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January Bible Study:  
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## Jesus: a divine-human person

by T. B. Maston

The revelation of God recorded in the Bible, a divine-human book with its twofold division of Old and New Testament, was climaxed in the life and teachings of Jesus, a divine-human person. He was the climax of the revelation of the nature and character of God, of God's power over the world he had created, and of God's attitude toward and will for man.



Maston

### His human nature

Although he had a miraculous birth, Jesus developed as a normal child. We have only two or three glimpses into his childhood. These are provided by Luke, the beloved physician. In one place, Luke simply says, "The child grew and became strong . . ." (1:40). The next glimpse was when Jesus went to Jerusalem with his family for the Passover when he was 12 years of age. That was the age when a Jewish boy became "a son of the law."

When Joseph and Mary realized he was not in the group traveling with them on the way home, they returned to Jerusalem and found him in the temple. Mary said to him, "Your father and I have

been looking for you anxiously." His reply was, "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" He took "the name father from Joseph and gave it to God."

What follows, however, reveals his continuing human nature. "He went down with them . . . and was obedient to them." Luke closes the record of this incident with the words: "and Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man" (Luke 2:52).

We do not have the space to underscore the evidence of his human nature in his relation to his family and during his earthly ministry. He had many of the needs and hungers of normal men and women. But his divine nature was always close by. For example, the writer of Hebrews says, "We have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sinning" (Heb. 4:15).

### His divine nature

Many of the activities and conversations of Jesus revealed his divine nature. Among these were his marvelous miracles, most of which relieved some human need.

We shall limit our discussion, however, to a few occasions when Jesus was recognized as the Son of God. The writer of Hebrews said that God had spoken to us

"by a Son" and that that Son "bears the very stamp of his nature" (Heb. 1:2-3). He was and is an exact reproduction of the Father.

The man possessed of many demons addressed Jesus as the "Son of the Most High God" (Luke 8:28). Martha's great confession was "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God" (John 11:27). Thomas in the presence of the resurrected Christ, cried out, "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28). Paul, some years later, said, "In him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell" (Col. 1:19; cf. 2:9).

What did Jesus have to say about himself? On one occasion he said, "I and the Father are one" (John 10:30). Again, he said to Philip, "He who has seen me has seen the Father." He prayed that his disciples might be one as he and the Father were one (John 17:22).

There is revealed in the divine-human nature of Jesus not only what God was and is like but also what a disciple of his should become. One of the most challenging statements in all the Scriptures are the words of John: "He who says he abides in him (and we do if we claim to be Christians) ought to walk in the same way in which he walked" (1 John 2:6). If we will let that verse grip our lives it will challenge us for the rest of life's journey.

T. B. Maston is retired professor of Christian ethics, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

## News about missionaries

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald E. Schleiff, missionaries to Zimbabwe, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 911 Glendale, Jonesboro, Ark. 72401). Born in Fort Smith, Ark., he lived there and in nearby Charleston while growing up. She is the former Barbara Robertson of

Monette, Ark. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1967.

B. A. Rogers, father of Mrs. Donald L. Orr, missionary to Colombia, died Dec. 5 in Midland, Texas. Mrs. Orr, the former Violet Rogers, was born in Helena, Okla.,

and also lived in Hunter, Okla., and Midland and Odessa, Texas, while growing up. She may be addressed at Apartado Aereo 6613, Cali, Colombia. Her husband is a native of Hot Springs, Ark. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1951.

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Arkansas Baptists should congratulate themselves for giving \$67,421 to world hunger in 1979. Or, should we? There are hundreds of millions who will go to bed hungry tonight. There are thousands, unless help comes, who will starve to death before the end of 1981. Yes, we should be pleased for what we have done, but each of us should pledge to do more this new year since this momentous problem still persists.

Arkansas Baptists and Southern Baptists have done a great deal in trying to alleviate the problem of world hunger. In 1975 Arkansas Baptists gave \$3,120 which increased to \$106,628 in 1980. The Southern Baptist Convention gave \$1.5 million in 1975 and over \$3.5 million in 1979. But we can not afford to rest on our past record of giving in the light of the staggering statistics of people who are starving.

It is difficult for many Americans to conceive of people literally starving to death. But the Bible is clear concerning our responsibility as Christians. In the 25th Chapter of Matthew, Jesus gives numerous illustrations of the actions of the saved and lost individuals. Among the Master's descriptions of those who are to be cast into everlasting fire was, "I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat."

All who are even vaguely aware of the immense

problem agree that we should do something. But unless we have a definite, consistent plan, little or nothing will be done. The following are a few suggestions:

1. Some churches have pledged a definite amount in the church budget for world hunger. Other congregations, who have a Wednesday night meal, pass world hunger offering containers.
2. Some families have pledged to give a full day's wages to the world hunger offering.
3. Some have proposed a fast day for the world hunger offering. The money that would normally be spent on food would be given. This might even reduce the waistline of some of us who are overweight.
4. Others have proposed a \$10 a plate Brotherhood meal in which a light snack would be served. The profit would go to the world hunger offering.

Southern Baptists have the best plan for reaching the hungry of the world. Every penny given to the Foreign Mission Board for world hunger goes directly to starving people. There are no administrative costs as there are in some organizations.

The method of collecting money is not important. But it is urgent that we assist the starving people of the world. Let's resolve to do more in 1981 to eliminate this monumental problem.

## Protecting the mailing list

Direct mailing is big business. Computer technology has made it possible to personalize and individualize the mail with a minimum of effort and expense. Such mail is used for selling, promoting, soliciting and campaigning. But for a direct mail program to work there must be a proper mailing list.

Mailing lists are secured from a number of sources. Giveaways of cars, boats and other valuable merchandise is sometimes used to acquire a mailing list. The names of individuals registering for the prize, along with their addresses and zip codes, are placed in a computer bank and become a part of a valuable mailing list.

Mailing lists are, also, purchased from organizations such as churches who maintain the names and addresses of the membership for purposes of communication. Those desiring mailing lists may or may not have a pure motive. They may argue that the release or sale of the mailing list will "help keep the church members informed."

Obviously, each church makes its own decision regarding such matters. But releasing the mailing list may carry some embarrassing consequences. Once a list is released, it may be, and usually is resold. Conceiv-

ably, a company merchandising products totally contrary to Christian principles could eventually own a church's mailing list.

Other prime sources for mailing lists include the subscription lists of magazines. The *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* could, for example, acquire funds by the sale of its more than 73,000-name mailing list. Those wishing to purchase our list maintain that they desire only to serve readers while helping us to reduce the subscription cost of our magazine.

We believe that our mailing list is a trust and that we should never misuse it. In a recent meeting of the Newsmagazine Board, our longstanding policy of not renting, loaning or selling the ABN mailing list was reaffirmed. The only exception being for Baptist agencies or institutions. Even in the case of assisting our own family, care is taken that it is only a one-time mailing and that the list can not be sold or loaned to anyone else.

Care must be taken with the mailing list. Churches and religious publications must recognize their responsibility to those whose names are on their mailing list.



## One layman's opinion

Daniel R. Grant/President, OBU

### The world's oldest student?

An Associated Press report out of Florida shortly before Christmas brought good news for senior citizens everywhere. The performance of Virgil Conner is earning the doctor's degree in history at Florida State University, at the age of 92, should give a healthy boost to the morale of all who look forward or backward to retirement. He wrote his dissertation about his grandmother, who traveled in a covered wagon with her three sons from Mississippi to Arkansas in 1849.

The remarkable Mr. Conner, a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University (then College) in 1912, was making history while studying history, because he is probably the oldest person in the world to earn a doctoral degree. Earning the degree at 92 is quite a feat, but his

achievement is far more than personal. He has provided a living illustration of what educators like to call "continuing education" or "lifelong learning." One personal example is worth more than 10,000 words on this subject, especially when the example is of earning the doctor's degree 68 years after earning the bachelor's degree. One never grows too old to learn, and it is never too late to break new educational ground and achieve advanced degrees. When our desire to keep on learning is no longer with us then we probably have also lost our desire to be of service to others.

I am proud to claim Virgil Conner as a Ouachitonian, and hope every Ouachita commencement will literally be only the beginning of a life of learning for the young people who come our way.



## Woman's viewpoint

Joanne Jackson Lisk

### The silver years

Just before Christmas, Dick and I celebrated our Silver Wedding Anniversary. Our "big event" was discovered by our deacon family, who as dear friends so often do, poured love, time and effort into a day for us to remember. How we rejoiced at this milestone shared by "Golden Year" parents, maturing sons, and our own dear Christian family in this wonderful caring/sharing church we serve.

Along with photographed memories of a reception in our honor, a picture in my heart during these silver years will be the beautiful services of that special Sunday. Our church auditorium, decorated for the holiday with poinsettias and candles, was as beautiful as a Christmas card.

There was a high attendance in Sunday School, abundant gifts of material possessions and an early "over the top" Lottie Moon Christmas offering. My very special children-in-Christ through music, The Children of The Son, overwhelmed us by spiriting some of the group back from college for the morning service to

sing some surprise special favorites. There were few dry eyes in the building at that! Dick "out-preached" his usually wonderful sermon (even after 25 years, I've never heard a dud!).

For the crowning joy, two precious children made professions of faith at the invitation time. One shy teenage boy came from a home where the Christian way is little known and seldom mentioned. The other was a dear young daughter of a deacon's family, Jana, who is developing in the warmth of a Christian home and family, rarely misses a church service. Once again, eyes were moist with tears as many pondered the truth that "the ground at the foot of the cross is level".

Evening services portrayed "Christmas Around the World" as our fine young music director and children's choir leaders led 50 young musicians in telling the Bethlehem story in costume, drama and heartfelt song.

I could never write all that is in my heart — the love, the joy, the pride, the

## Last call for 'J' Term

Registration for "J" Term at Boyce Bible School's Little Rock center will be held at Central Baptist Hospital Educational Annex, 4-6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9. The first of four Friday night classes will begin that night with Jon Stubblefield teaching "Interpreting Philippians" from 6-10 p.m. During the four Saturday mornings, 8-12 a.m., John McClanahan will teach "Bible Doctrines."

## Women's luncheon is a first

Baptist women of Arkansas will have a first-time opportunity when the Evangelism Conference convenes at Little Rock First Church Jan. 19-20.

A luncheon has been planned for pastor and church staff wives and other interested Baptist women at the close of the morning session of the conference Tuesday at the host church. Mrs. John Wright is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Cary Heard, program chairman, has chosen the theme "Idea Fair," for women to share creative ideas for reaching others for Christ. Round table discussions will be moderated by Mrs. Huber Drumwright.

Reservations must be made by calling or writing Little Rock First Church no later than Jan. 14. Cost per reservation will be \$3.50.

pairing for missing loved ones — at reviewing this joyous occasion. I felt keenly a renewed hope for the future. I was flooded with memories of other church families still held dear because of their steadfast love and friendship; their willingness to share the spiritual pilgrimage with this pastor and family. All these combine to make adequate expression quite impossible.

I believe, also, that I am speaking in this column today for numberless Arkansas pastor's wives to their own dear church families as I add: "You are our silver and gold. Your faithfulness and prayers, your sharing of sorrows and joy, your challenge to us to remember to expect great things from God and to attempt great things for God" have kept us moving toward silver or golden or diamond years — years of rejoicing and reaping.

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

## Letter to the editor

### For God's rule

I receive the *Arkansas Baptist* and have been reading the articles about Christians getting involved in political affairs. Several say we shouldn't get involved with affairs that affect our lives daily. They say the Bible does not tell us to get involved in political affairs, but it does not tell us not to get involved.

Please note 1 Timothy 2:1-2 where it tells us to pray for those who govern. "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercession, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in godliness and honesty." How can we lead a peaceable life if the government doesn't support us? We can't. The only way we can do this is get involved, pray, and do our part.

Look at Proverbs 29:2 where it talks about two types of government. "When the righteous are in authority the people rejoice; but when the wicked bear rule the people mourn." The only way to get a righteous government is to get involved.

It is time for Christians to stand up for what is right. This nation was founded on right, our forefathers came to gain freedom of religion and set up a government on God's rules. I want this nation to stay free and be set up on God's rule. And the only way this can be is Christians getting involved.

Some say don't get involved. If that's the case, we shouldn't vote. That is getting involved!

I would like to say this: the articles stated it is our main duty to preach salvation. I agree, but how can this be done if the government has fallen to an ungodly state?

Also, I would like to say I think it's terrible for what is being said about fellow Christians who are getting involved by trying to turn this nation back to God. I praise God for preachers like Jerry Falwell. If more people were like him, the U.S.A. would not be in the terrible moral shape it is in. — David L. Fields, Washington, Ark.

### Ouachita schedules spring registration

ARKADELPHIA — Registration for the spring semester at Ouachita Baptist University will be held Tuesday, Jan. 13, according to Frank Taylor, registrar.

Registration will be held in Evans Student Center and Lile Hall from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The first day of classes will be Wednesday, Jan. 14.

The last day to register or add a course is Jan. 29 and the last day to drop a course is March 5.

## From my heart to yours

### A priority for the new year

When God's people establish their priorities, is there any higher than "witness commitment?" Even those who have been less than involved in witness would surely acknowledge that we stand under the direct commandment of our Lord Jesus Christ that we should be his witness (Acts 1:8). Our Lord gave himself to be a witness (John 8:13, 14), and our witness is to echo his.

Ways to witness are many, but the commitment to witness is single and solitary. Some of God's people seem to shy away from one method of witness or another, either because of a sense of personal inadequacy or a feeling that an intrusion is being made into someone's life. Our witness doesn't always have to be made to fit a mold that was designed for someone else. Our witness may be in terms of a kind deed attended by a word fitly spoken. Our witness to Jesus may be of the nature of a casual encounter at the crossroads of life (as often his was), or it may be a part of a planned program of a church. Witnesses, however, we must be. This is not an option but a commandment. The fear of intrusion can be overcome by remembering that the offer of a helping hand is a kindness, not an intrusion. We must extend a helping hand to people who are sinking in the quicksand of life without God. Paul would describe them as "without hope in the world."

At the beginning of a new year we are inclined to establish priorities, make resolutions and reorder our lives. Wisely our leaders have put at the beginning of the new year a "Witness Commitment Day," Sunday, Jan. 11. May the Holy Spirit encourage many of us to renewed commitment to witness for our Savior and others of us to accept, perhaps for the first time, being a witness as a high priority for 1981.

*Huber L. Drumwright*  
Huber L. Drumwright  
Executive Secretary

### And some . . . evangelists

## Soloist enters evangelism

Margaret Kinney of Little Rock has entered the field of music evangelism following 10 years of active membership in the music program of Markham Street Baptist Church. Mrs. Kinney is a mezzo-soprano soloist.

A native of Little Rock, she is a former vocal student of Marjorie Halbert, and has been a special student of Metropolitan Opera star Blanche Thebom in vocal technique at UALR. She has done work with the Arkansas Educational Television Network and will be singing with the New Orleans Opera in the spring.

Mrs. Kinney has experience in gospel concerts, as revival soloist, and other special events. Her pastor, Bob L. Wright, says, "Margaret has a rare gift which communicates the love of Christ Jesus to all who hear her."

W. T. Holland, past director of Boyce Bible School in Little Rock, states, "Margaret has given two concerts in the chapel of Boyce School to the great delight and spiritual uplift of both students and faculty." Her husband, Don, is a student in Boyce Bible School, Little Rock.

Ralph W. Davis, present Director of Boyce Bible School, is very complimentary: "Mrs. Margaret Kinney has dedicated her beautiful voice and personality to the service of the Lord. I highly recommend her to pastors and others who could use her service in the area of evangelism, for revival meetings, Bible conferences, etc."

Margaret, Don, and their children reside at No. 10 Inlet, Little Rock, 72204. She may be contacted at that address or by calling (501) 225-3525.



Kinney

by Millie Gill/ABN staff writer

**David M. Tate**

will join the staff of Batesville First Church to serve as minister of music, effective Jan. 18. He will move there from Camden where he has served as associate pastor for music at First Church for almost 19 years. A graduate of Ouachita Baptist University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, he has served churches in both Texas and Arkansas. Tate has also served in denominational leadership roles in both states. He and his wife, Hazel, are parents of six children.



Tate

**Don Hook**

began his 50th anniversary in the gospel ministry Dec. 21 by preaching at the Pleasant Plains Church where he preached his first message on Christmas Eve, 1930. Hook, now retired, has served churches in Arkansas, held denominational leadership positions and is now directing the work of the Pulaski County Association "crisis closet".

**Miles Zeigler**

began his pastorate with the Gentry First Church Dec. 2, coming there from the Broadway Church in Princeton, Ind. Zeigler is a graduate of Southern Baptist College, Ouachita Baptist University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

**Tommy Dame**

is serving the Malvern Trinity Church as minister of youth and music. He and his wife, Verna, and their daughter, Angele, began their ministry there Dec. 14. Dame is a senior church music major at Ouachita Baptist University and is a native of Little Rock. The Dame's have served the Mena Dallas Avenue Church.

**Bill H. Lewis**

began his third year of service as pastor

of Bryant First Southern Church Dec. 7.

**R. B. Crotts**

is serving as pastor of the Benton Hurricane Lake Church, going there from the Owensville Church where he served for more than nine years.

**Clinton E. Roberson**

has resigned as pastor of the Success First Church to reside in Chattanooga, Tenn., where he will do pulpit supply and interim pastorate work. He formerly served as director of missions for the Miller County Baptist Association in Eldon, Mo.

**David G. Shackelford**

has been called as pastor of the Marianna Friendship Church. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Shackelford of Forrest City. His wife, Suzie, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Robinson of Fayetteville. They have one child. Shackelford is presently enrolled in the doctor of theology program at Mid-America Seminary.

**Bobby Renfro**

resigned Jan. 1 as pastor of the Texarkana Calvary Church to become pastor of the Highland Terrace Church in Greenville, Tex.

**Robert E. Hall**

is serving the Ward Calvary Church as pastor. He is a native of Dyess and a junior at Ouachita Baptist University.

**Bill Bailey**

has resigned as pastor of the Huntington Fellowship Church to become pastor of the Canadian Church in Canadian, Tex.

**Harold Hodgson**

has resigned as pastor of the Waldron Temple Church.

**Stan Wallace**

has accepted the call to serve as pastor of the Russellville Immanuel Church.

**Perry Duncan**

resigned as music director of Alexander First Church Dec. 28 to return to school at the University of Arkansas, Little Rock.

**Arkansans officers of hospital board**

Leslie M. Riherd Jr., pastor of Newport First Church, was elected chairman of the Board of Trustees of Baptist Memorial Hospital at Memphis for 1981, and J. W. Royal, retired Baptist minister from Judsonia, was elected secretary.



Riherd

Baptist Memorial Hospital is owned by the Baptist state conventions of Arkansas, Mississippi and Tennessee. Each state convention appoints nine members to serve on the hospital's Board of Trustees. The Executive Committee of the Board is made up of three members from each state.

**Music teacher named missionary**

WAYNESBORO, Va. — Sandra Simmons was among 35 persons named missionaries by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board Dec. 9 at First Baptist Church, Waynesboro, Va.

Miss Simmons, who has taught at the University of Arkansas at Monticello, will be a music consultant in South Brazil. Before entering Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, last spring, she was assistant professor of music at Texarkana (Texas) Community College.

She will go to Pine Mountain, Ga., this month for a 12-week orientation before leaving for the field.



Simmons

**Two Arkansans graduate from Southern Seminary**

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Two Arkansans, Sam Thurman Adkins and Charles W. Allen, were among the 225 students who received degrees from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., during commencement exercises held Dec. 19 in the seminary's Alumni Chapel.

Adkins, a Sheridan native and graduate of Ouachita Baptist University, received the doctor of ministry degree while Allen, from Fayetteville and an alumnus of the University of Arkansas, was awarded the master of divinity degree.

William G. Tanner, president of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, delivered the commencement address.



Allen

**Russellville First Church** will be in a January Bible Study Jan. 25-28 with Herschel H. Hobbs as teacher.

**Alexander Hilldale Church** recently paid an indebtedness of \$11,600 that leaves the church plant, parsonage

and five acres of land debt free. Pastor/evangelist Bill Fleming reported that the church has organized Royal Ambassadors, Girls in Action and Mission Friends organizations that are meeting on Wednesday evenings.

**Harrison Woodland Heights Church** again increased its percentage of giving to the Cooperative Program this month. Twenty-five percent of total gifts will be sent to the CP, an increase from 19 percent in 1980 and eight percent in 1973 when J. A. Hogan went there as pastor.

## buildings

### Grand Avenue dedicates new sanctuary

Ft. Smith Grand Avenue Church dedicated its new \$2.3 million sanctuary Dec. 14. The new 40,000 sq. ft. facility will seat 2,000 people. It has facilities for 126 people in the choir and will seat 24 people in the orchestra pit. The 500-seat balcony has stairways on each side of the auditorium so that those seated in the balcony may make their way to the front of the auditorium without difficulty.

In addition to the sanctuary, the new facilities contain a music suite with offices for the minister of music, a large rehearsal area, a recording studio, robing areas for men and women, a kitchenette, a music library, a conference room, and a bride's room.

The new sanctuary, also, includes the largest electronic organ made by the Rogers Organ Company and has a Yamaha Grand piano.

The new facilities feature an extensive sound and lighting system and is decorated with stained glass windows. Each window is a realistic art expression and conveys basic teachings of the church. In the very center of the front of the auditorium is a large round window featuring Jesus carrying the cross.

The 2,500 members of the church have pledged \$1.5 million to be given over a three-year period. This money was raised through the "Together We Build" program.

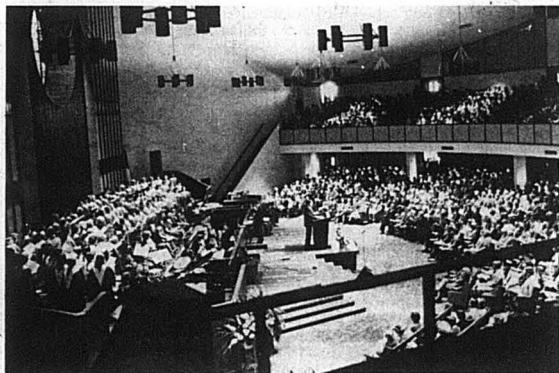
The entire dedicatory activities began on Sunday morning, Dec. 14, and concluded on Thursday evening, Dec. 18. Those participating in the activities included Pastor Don Moore; Huber L. Drumwright, executive secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention; Robert Hale and Dean Wilder of the New York City Opera Company; Marion Gerome Fray Jr., Field Representative of the Foreign Mission Board for Southern Africa; and "Bridge," a religious musical group.

Pastor Moore spoke from II Chronicles, Chapters Eight and Nine, Sunday morning. He emphasized the right beginning and the right ending. In conclusion he said, "This building is finished. But the building of this congregation and of the lives of our people will continue 'til the Lord comes again. God's message is powerful because the glory of God is realized in the lives of his people."

In the Sunday afternoon dedicatory

service, Dr. Drumwright spoke from I Samuel 7:12-13. He said that landmarks cause us to look to the past, to look up, and to look to the future. In conclusion he said, "This is the beginning of something good. Here, people will expect Christ, others will grow in the knowledge of Christ and still others will surrender to special service. This is but a start. We cannot dedicate this building. It has already been dedicated. But what we can dedicate is ourselves and the use of this building."

Pastor Moore is very optimistic about the future of Grand Avenue Church. He said, "From the pattern of growth of our church for the past seven years, it appears that the future is very bright. Seven years ago, after a four-year decline in attendance, our church was running 568 in Sunday School. We began to employ the laws of Sunday School growth after Leon Kilbreath had been here in a Sunday School revival. The church began to grow immediately and we haven't stopped. Our people have learned that the laws of Sunday School growth which employ multiplication through division really works. Our church is currently averaging 1200 in Sunday School and we expect to be running 1500 in Sunday School in the next two years." — J. Everett Sneed



ABN photo/J. Everett Sneed

Grand Avenue's 2,000 seat auditorium was built in response to the church's growth over the past seven years.

### Heber Springs church marks debt payment

Heber Springs Southside Church recently commemorated its 30th anniversary with services that included a noteburning to mark the retirement of the church's indebtedness.

A. Kay Mansell is pastor of the church that began as a mission of Heber Springs First Church with 12 charter members. Mrs. Blanche Jones, Mrs. Bernice Clayton, Mrs. Joyce McCarty and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond (Buddie) Tapley were the five charter members present for the noteburning.

The bond burned symbolized the retirement of indebtedness on the sanctuary and education building five years ahead of schedule.



# Eight courses planned for third term at Boyce Bible School

by Ralph W. Davis

Eight courses designed to help pastors and lay persons will be offered at Boyce Bible School beginning Friday night, Feb. 13. Registration will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 13. The instructors for this term will be: W. T. Holland, for five years director of Boyce School; Doug Dickens, pastor of Hot Springs First Church; Robert Holley, director of the Arkansas Church Training Department;

Everett Sneed, editor of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*; Raymond Coppenger and Cecil Sutley, professors at Ouachita Baptist University; Ralph W. Davis, director of Boyce Bible School; and Clyde Glazener, former professor at Southwestern Baptist Seminary and now pastor of Little Rock Calvary Church.



Holland

Dickens

Holley

Sneed

Glazener

Coppenger

Sutley

Davis

The schedule for Term III is as follows:

Friday	0653	6:00-7:55 p.m.
	0730	6:00-7:55 p.m. 8:00-8:15 p.m.
	0845	8:20-10:15 p.m.
	0516	8:20-10:15 p.m.
Saturday	0572	7:45-9:40 a.m. 9:45-10:10 a.m.
	0521C	10:15-12:10 noon
	0622	10:15-12:10 noon
	0676	12:50-2:45 p.m.

Pastoral Evangelism
Introduction to Pastoral Care
Assembly for Friday students
Christian Interpersonal Relations
Between Testaments
Interpreting the Parables
Chapel for Saturday students
O.T. Survey II (part 3)
Baptist History
Contemporary Cults

W. T. Holland
Doug Dickens
Robert Holley
Everett Sneed
Clyde Glazener

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## Paul's writing is January Bible Study

NASHVILLE — Two books by the apostle Paul — *Philippians* and *Romans* — will be the subject of 1981 adult and youth January Bible Study sessions.

*Philippians: Rejoice in the Lord* is the adult textbook by Ray Frank Robbins, professor of New Testament and Greek at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

The book explores two of the major themes of *Philippians* — joy and the need for unity in the life of a church.

"The only way to have unity in the church is to relinquish one's own personal rights in the interest of the health

of the whole body," said Ralph Murray, projects promotion consultant in the Sunday School Board's Sunday School department. "One of the critical needs in churches today is a higher degree of unity and oneness."

The youth textbook, *Romans: Freedom Through Christ* by Dan Kent, explores the topics of freedom from sin, freedom from death and free to live. Kent is associate professor of Old Testament at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

January Bible Study books also are available for use with preschoolers and children.

## On the cover



NASHVILLE — Wayne Jenkins, a youth worker at First Church here leads a group in a planning session for their January Bible Study emphasis.

Photo/David Heywood

# Your state convention at work

## Family and Child Care

### He gave what he had

He was a good man. He always seemed to have a smile on his face wherever you might see him. Each Sunday morning he was in his place in the vestibule of First Baptist Church of Van Buren passing out bulletins. He would usually decline the offer of a ride home with the neighbors, preferring to walk home to his small white house about three blocks from the church.

On June 16, in the early afternoon, Cecil Perkins, affectionately called "Perk" by neighbors and friends, walked into his house, lay face down across the bed with his arms over his head and went home to be with his Lord. When his garage doors were still open at dusk, Mr. Dobbins, the next door neighbor, went in to check and found him. His death was

as quiet and peaceful as his life had been.

The will, found in the dresser drawer, read: "After the payment of my just debts and funeral expenses as set forth above, I give, devise and bequeath all the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, real, personal or mixed, wherever located, and of whatever nature, to deserving children of the Arkansas Baptist Home for Children in Monticello, Ark., to have and to hold forever."

The Trustees of First Baptist Church, who were named as executors, were faithful in carrying out Perk's wishes with joy. The comments made, such as, "I'm glad Perk did that", "That's a wonderful thing for him to do", were voiced with love and sincerity as we worked together to do the things that we thought Perk would have wanted done.

One particular thing that caught my eye was his offering envelopes on

the dresser. All of them were missing through June 15. Perk had been faithful in so many things.

Yes, Perk was a good man — a carpenter by trade. He left tools, a 1951 pick-up truck, a small house in material things. But he left much more than that. He left an indomitable, steadfast spirit of love and caring. Somehow I can almost see that smile as Perk receives that "well done" from our Savior.

Hopefully many will follow his example during January which is Make Your Will Month. — Eula Armstrong, Director of Special Activities, Arkansas Baptist Home for Children.

## Sunday School Growth recognized

The fastest growing Sunday Schools in four categories have been recognized in Arkansas. Certificates were awarded at the Arkansas Baptist State Convention meeting at Immanuel Church in Little Rock, on Nov. 18.

First Church of El Paso was recognized for the largest enrollment percentage increase of 300 percent, and the largest average attendance increase of 100 percent. Their enrollment increased from 26 to 86 and their attendance increased from 26 to 52.

First Church, Ft. Smith, was recognized for gaining the largest enrollment and attendance increase. Enrollment grew from 4274 to 5424, a net gain of 1151. Attendance gain was from 1721 to 2046 or a gain of 325.

Records were taken from Uniform Church Letters submitted to the associations. Awards will be made in these four categories again this year. It is possible that as many as four churches could receive recognition next November. — Lawson Hatfield, state Sunday School director.



Hatfield



## Food and fellowship

Virginia Kirk and Jane Purtle

### Assessing my health

"Don't you know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and who was given to you by God?" (1 Cor. 6:19 TEV)

Am I the person I want to be physically? Does stewardship of my physical health relate to who I am spiritually?

The spirit and the body are one, and none of us can escape our bodily stewardship, as we cannot escape our spiritual stewardship. If we are unhappy with who we are physically, every part of our life is affected. We can better love ourselves as Christ tells us to do if we care for our bodies.

Because body and spirit are linked, spiritual and physical health complement each other. As we become more spiritually alive, we feel a call to become sounder in mind and body. Our whole self tunes up as good food, daily exercise, daily fun, constant prayer, and continual giving of ourselves blend together to make us trim, energetic, poised, compassionate, loving.

Good food, exercise, well paced days are the cornerstone of physical health. It happens daily, or it doesn't happen. For most of us, less food is an important consideration. We could eat half as much and feel twice as good.

Daily, we can seek guidance for our physical health as we seek it for our spiritual health. God cares who we are — body, mind, and soul.

This simple and tasty salad has a dressing that is also good on other combinations of fruits and vegetables.

#### Egg-cheese salad

Break up half a head of crisp lettuce into a large salad bowl. Thinly slice one large onion. Break into rings and spread over lettuce. Add 1-1/2 cups shredded medium or sharp cheese. Slice 4 eggs on top. Toss lightly with sweet mustard dressing.

#### Sweet mustard dressing

Mix in blender 1 cup oil, 1 chopped onion, 2 heaping tablespoons prepared mustard, 1 teaspoon celery seed, 1/3 cup vinegar, 2/3 cup sugar, salt and pepper to taste.

Virginia Kirk and Jane Purtle, members of Batesville First Church, have enjoyed cooking together for several years. Jane has taught at Arkansas College and Virginia is professor emerita there. This year Jane is on the staff of Christian Counseling and Teaching Center in Syria, Va.

## Ouachi-Tones to sing at White's reception

ARKADELPHIA — The Ouachi-Tones, a 14-member all-female performing group at Ouachita Baptist University, will perform at a reception honoring Arkansas Governor Frank White on Jan. 13 in the Rotunda of the State Capitol from 1-5 p.m.

The Ouachi-Tones have performed at identical receptions of past Arkansas Governors Bumpers, Pryor and Clinton.

# Your state convention at work Attendance report

Dec. 28, 1980

## Evangelism Speakers to show program correlation



Anderson



Hogue

Unofficially, our churches have reported 15,554 baptisms for the last associational year. This is a gain of 2,849 over the year before. Also, unofficially, our churches reported a gain in Sunday School enrollment of 9,283. These two figures usually go together.

The Evangelism Conference will begin Monday afternoon, Jan. 19, at 1:30 p.m. E. S. (Andy) Anderson, Church Growth Specialist for the Sunday School Department of the Sunday School Board, will be one of our main speakers. He is the father of "Sunday School Action Program" of Southern Baptists. Dr. Ander-

son will tell us how the Riverside Baptist Church of Fort Myers, Fla., went from a Sunday School enrollment of 1,094 to 2,600 and the average attendance went from 400 to 1,150. This was the beginning of "Sunday School Action". Dr. Anderson will also talk about "A Vision of Action" and "Organize for Action".

C. B. (Bill) Hogue, Director of Evangelism Section, Home Mission Board, will also be one of our main speakers. He previously served as Director of Evangelism for the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma. During his pastorates at Ada, Okla., and churches in Texas, he was host of some TV religious shows, "The Bible and Today's World" and "Exposure", and a daily radio program, "Confrontation".

Dr. Hogue is the author of three books, *Love Leaves No Choice*, *I Want My Church to Grow* and *The Doctrine of Salvation*. Dr. Hogue will speak twice at the conference.

The conference will close Tuesday night, Jan. 20, with a Dedication Service. — Jesse Reed

## Attendance report

Dec. 21, 1980

Church	Sunday School	Church Trng.	Church addns.	Church	Sunday School	Church Trng.	Church addns.	Church	Sunday School	Church Trng.	Church addns.
Alexander, First	147			Woodland Heights	108	42		Grand Avenue	365	84	
Alma, Clear Creek Southern	216	61	1	Hot Springs				Harvey's Chapel	135	78	1
Alpena, First	94			Grand Avenue	396			Jonesboro			
Ash Flat, First	77	45		Harvey's Chapel	137		1	Friendly Hope	151	113	1
Atkins, First	101		3	Park Place	297	99		Nettleton	249	103	
Batesville, West	218	65	3	Hughes, First	153	54	2	Kingston, First Southern	101	53	
Berryville, First	170	100		Jacksonville, First	316	41	4	Lavaca, First	380	134	
Bentonville, First	235		2	Jonesboro, Nettleton	249	103		Little Rock, Crystal Hill	167	73	1
Bentonville, First	407			Lavaca, First	383	174	5	Magnolia, Central	511		1
Berryville, First	147	70	3	Magnolia, Central	680	123		Monticello, Second	230	89	2
Booneville, South Side	94	92		North Little Rock, Stanfill	72	80		Mulberry, First	211	98	1
Bryant, First Southern	287	121		Paragould				Murfreesboro, First	122	20	
Cabot				Calvary	205	180		North Little Rock, Stanfill	42	38	2
First	337	75	1	Center Hill	84	77		Paragould, East Side	367	167	1
Mt. Carmel	385	103	1	East Side	400			Paris, First	314	38	3
Calico Rock, First	61			Pea Ridge, First	220		1	Pea Ridge, First	180	81	1
Camden, Cullendale First	370	100		Pine Bluff				Pine Bluff			
Conway				Centennial	112	47		First	498	72	
Harlan Park	102	48		Central	120	49		Lee Memorial	190	33	
Oak Bowery	124	71		First	527	78	2	South Side	474	100	
Pickles Gap	163	96		Lee Memorial	196	26		Prairie Grove	144	64	
Crossett				South Side	457	116	5	Rogers, Immanuel	680	3	
First	392	66		Watson Chapel	445			Russellville, First	400	1	1
Mt. Olive	268	90		Rogers				Sandusky, Ok., Faith	36	23	
Danville, First	126	22		First	626	176	9	Springdale, First	1,567	12	
Nursing Home	25			Immanuel	782	5		Texarkana			
El Dorado, Parkview	134	53		Russellville, First	511			Highland Hills	106	78	1
Nursing Home	21			Springdale				Shiloh Memorial	260	135	2
El Paso	43	31		Claude Avenue	133	63		Trinity	67	49	
Forrest City, First	438	65	3	Elmdale	293	145	2	Valley Springs	250	135	2
Fort Smith				First	1,928			Van Buren, First	347	59	
First	2,138		10	Texarkana				Ward, First	130	83	
Grand Avenue	973	122		Highland Hills	112	90	1	West Memphis, Ingram Blvd.	193	85	
Mission	21			Shiloh Memorial	168	105		Wooster, First	95	39	
Westside	77	28	2	Trinity	280	152	1				
Gassville	100	28		Valley Springs	112	87					
Gentry, First	123	47	2	Van Buren, First	472	87					
Grandview	81	66		Vandervoort, First	53		5				
Hampton, First	114	56		West Memphis, Ingram Blvd.	259	104					
Harrison, Woodland Heights	91	46		Wooster, First	107	91					
Hot Springs											
Grand Avenue	365	84									
Harvey's Chapel	135	78	1								

## Evangelism staffers hear of BMT success

ATLANTA — A mood of optimism, strengthened by determination, pervaded the Evangelism Directors' Annual Conference, sponsored here by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

The optimism was prompted by projections that baptisms in Southern Baptist Convention churches for 1979-80 will total 429,580, a 16.5 percent increase over 1978-79 totals. Determination surfaced as evangelism leaders resolved to direct the SBC toward even more baptisms in the coming year.

The Arkansas Baptist State Convention was represented at the conference by Jesse S. Reed, state evangelism director, and Clarence Shell and Wes Kent, his associates. Arkansas Baptists have reason to rejoice because estimates indicate 1979-80 baptisms in the convention will be up at least 2,843.

The SBC-wide baptism increase followed a 9.7 percent increase in 1978-79, which was preceded by three years of declining totals. Home Mission Board leaders said the sharp increases indicate Bold Mission Thrust is "finally catching on."

"This increase couldn't have happened without Bold Mission Thrust," said C. B. Hogue, the board's vice president for evangelism. Bold Mission Thrust is the SBC goal of presenting the gospel to every person on earth by the year 2000.

Board President William G. Tanner agreed, claiming the baptism increase "verifies the expanding cooperation among SBC agencies, growing out of Bold Mission Thrust."

"The increase indicates what can happen when we get serious about equipping Christians to reach others," Tanner said. "And it tells us Bold Mission Thrust is a challenging, workable approach to reaching America."

Nevertheless, Tanner said Southern Baptists shouldn't take all the credit for the increase. "The Lord is blessing us," he asserted. "This is not of our doing, but of his, through us."

He told the directors that if Southern Baptists plan to continue baptism increases, they must concentrate on reaching U.S. cities. "If we are serious about Bold Mission Thrust's challenge to proclaim the gospel to every person on the earth by the year 2000, we have got to become convinced that we must reach the cities," he said.

"We'll have to do some things we've never done before, think some things we've never thought before, try some things we've never tried before and even fail miserably in some things we've never failed in before because we've never even comprehended them," he added.

Both Hogue and SBC President Bailey Smith amplified Tanner's charge, warning against relaxation, now that victories

have been won.

Hogue cautioned against complacency in the midst of success, telling Baptists not to forget the "natural ebb and flow of the tides of history."

"We are in danger of riding the crest when our euphoria over the success of the past glows in its brilliance; and at that very point, we are in danger of falling into the waves with a resounding splash," he said.

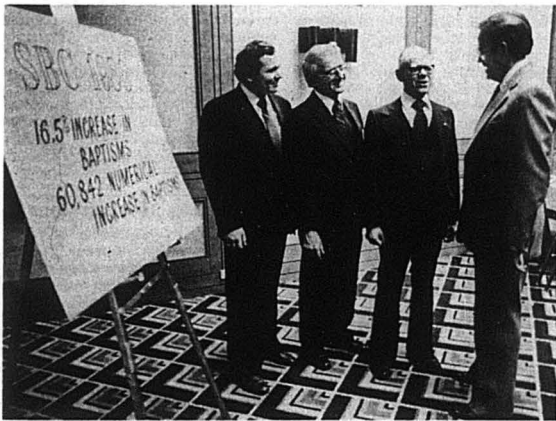
Hogue challenged the evangelism directors to lead an effort to increase baptisms by at least 10 percent each year during the decade of the 1980s. If that happens, the number of baptisms recorded in the past year will double by 1987 to about 840,000; and by 1989 will almost triple to about 1.2 million, he said.

Smith, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Okla., said he believes this is the most exciting and fruitful hour in history to win people to Jesus Christ.

"Never have the alternatives and options been so clear and distinct as they are now," he said. "People aren't harder to reach today; sometimes we may just be lazier" than in the past.

He called for a clear presentation of the gospel, stressing that Jesus is the only way to salvation.

Members of Belgium International Baptist Church stopped eating junk foods, steaks and restaurant dinners to save their money for the building fund. At the end of one month the necessary \$10,000 had been raised.



HMB photo by Mark Sandlin

**OPTIMISTIC DIRECTORS** — At the Evangelism Directors' Annual Conference sponsored by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, directors were optimistic about projections of increased baptisms in Southern Baptist Convention churches. Arkansans (left to right) Wes Kent and Clarence Shell, associate directors, and Jesse Reed, state evangelism director, talk with C. B. Hogue, HMB vice president for evangelism.

### TEACHING POSITIONS

Several Southern Baptist-related schools have faculty openings for the fall, '81 semester. Disciplines include: all business-related fields, biology, chemistry, home economics, library science, math and computer sciences, nursing, physics, special education and elementary education. Individuals with terminal degrees (Ph.D., Th.D., Ed.D., D.B.A., D.A.) are invited to send for a placement form from: The Placement Registry, Education Commission of the SBC, 460 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, TN 37219.

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# Smith expresses regret, condemns anti-semitism

by Jim Newton

NEW YORK (BP) — Expressing deep regret for any hurt to the Jewish community because of his statements concerning Jews, Southern Baptist Convention President Bailey Smith joined national Jewish leaders in a joint statement abhorring, condemning and rejecting anti-Semitism.

Smith, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church of Del City, Okla., read a joint statement following a three-and-a-half-hour meeting Dec. 18 with six other Southern Baptists and seven officials of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, a national organization of Jewish laymen.

Smith asked for a meeting with ADL national director Nathan Perlmutter in the wake of controversy over Smith's widely reported comments that God does not hear the prayers of Jews and that Jews have funny looking noses.

The statement, issued after a closed door meeting held under tight security at the B'nai B'rith headquarters across the street from the United Nations Building, said:

"The parties agreed that they abhor, condemn and reject anti-Semitism because it violates their respective deeply held religious beliefs;

"Second, both reaffirmed their commitment to their basic theological beliefs without rancor or rejection of each other; and

"Third, both groups have been the victims of religious persecution and even to this day suffer persecution in the Soviet Union and other parts of the world."

The statement concluded: "For the above reasons, they (participants) agreed to establish a joint working relationship in which Baptists and Jews will explore and plan improved methods of communication."

It specifically cited plans for conferences, seminars, academic interchanges, preparation of joint materials and "other means for each community to learn more about the other."

The president of the 13.6 million-member denomination also refused to back down from his previous position. The statement made plain Smith "has distinctive theological beliefs he cannot compromise," but added the Southern Baptist "stands with the Jewish community for total religious liberty" and "for an American pluralistic society."

In the written statement, Smith expressed "deep regret for any hurt to the Jewish community," and said if he had it to do over again, "knowing how it would

be misinterpreted," he would not have made the statements.

After reading the statement, which described the meeting as "open and friendly," Smith told reporters he had never met with nicer people in his life. He, however, refused to answer questions from the 15 to 20 representatives of the national and New York news media.

After Smith declined to answer questions, reporters asked Perlmutter if he considered Smith's earlier remarks anti-Semitic.

"I am satisfied that pastor Smith had no anti-Semitic intent," Perlmutter said. "But I am not satisfied with his beliefs and he is not satisfied with mine either. That's what makes him a Baptist and me a Jew."

In a telephone interview with Baptist Press, Smith said the meeting was "just perfect . . . they are my friends and they know I love them."

He added he has been invited to the home of one of the participants, Mark Briskman, regional representative of ADL in Dallas, to observe Passover and "both my wife and I plan to go." He said he also discussed the possibility of making a joint trip to Israel with ADL representatives, but made no decision.

Smith, who was elected president of the SBC in June, made national news in mid-September when reporters were given transcripts of a sermon he preached Aug. 22 at the National Affairs Briefing, a conservative religious-political gathering in Dallas.

In that sermon, Smith said "God Almighty does not hear the prayer of a Jew," and commented: "How can God hear the prayer of a man who says that Jesus Christ is not the true messiah? It is blasphemous."

He made national headlines again in mid-November when a tape recording of a sermon he preached Aug. 31 surfaced. In that sermon, on "God's Special People and Special Places," Smith quipped from his pulpit: "Why did he (God) choose the Jews? I don't know why he chose the Jews. I think they've got funny looking noses myself."

Smith said he was making an inside joke with a Jewish friend in the remark, but in the furor which erupted, Smith wrote a letter to Perlmutter, suggesting a dialogue session.

Smith said at the time his intent was to "convince Jewish people that I love them."

Although specific plans for joint Baptist-Jewish activities were not announced

at the meeting, one of the participants, Glenn Igleheart, director of the Interfaith Witness Department at the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, said a meeting is planned for January or February to discuss future programs.

Igleheart pointed out his department co-sponsored with the ADL three regional Baptist-Jewish dialogue sessions in 1974, 1978 and 1979 at Wild Acres, N.C., and held two national Baptist-Jewish dialogues with the American Jewish Committee in Louisville, Ky., and Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1970 and 1971.

Other Baptist participants, like Smith, declined to comment on the discussion, saying the joint statement "speaks for itself."

Baptist participants, in addition to Smith and Igleheart, included Russ Bush, professor of the philosophy of religion at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas; John Silvey, pastor of Mountain View Baptist Church near Logan, Okla., and a converted Jew and pro-Israel activist; Jim Lee, an Oklahoma City attorney and a deacon at the Del City church, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Lee.

Jewish participants, in addition to Perlmutter, were Theodore Freedman, national program director; Abraham H. Foxman, associate national director; Maxwell E. Greenberg, national chairman of ADL; Rabbi Ronald B. Sobel, chairman of the national program committee, all of New York City, and Mark Briskman, director of the Northwest Texas-Oklahoma office of ADL.

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# White House aide Maddox will take college posts

by Stan Hasty

WASHINGTON (BP) — President Carter's assistant for religious affairs will assume a college administrative position and take on a teaching assignment at a second institution upon leaving the White House in January.

Bob Maddox, the Baptist minister who came to the Carter White House 19 months ago to coordinate the President's relations with the religious community, will become assistant to the president of Pitt Community College, Greenville, N.C.

During the 1981 spring semester he also will be visiting lecturer at East Carolina University, Greenville.

In an interview with Baptist Press, Maddox said his plans also include writing a book about his White House experiences, lecturing at Baptist colleges and seminaries, and doing television work locally in North Carolina.

Maddox came to the White House staff from the pastorate of First Church of Calhoun, Ga. He told Baptist Press he considered going back into the pastorate upon leaving Washington but said he has felt led to the field of college administration.

"Ministry is in the mind and in the heart, not just in the formal structure of the job," he said, adding one dimension of his White House job has been to counsel other members of the President's staff on personal and family problems. "I don't feel like I have left the ministry," he declared.

He termed his tenure at the White House "extraordinarily fulfilling," although the job required long hours and constant pressure. "I have made some mistakes that I regret," he said, adding his experience has been much more positive than negative.

One of his most painful experiences, Maddox said, was the misunderstanding among many Baptists and others over advice he gave Southern Baptist, Convention President Bailey Smith not to participate in last August's National Affairs Briefing in Dallas.

The controversial meeting, sponsored by The Religious Roundtable, featured a parade of conservative candidates and public officials, including then-candidate Ronald Reagan. It was there that Smith made his now-famous comment that "God does not hear the prayer of a Jew."

Maddox came under fire after the revelation he tried to dissuade Smith from going to Dallas but said the Del City, Okla., pastor has since called him expressing regret over the pain caused by the effort.

According to both Smith and Maddox, the telephone conversation during which the presidential aide made his suggestion was understood to be personal but that Smith told Fort Worth Star-Telegram Religion Editor Jim Jones about the talk without knowing Jones was a reporter.

Maddox was eager in his Baptist Press interview to emphasize that he has no "hard feelings toward Bailey."

Asked to assess the impact of the religious right on this fall's elections, Maddox said that while fundamentalist preachers such as Jerry Falwell and James Robison had a pronounced effect on some senatorial and congressional races, they did not topple Carter.

He attributed the President's surprisingly poor showing to economic factors.

The religious right, he believes, was a direct by-product of old-line right-wing political organizations. Its leadership, he predicted, "is not going to be satisfied

with Ronald Reagan." Although he said the movement will give the president-elect a "better shake" than it gave Carter, "it's only a matter of time" before the new president fails to live up to its leaders' expectations.

Maddox went on to say he now sees the religious right as a real and present danger to the nation, although he agrees with some of their positions. He assessed its leaders as being confused "about law and grace."

"A lot of these people are trying to be saved by works," he declared.

What hurt Carter personally about religious right attacks, Maddox said, was the view that his positions on several so-called "moral" issues amounted to a denial of his faith. "That really pained him," Maddox said. Such a transfer was "an unfair leap and unfair connection," he said.

Maddox identified Carter's primary achievements as a renewed emphasis on human rights in foreign policy, his continued efforts to negotiate arms limitation agreements with the Soviet Union, the achievement of the Camp David framework for peace in the Middle East, and a comprehensive energy plan for the nation. He predicted historians will treat Carter "rather well."

He also said Rosalynn Carter "will go down in history as one of the great first ladies." The Carters as a couple, he emphasized, "set a tremendous example of a husband and a wife." They have a "truly happy marriage," he said.

He said further that Carter genuinely wants Reagan to succeed. The President's position has been "to make it as easy as possible" on the new administration, Maddox said.

"I want him to succeed," the presidential aide concluded. "I pray for him. I'm going to be more supportive of him than (opponents) were of Mr. Carter."

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Shipman

## International

Jan. 11, 1981

Matthew 7:13-29

by Randy Shipman  
Tarkio, Mo., First Church

## Build on the solid rock

Our Lord's instruction on the traits of true discipleship ends at Matthew 7:12. From that point on he calls for repentance.

### Choose the right path (Matt. 7:13-14)

The order of the gate and way suggests the gate as the entrance to the way. Though the mass of mankind is upon the broad way that leads to destruction, the other gate and way are so small as to need finding. Yet the same God who provided Christ, who is both gate and way (John 14:6), also causes men to find the portal (John 6:44). The sincere Christian lives a disciplined life. He walks humbly with God rather than jauntily joining the worldly crowd.

### Hold to true beliefs (Matt. 7:15-20)

Advocates of an irresponsible life-style are ever with us. How can we evaluate the variety of voices which appeal for our allegiance. Jesus puts it simply, "a good tree brings forth good fruit."

### Practice sincere discipleship (Matt. 7:21-23)

The contrast here is between two types of disciples; the real and the unreal. Matthew has adopted a saying of Jesus about those who call him Lord but do not obey his teachings (Luke 6:46) and has made it into a criterion by which man will be admitted or refused admission to the kingdom of heaven. Here the contrast is between doing the "will of my father" and merely making a profession of faith in Jesus' name.

### Build on firm foundations (Matt. 7:24-29)

Edwin Markham, the poet, told a story about a rich man who observing the plight of a poor carpenter with a large family, gave him the plans for a beautiful new house. He instructed the carpenter to use the best materials and workmen. The rich man explained he was going away and wanted the house to be ready when he returned. The carpenter decided this was an opportunity to make a killing for himself. He employed inexperienced help and bought cheap materials. When the rich man returned the house was finished. The rich man handed the keys back to the carpenter saying "This house is yours. I had you build it for yourself and your family."

We are building our own lives and have to live with the results. The life that stands the tests of time and endures for eternity is built upon the rock of obedience to the will of God.

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## A neighbor to the needy

It seems to me that 95 to 99 percent of all the people attending church today profess to be born again believers. They attend week after week, often out of habit, but deep down they are seeking spiritual nourishment. If the pastor ignores these people and instead preaches to the one to five percent non-believers, then the believers go away under-nourished. They remain weak in faith since they do not hear the word of faith.

Yes, but Jesus said there is joy in heaven over one sinner that repents, more than over ninety and nine just persons who need no repentance.

Right. My only trouble was finding that 99 percent group that needed no repentance. We all seemed to have the same problems and fears the unbelievers had. I know I harbored bitterness and un-forgiveness in my heart just like the unbeliever did. I was also sick of body like the unbeliever too. Since the word of faith was not taught, and since the pastor preached mostly to the lost, I thought I was all right, except I didn't have the joy and victory the Bible says we are supposed to have.

The problem was, I saw myself as a sinner when all the time God saw me as righteous because of my faith in Jesus (2 Cor. 5:21). Therefore, I acted like a sinner even though I had been saved and translated from the power of darkness into God's kingdom (Col. 1:13). I needed to repent over ignoring Romans 6:1-14; 8:17 and Galatians 4:17. Thank God someone finally pointed them out as truth and I started thinking more about Christ than about sin.

Friends, the thief, (Satan) has attacked God's people and left them by the side of the road bleeding from circumstances and in need of hope. They need to hear of God's forgiveness so they can forgive others. They need to know God's word for physical healing and financial provision.

The point is this: If a pastor neglects to minister the truth of God's word of faith to the 99 percent, is he any less guilty than the priest who passed by on the other side?

And what about the minister of education or director or teacher who spends nearly half of a Sunday School hour on promotion, planning or idle talk rather than ministering the word of God to

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Luke 10:25-37

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those present? Are they not like the Levite who also passed by on the other side?

Then along comes a Samaritan who begins to teach the word of God on radio, television or cassette tape, pouring in the oil and wine of God's forgiveness and love.

Which one of these then is a true neighbor to the needy? The answer is in Luke 10:37A. The remedy is in Luke 10:37B.

Thank God for people who minister the word of faith, even if they are Samaritans.

## Ed Commission helps to fill vacancies

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Each year dozens of qualified educators find a faculty position at a Baptist college with the assistance of a placement registry service maintained by the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Since June more than 30 faculty positions — ranging from music to business administration — have been filled by individuals who made use of the free service. Prospective faculty members file a confidential resume form with the registry which is released to schools seeking faculty members in their specific teaching discipline.

Quachita art professor Ted Duane Barnes is one of many Arkansas Baptist college faculty members who have been assisted by the placement registry in finding their present positions.

Many of the 72 Southern Baptist-related seminaries, colleges and schools are still in need of faculty for the fall, 1981, semester, according to Howard Kirksey, placement consultant for the Education Commission.

"There is a special need for individuals with terminal degrees (doctorates) in all business-related fields, biology, chemistry, home economics, library science, math and computer sciences, nursing, physics, special education and elementary education," says Kirksey.

He encourages prospective faculty members with terminal degrees (Ph.D., Th.D., Ed.D., D.B.A., D.A.) to send for a placement form from: The Placement Registry, Education Commission, 58C, 460 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, TN 37219.



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## Bible Book

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I Corinthians 3:1 - 4:21

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## Immature Christians in the church

Paul continues his discussion of what is causing divisions in the unity of the church at Corinth. He adds to the list of causes the fact that the church members have not matured spiritually like they should have. They are still spiritual infants.

### The marks of immaturity

Paul has great sorrow in his heart because he cannot address the members at Corinth as spiritually mature men. When he first knew them, they were babes in Christ, and the tragedy is that they are still that way. It is always tragic when living things do not grow. The reason Paul says they are immature is because of the strife, jealousy, misplaced loyalty and bickering that is evident in their lives. Those same qualities in the lives of church members today mark them as being spiritually immature.

### God will judge

Paul says that all who labor are rewarded by God according to the intensity of their effort not by the size of the crop. One person may come and lay a good strong foundation for the Lord's work while another would come and build more mature structures on that foundation. But when the harvest is in, the glory belongs to God. It is not man but God who will be the final judge as to how well the work was performed. If the work is built on the strong foundation of honoring Christ, the work will stand the test. Work for the praise of man will be burned away.

### Great danger

Paul reminds them that it is not the building in which they meet, but Christians themselves who constitute the temple of God. Collectively, they are the church. But Paul also issues a very stern warning. Nothing destroys a church more completely than dissensions and strife. Thus, Paul admonishes, "If any man destroys the temple of God, God will destroy him, for the temple of God is holy, and that is what you are" (I Cor. 3:17 NASB). Church wreckers will be wrecked! Woe to any church leader who would destroy the unity and fellowship of a church in order to have his own way.

### Accountable to God

We are indeed servants and stewards. As such, we are accountable to God for our actions. We are required to be found trustworthy. However, it is God who passes judgment on us for our faithfulness, not other people. We have no business judging someone on servanthood or stewardship. We are trying to play God if we are guilty of such actions.

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# Congress acts to restore missionary tax exclusion

by Stan Haste  
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WASHINGTON (BP) — Taking dramatic, eleventh-hour action, the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives passed and sent to President Carter legislation restoring an income tax exclusion for missionaries and other overseas charitable workers.

The President, who has supported the measure, was expected to sign it quickly.

Approval of the provision, supported by a bipartisan group of lawmakers, came during an unusual Saturday session

Passage of the tax exclusion language came only two days before the final deadline for payment of 1979 taxes by employees of overseas charitable organizations. The Internal Revenue Service had twice extended the original deadline for payment, anticipating that Congress might reinstate the exclusion.

In the case of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, approval means a savings of \$1 million annually. The first payment of nearly \$1 million would have been due Dec. 15, with another similar payment due June 15, 1981, if Congress had failed to act.

But passage of the measure also benefits many other charitable organizations, both church-related and secular, which maintain personnel abroad. Estimates of savings to all such groups range as high as \$25 million annually.

In a statement issued Dec. 15, Foreign Mission Board President R. Keith Parks thanked Southern Baptists for their support in urging Congress to pass the tax exclusion language. "Our victory demonstrates the value of prayer, teamwork and persevering to the end," Parks said. "And it shows again that missions is what pulls Southern Baptists together, especially when the chips are down."

Parks paid special tribute to editors of Baptist state newspapers for informing Southern Baptists of the need for supporting the tax measure. "They again have demonstrated the value of their role in communications and their own considerable contribution to God's work," he said.

The Foreign Mission Board president also singled out the role of Phil Strickland, acting director of the Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission, called in by FMB in early November to coordinate a last-ditch effort to have the legislation passed by the lame duck session of Congress. Recognized as one of Southern Baptists' most effective legislative specialists, Strickland succeeded in reviving congressional interest in the tax exclusion language and in lining up broad bipartisan support for its passage.

Also cited was James M. Dunn, executive director-elect of the Washington-based Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, along with other members of his staff.

Parks and Strickland lauded several legislators by name, citing Senators Russell B. Long, D-La., John Chafee, R-R.I., Lloyd M. Bentsen, D-Texas, and David L. Boren, D-Okla., as well as U.S. Rep. Jim Wright, D-Texas, for playing key roles in the battle for passage.

"Most of all," Parks concluded, "we are grateful to God for answering our prayers that this matter be cleared up so we can concentrate on the business of missions." Funds saved by passage of the tax exclusion, he said, "can now go to the task of ministering around the world in the name of Jesus Christ."

Passage of H.R. 4968 capped more than a year of efforts by several members of Congress as well as charitable organizations to restore the \$20,000 exemption which had been in place prior to passage of the Foreign Earned Income Act of 1978.

The legislation was originally introduced in August, 1979, by Sen. Chafee and reported favorably out of the Senate Finance Committee as an amendment to H.R. 1319 the following December.

Despite wide support for the measure, election-year events, including a standing threat from Republican senators to attach a tax cut amendment to any tax measure reaching the Senate floor, prevented finance committee chairman Long from bringing the bill to the floor.

The finance committee also included the overseas tax exemption language in the Tax Reduction Act of 1980 (H.R. 5829). But when it became clear after the election that the large tax cut bill was going nowhere, the committee opted to use H.R. 4968, a bill dealing with real estate investment trusts, as the vehicle to restore the exemption.

During the legislative process, the Foreign Mission Board sought to mobilize Baptists in support of the measure, and joined with CARE and other charitable groups in attempting to call the dilemma to the attention of Congress and the general public.

The overseas tax exemption is granted to employees of agencies such as the FMB solely on the basis of their performing "qualified charitable services" in "lesser developed countries," and is unrelated to the constitutional principle of church-state separation.

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in both houses of Congress Dec. 13. Passage in both the Senate and House was swift and unanimous. Yet the ease with which final approval came belied an intensive struggle in the Senate over whether the measure would even come to the floor for action.

Sen. Robert C. Byrd, D-W. Va., Senate majority leader, after days of trying, finally succeeded in calling up the bill containing the tax exclusion provision under an agreement preventing additional amendments or a roll call vote. That crucial parliamentary maneuver saved the bill, H.R. 4968, from becoming a "Christmas Tree" to which other tax-related amendments could be proposed and debated on the floor.

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