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A three-fold cord . . .  
Joint Fellowship Meeting, May 15

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"A Three-Fold Cord Is Not Easily Broken." (Ecclesiastes 4:12) That is the theme for the first joint fellowship meeting for Arkansas women, scheduled for May 15, 10:00-3:15, at Arkansas Baptist College, Little Rock. Symbolically braiding the three-fold cord are representatives of the three sponsoring conventions: Mrs. Cleofus Lomack, Regular Arkansas Missionary Baptist Convention; Mrs. Boyd Margason, Arkansas Baptist State Convention; and Mrs. Zelda Pierce, Consolidated Missionary Baptist Convention.



Ouachita Baptist University president Daniel R. Grant (far right) accepts a check from Bob Gladden, chairman of deacons at Immanuel Church in Little Rock, at beginning of the W. O. Vaught Chair of Bible endowment campaign. Dr. and Mrs. Vaughn look on, along with W. H. "Buddy" Sutton (left), an Immanuel deacon.

ASB photo/J. Everett Sneed

## Vaught honored by plans for OBU Chair of Bible by J. Everett Sneed

Immanuel Church, Little Rock, honored pastor W. O. Vaught on the occasion of the beginning of his 38th year at the church with plans to endow a Chair of Bible at Ouachita Baptist University. The endowment effort was kicked off on April 18, with the presentation of a \$15,000 check to Ouachita President Daniel R. Grant. The church voted on Jan. 17 to endow the W. O. Vaught Chair of Bible at Ouachita. Individuals had pledged an initial \$100,000 prior to the official beginning of the effort.

An endowed chair is a unique means of assuring permanent support for an important area of study in a university, while giving permanent recognition for the name of some person whom the donors seek to honor for outstanding achievements. By investing the minimum requirement of \$300,000 for endowing a chair at Ouachita and spending only the income from the endowment, the salary of the professor is provided. The investment also becomes a source of strength for the university in perpetuity.

A "fully endowed chair" will not only pay the salary of the professor who holds

the appointment to the chair, but will, in addition, provide income for such related expenses as secretarial support, travel expenses, and professional development. To have a "fully endowed chair" would require \$500,000. Bob Gladden, chairman of deacons, expressed confidence that the church and friends of Dr. Vaught would donate the entire \$500,000.

In accepting the gift, Dr. Grant expressed his appreciation to Immanuel Church for their interest and concern for Ouachita University. He said, "This is a unique and marvelous way of honoring your pastor, Dr. Vaught."

In responding to the endowed chair and other gifts that had been presented to him, Dr. Vaught said, "I know of no other church in America which has honored their pastor in such a special way as you folks have honored me. It will require some time for me to be able to fully respond to your generous gift."

One of the goals of Ouachita's Centennial Achievement Program is the establishment of 20 endowed chairs by 1986.

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An Arkansas woman finds a way to minister to the cold and poor in a Philadelphia suburb without leaving the comfort of her Century home. Baptist Press tells the story of "Warm Hands, Warm Hearts" and Dorothy Stump's part in the work.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. Conley Williams are two of three Arkansans commissioned for service by the Foreign Mission Board in Birmingham, Ala. April 13. The couple, which calls Springdale home, will be leaving for Uganda this fall.

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Get ready to pull out that calendar and mark down the dates for those important events of 1983. The tentative calendar for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention is printed in its entirety this issue.

## Proctor and Gamble rumors unfounded

For the second time in as many years, Proctor and Gamble Company has been targeted by a campaign of unfounded rumor. The current wave, which began last fall, charges that Proctor and Gamble actively promotes satanism. It alleges that a P&G executive appeared on either the Phil Donahue or Merv Griffin television talk show and linked P&G with satanism.

Christianity Today magazine reported in its April 9, 1982 issue that statements have been issued by spokesmen for both shows that they had never interviewed a P&G official.

Last year Proctor and Gamble was sub-

jected to rumors that the firm had been bought out by Sun Myung Moon's Unification Church. P&G said they had never been approached by the "Moonies."

"Apparently Christians easily forget that gossip is a sin..." Christianity Today concluded.

In addition, Proctor and Gamble denies that their trademark, featuring moon and stars, has any connection with satanism or devil worship. In a letter to Editor J. Everett Sneed, received April 19, the company notes that the trademark's basic design has not changed since it was registered with the U.S. Patent Office in 1882.



In many instances it is easy for a Christian to make the right decision. The Bible clearly instructs us not to kill, steal or cheat. Yet, there are occasions in which there is no clear instruction in the scripture. The Christian is always obligated to do that which is in keeping with God's will. But how can one know the right thing to do when there is no direct command in the scripture? The Bible does lay down certain principles to be applied in the day-by-day decision making process.

First, a Christian should be directly involved in those things which will glorify God. Christians are to reflect God to the world. The daily activities and lifestyle of Christians will either enhance or detract from the cause of Christ.

Even good things can be misused so that they fail to glorify God. For example, Christians are repeatedly instructed to pray. But even prayer can be used in such a way as to exalt self — not God.

Jesus told of two men who went to the temple to pray. One was a religious man (a Pharisee) and the other was a hated tax collector (a publican). The religious man thanked God that he was better than others, particularly the tax collector. The publican prayed, "God be merciful to me a sinner" (Luke 18:13).

Jesus said that the tax collector went away justified while the religious man was condemned. Self-centeredness, self-righteousness and self-exaltation are always wrong for a Christian. When our motives are wrong our choices are likely to be also.

Second, a Christian should not be involved in things which will cause others to stumble. The apostle Paul gave us this principle as he said, "Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend" (I Cor. 8:13).

In Corinth there were numerous Christians who had previously been involved in idol worship. The worship of idols included the use of burnt offerings. The meat left from the offerings, being of the best quality, was sold at the market at a reduced price. There was nothing morally wrong with eating such meat. Yet, Paul said that, if his eat-

ing of this meat would cause his fellow Christian to sin, he would refrain from the eating of meat.

Some things may not be wrong in and of themselves, but for the sake of others, it may be necessary to refrain from them. Christians are responsible for the well-being of others.

Third, a Christian should not be involved in things which will harm his body or his mind. Paul said, "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?" (I Cor. 3:16).

God created our bodies, and we are responsible to him for proper care of them. This means we are not to take anything into our bodies which will harm them. It also means that we are to obtain proper rest and recreation. One can be so overinvolved in the doing of good things that he is sinning because he is overworking his body.

We are also responsible for providing proper care of our minds. We are to study those things which will build up our minds. Essentially, a person is his native ability plus all the things with which he has contact. If we fill our minds with that which is base or evil, it will become a part of us.

Finally, a Christian should not be involved in things which will promote evil. Throughout the scriptures, we are instructed to "abhor that which is evil." We are to have absolutely no contact with it. This, in some instances, is the most difficult of the principles to be used in determining what is right because, often, evil masquerades as righteousness.

Some base religious sect may make appeals for money, purporting to carry out benevolent activities. The cult established by Jim Jones is an example. A Southern Baptist can protect himself by giving his money through his own church. The local church can protect the Lord's money by channeling it through the Cooperative Program.

Life is made up of choices. Even what appears, at the time, to be a small decision may have long reaching effects. It is essential that a Christian utilize practical biblical principles under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, so that he can make the right decisions.

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## Lord's Day group forms in Arkansas

by Erwin L. McDonald

The Lord's Day Alliance of Arkansas, a multi-denominational organization having for its purpose the promotion of the first day of the week as the Lord's Day — "a day of rest, renewal and worship" — has been formed in Little Rock with Larry Maddox, pastor of Little Rock Second Church as president.

Other officers, named at a meeting April 14, are W. A. Blount, pastor of Sylvan Hills Community Church, North Little Rock, vice president; and Robert Willingham Jr., pastor of Mt. Pleasant Church of Little Rock, secretary-treasurer.

Approximately 30 leaders have attended three different meetings over the last several weeks to perfect the organization. Denominations represented include Southern Baptist, United Methodist, Assembly of God, Church of Christ, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Presbyterian, Catholic, National (black) Baptist, Greek Orthodox,

Church of the Nazarene, and Seventh-Day Adventist.

Additional purposes of the new organization will be "to cultivate awareness to the proper observance of Sunday as the Lord's Day, to gather and distribute information for this purpose, to encourage voluntary observance of Sunday as a day of worship, and to support constitutional legislation for the setting aside of a day of rest out of each week."

The adoption of a constitution and by-laws will be an item of business at the first regular meeting of the alliance, in October, President Maddox has announced.

The Arkansas group plans to seek affiliation with The Lord's Day Alliance of the United States, which has been in operation for nearly a century and now has its national headquarters in Atlanta, Ga., Maddox said.



Officers of newly-formed Lord's Day Alliance (from left) are W. A. Blount, vice president; Larry Maddox, president, and Robert Willingham Jr., secretary-treasurer.



### The Southern accent

D. Jack Nicholas/President, SBC

## Chipping away in the name of separation

The effort to strip American government of all Christian symbols and influences received another boost last month when the U.S. Appeals Court for the District of Columbia ruled that a suit challenging the use of tax dollars to pay chaplains for the House and Senate should be heard after a federal court had dismissed the suit.

Madalyn Murray O'Hair and the Society of Separationists brought suit two years ago against Congress and the chaplains of both houses, claiming that paying the salaries of the chaplains from tax funds violated the principle of the separation of church and state.

Atheists, like O'Hair, and even some well-meaning but misguided believers are pressing an unrelenting assault to divest our government of all Christian influence. Utilizing a defective interpretation of the principle of separation of church and state, they seek to eradicate every symbol and influence of Christianity from American public life.

Separation, as articulated by our founding fathers, never was intended to mean separation of Christianity from government but rather it was intended to prohibit the establishment of a state church.

It is noteworthy that our founding fathers, who wrote into the fabric of our political system the separation doctrine, required that the sessions that resulted in the

Constitution itself be preceded by prayer. In a statement in the Constitutional Convention on June 28, 1787, Benjamin Franklin said: "... I have lived, Sir, a long time; and the longer I live the more convincing Proofs I see of this Truth, That God governs in the Affairs of Men! ... And if a Sparrow cannot fall to the Ground without Notice, is it probable that an Empire can rise without his Aid? — We have been assured, Sir, in the Sacred Writings, that 'except the Lord build the House, they labor in vain that build it.' I firmly believe this; and I also believe that without his concurring Aid we shall succeed in this political Building no better than the Builders of Babel ...

I therefore beg leave to move, That henceforth Prayers, imploring the Assistance of Heaven, and its Blessing on our Deliberations, be held in this Assembly every Morning before we proceed to Business ..."

It is wrong, unjust, and a betrayal of both the principle itself and the founding fathers who wrote it into our Constitution, to employ a distorted interpretation of that good and noble provision to chip away one by one the Christian symbols and influences which remain in the instruments and organizations of this republic. To do so is treachery, whether perpetrated by the malicious or the merely misguided.

**D. Jack Nicholas is president of Southern Baptist College at Walnut Ridge.**

## Conference scheduled for leaders of single adults

RIDGECREST, N.C. — The second national conference for single adult leaders is scheduled for May 20-24 at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, Ridgecrest, N.C.

The conference, entitled "Accent II," is for all lay and professional workers who have responsibilities for single adults. Single adults who have leadership responsibilities within their single adult groups are also invited to attend.

Coordinated by Ann Smith, single adult consultant in the Sunday School Board's family ministry department, the conference will feature John Howell, professor of Christian ethics, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Kansas. Howell will deliver four lectures on the theology of singleness.

Horace Kerr, supervisor of the single and senior adult sections of the family ministry department, will lead seminar sessions.

Participants attending the conference will be trained as special single adult consultants available to work with churches, associations or state conventions.

Topics to be discussed include beginning and maintaining a single adult ministry, needs of single adults, communication, counseling, planning and coordinating activities.

Persons interested in attending the conference should make application by writing to Ann Smith, MSN 140, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tenn. 37234. Application is a prerequisite to registration.

by Millie Gill/ABN staff writer

### Carroll Dana Caldwell

will begin serving June 1 as director of missions for Southwestern Baptist Association with offices in Texarkana. His resignation as pastor of Harrison First Church will become effective May 9. A native of Little Rock, he is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University and



Caldwell

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and has done graduate work at

the University of West Florida, Gainesville, Fla. Dr. Caldwell has served Arkansas and Florida churches. He has served the Harrison church since 1974 and has served in associational, state convention and Southern Baptist Convention leadership roles. He is currently serving as a member of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention Executive Board. He is married to the former Joanne Sellers of Tampa, Fla. They have three children, Dana Claude, Christine Ann and Carol Jane.

### Jim Scott

is serving as pastor of the DeWitt First Church. He has pastored Texas churches. In his 20 years of ministry he has led revivals in the United States, Italy and Brazil. He

and Mrs. Scott, a native of Italy, are parents of two married sons.

### Robert Stagg

will serve as the 1982 secretary-treasurer of the Association of Baptist Teachers of Religion. He was elected at their annual meeting in Dallas, Texas. Dr. Stagg is professor of religion at Ouachita Baptist University.

### Robert B. Smith

is pastor of the Mena Pine Ridge Church. He is a 1979 graduate of Ouachita Baptist University and is employed in Mena. He and his wife, Chris, have two sons, Shane and Justin.

### Ron Kimmel

has resigned as pastor of the Waldo Memorial Church, effective June 1.

## letter to the editor

### Baptists need Church Training

I have a conviction, Bible based, that every Baptist church should have a well organized Church Training program, especially for our youth and young people. In most churches the lack of younger married couples is very evident, which I attribute to the lack of Christian training in their youth.

Remarks are made such as, "All churches are having trouble in this area." Well, I submit that any trouble they are having has been self-inflicted (apathy). God forgive us!

Now when I speak of Church Training I do not mean assigning "parts" and instructing pupils, "You read this part next week." They should be taught vital Christian attributes by a qualified adult. To name a few: faithfulness, John 1:5-6; gentleness, II Tim. 2:24; godliness, II Peter 1:5-7; holiness, I Peter 1:15-16; honesty, Romans 12:17; humility, I Peter 5:5; kindness, Eph. 4:32; meekness, Titus 3:1-2; obedience, Matt. 7:21; and perseverance, Gal. 6:9.

Just these few listed will help youth to develop sincerity, softness of manner, to be God-like, pure of heart, fair and honorable, freedom from pride and arrogance, kindness, gentleness, dutiful and submissive to authority, growing and continuing in grace.

I pray we will have a deeper concern for our youth and honor our Lord in this area.  
— Arthur House, Camden

**DID YOU KNOW** that provision is made at Boyce Bible School for laypersons and that they enroll as "Evening Students," but the only difference is that their records are kept separately at Louisville and that they have the same courses, faculty, cost, etc. at ministers?

### Sunset Lane Church

in Little Rock was in revival April 4-10 as a part of the Pulaski County Association simultaneous revivals. Ed Walker, pastor of Crystal Valley Church in North Little Rock, was evangelist. Jim Reichen, church music director, led revival music. Pastor Edward Edmondson reported nine professions of faith for baptism and 14 additions by letter.

### Nashville First Church

will host to a group of Ouachita Baptist University students May 7. The drama department and campus Baptist Student Union members will be there for the presentation of the Christian musical/drama "Joy Comes in the Morning."

### El Paso First Church

dedicated a steeple April 25 as a memorial to David H. Wick. Wick, a deacon of the church, died in 1981. R. A. Hill, a former pastor, preached the dedication service.

## noteburnings

### Elaine Church

celebrated the final payment on its auditorium with a recent noteburning service. Built three years ago, it cost approximately \$480,000, including the property cost and architect fees. The fan-shaped building, developed from a Southern Baptist Convention Sunday School Board floor plan, will seat 340 persons. Mrs. George Crumby, the church's oldest member, and Brooks Griffin participated in the service. A. R. Major is pastor.

### Hatfield First Church

burned a parsonage payment note Feb. 28. Participating were pastor Joe Campbell, R. L. Hamilton, Roscoe Dagenhart and Clarence Morrison.

Norman Powell is pastor.

### Cove First Church

has been in a six-week revival that resulted in 24 professions of faith, four additions by letter and 15 baptisms. Danny Williams is pastor.

### St. Francis Church

honored four members April 4. Those presented with gifts were W. R. Fry, age 91 and a member for 73 years; Ada Dickerson, age 91 and a member for more than 50 years; Tom Hill, age 91 and a member for 38 years and Etta Daffron, age 93 and a member for more than 65 years. Pastor and Mrs. O. H. Brooks made the presentations.

### Fayetteville First Church

music ministry presented "Songs of the Gospel" April 18. Composer Gene Bartlett was special guest. Mark Short is minister of music.

### Berryville First Church

was in revival April 4-9 with Wayne Copelin of Fort Worth, Texas, serving as evangelist. Rick Loy of Copelin Evangelistic Association, served as music director. Pastor Rick L. Kincl reported 72 professions of faith and more than 150 other decisions.

## News about missionaries

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Tope, recently reappointed missionaries to Kenya, have arrived on the field (address: P.O. Box 1325, Nakuru, Kenya). He was born in Catron, Mo., and grew up in Parkin, Ark. The former LaVerne Warnecke of Missouri, she was born in St. Louis and grew up in Sikeston. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1959, resigned in 1975 and reappointed in December 1981.

## Arkansas woman knits for Pennsylvania poor

CHESTER, Pa. (BP) — Chester, Pa., takes third place in a contest no city wants to win.

This Philadelphia suburb was once a showcase for the American dream. European immigrants built their two-story, white frame castles and planted roses. Children skipped down sidewalks swept clean each morning.

Today, Chester is the third most economically-distressed city in the nation. Whole blocks of homes have been abandoned to the rats, wild dogs and the street people who forage shelter wherever they can.

More than a third of Chester's 45,000 residents are on welfare; 33,000 residents are black, 2,000 Hispanic. Chester's main employer, Sun Ship Company, laid off more than 3,000 workers.

"Chester is the saddest neighborhood I've ever seen" says Gaynor Yancey, Christian social ministries director for Delaware Valley Baptist Association. "People here have the mind that nothing can help."

The lone Southern Baptist church near Chester is Ukrainian Evangelical, of which Juan Kovalchuk is pastor. A Ukrainian reared in Argentina, Kovalchuk has "two hearts" for Ukrainians and Hispanics, Yancey says.

The pastor tried blending the two groups for worship, "but the older Ukrainians didn't like it," Yancey recalls. Instead, he started Spanish worship and Bible study on Saturday nights. Soon he came to Yancey, concerned about the Hispanics' critical need just to stay warm during Pennsylvania's frigid winters.

To show that Southern Baptist care about the needy in times of cold, Yancey began "Operation Warm Hands, Warm Hearts" to distribute blankets, caps and mittens to Chester's Spanish-speaking residents. The project, similar to "Operation Snow Blanket" which gave blankets to 780 people in Kensington, Pa., in 1977, was backed by Delaware Valley association.

A world away in Gentry, Ark., Dorothy Stump read in a Southern Baptist missions magazine about Yancey's campaign to warm Philadelphia's poor. Stump, a widow with grown grandchildren, works as an obstetrics nurse and is a backbone of Gentry's First Church.

During odd moments, Stump crochets scraps of yarn into warm caps. Yancey's campaign and Stump's caps brought the two women together across 2,000 miles.

To help, Stump mailed Yancey dozens of striped stocking caps. For "Warm Hands, Warm Hearts," she persuaded Gentry's Baptist women to provide more caps and mittens for "Gaynor's children."

On a numbing winter morning, Yancey and association volunteers gave 400 blankets, 1,000 caps and 2,000 pairs of mittens

to Hispanics huddled outside the Hispanics civic center in Chester. In less than two hours, everything was gone.

Yancey hopes Baptists can make contact with Hispanic families from names and addresses they collected. Two Spanish-speaking student missionaries will help Kovalchuk start a Spanish church in Chester this summer.

In Gentry, Stump displays a snapshot of three youngsters sporting her red-and-white striped caps. Already she's crocheted nine more for next winter.

But Stump scoffs at admiration. "I just like having something to do," she explains patiently. "This way, doing a few caps at a time, it doesn't cost too much. It may be a help for Gaynor, but it probably does me more good."



Dorothy Stump of Gentry, Ark. crochets to pass the time and to keep Pennsylvania youngsters warm in the winter. Her striped stocking caps are an annual gift to Gaynor Yancey, Home Mission Board missionary in Philadelphia, who distributes them in areas like Chester, Pa. A young friend gets a look at a cap Stump has already crocheted for next winter.

HMB photo/David Bell

### SBC leaders call for Mother's Day prayer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Citing the "threat of annihilation through nuclear war," three Southern Baptist leaders called for a special Mother's Day prayer for evangelization and peace to coincide with evangelist Billy Graham's preaching visit to Moscow beginning May 9.

Asking Southern Baptist pastors and churches to include special prayer in Mother's Day services this year are Bailey Smith, president of the Southern Baptist Convention; William G. Tanner, president of the Home Mission Board; and Foy Valentine, executive director of the Christian Life Commission.

Graham will preach in both Russian

Orthodox and Baptist churches on May 9, observed as Mother's Day in America, and also will speak May 11 in Moscow to religious leaders from around the world on the imperative of peace with justice in a nuclear age.

The joint resolution called for special Mother's Day prayer, "Since Christians around the world are bound together by a common allegiance to God in Jesus Christ, by a common mandate to share the good news, and by a common concern for peace with justice, and since in the fullness of time, God is setting before us an open door for going into all the world to preach the gospel to every creature."

### New operations director named at annuity board

DALLAS (BP) — Ruth K. Pankiw will become director of the operations division of the Southern Baptist Annuity Board, beginning May 10.

Pankiw, a widow, replaces Harvey H. Kennedy, who left the board March 1 to enter private business.

She is a member of Crawford Avenue Southern Church in Wilmette, Ill., and has been with the General Board of Pensions of the United Methodist Church for the past 31 years. Her new responsibilities at the Annuity Board will include supervision of three departments — insurance services, information services, (the board's data processing area) and member services.

## Springdale couple appointed to Uganda

RICHMOND, Va. — Mr. and Mrs. J. Conley Williams were among 33 people named missionaries by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board April 13 at the Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center Coliseum, Birmingham, Ala., according to an FMB release.

The Williamses will work in Uganda, where he will be an agricultural evangelist and she will be a church and home worker. Currently he is assistant pastor of South Burleson Baptist Church, Burleson, Texas.

Born in Greene County, Ark., Williams is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Williams of Wasco, Calif. He considers Springdale, Ark., his hometown and First Church there his home church. While growing up, he also attended Alexander Church in Paragould, Ark.

He received the bachelor of science in agriculture degree from Arkansas State University near Jonesboro. He is now attending Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

He has worked as manager of a research

farm in Chillicothe, Mo.; assistant foreman for a farming company in Wasco, Calif.; and field representative for Tyson Foods Incorporated in Springdale, Ark.

Born in Paragould, Mrs. Williams, the former Kaye Lamb, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Onis Lamb of that city. She also considers Springdale her hometown and First Church there her home church. She attended Mt. Zion Baptist Church near Paragould while growing up in Walcott, Ark.

She attended Arkansas State University, and received the license in practical nursing from Jonesboro Practical Nursing School. She has worked as a practical nurse at hospitals in Jonesboro and Springdale.

The Williamses have three children: Mark Andrew, born in 1970; Melinda Kaye, 1974; and Leah Christine, 1977. The family will go to Pine Mountain, Ga., in September for a 12-week orientation before leaving for the field.

Debbie Moore, a Hope, Ark. native currently employed as GA/Mission Friends director for Arkansas Woman's Missionary

Union, was a third Arkansas among the 33 commissioned at the Birmingham service. She was the subject of a Foreign Mission Board feature story published in the April 22 issue of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine.



J. Conley and Kaye Williams

## MK Prayer Calendar

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# 1983 Calendar

## Arkansas Baptist State Convention

### January Make Your Will Month

2	Christian Wills Emphasis
3- 7	Bible Study Week
6- 7	Staff retreat
9	Witness Commitment Day
10	Spring registration, Southern Baptist College
10-11	Media/Library Workshop (Church Training)
11	Associational Faculty Training, Immanuel, Little Rock (Sunday School)
11	Spring registration, Ouachita Baptist University
13	State Joint Committee (National Baptists)
14	Associational and District Music Directors' Workshop, Baptist Building, Little Rock
17-20	Youth/Adult Workshops (Church Training)
22-28	Arkansas Rec Lab, Gorieta, (Church Training)
23	Baptist Men's Day
24-25	State Evangelism Conference, Geyer Springs, Little Rock
25	Associational Stewardship Chairmen Workshop
26	Tax Seminar, Geyer Springs, Little Rock (Stewardship)
28-29	Homecoming, Southern Baptist College
31-Feb. 4	Associational Training Schools (Sunday School)
31-Feb. 4	Christian Focus Week, Ouachita Baptist University

### February Baptist Seminaries, Colleges and Schools Month

6	Baptist World Alliance Sunday
8	Vacation Bible School Clinic, Baring Cross, North Little Rock (Sunday School)
11-12	Single Adult Conference (Church Training)
13	Race Relations Day
13	Associational Hymn Sing
13-19	Focus on Woman's Missionary Union Week
14-17	Religious Emphasis Week, Southern Baptist College
14-17	Disciple Youth Regional Conference, Park Hill, North Little Rock (Church Training/Evangelism)
18-19	Volunteer/Part-time Music Leader Workshop, Camp Paron
20	Baptist Seminaries, Colleges, and Schools Day
20-23	Home Mission Study
21-24	Area Church Administration Workshops (Church Training)
25-26	Statewide Acteens Event, Southern Baptist College (WМУ)
26	Developing Believers Launch Meeting (Church Training)

### March Home Missions

2- 4	Director of Missions retreat, DeGray (Missions)
2- 4	Growing an Evangelistic Church Seminar, Camp Paron (Evangelism)

26	Church Building Conference, Baptist Building (Sunday School)
29-30	State RA Congress and Track Meet, 75th Anniversary (Brotherhood)
29-30	Statewide Acteens Event, Ouachita Baptist University (WМУ)

### May

1	Baptist Senior Adult Day
1- 8	Christian Home Week
2- 6	Baptist Building at Home Week
2- 3	Church Growth Thrust Leadership (Arkansas Baptist State Convention)
2- 3	Chaplains Awareness Conference, Camp Paron (Missions)
6- 7	Pastor/Deacon Retreat, Camp Paron (Church Training)
7	Spring commencement, Ouachita Baptist University
8	Day of Instrumental Praise
8	Associational Hymn Sing
10	Associational Briefing Meetings, Associational Office, Batesville; Booneville, First; Benton, First; Hope, First (Sunday School)
12	Associational Briefing Meetings, Brinkley, First; Associational Office, Jonesboro; Warren, First; Fayetteville, First (Sunday School)
13	Graduation, Southern Baptist College
14	State Music Tournaments, Hot Springs, Second (Church Music)
15	ARKANSAS BAPTIST NEWSMAGAZINE Day of Prayer
16-20	Master Life Workshop, Ouachita Baptist University (Church Training)
17-18	Ministries Workshop (Missions)
20-21	GA Mother/Daughter Camp, Paron (Grades 1-3) (WМУ)
22	Pentecost Sunday
26-28	Conference on Senior Adult Ministry, Ouachita Baptist University (Church Training)
27-30	Young Adult Mission Trip (Brotherhood)
29	Associational Missions Day of Prayer

### June Annuity Board Ministries

2- 3	Area Mission Committee Workshops (Missions)
3- 4	Spring Campers on Missions Rally (Missions)
3- 4	PreCamp Staff Training, Paron (Brotherhood)
4-10	Church Training Youth Conference, Gorieta
5	Religious Liberty Day
6-10	State RA Camp, Paron (Brotherhood)
7-10	Student Summer Missions Orientation (Missions)
9-10	Student Summer Missions Supervisors Conference (Missions)
10-11	Lad & Dad Mini Camp, Paron (Brotherhood)
10-12	National Handbell Festival, Pittsburg, PA
11-17	Church Training Youth Conference, Ridgecrest

- 3 Recognition dinner for directors of missions, Ouachita Baptist University  
 4-5 State Handbell Festival (Church Music)  
 6-13 Week of Prayer for Home Missions and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering  
 7-11 Area Strengthen the Family Conferences (Church Training)  
 10 WOW Training Day, Baptist Building (Evangelism)  
 11-12 Mini-Rec Lab, Camp Paron (Church Training)  
 13 Home Missions Day in Sunday School  
 13-20 Youth Week  
 14 WMU Annual Meeting, Grand Avenue, Fort Smith  
 19 State Youth Choir Festival, Junior High, Life Line, Little Rock; Senior High, Geyer Springs, Little Rock  
 19 Associational Baptist Youth Night  
 21 Northwest District drills and tournaments, Rogers, First (Church Training)  
 21 Southwest District drills and tournaments, Hope, First (Church Training)  
 22 West Central District drills and tournaments, Paris, First (Church Training)  
 22 Southeast District drills and tournaments, Warren, First (Church Training)  
 24 North Central District drills and tournaments, Mountain View, First (Church Training)  
 24 Northeast District drills and tournaments, Central, Jonesboro (Church Training)  
 24-26 Marriage Enrichment Retreat, Ozark Folk Center (Church Training)  
 25 Central District Drills and Tournaments, Olivet, Little Rock (Church Training)  
 25 East Central District Drills and Tournaments, Forrest City, First (Church Training)  
 25-27 BSU Leadership Training Conference  
 25-27 Arkansas Baptist Deaf Leadership Conference, Little Rock, First (Missions)

## April

- 1 Youth Convention, Robinson Auditorium, Little Rock (Church Training)  
 3 Easter  
 9 State Young Musicians Festivals, East Side, Fort Smith; Hope, First; Walnut Street, Jonesboro; Stuttgart, First  
 9 Teach, Win, Develop Conference (Sunday School)  
 11-13 Church Long-Range Planning Regional Seminar (Church Training)  
 15-16 Tiger Traks Weekend, Ouachita Baptist University  
 16 Young Adult Missions Meeting, Tri-County Association Camp (Brotherhood/WMU)  
 17 Associational Music Tournaments (latest date suggested)  
 17 Cooperative Program Day  
 18 Area Summer Youth Ministries Conference, Ouachita Baptist University (Church Training)  
 18-19 Interfaith Witness Conference (Missions)  
 18-22 Baptist Doctrine Study  
 18-22 National Secretary's Conference, Nashville, Tennessee  
 19 Area Summer Youth Ministries Conference, Southern Baptist College (Church Training)  
 20 Area Summer Youth Conference, Little Rock (Church Training)  
 21-22 Interfaith Witness Conference (Missions)  
 21-23 Minister of Education/Youth Seminar, DeGray Lodge (Church Training)  
 22-24 Hispanic Evangelistic Campaign, Lakeshore Drive, Little Rock (Missions)  
 23 Young Adult Missions Meeting, Camp Paron (Brotherhood/WMU)  
 24 Life Commitment Day  
 25-27 Statewide Pastors' Bible Conference, Ouachita Baptist University

- 12-13 WMU Annual Meeting, Pittsburg, PA  
 13-17 State RA Camp, Paron (Brotherhood)  
 13-18 Arkansas Baptist Assembly, Siloam Springs (first week)  
 14-16 Southern Baptist Convention, Pittsburg, PA  
 17-19 Arkansas Baptist Conference of the Deaf (Missions)  
 20-23 Young Musicians Music Camp, Ouachita Baptist University (Church Music)  
 20-24 National Baptist Boys Camp, Paron  
 20-25 Arkansas Baptist Assembly, Siloam Springs (second week)  
 24-25 GA Mother/Daughter Camp, Paron (Grades 1-3) (WMU)  
 27/July 1 National Baptist Girls Camp, Paron  
 27/July 2 Arkansas Baptist Assembly, Siloam Springs (third week)  
 30/July 3 Pre-camp Staff Training (WMU)

## July

- 1-2 Christian Citizenship Conference (Christian Life Council)  
 2-8 WMU Conference, Glorieta  
 3 Christian Citizenship Day  
 4-8 GA/Accten Camp (grades 4-12), Paron  
 4-9 Arkansas Baptist Assembly, Siloam Springs (fourth week)  
 7 State Joint Committee (National Baptists)  
 10 Christian Literature Day  
 11-12 Mid-Summer Student Missions Retreat (Missions)  
 11-15 GA Camp (grades 4-6), Paron  
 11-16 Arkansas Baptist Assembly, Siloam Springs (fifth week)  
 11-20 Pioneer Mission Action Trip (Brotherhood)  
 15-16 Mother/Daughter Camp, Paron (grades 1-3) WMU  
 18-22 GA Camp (grades 4-6), Paron  
 18-23 Arkansas Baptist Assembly, Siloam Springs (sixth week)  
 21-23 Marriage Enrichment Retreat (Church Training)  
 25-29 GA Camp (grades 4-6), Paron  
 25-29 Music Arkansas: Conference for Adults and Youth, Ouachita Baptist University (Church Music)  
 25-30 Arkansas Baptist Assembly, Siloam Springs (seventh week)  
 28-29 Weekday Early Education Workshop, Little Rock (Sunday School/Missions)  
 30-Aug. 5 WMU Conference, Ridgecrest

## August

- 7 On-To-College Day  
 12-13 Pastor/Director Retreat, Camp Paron (Church Training)  
 12-13 Church Vocations Conference, Ouachita Baptist University (Church Training)  
 14 Associational Hymn Sings  
 14 Language Missions Day  
 19-20 Associational WMU Officers Retreat, Camp Paron  
 21 Organists/Pianists Appreciation Day  
 21-28 Church Music Week  
 22 Area Adult Choir Festivals, Rogers, First (Church Music)  
 22-24 Fall registration, Southern Baptist College  
 23 Area Adult Choir Festivals, Immanuel, Pine Bluff (Church Music)  
 25 Area Adult Choir Festivals, Central, Magnolia (Church Music)  
 26 Area Adult Choir Festivals, Paragould, First (Church Music)  
 26-27 Disaster Relief Workshop (Brotherhood)

26-27 Associational Church Training Conference, Park Hill, North Little Rock  
 29-30 Fall registration, Ouachita Baptist University

## September Baptist Foundation Month

1- 6 Single Adult Labor Day Weekend, Glorieta (Church Training)  
 5-11 Brotherhood Leadership Week  
 7 Founders Day, Southern Baptist College  
 8 Statewide Church WMU Training Day, Immanuel, Little Rock  
 8- 9 Furloughing missionaries orientation, Baptist Building (Stewardship)  
 9-10 Fall Campers on Mission Rally (Missions)  
 10 East Deaf Ministries Coordinators Conference, Jonesboro, 1st (Missions)  
 10 Baptist Youth Day, Magic Springs (Church Training)  
 11 Baptist Foundation Day  
 11 Single Adult Day  
 12 Area Brotherhood Conference, Pine Bluff, First  
 12 Area WMU Conference, Pine Bluff, First  
 12 Area Evangelism Conference, Southern Baptist College  
 13 Area Brotherhood Conference, Hamburg, First  
 13-14 Area WMU Conference, Hamburg, First  
 13 Area Evangelism Conference, Brinkley, First  
 13 Associational Sunday School Leadership Night  
 15 Area Brotherhood Conference, Central Magnolia  
 15 Area WMU Conference, Central, Magnolia  
 15 Area Evangelism Conference, Ouachita Baptist University  
 16 Area Evangelism Conference, Waldron, First  
 17 Central Deaf Ministries Coordinators' Conference, Little Rock, First (Missions)  
 19-20 State Sunday School Convention, Park Hill, North Little Rock  
 19-23 Senior Adult Chautauqua, Glorieta  
 19-26 Season of Prayer for State Missions and Dixie Jackson Offering  
 22 Area Brotherhood Conference, Paragould, First  
 22 Area WMU Conference, Paragould, First  
 25 State Missions Day  
 25-Oct. 2 Sunday School Preparation Week  
 26 Area Brotherhood Conference, East Side, Fort Smith  
 26 Area WMU Conference, East Side, Fort Smith  
 27 Area Brotherhood Conference, Rogers, First  
 27-28 Area WMU Conference, Rogers, First  
 29 Area Brotherhood Conference, Northvale, Harrison  
 29 Area WMU Conference, Northvale, Harrison

## October Cooperative Program Month

1 Youth Choir Day, Ouachita Baptist University  
 2 High Attendance Night in Church Training  
 3 Area Brotherhood Conference, West Memphis, First  
 3 Area WMU Conference, West Memphis, First  
 3- 7 Arkansas Senior Adult Chautauqua, Ridgecrest  
 7- 9 BSU Convention  
 7- 8 State Deacon Ministry Conference (Church Training)  
 8 Deaf Ministries Equipping Workshop, District 2, Horseshoe Bend (Missions)  
 9 World Hunger Day  
 10-11 Bold Growth in Discipleship Schools (Church Training)

10-15 Associational Annual Meetings  
 14-15 Baptist Men's Retreat, Camp Paron (Brotherhood)  
 15 Tiger Tunes, Ouachita Baptist University  
 15 Deaf Ministries Equipping Workshop, District 3, Walnut Street, Jonesboro (Missions)  
 16 Baptist Health Day  
 17-22 Associational Annual Meetings  
 20-21 Music Men Rehearsal/Retreat, DeGray Lodge (Church Music)  
 25 Church Training Convention, Immanuel, Little Rock  
 27-28 Baptist Women Retreat, Camp Paron (WMU)  
 28-29 Baptist Women Retreat, Camp Paron (WMU)  
 29 Deaf Ministries Equipping Workshop, District 5, Immanuel, Little Rock (Missions)  
 30 Great Day in the Morning  
 31-Nov. 2 Marriage Enrichment Retreat Leadership Training (Church Training)

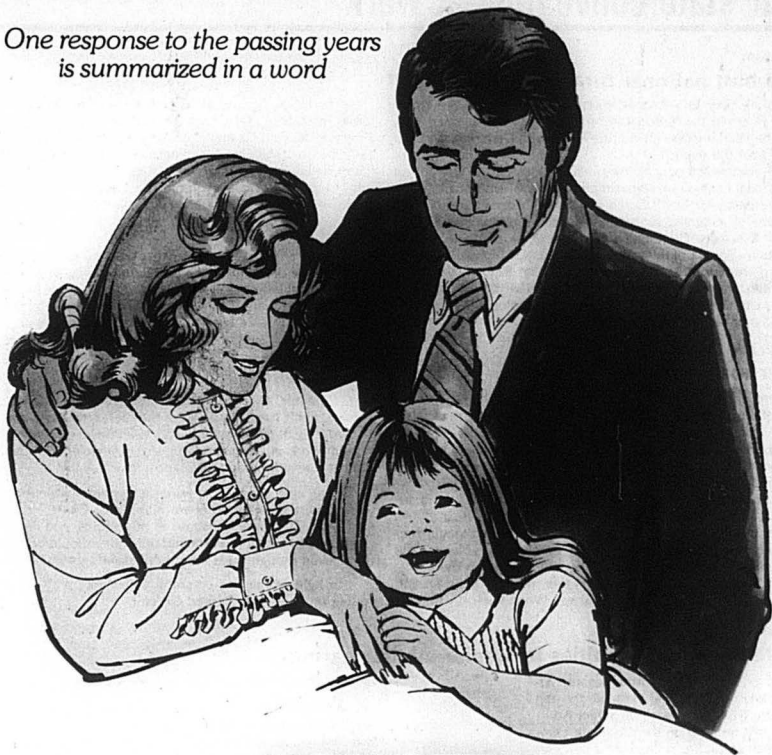
## November

3 Central Arkansas Language Leadership Conference, Calvary, Little Rock (Missions)  
 3- 5 Marriage Enrichment Retreat (Intermediate) (Church Training)  
 5 Hunger Hikes  
 5 GA Spectacular, Camp Paron (WMU)  
 6 Prove the Tithes Day  
 6-12 Royal Ambassador Week  
 7 Baptist Women World Day of Prayer  
 7 American Bible Society Day  
 8-10 ARKANSAS BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION, Pine Bluff Convention Center  
 11-12 Associational Acteens Officers' Retreat, Mills Valley, North Little Rock (WMU)  
 12 State RA Fellowship Luncheon (Brotherhood)  
 14-15 Special Ministries Conference (Missions)  
 15-17 Regular Arkansas National Baptist State Convention  
 19 Interfaith Ingathering (Christian Life Council)  
 19 Deaf Ministries Equipping Workshop, District 8, McGehee, First (Missions)  
 19 Homecoming, Ouachita Baptist University  
 20 Child Care Day  
 20-23 Foreign Mission Study  
 21-22 Church Staff Conference, "Stress in the Ministry", Little Rock, First (Ministry of Crisis Support)  
 22-25 Consolidated National Baptist State Convention  
 28 "M" Night

## December

4 Associational and Church Carol Sings  
 4-11 Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering  
 8- 9 Evangelism Workshop, Camp Paron  
 11 Foreign Missions Day in Sunday School  
 12-14 Urban Training Cooperative, Little Rock (Missions)  
 25 Student Day at Christmas  
 26-28 Youth Evangelism Conference

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## Evangelism

### LR to host national rural evangelism meet

We are very fortunate in Arkansas to share with the Home Mission Board in the National Rural Evangelism Conference, May 10-12. The Life Line Church in Little Rock, with Gerald Taylor, pastor, will host this event.

The conference personalities include Ken Carter, Director of Associational Evangelism Department, Home Mission Board, W. A. Crisswell, pastor of First Church of Dallas, Texas; Darrell Heath, consultant in program promotion, Sunday School Board; Jack Johnson, Executive Director/Treasurer, Arizona Southern Baptist Convention; Ervin Keathley, Director of Church Music Department, Arkansas Baptist State Convention; W. B. Oakley, pastor, Dyer, Tenn.; Henry Roe, evangelist, Palestine, Texas; and Bob Wiley, Associate Director, Rural Urban Missions Department, Home Mission Board.

## Christian Life Council

### Perversion of a different stripe

There is a perversion according to a verse in the New Testament that is of a different stripe from what we generally think. Usually the word suggests some type of sexual deviation such as homosexuality or bestiality. "Reject a factious man after a first and second warning, knowing that such a man is perverted and is sinning, being self condemned" (Titus 3:10).

Factiousness is the perversion. It has nothing to do with sex unless such a spirit happens to be stirred up by sexual frustrations. Unity is extremely important. This is especially true with regards to the local New Testament church which is probably involved in the context of the above verse. Unity is equally needed in the home, the most important of social units. Father, mother, children and even in-laws can be guilty of factiousness. When you pray for per-

## Senior Adult Ministry

### Outstanding opportunities for senior adults nearing

Two outstanding opportunities for Arkansas Senior Adults are planned for the near future. The Conference on Senior Adult Ministry will be held on the Ouachita campus on May 27-29. Beginning with a banquet on Thursday evening at 6:30, the conference will adjourn at 10:30 on Saturday morning.

Gary Hauk, Consultant in Senior Adult Ministry at the Sunday School Board, will lead four sessions for senior adults and those who work with senior adults. The program will also feature worship, fellowship, recreation and the Senior Adult Musical, "Count On Us," presented by the Senior Adult Choir of First Church, Arka-



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The following special conferences and leaders are: "Giving a Good Invitation", Jerry Don Abernathy; "Developing a Visitation Program", Calvin Cantrell; "Making the Sunday School Evangelistic", Heath; "Building Meaningful Worship Services", Keathley; "Sermon Preparation", James McKee; "Developing Witness Training", Clarence Shell; "Developing the New Convert", Glenn Smith; "Revival Preparation", Nathan Pillow; and "Dealing with Conflict", Wiley.

Registration for this conference will be 2 p.m.-6 p.m., Monday, May 10. The program begins at 7 p.m. Monday evening. The conference concludes at noon on Wednesday. We are especially hopeful that Arkansas pastors will take advantage of this wonderful opportunity. — Clarence Shell Jr., director

verted people to experience God's grace, love and power to change, don't forget to pray for the factiously perverted also.

Among Baptists, factiousness can also be a problem in the important work of an association, a state convention, the Southern Baptist Convention and the Baptist World Alliance.

Care also should be exercised interdenominationally in a world where the proportionate number of Christians is shrinking each year. There are Christians in other folds, and cooperation in promoting Christian projects and principles should be marked with unity, even though there are doctrinal differences.

In light of this too common perversion, pray for uncompromising unity. — Bob Parker, director

delphia. Reservations should be in by May 21.

Arkansas is one of five states sponsoring the Mid-South Senior Adult Convention at Bellevue Church in Memphis September 6-8. Bob Norman, pastor of Northway Baptist Church in Dallas, will be the inspirational speaker. Other messages will be brought by Adrian Rogers, pastor of Bellevue Church, and Horace Kerr, Supervisor of the Senior Adult Section of the Family Ministry Department at the Sunday School Board. The program will also feature inter-conferences, fellowship and Bible study groups.

For additional information and motel arrangements, write: Mid-South Senior Adult Convention, Church Training Department, P.O. Box 552, Little Rock, Arkansas, 72203. — Robert Holley, director

## Stewardship

### Baptist Union budget supports South Africa work

In 1977, when Southern Baptists first assigned missionaries to work in the Republic of South Africa, the budget of the Baptist Union was in the region of \$300,000 annually. The current budget is more than \$600,000.

Three educational institutions are supported by funds from this general budget. Two theological colleges, with three year courses, and one Bible School, receive a large portion of their funds from this source.

A number of missionaries, working principally among Black people, are supported from these funds. Also, mission building projects are managed from this budget.

Departments of Christian Education, Evangelism, Publications, Bible Way Correspondence, and other activities, are supported, at least in part, by the general budget of the Baptist Union of Southern Africa.

The denomination is concerned about their level of giving and is working to increase it. Contrary to practice in the United States, one may not deduct any gifts to churches from his income before tax. In that circumstance, stewardship requires greater dedication than where it is encouraged by the government.

However, Baptists do not fret but give because they are convinced it is the right thing to do. — Clarence Allison, missionary-in-residence

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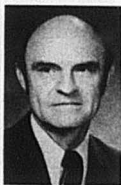
## Sorry, wrong number

Don't call that Little Rock number. It is not a working number. I know. I tried it.

Ethel and I were vacationing near Destin, Fla. Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Garrett Jr. of Memphis had given us a week in their beautiful beach home in Four Mile Village. Wes and Carol Smelley of Little Rock were enjoying the week with us.

Wes had gotten a call from the Little Rock bank where he works. Carol had a call from Youth Home Inc., where she serves as director. I had missed George Sims' call to me about next year's Student to Student workers.

My wife thinks I'm a workaholic, and had "forbidden" my



Logue

calling. What would be wrong with secretly calling George?

I did, but I got a recorded voice saying 376-5381 was not a working number. Something had to be wrong. There was. I had taken the first three numbers of the Baptist Building number (376-4791) and the last four numbers of our home number (568-5381).

I wanted to say "See there, Ethel, I have forgotten my work. I can't even remember my office phone number." But since she knew I was reading Paul Tourner's latest book, a book on aging, I decided against that approach.

Thank you, Arkansas Baptists, for providing a generous vacation policy. For me it was a time of reading, reflection, and prayer.

And please, dear reader, don't tell Ethel about what you have read here. I'd like to see if she really reads the BSU column. —  
**Tom J. Logue, state director**

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## International

### God evaluates his churches

by Jon M. Stubblefield, Central Church, Magnolia

Basic passage: Revelation 2-3

Focal passages: Revelation 2:8-11; 3:14-22

Central truth: Churches of every age must face the examination and judgment of God.

1. Our Lord's final word to the church is not the Great Commission but a call to repentance. Self-examination by God's people is not a luxury but a priority. Five of the seven churches addressed (Rev. 2-3) were urged to repent. Commendation and condemnation are both evident.

There is a timeless quality in the message to the churches. In Jewish numerology the number seven signified perfection or completion. The content of these letters, then, represents our Lord's urgent word to all churches of all ages.

2. Hearing and doing being together (Rev. 2:11; 3:22) Jesus reminds us, "Not every one who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven" (Matt. 7:21). Probably most of us know more about Christ and his will for our lives than we ever put into action in daily living. This is our tragic failure. We need to be concerned not only about orthodoxy (right belief) but also about orthopraxy (right action). Profession and practice do belong together. In other words, we should let our conduct match our calling.

3. What a stinging rebuke, "Because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue you out of my mouth" (Rev. 3:16). What is more sickening to the palate than lukewarm coffee or a soft drink? An indifferent, lethargic, spiritually lukewarm church is likewise nauseating to our Lord! Could it be that he really would prefer that we were cold?

4. A little girl and her father were gazing at Holman Hunt's famous painting, "The Light of the World." It portrays Christ standing at the door knocking (Rev. 3:20). Anxiously she looked up at her father and asked, "Did he ever get inside?" The answer is up to us.

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## Life and Work

### The perpetual covenant

by Jim Guffie, Calvary Church of Osceola  
Basic passages: Deuteronomy 5:1-33; 29:10-15

Focal passages: Deuteronomy 5:1-7; 29:10-15

Central truth: Participation in God's covenant relationship is a matter of personal commitment in every generation.

The focal passages are portions of Moses' second and third farewell messages. The second message begins with a referral to the establishment of the covenant between God and Israel at Sinai. The covenant was conditional in that until Israel fulfilled its conditions; God was not bound by his promise (Exo. 19:5-6). The third message underscored the fact that although the covenant was passed from generation to generation, it was not valid until it was affirmed by each new generation.

1. Moses sought to prepare the Israelites for their new life in Canaan by having them reaffirm the covenant which was the very heart of their being as a nation. In so doing they had the opportunity to become a priest-nation to the residents of Canaan. Similarly it is only by hearing, learning, and doing God's word that we can be priests to our world.

2. The Ten Commandments served as a reminder of God's blessings as well as his demands. They also served as a reminder that total commitment is involved in a covenant relationship. In a world which makes countless demands upon us, the Decalogue continues to remind us of God's priority demand for first place in our lives.

3. No one was excluded from the blessings and responsibilities of the covenant — not even the "stranger in the land." While such commitment could be regarded as only a condition for a national blessing, it is also true that when anyone is neglected or excluded from the proclamation of the gospel, their loss is incurred by all. The intent of the covenant was clearly expressed in Christ's command: "Go . . . and teach all nations" (Matt. 28:19).

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## Bible Book

### Jerusalem in David's plan for worship

by Ray Meador, Judsonia First

Basic passages: 2 Samuel 16:1, 7:29

Focal passages: 2 Samuel 16:2-3, 17, 7:1-5, 11b-13, 26-27

Central truth: God renewed His covenant with David after David established Jerusalem as Israel's center of worship.

1. David was extremely grateful to God for the successes that he had experienced in claiming Jerusalem from the Philistines. As an expression of his gratitude, David was eager to have the Ark of the Covenant, which symbolized to the Jews the presence of God, in Jerusalem near him. As it was in David's life, gratitude is a very important part of our worship to the Lord. One thing that should bring gratitude to the Christian heart, is the fact of the continual presence of God in our lives. He lives in our hearts through our relationship with Jesus Christ. Once we accept Christ as our savior, we become the temple of God as the Holy Spirit indwells our lives.

2. When David desired to build the temple, God sent Nathan to tell David "no." David went before the Lord to reflect quietly and praise God for showing him what he should do with his life. True worship begins and ends in waiting on God in the presence of God. A large part of a Christian's life should be waiting before the Lord for direction in life. Christians should not only consider who they are and what they are doing, but also what does God want.

3. Although David knew that he would not be allowed to build the temple, he followed the Lord's leadership and he began to gather the materials for the building of the temple. We today need to realize that God chooses different people for different jobs. Each person has individual abilities and every ability is a gift from God that should be used to glorify God.

4. When David's attitude and actions were obedient to God, the Lord was pleased. Instead of David building God a temple, God built a dynasty for David. David's lineage ruled Israel from the throne at Jerusalem for generations. From the loins of David the Son of God came to earth, a direct descendant of the obedient king. We need to realize that when God makes a promise He lives up to that promise. When we realize that God keeps his word, we can pray with faith and confidence that God will hear our prayers and meet our needs.

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## Six month CP receipts double inflation rate

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## What can associations do with the 'ball'?

Last week I suggested that the ball is now in the court of the association in regards to achievement of Bold Mission goals such as the 8.5 by '85 enrollment goal for Sunday School. Strong leadership in the association can spell the difference between losing or winning. If it is true about the ball being in the associational court (and I really believe it is) what can the association do with this "ball" to help bring about success for 8.5 by '85? In other words, what actions need to be taken to help churches achieve their part of the 8.5 by '85 goals?



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1. Lead each church in the association to set up and maintain a Sunday School enrollment file. Many of our churches count and record attendance each week but do not have an ongoing roll of persons for whom they assume responsibility. Detailed help will be given to the association in accomplishing this action.

2. Lead each church in the association to set and report an enrollment goal each year. A card will be mailed to each church in the state just prior to October asking for the enrollment goal to be reported. This card can be returned postage paid. Each quarter another card will be mailed asking for a report of the progress toward reaching the enrollment goal.

3. Schedule 8.5 by '85 events on the associational calendar and enlist churches to participate. There are two major growth events and one training event suggested for associations. The first of these is the Nationwide Bold People Search during 1982. A suggested date is Oct. 17-22, 1982 but each association would need to decide on a date that is best for a majority of their churches. An association can take one of two approaches to this project. The project can be done by individual churches each on their own time schedule with the association simply providing the training for church's People Search Directors and the four committee chairmen suggested. A second approach would be a cooperative effort with each church working through an associational steering committee to determine territory to be surveyed by each church. In

this approach all prospect information is copied and shared with each church participating. The association would provide the necessary training for the person involved.

The second growth event is the 8.5 by '85 Enrollment Campaign. This event is designed to lead each participating church to set an enrollment goal for the year and to reach the first quarter's portion of the goal during the campaign week. Using the Growth Spiral as the major tool, a director (a guest or the pastor) will lead the church to achieve all growth actions necessary to reach first quarter enrollment goals. An association can choose to do a pastor-led campaign with pastors receiving training each morning of the campaign week which they use in leading nightly sessions in their church. Or, the association may choose to have a director-led campaign with a guest director leading each church. Several persons in Arkansas will receive training to become campaign directors. Expenses for the campaign would be shared between churches, the association, the state Sunday School department and the Baptist Sunday School Board. Up to \$1,750 per association (depending on the number of churches participating) is available from the state department and the Sunday School Board on a first come-first serve basis. Preparation time for conducting this campaign is six months or more.

The third event is an 8.5 by '85 training clinic called "Teach, Win, Develop Clinic." A state clinic will be conducted on Saturday, April 9 in Little Rock to train associational teams to conduct this same meeting in their association. Each association would need to include this meeting in their 1983 calendar. One suggestion would be to use the material for this clinic as the content of a May worker's conference in the association. The purpose of a "Teach, Win, Develop Clinic" is to provide information, motivation, and skill development in leading all Sunday School workers in being evangelistic as they teach, win, and develop members and prospects.

One of the key persons in making all this happen is the associational 8.5 by '85 representative. In Arkansas this person is the Associational Sunday School Director. The meeting on May 3-4 in North Little Rock is a key event in training this person to lead out in conducting these 8.5 by '85 projects in our state.