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# Witness to the world . . . . . . through your will

by Harry D. Trulove

"Man, I'm only 38! I'm not ready to throw in the towel yet."

That was probably what Martin Creswell would have said 27 years ago . . . would you believe 24 hours ago. Martin, like so many, felt that talking about death was morbid. He didn't want to jinx himself by planning ahead. He didn't realize there's A Better Way.

Martin had just retired as a junior high coach. He and his bride of 40 years were about to leave for a very special trip . . . when it happened . . . time ran out! Besides the loss of a husband, his wife was left in a state of confusion. Martin had died without a will. For him it was too late, but for you there is A Better Way.

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left to the impartial laws of the state. A will is A Better Way.

Having a will provides guidance

## On the cover



concerning the guardianship of minor children. It is A Better Way.

Having a will allows you to provide

financial support beyond family needs to the Baptist ministry of your choice. It is A Better Way.

Having a will enables a husband and wife to provide for the unlikely circumstance of a common disaster. Without a will, the family of one spouse could be left out completely. A Will is A Better Way.

A Better Way is also a 16m, 20 minute color movie available without cost from your Foundation office. It graphically describes the experiences of the Martin Creswell family as they deal with the problems they faced when Martin died without a will. The film concludes on a positive note and suggests ways the Foundation staff can be of assistance.

If you have a will, begin the new year by reviewing it to be certain it still conforms with your wishes. If you do not have a will, allow the Baptist Foundation staff to become a member of your estate planning team. The service is without cost or obligation.

For further information on preparing a will, contact your attorney and the Arkansas Baptist Foundation, Box 552, Little Rock, Ark. 72203, Harry D. Trulove, President.

## Pastor named HMB consultant in hunger, disaster relief

ATLANTA — Nathan Porter, pastor of Arkadelphia First Church, since 1973, has been named national consultant for disaster relief and domestic hunger by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Porter, 48, will remain in Arkadelphia in the near future and work out of his home.

"I see the hunger consultant's role as a challenge to lead people to focus on hunger within our own borders," Porter said.

"To this point, people have been aware of hunger overseas," he added. "But once people become aware of hunger in the United States and we develop a strategy for meeting this need, there will be a tremendous response from Southern Baptist churches, schools and seminaries."



Porter

Porter said his work will not be focused on lobbying but will be "oriented toward action," adding groups which deal with hunger concerns "will welcome our participation."

He also will devote time to disaster relief. "My objective will be to coordinate relief efforts," he said. "The Home Mission Board will continue to work with state Brotherhood departments and other denominational and secular agencies" to provide aid to disaster victims.

Porter's appointment is a first step toward helping Southern Baptists be more Christian in their attitudes and responses to poor people in the United States, said Paul Adkins, Home Mission Board director of Christian social ministries.

"If the statistics we see are correct — 20 million people in the United States who are hungry — then the largest non-Catholic denomination needs someone who will give full time to discovering who these people are, where they are, why they are hungry and what Southern Baptists can do to alleviate their suffer-

ing," Adkins said.

"Nathan Porter will encourage and challenge people to live out the gospel," he said.

"Nathan is going to be able to pull together church, academic and business communities to develop programs which will enable Southern Baptists to be truly human in these days," Adkins said.

Before accepting the Arkadelphia pastorate, Porter spent 13 years on the Home Mission Board staff in Atlanta. He was associate director of the Missionary Personnel Department from 1960 to 1968, and he was associate director of the Evangelism Division from 1968 to 1973.

While at the board, he was involved in student summer missions, started the US-2 missions program for young adults and developed strategies for student evangelism, coffeehouse ministries and beach evangelism.

He was born in Brazil, where his parents, the Paul C. Porters, were Southern Baptist missionaries. He is a graduate of Baylor University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

## Arkansas Baptists and 1981

## The editor's page

J. Everett Sneed



It is difficult, if not impossible, to accurately predict the future. But there are some trends which are evident that should provide some definite insights into what 1981 holds for the Baptists of Arkansas. Some of the signs are good and some are not so good, but we believe that, overall, Arkansas Baptists have the greatest opportunity for progress in the history of the Convention.

Inflation, high interest rates and unemployment will continue to have an impact on the Baptist churches and state conventions. Economists maintain that the stockmarket forecasts future economic conditions approximately four to six months ahead. If this is true, we can expect the economy to tighten somewhat between April and June. However, most of us should recognize that our standard of living has vastly improved over the past two decades.

A somewhat tighter economy means that the Baptist churches and the Arkansas Baptist State Convention should carefully consider each investment. Many churches have found that much of the money needs for construction of building and improvement of facilities can be raised through the SBC Stewardship program, "Together We Build." Raising money prior to construction avoids payment of high interest rates. Whenever possible, such an approach should be used. This is wise stewardship.

It should be remembered, however, that a church is not a bank but a group of called out people (Christians) bound together for the furtherance of the gospel and the carrying out of kingdom purposes. Some have mistakenly felt that in view of the likelihood of a tighter economy, churches should have large sums in savings. Money given for the Lord's work should be used, not stored.

Inflation and the devaluation of the dollar by other countries will mean that the Arkansas Baptist churches must increase their percentages of giving to world missions. Simply a larger dollar amount does not indicate an increase in stewardship. For a congregation to truly increase its support to world missions, it must increase the percentage of giving to the Cooperative Program. The Arkansas Baptist State Convention has increased its percentage to the SBC Cooperative Program each year for the past ten years.

On Dec. 9, Executive Board President Joe Atchison appointed a committee to study the formula by which the money given for mission causes is divided. Our present formula has served us well, but needs change. It may be that allocations and procedures will need some modification. It is always in order to study priorities and procedures. This may be one of the most important committees appointed by our Executive Board in several years.

Another major problem confronting Arkansas Baptists is the apparent breakdown of morals. Drug abuse, alcoholism and promiscuity seem to be on the rise. To cope with these problems we must increase our efforts in reaching people for Christ and train those who have already accepted him as Savior. The *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* will continue in 1981 to work with the Christian Life Council to present current social problems and their solutions to our readers. Robert Parker, director of the Christian Life Council, is planning 11 full-page articles to provide guidance on current social issues.

There are, also, many positive signs for 1981. Arkansas Baptist pastors are probably doing the best job over-all in teaching the Bible that has been done in many years. There is a desire on the part of many to know what the scripture has to say, and this need is being met by more and more churches.

Perhaps the most positive occurrence is the remarkable unity which has developed among our people. We believe that we are seeing the best relationship among Arkansas Baptists that we ever have had. There are possibly many factors which have contributed, but a major factor is the excellent leadership of our executive secretary, Huber Drumwright. Unity does not guarantee success but it helps, other things being equal.

There are both positive and negative signs, as we look at 1981. But there has never been greater opportunities than at this moment, if we keep our priorities straight. The negative factors which face us are by no means insurmountable. Even our problems can be turned into victories with God's help.

Our priorities are to evangelize and to train at home and around the world. As we join hands and work to accomplish this, 1981 is assured of being a great and victorious year for the people called Baptist.

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by Millie Gill/ABN staff writer

**Kyle Johnson**

has accepted the call to become pastor of the Oak Grove Church near Cabot. A graduate of Ouachita Baptist University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, he recently completed a year's pastoral care internship at Baptist Medical Center, Little Rock. He has also served as pastor of churches in Arkansas and Kentucky, on two different occa-



Johnson

sions. His wife, JoAnn, is a native of Magnolia.

**Alan T. Tucker**

is serving as pastor of the Pine Bluff Oakland Church. He is also working as a substitute teacher in the Pine Bluff schools.

**J. M. Lunsford**

is serving as interim pastor of the Concord Church, Little Red River Association.

**Dickie Sutter**

became pastor of the Pleasant Plains Life Line Church Dec. 7.

**Steve Brittain**

has resigned as pastor of the Dumas First Church to enroll in Southwestern Baptist

Theological Seminary.

**Larry Ring**

has resigned as pastor of the Paragould Lake Street Church.

**Marshall Boggs**

resigned as pastor of Little Rock Barnett Memorial Church, effective Dec. 21.

**Dewayne Tanton**

will join the staff of Pine Bluff Watson Chapel Church Jan. 4 as minister of music and youth. He came there from the Trinity Church in Carthage, Miss. Tanton is a graduate of Mississippi College in Clinton, Miss., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He and his wife, Bonita, have two daughters, Kay and Mandy.

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Hines



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Rich



Sullinger



Brown



Lewis



Fuller

## Southwestern awards degrees to 13 Arkansans

FORT WORTH, Texas — Thirteen students from Arkansas were among 275 candidates receiving degrees Dec. 19 from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here.

Arkansans receiving the master of divinity degree were William David Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Harris of Little Rock; Billy Edward Hines Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy E. Hines of Magnolia; William Chris



Watkins

Humphreys, a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University; Lowell Thomas Snow, a Ouachita graduate; Joel Lee Sutton, a graduate of Southern Arkansas University; and David Lenlee Wilson, son of Rev. and Mrs. Jerry M. Wilson of El Dorado.

Master of religious education degrees went to Phoebe Younger Harris, whose parents-in-law are Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Harris of Little Rock; Michael Hardy Rich, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy H. Rich of Fort Smith; and William Stencil Sullinger, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Arvil Sullinger of Jonesboro.

Earning the master of church music degree were David Jerald Brown, son of

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Brown of Pine Bluff and Johnny Eugene Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Lewis Jr. of Royal.

Clifton Billy Walker, son of Clinton Fuller of Little Rock, was awarded the diploma of theology, and Janis Nutt Watkins received the doctor of musical arts degree. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Nutt of Mineral Springs.

Harold C. Bennett, executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention, was commencement speaker, and seminary president Russell H. Dillard Jr. conferred the degrees.

The December graduating class represents the largest number of winter graduates in the seminary's history.



## One layman's opinion

Daniel R. Grant/President, OBU

Crosssett First Church begins a new Deacon Family Ministry Jan. 1. Henry Webb, editor of *The Deacon* magazine met with deacons Dec. 6 to prepare them for this service. Al Sparkman is pastor.

## Missionary tax exclusion passed

The U.S. Congress took eleventh-hour action Dec. 13 and restored the income tax exclusion for missionaries and other overseas charitable workers. The action saved Southern Baptists nearly \$1 million for 1979 taxes and approximately the same amount in 1980 taxes, which the Foreign Mission Board would have paid for the missionaries.

A detailed report will be included in the Jan. 8 ABN issue.

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## The limitations of love

One of the traditions in American colleges and universities is that there is no love lost between the faculty and the administration. Some of this good-natured poking of fun, but some is long-standing conflict of interest between those who spend the money and those who must raise the money and approve the budget. Some is also conflict between the reflective scholarly role of teachers and the nuts-and-bolts bureaucratic and public relations roles of administrators.

I have always assumed that a Christian institution like Ouachita Baptist University is an exception to this tradition, and that the faculty is filled with compassion and sympathetic understanding for the administration, including the president.

Recently I had occasion to discover remarkable evidence confirming this assumption. It took place at a most unlikely event, the faculty-freshman basketball game, sponsored by the Freshman BSU Council to raise funds for BSU summer missions. In the first place, the faculty permitted me to play on their team, knowing full well this would make it dif-

ficult to win the game.

Even more remarkable, after building up a ten-point lead, the faculty team launched a massive effort to make it possible for me to score a field goal. It is doubtful if ever in the history of basketball so many did so much to produce so little. While trying to work the ball in to the president in appropriately protected areas, the 10-point lead was lost, never to be regained.

There was one fatal flaw in the compassionate strategy of the faculty team. They had forgotten that the president still had to get the ball through the hoop on his own. Greater love hath no faculty than to lose a basketball game to the freshmen in a futile effort to help the president score two points. Apparently there are limitations to what love can accomplish. It should be added, in the interest of full and accurate reporting, that the judges of the contest to determine the "most gorgeous legs" apparently tried to balance things out. The award went to the president.



## Woman's viewpoint

Joanne Jackson Lisk

## Life by the note

Ricky was seven years old and taking piano for the first time. One week he brought home a new piece which was long enough the teacher had assigned him only one half of it. As he practiced the new song, I walked over to look at the rest of it, and asked him if he would like to hear the last part. When he nodded and moved over on the bench, I sat down and played the final bars.

As the last note sounded, Ricky burst into tears. I couldn't imagine what was wrong, but pulled him over to give him a hug and find out.

"What is it, Ricky?" I asked. With another shaky sob he replied, "N-n-now I k-k-now how hard it is going to be all the way through!" Needless to say, I never played another piece "all the way through" for Ricky.

As I thought of the new year we are entering, I was re-impressed that God, in his infinite wisdom has not "played the entire song" for us. Probably we could not bear the completed "Concerto 1981" just yet. Nevertheless, many promises

from God's Word give us courage to step into the symphony of the new year which may be directed by the Master's hand, if only we will believe His promises and cast our cares upon him.

In a special year of needs for spiritual and physical strength a few years ago, I was undergirded by this verse: "For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. They are plans for good and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. In those days when you pray, I will listen. You will find me when you seek me, if you look for me in earnest." (Jer. 29:11-12, Living Bible).

"Lord, as I enter this new year, unfold it before me, note by note, measure by measure in joy or sorrow, inspiration or perspiration, laughter or tears, a harmonious masterpiece written and directed by your loving hand."

Mrs. Lisk is a registered nurse and writer for denominational publications. Her husband, Richard, is the pastor of England First Church.



# Executive Board affirms joint missions effort with Indiana

by J. Everett Sneed  
ABN editor

"It seems to me that God sent R. V. Haygood to me so that Arkansas could be directly involved in the Bold Mission Thrust," declared Huber Drumwright, executive secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. The statement was made in the Dec. 9 meeting of the Executive Board regarding Arkansas' involvement in an effort to enlist 275 churches of Arkansas to co-sponsor work in Indiana.



Fischer  
New Board VP

Dr. Drumwright characterized the goal of the linkage of Arkansas and Indiana as "truly bold," in that it would, hopefully, double the number of churches in the Indiana Baptist Convention in five years.

Dr. Haygood said, "If Southern Baptists do not establish another 35,000 churches by the year 2,000, our denomination will die. The opportunities are unlimited. In a 500 mile radius from where I live, there are 50 million people, 36 million of these do not claim any affiliation with any denomination."

Haygood concluded with a challenge for Arkansas to be involved in this endeavor. He said, "We are on the turf. But you have the resources." The Executive Board voted unanimously to enter into this inter-locking relationship and to make an effort to enlist 275 churches in Arkansas to co-sponsor mission work in Indiana.

The Executive Board began with a brief orientation of the new board members. Dr. Drumwright reported that the Cooperative Program overage through November was nearly \$300,000.

Jesse Reed, secretary of Evangelism for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, announced his retirement effective April 30, 1981. He said, "God called me into evangelism. He did this by placing me in the Department of Missions and Evangelism, nearly 27 years ago."

Ken Lilly, who had been elected as vice president of the Executive Board, requested that he be relieved of this responsibility since he was the chairman of the Program Committee. The board responded to his request and elected Dwayne Fischer as the new vice president of the Executive Board.

The Program Committee, the Finance Committee and the Operating Committee each met for organizational meetings. The Operating Committee acknowledged the retirement of Jesse

Reed and went on record as officially encouraging the Sunday School Board to print a manuscript recently written by Reed.

The Executive Board voted to allow the Church Training Department to transfer up to \$3,000 from their reserve fund for unexpected increases in operating expenses. These increases included higher rental for the Youth Convention facilities and travel.

Dr. Drumwright reported to the Executive Board that the entire retirement program of the various Baptist state conventions had been in jeopardy. But due to the excellent work that was done by Darold Morgan, who served as chairman of the Church Alliance for the clarification of ERISA, a law was passed which will not jeopardize the retirement of denominational groups. Arkansas' retirement agreement, however, must have certain adjustments made in them to comply with the new law. There must be no discrimination between the ordained and unordained, males and females, or older and younger employees. The Executive Board adopted three resolutions to assist in compliance with the new law.

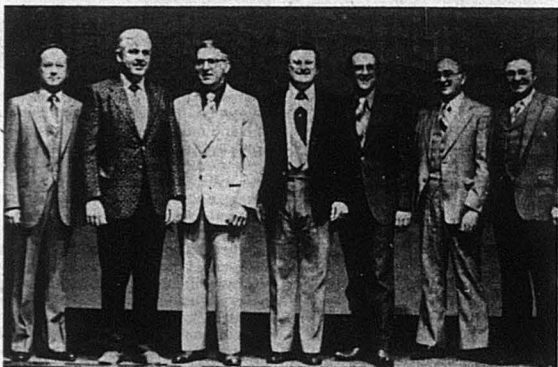
Editor J. Everett Sneed requested permission to do a low-key campaign in the Newsmagazine to raise funds for the Christian Civic Foundation of Arkansas. The Charter of the State Convention and of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine requires that any fund raising campaign be approved by the Executive Board. The

Christian Civic Foundation will need \$10,000 to \$12,000 to maintain its present level of activities in 1981. The Foundation will need these funds because of some loss of support that it has had in the past and inflation. The Executive Board approved the editor calling these needs to the attention of churches and individuals across the state to assist the Christian Civic Foundation in acquiring the needed funds.

The Executive Board had voted in its Aug. 19 meeting to provide up to \$25,000 from the overage to assist Executive Board programs with mission needs. These requests were approved as follows: Sunday School, \$5,000; Church Training, \$5,000; Chaplaincy, \$800.00; Stewardship, \$2,500; Cooperative Ministries With National Baptists, \$1,000; Christian Life Council, \$2,500; Church Music, \$2,500; and Evangelism, \$2,567. The requests from all of the departments totaled \$21,867.

Board President Joe Atchison appointed a committee to study the formula which guides the division of the Cooperative Program money. The committee consists of Chairman Ferrell Morgan, David Miller, Ken Lilly, Jerry Wilson, Thomas A. Hinson, Cary Heard, and Jerre Hassell.

Other actions of the board included the adjustment of the flow chart of the Executive Board, the adjustment of by-laws of the Executive Board, and the adopting of meeting dates.



Members of the Executive Committee of the Board are (left to right) Eddie McCord, Ken Lilly, Jerry Wilson, Joe Atchison, Ernie Perkins and John Finn. Huber L. Drumwright is State Convention executive secretary-treasurer.

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- Harold Stephens



# Marijuana alert II:

## More of the grim story

In the midst of a virtual marijuana epidemic among young people, Americans are discovering just how injurious this drug can be. Research shows that pot permeates body tissues and fluids, and can damage almost every human organ and system tested. Last December, The Reader's Digest published a report describing how marijuana can harm the brain and reproductive system. More than three million reprints have already been ordered by readers. This follow-up continues the devastating story, documenting how pot can damage the lungs, heart and immune system.

by Peggy Mann

Fourteen-year-old Teddy waited nervously for Dr. Ingrid Lantner's diagnosis. Unexpectedly, the doctor asked, "How much pot do you smoke a day?"

Teddy stared. How did she know?

"I've had a number of teen-age patients with this type of chest pain," Dr. Lantner told him. "My prescription is: cut out pot. The pain should disappear in 4 to 12 weeks." Teddy followed the doctor's orders and his pain went away without medication.

Dr. Lantner of Cleveland, Ohio, is just one of many pediatricians concerned about the swelling caseload of pot-smoking youngsters. "We never used to see teen-agers with chest pain," she says. "In fact, we hardly used to see teen-agers; they're over the childhood diseases and usually in the prime of health. But now young pot smokers show up with a variety of symptoms, some of which — like severe chest pain, certain respiratory conditions and short-term memory loss — are normally associated with middle and old age. Many pediatricians, and I am one of them, are convinced marijuana is the single most dangerous health hazard facing American youth today."

According to Dr. Robert DuPont, founding director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), those pediatricians may be right. Over the past two decades, asserts DuPont, American teen-agers suffered deteriorating health, the only age group in the United States to do so. The time segment exactly coincides with the epidemic of marijuana use among young people.

**Pandora's Box.** Carlton Turner, director of a NIDA marijuana research project at the University of Mississippi, says there is no other drug used or abused by man "that has the staying power and broad cellular actions on the body that cannabinoids do." (Cannabinoids are chemicals found only in the cannabis plant, from which marijuana and hashish are prepared.)

Only a handful of the 61 cannabinoids identified so far in pot have been studied. Each is metabolized, or broken down, into many other chemicals. Some are psychoactive; some are not. But all are biologically active. "In human studies, the chief psychoactive cannabinoid, delta-9-THC, and its by-products showed up in all body fluids tested," Turner adds. "The cannabinoids are fat-soluble and accumulate in the fatty sections of the cells and in the fatty organs. We know from animal studies that only five percent of the THC (for tetrahydrocannabinol, a group of compounds found exclusively in the cannabis plant) gets across the blood-brain barrier, which we assume creates the 'high' in humans. That five percent causes problems enough. But what concerns me even more is what the other unknown 95 percent of this and the other cannabinoids are doing to the body."

Some of the non-psychoactive cannabinoids have been

shown to be more harmful to certain organs than the psychoactive ones. And cannabinoids make up only a fraction of the 421 known chemicals in the cannabis plant; new ones are constantly being identified. (In contrast to marijuana, most other drugs of abuse — LSD, cocaine, alcohol, etc. — are single chemicals.)

Recent research documents that marijuana smoking is harmful to the entire pulmonary tree, ranging from the sinus cavities to the deepest recesses of the lungs. Marijuana may be even more injurious to lungs than tobacco smoke, and its symptoms may strike faster. Dr. Forest S. Tennant, Jr., former director of a U.S. Army drug-abuse program in West Germany, studied more than 1000 U.S. soldiers stationed there and found that heavy cannabis smoking produced sinusitis, pharyngitis, bronchitis, asthma and other respiratory disorders in a year or less. In number and severity, the pulmonary symptoms far out-ranked those of older soldiers who had averaged 1½ packs of cigarettes a day for 11 years or more. "I saw chronic bronchitis and emphysema — generally found only in 45- or 50-year-olds — in hashish-smoking soldiers who were only 18 years old," says Dr. Tennant.

**Cancer Risk?** Pot smokers without symptoms can also have hidden lung disease. Dr. Donald Tashkin, director of the Lung Function laboratory of U.C.L.A. Hospital in Los Angeles, uses highly sophisticated equipment to look for subclinical damage that otherwise cannot be detected. In one study of 28 seemingly healthy young men who averaged five "joints" a day for 47 to 59 days, Tashkin found highly significant dose-related impairments of lung function. These impairments are similar to those seen by other researchers studying moderate to heavy tobacco use over many years. In a more recent study, Tashkin and co-worker Barry Calvaresi showed that marijuana smokers who averaged 2.2 joints a day for five years had 25-percent more airway resistance than a matched group of tobacco smokers who averaged 16 cigarettes a day for the same period.

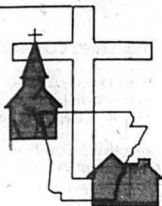
"Airway resistance," explains Dr. Gary Huber, head of the University of Kentucky's Tobacco and Health Research Institute, "determines in part how well we can get oxygen into our bodies and how well we can get out the toxic carbon dioxide that can poison the cell." Working with rats, Huber has found that marijuana enhances — by some 200 percent — enzymes that potentially contribute to the "eating" or digesting of the lung itself.

Can pot cause lung cancer? A 1971-74 study compared a typical unfiltered U.S. tobacco cigarette with a marijuana joint. (Note: in the early '70s the THC potency of street pot was much lower than it is today.) Both smokes contained roughly equal

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amounts of such irritants and gaseous toxic agents as carbon monoxide, ammonia, acetone and benzene. But the carcinogens benzoanthracene and benzopyrene were present in marijuana smoke in amounts 50 to 70 percent greater than in the smoke of cigarettes. When these researchers applied marijuana- and tobacco-cancer condensates to the backs of mice, both produced cancerous tumors.

Dr. Rudolph Leuchtenberger and his wife, Cecile, of the Swiss Institute for Experimental Cancer Research at Lausanne, studied more than 5,000 animal and human lung-cell cultures exposed to puffs of smoke from a marijuana cigarette and from a tobacco cigarette. Their conclusion: Fresh smoke from marijuana cigarettes is harmful to lung cells in that it contributes to the development of pre-malignant and malignant lesions. The smoke from the tobacco cigarette had much less effect.

**Long-Lasting Damage.** In February 1980, Dr. Tennant published the result of actual lung biopsies taken from 30 soldiers (average age 20), who had smoked hashish heavily for eight months to a year. Ninety-one percent of those soldiers who had smoked both hashish and cigarettes showed squamous-metaplasia cells, a step removed from "wild" or cancerous cells. Those who had smoked either hashish or cigarettes alone had a substantially lower incidence of these pre-cancerous cells. "However," Tennant noted, "the hashish-smoking soldiers were also more likely to be cigarette smokers too." He summed up: "We know that if the condition that caused the squamous-metaplasia cells doesn't stop, then cancer will likely ensue." The soldiers had smoked hash with a THC content comparable with that in pot smoked by millions of U.S. schoolchildren today.

Nor was there much difference in amounts smoked. The latest (1979) National High School Senior Survey shows that not only does one out of ten 12th-graders smoke pot daily, but these daily users now average 3½ joints a day, and 13 percent of them smoke more than seven joints daily. Of the 51 percent who smoked pot at all during their senior year, 43 percent said they usually stay high three to six hours or more.

Thus far, clinical evidence shows that all obvious symptoms, such as cough, chest pain and rales (abnormal sounds in the lungs or air passageways), disappear in time, if pot smoking is stopped. But what about the damage that shows up only in microscopic examination? The findings of Harris Rosenkrantz of EG&G Mason Research Institute are far from reassuring.

In three separate studies, rats were exposed to several puffs of pot smoke each day, the "human-equivalency dose" of an adult smoking one to six joints a day. Exposure from 3 to 12 months resulted in extensive dose-related lung damage, and the condition remained even after the smoking had been stopped for a month — which is roughly equivalent to two years for humans.

Another condition that remained 30 days after the pot puffs stopped involved the lungs' immune system. "In the healthy lung," says Rosenkrantz, "there are very few clumps of macrophages, scavenger cells that absorb and devour foreign matter. Rats were given the 'human equivalent' of one to six joints a day. After 180 days the macrophage clumps increased some 300 percent, clogging the air sacs. Some were so heavily blocked that they could not function."

**A Weak Attack Force.** Sue Powers was a beautiful girl of 16. But, as she frequently declared, "I'm sick of being sick!" She had a chronic cough, recurrent fever, sore throats. She'd recover from one illness and promptly come down with another. Her parents then learned she had been a daily pot smoker for two years. One day Mrs. Powers gave Sue a scientific report about marijuana's effect on the body's defense system, and suggested, "Why don't you cut out the pot and see what happens?" Sue did so. Within six months all her symptoms had disappeared. Coincidence? Perhaps. However, other parents and pediatricians have reported similar stories.

## A Pot-Detection Test

In March 1980, after several years of research, an expensive, reliable, easy-to-use method was finally perfected for detecting cannabinoids in urine. Says Dr. Robert Willette, chief of the National Institute on Drug Abuse's Research Technology Branch: "The cannabinoid test is a real breakthrough. It can determine in 60 seconds, with 95-percent accuracy, the presence of cannabinoids in the urine for up to 48 hours after a joint has been smoked."

Many hospitals and private clinical laboratories now have the facilities for running the test, and many physicians are already finding it useful. For example, Dr. Donald Ian Macdonald, president-elect of the Florida Pediatric Society, plans to encourage every pediatrician in Florida to routinely use the new test when examining students from the sixth grade up. "It serves an invaluable function in alerting the physician," says Macdonald, "by eliminating 'the games of denial' many pot smokers play. It can save time and money needlessly spent on batteries of tests when, in fact, pot proves to be the sole cause of the problem."

Perhaps the most dramatic examples of defense-system impairment are the photo-micrographs taken by Dr. Marietta Isidorides of the University of Athens, Greece. Neutrophils (bacteria-fighter cells) from subjects who had never used cannabis showed up on slides as round, "plump," with a distinct "skin," or cell membrane. However, neutrophils from long-term (20-year) hash users were smaller and crumpled-looking, with dramatic alterations in the cell membrane. They were described as deformed cells, which probably could not function when challenged to do their assigned task of cleaning the blood.

All animal studies and most human studies show that marijuana not only inhibits immune cells' ability to recognize the encroachment of disease or a "foreign invader"; it also suppresses the ability to take any action once encroachment is recognized. Says immunologist Robert McDonough, "That's like having a feeble, half-blind night watchman, taking his gun away from him — and then expecting him to function."

**Over-Stimulated Heart.** All existing research clearly shows that marijuana should never be used by anyone with heart trouble. In one study, Dr. Wilbert S. Aronow, professor of medicine and chief of cardiovascular research at the University of California at Irvine, gave a relatively weak joint to ten patients with angina pectoris (chest pain caused when insufficient oxygen is supplied to the heart muscle because of narrowing of the coronary arteries). Their average heart rate was 70 beats a minute. Ten puffs of pot jumped in to 100 beats a minute. Blood pressure also increased significantly. "By increasing either the heart rate or blood pressure, you increase the amount of oxygen needed by the heart muscle," says Aronow. "With ten puffs of pot you increase both simultaneously. But that's not all. Marijuana increases the amount of carbon monoxide in the blood as well — thereby reducing the amount of oxygen delivered to the heart muscle."

In other studies, Aronow showed that the amount of time one can exercise before chest pain occurs was reduced almost 50 percent after ten puffs of pot whereas ten puffs of a high-nicotine tobacco cigarette reduced exercise time only 23 percent. He also showed that marijuana significantly weakened the heart muscle's pumping action.

"Not only could marijuana precipitate a heart attack or cause sudden death in patients with known coronary disease," concludes Aronow, "but people who might have subclinical heart disease — without symptoms — could also be taking a risk.

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Remember that nearly 25 percent of persons dying suddenly from coronary heart disease have had no prior recognized symptoms of heart disease."

What about the cardiovascular systems of the hundreds of thousands of youngsters who are stoned more than three hours every day? Drs. Louis Vashon and Adam Sulkowski studied more than 100 young pot smokers (ages 18 to 25) and found that during all the hours of the "high," their heart rate was significantly elevated, in many cases rising from the normal 60 to 70 beats per minute to 130 to 150. The more THC absorbed, the faster the heart rate. "Such over-stimulation of the heart muscle," says Sulkowski, "could be the cause of the chest pains so commonly felt by young, chronic pot smokers."

Chest pain, emphysema, chronic bronchitis — these are conditions not normally seen in young people. Yet, at a time when four million of them, ages 12 to 17, are pot users, research and clinical evidence strongly suggest marijuana as a cause of these and other early symptoms and diseases of middle and old age. We already know that tobacco smoking is the largest preventable cause of death in America. There are many reasons to believe that marijuana smoking may be even more harmful.

The scientific paper Mrs. Powers showed her daughter was done by Dr. Gabriel Nahas of Columbia University College of

Physicians and Surgeons. The study centered on T-lymphocytes, white blood cells that play a key role in the body's defense system. T-cells constitute 70 percent of the lymphocytes in the bloodstream, and they respond by charging up" (dividing rapidly) to increase their attack forces when they sense invasion by a virus, bacterium or other foreign body.

Nahas's study involved 51 young, chronic pot smokers — average age 22, who had averaged four joints a week for an average of four years — and 81 non-pot-smoking controls, average age 44. Nahas found that the biochemically measured rate of division of the T-lymphocyte cells was a startling 41 percent lower in the young cannabis smokers than in the middle-aged controls.

Nahas took his study a step further. He tested 24 kidney-transplant patients being given regular doses of special medication to suppress the immune system so that fighter cells would not reject the "foreign body" — the newly transplanted kidney. As an extra comparison, he also tested 60 cancer patients, who are known to have depressed immune systems. The results: the specially medicated transplant patients showed the highest impairment of T-lymphocyte response — 53 percent. However, pot smokers ran neck and neck (41 percent) with the cancer patients (40 percent) in the suppression of their T-lymphocyte fighter cells.

## Both/and (third in a series) The Bible: a divine-human book

by T. B. Maston

There is considerable discussion and some controversy in the contemporary period concerning the Bible. All of us should recognize that the Bible is our most important possession. Its message is abidingly relevant. It might help if we realized that one reason for its abiding appeal and relevance is its divine-human nature.



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Its content

The divine-human nature of the Bible is evident in its content. While its basic message is from God and about God, it includes a message about and to men. It includes the life stories of very real men and women — their faults and failures as well as their accomplishments. We frequently see much of ourselves in the lives of some of those men and women. Some of them such as David, Elijah, Peter, John, Mary Magdalene, or Dorcas may become a hero or heroine for us. We see them much of what we are and wish we were not or, on the other hand, we see in their lives what we would like to be.

The main emphasis, however, in the Scriptures is on God. He is the main

character. It is no accident that the first words of the Bible are: "In the beginning God . . ." These words set the tone for the entire Bible: Old Testament and New Testament. The unifying theme of the Scriptures is the redemptive purpose of God. Let us never forget, however, the marvelous balancing of the instructions in the Bible concerning our relation to God and our fellowman.

### Its writing

The Bible is not only a divine-human book in its content but also in its writing or production. The initiative for the revelation that gave birth to the Bible came from God. That revelation, however, was mediated to and through men. There would have been no Bible without the revelation from God and no Bible without the response of men to that revelation.

In other words, revelation is a transitive event. A transitive verb has a subject and an object. God was the subject or initiator; the men he used as writers were the objects of the revelation.

The divine-human nature of the writing of the Bible is clearly evident in the Bible itself. For example, Jesus said, "David himself, inspired by the Holy Spirit, declared, . . ." (Mark 12:36; cf Acts 1:16). The Holy Spirit did the inspiring but he used the mouth or pen of David.

It was Peter who said, "No prophecy ever came by the impulse of man, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God" (2 Peter 1:21). Men did the speaking but they "spoke from God" and we might add, primarily "for God."

The first words of the book of Hebrews underscores the divine-human nature of the Bible. The author says, "In many and various ways God spoke of old to our fathers by the prophets" (Heb. 1:1). "God spoke of old" but he spoke "to our fathers" and "by the prophets." How grateful we ought to be for the words that follow: "But in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son," and that Son is a divine-human person.

How did God use the writers of the Scriptures? A satisfactory answer to that question must provide room for the differences in the Synoptic gospels in reporting the same incident and the distinctive vocabulary of some of the writers such as John and Paul. This would rule out any dictation theory. God did not use the writers as inanimate automatons. They were thinking personalities created in the image of God. He evidently utilized their distinctive abilities and interests.

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## January means evangelism



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Whatever else January means to Arkansas Baptists, it means emphasis upon

Evangelism. We shall observe Witnessing Commitment Day on Jan. 11. Our pastors are expected to bring some type message on personal witnessing and challenge the members to be faithful witnesses. Commitment witnessing cards are available at the Baptist Book Store.

January also means the annual Evangelism Conference to be held this year the 19th and 20th at Little Rock First Church. The conference will begin Monday afternoon at 1:30 with Clyde and Archie. Clyde Spurgin, pastor of Green Forest First Church has thrilled the hearts of hundreds of people with little Archie. He will introduce the theme "Spiritual awakening".

The spiritual awakening is the Holy Spirit empowering his people. The fruit

of spiritual awakening is winning lost people to Christ and reaching the un-churched and unenlisted in the community. It is really to reclaim members who have become indifferent. It's to quicken the saints in spiritual zeal and knowledge and make the Gospel relevant in our time to meet the need of human souls. The purpose of a spiritual awakening is to help the churches fulfill their mission. The annual Evangelism Conference helps our leaders in all these matters.

Roy Fish, professor of Evangelism at Southwestern Seminary, will be our Bible teacher. His first subject will be on "The Awakening on Mount Carmel".

Stan Coffey, pastor of Albuquerque, N.M., First Church will be one of our main speakers. When Brother Coffey was pastor of San Jacinto Church at Amarillo, Texas, he led the Southern Baptist Convention in baptisms in the associational year 1978-79. He is a dynamic speaker.

The conference will close Tuesday evening with a dedication service after Stan Coffey preaches.

### Annuity

## 'Upgrading' key in retirement

The key to successful retirement planning is regular increases in participation, called upgrading. ROUTE 10 is recommended for everyone.

It is not too late for the church to increase the retirement dues paid for your pastor or any other person in the retirement plan.

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The ministers' "Guide for Preparing your 1980 Tax Return" provided each year by the Annuity Board will be included this year in the October-November-December issue of the Annuity Board publication, THE YEARS AHEAD.

If you do not receive this publication on a quarterly basis I have been promised some copies to be available through my office.

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—Nadine B. Bjorkman, Annuity Representative in Arkansas



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## Church Training Increases for Arkansas

According to the Uniform Church Letters last year, Arkansas has experienced a gain of 3,437 in Church Training enrollment for 1979-80. This represents a 4.49 percent increase over the previous year. The average weekly attendance in Church Training also increased by 1865 in Arkansas.

Robert Holley, Director of the State Church Training Department, attributes these gains to "an increased awareness of the basic objectives and benefits of Church Training and a renewed commitment to growth in discipleship on the part of our churches and leadership." "Also," he said, "we have placed a major emphasis on strengthening the on-going training program using dated curriculum materials supplemented by the



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use of equipping center modules."

During the past year 19 associations participated in the Discipleship Build-Up Campaign, a major emphasis on strengthening Church Training in Arkansas. Sixteen of the 19 associations experienced an increase in enrollment for the year. Although these 16 associations only represent 39 percent of our associations, they accounted for over 64 percent of the enrollment gain for the year. "We believe this indicates the value and benefits of such a project," Holley commented.

Church Training enrollment for the Southern Baptist Convention increased by 40,000 last year, a gain of 2.3 percent over the previous year, according to preliminary reports. Final reports from the Research and Statistics Department may indicate an even larger gain. "These reports mark the largest gains for Church Training in several years and we hope they indicate a trend that will culminate in 3.5 million enrolled in Church Training by 1985," Holley noted.

# MK Prayer Calendar

Home and foreign Missionary Kids who attend college on the Margaret Fund

### January

1	Carlos Leslym Ihter	OBU, Box 363, Arkadelphia, AR 71923	Brazil
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## Family and Child Care

### Sharing is encouraging

Don't you thrill at receiving a letter from a friend? There is something about sharing between friends that is close to the heart of each of us. These sharing times convey strength, encouragement and hope for the days ahead.

The Arkansas Baptist Home for Children appreciates our many wonderful friends from throughout the state. We hear from some of them regularly while others remember us on special occasions. It seems that whenever we have a special need that the Lord always provides us with a special friend to meet that need.

Child Care is a sacred privilege. Your generosity in sharing enables us to minister to the lives of many children, some of whom have never experienced anything sacred, maybe scared, but never sacred. Many have to overcome their basic mistrust of people before they can

accept help. Your caring enough to share is significant in helping to meet the needs of our children.

I heard from another new friend just recently. I know her only by name but I do hope to become acquainted with her. A letter was received in my office from an elderly lady who is confined to a nursing home in south Arkansas. In the envelope was a piece of heavy paper with four dimes scotch-taped to it with the writing, "My Thanksgiving Offering". I was flooded with wonderful emotions of joy, tenderness, caring, friendship; and other over-whelming positive feelings. To think that she wanted to share with those less fortunate than she was surely strengthening, encouraging, and hopeful for the days ahead.

It is Christian caring friends like you and her that make our Child Care ministry truly a sacred privilege. — Johnny G. Biggs, Executive Director, Arkansas Baptist Family and Child Care Services

## Black Springs Church marks century

Black Springs Church in Montgomery County celebrated its 100th anniversary Nov. 16.

A one-room log building was the first meeting place for this church, located to the northwest of the present location.

Due to the records being destroyed the names of the charter members and the first pastors are lost. A former Methodist church building, bought for \$25 in 1946, has been improved from year to year and now has a kitchen, dining room, two additional classrooms and new win-

dows. Carpeting and a front porch have also been added in the improvement program.

Mrs. Febbie Standridge is the oldest living member. The oldest active members are Dolly Pullen, Viola Guthrie and Will Guthrie. Carlos Jones is the oldest deacon. Corene Brunt has served as secretary-treasurer for 40 years.

J. W. Love is the pastor and has led the church in a growth program that has doubled the membership during this year. — Millie Gill



The Black Springs congregation has added to improve this building since 1946.

Dec. 14, 1980

Church	Sunday School	Church Trng.	Church addm.
Alexander	136		
First	87	35	2
Viney Ridge Immanuel	249	97	
Alma, Clear Creek Southern	80	35	
Alpena, First	89	55	2
Ash Flat, First			
Batesville			
First	262	86	
West	252	66	1
Bentonville, First	450		
Berryville			
First	174	84	
Freeman Heights	221	78	1
Blue Eye, Mo., First	159	82	
Booneville			
First	331		
Blue Mountain Mission	27		
South Side	119		
Bryant			
First Southern	324	121	2
Indian Springs	121	80	
Cabot			
First	426	160	2
Mt. Carmel	517	222	6
Charleston, First	151	64	
Cherokee Village, First	107	29	
Conway			
Harian Park	131	73	
Oak Bowery	118	79	4
Pickles Gap	204	122	2
Second	527	211	2
Crossett			
First	529	110	1
Mount Olive	341	94	
Danville, First	149	42	
Nursing Home	25		
El Dorado, Parkview	164	111	
Nursing Home	23		
El Paso	38	38	
Forrest City, First	593	120	
Ft. Smith			
First	2,157		11
Grand Avenue	1,420		6
Mission	86		
Westside	87	47	
Fouke, First	92	45	
Gassville	130	58	
Century, First	162	70	2
Hampton, First	164	99	
Hardy, First	118	78	2
Harrison			
Eagle Heights	315	125	1
Northvale	189	83	1
Woodland Heights	114	51	
Hot Springs			
Grand Avenue	377	94	4
Harvey's Chapel	149	93	2
Park Place	289	108	
Hughes, First	182		
Jonesboro, Nettleton	270	104	
Kingston, First Southern	97	74	
Lavaca, First	393	174	
Little Rock, Crystal Hill	198	100	
Monticello, Second	267	112	
Mountain Home, East Side	225	143	1
Norfolk, First	77	33	
Paragould			
Calvary	240	180	
Center Hill	87	76	2
East Side	408	234	
First	461	100	
Pea Ridge, First	224	81	1
Pine Bluff			
Centennial	130	57	
Central	116	49	
First	670	104	
Lee-Memorial	210	67	
South Side	603	126	
Sulphur Springs	193	86	
Watson Chapel	511	155	1
Prairie Grove, First	174	84	
Rogers			
First	675	163	12
Immanuel	960	3	
Russellville, First	130	2	
Sandusky, Okla., Faith	40	31	
Springdale			
Cougle Avenue	103	61	1
Einmale	304	135	
First	1,973		6
Stoong, First	151	72	
Texasiana			
Highland Hills	119	81	3
Shiloh Memorial	139	89	
Trinity	280	151	4
Valley Springs	90	64	
Van Buren, First	469	96	
Vandervoort, First	56	38	
Ward, First	134	85	
West Helena, Second	271	106	
West Memphis, Ingram Boulevard	250	126	1
Woolter, First	135	61	





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## International

Jan. 4, 1981

Matthew 5:1-16

by Randy Shipman  
Tarkio, Mo., First Church

## Let your light shine

What does it mean to be a disciple? This unit calls for a bold response to the challenge of discipleship.

### Those Jesus commends (Matt. 5:3-12)

There are two points of inquiry to be made here. First what is the meaning of blessed? Literally it means happy. However Jesus was not talking about happiness but of traits of character and conduct that are so different from worldly concepts as to provoke persecution (v. 11-12). He was describing the many facets of Christian behavior that together gain the approval of God.

Secondly, what is the main idea of each beatitude? Verse 3: Those who have recognized their spiritual poverty and have allowed Christ to meet their need have become kingdom heirs. Verse 4: A sense of anguish for sin characterizes the blessed man, but genuine repentance will bring comfort. Verse 5: The meek man is one who no longer is in the center of the picture. The source of this meekness is Christ (Matt. 11:28, 29) who bestows it when men submit their wills to his. Verse 6: A deep passion for personal righteousness.

Verse 7: Those who incarnate lenity can expect similar mercy both from men and God. Verse 8: Purity of heart stands for spiritual single-mindedness: complete commitment to pleasing God. Verse 9: As God is "the God of peace" (Heb. 13:20) and Christ is "prince of peace" (Isa. 9:6), so the peacemakers in the kingdom will be "on mission" assigned to the ministry of reconciliation.

Verses 10-12: The heirs of the kingdom are now expected to accept calmly the persecution and reviling which they receive as result of their devotion to Jesus. They are to understand this as a sign of God's favor rather than displeasure, and therefore to rejoice: God has already laid up for them a reward. The beatitudes are truly a believer's check list of the character and conduct becoming a child of God.

### Things Jesus expects (Matt. 5:13-16)

Ministry belongs not optionally but essentially to the people of God. The responsibility of Christians to the world is set forth in three closely related pictures: "salt, light, and a hill city."

The Christian is commanded to live in open goodness and service before the world, but he is warned against so doing except to the glory of God.

It has been said that "the Sermon on the Mount" is not all the religion a person needs, but a statement of the consequences of commitment to Christ as Lord."

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## Following Jesus' example

When Jesus came down the mountain of transfiguration, he rebuked an unclean spirit and healed a young boy. Those who saw it were awed by the majestic power of God shown by Jesus. The disciples heard their expressions of wonder but Jesus



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said forget that and hear something more important. Now what could be more important than hearing people talk about God's power of deliverance? It was this: The Son of man was about to be delivered into the hands of men — such men as these now marvelling about God's power. You see, when men witness God's power transmitted through a man, they first are amazed and astounded and tend to lift the man up. But later they become jealous and hostile. The very idea of God using a man to convey his power among men is hard for men to accept, especially if they are not the man being used. They cannot get back at God directly so they attack the man God uses. That is still being done today. Yet that is exactly what God had in mind all along! He has chosen to use men to touch men. If we reject those whom God uses, we cut ourselves off from God's blessings. Note the latter part of Luke 6:38.

The disciples did not understand all of this because the Holy Spirit was not yet free to teach them. Therefore, they turned to something they thought they could comprehend, such as which one of them would have the greatest worth and authority in the kingdom. Jesus gave them an object lesson in greatness. Standing a little child beside him, he told them to spend their energies caring for the helpless and defenseless. That is God's concern. Measure your greatness by your caring, he said. The embarrassed disciples suddenly thought of an example of their caring. John boasted, using a modern day analogy, "Master, we kept hearing and seeing people on the radio and television preaching and teaching about you but since they were not members of our group and didn't do things the way we do them, we told people not to listen to them anymore." Read Jesus' answer in Luke 9:50 to that kind of reaction.

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Luke 9:43-56

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After this, everything went downhill for the disciples. They became so touchy that they wanted to call down fire on a Samaritan village that refused to let Jesus pass through. Again, Jesus rebuked their spirit of vengeance. Kingdom men must respond in love, not hate. We are to love one another, period. And Jesus backed this up by his example. He loved so much that he gave himself up to take our place on the cross so we could take his place in the world.

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## Bible Book

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I Corinthians 1:1-2:16

by Freddie Pike

Harmony Baptist Association, Pine Bluff

## Divisions in the church

This week opens an exciting study of Paul's first recorded letter to the church at Corinth. The entire letter is a practical discussion of the typical problems Christians encounter as they seek to be the people of God in a pagan society.

### Paul's greetings and thanksgiving

The first nine verses constitute the typical greeting of that day plus a section of thankfulness for the people of the Corinthian church. Paul never reverses his greeting. He never says "peace and grace" but always "grace and peace." The reason for this is that there is no peace outside of God's work of grace in a person's life. Peace speaks of reconciliation and rest, neither of which is possible without God's gift of grace.

### Report of division

Paul makes an appeal for unity in the church. The people had gotten so impressed with various leaders that they had begun to attach more loyalty to the leaders than to the Lord. Not only did they rally around various leaders, they were quarreling and fighting over which of these was the best. Factions develop in churches when men take their eyes off Christ and focus them upon men. And factions dissolve when men take their eyes off men and focus them once more upon Christ. Because of this, Paul asks three questions meant to focus the attention of the church on Christ instead of the human leaders.

### Message of the cross

Paul then gives us one of the most beautiful passages in the New Testament. In this passage Paul glorifies the message and the Master but not the messenger. Paul recounts how God gave us his Son to die on the cross. To know Jesus, we must know him as the Christ of the cross. The world does not understand this. It prefers its own system of wisdom, but its wisdom does not produce knowledge of God.

This Christ of the cross requires a response of faith. Men look for signs and earthly wisdom to understand who Christ is, but all he asks is a response of faith.

Salvation in Christ gives us no reason for boasting. God chose the weak, insignificant things of this world to bring him glory and honor. It is all of God and none of us. If we must boast, let us boast of God and his great work of grace in us.

The unity of the church must be maintained if the church is to be used of God. The best way to maintain unity is to focus our attention on the Master and his message and not on the human messenger.

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## 'Home Missions' adopts new name

ATLANTA (BP) — The chronicle of Southern Baptist missions in America is changing names. Beginning with its January/February 1981 issue, *Missions USA* will be the new name for *Home Missions*, magazine of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

The change comes on the heels of one of the magazine's highest honors. The Ragan Report, a weekly survey of ideas and methods for communication executives, cited the magazine as one of "Arnold's Admirables," named for columnist Edmund Arnold.

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tent and writing," publisher Lawrence Ragan told *MissionsUSA* Editor Walker Knight.

The publication's name change has been needed for several years, Knight said. "First, we want to avoid confusion with *Home Life*, a magazine published by the Baptist Sunday School Board. Second, we want to convey more accurately the intent of the Home Mission Board's periodical, to cover the full range of missions and ministry in the United States and her territories."

"We promise to continue in *MissionsUSA* the tradition of *Home Missions*: to present the undiluted, honest world of home missions, from denominational staffers to missionaries in the most remote and difficult assignments," Knight said.

## Church Efficiency Conference deals with 'Bold Witnessing'

Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, hosted the annual Church Efficiency Conference Dec. 1-3. Evangelist Billy Walker said, "we were thrilled with the excellent messages that were presented by our program personnel. It seems each year that the program is better than all of the previous programs we have had."

Don Crosswhite, evangelist, and his family from Ft. Smith provided special music.

### What the speakers said:

LaVern Inzer, home missionary for the state of Nevada, said, "the Great Commission says that we are to be disciples because we can't help it."

John Finn, president of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention and director of missions for North Arkansas Association, said, "our mission field is wherever people hurt."

Steve Williams, consultant for the SBC Church Training Department at Nashville, Tenn., said, "God expects his children to grow even as a farmer expects his crops to grow. One of the greatest tragedies in history is that so few Christians grow."

Jimmy Millikin, professor of theology at Mid-America Seminary in Memphis, Tenn., said, "our offensive weapon is the word of God, which is the sword of the spirit."

Marvin Reynolds, missionary to Botswana, Africa, asked, "Is it right for 95 percent of the preachers to preach to only five percent of the people, leaving five percent of the preachers to preach to 95 percent of the people?"

David Miller, director of missions for Little Red River Association, compared Judah in the day of Jeremiah with our country today. He said that both countries had lost their opportunity and that America, like Judah, stood in imminent danger.

Joe Atchison, pastor of Pine Bluff South Side Church, said that Paul was a good example of one who had assurance. In Paul's accounts of his conversion experience three things surfaced: (1) his encounter with Christ; (2) he always remembered what his life had been; and (3) he saw what a great change had come to pass in his life.

Dr. Ken Lilly, a Ft. Smith physician, told how he first came to know Christ as saviour and gave several accounts of how Christ had blessed as he had responded to the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

W. B. Oakley spoke on two occasions. In his first message he said, "many people have been so obsessed with the obvious that they have missed a miracle."

Oakley's second message was an evangelistic message directed to the students at the college. Several students responded, making various types of commitment.

J. Everett Sneed, editor of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*, spoke on the "Importance and Significance of the Historical Body of the Resurrection of Christ." He said, "the Resurrection of Christ is the bedrock of Christianity. If Christ was not resurrected we have no message to proclaim."

Earl R. Humble, professor, Southern Baptist College, taught the book of Philippians, which is the 1981 January Bible Study. He said, "Paul was in prison, but his joy knew no bounds because he had opportunity to witness while he was in bonds. We have evidence that he led many of the Roman guards to know Christ while under arrest."

The 1981 Church Efficiency Conference will be held Nov. 30-Dec. 2. Huber Drumwright, Executive Secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, will be the major speaker.

Program persons at the conference included (left to right) Billy Walker, Mrs. Ken Lilly, Dr. Lilly, W. B. Oakley, Laverne Inzer, Marvin Reynolds, and D. Jack Nicholas, president of Southern Baptist College.

