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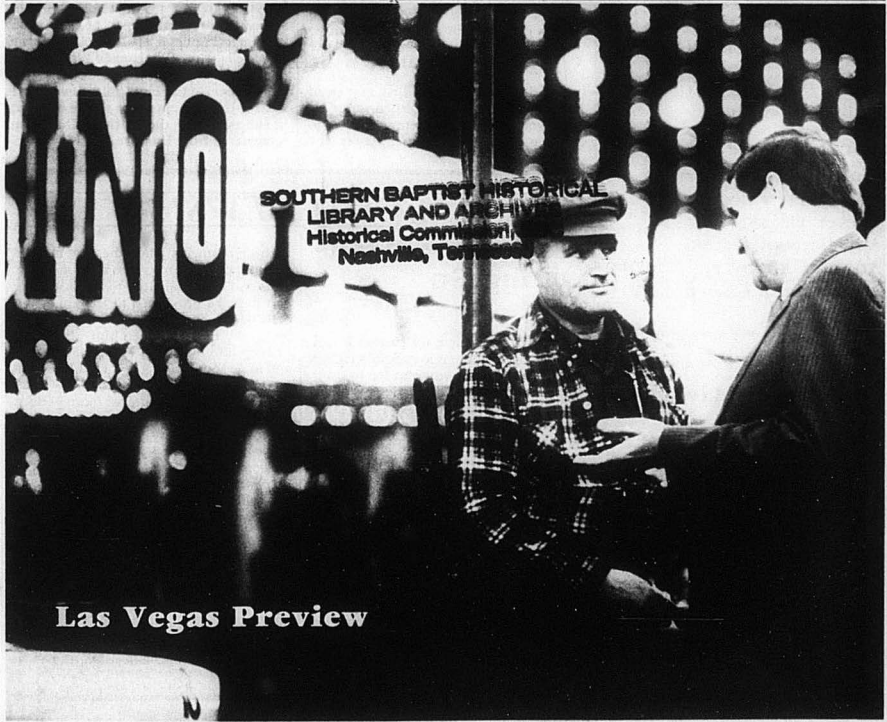


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IT'S UPLIFTING

'Big God' Seen

ANTIQUE, Philippines—Southern Baptist relief funds supplied milk, rice, thatch, and bamboo to Panay Island in the Visayas after three typhoons struck within two weeks. The food and rebuilding supplies were distributed to needy church members and neighbors who heard the gospel preached before receiving aid. One man remarked, "Your church is still small, yet you are able to provide this?" A church member answered, "It was given by our God," to which the first man replied, "You have a big God!"

100,000 Sought

HONG KONG—Southern Baptist missionaries in Hong Kong decided recently on a goal of 100,000 Baptists by the year 2000. That would mean about an 8 percent increase each year from the current figure of 38,000 Baptists in Hong Kong. Missionaries estimate such growth would require about an eightfold increase in Baptist churches to more than 400.

Simplified Text

NANJING, China—The first copies of Bibles printed in the simplified script used by younger Chinese were scheduled to arrive in Shanghai churches by Easter. The

Amity Press in Nanjing, run by Chinese Christians, is printing the Bibles. The simplified script reduces the number of strokes needed to reproduce many of the 7,000 to 8,000 Chinese characters and makes it possible to typeset the entire Chinese Bible by computer. Amity Press aims to put the simplified Bibles in the hands of millions of Chinese, especially young people.

Bibles for Cuba

MCLEAN, Va.—Led by President Noel Vose and General Secretary Denton Lotz, 23 leaders of the Baptist World Alliance visited Cuba in March.

The visit of the international delegation was timed for the arrival of the first 10,000 of 50,000 Bibles for Cuba, a joint project of the Baptist World Alliance and the United Bible Societies, results of a meeting of Lotz and Cuban Premier Fidel Castro, last March 1988.

Vose presented the first Bible to Raul Suarez, a Baptist and head of the Cuban Ecumenical Council. Suarez welcomed the BWA delegation and thanked "those who reintiated contact with our country."

Vose received hearty applause when he told the Cubans: "In Christ we are one, and in the power of the Spirit, nothing can separate us from the love of Christ."

GOOD NEWS!

When Love Means Letting Go

Exodus 2:1-10, 6:20

A perennial problem for parents is that of knowing first when to extend a child's liberties and finally when to let go.

Moses' mother, Jochebed, demonstrated superbly how maternal love for a child sometimes dictates letting go of the child for the good of both. Consider what was involved.

Jochebed envisioned her child's potential—What a gift! The mother sensed a special future for her son. She responded by doing what was necessary to assure the child's opportunity to realize his potential. Vision is a virtue, as is the courage to take action on it.

Jochebed practiced a love without strings attached—An edict from the king demanded the death of all Hebrew baby boys. Thus, Jochebed had to find a way to turn loose of Moses much earlier than the time of separation which was normal. Just

at those moments when the new mother would have liked to cradle her son in her arms and hold him close to her body, she had to make provisions to let him go.

Jochebed could have lost Moses completely by trying to keep him. She chose to keep him by letting him go. Such love and logic sound strangely like those commended in the message of the New Testament. What a need exists for more persons who practice that kind of sensitive compassion!

Jochebed committed herself to service without recognition—The mother's concern was that her child be cared for. She was willing to nurture Moses' growth even if he, or anyone else, did not know who she was. Honor for her was to be found in caring for her child, not in an acknowledgment of that care. Such a commitment to service apart from recognition represented the most profound kind of love.

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What of Politics?

J. EVERETT SNEED



A great deal of current debate centers around whether religious leaders should be involved in secular politics. Some maintain a preacher should never be involved in political activities at all, while others insist it is religious leaders' moral responsibility. Clearly, the Bible teaches that all Christians should be involved in the governmental process. But a minister of the gospel should never become a "political boss," attempting to dictate how his congregation should vote.

From both the biblical and practical standpoint, Christians are to be involved in the political process. Jesus set things in proper perspective as he dealt with the Pharisees and Herodians. The Pharisees maintained that the Roman government was evil and, therefore, to be avoided. The Herodians were the followers of Herod, the ruler of Palestine. Both groups sought to entangle Jesus as they asked, "Is it lawful to give tribute to Caesar, or not?" (Mk. 12:14).

In saying, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's" (Mk. 12:17), Jesus recognized the Christian's dual responsibility. Every follower of Christ is responsible both to his country and to God. The Bible teaches that our highest responsibility is to God, but everyone has an inescapable duty to assist in providing the best government possible.

From a practical standpoint, it is imperative that Christians be involved in the political arena. If all Christians were to withdraw from government, immoral forces would greatly increase.

Many of the ideals that Christians consider fundamental are best supported by our laws. Without local and national laws, even the most basic rights would soon be in danger. The best way to preserve the type of society which supports Christian ideals is through legislation.

Before legislators commit themselves on most issues, they consider two factors: (1) their own personal convictions; and (2) public opinion. As elected officials, they are usually extremely sensitive to public opinion. It is vital that our lawmakers know where Christians stand on issues.

But what of preachers? Should they be involved in the political process? If we force ministers of the gospel to stay clear of political issues all together, we will, in effect, be forcing them to accept an in-

complete citizenship and infringe on their rights as American citizens. More importantly, this would impair their ability to lead their congregations to do what is right. A minister should lead his congregation both by example and teaching.

But the question arises: how far should a preacher go in his public discussion of political issues? A preacher has a responsibility to set forth principles which should guide his people in decision-making. But when a preacher makes a political endorsement, he risks becoming a political boss.

The role of "pastor" and "political boss" are mutually exclusive. A pastor's concern is for his people. He is to shepherd and care for them. A political boss is concerned with cultivating and maintaining large blocks of voting power. His effectiveness is measured by the speed and

magnitude of the response he can evoke. A political boss must swap and trade with others in the political arena in order to deliver the votes. Such swapping and trading does little for the maintenance of Christian ideals and principles.

Some preachers have expressed the desire to create a Christian political party. America has built its politics around two parties. We have never tried the so-called Christian party system. In Europe, where this system has been tried, it has produced a multiplicity of difficulties. Christian political parties break down the wall of separation of church and state. Worst of all, they produce state support of and establishment of religion.

A preacher always damages his effectiveness as soon as he announces that he is involved with either the Democratic or Republican party. Individuals within his congregation who are active in or sympathetic with other parties will be alienated.

What, then, should be the role of the preacher? The pastor is to authentically minister to his people. This means that he should set forth principles by which the members of the church he serves can be assisted in determining what they should do in every area of life, including political decisions. But he should never become a political boss.

How does this effect those who sit in the pew? Members should encourage a pastor to set forth an authentic message which will assist the congregation in the decision making process in every area of life. Any preacher who desires to wield political power should be rejected for placing such concerns above the proclamation of the gospel.

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DON MOORE

You'll Be Glad To Know

God is at work! I know he always has been. But let me enjoy reminding us again that he is at work. Sure, the devil is at work, too. We know that. But the fact that God is at work and that we can work with him greatly assists me to ignore the fears and doubt I may have because Satan is at work.

So you want me to be specific? Good! Only three state conventions have done better than our Arkansas teams in doing Lay Renewal Weekends. The testimony of many pastors is that we have seen revival come to the church through Lay Renewal that we have worked for, but never seen in our regular revivals.

Here is another evidence. We have a great group of Here's Hope revival committees working in our associations. God is working with them and they will be encouraging and helping many of you to become involved in the greatest crusades we have seen in years—because God is at work. The largest group of soul winners in our history have been trained. Our most earnest prayers and faithful witnessing will be met with heaven's showers of blessing.

Why would Billy Graham turn aside from his heavy schedule of international crusades to come to Little Rock? God is at work. He is coming two years earlier than would be normally expected for him to come after an invitation.

Lottie Moon giving is up 11 percent across the Southern Baptist Convention. In Arkansas, we are about 10 percent above the amount received last year.

With what God has done through the Youth Issues Institute and the Foreign Mission Board Appointment service, I believe we could be reaching the moment for which we have prayed—revival.

Corrie Ten Boom is reported to have predicted the next great awakening in America will start in Arkansas.

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



Woman's Viewpoint

Worth Far Above Rubies . . .

LISA TUCKER

I will never forget the night before Mother's Day in May 1971. In my little diary, which I kept faithfully and guarded under lock and key, I penned, "This is the worst night of my life, and tomorrow will be the worst day, too!"

The reason for the greatest catastrophe in my nine-year-old life was Mother's Day shopping with my Dad. Waiting until the night before hardly helped matters, nevertheless, Dad and I entered the department store in search of the perfect present.

A saleslady suggested a pretty pair of pink hushoes with tiny embroidered flowers on top. My Dad was thrilled thinking we had found the perfect gift of tradition. As for me, I was mortified but could say nothing, knowing my total savings was \$3.17, most of which was



in change.

Containing myself until we arrived home, I ran in tears to my room. I simply could not bear the thought of giving hushoes to the most wonderful Mother in the world: Emeralds and rubies were more my idea of the appropriate gift.

I can laugh now at my childhood tragedy because I realize that even jewels and precious stones would not be an adequate gift. Mother sacrificed so much for me. She taught me of God's love at an early age and prayed with me the night I accepted Christ as Savior.

Who could deny God's wisdom in creating the

family? Yet it remains under constant attack in today's world. There are many kinds of mothers today—working mothers, teenage mothers, and even surrogate mothers. The list could continue. Many mothers must work to support their families and they should be admired. But there are many who have sadly mistaken career as priority over the home. Some have forgotten what an important job motherhood really is.

Godly mothers should not be taken for granted. So, on May 14, whether it be a phone call, a memory revisited, or even a pair of pink hushoes, remember your mother. "For her worth is far above jewels" (Pr. 31:10b, NASB).

Lisa Tucker is youth director of Maple Grove Church in Trumann where her husband is pastor. She also is a substitute teacher with the Trumann School District.

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BILLY GRAHAM CRUSADE

Rallies Successful

by J. Everett Sneed
Editor, Arkansas Baptist

Leadership Rallies were held in preparation for the upcoming Billy Graham Crusade in Arkansas. The crusade will be held in War Memorial Stadium Sept. 17-24. Leadership Rallies were held at the Geyer Springs First Baptist Church, Little Rock, and the Agape Church, Little Rock. More than 2,500 people attended the two rallies, which featured Cliff Barrows and Beverly Shea.

Each of the rallies had the same program. An update was given by Cliff Barrows on preparation for the revival as well as a calendar of upcoming events. Arkansas Crusade Director Dan Southern gave a comprehensive overview of the preparation that was necessary for each church which planned to be involved in the upcoming crusade. Music was furnished by Beverly Shea and Cliff Barrows. At the close of the joint meeting, each individual attended a meeting which provided training for the church committee on which the individual will be serving.

In a separate interview, Cliff Barrows and Beverly Shea shared the beginnings of the Billy Graham organization. Graham met Beverly Shea while a student at Wheaton College in 1943. Shea was an announcer and had a live concert weekly on Chicago station WMBI. Graham was impressed and met Shea and used him to sing at his church and in some of his revivals.

Shea was raised by a preacher and was converted when he was 18 years of age. He recalls that he was the most rebellious of his family but his father placed his hand on his shoulder one night during a revival and said, "This is the night I believe the Lord will save you." Shea made a profession of faith that evening.

As a young man, Shea went to New York City and worked in the home office of an insurance company for nine years. During this period, he took voice lessons weekly.

At the end of this nine-year period, he was invited to become an announcer in Chicago on WMBI. In 1947 Graham invited Shea to become a part of the team.

Cliff Barrows indicated that he met Billy Graham in 1945 at a Youth Rally Bible Conference on a Saturday evening. Barrows had been married only three days and was on his honeymoon in Asheville, N.C. When Barrows and his wife arrived at the Youth Rally, they discovered there was no one present to lead the music or to play the piano. Mrs. Barrows is an accomplished pianist, and Barrows led the music while his wife played the piano. A few days later, both Barrows and Graham were present at Winona Lake when the Youth for Christ International movement was formed.

As Graham became more involved in crusade evangelism, Barrows began to work with him. The crusade which brought national prominence to Billy Graham was in Los Angeles in 1949. William Randolph Hearst encouraged the national press to write up the crusade.

A meeting that was scheduled to last three weeks actually extended to an eight-week crusade. Each week the team would discuss whether the revival should continue another week but, because of the tremendous results that were occurring, it was extended week after week, until it lasted eight weeks. It was during this revival that Stewart Hamlin, author of "It is No Secret" and other notable Christian songs, accepted Christ.

The Billy Graham organization was formed in 1950, when they went on the radio with the "Hour of Decision." This broadcast has continued every week since.

All through his life, Graham has been involved in notable events. In 1947 Graham became the president of the Northwest Bible Schools of Minneapolis, Minn. The founder of the Northwest Bible Schools, Dr. W.B. Riley, appointed Graham as president of the schools at his death. He asked

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Barrows and Shea

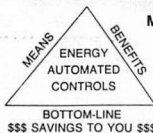
Graham to take care of the position until another individual could be found.

Graham asked his lifelong friend T.W. Wilson to serve as vice-president and to give direction to the schools while he was away in evangelistic meetings. Graham would go back to the schools between revivals. Graham, however, never moved to the area but always has lived in the Black Mountain area, near Asheville, N.C.

When the Billy Graham Association was formed in 1950, it was natural for Graham to ask his lifelong friend Wilson to become the business manager of the organization. Since Wilson was already living in Minneapolis, this became the headquarters for the Billy Graham organization.

Barrows observes that Graham's return to Little Rock will be the 30th anniversary of the previous crusade, conducted in 1959. He said, "We believe that God is going to do great things in Arkansas. People are praying and intense preparation is being made. God honors both prayer and preparation, and as we join hands together many individuals will come to know Christ as Savior."

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The new education facility of Central Church, Jonesboro, was dedicated April 23.

'To God Be the Glory!'

Central Baptist Church in Jonesboro dedicated a debt-free \$1.6 million education facility on April 23.

And when Pastor Rex Holt Jr. cut the ceremonial ribbon, he praised the congregation that, as Scripture exhorts, they did not owe any man anything, except love (Ro. 13:8).

The 27,000 square foot facility will serve the needs of 650 preschoolers, children, and young married adults. The new building is the second phase of a three-part master plan which also includes the construction of a 2,100-seat sanctuary.

The erection of buildings without incurring debt was a vision nurtured by Central's

pastor emeritus, Wilbur Herring, during his 20-year pastorate, which ended with his retirement in 1983. Holt took up the theme when he came to the church from a foreign mission assignment in Togo.

Under Holt's leadership, the congregation eliminated \$500,000 in outstanding debt, purchased several pieces of adjoining property, and raised cash and commitments for the educational building. The entire project was paid out of church funds, without even borrowing temporarily for construction costs. Holt estimated that by raising funds prior to construction the congregation saved \$1.5 million in interest charges. He emphasized that spending that money on missions and ministries, instead of interest payments, was good stewardship of God's money.

The new facility's cornerstone plaque, usually reserved for the names of those who led the construction, will be engraved instead with the fundraising campaign's simple theme: "To God Be the Glory!"

A ribbon-cutting, open house, and reception preceded the Sunday evening dedication service. In addition to comments from Holt and Herring, the program included a dedication message brought by Don Moore, executive director of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. Harold Ray, director of missions for Mt. Zion Association, delivered the benediction.

Among those participating in the ribbon cutting were Jonesboro Mayor Hubert Broedtel, Barry Ledbetter of the Jonesboro Chamber of Commerce, project architect Aubrey Scott, and contractor Gene Vance.

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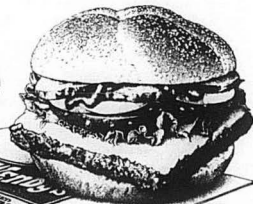
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Awards Presented

WALNUT RIDGE—Southern Baptist College honored several outstanding students at its annual Academic Awards Banquet April 14.

The award winners include Susan Banks, Paragould; Kim Whiteside, Searcy; Sharon Daniel, Pocahontas; Carrie Beasley, Paragould; Cindy Meyer Baldwin, Ash Flat; Kenneth Poague, Van Buren; Stephen Wayne Baldwin, Paragould.

Alpha Chi, a national honorary fraternity, initiated its new members. The new initiates were Jackie Fulton, Paragould; John Turner, Pocahontas; Sonya Kibler, Paragould.

Tucker Elected

Walter C. "Carter" Tucker has been elected to direct the chaplaincy ministries program of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention Missions Department.

Tucker, 57, presently is pastor of First Church in Dumas. He will assume his new responsibilities May 15. He succeeds Leroy Sisk, who will retire May 31 after 10 years as director of ABSC chaplaincy ministries.



Tucker

An Arkansas native, Tucker is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, Texas; Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas; Ball State University in Muncie, Ind.; and Long Island University in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Tucker has more than 16 years experience in chaplaincy. He retired with the rank of lieutenant colonel in 1981 after 15 years as a U.S. Army chaplain. His tours of

duty included two years in Vietnam and seven years in Germany. Prior to his service with the Dumas church, Tucker also served as a chaplain with the Arkansas Department of Correction.

He has served as pastor of churches in Melbourne and El Dorado, as well as a congregation in Weinert, Texas. His wife is the former Pauline Lesley of Okmulgee, Okla. They have three grown children.

As director of chaplaincy ministries, Tucker will supervise five full-time and five part-time chaplains employed by the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. He also will work with chaplains in Arkansas endorsed by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Arkansas Baptists employ full-time chaplains at the Cummins Unit of the Arkansas Department of Correction, two Youth Services Centers, Arkansas Rehabilitation Hospital in Hot Springs, and the Human Development Center at Booneville. The part-time chaplains minister at three Job Corps Centers and with the Little Rock Fire Department and the Pulaski County Jail.

Southern Elects Athletic Staff

WALNUT RIDGE—The trustees of Southern Baptist College recently elected Danny E. Leasure of Memphis, Tenn., to serve as men's basketball and baseball coach and Carol Halford, currently women's basketball coach, to the position of athletic director.

Leasure, 25, also will serve as instructor in health, physical education, and recreation. He is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University, and is completing post-graduate work at Memphis State University.

Halford will be in charge of the entire athletic program. While coaching at SBC, she has produced a 74 percent win average, with 108 wins and 37 losses.

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MILLIE GILL

People

Erby Burgess will join the staff of First Church in Batesville May 28 as associate pastor, coming there from First Church in Carterville, Ill., where he has been serving as minister of education and youth. He is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has served other churches in Texas. Burgess is married to the former Suzanne Parker. They have two children, Christopher, three, and Sarah, five months.

C. Brandt Smith Jr. began serving April 9 as pastor of Alexander Church near Paragould. He has been serving as an evangelist and revivalist with headquarters in Potosi, Mo. He has attended Criswell Bible College and Southern Baptist College and will graduate in June from the National College of Education in St. Louis. Smith and his wife, Gailia, have three children, Justyn, Nathan, and Whitney.

Billy White, pastor of Second Church in Little Rock, was honored April 20-21 at William Jewell College in Liberty, Mo., where he was one of five Baptist leaders selected as 1989 Walter Pope Binns Fellows, named for the ninth president of the col-



Burgess



Smith



White



Glasgow



Statton

lege. White will be part of the Binns Lecture Series this year given by Old Testament scholar Walter Brueggemann, a professor at Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Ga.

Gary Glasgow has joined the staff of Central Church in Magnolia as minister of education and outreach, coming there from Immanuel Church in El Dorado, where he had served for 13 years in various ministry capacities. He and his wife, Becky, have two children, Clay, and Dana.

Joe Statton began serving April 30 as minister of administration at Central Church in Magnolia where he had been serving since 1975 as minister of education. He and his wife, Patti, have three children, Laura, Nathan, and Timothy.

Dan Esau has joined the staff of Elmdale Church in Springdale as minister of music,

coming there from Collinsville, Okla., where he had been serving in the same position at First Church. Esau and his wife, Patty, have two children, Lindsay, eight, and Jon, six.

Billie Roberts observe 12 years of service April 18 as secretary at Immanuel Church in Rogers.

Gary Wade has joined the staff of Second Church in Little Rock as part-time minister of youth. An employee of Larry Bone and Associates in Little Rock, he is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University.

Bob Parker, director of the Christian Life Council for Arkansas Baptist State Convention, observed his 40th anniversary as an ordained Southern Baptist minister in April.

Ray Edmondson resigned as pastor of Nalls Memorial Church in Little Rock ef-

ABN photo / Mark Kelly



Footbills Baptist Chapel in Mountain View dedicated April 9 a 5,000 square foot first unit which contains six classrooms; an office, a 130-seat sanctuary, and a 30x42 foot fellowship hall. The mission built the facility with assistance from the Arkansas Nailbenders volunteer construction group at a total cost of \$70,000. The dedication service included a message from Eddie McCord, director of missions for Independence Association, and a prayer led by Jackie Fendley, pastor of Mountain First Church, the mission sponsor. J.R. Hull is pastor of the mission.

ABN photo / Millie Gill



A noteburning service was held April 16 at Greater Grace Church in Little Rock to celebrate the payment of a \$45,000 indebtedness on property purchased when Greater Grace, the first black Southern Baptist church in Arkansas, was organized five years ago as a mission of Life Line Church in Little Rock. Also assisting with the new work have been Pulaski Association and the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. Noteburning participants were Larry Royal, Tommy Cunningham, Life Line's pastor, Quinton Moss, Diane Moss, Pastor Paul Williams, and Chauncey Sumpter.

fective May 14 to serve as pastor of Immanuel Church in Newport. He has served as pastor of Keo Church and on the staff of other Arkansas churches.

Rickey Sherman is serving as pastor of First Church, Lambrook, coming there from Jackson, Miss. He is a student at Blue Mountain College.

Leroy French of Fort Smith is serving as pastor of Crestview Mission at Midway, sponsored by Southside Church of Paris.



All-Star Team Chosen

The High School Baptist Young Men All-Star Team was chosen in tournament play March 10-11 at Immanuel Church, Little Rock, and Park Hill Church, North Little Rock. The team will participate in a Guatemala mission trip June 24-July 1, during which they will share their ministry by playing basketball throughout the country. The team will be coached by Bobby Shows, minister of recreation at Park Hill Church, North Little Rock, and two helpers.

Team members are Rick Trail and Justin Albert, Beck Spur; Cliff Anderson, Russellville; Brent Tullis and Gary Boyer, Bentonville; Jeff Crow and Steve Pickering, West Memphis; Scott Patrom and Jerry Cound, North Little Rock; and Mark Heflin and Chris Malloch, Little Rock. Alternates are Clay Stewart, Little Rock; Keith West, North Little Rock; and Jason Cunningham, Bryant.

Bill Craig has resigned as pastor of West Helena Church to accept a position with the Sunday School Board in Nashville, as editor of Older Youth Sunday School curriculum.

Mark Duggin, Greg Murphy, Audrey Compton, and Robert Miley of Brinkley will be in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil, May 15-24 to assist with a city-wide crusade. They will represent Broadmore Church of Brinkley, where Duggin serves as pastor.

A.D. Corder is serving as interim pastor of First Church of Griffithville.

W.T. Byrum, director of missions for Caroline Association, completed 50 years as an ordained Southern Baptist minister April 9.

Richard Stiltner resigned April 12 as pastor of First Church in Hope following more than 12 years of service.

Clifford W. Shelder has joined the staff of Calvary Church in Texarkana as minister of music. He and his wife, Sharon, and their two children, Christy and Christopher, moved there from Rock Creek Church in Maud, Texas.

Ellen Zirlene McLemore died April 23 at age 62 following a lengthy illness. She was a member of Wilmar Church. Survivors are her husband, P.D. McLemore; two sons, David McLemore, pastor of Russellville Second Church, and Jerry McLemore of Monticello; two daughters, Linda Sawyer of Monticello and Karen Cherry of West Point, Ky.; her mother, Hazel Camp of Little Rock; three brothers; three sisters; and six grandchildren.

Rusty Hart will join the staff of Central Church in North Little Rock May 15 as minister of music and singles. He is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University. Hart and his wife, Lori, will move there from Gravel Ridge, where he has been serving on the staff of First Church.

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Briefly

Reyno First Church recently closed a revival led by William Gullick of Corning, evangelist, and Roger Hovis, music director.

Arkansas River Valley Association is sponsoring a 7 p.m. senior adult rally May 16 at First Church of Russellville. Erwin L. McDonald, editor emeritus of the *Arkansas Baptist Neusmagazine*, will be speaker.

Grand Avenue Church in Fort Smith youth have scheduled a mission tour to Pittsburg, Pa., July 22-29 where they will join in a cooperative pilot mission project with two other Baptist churches from Georgia and North Carolina.

Jonesboro First Chapel broke ground April 23 for its new building program, which will be funded by the sponsoring church, First Church of Jonesboro, and constructed by the Nailbenders for Jesus, an Arkansas Brotherhood volunteer construction team.

Fouke First Church will hold a tent revival May 7-12 that will feature special emphasis nights for youth, children, and friends. Testimonies will be shared by Bill Fuller of the Arkansas State Police Department and Deryl Jones. Evangelist will be Terry Fox, pastor of Gardendale Church in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Beebe First Church has just completed a revival that resulted in 60 professions of faith and six additions by letter. Ken Freeman of San Antonio, Texas, was evangelist.

Ebenezer Church in El Dorado recently ordained Johnny Neil Everett, pastor of Bethel Church in Little, La., to the ministry. Program personalities include Pastor C. Phelan Boone, Tim Everett, F.E. Swilley Jr., Randal Everett, Tom Floyd, Tommy Robertson, director of missions for Liberty Association, Kay Turner, Kenneth Everett, James Parks, and Don Mabry.

Twin Lakes Mission at Hot Springs was in revival April 23-28. Clytee Harness, pastor of the mother church, Grand Avenue Church in Hot Springs, was evangelist. Clarence Hill of Hot Springs directed music.

Siloam Springs First Church recently held a missions emphasis which featured Burl Lyons, a layman from First Church in Gentry, as speaker. Lyons shared information and showed slides from his recent trip to South Africa.

Evangelism, Missions

'Going, Weeping, Sowing, Reaping' 1989 SBC Theme

by **Mary Knox**

Baptist Press

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (BP)—Evangelism and missions will share a spotlight when messengers to the 1989 Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting convene in Las Vegas, Nev., June 13-15.

"Going, Weeping, Sowing, Reaping"—a biblical metaphor for the task of telling the world about Jesus Christ—will be the theme for the meeting in Las Vegas Convention Center, announced John B. Wright, chairman of the SBC Committee on Order of Business.

"We want to give evangelism and missions a new thrust," said Wright, pastor of First Baptist Church of Little Rock, Ark. "It is our desire to reverse the trend in the decline in baptisms across the convention as well as emphasize the necessity of becoming more involved in the mission enterprise of Southern Baptists.

The theme will be illustrated in Las Vegas the week before the annual meeting, as hundreds of Southern Baptists descend on the city for an evangelistic blitz. Las Vegas churches will conduct simultaneous revival services, and more than 1,100 non-resident Baptists have signed up to take part in door-to-door evangelistic visitation.

"The intent that is being made to witness to the people in Las Vegas is a unique feature of this convention," Wright said. "One of the justifications for choosing Las Vegas is the influence we might be able to assert on the unbelieving community. Our desire is to strengthen our work in the area through our presence."

Four speakers will interpret the evangelism theme during the meeting. They are Gray Allison, president of Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary in Memphis, Tenn.; Bobby Boyles, pastor of First Baptist Church of Moore, Okla.; Du Whittington, a homemaker from Marietta, Ga.; and Charles Stanley, pastor of First Baptist Church of Atlanta.

SBC President Jerry Vines, pastor of First Baptist Church of Jacksonville, Fla., will preside over the annual meeting and will

present the President's Address just before noon of the first day. Psalm 126:6, the Scripture verse from which the meeting's theme was taken, will be the text for his sermon, he said.

The annual Convention Sermon will be delivered by Morris Chapman, pastor of First Baptist Church of Wichita Falls, Texas, at noon on the second day.

The decision to conduct the SBC annual meeting in Nevada's gambling capital has been controversial, Wright said. SBC messengers' 1983 decision to venture to Las Vegas has withstood several assaults, and many Southern Baptists have threatened not to attend the meeting hosted in the city, he added.

But Wright pleaded for full participation in the Las Vegas meeting: "I would encourage everyone, regardless of their attitudes toward the location, to agree now to become messengers and to be present. It's very important that we all be represented at the convention.

"We have a lot of people who reacted negatively about the site and have said that they would not go. I would encourage those who have been negative about the site not to stay home in protest. The very location of the convention makes it mandatory that we attend and present a positive witness."

Pastors

"Facing Our Challenges with Confidence" will be the theme for the 1989 Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference June 11-12 in Las Vegas, Nev.

The Pastors' Conference is one of several meetings that will precede the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting, to be held June 13-15 in Las Vegas. Both the Pastor's Conference and the SBC meeting

will be held in the Las Vegas Convention Center.

The Pastors' Conference theme speaks both to opportunity and need, said conference President Ralph M. Smith, pastor of Hyde Park Baptist Church in Austin, Texas.

The theme has been divided into four sub-themes, "The Pastor's Motive," "The Pastor's Ministry," "The Pastor's Message," and "The Pastor's Mandate."

One of the conference speakers will be an Arkansan, Johnny Jackson, vice president, Paul Jackson Evangelistic Association, Little Rock.

Wives

Led by entertainer Jerry Clower, Southern Baptist ministers' wives will spend the lunch hour laughing June 13 in Las Vegas, Nev.

"It's time we start laughing a little," said Joy Yates, president of Southern Baptist Conference of Ministers' Wives. "That's why we have chosen 'A Joyful Heart' as the theme of the luncheon."

The conference's 34th annual luncheon is to be held at 12:15 p.m. in the Sahara Hotel.

Advance tickets for the luncheon are \$13 and may be ordered from June Myers, P.O. Box 5010, Reno, Nev. 89513. Advance tickets must be ordered by June 1. All orders must include a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Tickets will be \$15 if purchased on site.

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The ABN regrets that, as of press time, no information on meetings for musicians, the SBC Forum, or campus ministers was available from Baptist Press.

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Evangelists

Participants in the annual meeting of the Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists will fan out across the streets of Las Vegas, June 14, after hearing speakers such as Jerry Falwell, E.V. Hill and Arthur Blessitt.

The conference will meet from 1:15 to 4 p.m. Wednesday in the Las Vegas Convention Center. COSBE is one of the meetings held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, scheduled June 13-15 in the convention center.

The theme for the conference will be "The New Testament Way to Revival."

Falwell, an independent Baptist pastor and television evangelist, will speak on church planting. Another speaker is Hill, pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church in Los Angeles, a black Baptist.

Also to speak will be Rick Stanley, an evangelist from Fort Walton Beach, Fla., who will talk about youth evangelism. Stanley is the late Elvis Presley's stepbrother.

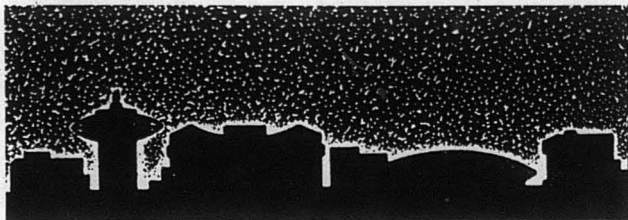
Robert McGee, president of RAPHA, a Christian drug and alcohol counseling organization with centers in several cities, including Houston, also will speak.

The final speaker will be Blessitt, an evangelist from Hollywood, Calif., who has dragged a cross across much of the nation and world.

Educators

The annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Religious Education Association will convene June 10-12 in Las Vegas prior to the 1989 Southern Baptist Convention.

"Bold Excellence—Joy In Service" will be the theme of the SBREA conference. Speakers will include Bradley Courtenay, professor of adult education at the University of Georgia, and Larry McSwain, dean of the School of Theology, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Reservations may be made by calling 1-800-634-3424.



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WMU

The name of Jesus will be the focal point of the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union annual meeting June 11-12. "In His Name" will be the theme.

The first session begins at 2:20 p.m. Sunday, June 11, in the Rotunda of the Las Vegas Convention Center. The final session begins at 7 p.m. Monday, June 12.

Giving examples of ways Southern Baptists are proclaiming Jesus' name will be: Jack Johnson, Arizona Southern Baptist Convention executive director; C.B. Hogue, Southern Baptist General Convention of California executive director; and Ernest Myers, Nevada Baptist Convention executive director.

Highlighting the Sunday evening session will be a presentation of missions today, including the traditional and innovative methods used by Southern Baptists. Three missions leaders will speak: Larry Lewis, president of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board; Keith Parks, president of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board; and Carolyn Weatherford, executive director of WMU.

DOMs

Associational directors of missions from across the Southern Baptist Convention will examine the "frontiers" of their ministry when they gather for their annual meeting June 11-12 in Las Vegas, Nev.

"The Association on the Frontier" will be the theme for the 28th annual meeting of the SBC Directors of Missions Conference, to be held in the Riviera Hotel immediately prior to the SBC annual meeting.

Speakers will include missions directors from Virginia to Hawaii; from Miami to Portland, Ore.; from inner cities to rural Montana. Smoke said, noting the discussions will involve the variety of challenges faced by associations.


Women In Ministry

Southern Baptist Women in Ministry will convene for the organization's seventh annual meeting at the Alexis Park Resort in Las Vegas, Nev., June 10-11.

"Stories of Faith: A Rich Tapestry" will be the theme of the meeting.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, June 10, followed by the first session at 10. The last session begins at 10 a.m. Sunday. Registration is \$25. The Saturday evening banquet will cost an additional \$10.

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meeting will be Catherine Allen, associate executive director of Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union; Jack Harwell, editor of SBC Today newspaper; Ken Sehested, executive director of the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America; Phyllis Rodgeron Pleasants, student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; Cheryl Collins, minister of youth at McLean (Va.) Baptist Church; and Marsha Moore, senior chaplain at St. Joseph Northeast Hospital in Albuquerque, N.M.

Day Camp

While parents are tending to convention business, singing, praying, listening, and standing in lines at the Southern Baptist Convention in Las Vegas, Nev., their children can be involved in the SBC Missions Day Camp.

Missions Day Camp, sponsored by the Brotherhood Commission, is for boys and girls who have completed grades 1-6 whose parents are attending the annual meeting.

The cost is \$7 per day per child or \$20 for three days, and includes lunch Tuesday and Thursday and refreshments all days.

Registration may be done at the Missions Day Camp Booth near the messenger registration area in the Las Vegas Convention Center Monday from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., and during daytime convention sessions Tuesday-Thursday.

Day camp facilities will be at First Baptist Church, Las Vegas, 300 South Ninth Street. Transportation is provided to and from the convention center. Campers will leave each day at 8:30 a.m. from the Missions Day Camp Booth. All activities will be inside because of the intense heat expected during June in Las Vegas.

Campers

Southern Baptist Campers on Mission will gather in Las Vegas, Nev., for a regional rally and mission projects prior to the denomination's annual meeting June 13-15.

Carl Reagan, Campers on Mission specialist with the SBC Home Mission Board, said campers will do construction work for at least three churches, assist with "Here's Hope" simultaneous revivals and participate in the one-day witnessing blitz planned by the board June 10.

The regional Campers on Mission rally scheduled for June 2-4 in Las Vegas will target campers from Nevada, Arizona, Utah and California.

RV space reservations for Las Vegas should be made with Shirley Cramer at Sam's Town RV Park, (800) 634-6371, Reagan said. Southern Baptist campers will receive a special rate of \$5 per night.



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Volunteers Needed

by Mark Wingfield
SBC Home Mission Board

ATLANTA (BP)—An additional 150 volunteer construction teams are needed to erect buildings for missions and newly constituted churches this summer, according to a volunteerism leader with the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. Elmer Goble, associate director of the board's short-term volunteer department, has called for more construction teams to fill an increasing number of requests. The number of building requests for new congregations has increased along with the board's current emphasis on church starting, he explained.

By the end of March, the board had received requests for volunteers to help with 151 construction projects this year, said Hugh Roberts, Home Mission Board construction coordinator. Each project will require five to 20 volunteer groups to complete.

Last year the board sent out 324 volunteer construction teams to work on 110 projects, Roberts said. That doubled

the number of teams sent the previous year.

Volunteer labor enables new congregations with limited finances to obtain permanent meeting places they might not otherwise be able to afford, he said. The board cooperates with state conventions and the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission in sending out construction volunteers.

Teams working this summer will help congregations like Riva Trace Baptist Mission in Annapolis, Md., and Columbia's Woodcrest Chapel in Columbia, Mo.

The three-year-old Maryland congregation currently meets in two trailers, with an average attendance of 50 people in worship. Volunteer teams will conduct backyard Bible clubs and teach leadership training in addition to driving nails in a new 6,160-square-foot building.

Work by volunteer teams will enable the two-year-old Missouri congregation to move from a rented room in a motel to its own multi-purpose building.

As the need for more volunteer teams increases, Roberts said, he is encouraging

more churches that have received help to help others. This year, 27 churches that received volunteer assistance last year will send construction teams to other churches, he said.

Roberts said he will assist volunteer teams of any size. The teams will include from 15-60 people.

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Unity in Christ

by Michael D. Johnson, First Church, Pine Bluff

Basic passage: Ephesians 2:8-22

Focal passage: Ephesians 2:11-22

Central truth: Faith in Christ enables all people to have fellowship with God and one another.

Our basic passage today could make two great separate lessons. Verses 8-10 are perhaps the best summary statement of the gospel message found in the New Testament. Verses 11-22 deals with how all persons can be brought together through Christ. Because this unit of study focuses on the church and believers, our comments will focus on the latter part of this passage.

It is a sad commentary when we observe strife among those who profess to be followers of God. For years we have read about the difficulty between the Protestants and Catholics in Ireland. In our own country we have watched the world of televangelism crumble as various ministers condemn and accuse one another of wrong doing. These verses today are as applicable today as they were when they were written.

The Jewish perspective that Paul is presenting held the belief that the Jews were the chosen people. They had been set apart by God through the covenant agreement with Abraham. That covenant has been sealed through circumcision (v. 11). All others were regarded as Gentiles.

Through the sacrificial death of Christ, however, all barriers—including those between Jew and Gentile—had been removed (v. 13). Paul uses two illustrations to get this point across.

The first is found in verses 14-18. Both Jew and Gentile had been reconciled to God through Christ. In fact, those distinctions no longer existed. Now there were only people known as Christians, citizens of a new kingdom not of this earth. Those who were Christians were not only reconciled to God but to each other. The peace of Christ replaced the spirit of animosity.

Not only were Jew and Gentile citizens of the same kingdom, they were also members of the "household of God" (vv. 19-22). By relating to God as Father, Jew and Gentile—now Christian—were in fact, brother and sister; united through Christ. The question for us to consider today is just how well our own churches reflect the unity of Christ.

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Life and Work

Dividends of Obedience

by L.B. Jordan, DOM Red River Association, Arkadelphia

Basic passage: Joshua 14:6,9-14

Focal passage: Joshua 14:6,12-14

Central truth: God rewards his servants for their trust and obedience.

Our lesson today takes us back to an experience at Kadesh-Barnea some 45 years earlier in Caleb's life. Under the leadership of Moses and Aaron, God had delivered the children of Israel from slavery in Egypt. God's chosen people crossed the Red Sea on dry ground and emerged on the eastern shore. The army of Pharaoh was destroyed in the returning waters.

The people then were commanded to go north and inherit the land promised to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. As they camped at Kadesh-Barnea, just south of the land, God commanded Moses to send out men to explore the land and bring back a report. You will remember that there was a majority report and a minority report.

The majority report was brought by 10 of the 12 spies. It was an evil report of the land and was based upon a lack of faith in God. Their conclusion was that God had led them astray and that failure was certain if they tried to take Canaan. They said the enemy was too strong and the walls too stout (Nu. 13).

The minority report was made by Caleb and Joshua. Their view was that the land flowed with milk and honey as God had said. They further concluded that since God was with Israel they ought to go up immediately and possess their inheritance.

The majority report carried the day, but God remembered the trust and obedience of Caleb and Joshua. These alone, of all the adults at Kadesh-Barnea, would live to inherit their share of the Promised Land. Some 40 years of wilderness wanderings and five years of war followed, but Caleb waited and trusted. Finally, the land was conquered and Caleb laid claim to his homestead at Hebron.

Every child needs to be taught that obedience brings rewards and disobedience brings pain and judgment. There are great dividends awaiting God's trusting, faithful followers. The story of Caleb teaches us so.

In the New Testament in keeping with the Great Commission, the promise of God's abiding presence is given. However, the promise is only to those who are winning, baptizing, and discipling.

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Bible Book

Learning Much

by Dianne Swaim, Immanuel Church, Little Rock

Basic passage: Acts 8:24 to 19:6; 19:11-12,20

Focal passage: Acts 18:23 to 19:5

Central truth: God provides teachers and instructors for the discipleship of his children.

Isn't it exciting to see how the Spirit works through the diversity of spiritual gifts? "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers" (Ep. 4:11). Enter the teachers—Aquila and Priscilla! They are a prime example of a couple using sensitivity and hospitality to teach a young Christian. Paul is now into his third missionary journey. But, following every evangelist, there must be teachers.

Apollos was not just anybody! He was an eloquent man, and mighty in the scriptures, instructed in the way of the Lord, and fervent in spirit (Ac. 18:24-25). Sounds like he could have been quite an imposing figure! And on top of that, he was busy teaching and speaking boldly about what he did know.

The spiritual maturity of Aquila and Priscilla is never more evident than in this passage. They have come to the synagogue to hear a teacher, and have discovered that though he teaches a measure of truth, he has not been enlightened to the whole truth. With the boldness characteristic of the early Christians, they proceeded to instruct him "more perfectly" in the gospel. Imagine his surprise at discovering he didn't know it all!

One of the beauties of the teaching ministry is how it multiplies. Aquila and Priscilla led a Jewish man to a deeper walk with God, and he in turn aided the disciples in Achaia. Teaching never stops! What I have been taught, I can now teach you—and what you have been taught, you will teach others.

In the first five verses of Chapter 19, Paul follows the lead of Aquila and Priscilla. He leads those who have been baptized by John one step further into the baptism of Jesus Christ. Again, he takes the little knowledge they do have and builds on it to give them a further truth.

An often-used term in our churches today sums up this kind of teaching: discipleship. Have you considered who your disciple might be?

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New Missionaries Named

Four Arkansas couples were among 50 persons appointed as missionaries by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board April 11 in Little Rock.

Stephen and Kathy Dewbre will live in Transkei, in Southern Africa, where he will be promoting religious education and they will be involved in outreach ministries.

Dewbre is the son of Martha J. Dewbre of North Little Rock and the late Dr. Ben E. Dewbre Jr. He is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has been minister of education and administration at First Church in Cabot since 1986.

An Iowa native, Mrs. Dewbre is the daughter of Kathryn Wright of Gowrie, Iowa, and the late Earl Thye. She is also a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University. She has been a teacher in the preschool ministry of Cabot First Church since 1986.

The Dewbres have three children: Erin Elizabeth, Benjamin Thye, and Callie Kathryn.

Robert and Cheryl Headrick will live in Tanzania, where he will be starting and developing churches and they will be involved in outreach ministries.

An Indiana native, Headrick is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University and Southwestern Seminary. Since 1986 he has been pastor of Greenbriar Fellowship, a mission of Gambrell Street Church in Fort Worth, Texas.

Mrs. Headrick is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Reed of Farmington. She is also a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University and has achieved registered nurse status by examination in Arkansas. She has been

employed by the Gravette Hospital.

Fred and Gayla Parker will live in the Philippines, where he will be starting and developing churches and they will be involved in outreach ministries.

Parker is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Everette Parker of North Little Rock. He is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. A former pastor of Liberty Church in Mineral Springs, he has been pastor of Calvary Church in Oxford, Ala., since 1979.

Mrs. Parker is the daughter of Shirley Lamkin of St. Louis, Mo., and Olen Bingham of Sarasota, Fla. She is also a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University.

The Parkers have three children: Allen Grady, Nathan Ray, and Jesse Logan.

David and Faith Posey will live in Indonesia, where he, a surgeon, will work in the areas of inpatient and outpatient care and teaching in nursing schools. They also will be involved in a variety of outreach ministries.

A native of Crossett, Dr. Posey is a physician in Camden. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Lee Posey of Crossett. He is a graduate of Arkansas State University in Jonesboro and the medical school of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

A Russellville native, Mrs. Posey is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hays of Maumelle. She attended Hendrix College in Conway, and is a graduate of Baylor University in Waco, Texas.

The Poseys are members of Calvary Church in Camden.

The families will go to Rockville, Va., in May for a seven week orientation prior to leaving for the mission field.



The Dewbres



The Headricks



The Parkers



The Poseys

Six Arkansas Journeymen

RICHMOND, Va.—Fifty-five young adults have been approved by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board for training as journeymen. Six of them have ties to Arkansas.

Joe Cathey is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, and considers Mena his hometown. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy R. Cathey of Hatfield. He has been assigned as associational youth worker in Kyelea, Tanzania.

LaRissa Hall is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank D. Hall of Kenai, Alaska. She was born in Booneville, and also has lived in Fort Smith. She has been assigned as mission office secretary in Mexico City, Mexico.

Jaren Key is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University, and Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Jerry Key, Southern Baptist missionaries in South Brazil. She has been assigned as an MK teacher in Joao Pessoa, North Brazil.

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Anne (Mrs. Skipper) Pickle attended Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, Texas, and will graduate from John Brown University, Siloam Springs, in May. She is the daughter of Mary Brumley of Houston, Texas, and Arthur R. Brumley, also of Houston. She has been assigned as an elementary teacher, Quito, Ecuador.

Angie Rayburn will graduate from Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia in May. She also has attended Hendrix College in Conway and Henderson State University in Arkadelphia. She is the daughter of Charla Rogers of Magnolia and Dr. Charles R. Rayburn of Lajunta, Colo. She has been assigned as a program assistant at Kobe (Japan) Friendship House.

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'Lottie' Tops \$1 Billion

by Marty Croll & Karen Benson

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP)—The 100th anniversary of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions has brought Southern Baptists to another milestone.

In mid-April, the cumulative total the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has received for the offering topped the \$1 billion mark.

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is taken each December during the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions in Southern Baptist churches. It supports foreign missions causes and is promoted by the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union and Brotherhood Commission.

Every penny given is sent overseas to support foreign missionaries and their work, missions officials noted. None of the offering is used for administrative purposes, which are funded by the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program unified budget.

"This is probably the single-most exciting news in the Southern Baptist Convention in the past 12 months," said Brotherhood Commission President James Smith. "It is an expression of who Southern Baptists are and what we are all about." WMU Executive Director Carolyn Weatherford echoed his excitement: "This is tremendous news. Southern Baptists have a reason to be ecstatic. I cannot think of a better way for Southern Baptists to express their love and commitment to missions than by praying daily for home and foreign missions and by giving sacrificially to missions."

Reaching the \$1 billion mark is "a watershed in the history of Southern Baptists," Weatherford said. "This shows what Southern Baptists are capable of doing when they realize the desperate needs of supporting our missions endeavors. It is crucial that we continue to provide this kind of support to our missionaries and our missions causes."

The offering first was taken in 1888 when Lottie Moon, a foreign missionary serving in China, wrote to the newly organized WMU, asking the members to collect funds to send another missionary to China.

The women set a goal of \$2,000 to send two missionaries to China. They surpassed that goal by giving \$3,315.26—enough to send three.

"From the early days of the women making sacrificial gifts of their own personal offerings to the present day, they have become the inspirers and motivators for

whole churches to engage in prayer and giving for foreign missions," said Foreign Mission Board President R. Keith Parks.

This year, the 1988 Christmas offering goal was \$84 million. The board has received \$75,297,456.52 toward that goal.

Projections indicate offering receipts will total 11 percent more than the 1987 offering receipts of \$69,912,638—which would still be about \$6.5 million short of the 1988 goal.

Board officials will continue to receive 1988 Christmas offerings through May 31.

Gospel Openness In Namibia

OSHKAKATI, Namibia (BP)—Fighting broke out in early April in a border area of Namibia where Southern Baptist missionaries report great openness to the Christian gospel.

Eight congregations with a total attendance of about 500 people meet in an area where South African-led security forces and guerrillas of the South West Africa People's Organization clashed in bloody skirmishes. Two of the congregations are new and have not organized into churches.

"We have new church groups being started practically every month," said Carlos Owens, the sole Southern Baptist missionary assigned to develop churches in the northern section of Namibia. "The people are responding like everything. I told somebody the other day we're just trying to keep up with it."

Owens and his wife, Myrtice, are from Paris, Tenn., and Dunedin, Fla., respectively. They live in Tsumbe, a town about 200 miles south of the fighting. They work with about 30 congregations, many of them along the northern border with Angola. Another Southern Baptist missionary couple, Adney and Vel Cross of Clarksville, Tenn., live farther north in Oshakati, where they said they were able to hear gunfire from the skirmishes.

In a recently concluded accord for Namibian independence from South Africa, the South West Africa People's Organization had agreed to withdraw its forces from the country and maintain them in bases in neighboring Angola at least 100 miles north of the border. Under the plan, Namibia will hold its own elections in November. The organization has been fighting for independence since 1966 and is said to enjoy strong support in the north.

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