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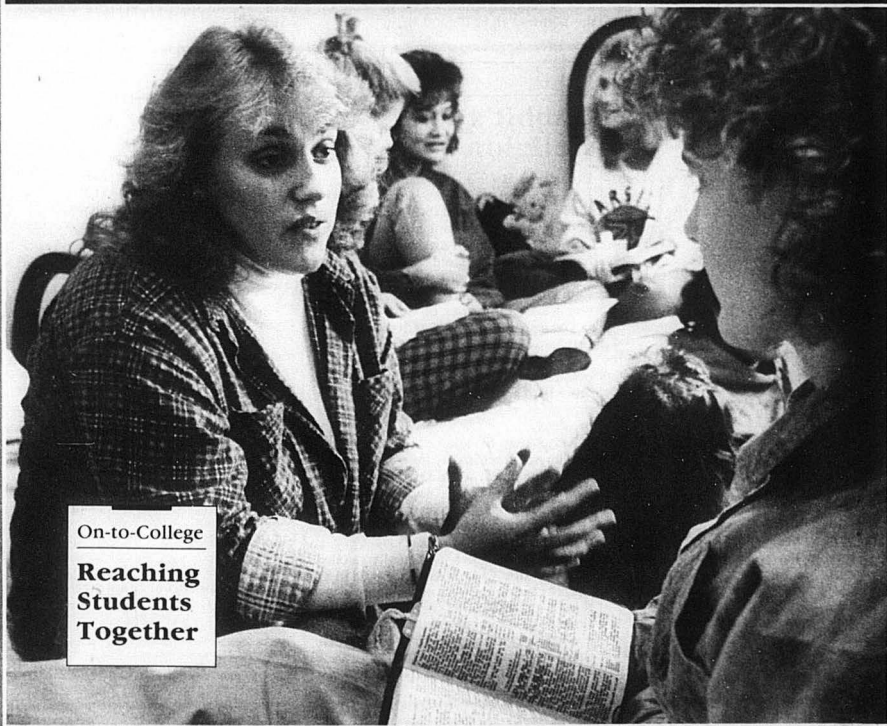
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IT'S UPLIFTING

'Traveling Mercy'

DALLAS (BP)—When Lake Highlands Baptist Church in Dallas prayed that God would grant "traveling mercy" to its youth group bound for camp in Evergreen, Colo., members never dreamed God's provision would come in the form of a van loaded with doctors and nurses returning from a medical seminar in Amarillo, Texas.

At 2:15 p.m., June 19, one of three northwest-bound Lake Highlands Church vans blew a tire and flipped onto the median outside Clarendon, Texas. The accident injured two adults and five youth, at least three of whom were thrown from the vehicle.

"The church van behind them, which had 12 people in it, had to swerve to miss them," said Rowland Gregory, minister of education at Lake Highlands Church. "The beauty of it was that some doctors and nurses returning from a seminar were on the highway right behind them."

By the time the lead church van had turned around and come back to the accident, the doctors and nurses already were administering first aid.

Although all seven passengers in the van were injured, the absence of fatalities was miraculous, Gregory said. "The policeman who arrived at the scene of the accident said he had been patrolling the area for 20 years, and he couldn't believe what he saw. He said he'd never seen a vehicle take a spill like that, do that much damage and then see anybody walk out of it alive."

The seven injured people were treated at the emergency center in Clarendon and then shuttled to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. Five then were released after treatment.

Jason Fowler remained hospitalized in Amarillo with eye injuries and deep lacerations. David Hallmark was scheduled to be airlifted from Amarillo to Presbyterian Hospital in Kaufman, Texas, to receive further treatment for a broken wrist and leg.

GOOD NEWS!

Rabbit's Foot Religion

Samuel 4:1-11

The desire to control the deity and channel divine power for one's own advantage is as old as mankind. Attempts to do such have not been limited to superstitious pagans. During one of the wars with the Philistines, the elders of Israel sought to manipulate the power of God.

The Israelite army met with defeat in the first battle of the war (v. 2). In response the elders sent to Shiloh for the ark of the Lord of hosts (vv. 3-4). The ark had become more than a symbol of God's presence; it now was practically equated with his presence.

Rather than bringing the expected victory in the next battle, the ark was captured. The defeat was disastrous for Israel (vv. 10-11). Yet out of this experience the people of God began to learn a basic truth: God's presence and power cannot be controlled or exploited by man.

Religious man has continually needed confrontation with that truth. In the early church, Simon the sorcerer sought to buy the power of the Holy Spirit (Ac. 8:18-19). Citizens of the medieval world employed magical or near magical practices to battle the powers of an unseen spirit world. A renewed fascination with the occult has

occurred in recent years. Such interest indicates that the primitive impulse toward the manipulation of supernatural powers remains strong, and many who would never align themselves with the occult movement betray a magical inclination by the presence of a rabbit's foot or other amulet or charm.

Magical religion can invade and corrupt Christian faith today. The use of biblical promises as demands on the power of God, using prayer largely as a formula to assure results, the performance of certain religious acts to guarantee material blessing—all of these can smack of the magical.

What is the basic problem with magical religion? Such religion betrays a lack of faith in God, who promises his presence always, but who uses his power according to his wisdom and purpose.

Instead of placing faith in God, magical religion does two things. First, it attempts to focus the power of God in a religious word, act, or object. Obviously, that is idolatry. Second, magical religion attempts to force the power of God through the use of a religious word, act, or object. That is nothing less than a desire to fully manipulate the divine. In essence, it is the desire to be God.

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Proper Support

J. EVERETT SNEED

Now is the time of the year that many of our churches are considering their annual budget. One of the major priorities on the budget should be pastor and staff salaries. Most of our churches are doing a better job in supporting pastors and staffs than they were in the past. But the question arises as to how a Finance Committee should evaluate the performance of its pastor and staff. There are several areas of consideration.

First, a Finance Committee should recognize that we again are experiencing inflation. The cost of living is up more in 1989 than it has been in several years. This escalation is expected to continue in 1990. If the pastor's and staff's salaries are not raised in keeping with the inflation rate, they have experienced a salary decrease.

Second, a pastor's performance should be evaluated. If he has been diligent in his work, shown commitment, gained results and, above all, if he has experienced personal growth, he deserves a salary increase. When these elements are present, this means that the pastor is better than he was a year ago. Such activity and commitment deserve a merit raise along with a cost of living increase.

Third, the total benefits of pastor and staff should be reviewed annually. Is his housing allowance adequate to make his house payment and utilities? A housing allowance should cover all of these elements. All too often, even when a pastor receives a salary increase, his housing allowance remains too low to compensate for his housing needs.

The review of benefits should also include a study of his retirement benefits, health and hospital insurance and life insurance. One of the most tragic events imaginable is when a pastor and congregation fail to make allowance for retirement and insurance. When death or tragedy strikes, everyone is embarrassed. No matter how ardently a church may try to compensate for this oversight, it is almost always too late to undo the damage that has been done.

Finally, a Finance Committee should budget for the pastor's out of pocket expenses which are incurred in the performance of his ministerial duty. This includes such things as car and travel expense, books, tapes used in study, conference and convention expenses. These items are not



salary and should never be treated as if they are. All of these things are job related expenses and should never be deducted from the pastor's salary.

The principle of proper support for a man of God has long been recognized. The Jews stressed the importance of caring for their vocational religious leaders before the time of Christ. Rabbi Jacaman stressed that it was the duty of every Jewish community to support a rabbi, particularly as he naturally neglected his own affairs to concentrate on the things of God.

Christ emphasized that it was the spiritual duty of his followers to care for those whom he had called into his ministry. When he sent out the 12 as workers, Jesus said, "Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses... for the workman is worthy of his meat"

(Mt. 10:9-10).

Paul declared that it was necessary to care for those who are involved in the proclamation of the gospel. The apostle declared, "Even so did the Lord ordain that they which proclaim the gospel should live by the gospel" (1 Co. 9:14).

The question arises, "How much should a church pay its pastor?" He is to be present, to preach and teach, to give comfort at times of sorrow, to assist in times of joy, to counsel, to visit, and most of all to witness to the lost.

The pastor should be paid at least as well as the average person in the community. Information on the effective buying power per family can be obtained through the Chamber of Commerce, Wallace Building, Little Rock. These statistics can be obtained on a county basis and will prove exceedingly helpful. Usually, if an average per family estimate is attempted without benefits of such information, the figure will be too low.

All that has been said about the pastor and staff members salary holds true for the associational director of missions. Perhaps associational DOMS, as a group, are the most underpaid full-time religious workers in our state. This is particularly true when we consider the load they carry and the importance of their task.

Each church should strive to provide proper care for its pastor and staff. Monetary remuneration is one way a congregation can express appreciation for those who serve. In providing care for the individuals whom God has called, in a real sense, is a reflection of God's love. Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Mt. 25:40).

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DON MOORE

You'll Be Glad To Know



Associations meet a great need! They came into existence originally out of the fellowship need they met. There were few Baptists. They were scattered. Their gatherings were so meaningful that they were eventually organized into associations. The natural sharing within this fellowship resulted in the association meeting an educational need. Gradually the association became the channel of ministry by churches to churches. Thus fellowship, education and ministry were first done collectively on an associational basis. The same concepts or principles gave rise to the state convention and later to the national convention (SBC).

The same needs exist today. Fellowship, education and ministry can best be done in your local area through your churches working together. The denominational calendar suggests that you have a week and a day when you highlight your association. You could also honor your director of missions and his wife on that occasion. If you missed the suggested date, you could do it yet. They perform a valuable ministry! I couldn't get by without them.

I have a serious concern. Some of our associations are too small and weak to provide a director of missions, an office, or programs to help the churches. They can't afford materials or equipment to use in helping their churches. Yesterday's leadership and circumstances may have called for the boundaries to be as they are. Today's leadership must face today's circumstances and ask, "What is best for our churches?" If a significant number should be convicted to lead in making a change, I really believe neighboring associations would graciously extend their fellowship and ministries to these areas. Thriving associations produce thriving churches. Dying associations produce dying churches. By combining the resources of our smaller membership associations with others nearby, all of the work can be improved. Think about it! Pray about it!

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

Woman's Viewpoint

'Church and Home Worker'

HOPE OVERTON

Ask yourself this question, "What is a church and home worker?" She is a woman called to and doing mission work in another culture who is also a wife and mother. Nearly 40 percent of the foreign mission career work force is made up of church and home workers.

I personally selected the church and home assignment because of our two children. Christina, age eight, is in the third grade. Adam, age seven, is in the second grade. One of my responsibilities will be to home school them using a correspondence course. Another will be to spend time helping them to live and adjust in a third-world culture. Learning the Portuguese language will be a family project. Homemaker is not my only role,



but, as long as I have children at home, it will be my first responsibility.

As a homemaker, there are two major contributions I can make to my husband's work. First, I can be at home for him, available when and if he should need me. Secondly, I can try to make our home a place of peace and spiritual rest. Home is the backbone of any society. A happy, secure family relationship is a necessity for living in a different culture. To me, being a wife, mother and missionary are one and the same.

As a church worker, I will work through our home to strengthen, teach and train women workers in the existing churches to witness and reach their neighbors for Christ. Another part of my job description will be to start WMUs and mission organizations, and to train leaders.

Missionary, elementary school teacher, hostess, language student, woman's worker, religious educator, homemaker and helpmate: only a few of the job descriptions of a church and home worker. How well I fulfill my job descriptions depends upon how freely I let my life, gifts, abilities, and interests be led by the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

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Today's Issues

Consider the Young

Years ago Daniel Webster urged adults to help the young develop intelligent thoughts and good judgement. He stated: "If we work on marble, it will perish. If we work on brass, time will efface it. If we rear temples, they will crumble to dust. But if we work on man's mortal minds, if we imbue them with high principles, with the just fear of God and love for their fellow man, we engrave on those tablets something which no time can efface, and which will brighten and brighten all eternity."

As Christian adults we absolutely must give greater emphasis first to spiritual education complete with both training and application. With that foundation we must give greater emphasis to secular education, stressing the other "three Rs"—reading, writing and arithmetic.

This task, including financial costs, is by no means easy but if we desire a brighter, happier future for our children and grandchildren, we must cease "quibbling" and "get on with it" in our homes, churches and in public and private schools. We must also do more in reaching all social, racial and economic groups for Christian re-birth

and for healthy spiritual growth. Satan's encouragement to reach out only for the "beautiful people" around us must be ignored. All young minds and hearts have tremendous potential for both good and evil. None should be ignored or discounted as cheap merchandise. The second of the two most important commandments admonishes love for neighbor as for self. In his parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus illustrates that our neighbor includes anyone with needs—physical or spiritual.

For us in Arkansas to rise higher in the important field of education, religious or otherwise, more serious concern must be given God's will and purpose. "Prophetic voices" such as Daniel Webster's, but better yet, of Jesus must be heard. "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these" (Mk. 10:14).

It's reasonable that our Lord would desire that we not hinder older children and youth either.

Robert A. Parker is director of the Christian Life Council.



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YOUTH IN CRISIS: *First of a Six-Part Series*

From Playground to Battleground

by Mark Kelly

Managing Editor, Arkansas Baptist

A battle is raging, not just for the hearts and minds, but for the very lives of America's teenagers. And according to some observers, the response of many churches and parents has been ineffective at best.

Rick Caldwell, a Little Rock-based youth communicator whose ministry has taken him to 20 states, says today's teens are "a hurting generation."

Caldwell points to statistics from the Youth for Christ organization which indicate that, each and every hour, 114 American youth run away from home, 28 give birth outside of marriage, 44 abort unwanted pregnancies, more than 1,700 abuse some sort of chemical substance, and 58 attempt suicide.

He told a group of Arkansas youth workers assembled in Little Rock that, contrary to the image of teen life sometimes portrayed by the media, there are no more "Happy Days with Ralph and Potsy" for America's teens.

Instead, American youth are trying to grow up in an age in which the leading killers of teenagers are not terminal illnesses or fatal accidents but alcohol-related traffic collisions and suicide.

"America's youth are no longer living on a playground," Caldwell said. "Instead, they face life every day on a battleground."

Threats to teenagers come from many quarters, among them dramatic increases in the incidence of suicide among youth, multiplied stresses associated with drug and alcohol abuse, the pervasive influence of pornographic sexual images, and almost unbearable pressures to make the wrong choices regarding pre-marital sex.

Admittedly, few, if any, of those challenges are new. The transition from childhood to adulthood has never been easy. Many generations have found themselves confronted with the need to begin making adult choices at the very time when physical and emotional changes make such decisionmaking extremely difficult.

But what is new in the perpetual crisis of adolescence is the intensity of the pressures with which teens must cope. Several aspects of life today make youth more vulnerable to the pressures they face — and more likely to make the wrong choices.

Psychologist Wade Rowatt, a professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., identifies several factors which create an "unstable environment"

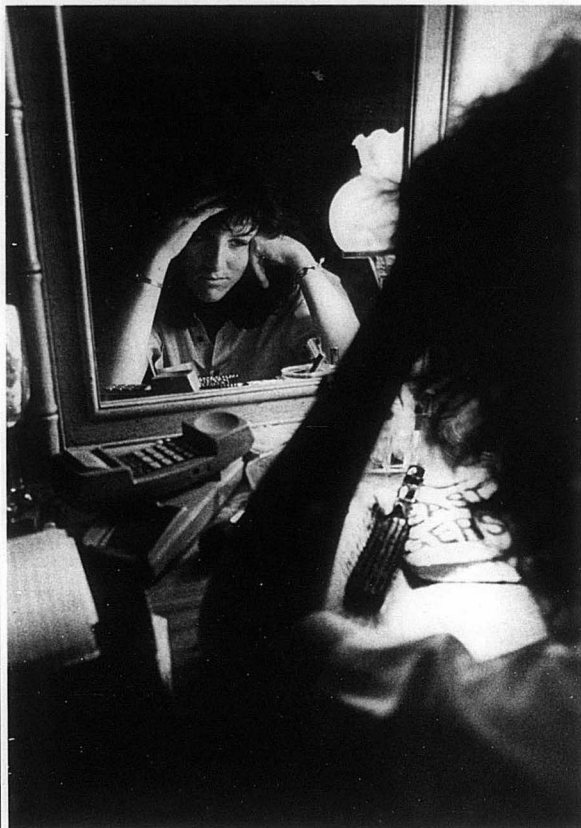


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for that difficult transition to adulthood.

In *Ministry with Youth in Crisis*, a new book published by Convention Press, Rowatt argues that the increased mobility of the American family has cut teenagers off from stabilizing relationships with the extended family and forced them to form new relationships with constantly changing peer groups.

Furthermore, Rowatt says today's urban areas make drugs and alcohol and sexual opportunities far more accessible to teens than ever before. That situation then is compounded by the increasing amount of time youth spend under the influence of modern media, which stifle the capacity for creative thinking and spotlight less-than-desirable celebrity role models.

Finally, Rowatt points out that contemporary society offers virtually no places where teens can plug in and fill valuable roles. As a result, youth are handicapped in their efforts to establish a sense of who they are and why they are here.

Add to that daunting list the changes that have occurred in American families during the last two decades, and you have a formula for disaster. Young people, already confused by tremendous changes in their bodies, are isolated from parents and longtime friends at the very time they come face to face with the world's promises of simple solutions and quick, no-cost thrills.

While most parents and church leaders are quick to acknowledge the crisis among youth today, many are loath to admit it affects the teenagers in their own congregations. Two studies, conducted nearly a decade ago, set off a storm of protest when they showed that 20 percent of Southern Baptist junior high youth admitted experimenting with sexual intercourse.

But Christian youth do face the same pressures as other teenagers, and many of them are not meeting the challenges any better than their unsaved counterparts. Each year, high school students at Arkansas' Super Summer program respond in large numbers to seminars which deal with "hot topics" such as teen suicide. And in at least two instances in recent years, teens who had signed up for that suicide seminar took their own lives before they ever arrived on campus.

It was a sense of brewing disaster — and the apparent inability of churches to address it — that led Don Moore, executive director of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, to feel like the convention should do something.

"We saw the crisis growing, particularly in the area of teen sexuality, and we saw that it seemed to be as much a problem inside the church as out," Moore recalls. "We

also saw that the churches seemed to be ill-equipped to deal with the problem, and consequently they needed assistance in helping their youth cope with these challenges.

"Most Arkansas Baptist churches — I mean as many as 90 percent — do not have a full- or part-time youth minister to work with their teenagers," Moore observes. "That means that volunteers, most of them untrained, are the ones who will have to reach the bulk of the youth with the help they need.

"When we saw that at the very time when youth are being bombarded by all these tremendous pressures, the churches were either being silent or not doing an effective job of helping their teenagers, we knew that we needed a strategy to equip volunteers for the challenge of ministering to youth today."

Moore and Bob Parker, director of the ABCS Christian Life Council, called in a group of youth ministers from around the state and asked their help in identifying the serious pressures with which teens are struggling. Together, they set an agenda and made plans to develop material to address the need.

The result was the "Youth Issues Institute," a day-long workshop covering a notebook filled with resources and teaching strategies for five areas of concern: teen suicide, drug abuse, alcohol abuse, pornography, and pre-marital sexual choices. The material was written by leading youth ministers in the state and designed for use in either an intensive retreat or a series of classroom meetings.

The Youth Issues Institute convened in April at Geyer Springs First Baptist Church in Little Rock. More than 450 youth workers came for the training, and dozens who could not attend have since contacted the state office to ask how they could receive the training.

Although no plans have been made to of-

fer the institute again, a seminar has been scheduled for the spring of 1990 which will address similar concerns. "Ministering with Youth in Crisis" will feature Richard Ross, a consultant on youth ministry for the Baptist Sunday School Board and one of the compilers of the new book by the same name.

And in addition to that seminar and book, other indicators reflect an awareness of the need to help youth make good decisions. Perhaps foremost among these has been the Sunday School Board's "24-Hour Counselor," a series of 30-minute cassette tapes which offer professional advice to students who need help but are reluctant to seek counseling. The anonymity of the audio tape allows a student to get good advice and yet maintain the privacy he desires and needs.

In this series of articles, the *Arkansas Baptist* will look in turn at each of the five areas covered by the Youth Issues Institute. The articles will try to help adults understand the pressures affecting youth by describing the dimensions of each problem. Each also will offer insights about how parents and adult leaders can reinforce the efforts of their church's youth workers and will refer concerned adults to material and organizations which can assist them with particular problems.

Next Week: Teen Suicide

A SMILE OR TWO

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People

Christi Coop, a member of First Church in Jonesboro, is serving as a Sojourner, working with home missionary Beverly Perez at the Baptist Mission Center in Oklahoma City.

Kara Dickerson, a member of First Church in Jonesboro, is serving as a Sojourner, working with home missionary Carolyn McClendon at the Baptist Friendship House in New Orleans.

Barry Morgan began serving June 11 as pastor of Second Church in Cabot. He is a graduate of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary. Morgan and his wife, Kim, have two children, Justin and Rachel.

Jeff Hanson is serving First Church in Stamps as youth and children's director.

Mitchell Odom is serving as pastor of Ridgeview Church in Fayetteville, coming there from Parks Church.

Jeanne Wright and **Ann Rice**, members of Little Rock First Church, and **Glenda Garver**, member of First Church in Marion, recently attended a Literacy Missions Leadership workshop, sponsored by the Home Mission Board, at Samford University in Birmingham, Ala.

Lawrence Harrison began serving July 1 as pastor of First Church in Norphlet, coming there from First Church in Hutgig.

Charles Treadway has resigned as minister of education and administration at Heber Springs First Church to join the staff of Congress Avenue Church in Austin, Texas.

Gary Corker is serving as pastor of First Church in Fisher. He is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University and Criswell College. He has served churches in Arkansas and Texas.

Gary Wheeler has resigned as minister of music and youth at Northvale Church in Harrison to move to Malvern.

Henderson Brown has resigned as pastor of Lakeland Church at Omaha.

Tim Porter has resigned as pastor of Marshall First Church.

Bill Riddle has resigned as pastor of Green Forest First Church to move to Missouri.

Clyde Riddle is serving as pastor of Dove Circle Chapel. He is a graduate of Southwest Baptist College in Bolivar, Mo., and Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

J.M. McCraw is serving as pastor of Cassville Church.

Lex H. Eaker of North Little Rock has joined the staff of White Hall First Church as associate pastor.

Rex Newman is serving as interim pastor of Shepherd Hill Church at Pine Bluff.

Jed Harris of Forrest City has joined the staff of Magnolia Church in Crossett as summer minister to children and youth. He is a second-year student at Ouachita Baptist University.

Craig Miller has accepted a call to join the staff of Springdale First Church as university minister. He will move there from Chandler, Ariz., where he has been serving with First Church as minister of youth and evangelism.

Kasper Hines is serving South Side Church in Pine Bluff as minister of education and youth, coming there from First Church of Joelton, Tenn. He is a graduate of Memphis State University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Hines and his wife, Pene, have two children, Karly and Donald.

A.J. Schaeffer of Sylvester Church in Fouke is in Houston, Texas, waiting for a heart transplant. The Schaeffer's are staying with Charles Baskin and may written to at P.O. Box 1902, Rosenberg, TX 77471.

Briefly

Twin Lakes Mission at Diamondhead celebrated homecoming July 16, according to Pastor Bill Nail. Paul McClung, associate in the ABSC Evangelism Department, was morning worship speaker. A noon meal was served.

Texarkana Calvary Church mission team has returned from doing construction work in Snowflake, Ariz.

Macedonia First Church at Fouke recently celebrated its 105th anniversary with

homecoming services and "dinner on the ground." George Thompson of Weaver, Texas, was speaker.

Shiloh Memorial Church in Texarkana recently observed homecoming, for which Pastor Fulton Amonette was speaker.

Wedington Woods First Church recently held a dedication service for their remodeled, refurbished sanctuary. The building, donated by Mr. and Mrs. Steven Carter, was moved from Bentonville to its present location. Pastor Loyd Hamilton preached the dedication message. Hal Henson led a prayer of dedication.

Life Line Church in Little Rock held a Praise Fest June 28 led by a team of youth and single adults from Calvary Church in Houston, Texas.

Piney Church at Hot Springs held a Lay Evangelism School June 26-29 that was led by James Swedenburg, director of missions for Central Association. Pastor Joel Moody invited a neighboring black church, pastored by Theodus Brown, to participate.

West Memphis Calvary Church observed homecoming July 16. Clyde Cook was speaker and special music was presented by Carter Threlkeld and family.

White Hall First Church observed its 65th anniversary July 15-16 with activities that included a Saturday evening gospel music program, traditional Sunday morning services, a noon potluck meal, and an afternoon program.

Jacksonville Korean Church dedicated its new worship center July 9.

Prescott First Church has voted to construct an education-recreation-fellowship building. Floyd Crain has been named as project treasurer.

Yellville First Church dedicated a new sanctuary July 16 with a 2 p.m. service at which Pastor Tim Cypert, Associate Pastor John Harrington, and former pastors were speakers.

Harlan Park Church in Conway is in revival July 19-23. Wilbur Ansley is evangelist and Rob Morris is providing music, along with the Trinity Church youth choir from Pasadena, Texas.

Three Creeks Church of Junction City mission team, led by Pastor Lowell Snow, has returned from Shelbyville, Ill., where they assisted Fellowship Chapel with construction projects and conducted two backyard Bible clubs.

Markham Street Church in Little Rock 20-member youth mission team will be in Fontana Village, N.C., July 24-29, where they will assist Chaplain Jim Dean at Pepper Tree Resort.

Jonesboro First Church youth will be in New Orleans July 22-30 to assist home missionary Carolyn McClendon with work at the Baptist Friendship House. Jim Burke is minister of youth.

Meridian Church at Crossett honored Nora Andrews July 9 for 10 years service as church treasurer by presenting her with with a dozen red roses. Dan M. Webb is pastor.

Osceola First Church youth are attending a retreat at Kamp Kumbaya in Eupora, Miss., July 19-22 with the youth group from Meadowbrook Church in Amory, Miss. The church's handbell choir is ministering in England by sharing in several churches, in a summer festival, and in street settings.

New Providence Church at Hackett observed its 100th anniversary June 4. Paul McClung, associate in the ABCS Evangelism Department and a former pastor, was speaker for the morning worship that was followed by a noon meal. The afternoon program included music provided by a quartet from Grand Avenue in Fort Smith, a history of the church presented by Barbara Michael, and testimonies by former pastors, members, and Pastor James Wright. The closing message was delivered by Glen Wagner, pastor of James Fork Church and a former pastor.

Buckner Association youth and youth leadership will meet July 20-22 in Hartford First Church. Gary Fulton, pastor of Westview Church in Paragould, will be speaker and special music will be provided by Rodney and Malinda Holt of Arkadelphia and Denise Oliver of Arkadelphia.

Moore Addresses Seminary Grads

FORT WORTH, Texas—Don Moore, executive director of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, delivered the summer commencement address at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary July 14.

The service was held in the sanctuary of Travis Avenue Church in Fort Worth, Texas; Southwestern President Russell Dillard conferred degrees on 162 students.

A graduate of Ouachita Baptist University and Southwestern Seminary, Moore has been Arkansas' executive director since 1982.

Retirees To Meet

The fourth annual meeting of the Arkansas Fellowship of Retired Southern Baptists Pastors and Employees of Agencies and Institutions will meet July 27 at Park Hill Church in North Little Rock.

The meeting will begin at 9 a. m. with registration in the foyer of the new educational building and a fellowship hour will be held in Room 102 where a display and bibliographies of books of special interest to senior adults will be on hand.

A program will begin at 10 a.m. in Room A 104-106 with D.C. McAttee, president, presiding. A program will be presented by Pete Petty, associate in the ABCS Missions Department, assisted by his wife, Bonita, their son, Harley, and their daughter, Rebecca Stipe, and their son-in-law, Richard Stipe, director of Evans Center and Student Activities at Ouachita Baptist University.

A 12:15 p.m. luncheon will be served in the Gold Room. Reservations may be made by telephoning Joy Fawcett at 376-4791.

Freedom Rally at Lancaster Road

Lancaster Road Church, Little Rock, hosted a Freedom Rally on Sunday evening, July 2. The theme of the celebration was "The High Price of Freedom."

Several Chinese students who are currently studying at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock participated. Yao Ping, chairman of the Chinese Student Association said, "Jesus is the greatest need of China today."

Another student who participated was Chao Ping Wu who recently accepted Christ as Savior. In her testimony she indicated that she would have been involved in the freedom demonstration against the Chinese government had she been in China.

The Chinese students who spoke discussed the purpose of the student march, the safety of their families in China and their evaluation of the future of China.

The message for the Freedom Celebration was delivered by Pastor John S. Ashcraft. Dr. Ashcraft told those in attendance that Jesus is freedom. He emphasized that Southern Baptists have sent their best missionaries to China and that Southern Baptists are praying for the people of China today.

A number of letters from government officials were read by deacons of the Lancaster Road Church. Lieutenant Governor

Winston Bryant brought greetings to the Chinese students and expressed appreciation for the Freedom Celebration.

Glenn Hickey, director of missions for Pulaski Association brought a welcome to the students. Dan McCauley, Baptist Student Union Director, brought a welcome from UALR.

In reflecting on the meeting Ashcraft said, "I am more appreciative of the freedom we have in the United States after having heard the Chinese students discuss the oppression and problems that are present in China."

Billy Graham Crusade Countdown

July

- 20 Concert of Prayer
- 23 Operation Andrew Sunday

August

- * Youth Rally
- 3-4 Prayer Seminars with Millie Dienert
- 7-18 Nurture Group Training
- 21-27 Prayer Hosts Extend Invitations
- 22 Concert of Prayer
- 26 Leadership Breakfast with Dr. Emmanuel Scott
- 27 Support Sunday
- 28-9/22 Prayertime Broadcasts

September

- * High School Assemblies
- 5-9 Roots—One-on-One Discipleship Training
- 9 Christian Life & Witness Make-Up Class
- 9-10 Visitation
- 11-16 Rehearsals
- 17-24 CRUSADE
- 18-21 Regional Satellite Crusades
- 18-22 School of Evangelism
- 25-10/27 Follow-up Broadcasts

For more information on any of these events, contact your church's crusade coordinator or call the Crusade Office at 375-1989.

'New Haven' of Love

by Scott Collins
Southwestern Seminary

MINERAL WELLS, Texas (BP)—As he lifted 2-year-old Kalli from her orthopedic chair, Jim Rhodes cupped the little girl's head in his hand and kissed her cheek.

The victim of child abuse, Kalli suffered a broken leg, two black eyes, a dislocated hip and a spinal injury. "They told us she would never sit up," Rhodes said.

As he talked, Rhodes laid Kalli on her back and told the girl to touch his hand with her leg. A smile creased Rhodes' face as Kalli responded with both legs.

"This is what the Lord has done," Rhodes said. "Look at her now. She is a miracle child."

But Kalli is not the only miracle child in the Rhodes' home. Phillip lives there, too. Like Kalli, Phillip was the victim of abuse. When he was 5 months old, his parents locked him a closet and argued about who would turn it was to feed the baby. When Phillip was almost dead, they took him to a hospital. Starvation killed 55 percent of his brain, and he was nearly blind. He weighed only 4 lbs. 8 oz., one pound less than when he was born. Today Phillip brings home good conduct certificates from school.

Altogether, Jim and Margie Rhodes have adopted nine miracle children and have three of their own biological children. Two 4-month-old babies also live with them.

And while the Rhodeses have seen miraculous changes in the children, perhaps the greatest transformation is their own lives.

Seeing them today in the old boarding house they bought by paying back taxes, it is hard to imagine that nine years ago they were making \$150,000 a year, owned two houses, an airplane and a cabin cruiser.

The change came in a Baptist church in Oklahoma when Rhodes joined the church because he thought it would be good for business. But he realized he was playing games with God and later made a genuine profession of faith in Christ.

A year later, he applied to attend in Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. But they faced the obstacle of selling their

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Jim and Margie Rhodes and their "miracle children."

veterinarian laboratory and other possessions. "Margie made two phone calls in one day and sold everything," he said. "It was a miracle."

While at Southwestern, doctors found cancer in Mrs. Rhodes. Surgery prevented them from having more children. It was a blow, for she had dreamed of having 10 children.

Down but not defeated, the Rhodeses adopted a baby with cerebral palsy. The girl, Robin, had been beaten, and doctors said she was retarded and would never walk.

"They tell us that nothing can be done medically for these children," Mrs. Rhodes said. "We tell them that we know a greater physician."

Five years later, Robin is a bright-eyed girl making A's and B's in school.

The two-story house in Mineral Wells, Texas is another miracle, Jim said.

It is also a testimony to the family's hard work. When they bought it last year, the house was being used by drunks and was full of sickening odors. It was falling apart. Today it has 10 bedrooms, a new kitchen and a large family room.

Slowly, Rhodes is working his way through the house, fixing rooms as money allows and using his skills as a carpenter to build what he needs. He gets supplies where he can because the family depends on help from churches and individuals. "I look at it this way," he said. "If God wants it to be here, then God's going to take care of it."

They named their home New Haven because "to a child, his home is a haven, a retreat," Rhodes said. "If something goes wrong and the child has to leave, he has to find a new haven, and that's what we are—a place of refuge for the ones that

nobody else wants."

A soft-spoken man, Rhodes is pastor of the Baptist church in Whitt, just outside Mineral Wells. The church has grown steadily since he became pastor.

He also credits people in the church for helping the couple continue with the children: "You can't have these children without having that love of your congregation. My people love the children. They love to love and to help. They have grown so greatly in loving others and in ministry."

Although the Rhodeses have a house full, they still cry "because there are so many that we feel like we could help if we could only feed them."

While they provide what they can for their children, they believe the greatest provision they make is love.

All they want, he said, is for each child to be all God intended for him or her to be. If the child walks and talks and leads a "normal" life, they believe that is God's will. If not, then that is God's will, too.

"Love disarms people," he said, pointing to 5-year-old Sarah, a girl with Down's syndrome who is a "hugger."

"We look at her and say, 'This is what the Lord says is abnormal,'" he said. "But by my Bible, this is what God says is normal—that you love everyone unconditionally, without regard to age or sex, ugliness or anything else."

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Reaching Students Together

When it comes to reaching students for Christ, cooperation between the local church and the Baptist Student Union is more than just a good idea. It's also a practical necessity.

Since the vast majority of Arkansas' Southern Baptist congregations run less than 100 in Sunday School, few have the resources to mount their own campaign to reach students on campus. And apart from the cooperative resources of those congregations, Baptist Student Unions would have even less to work with.

Close cooperation between local church and campus ministry has been a hallmark of Southern Baptist student work since its inception more than 60 years ago, says David James, director of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention's Student Ministry Department.

In fact, the Baptist Student Union movement grew out of the efforts of local congregations to reach students with the gospel, James observes. As college-town churches began to attract students to their own services, they began to look for ways to minister to students on their own turf, the college campus. Eventually, that meant purchasing property, building student centers, and facilitating programs. As the vision spread, other congregations joined in, and Baptist Student Union was born.

By the same token, Baptist Student Union has always placed great emphasis on churchmanship, an insistence that local church involvement is essential to the spiritual growth of the collegian, James says. The result is that BSU has strengthened local churches, rather than competed with them, and the spirit of cooperation has been reinforced.

"Baptist Student Union has always been mindful of the fact that what it does is

through the authority and encouragement of the local church," James notes. "BSU is an arm of the churches as they seek to touch the campuses. It is the church, not the BSU, which is actually doing the reaching as BSU programs are carried out on campus."

In practically every instance, Baptist Student Union has served as a campus extension of the ministries of one or more local churches, James says. In most circumstances, the BSU director himself has actually been seen as something of a staff member for local churches. Only in recent years have larger "college churches" begun to add staff members whose sole responsibility is the college campus.

The result is that Southern Baptists have developed two tracks in their campus outreach, tracks which run parallel but very close together. The first is the local congregation's own college ministry efforts — the Sunday School for most churches. The second is Baptist Student Union, the cooperative work of all the local congregations.

It has been a mutually beneficial relationship, James says. Working through Baptist Student Union, local congregations have found their own ministries to students enhanced. And by making an effort to be linked to all local congregations, Baptist Student Union has blossomed on campuses all over the country.

"The church can never be the BSU," James observes, "and the BSU can never be the church. They need each other.

"Although, without BSU, outreach on the campus would continue through the local church, it could never have reached the heights it has through the two working together. And BSU is hardly a one way street. BSU outreach efforts will never

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reach their potential unless all of an association's churches are involved."

This partnership in ministry means that every Arkansas Baptist church, regardless of size, has an investment in the work of Baptist Student Union, James adds.

"It doesn't matter whether you are University Church in Fayetteville or First Baptist Church of Biggers, you are a partner in Arkansas Baptist campus ministry," he says. "We have 1,283 churches doing student work in the state, and our efforts to reach Arkansas' 80,000 college students depends on every one of them pitching in."

"No church has to wait for an opportunity to touch the campus. They're already doing it as partners with Baptist Student Union."

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REACHING STUDENTS TOGETHER

Coordination and Cooperation

The story of Baptist Student Union is a story of local churches working closely with each other and with the campus ministry they sponsor in order to proclaim the gospel on one of America's most strategic mission fields: the college campus.

That relationship has been cemented by the realization that both local church and campus ministry benefit by pooling their resources and coordinating their efforts.

Baptist Student Unions recognize in the local churches their lifeline for ministry. Only as congregations are involved directly or cooperatively does any Southern Baptist campus ministry have the resources to reach students for Christ and mature them in the faith.

And each congregation realizes that, just as many current leaders were trained by collegiate BSU involvements, so the supply of future church leaders depends in large part on the success of BSU in evangelizing and discipling student on campus. Furthermore, congregations find in their local BSU director someone who

is in touch with students, a person who can help them develop their own church-based student ministries.

In Jonesboro, that person is Arliss Dickerson, BSU director at Arkansas State University. A popular youth and collegiate speaker, Dickerson's 19 years of student ministry have honed a keen insight into the needs of students and how to communicate with them.

Dickerson says that college-age students bring with them certain needs characteristic of their group. Among these are:

— A need to feel they are part of a congregation. Students need to know they are missed, wanted and known by name.

— A need for an expanded vision of what the church is and does. The "college church" has a tremendous opportunity to influence a student's thoughts and feelings about church.

— A need to learn how to "shop" for a new church. Students need to identify what is important in a church home.

— A need to learn how to adjust to a

larger church and be integrated into it, becoming active and not just a spectator.

— A need to begin deciding what they themselves believe, rather than what has been handed to them by parents and teachers. Students need to "own" their faith.

— A need to ask the questions which are bothering them as they are trying to decide about their personal faith stance.

Pastors and teachers who find themselves faced with the challenge of communicating with students can try several things to reach students more effectively, Dickerson says.

First, church leaders need to divest themselves of the notions that college students are intellectual giants or that they are primarily issue-oriented. Like everyone else, students operate on a basic need level, Dickerson says. They are most concerned about things that affect them directly.

Beyond that, teachers should try to structure their lessons in such a way as to encourage questions. Teachers should try to



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- ★ College Night Out
(Wednesday after Prime Time)
- ★ Spring Mission Trip - March 10-15
- ★ University Basketball

phrase questions which allow a variety of answers that are not necessarily right or wrong. This helps students get involved in the lesson.

Third, both preachers and teachers should remember that students listen in shorter spans of time, Dickerson says. As a result, sermons and lessons should be broken into shorter segments.

At the same time, leaders should remember that students usually hear more than most people think they do, he adds. A leader must use his judgment about whether to stop or keep going when students appear inattentive.

Finally, students are used to "shopping" by titles, Dickerson says. They often make major enrollment decisions based on little

more than a title and brief description of a course in a catalog. A well-chosen sermon or lesson title in a piece of publicity can pique student interest and help them decide to attend a class or worship service.

Another value of coordination and cooperation in student ministries is that churches benefit from each other's experiences. Every area has a congregation or two that has met with some success in reaching students, and such successes — or even failures — bring with them lessons about ministering to students through the local church.

One of Arkansas' more successful church based student ministries has been built at University Baptist Church in Fayetteville. Pastor H.D. McCarty has some definite

ideas about reaching college students.

A key element, from McCarty's perspective, is that the church which hopes to reach and involve students has to convey a sense of excitement about what God is doing in and through it. A "dynamic pulpit" is of utmost importance, he says.

McCarty also warns church leaders not to stretch college students too much.

"Our church is just one of several outreaches to the campus here in Fayetteville," McCarty explains. "We want to promote a concerted effort among those groups. We're not here to compete."

Each campus holds many opportunities for students to get involved in Christian organizations, and it is easy for a young collegian to get overcommitted, McCarty adds. "We encourage the students we reach to concentrate on being faithful to their church and to the weekday ministries of the Baptist Student Union. We want them to select the ministries they believe God has called them into and make a commitment to those ministries."

University's basic channels for reaching and ministering to students are the Sunday School and worship services, McCarty says. But the church has developed a wide range of other activities for ministering to students and giving them an opportunity to minister to others. University Church sponsors evangelism teams and a singing group, the New Creations, and employs college-age interns to work with the congregation's youth group. In addition, the church as built up the Arkansas Institute of Theology, a two-year Bible college-type

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Resources for On-To-College

Several resources are available to churches as they seek to minister to students preparing to enter college.

(1) *The Summer Booklet of Ideas for Student Ministry*, available through the Baptist Book Store, contains ideas for developing a summer program for students. Among other things, it includes Bible study helps, mission programs, and recreational activities.

(2) The needs of high school seniors preparing for college, and the needs of parents preparing children for college, are addressed by *Crossover*, an Equipping Center module which will be available from the Baptist Sunday School Board beginning in January 1990.

program which grew out of a discipleship ministry begun a decade ago. AIT now boasts an 11,000-volume theological library and has 40 graduates in vocational Christian ministry.

Second Baptist Church in Little Rock also concentrates on Sunday School as the primary channel for its ministry to students, says Minister of Education Steve Pate.

"We try to make Sunday School the foundation of what we do," Pate says. "Practically everything we do is a spin-off of our Sunday School."

In addition to the Sunday morning classes, which use the Life and Work curriculum and emphasize application of Bible truths, Second Church conducts weekday Bible studies which use the Bible Book curriculum series and focus on Bible knowledge. In all Sunday School classes, including the college group, teachers recruit an associate to work alongside them in preparation for later service as a teacher.

Pate notes that Second Church used to combine the college students with its singles group, but this year decided to

separate them. Young professionals were recruited to teach the college class, and the group has grown well. Both Pate and Second Church Pastor Billy White maintain contacts with Baptist Student Unions at the various Little Rock campuses in order to meet new, unchurched students and look for ways Second Church can reinforce the BSU campus ministries.

No Baptist church in Arkansas has a better Magnolia's Central Baptist Church when it comes to cooperation and coordination with the local BSU.

According to Gary Glasgow, Central's minister of education, the church and BSU share the names of students who have visited in the week's services and activities. Church and BSU coordinate their calendar planning, so that major events are not scheduled in competition with each other. BSU activities are printed in the church's monthly and weekly calendars, and the BSU returns the favor by listing church activities in its calendars. The Central Church

college department has a monthly newsletter which includes a corner for the BSU.

Last year, the church and BSU sponsored a volleyball tournament called the "Central Challenge," which drew 50 students. At the beginning of each year, a booth manned by BSUers passes out information about the church and BSU to new students. Those students hand out coupons which are good for snowcones available at a concession stand, compliments of Central Baptist Church.

Of course, the limited number of Southern Baptist churches in the Magnolia vicinity makes it easier for church and BSU to work together so closely. But the principles of coordination and cooperation can be applied in associational settings with far more congregations and campuses.

And everywhere those principles are applied — in the best tradition of Southern Baptist mission work — local churches and Baptist student ministries are strengthened and students are reached for Christ.

Who Do You Know?

Do you know a student preparing to enter college this fall? Our BSU directors would like to welcome them to campus and offer their assistance in getting acquainted with their new school.

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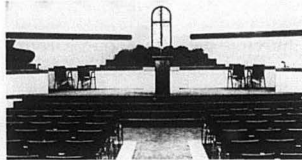
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Encouraging Students

August 6th is the day Arkansas churches are challenged to focus their attention on college and university students. As the time for school approaches, they need the encouragement of their church family. These students are future leaders of our communities, our nation and our churches, but most of them have little vision of how the Lord wants to use them. Their church can be the support that they need to take steps toward God's goals for their life.

A national theme suggested for this event on the church's calendar is "One Step at a Time," using Philippians 4:8-9 as a text. Students appreciate being invited to participate in the service by reading Scripture, leading in prayer, leading music and providing special music or even preaching the sermon. Many churches will use drama and testimonies to provide creative variations in the worship format. A prayer of dedication will remind students to consider their spiritual development as they seek their education and will encourage the church to pray regularly for the needs of these

young adults.

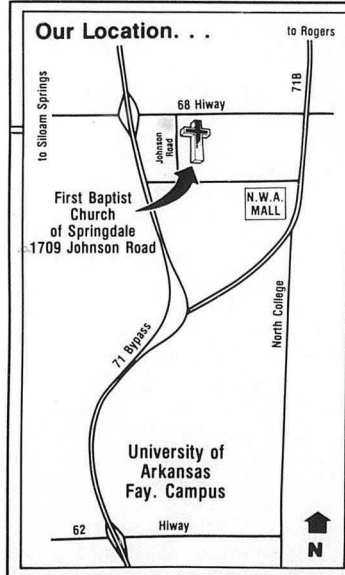
Many churches will give a gift to their students during On-To-College Day services. This is a good time to call attention to the *Studentmagazine*, a monthly periodical of the Baptist Sunday School Board, which contains Life and Work Sunday School lessons as well as articles of vital interest to students. A subscription could be sent to their school address as an ongoing gift and reminder of their church's love.

The Spiritual Journey Notebook is a gift that will encourage students in a structured program of development as disciples of the Lord. With little guidance, this notebook can assist students in personal Bible study, prayer, scripture memory and setting life goals. The material helps individuals recognize that the Christian life is an ongoing journey of development and growth in faith.

Some churches will provide a scholarship for their students to attend the Student Conference at Ridgecrest or Glorieta, Aug.

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A STUDENT SPEAKS

What A Church Means

When you hear the word "church" what thoughts enter your mind? Do you think of the church as the growing body of Christ or as a habitual meeting place you must attend each week? As I write this, I want to touch on three areas in which church has enhanced my Christian walk: training, needs, and opportunity.

Webster's defines "training" as certain actions or exercises that bring about a desired condition. Have you ever considered your church to be a training center? A key word in Webster's definition is "desired." This word implies that we have control over the level of training we receive. Imagine that! As we sit in Sunday School or through a worship service a teacher or pastor can talk themselves blue in the face, but unless we "desire" to be trained, their teaching is for naught.

As an active church goer, I recently realized the potential that my church has to train me to be a better witness, disciple, and warrior for Christ. Some of you might be thinking, "I already know this," but are

you taking advantage of it?

The second topic I would like to discuss is personal needs. As humans we all have basic needs: food, water, shelter, but what needs does the church meet? For me, the church meets many personal needs, (some of which are fellowship, prayertime, and Bible study). It provides comfort when I'm hurting, joy when I'm down, and direction when I'm confused. Yes, your church provides all of this if you are open to God and to your fellow members. You also are a part of the "need meeting" process whether you realize it or not. God's spirit is present and working in our churches and that alone tells me that his people will be taken care of.

The third, last, and most important area of my church involvement is commitment. Commitment can be a scary thing to some of us. Are we really committed to God and to our church? Do we go to church to serve or be served? I am not a pastor or a professional. I don't even have a college degree yet. I can only write of commitment from

a personal view. I do know that in order for our churches to be effective they need committed, God-searching people. The Bible is full of examples where God commands us to be committed people. Jesus speaks of daily, unselfish commitment in Luke 14:27.

Psalms 90:12 tells us we should be spending each day as if it were the last; but it also says "teach us, Lord." How can God and others do this if we are not committed to him and his church? Commitment is a daily struggle. It does not come easy and it shouldn't. We all know that Christ's commitment to us and our salvation definitely didn't come easy. Should ours?

Our churches need our commitment in so many areas. To me, commitment means involvement. If we are truly dedicated to our church we are active, involved members. We all have a vital role in the effective functioning of our church; it stems from our commitment. So what are we waiting for? Our churches can be exciting, love-filled places if we as God's children will get involved and work to make our churches be all God wants them to be.—Wendell Bruce, state BSU president



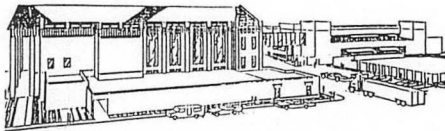
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FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

Candidates Rejected

by Art Toalston & Eric Miller
SBC Foreign Mission Board

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—An Oklahoma husband and wife, both ordained to the ministry, have been turned down for appointment as missionaries by a committee of Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board trustees.

The trustee committee voted 9-4 June 27 not to recommend appointment of Greg and Katrina Pennington of Ardmore, Okla. Board policies stipulate a rejected candidate must wait two years before again seeking appointment.

The Penningtons received publicity after both were ordained by Northwest Baptist Church in Ardmore in November 1986 despite the opposition of Enon Baptist Association.

Harlan Spurgeon, FMB vice president for mission management and personnel, said the committee rejected the Penningtons because of "the way (the couple) dealt with the issue of ordination in the climate of the local association."

The trustee committee's action does not mean ordained women no longer will be appointed as foreign missionaries, said trustee Gary Smith, one of the committee members and pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Enid, Okla.

The same committee has approved two ordained women for appointment as missionaries in the past two years, Smith said. "The committee was pretty unanimous that (women's ordination) is a local-church

issue and not a Foreign Mission Board issue."

Committee Chairman Paul Sanders, pastor of Geyer Springs First Baptist Church in Little Rock, Ark., voiced concern that Baptists stay centered on sharing the gospel worldwide rather than "focused upon one individual or one couple or one cause. What we're about is much larger than that."

But Sanders said the committee was praying its vote would not be devastating to the Penningtons. "Evidently they are a very outstanding young couple that has been very committed to the Lord and his work," Sanders said.

The Penningtons, who put their house up for sale in May, said they began preparing for foreign mission service 10 years ago at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, Calif. Both cried with their parents and friends after hearing the committee had rejected them, Pennington said in an interview June 27.

Smith said the committee was in a "no-win situation" involving a Baptist association opposed to the couple's appointment as foreign missionaries. The situation left the committee "in agony when we got finished," he said.

Two letters opposing the couple's appointment were sent by Enon Baptist Association representatives to administrators at the mission board. The first letter was written in February 1987, the second June 7 of this year.

Pennington has been minister of education at Northwest Baptist since April 1984; Mrs. Pennington became part-time minister of preschool education there two months later. They were not seeking pastoral roles as foreign missionaries. Pennington would have done youth ministry in Scotland; his wife would have been assigned to church and home ministries there.

Appointment of the Penningtons was recommended to the trustee committee by Foreign Mission Board staff members who work with missionary candidates. Trustee committee members discussed the couple's situation for more than three hours, Smith said, without being "antagonistic or divisive in any way" with each other.

Smith said committee members weighed their options: if they approved the Penningtons, members of Enon Association "would feel we betrayed them." If the Penningtons were not approved, some Southern Baptists "would say it was a crusade against women who are ordained."

"I would say most every person changed their vote four or five times during the discussion because of the sensitivity of the issue," Smith said.

He added, "Every person on the committee has been there long enough to know that when we make these decisions, we're dealing with peoples' lives, not political issues. We know that what we did had deep ramifications to the family as well as those within our denomination who feel that women in the ministry are not getting a fair look."

Foreign Mission Board President R. Keith Parks said the trustee committee's vote against the Penningtons was "one of those rather rare instances where the judgment of the committee differed from the recommendation of the staff."

Trustees override a staff recommendation perhaps once or twice a year, Parks said: "The process is exactly the process we've had for many, many years. Any recommendation is subject to whatever scrutiny the board wants to bring to it. The staff recommends; the board makes the determination."

On women's ordination in general, Parks said: "Our policy all along has been that ordination neither qualifies nor disqualifies for missionary appointment. We know Southern Baptists are divided on (women's ordination), and we just feel that the qualifications for missions service should not be influenced by the ordination issue."

The policy, stated in writing by Parks in 1984, noted that eight ordained women were working as foreign missionaries at that time. A few more have been appointed since, mission officials said. A total of 1,911 women currently serve as Southern Baptist foreign missionaries.

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No Reversal of Roe

by Kathy Palen

Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (BP)—Although granting states greater control over abortion, a divided Supreme Court has refused to overturn Roe v. Wade, the 1973 landmark abortion decision.

On the final day of its 1988-89 term, the nine-member high court issued five separate opinions in Webster v. Reproductive Health Services, a dispute challenging the constitutionality of a Missouri anti-abortion law.

Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist delivered the court's opinion upholding the Missouri statute's ban against the use of public employees and facilities for abortions and its requirement that doctors determine the viability of any fetus 20 weeks or older.

But Rehnquist, who was joined by Justices Byron R. White and Anthony Kennedy, said Webster "affords us no occasion to revisit the holding of Roe." While the Missouri statute established viability as the point at which the state's interest in potential human life must be safeguarded, the Texas law at issue in Roe criminalized the performance of all abortions, except when the mother's life was at stake, he said.

Although concurring with the court's

judgment, Justice Antonin Scalia criticized his fellow members of the court for failing to reconsider and overturn Roe.

"The outcome of today's case will doubtless be heralded as a triumph of judicial statesmanship," Scalia wrote. "It is not that, unless it is statesmanlike needlessly to prolong this court's self-awarded sovereignty over a field where it has little proper business since the answers to most of the cruel questions posed are political and not judicial—a sovereignty which therefore quite properly, but to the great damage of the court, makes it the object of the sort of organized public pressure that political institutions in a democracy ought to receive."

Scalia rejected Justice Sandra Day O'Connor's separate argument that in this instance the court should avoid reconsidering Roe because of judicial restraint.

"Where there is no need to decide a constitutional question, it is a venerable principle of this court's adjudicatory processes not to do so, for the court will not anticipate a question of constitutional law in advance of the necessity of deciding it," O'Connor wrote. "Neither will it generally formulate a rule of constitutional law broader than is required by the precise facts to which it is to be applied."

But Scalia said since Roe itself established a "broader-than-was required-by-the-precise-facts" structure, compelling reasons exist to apply an exception to the rules of judicial restraint.

"Ordinarily, speaking no more broadly than is absolutely required avoids throwing settled law into confusion; doing so today preserves a chaos that is evident to anyone who can read and count," Scalia said.

Justice Harry A. Blackman—in an opinion joined by Justices William J. Brennan Jr. and Thurgood Marshall—also leveled criticism at the court for refusing to discuss the underlying issue involved in Roe.

Blackman, who wrote the majority opinion in Roe, focused on a section of Rehnquist's opinion—which was not agreed to by a majority of the court—that called for overturning the Roe trimester framework. Rehnquist said the framework has resulted in a "web of legal rules that have become increasingly intricate, resembling a code of regulations rather than a body of constitutional doctrine."

The preamble has not been applied to restrict or regulate abortion, Rehnquist wrote, but should it be used to restrict abortion activities in the future.

'Thank God for Ruling'

by Louis Moore

SBC Christian Life Commission

NASHVILLE (BP)—The U.S. Supreme Court's latest ruling on abortion rights was "less than the pro-lifers desired and more than the pro-abortionists wanted," said Richard D. Land, executive director of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission.

"We can all give thanksgiving to God that this Supreme Court decision today (July 3) makes this Fourth of July one when we can celebrate at least the beginning of the opportunity to end this dark night of our nation's soul where so terribly many of the most defenseless among us, our unborn, have been denied the right to life—the right without which all other rights have no meaning," Land said.

"This decision by the U.S. Supreme Court does not mean the struggle to preserve pre-born life is over. To paraphrase Winston Churchill during a significant turning point in World War II, this decision does not signal 'the beginning of the end,' but it will perhaps mark 'the end of the beginning' of the battle

against abortion."

Southern Baptists are "clearly disturbed by the wholesale slaughter produced over the past 16 years by abortion on demand," Land said. "We have repeatedly made it clear that we believe life, including pre-born life, to be sacred. Human life derives its sanctity from its divine origin.

"Southern Baptists have had differences about some of the circumstances in which abortion might be justified. Disagreements about the morality of abortion in such cases as rape and incest have been real. Nevertheless, we have been far more united in our agreement that legal change is needed than we have been divided about some of the difficult circumstances about which disagreement persists."

Land said he urges "people throughout our Southern Baptist Zion to join me in going to their houses of worship to offer thanksgiving for what has been accomplished and to pray for guidance, for strength and for resolve to accomplish the still-formidable tasks that lie ahead."



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Trusting God for Victory

by Dennis W. Swanberg, Second Church, Hot Springs

Basic passage: Judges 7:1-22

Focal passage: Judges 7:16-22

Central truth: God demands his children to rely upon his power for victory in this life and the life to come.

Men have the tendency to trust their own ability for victory and advancement. We have often become irate at the statement, "It's not what you know, but who you know." Gideon knew the Lord and that would be the key for Israel's victory. The victory would not be in the numbers of men or in weapons of men, but rather in trusting the Lord for victory in and through them as his faithful soldiers of righteousness.

Gideon had 32,000 men and he therefore thought that his army would be adequate. However, God cut down the number of men, for no flesh is going to glory in God's presence. That is the reason God uses weak instruments today. After Gideon put the soldiers through several tests, he ended up with 300 men who believed in God for the victory.

The soldiers of the Lord were given three things: pitchers, lamps and trumpets. The pitchers reminded us of a spiritual lesson. "But we have this treasure in earthen vessels. . . ." (2 Co. 4:7). Those pitchers represent the bodies of believers. That is what Paul means when he says, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice. . . unto God" (Ro. 12:1). That is the reason we ought not to glory in any man. Paul says that, "Therefore let no man glory in men. . ." (1 Co. 3:21). That is the earthen vessel.

We are to be lamps; lamps that shine for the Lord. Light can only shine through a broken life. We are to shine as lights in the world. Gideon's army requested the light of God.

The soldiers were to carry trumpets. 1 Corinthians 14:8 says, "For if the trumpet given an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?" Gideon's army is a vivid illustration of the testimony and witness of the believers.

The testimony and witness of believers must be certain and clear. Such was the case of Gideon and his band as they trumpeted their faith in God, trusting him for victory.

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Life and Work

The Love of God

by David Moore, Immanuel Church, Little Rock

Basic passage: Psalms 103:1-5, 8-11, 13, 15-18

Focal passage: Psalms 103:1-5, 13

Central truth: We experience God's love in his mercy and grace.

God's love is an essential attribute in any understanding of the nature of God. The psalmist tells us that the love of God can be experienced both in what God does not give us and what he does give us.

His love is seen in his mercy in that he does not give us the judgment we deserve. When we sin, God should destroy us. In His holiness, he should take away from us the privilege of living. Instead, what does he do? He is merciful! His love is seen in his forgiveness and in his willingness to hold back his anger.

The Lord is "slow to become angry and full of constant love." His mercy reveals the depth of his love toward us. You and I continue to live only because God allows us to live. Think on that and sense his love.

God's love is also seen in the blessings that he bestows. When I realize that it is God who fills my life with good things, then I see God's grace. If mercy is God not giving me what I deserve, then grace is God giving me what I do not deserve.

So as a child loves and respects his father, so I begin to see God's goodness to me. I can only pause and worship God by recognizing the tremendous love that he has for us. No wonder the psalmist began this psalm with words of praise and adoration. Let our whole being praise the Lord!

When a sinner is converted, he or she is drawn to God by one of two great motivators—love or fear. Some people are brought to salvation because they are afraid of dying and spending an eternity in hell. Many others, however, are brought to the Lord due to their experience with God's love.

When we recognize God's mercy in holding back from us what we deserve and when we see God's grace in giving us his undeserved favor, then we have come to understand something of God's infinite love.

The next time you look at someone who has committed a horrible sin, remember the love of God. If God would offer grace and mercy to such a person, then you can love him too. Well?

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Bible Book

The Holy Life

by Robert O. Pruett, University Church, Fayetteville

Basic passage: Leviticus 17:1 to 27:34

Focal passage: Leviticus 17:8-11; 18:20-22; 19:1-4, 16-18

Central truth: The holy life demands God's followers to have reverence and respect for all life, seeking only the most high God-honoring relationship with all of God's creation.

This lesson begins the second unit of study in our study of Leviticus and Numbers. These lessons deal with three aspects of the life of a true follower of God: the holy life, the worshipful life, and the obedient or dependable life.

The holy life demands a right relationship with God. To worship God and to recognize God's supreme authority over man is to be a priority in the daily walk of a follower of God. Man is to recognize God as giver of all life and then show respect for all God's creation. The guidelines for the holy life continues with a description of the home life. Other people of the day had very lax, if not totally lacking, guidelines for family relationships. Marriage was not recognized and many religions of the day even considered the temple prostitute a holy person. The family was then and is now the primary basis for the believer to demonstrate one's holiness.

The Scripture continues as relevant as the morning news. The family that honors God is based on the holy life. The Scripture instructs to abhor, flee from, and be totally opposed to such practices as incest, adultery, child abuse, homosexuality, and bestiality. Many of our most noted authors and radio teachers deal frequently with the tragic demise of the family today. A demise brought on by these very same sins. May the United States and the world look to God and yes, history to learn where the life may be living today will ultimately lead.

Finally, in this study of the holy life we find more modern day applications. Moses instructed his people to take care of their mothers and fathers. Connection is definitely made between our relationship with God and our parents. A warning to not let anything in our life come before God was given. The holy life also involves more than our relationship with God and family, it involves our fellow man. As we seek to be holy before the most Holy may we love our neighbor as ourselves.

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Pressure Builds

by Mike Creswell
SBC Foreign Mission Board

GAZA (BP)—Southern Baptist workers in Gaza are struggling to continue their ministry in a nightmare world torn by street fighting, curfews and strikes that keep them virtual prisoners in their homes for up to 12 days at a time.

Fighting erupts sporadically between Israeli occupation troops and Palestinians in streets around the workers' homes.

Southern Baptists have 10 career workers and three volunteers assigned to Gaza, most working with a nursing school in Gaza City. The workers have suffered no injuries so far, but they report multiple near-misses in recent months. They have narrowly escaped bombs, stonings and shooting while passing through the area.

In the worst incident, career worker Shawn Hodges of Hickory, N.C., and her 7-year-old son, Daniel, encountered rock-throwing Palestinian youths on the street as they walked home from a visit to another worker's home. Israeli troops arrived. "Just as they got out of their vehicles a Molotov cocktail (a gasoline bomb) was thrown from a school wall nearby and it landed in front of their vehicles," Hodges said. The mother and child ran for cover under a building as shots were fired and then fled to a friend's home.

Another time the Hodgeses' vehicle was showered with debris from a bomb that exploded close by as they drove through the city.

Two Southern Baptist families evacuated to Israel June 23 for several days when the kidnapping of an American relief worker in Gaza prompted fears other kidnappings of Americans would follow. The worker was released unharmed.

Southern Baptists working in Gaza are virtually the only Americans living there. As in Lebanon, American males are thought to be potential kidnap targets. Generally, women have not been targeted for kidnapping in the area.

To cross from Israel's modern, four-lane highways into Gaza is to cross into an already-poor land disfigured by conflict. The fronts of most buildings have been painted with independence slogans or strike announcements, which in turn have been covered with black paint by authorities.

Groups of Israeli soldiers in full riot gear patrol the city. Women in traditional, long Arab dresses shop quickly at roadside stands; stores are open only from 8 a.m. until noon, the reduced hours ordered by Arab leaders. By 8 p.m., streets must be cleared because of a curfew ordered by

Israeli troops.

At one intersection a small Arab boy throws tiny rocks at soldiers a block away. They are too far away to notice the pint-sized assailant, but the scene suggests the intensity of a struggle in which 5-year-olds teach their younger brothers how to throw stones—virtually their only weapons for now.

Gaza is a strip of land about 25 miles long and 5 miles wide along the Mediterranean Sea. Israel took control of Gaza from Egypt and the West Bank, an area along the Jordan River, from Jordan during the Six Day War of 1967. More than a half-million people live in Gaza, many of them in refugee camps. All but about 1 percent are Muslim.

In a complex chain of events, the Palestinians have sought independence. Their efforts flared into open opposition in December 1987. In Arabic the uprising is called the Intifada.

Southern Baptist representatives in Gaza take no political sides in the conflict and are interested only in performing Christian ministry. But they find themselves caught up in a struggle so old many observers date it back to the Old Testament, yet so contemporary it makes news almost daily.

Tension over the prospects of outright war, kidnapping, street violence and the constant uncertainties of curfews and strikes have taken their emotional toll over recent months, Baptist workers agree.

Keeping a nursing school functioning has been difficult, said Southern Baptist representative Karl Weathers of Earle, Ark., director of the School of Allied Health Sciences in Gaza City. Enrollment has dropped to 39 students. Classes frequently have been interrupted. Southern Baptist representative Debra Norris of Clovis, N.M., nursing director, spends much of her time revising daily schedules to accommodate the conditions.

"You just go from day to day," said Weathers. "If you've had a real bad day you get up the next morning and you might feel, 'I just can't do this again.' And then the next day is a good day. You can't make long-range plans. It's just impossible. That's the biggest frustration. There's no telling what tomorrow is going to be."

Male students, who normally commute from home, now stay in crowded quarters at the school because travel is dangerous and often impossible. Classes can continue during troubled times because the school is located in a walled compound which includes the school, Ahli Arab Hospital and housing units for Southern Baptist personnel.