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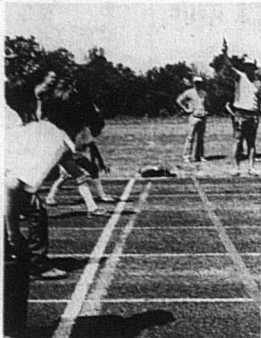
RAs get set
for state congress

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On the cover



Ready . . . set . . . go. RA's: The annual State RA Congress is coming up. The event will begin with an assembly at Levy Church in North Little Rock on Friday, April 30. Featured on the program will be Brad Taylor, a member of the Arkansas Razorback football team. On Saturday, the big track meet will be held at Northeast High School stadium, also in North Little Rock. Other activities will carry on into Saturday.

Drumwright named to FMB position

Minette Drumwright of Little Rock has been named to the staff of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention as assistant to William R. O'Brien, executive vice-president. She will assist in denominational liaison and special planning coordination and programming.

The announcement was made April 14 at an FMB executive board meeting in Birmingham, Ala. Drumwright is expected to assume her duties in the new position in early fall, 1982.

Drumwright is the widow of Huber L.



Drumwright

Drumwright, who was serving as Executive Secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention at the time of his death Nov. 2, 1981. She has two daughters at Baylor University, Meme, a faculty member in the School of Business, and Debra, a graduate student.

A native of San Antonio, Texas, and a graduate of Baylor University, Drumwright is a member of Immanuel Church in Little Rock, president of the Dorcas House Auxiliary in Little Rock, an executive board member of Arkansas Woman's Missionary Union and a member of the Home Mission Board's Women in Evangelism Council.

She has served widely as a conference and seminar leader and has been a member of the boards of several agencies, including the SBC Home Mission Board, SBC Woman's Missionary Union,

Three new writers for 'Lessons for living'

Three new writers begin assignments this week for ABN "Lessons for living" Sunday School lesson commentary section.

Jon M. Stubblefield begins as writer for the International (Convention Uniform) series Bible study. Stubblefield is pastor of Magnolia Central Church, is first vice-president of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention and is president of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine board of directors.

He is a native of Fayetteville with the bachelor and masters degrees in public speaking from University of Arkansas and the M.Div. and Ph.D. from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is a former instructor of New Testament Greek at the seminary.

Stubblefield is married to the former Jacqueline Virginia Stevens. They are the parents of two sons.

Jim D. Guffie, writer for the Life and Work series lessons, is pastor at Calvary Church in Osceola. He is a native of Franklin, N.C. and a graduate of Wake Forest



Stubblefield



Guffie



Meador

University. He holds the M.Div. and D.D. degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary with emphases on New Testament, pastoral psychology and children's ministry.

He has held several positions in denominational work and in civic and cultural activities. He is married to the former Beverly Weeks of Clarkston, Ga. They are parents of one daughter.

Ray D. Meador is new writer for the Bible Book lesson series. He is pastor at Judsonia First Church. Meador is a graduate of East Texas College and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

He has served pastorates at Pine Bluff Central Church and in Oklahoma and Texas.

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Baptist young people plus drills and tournaments plus food plus the city plus inspirational speakers and a little more add up to the annual youth convention for Arkansas. A photo report on varied angles of the meeting tells part of the story.

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A gradual process of hearing and answering God's call to foreign missions by Debbie Moore culminates soon with her leaving for service in Liberia. Arkansas' Girls in Action and Missions Friends director was commissioned for that service last week.

Cooperative Program Report: March

1981		1982
\$ 669,511.50	Monthly budget	\$ 759,888.73
660,353.33	March gifts	707,504.24
\$ (9,158.17)	Over (Under)	\$ (52,384.49)
\$2,008,534.50	Budget year-to-date	\$2,279,666.19
2,024,217.50	Gifts year-to-date	2,232,413.07
\$ 15,683.00	Over (Under)	\$ (47,253.12)

1982 gifts are 10.29 percent over 1981.

Some people prefer rumor

The editor's page

J. Everett Sned



It is strange, indeed that people are so much more willing to accept for truth bad news than good news. It is difficult to stop an untruth whether it is connected with a person or an institution.

Some people can't stand to hear another complimented. When they hear a positive statement about someone, they will respond, "Yes, but..." What follows is a comment designed to discredit that individual or a rumor that places him in a bad light. The sad thing is that innuendo, rumor and lies are often remembered much longer than the actual achievements and good which an individual accomplishes.

It is easy to fall prey to rumor. Most of us have been taken in at one time or another. An example of a rumor is that Madalyn Murray O'Hair is about to get religious broadcasting off the airways. This falsehood has persisted for more than five years. Good people have sent thousands of petitions to the Federal Communications Commission to protest this action.

We believe that O'Hair must be pleased with this rumor, although she had nothing to do with it, because it makes Christian people look so uninformed and foolish. When such rumors come around they should be checked out with informed individuals.

There is another group of people who are worse than the "Yes, but..." people. These are the ones who try to manufacture bad news. They will read the Bible or any other book and pull things out of context in order to develop a distortion or a false idea.

Recently, we saw the most awesome example of rumormongering we have ever encountered. A group whose most evident goal is to discredit Southern Baptists bought space in a California newspaper. The advertisement offered seminary students money for examples of liberalism in a particular seminary. The ad said that it would pay seminary students \$1,000 (actually \$500 for the "best" essay and \$100 to each of the other five) for essays on liberalism being taught. The ad even described the style, "I heard Dr. _____ say..." It further instructed stu-

dents, "You should also quote from liberal textbooks being assigned or recommended by your professors."

It should be observed that there is no requirement for documentation except the private perception of one student. It is possible for a student with preconceived false ideas to totally misunderstand the entire presentation of a teacher. In quoting from a teacher or a book the meaning can be, and sometimes has been, completely changed by being lifted out of context.

The fact that a teacher uses a certain textbook or assigns parallel reading therefrom does not mean that he endorses every opinion of the author. In some instances a professor would be hardput to find a book with which he totally agrees, short of writing it himself.

This does point up the desperate lengths to which some will go to try to find some rumor to peddle against our seminaries. Our seminaries, surely, reflect the diverse opinions of Southern Baptists. They don't deserve this kind of abuse. Almost without exception, the professors in our seminaries are committed, dedicated scholars who believe the Bible and love the Lord.

We can expect additional attempts to manufacture bad news about our seminaries between now and the Southern Baptist Convention in June. But this offer to bribe seminary students reveals the true nature of those desiring to discredit our seminaries.

The most important question is, "How should we react when we hear innuendo?" First, one should go to informed, accurate sources to determine the truthfulness of the information. If it is untrue, one should do all he can to stop its spread.

Second, if it is true one should determine whether it will help the Lord's work to share it. We should remember that we all must have forgiveness through Christ in order to enter heaven.

Finally, if derogatory news comes from an individual who manufactures it for his own ends, we can assume that it has no good purpose. Such people should be ignored.

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One layman's opinion

Daniel R. Grant/President, OBU

The envelope and the Cooperative Program

After witnessing an unusual feature in the recent inauguration of new Hendrix College President Joe Hatcher, I found my memory wandering back to my own inauguration almost 12 years ago. I cannot recall that same unusual feature at the Ouachita ceremony, even though almost all the rest was identical. Following the inaugural address by President Hatcher, long-time Hendrix friend and supporter Elbert L. Faussett was recognized to make a special presentation. He proceeded to hand a white envelope to Dr. Hatcher, and explained that it contained a gift of \$1 million for use in replacing the recently burned administration building.

It certainly was an excellent feature to include in an inauguration ceremony. I would be happy to re-enact my inauguration if we could find someone interested in

providing the white envelope (with appropriate contents) for the occasion. Re-inaugurations, like re-marriages, can serve very useful purposes. As a matter of fact, I believe I could arrange a time for a white-envelope ceremony at Ouachita at almost any occasion, with or without the inauguration. My wife tells me I should not push this matter, however, lest someone suggest that the white-envelope ceremony should be reserved for the termination of the incumbent president.

I must say, with no thought of sour grapes, that a white envelope with a single gift of \$1 million is good, but the Cooperative Program which channels thousands of gifts from Arkansas Baptist churches, large and small, is even better. Several hundred thousand members of some 1,200 churches will give more than \$1.5 million to Ouachita

Baptist University in 1982 through the Cooperative Program. Each individual giver through his remarkable program will also be providing support for foreign missions, home missions, six outstanding seminaries, Southern Baptist College, the Baptist Student Union on more than 25 campuses in Arkansas, the Family and Child Care Service, and an excellent array of State Baptist programs of support for missions, evangelism, education, music, and training.

Still, I can't think of any good reason against having both the white envelope and the Cooperative Program. The former is good, the latter is better, but the two together are best.

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



Woman's viewpoint

Brenda Ball

House or home

The story is told of a family who stood huddled together as firemen battled to save their burning residence. Struggling for words to convey her concern, a young neighbor said to the daughter in the family, "Oh, Mary, you don't have a home any more."

Without a moments hesitation, Mary took her parents hands and said through her tears, "Yes, I do. I just don't have a house to put it in!"

Perhaps it is a sad commentary on today's society that the words house and home have become synonyms. God himself instituted the home and gave explicit instructions for its operation. (Ephesians 5:22-6:4) but it is the house which is the primary concern of many women, even Christian women, in America today.

These women spend months poring over blueprint books to select just the right floor plan. Then they walk miles through shopping centers to pick out paint, paper, furniture and accessories for their dream castles. Once the structure is completed, these same ladies scrub, wax, polish and shine (or hire someone to do it) as though their very character is directly dependent upon the

cleanliness, beauty and charm of their dwelling places.

Too tired from keeping their houses, these mothers rely on Captain Kangaroo to read stories to their offspring and Sesame Street to teach them their ABC's. They expect the kindergarten teacher to instill in them gracious manners and a sense of fair play. They give the middle schools the responsibility of teaching them sex education, and they assume that the high schools will make good citizens of them. Somewhere along the way they feel certain that the Sunday School teacher or pastor will lead them to the Lord.

One wonders how many young people would gladly trade a beautiful house for a home where the parents lead godly lives, are devoted to each other, and the children are brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. House or home — which do you have?

Mrs. Ball is married to the head basketball coach at Pine Bluff High School, where she serves as an English teacher. She has two sons. Her hobbies include toile painting, reading and writing poetry. She attends East Side Church.

Memphis Baptist system adds state hospital

HARDY, Ark. — Eastern Ozarks Community Hospital in Cherokee Village near here officially changed its name Thursday, April 1, becoming a part of Baptist Memorial Health Care System Inc., in Memphis.

The newly-named Baptist Memorial Hospital-Eastern Ozarks now provides 60 long-term nursing beds and 10 acute hospital beds. Plans call for the facility to be converted to a 40-bed general care hospital, according to Bill Moore Smith, administrative assistant at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis.

Construction will include renovation of 27,000 square feet of existing space and an addition of 9,000 square feet, Smith said. The renovation will add surgery, intensive care and coronary care units to the hospital. Construction is expected to be complete in July 1984.

All applicable regulatory agencies have approved the sale of the hospital, making BMH-Eastern Ozarks the fifth hospital in 20 months to become affiliated with Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis.

The Baptist Health Care System is the corporation formed recently to oversee the growing range of health services provided by Southern Baptists in Arkansas, Mississippi and Tennessee.

Other hospitals in the system are located in Corning, Ark.; Ripley and Covington, Tenn.; and Booneville, Miss. BMH-East and the Regional Rehabilitation Center in Memphis also are a part of the Health Care System.

Beg to disagree

I wish I could agree with our editor on the subject of a constitutional convention, ABN April 8, 1982. I speak as an individual not associated with the National Taxpayer's Union or any other group supporting this call for a constitutional convention. I love America, and hold the principles of our government very dear, but our government is not what the writers of the constitution intended it to be.

The judicial branch of our government is the area that most Americans are troubled with. Our court system is failing miserably and our constitution guarantees a person the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury. Today, persons charged with crimes are spending years in jail before coming to trial. By most judicial authorities, it is believed that the failure of the judicial system is a major cause of the rampant crime.

It appears the judicial branch has taken on the responsibilities of author and executor, and this is unconstitutional. We say ours is a system of checks and balances, but there are no checks and no balances in the federal judicial system.

As to the risk of ruining our government by revising some urgently needed laws; this is my belief. If I were convicted of a crime, I would by far rather have a judgment rendered by an impartial jury of ordinary citizens, than by a jury of judges. I still believe in a government of the people, by the people, and for the people.

Our own state has proven that people just don't throw away good government. We have had state constitutional conventions, and the authors have yet to rewrite the constitution acceptable to the people of Arkansas. I feel the same will hold true on the national level.

I believe if the people of America are given a voice in correcting the ills that plague our nation, we will overcome. However, history reveals that any government that becomes unaccountable to its people, will ultimately lead to a civil revolution. This we do not want. I for one ask the people of Arkansas to prayerfully support a called constitutional convention by contacting their national senators and representatives. — **Jim Glover, Sulphur Rock, Ark.**

A better cure

After reading the article "Get those drunks off the road", in the March 18th issue, *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*, I am surprised to find the only "cure" suggested is more fines, jail sentences, and revoking drivers' licenses.

The push for "a beautiful way of life" by the advertisers of alcohol beverages is real tempting to try — then so easily catch the

"disease" as the term alcoholism seems to be called.

A person picked up for DWI suffers, true. But, it is definitely not fair to penalize a complete family who has no control over one person's actions at times!

A person who pays a big fine, or loses his license may lose his job if he can't drive and get to work. He may lose his family if he goes to jail, or may have to live the rest of his life with a criminal record. Or what about losing his life?

While in a state of bliss at the start of his drinking activity, why should it even be considered something horrible may happen??

Instead:
Why should a company be allowed to make, advertise, push and sell to the public

a product presented as a beautiful enchantment of lifestyle for people to partake of — then when a person does, they are sometimes wiped out and the product goes free — while everyone connected to the "guilty" party who drank it — suffers for life? This is definitely not fair! A person who drinks is seeking something he has yet to find, but does not expect the horrible end results drinking can bring.

Why not attack the tree of evil at the root instead of at the product it produces, like ruined lives and suffering family members? When a person who drinks wakes up from the trance they were in, they most generally are still basically very good people who would never otherwise do the things that were done — while under the influence. — (Name withheld at writer's request)



Camilla Ballard works with college students in a recent production.

Arkansan takes dramatic view of the gospel

Apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. That's the list of ministries Paul gave in his letter to the Ephesians for "the work of the ministry." Camilla Ellis Ballard would like to add one to the list.

Mrs. Ballard, 28, Arkadelphia, is attempting to establish herself as a freelance Christian drama consultant around Arkansas, and eventually to work her way around the Southern Baptist Convention.

Mrs. Ballard graduated in 1976 from Ouachita Baptist University with a major in speech and drama, intending to teach. While waiting for a position to open, however, she came upon more and more opportunities to work with church groups and to lead seminars on drama ministry, and began to feel her call might lay in this area.

In 1981, she worked with a BSU group from Fayetteville on a retreat and had an opportunity to lead drama conferences at

Ridgecrest.

In recent months, Mrs. Ballard said she is making herself available to work as a drama consultant for churches. Groups may bring her in for musicals or other dramatic programs to handle the direction chores. Most recently she held a crash three-day session with University of Arkansas at Fayetteville BSU on the dramatic musical "Celebrate Life."

She hopes to work with other similar groups and to continue work also as conference leader for discussions about how to begin a drama ministry or other related topics.

Drama is a valuable tool for churches, Mrs. Ballard said. It allows Christians to take a fresh look at the gospel story. Church members can become so familiar with the truths of their faith, she said, that they become "second-hand," and lose the impact they ought to have.

Arkansas all over

by Millie Gill/ABN staff writer

Eugene Anderson Ryan

is serving as pastor of Runyan First Church at North Little Rock. He has also served as pastor of other Arkansas churches, and in South Dakota. He is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Jon Stubblefield

observed his fifth anniversary as pastor of Magnolia Central Church April 1. The church gave him special recognition in the Sunday morning, April 8, service. Stubblefield served the Magnolia church as associate pastor 15 months prior to becoming pastor.

Lewis Clarke

has been named pastor emeritus of the Marianna First Church.

Donna Dillahunt

has been named principal of the Bingham Road Baptist Academy. She is a graduate of the University of Central Arkansas at Conway and is a candidate for the education specialist degree in administration and supervision from the University of Arkansas.

Joe D. Young

has been named as Arkansas Bus and Truck Association's bus driver of the year. Young, a resident of North Little Rock, is a deacon in Olivet Church at Little Rock.

Dickie Sutter

has resigned as pastor of the Pleasant Plains Life Line Church.

Harold Sharp

is serving Clarendon First Church as minister of music/youth.

Lloyd Sparkman

is coming out of retirement to serve as interim pastor of Calvary Church in North Little Rock. He has worked in Arkansas churches since 1924. He served as president of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention in 1952-53.

Ernest W. Parker

has accepted the call to serve as pastor of the Monette First Church. Dr. Parker is a graduate of William-Carey College, Hattiesburg, Miss., and Clarksville Seminary, Clarksville, Tenn.

Jo and Julia Trusty

are serving on the staff of Prairie Grove First Church as ministers of youth and music.

Wendell Morse

resigned March 15 as pastor of the Webb City Church to become pastor of the World Church in Azusa, Calif.

Gene Thomas

is serving Warren Ebenezer Church as pastor, coming there from the McDonald Church in Jonesboro, La. He attended New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He and his wife, Patsy, have three children.

Ira Browder

has resigned as pastor of the Everton Church.

Phillip Shirl

resigned March 28 as pastor of the Batesville Ruddell Hill Church to become marketing vice-president of a Dallas, Texas, computer firm.

Roger Carson

has been called as pastor of the Marble

Falls Church

John H. Hall

is serving Eudora Northside Church as pastor. He was a member of Searcy Valley Church and has previously served as pastor of the Glendale Church at Booneville. He and his wife, Linda, moved to Eudora March 21.

Bobby Boyles

has joined the staff of Forrest City First

Program preview

Arkansas Baptist State Convention Conference for women

Thursday

Registration	3:00- 6:45 p.m.
Pre-session music: Singing Women of Arkansas directed by Jean Pilcher	6:45- 7:00
General session: Bettye Atchison presiding Speakers: Joyce Rogers, Dorothy Sample Soloists: Martha Branham, Deborah Atchison Prayer: Shirley Moore, statewide prayer director	7:00- 9:00

Friday

General session	8:45-10:00 a.m.
Testimony by Gay White, wife of Arkansas' governor Soloists: Martha Branham, Deborah Atchison	
Break	10:00-10:10
Workshops (for varied needs and interests)	10:10-11:10
Lunch, bookstore, browsing, etc.	11:10- 1:00 p.m.
General session	1:00- 2:00
Speaker: Dorothy Sample	
Break	2:00- 2:10
Workshops	2:10- 3:10
Break	3:10- 3:30
Workshops	3:30- 4:30
Free time, dinner, etc.	4:30- 6:45
Pre-session music; Carol Gaddy, piano	6:45- 7:00
General session	7:00- 8:00
Speakers: Joyce Rogers, Jeanette Clift George Soloists: Martha Branham, Deborah Atchison	

Saturday

Browse	8:00- 8:30 a.m.
Music and testimony: Deborah Atchison	8:30- 9:00
Break	9:00- 9:10
Workshops	9:10-10:10
Break	10:10-10:20
Workshops	10:20-11:20
Break	11:20-11:30
General session: Jeanette Clift George (monologue) Joyce Rogers	11:30-12:30

Soloists: Martha Branham, Deborah Atchison

Registration will be open through entire conference. Special consideration will be made for those who can attend only Friday night and Saturday.

Members of the steering committee are Bettye Atchison of Pine Bluff, Carolyn Powell of Forrest City, Doris Bennett of Fort Smith, and Maxine Murphy of Hamburg.

Church as associate pastor in charge of outreach. He was on the staff of the Immanuel Church at Rogers.

Gary Coker

has joined the staff of Garfield First Church as minister of music/youth. He is a senior at Ouachita Baptist University.

Mike Pollard

is serving as pastor of the Clarks Chapel at Huntington. He and his wife, Brenda, have three children, Steven Lynn, Dee Anne and Kimberly.

Doyle Broomfield

has resigned as pastor of the Pleasant

Grove Church in Buckner Association.

John Sammons

has accepted the call to become pastor of the Russellville Fair Park Church. He was minister of youth at Sylvan Hills First Church in North Little Rock.

Jeff Randolph

has joined the staff of Jonesboro Central Church as minister of music. He is a graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Dennis Jones

is serving Jonesboro Central Church as minister of evangelism. He is a graduate of

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Donald A. Seigler

has resigned as director of missions in Washington-Madison Association to assume the same position with the Western Mountain Baptist area in Gallup, N.M.

Klois Hargis

is serving as pastor of the Tillar First Church.

Bob Dailey

is serving the Lepanto First Church as pastor, going there from the West Helena Second Church.

briefly

Geyer Springs First Church

Brotherhood, assisted by men of Little Rock First Church, has re-roofed and is painting the home of a retired Southern Baptist minister, William E. Perry, at their expense. Perry, a former pastor of the Geyer Springs First Church, located in Little Rock, was disabled in an automobile accident and retired from the ministry early. Mrs. Perry is also disabled. Paul Marus is Brotherhood president. John Ross and Billy Crowell are serving as co-chairmen of this mission outreach project.

Hickory Grove Church

at Star City was in revival March 26-28. James Byrd, director of missions for Harmony Association, was evangelist. Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Glover were in charge of the music. Pastor E. C. Cloud reported that Sunday School and Church Training attendance exceeded enrollment at this weekend revival. He also reported one profession of faith for baptism and three additions by letter.

Fayetteville First Church

was in revival April 4-7 with the theme "Alive Again." Jerry Fielder, pastor of the Southern Hills Church in Oklahoma City, was evangelist. Mark Short, Fayetteville First minister of music, directed music. Pastor Jere D. Mitchell reported the revival resulted in several additions to the church.

Huttig First Church

participated in the Liberty Association Bold Mission revivals March 28-April 2. W. M. Graham of Fort Worth, Texas, was evangelist. Steve Boyte of Marion, La., led the music. There were 12 professions of faith and one addition by letter according to Pastor Jim Horton.

Conway Oak Bowery Church

ordained Rick Kelley and Randy Sanders as deacons April 4. The service was led by pastor Glenn Toler, Arnold Teel of Conway Friendship Church and Larry Dyer of North Little Rock Cedar Heights Church.

Waldron First Church

observed its 100th anniversary March 21 with morning worship services, a noon luncheon and afternoon Centennial service. Former pastors present were Bob Jackson and William V. Philliber. Nelson Wilhelm is pastor.

Crossett First Church

recently set \$6,588.54 to the East Side Church in Edinburg, Ind., to be used on the church's indebtedness and on educational building heating and cooling equipment.

Biggers Church

recently licensed Daniel Walmsly to the ministry.

Hot Springs Park Place Church

is adding a single adult ministry to its program of outreach. Harold Elder, minister of education/youth, will direct the work.

Little Rock Life Line Church

has scheduled a Men's Prayer Retreat April 30-May 1 at Spring Lake Assembly near Lonsdale. Bill Bingham, a layman with the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, will be retreat leader.

Texarkana Calvary Church

will celebrate its 35th anniversary April 25 with former staff members as featured speakers and musicians. The anniversary service will begin at 2:30 p.m., with a reception to follow. Tim Deahl is pastor.

Marianna First Church

is planning to expand its outreach ministry through the opening of an Adult Center. This decision was made when the church was presented with a home by Conway Twitty.

Brookwood First Church

in Little Rock was in revival March 28-April 4. Marvin Reynolds, director of missions for Black River Association, was evangelist. David Hanning directed the music. Pastor John S. Ashcraft reported six professions of faith.

focus on youth

Trumann Pleasant Valley Church

has organized a Royal Ambassador Chapter with Baptist Men serving as leaders.

Benton Highland Heights Church

youth are leading an outreach ministry at the Benton Retirement Inn. They are visiting there the first Sunday of each month.

OBU scholarships awarded

ARKADELPHIA — Seven Arkansas area high school seniors have been awarded University Scholarships in the amount of \$8,000 each by Ouachita Baptist University. One recipient in each division of the school was selected on the basis of scholastic achievement, versatility in high school activities and leadership potential.

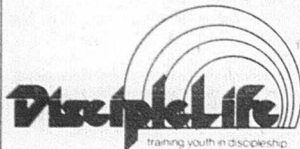
The scholarships, which are fully funded by Ouachita, are renewable for three years subject to good performance. The stipend is awarded on the basis of \$2,000 per year which is applied toward tuition, fees, room and board.

Those receiving the awards in each division were: Business and Economics, Lou Anne Scroggins of Warren; Education, Elizabeth Neal of Conway; Humanities, Lois Christine Klutts of North Little Rock; Music, John Robert Shirakbari of Monticello; Natural Science, James Miller of Hope; Religion and Philosophy, David Wilson Daily of Arkadelphia; Social Science, Gay Anthony of Arkadelphia.

Group will fight drunken driving

Mother's Against Drunken Driving (M.A.D.D.) will be organized at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 29, at St. James United Methodist Church in Little Rock. The meeting is open to all persons concerned about the victims of drinking drivers. The church is located at 321 Pleasant Valley Drive and the group will convene in room 31.

Youth . . .
growing in



1982 State Youth Convention



Bob Norman (left) congratulates Christian Sykes of Forest Highlands Church and Robin Boyd, of West Memphis First, runner-up and winner of the younger youth Bible drill, while Church Training associate Gerald Jackson looks on. Bryant Moxley, First Church of Heber Springs, won the older youths' annual speakers' tournament while Virginia Power of Nashville First finished second. Winners of the Bible drill and speakers' tournament will progress to national competition this summer.

3,000-plus attend youth convention

Church Training personnel estimated a crowd in excess of 3,000 at the 1982 State Youth Convention, held April 9 at Robinson Auditorium in Little Rock.

Bob Norman, pastor of Northway Church in Dallas, challenged youth to discover God's purpose for their lives, to grow in discipleship and to become convicted to share God's word with others. "Gabriel", a musical duo from Arlington, Texas, also challenged youth.

An estimated 40-50 youth were reported to have made decisions at a commitment service at the close of the convention.



APRIL PHOTOS/MILLEN, CSM



"Gabriel" (left), an Arlington, Texas, duo consisting of Robin Lyle and Jeff Walter, present a concert to youth at the 1982 convention. (Above left) Richard Wentz, a member of a Ouachita Baptist University singing group, bides time between sessions with a set of drumsticks. (Above) Youth from Luxora First Church enjoy their noon break over a Minute Man burger.

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Part One *Have we been telling you enough?*

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Part Two *What would you change?*

1. Is another name better than "Cooperative Program"? [] Yes [] No What name? _____
2. Should a bigger percentage of Cooperative Program dollars go for Foreign Missions? [] Yes [] No
3. Half our nation is unchurched; should Home Missions get a higher percentage? [] Yes [] No
4. Can we keep all our Boards, Seminaries, and Commissions? [] Yes [] No
5. What else would you include for support? _____

Part Three *Have we given the Cooperative Program a chance?*

1. Do Special Offerings help or hurt the Cooperative Program? [] Help [] Hurt
2. If all Special Offerings were dropped, would you give the same amount of money through the Cooperative Program that you now give in regular and special offerings? [] Yes [] No
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4. Are you satisfied with the percentage of budget your church gives to the Cooperative Program? [] Yes [] No
5. Around 60 to 70 percent of Cooperative Program gifts support ministries and institutions in the states, the remainder going to the Southern Baptist Convention. Is this a good and fair division? [] Yes [] No

Part Four *Are we helping?*

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2. Should Cooperative Program "Day" be extended, perhaps to a week or month? [] Yes [] No
3. Is reporting adequate on how Cooperative Program funds are used? [] Yes [] No
4. What is the Cooperative Program's greatest strength? _____
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Baptist Student Union leaders from Arkansas' 27 college campuses gathered at Second Church in Conway for the annual Leadership Training Conference. Chester Swor was the main speaker on the theme "Disciplined to Serve". One of the major events of the weekend conference was a banquet, during which 42 summer missionaries were commissioned and new BSU campus presidents and state officers were installed. Lynn Sutter of Bristol, Tenn., provided music for the program.



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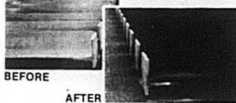
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**House reaffirms rights
to maintain chaplain**

WASHINGTON (BP) — The U.S. House of Representatives unanimously agreed to a resolution reaffirming its right to have a chaplain and to open its daily sessions with prayer.

That practice is being challenged in a lawsuit pending before the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia brought by Madalyn Murray O'Hair and her son, Jon Garth Murray. Their suit contends that payment of chaplains from the U.S. Treasury violates the First Amendment's ban on establishment of religion.

The 388-0 vote by the House came less than a month after the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia reinstated the lawsuit dismissed last year by District Court Judge Louis F. Oberdorfer.

Expressing the determination of the House to control "its internal affairs," the resolution declares that the establishment of a House chaplain is "an appropriate constitutional exercise of the exclusively conferred powers."

Introducing the resolution, Democratic majority whip Thomas S. Foley of Washington declared that the House practice of maintaining a chaplain is "beyond any court's right of interference."

**Parental unfitness test
roughened by High Court**

WASHINGTON (BP) — States may not permanently remove children from their natural parents without first demonstrating "clear and convincing" evidence of permanent neglect, a divided U.S. Supreme Court has ruled.

In a 5-4 decision, the high court held that a New York law requiring state officials to demonstrate permanent neglect by only a "fair preponderance" of evidence violates the due process rights of natural parents.

In an opinion written by Justice Harry A. Blackmun, the narrow majority cited the Supreme Court's "historical recognition that freedom of personal choice in matters of family life is a fundamental liberty interest protected by the Fourteenth Amendment."

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Assurance in times of stress

by Jon M. Stubblefield, Central Church, Magnolia

Basic passage: Revelation 1:13

Focal passages: Revelation 1:1-3, 9-11; 13:1-4
Central truth: God provides his presence and strength to the faithful during troubled times.

1. Revelation is a tract for troubled times, written to encourage persecuted people. As James Stewart once observed, "Without tears it was not written, and without tears it cannot be understood." Domitian was on the throne at Rome. Emperor worship was the state religion, and Caesar had declared himself "Lord and God." Christians, however, served only one "Lord," and Jesus was his name. Here is a call to commitment for every generation.

Revelation brings us back to a theology of the cross. "Cheap grace" (Bonhoeffer's phrase) is antithetical to Christianity. Today, a kind of pop theology is preached which promises financial prosperity, perfect health, and untold happiness to all who follow Jesus. Remember, however, that John was exiled on Patmos "for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ" (Rev. 1:9). Discipleship today may lead to torture and even death, as Christians in Communist lands know from experience.

2. Genuine worship involves preparation and participation. John was "in the Spirit on the Lord's day" (Rev. 1:10). He was caught up in a moving, meaningful time of worship because his heart was ready for it. Pseudo-worship reduces people to the role of spectators. Kierkegaard called attention to this misconception which views the preacher as an actor on stage, God as prompter behind the scenes feeding him his lines, and the congregation as spectators. In reality, however, the people are the actors, God is the audience, and the preacher is the prompter helping the people articulate their lines.

3. Evil assumes many forms (Rev. 13:1-4). It may be personified as a world leader who claims the throne of the Lord of Glory. To be sure, man's little systems have their day, disappear, and are soon forgotten. The abiding message of Revelation is that evil will go down to defeat, and that Christ and his church will reign victorious. We are on the winning team. Others deserve to know the score.

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Life and Work

Obedience founded on love

by Jim Guffie, Osceola Calvary Church

Basic passages: Deuteronomy 1:1-4:49;

Leviticus 4:1-8

Focal passages: Deuteronomy 1:1a;

4:5-8, 36-39

Central truth: The motivation for obedience comes from God's love.

In Deuteronomy we have Moses' farewell addresses to the Israelites. Moses' three speeches, which constitute the bulk of Deuteronomy, are essentially an exposition of Israel's faith.

1. When Moses addressed Israel on "this side of the Jordan", he was not giving them the law, for that had already been done with a previous generation. But rather Moses was explaining and applying the law to the present generation. In seeking to make contemporary to those who were not at Sinai the meaning and the challenge of covenant living, Moses' words still serve as a challenge to Christians to make a personal commitment on the basis of what God has done and continues to do.

2. Moses commanded the keeping of the statutes and ordinances in the land of Canaan. The issue that he addressed has been asked by every age: Should God's people conform or should they be different? Moses maintained that Israel's greatness was in the superiority of her moral and spiritual law over that of other nations. Therefore Moses urged his people to live by God's laws — to do them in the land which they would soon possess. The parallel for the modern Christian is obvious — "Be you doers of the word..." (James 1:22).

3. Because of all that Israel had experienced (4:36-39), she was urged to respond to God's loving care with love shown by obedience to his will. Such love could not be expressed merely in empty words. The love which God demands is productive love. In a time of Bold Mission, Christians, like the expectant Israelites, need to hear God's word and enact it in word and deed so that God's love might be reproduced in us and experienced by the world about us.

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Bible Book

David anointed king over all Israel

by Ray Meador, Judsonia First

Basic passage: 2 Samuel 5:1-25

Focal passage: 2 Samuel 5:1-7, 9-12

Central truth: David realized that it was the hand of God that anointed him king and gave him the conquest of Jerusalem.

1. David, from his youth, had been obedient to the Lord's will for his life. From the small beginning of being faithful to the Lord as a protecting shepherd of a flock of sheep, David was led by God, one step at a time, to be king of all Israel, a protecting shepherd of a whole nation. David's life is an illustration of the truth that Jesus taught his disciples, if they were faithful over a few things he would make them rulers over many. Today we must be faithful in the little things, if we are going to reach the world for Jesus.

2. David saw God's hand in all the events of life — the victories, as well as the defeats. In the difficulty of battle to the moments of conquest, he saw the hand of God in his life. In the same way, we must not only see God's corrective judgment in our failures, but also see his omniscient hand in our victories as well.

3. David was patient and waited on God to fulfill the promises of Samuel for his life. He was willing to trust God to work out all of the circumstances so that the promises would become realities. He obediently fought the urges and temptations to get ahead of God and take the throne himself. Faithfully waiting on God, David was blessed more abundantly than he ever expected.

The need in this world in which we live, where an instant is too long to wait, is to see that God wants us to be faithful to him and let him work on his timetable, his will for our lives. When this happens, we find that his results are far more than we ever could imagine.

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We believe that God is going to use the CWT process to greatly improve our victories in reaching people in Arkansas.

Pastors, pray about a commitment to the CWT for your church. After serious consideration, contact me for a future training seminar. — Clarence Shell Jr., director

Christian Life Council

Double dip depression

There's no question ethyl alcohol is an escape mechanism. This number one problem drug often partially "stones" drivers after a hard day's work or before facing unpleasant circumstances at home.

Laws have been passed making mind alteration easier. Pushers of ethyl alcohol are everywhere. Adding to an already enormous problem the ready availability of beer in convenience stores, Happy House establishments, and even in gasoline outlets promotes drinking and driving.

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Family and Child Care Services

Mother's Day emphasis for special offering in May

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Those of us who have this kind of mother should be grateful to God. We will be remembering her in a special way on Mother's Day.

There are multitudes of children to whom we minister for whom we must provide substitute mothers. It is made possible primarily through the support of Arkansas Baptists through their local church.

one who has been meaningfully employed for years to be laid off. In fact, it can be downright depressing. Ethyl alcohol as an escape mechanism for such people compounds the problem. This drug is a depressant and many times has led to suicide. Teenage suicide in recent years has doubled. Ethyl alcohol, a depressant, has sometimes been a factor in such tragedies.

By the way, ethyl alcohol is a poison. It is found in any alcoholic beverage, even in "light" wine and beer. In times of economic depression or recession, recovery or boom, ethyl alcohol is always a depressant. — Bob Parker, director

Some of our churches give special emphasis to this ministry by promoting and receiving a Mother's Day Offering in May. We help them with the promotion by sending bulletin inserts, posters, and envelopes. These will be received soon.

The theme of our offering this year is: "Their Future Is in Your Hands." That statement expresses the strong dependence of this ministry on your financial support.

Hopefully many churches who have not been receiving an offering for this vital ministry will do so. If your church desires materials for this offering we will be delighted to send them at no charge to you. Contact me at P.O. Box 552, Little Rock, AR 72203, or phone 376-4791. — Homer W. Shirley Jr., director of development

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'Gradual call,' caring people led Debbie

by Erich Bridges
FMB staff writer

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Debbie Moore says she followed a "gradual call" to Foreign Missions. It began in her home town of Hope, Ark., almost 20 years ago, and will take her all the way to Liberia, West Africa, before another year passes.

Director of Girls in Action and of Mission Friends for Arkansas Woman's Missionary Union since 1979, Moore was one of 33 new missionaries named by the Southern Baptist Convention Foreign Mission Board April 13 in Birmingham, Ala. After missionary orientation this fall she will go to Liberia to work with Baptist Women in that country.

Two other Arkansans, Conley and Kaye Williams, also became missionaries at the Birmingham appointment service. They will work in agricultural evangelism in Uganda.

For Moore, the gradual call started at home. "My Mother is the key to my love for missions, really, because she has been involved in WMU all her life," she says. "She has been WMU director or Baptist Women's president or something every since I have known her."

But missions always meant more than titles and organizations, Moore adds. Her parents, Jewel and Betty Moore of Hope, (her mother currently represents Arkansas as a member of the Foreign Mission Board), taught her to pray for missionaries and a world in need of Christ.

She built on that foundation at First Church in Hope where a dedicated worker, now deceased, Frances Reynerson, led her in Sunday School, Church Training, GA and Bible drills.

"Miss Frances' just gave herself to the children and young people," Moore re-

members. "Sometimes I'd be the only one to enter 'sword (Bible) drills,' and she would spend three or four hours every Saturday just practicing with me. She gave her time to one person or 50. It didn't matter."

Sixteen summers in GA camp — three as a camper and 13 as a staffer — exposed her to missionaries and mission leaders.

She decided to go to seminary after studying education at Ouachita Baptist University, but first returned to Hope in 1974 to teach physical education and to coach junior high girls basketball for two years.

The first year was a season of long headache, "we lost every game," she remembers, "but it didn't seem to bother the girls nearly as much as it bothered me, and their parents. I'm glad I stayed, though, because the next year we won the district championship."

The team record soared from 0-18 to 26-5, and Moore learned patience, persistence, humility and "that I never want to coach again!"

Study at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary followed, then her current stint in Little Rock as state director of GA and Mission Friends. The state level WMU responsibilities have given her the chance to develop skills she never knew she had — speaking, writing, leader training, conference planning.


All of these influences and experiences reached a climax last summer, Moore said, when she felt God saying, "You're ready to go." The Foreign Mission Board agreed.

"The Southern Baptist commitment of Bold Mission Thrust has become personal with me. I realize that spreading the gospel around the world will not be accomplished unless I do my part."

In Liberia, Moore will live in the capitol city, Monrovia. She anticipates writing WMU curriculum materials, training leaders and promoting WMU organizations and coordinating GA camps. "I feel like it was made for me," she says. "Everything fits perfectly, if I had written the job description myself I couldn't have done better."

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Buzzard hits mission plane; four missionaries land safely

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Missionary pilot Don Johnson of Missouri was bringing the single-engine plane in for a landing when missionary Loyd Moon spotted the buzzard flying about 20 feet higher than the plane. Suddenly the bird dipped one wing, causing it to plummet into the plane's path.


The buzzard's body knocked out a sec-

tion of the windshield, part of which struck Johnson on the forehead. The buzzard narrowly missed the passengers and landed in the baggage compartment, scattering blood and glass and ripping out a square-foot section of upholstery.

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What's It All About?

The ball in the associational court

by Freddie Pike

I have heard it said in regards to making Bold Mission Thrust work. "If it is to be, it is up to me." There is some truth in that because Bold Mission requires the best from each of us. However, I would like to paraphrase that statement to add a new element of truth. "If it is to be,



Pike

it is up to the association." That may not rhyme but it rings loudly with truth. Bold Mission will be done by the people in the pew who constitute our local churches. The Southern Baptist Convention boards and agencies and the state convention offices are too far removed from direct contact with the masses of laypersons to be effective in motivating them to be involved in Bold Missions. The only organization close enough to the local church to directly influence the people is the association. Therefore the association is at the cutting edge of Bold Missions which also puts it at the cutting edge of reaching 8.5 by '85 enrollment goals. If Bold Mission (or its parts, such as 8.5 by '85) succeeds it will be because the association assumed a leadership role with its churches.

What will an association need to do to lead out in 8.5 by '85? Let me suggest some actions that need to be considered.

1. Enlist the associational Sunday School director to attend the Church Growth Thrust meeting on May 3-4, at Park Hill Church in North Little Rock.

2. Plan a good associational church growth workshop in your association and give adequate time for sharing 8.5 by '85 material and information. It is the heart of the Reaching People emphasis of Bold Mission.

3. Be aggressive in planning 8.5 by '85 actions for the associational calendar over the next three years. The actions should include (a) Associational Bold People Search; (b) 8.5

by '85 Enlargement Campaign; (c) ASSIST training for your associational Sunday School team.

4. Make a financial commitment to back up your planned actions. The goal of reaching people for Christ and the church is worthy of your priority dollars in the associational budget.

5. Request financial assistance from the state Sunday School department as early as possible. For enlargement campaigns up to \$2,000 per association is available through our department and the Baptist Sunday School Board. The actual amount depends on the number of churches participating in each association. A small amount is also available to assist in the Bold People Search project if completed in 1982.

This kind of strategy planning needs to take place with the Associational Sunday School Improvement Support Team (ASSIST). A detailed plan of work on 8.5 by '85 actions should be planned for the immediate year ahead and tentative plans for major events in the next two years should also be placed on the associational calendar. Suggestions for local church goals on 8.5 by '85 actions will be included in a Church Planning Guide which will be available after May 1. Help for pastors has already been provided in the booklet, "Reaching People The Pastor's Manual for Church Growth, 1982-85." These and other resources will be available to help implement 8.5 by '85 in the churches. The ASSIST group should be familiar with these resources and help churches put the suggested actions to work in the church field. Some events as listed above will need to be done on an associational level.

Details of these associational events will be shared in this article next week. For 8.5 by '85 the countdown has started. The vehicles (events) are on the launch pad. We can help provide part of the fuel (money and materials) for these events. The question for the association is "will you now assume command and fly the emphasis in your area?" Or as a director of missions has said, "the ball is now in the court of the association."

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