

It appears the FCC will retain some form of comparative hearing method for licensing low-power stations.

"We don't feel the statute as it was passed (by Congress) allows us to make rules that would permit a practical lottery for anything," said Commissioner Anne Jones. "It sounded as though we would have to go all the way through a comparative hearing before having a lottery."

The Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, in a legal brief filed with Federal Communications Commission in December, opposed any lottery that would not show preference to minorities and non-commercial applicants. Most other comments to the FCC were opposed to the lot-

tery.

The FCC has sent the lottery proposal back to Congress but it is not known what further action Congress will take.

Although the FCC would reconsider a lottery if the restrictions are lifted, Jones said it is not likely ever to be used for low-power stations. "This probably means we will not have a lottery for a low-power television," she concluded.

The final rules for low-power will outline how the licenses will be awarded, the stations one applicant can own, and what technical regulations will govern low-power broadcasting.

Jones said that while it might take several years for the FCC to distribute all of the licenses, there are no other known obstacles to awarding the uncontested applications, which might be accomplished by the end of the year. It is estimated that 1,200 of the 6,500 applications on file are uncontested, including approximately 75 of the proposed stations for ACTS.

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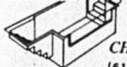
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## HMB appoints 73 for mission service

ATLANTA (BP) — Directors of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board elected a new associate director of the black church relations department, named a national consultant for evangelism with singles, and appointed 71 others to mission service during their February meeting in Atlanta.

William T. Perkins succeeds Edward L. Wheeler as associate director of the black church relations department. Wheeler resigned to become executive director of the Morehouse School of Religion.

Perkins, director of inter-Baptist ministries as a Home Mission Board missionary in Birmingham, Ala., since 1975, was pastor of churches in Georgia and Virginia. He holds degrees from North Carolina A & T

of Spanish Fork, Utah; William and Nancy Hern of Raleigh, N.C.; Ann Putnam of Fort Worth, Texas; Michael and Glendora Williams of East Orange, N.J.

The Bacons will remain in New York where he will be director of associational missions in Syracuse. He is a graduate of East Texas Baptist College and Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary. He has been pastor of Farmingdale Baptist Church since 1975.

Conner will become director of associational missions for the Wheatland Baptist Association, the first such director appointed by the Home Mission Board in Canada. He is a graduate of Howard Payne University, and Golden Gate Seminary, and has been pastor of churches in Canada, California and Texas.

The Fairleys will remain in Mississippi, where he will continue as director of prison ministries for the Sunflower Association in Moorhead. Fairley has been pastor of churches in Wyoming, Montana and Mississippi and holds degrees from Mississippi College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The Henrys will stay in Spanish Fork where he will work as a church starter. He has been a church planter apprentice in Salt Lake City, Utah, since 1980, and is a graduate of the University of Southwest Louisiana, and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

The Herns will continue to live in Raleigh where he is a Middle Eastern catalytic missionary. The Herns are former foreign missionaries to Jordan, Lebanon and Egypt and have been statewide missionaries with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina since 1977. He holds degrees from Hardin-Simmons University, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Miss Putnam will move to Alexandria, Va., to become director of Christian social ministries. She is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and Southwestern Seminary. She is a former caseworker and rehabilitation evaluator for Atlanta Employment and Service Center and has been associate in community ministry at Broadway Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas.

The Williamses will continue to live in New York where he has been named pastor/director of Harlem ministries in New York City. He has been mission pastor of First Baptist Chapel in East Orange, N.J., since 1979. Williams has degrees from Georgia Southern College and Southeastern Seminary.

Appointed as missionary associates were Charles and Evelyn Aiken of Colorado

Springs, Colo.; Glenn and Elizabeth Akins of Charlotte, N.C.; Stephen and Shelia Holbrook of Bend, Ore.; and James and Dianna Yow of Kansas City, Mo.

The Aikens will stay in Colorado Springs where he will direct associational missions. He holds a diploma in theology from Southwestern Seminary and has been pastor of Colorado churches since 1961. He has been a member of the Home Mission Board of directors since 1976.

The Akinses will work in the Mecklenburg Association in North Carolina where he will be a church planter apprentice. He is a graduate of Missouri Baptist College and Southern Seminary. He has been a missions intern with the Mecklenburg Association since 1980 and is a former minister of youth for churches in Kentucky and Missouri.

The Holbrooks will remain in Oregon where he will be a church planter apprentice. He is a recent graduate of Southwestern Seminary and has trained churches for Evangelism Explosion programs.

The Yows will move to St. Joseph, Mo., where he will be a church planter apprentice for the St. Joseph Association. He has been pastor of churches in Missouri, North Carolina and Virginia and holds degrees from Carson-Newman College, Southern Seminary and Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Also approved for church pastoral assistance were Samuel and Naomi Boyd of Selby, S.D.; Mark and Joy Bradley of Portland, Ore.; James and Nell Branson of Vista, Calif.; Orvis and Sandra Crump of Erie, Pa.; Donald and Judy Davis of Sandusky, Mich.; James and Inez Deavers of St. John, Ind.; Thomas and Janice Fenton of Cincinnati, Ohio; Donald and Leanne Gatley of Upper Lake, Calif.; Larry and Elizabeth Hall of Philippi, W.Va.; John and Janice Hays of Louisville, Ky.; Richard and Barbara Hill of Froid, Mont.

Also, Clarence and Miriam James of Rockford, Ill.; Tracy and Cheryl Johnson of San Bernardino, Calif.; Junior R. and Linda Kerns of Elyria, Ohio; Michael and Diana Lerma of Santa Rosa, Calif.; David and Carolyn Lovett of Knoxville, Tenn.; Martin and Denise McPherson of Kansas City, Mo.; Howard and Margy Murray of Lindenhurst, Ill.; Rickey and Georgia Scott of Corvallis, Ore.; Harry and Judith Strauss of Allan, Saskatchewan, Canada; George and Gwen Tribble of South Burlington, Vt.; Robert and Diane Willey of Wilbraham, Mass.; and David and Teresa Wooten of Spring Valley, Calif.

Approved for language pastoral aid were Elson and Eva Hernandez of Roswell, N.M.; and Felix and Elvira Mesa of Hialeah, Fla.

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Dan R. Crawford will become a national consultant for evangelism with singles. A graduate of Howard Payne University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, he has been director of the Baptist Student Union at the University of Texas, Austin, since 1976.

Also appointed were 13 missionaries, eight missionary associates, 46 who will receive church pastoral assistance, and four who are slated for language pastoral aid.

Elected missionaries were Darwin and Gloria Bacon of Farmingdale, N.Y.; Jack and Bonna Conner of Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, Canada; Ovis and Virginia Fairley of Drew, Miss.; Neal and Marion Henry