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The church: A divine-human institution

by T. B. Maston

The revelation of God that gave birth to the Bible, a divine-human book, was climaxed in his Son, a divine-human person. That revelation was entrusted to the church, a divine-human institution.



Maston

Its human nature

The church is a human institution in its constituency and location. It is composed of real men and women living at a particular time and in a particular location. They have their distinctive problems and needs. They also may vary considerably in their moral perspective and in their spiritual maturity.

If a church is to minister to its particular constituency, it must start where they are and seek to lead them to increasing maturity. This is the task that will constantly challenge the church and its leadership.

The church as a human institution is also influenced by where it is: open country, village, suburb, inner city, etc. Also, its dominant racial, ethnic, and cultural composition will influence it. Even the area of the country where the church is located will affect it to some degree: industrial east, middle west, rural south, etc. Whether or not the church is located in an old, stable or a rapidly changing area will influence it. This is also true of the age of the church and the predominant age of its members.

Its divine nature

It was Jesus at Caesarea Philippi who said, "On this rock I will build my church" (Matt. 16:18). There may be some question about what he meant by "on this rock" but there can be no question about its being his church. This means that he should have the final word concerning who comes into the church, the message proclaimed in the church, and the ministry of the church.

Paul addressed his letters to the Corinthians: "To the church of God which is at Corinth" (1 Cor. 1:2; 2 Cor. 1:1). The church was located at Corinth but it was "the church of God at Corinth." It is in 1 Corinthians 12 that Paul in a beautiful way compared the church to the body. As "the church of God" or "the body of Christ" the church has a divine message and mission.

What differences it would make in our churches if they really believed and acted like they were churches of God,

the body of Christ!

Resulting tension

Some tension within the church is more or less inevitable because of its divine-human nature. Any church should fulfill to some degree both a priestly and prophetic function. The church has been referred to as "a refuge for disturbed souls." As a prophetic community it should also be a disturber of souls.

One of the continuing hopes for the church as a human institution is the fact that it constantly stands under the judgment of the message it proclaims as a divine institution. Its preaching is always superior to its practice.

It is also true that the more the church lets its divine nature express itself and

hence the more it becomes a prophetic community the greater will be the tension between it and the world.

There are at least two things that we should remember about the tension of us as Christians as well as of our churches: (1) There is no progress without tension. (2) There can be some release from such tension by honest effort to do something about the reason for that tension and by means of our faith in the sovereign God of the universe who is our understanding, forgiving heavenly Father. In other words, we can have the peace that passes understanding in the midst of the tensions of life.

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

SBC, others to examine government intervention

WASHINGTON (BP) — Southern Baptists will join representatives of more than 50 religious groups in a conference on government intervention in religious affairs Feb. 11-13 at Bethesda, Md., a Washington, D.C., suburb.

With 450 Protestant, Catholic and Jewish participants representing religious bodies with more than 121 million adherents, sponsors believe the conference will be one of the most inclusive gatherings in the country's history. The conference will focus on a wide range of issues from tax exemption to governmental restraint on "political" activities of religious bodies.

Harold C. Bennett, executive secretary-treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee, cited the importance of the conference, calling government intrusion in religious affairs "one of the most critical issues" facing Southern Baptists and the entire religious community during the decade of the '80s.

"Churches and the denomination must be good citizens," Bennett said, "but we also must be left free to function without government intervention."

Bennett said the conference is needed because "in recent months there have been a number of cases where the government has in fact intervened into the religious affairs of several denominations."

"I support strongly the principles related to the separation of church and state and religious freedom," he said.

Other participating religious groups include the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., the United States Catholic Conference, the Synagogue Council of America, the National Association of Evangelicals and the Lutheran Council in the U.S.A.

The conference will open with a keynote address on "government as big brother to religious bodies" by prominent church-state attorney William Bentley Ball of Harrisburg, Pa.

Among the other topics to be discussed by an impressive list of church-state experts are: regulation of charitable solicitations, lobby disclosure requirements, unemployment compensation taxation of religious agencies, Internal Revenue Service treatment of religious bodies and their integrated auxiliaries, state regulation of parochial schools and intelligence agency use of clergy as informants.

Bennett expects Southern Baptists to benefit from as well as contribute to the success of the conference. The Baptist executive said actions or recommendations of the conference will be forwarded to the SBC and other participating denominations for "possible consideration and action."

Admission to the conference is by invitation only. The SBC is allowed 35 participants based on a quota system that allows each of the national religious groups to issue invitations on the basis of its membership.

Cooperation: a two-way street

The editor's page

J. Everett Sneed



Local church autonomy is the basis for all that Baptists do. This means that there is no superstructure nor any one in places of authority who can compel a local church to do anything. Since there is no hierarchy or super church to direct the affairs of the local churches, associations or conventions, the demand for voluntary cooperation becomes paramount. Autonomy and voluntary cooperation are the secret of the phenomenal growth that Southern Baptists have enjoyed. But cooperation is a two-way street.

In order to have cooperation there must be at least two parties who have reached mutual agreement and who are faithful to that agreement.

Some have the idea that cooperation means doing everything "my" way and that "I" am the only party who has rights and privileges. In this instance cooperation has ceased and it has become an autocratic procedure. Baptists believe in a cooperative democratic spirit and not in the dictator principle.

In order for cooperation to function properly, it may be necessary for each of the parties involved to forego having his way in every facet of a particular issue.

We are not suggesting compromise of principle. Certainly, there are doctrinal and moral issues which must not be compromised or diluted. But we do believe that cooperation requires compromise on certain structural or non-essential matters.

One of the disconcerting things which occasionally occurs in Baptist denominational life is the tendency to demand one-way cooperation. This can be true of the denomination in insisting on its own way regardless of the desires of churches and pastors. On the other hand, the denomination has some rights and privileges that should be regarded by churches and pastors.

It has always seemed a strange thing to this editor for a church to claim to be Southern Baptist and then to refuse to cooperate with any program that is proposed by the association, the state or the Southern Baptist Convention. It is even more strange for a church to refuse to cooperate with the convention and then to

criticize and fight all of the leaders.

It is almost inevitable, when a "fighting" church gets into trouble and wants help or a loan or some other missionary assistance that it will call on the Convention to assist in sorting out the problems. Tragically, when such a church gets what it wants from the Convention, it will often turn around and start fighting those who went out of their way to help.

Are not these some moral principles that should govern Christians? We do not expect everyone to agree with us and everyone to cooperate with us, but we do expect Christians to do right. Someone is reported as saying he had rather be right than President. No individual or church should ever be satisfied with doing less than what is right.

The question arises, with our autonomy and with such a variety of personalities, how is cooperation possible? Our basis for cooperation must grow out of several factors: (1) Our commitment to the Word of God as our only source of authority; (2) Our mutual respect for each other; and (3) Our recognition of our need for each other. Our need for cooperation becomes obvious when we recognize the limitations of an individual church working alone. The pooling of our resources makes it possible for us to have a world-wide mission endeavor.

The fact that each church is autonomous and can determine its own policy makes it imperative that our actions be considered in the light of Jesus' teachings. Jesus commanded us, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." The only way that we can effectively "go," "teach" (discipline) and "baptize," is through the pooling of our resources. The worldwide challenge of Christ and the worldwide response that he expects demands two-way cooperation.

As long as Baptists continue on the principle of voluntary cooperation, we must remember that cooperation is a two-way street in which both parties are faithful to the agreement reached and to the program worked out through a democratic process.

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One layman's opinion

Daniel R. Grant

Making things of earth strangely clear

One of the little choruses I "grew up on" during my high school and college days is "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus." Thanks to a European Baptist who helped me take a fresh look at the words I was singing in this chorus, I am about ready to propose a change in the wording of it.

As is so often the case, the title or first phrase becomes the theme that we think of when we sing it, and, as the years go by, it is easy to enjoy the melody without thinking in too much detail about the message. I once heard Klaus Meister, former president of the European Baptist Federation, disagree with the statement that "the things of earth will grow strangely dim" when we "turn our eyes upon Jesus." He suggested that the things of earth (our problems, the needs of our neighbor, and the opportunities of living in this world) will "grow strangely clear" — not dim — when we turn our eyes upon Jesus.

I had never thought of this before and found myself thinking "I wish I had said

that."

It would be wrong to suggest an overly simplistic answer to every earthly problem simply by "one look at Jesus," but I do believe there is eternal truth in the unusual paradox that the answer to the problems of the secular world can only be found ultimately by looking away from the secular world to Jesus.

Of course, there is one sense in which the writer of the chorus was correct. As we look to Jesus our own worldly desires should become less and less important to us (taking thought for what we eat or drink or the clothes we wear), but I believe the world today needs the message in Klaus Meister's revised version more than it needs the original version.

A good daily prayer would be that the things of earth may become strangely clear and that God's will may be done on earth through us.

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

OBU yearbook given top marks

ARKADELPHIA — The 1980 *Ouachitanian* yearbook of Ouachita Baptist University has been named a medalist book by Columbia University Scholastic Press Association in New York City.

A medalist rating is granted yearbooks selected from first place ratings for special qualities evident to the judge, characterized as the personality, spirit, or creative excellence of the entry. Not more than 10 percent of the entries in a classification receive a medalist rating.

Receiving a First Class rating, the *Ouachitanian* was also given "All-Columbian" honors in the areas of coverage, copy and layout.

Editor of the Ouachita yearbook was Kevin MacArthur of North Little Rock, now publications adviser at Greenwood High School. Cindy McClain of Coolidge, Ariz., was managing editor, and Deborah Holley of Little Rock was assistant editor. Copy editor was Sally Neighbors of St. Louis, Mo., and Steve Nicholson of Warren was sports editor.

Other staff members were DeAnna Travis of Lawson; Brenda Wense of Medora, Ill., and Nickol Northern of Benton.

William D. Downs Jr., chairman of the OBU communications department and director of public relations, was the faculty adviser.



Woman's viewpoint

Joanne Jackson Lisk

A second look

You never can tell about our cat! Therefore, when I opened the den door to let her out, I was not surprised when she rushed by me toward the back door, instead. So, slamming the den door shut, I hurried to the back door to let her have her way. Just as I opened the back door, I heard the doorbell ring, and after the door closed behind Thai Tac, I hurried back to the other door to answer the bell. There, standing on the bottom step with a puzzled expression on her face, was my friend, Hannah. "Well," she said, "that's the first time I've had the door slammed in my face in a long time. Didn't you see me a minute ago when you opened and closed the door?"

We doubled up laughing as I explained that I had been so intent on getting the cat out of the house that I evidently had looked right over her head when I opened the door and seemed to be looking right out at her. Since we

work together, Hannah has enjoyed warning other co-workers: "Don't mind if Joanne slams the door in your face. She'll probably come up with some explanation or another!"

The situation described above has caused me to think in another direction recently, however. Our Sunday School has been studying from the Bible Book lessons, and so often in class someone has made a comment along the lines: "I know I must have read that story five or six times, but it was only this time that I really caught the part about . . ." I've had the same experience myself, as I expect most of you have, too. And, there have even been lessons that I considered myself having studied where, all of a sudden I discovered verses that I am quite sure were not in my Bible on the original reading.

Could it be that I often open my Bible like I did the den door? Have I not sat

down many times, hurriedly opened the Bible, looked up the verses, read them quickly, and never allowed their significance to touch my whirling mind? Have I not often, in a rush to "get the cat out", looked right over the top of verses that are real friends, or might be so, if I would take the time to invite them into my home and life?

"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night" (Psalm 1:1-2).

Lord, may I not only learn to take the second look at thy Word, but may I learn to meditate in thy law day and night.

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

On the cover



(ABN photo/GJI)

Southern Baptist College dedicated the Southerland-Mabee Center, valued at \$1,250,000, Nov. 14, 1980. The Center, the third such building program completed there since 1973, houses the Webb gymnasium, the Sulcer lobby, the Rose Hospitality Room, athletic equipment rooms, dressing rooms, handball courts and performing arts stage. Gifts and memorials were used for the construction and decoration of the red brick structure. President Jack Nicholas said of the latest campus improvement, "we celebrate the completion of this beautiful building and the growing number of individuals who are identifying themselves with SBC and supporting its ministry. We also celebrate the good things which continue to happen in the lives of the young men and women who study at SBC and become better citizens and finer Christians for having done so."

Tanner urges emphasis on winning the cities

ATLANTA (BP) — If Christians cannot win the masses of people in America's cities, they will never win the entire nation to Christ, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board President William G. Tanner said.

Speaking to a joint meeting of state Baptist evangelism and missions directors, Tanner pointed out the masses of people in America now living in the major cities of the nation.

TAX SEMINAR

Pastors and staff members
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Among the tokens of appreciation that Little River Association gave to retiring Director of Missions James Dean (second from left) and Mrs. Dean was the continued use of this house at Nashville. Dean retired Dec. 31 after 23 years directing associational activities. Also presented to Dean were money and a plaque. Testimonial letters are being gathered and will be given to him later. Dean, who began serving as pastor of Mt. Moriah Church at Murfreesboro Jan. 1, cited as major accomplishments of his service the institution of youth work in the association, building projects by all churches, and increases in VBS and January Bible Study in the churches. Instrumental in the events to recognize Dean's retirement were Gene Arrington (right), chairman of the Courtesy Committee, and Tommy Hagle, moderator of the association.

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by Millie Gill/ABN staff writer

Rev. and Mrs. Jack L. Ramsey will return Jan. 15 from an all-expense paid trip to the Holy Land and other countries. This trip was a gift to the couple from the Harrison Eagle Heights Church where Ramsey is pastor.

George Adams has begun work as minister to youth and university students at Fayetteville First Church, coming there from Milledgeville, Ga., where he was working in the Clinical Pastoral Education and Chaplaincy program at the Central State Hospital. He received his bachelor of arts degree from Samford University in 1977, and a master of divinity degree from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary this past spring. Adams has served two terms as a summer missionary, serving in New York and California. He has also served churches in Alabama and California.

Mrs. Birdie Miller Martin died Dec. 23, 1980, at the age of 67. She was a member of the Rosie Church. Survivors are one brother, three nephews and one niece.

Mike Huckabee has been called as full-time pastor of the



Rev. and Mrs. Ramsey

Pine Bluff Immanuel Church. He has been serving the church as interim pastor.

Herbert West has resigned as minister of outreach at Pine Bluff Watson Chapel. He is retiring and moving to Benton where he and his wife, Barbara, will reside at 1314 Jamison.

Jack Riley recently completed his seventh year of service as pastor of the Russellville First Church.

Mrs. Fletcher Taylor is retiring as Special Education Director of the North Little Rock Park Hill Church following 17 years of service. The Taylor family is moving to Fordyce.

Margie Faver Durbin was among those named in the 1981 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities. She is a 1978 graduate of the University of Arkansas at Monticello and is a master of divinity student at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Mrs. Durbin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Faver of Altheimer.

Rev. and Mrs. Curtis Downs will celebrate their 58th wedding anniversary Jan. 17. Downs, a retired Southern Baptist minister, is serving as pastor of the Marked Tree Trinity Church. Downs has pastored in Arkansas and Arizona and they have served as volunteers in the Bold Mission Thrust.

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TAKE YOUR GANG TO THE MOUNTAINS!

Calvary Association names missions director

L. Bert Edwards, formerly pastor of Kensett First Church, is the new Director of Missions of Calvary Association. The Association is composed of 39 churches in White and Woodruff Counties, with offices in Searcy.



Edwards

Edwards, a native of Oklahoma City, Okla., is a graduate of Southern Baptist College in Walnut Ridge and Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, Calif. He has served as pastor of churches in California and Arkansas and in various denominational responsibilities in both states.

He began his work on Jan. 1, living in Searcy with his wife Margie, a native of El Paso, Ark. Who is also a graduate of Golden Gate Seminary. The Edwards' are parents of two daughters, Linda Edwards and Mrs. Sandi Lako, both of North Little Rock.

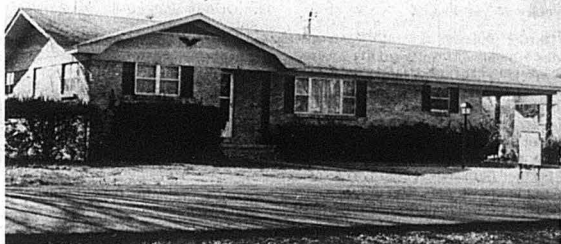
Mr. and Mrs. Emmett E. Powers, missionaries to Argentina, have completed language study and arrived on the field to begin their first term of service (address: Bolanos 141, 1407 Buenos Aires, Argentina). He was born in Memphis, Tenn., and grew up in West Memphis, Ark. The former Virginia Morris, she was born in Washington, D.C., and lived in several states but considers Pleasant Plains, Ark., her hometown. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1979.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry D. Spires, missionaries to Malawi, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: c/o James Milner, 110 Sycamore St., Morton, Miss. 39117). He was born in Gould, Ark., and also lived in Arkansas City, Star City, and Cale, Ark., and Samnorwoodm Carey, and Lelia Lake, Texas. He later returned to Gould. The former Joyce Milner of Mississippi, she was born in Rankin County and lived in several towns and grew up in Norton. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1977.

Mr. and Mrs. Max N. Alexander, missionaries to Thailand, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 516 Lindell, Fayetteville, Ark. 72701). They are natives of Arkansas. He was born in Lake City and grew up in Jonesboro. The former Betty Nickell, she was born in Hazel Valley and also lived in Fayetteville. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission

Board in 1961.

Gerry Odom, missionary to Taiwan, has arrived on the field (address: Box 427, Taipei 100, Taiwan, Republic of China). Born in El Dorado, Ark., she lived in Smackover, Ark., Washington, Miss., and Alvin, Texas, while growing up. She was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in April 1980.



The churches of Trinity Association have purchased this house to be used as a residence by the director of missions. Executive Board members voted in a Dec. 7, 1980, meeting to buy the three-bedroom brick house at Trumans for \$45,000. Director of Missions Jimmie Garner and Mrs. Garner will move there from Lepanto in February, but associational offices will temporarily remain in Lepanto. Garner has served as director of missions for Trinity Association the past 14 years.

briefly

Little Rock Olivet Church

held a reception Jan. 4 to honor Pastor C. Lamar Lifer and his family on the occasion of their fourth anniversary with the church.

Jacksonville Military Road Church

observed the Christmas season with special programs Dec. 21 by children and youth departments under the direction of Joan Pyle, Karen Adams and Connie Rogers.

Paragould First Church

observed Attendance Recognition Day Dec. 14 when pins were presented to L. C. Early, Betty Smith, Jim Forshee and Bodie Forshee.

The church held deacon ordination services Dec. 21 for Mike Coleman, Dub Dawson, Ken Flynn and Denzil Marsh.

Little Rock Calvary Church

ordained Larry Jefcoat as a deacon Jan. 4. He is director of the ninth and tenth grade Sunday School department at the church.

Little Rock First Church

will sponsor a concert of sacred vocal music by Robert Hale and Dean Wilder in the church's sanctuary Friday, Jan. 16. Hale and Wilder will perform sacred classics, hymns, and spirituals. Hale is the leading bass/baritone with the New York City Opera Co., and Wilder is Director of Vocal Studies at William Jewell College. Admission is free but an offering will be taken.

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Senate

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President — Lt. Gov. Winston Bryant
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- 1st District (Pulaski)
Max Howell, 211 Spring, LR, 72201, (372-4144) (982-4358) (Hse. 1947-50), 1st term 1951, Methodist.
- 2nd District (Pulaski)
Jim Holsted, 4900 Edgemere Dr., NLR 72116, (758-2411) (753-9426), 1st term 1979, Methodist.
- 3rd District (Pulaski)
Jerry Donal Jewell, 721 E. 21st, LR 72206, (372-1924) (375-8309), 1st term 1973, Baptist.
- 4th District (Pulaski)
Joe T. Ford, P.O. Box 2177, LR 72203, (661-8112) (664-1363), 1st term 1967, Baptist.
- 5th District (Pulaski)
Ben Allen, P.O. Box 2635, LR 72203, (376-8267) (225-2688) (Hse. 1956-66), 1st term 1967, Methodist.
- 6th District (Benton, Pt. Carroll, Pt. Washington)
Kim D. Hendren, Rt. 3, Gravette 72736, (877-5943) 1st term 1979, Protestant.
- 7th District (Pt. Washington, Pt. Crawford)
Morriss M. Henry, P.O. Box 1727, Fayetteville 72701, (521-8566) (442-8826) (Hse. 1967-70), 1st term 1971, Methodist.
- 8th District (Pt. Crawford, Franklin, Logan, Pt. Sebastian)
William Clovis Bryant, P.O. Box 646, Van Buren 72956, (474-1554), (Hse. 1963-72), 1st term 1973, Methodist.
- 9th District (Pt. Sebastian)
Travis A. Miles (R) 5426 Highland Dr., Ft. Smith 72903, (785-2644) (452-2162), 1st term 1981, Disciples of Christ.
- 10th District (Pt. Sebastian, Scott, Polk, Sevier)
Wallace Eugene (Gene) Rainwater, 1123 So. 6th, Ft. Smith 72901, (783-2970) (996-4567), (Hse. 1967-68), 1st term 1969, Methodist.
- 11th District (Montgomery, Howard, Pike, Hempstead, Nevada)
Olen Hendrix, Antoine 71922, 2293 (379-2760), 1st term 1959, Church of Christ.
- 12th District (Little River, Miller, Lafayette)
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- Pt. Madison, Johnson)
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- 14th District (Pope, Yell, Pt. Conway, Pt. Pulaski)
Joe F. Ray, RFD, Havana 72842, (476-2681), 1st term 1973, Baptist.
- 15th District (Garland)
Eugene (Bud) Canada, 106 Meyer Bldg., Hot Springs 71901, (624-5511) (525-3126) (Hse. 1959-62), 1st term 1973, Baptist.
- 16th District (Saline, Pt. Hot Spring, Pt. Pulaski)
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- 17th District (Pt. Hot Spring, Clark, Pt. Dallas, Grant, Pt. Saline, Pt. Jefferson)
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- 18th District (Pt. Dallas, Ouachita, Pt. Columbia)
J. A. (Dooley) Womack, 115 Jefferson, Camden 71701, (836-5046) (836-2123) (Hse. 1949-56), 1st term 1971, Methodist.
- 19th District (Calhoun, Union, Pt. Columbia)
William D. Moore, Jr., 1112 Green, El Dorado 71730, (863-8468), 1st term 1967, Baptist.
- 20th District (Boone, Marion, Baxter, Newton, Searcy)
Mrs. Vada Sheid, P.O. Box 387, Mountain Home 72653, (425-5165) (425-2405) (Hse. 1967-76), 1st term 1977, Methodist.
- 21st District (Van Buren, Pt. Conway, Faulkner)
Stanley Russ, P.O. Box 787, Conway 72032, (329-8331) (329-8186), 1st term 1975, Baptist.
- 22nd District (Cleburne, Pt. Independence, Pt. White)
Bill H. Walmsley, P.O. Box 2535, Batesville 72501, (793-6618) (251-1995), 1st term 1969, Presbyterian.
- 23rd District (Lonoke, Pt. Prairie, Pt. Jefferson)
Knox Nelson, Box 5715, Pine Bluff 71601, (534-4941) (534-1261) (Hse. 1957-60), 1st term 1961, Baptist.
- 24th District (Pt. Jefferson)
Murphy Morrell Gathright, P.O. Box 5268, Pine Bluff 71611, (534-8440) (536-8440) (535-0337), (Hse. 1949-52), 1st term 1953, Baptist.
- 25th District (Cleveland, Lincoln, Bradley, Pt. Ashley)

- George E. (Butch) Locke, P.O. Box 30, Hamburg 71646, (853-5277) (853-8947), 1st term 1973, Baptist.
- 26th District (Fulton, Izard, Stone, Sharp, Randolph, Pt. Lawrence)
Nick Wilson, P.O. Box 525, Pocahontas 72455, (892-4911) (892-5407) 1st term 1971.
- 27th District (Jackson, Pt. Independence, Pt. White, Pt. Woodruff)
James E. Wood, Jr., P.O. Box 13, Tupelo 72169, (744-2266), 1st term 1979, Christian.
- 28th District (Pt. Woodruff, Monroe, Arkansas, Pt. St. Francis, Pt. Prairie)
W. N. (Bill) Hargrove, 2001 S. Prairie, Stuttgart 72160, (673-6677), 1st term 1973, Methodist.
- 29th District (Clay, Greene, Pt. Craighead)
Tom Watson, Rt. 1 Monette 72447, (486-2569), 1st term 1971, Methodist.
- 30th District (Pt. Craighead)
Paul Jerry Bookout, P.O. Box 415, Jonesboro 72401, (932-2381) (935-4952) (Hse. 1967-72), 1st term 1973, Baptist.
- 31st District (Pt. Mississippi)
John F. Bearden, Jr., P.O. Box 446, Blytheville 72315, (762-2261) (763-9406), 1st term 1969, Methodist.
- 32nd District (Pt. Poinsett, Pt. Cross, Pt. St. Francis, Pt. Lee)
Clarence E. Bell, P.O. Box 282, Parkin 72773, (755-7837), 1st term 1957, Baptist.
- 33rd District (Pt. Mississippi, Crittenden)
W. K. (Bill) Ingram, P.O. Box 369, West Memphis 72301, (735-3320) (735-1766), 1st term 1963, Methodist.
- 34th District (Lee, Phillips)
Paul B. Benham, Jr., Box 477, Marianna 72360, (295-2567) (295-3297), 1st term 1973, Presbyterian.
- 35th District (Desha, Drew, Chicot, Pt. Ashley)
Jack A. Gibson, Box 308, Dermott 71638 (473-2217) (737-2314), 1st term 1981, Methodist.

House of Representatives

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Speaker — Lloyd C. McCuiston, Jr.
Chief Clerk — Mrs. Jim Childers
Speaker Pro Tem — Charles Stewart
- 1st District, Pos. 1 (Pt. Pulaski) Douglas (Doug) Wood, 2500 McCain, NLR 72116, (758-1058) (835-6953), 1st term 1977, Methodist.
- 1st District, Pos. 2 (Pt. Pulaski)
Art Givens, 300 Spring Bldg., LR 72201, (376-3418) (835-5539) (Hse. 1969-78),

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- New term 1981, Church of Christ.
1st District, Pos. 3 (Pt. Pulaski)
Michael K. Wilson, 1202 Main, Jacksonsville 72076, (982-9411) (982-5855), 1st term 1973, Episcopalian.
- 2nd District, Pos. 1 (Pt. Pulaski)
Clifton H. (Cliff) Hoofman, 3001 JFK Blvd., NLR 72116, (758-9037) (835-9449). 1st term 1975, Baptist.
- 2nd District, Pos. 2 (Pt. Pulaski)
Henry J. Osterloh, 300 Spring, LR 72201, (376-1985) (758-9358), 1st term 1973, Methodist.
- 2nd District, Pos. 3 (Pt. Pulaski)
David Earl Roberts, 110 W. 17th, NLR 72114, (375-0228) (753-3507), 1st term 1973, Methodist.
- 3rd District, Pos. 1 (Pt. Pulaski)
Grover Richardson, P.O. Box 225, College Station 72053, (378-1679) (376-1698), 1st term 1977, Baptist.
- 3rd District, Pos. 2 (Pt. Pulaski)
Dr. William H. Townsend, 1304 Wright Ave., LR 72206, (375-4514) (375-6301), 1st term 1973, Baptist.
- 3rd District, Pos. 3 (Pt. Pulaski)
Irma Hunter Brown, 1920 Summitt, LR 72202, (372-4140), 1st term 1981, Protestant.
- 4th District, Pos. 1 (Pt. Pulaski)
B. Douglas (Doug) Brandon, 823 W. 7th, LR 72201, (374-0391) (666-6313) (Hse. 1963-73, 1977-78), new term 1981, Catholic.
- 4th District, Pos. 2 (Pt. Pulaski)
William F. (Bill) Sherman, 504 Pyramid Life Bldg., LR 72201, (372-3148), (663-7869), 1st term 1975, Methodist.
- 4th District, Pos. 3 (Pt. Pulaski)
George E. Wimerly, 3013 W. Markham, LR 72205, (663-4133) (663-8154), 1st term 1979, Protestant.
- 5th District, Pos. 1 (Pt. Pulaski)
Henry Hodges, 11 Lenon Dr., LR 72207, (664-5250), 1st term 1979, Episcopalian.
- 5th District, Pos. 2 (Pt. Pulaski)
E. C. (Bubba) Benton, P.O. Box 7484, LR 72217, (666-2828) (224-2241), 1st term 1977, Presbyterian.
- 5th District, Pos. 3 (Pt. Pulaski)
Mrs. Judy Petty (R), 901 McAdoo, LR 72207, (663-4175) (664-6198), 1st term 1981, Baptist.
- 6th District (Pt. Benton)
Clayton N. Little, P.O. Box 447, Bentonville 72712, (273-2417) (273-2607), 1st term 1953, Baptist.
- 7th District (Pt. Benton)
Richard L. (Dick) Barclay (R), P.O. Box 279, Rogers 72756, (636-6069) (636-1659), 1st term 1977, completing unexpired term, re-elected 1979, Protestant.
- 8th District (Pt. Benton, Pt. Washington)
Jerry Hinshaw, Rt. 4, Box 444A, Springdale 72764, (751-7040) (361-2382), 1st term 1981, Methodist.
- 9th District (Pt. Washington)
Roylee D. Curry, 806 Holiman, Springdale 72764, (751-7601) (751-9576), 1st term 1977, Baptist.
- 10th District, Pos. 1 (Pt. Washington)
Carl E. Rose, 934 Park, Fayetteville 72701, (442-2072), 1st term 1977, Methodist.
- 10th District, Pos. 2 (Pt. Washington)
Charles W. Stewart, Jr., P.O. Drawer 1167, Fayetteville 72701, (442-7602) (442-6474), 1st term 1955, Baptist.
- 11th District (Pt. Washington, Pt. Crawford)
J. W. (Bill) Ramsey, P.O. Box 6, Prairie Grove 72753, (846-2801) (846-3688), 1st term 1973, Baptist.
- 12th District (Pt. Madison, Pt. Sebastian, Pt. Franklin)
Jerry King (R), P.O. Box 673, Greenwood 72936, (996-4205), 1st term 1979, Assembly of God.
- 13th District (Crawford)
Edward F. Thicksten, P.O. Box 327, Alma 72921, (632-2117) (632-4288), 1st term 1975, Methodist.
- 14th District (Logan, Pt. Sebastian)
Frank J. Willems, Rt. 3, Paris 72855, (934-5771) (934-5101), 1st term 1973, Roman Catholic.
- 15th District, Pos. 1 (Pt. Sebastian)
B. G. Hendrix, Ward Garrison Bldg., Ft. Smith 72901, (785-2651) (785-2262), 1st term 1963, Methodist.
- 15th District, Pos. 2 (Pt. Sebastian)
Ralph (Buddy) Blair, 5220 Highland Dr., Ft. Smith 72903, (783-1171) (452-0839), 1st term 1981, Methodist.
- 15th District, Pos. 3 (Pt. Sebastian)
Mrs. Carolyn Pollan (R), 400 N. 8th, Ft. Smith 72901, (782-9014) (782-6462), 1st term 1975, Baptist.
- 16th District (Pt. Sebastian, Scott)
W. R. (Bud) Rice, P.O. Drawer "H", Waldron 72958, (637-3100) (637-3384), 1st term 1977, Baptist.
- 17th District (Polk, Montgomery)
Ode Lee Maddox, P.O. Box 128, Oden 71961, (326-4321), 1st term 1957, Baptist.
- 18th District (Howard, Pt. Sevier)
Robert W. (Bobby) Tullis, P.O. Box 277, Mineral Springs 71851, (287-4262), 1st term 1979, Baptist.
- 19th District (Pike, Nevada)
Gus Wingfield, Box 68, Delight 71940, (379-2293) (379-2200), 1st term 1981, Church of Christ.
- 20th District (Hempstead)
Keith Wood, 715 E. 6th, Hope 71801, (777-9539), 1st term 1979, Christian.
- 21st District (Little River, Pt. Sevier, Pt. Miller)
Charles O. (Bubba) Wade, P.O. Box 261, Texarkana 75504, (773-7221) (898-3166), 1st term 1971, Episcopalian.
- 22nd District (Pt. Miller)
Travis Dowd, 1400 E. 35th, Apt. 32, Texarkana 75502, (773-4431) (772-1891), 1st term 1981, Baptist.
- 23rd District (Pt. Miller, Lafayette)
David L. Beatty, P.O. Drawer 640, Lewisville 71845, (921-4218) (921-5575), 1st term 1981.
- 24th District (Carroll, Madison)
Jon Fitch, Rt. 1, Hindsville 72738, (789-2608), 1st term 1979, Presbyterian.
- 25th District (Boone)
Greg Wilson, P.O. Box 218, Harrison 72601, (741-8754) (743-3626), 1st term 1981, Episcopalian.
- 26th District (Newton, Johnson)
C. W. Melson (R), Ozona 72854, (292-3319), 1st term 1977, Assembly of God.
- 27th District (Pt. Pope, Pt. Conway)
Charles L. Ormond, P.O. Box 29, Morrilton 72110, (354-2421) (354-4674), 1st term 1981, Presbyterian.
- 28th District (Ptye)
L. L. (Doc) Bryan, 305 S. Vancouver, Russellville 72801, (375-8131 LR) (968-1475), 1st term 1967, Christian.
- 29th District (Pt. Pope, Yell)
Lloyd R. George, P.O. Box 847, Danville 72833, (495-2419), 1st term 1963, Methodist.
- 30th District (Perry, Pt. Conway, Pt. Faulkner)
W. H. (Bill) Sanson, Rt. 1, Vilonia 72172, (377-0844) (849-2169) (Hse. 1975-77), New term 1981, Baptist.
- 31st District (Pt. Faulkner)
Bill Stephens, 28 Forrest Lane, Conway 72032, (329-2931) (329-2381), 1st term 1973, Assembly of God.
- 32nd District (Pt. Saline, Pt. Garland)
Larry Mitchell, P.O. Box 81, Bryant 72022, (778-3644) (778-1856) (847-3429) (778-9430), 1st term 1979, Baptist.
- 33rd District (Pt. Saline)
H. Lacy Landers, 524 River, Benton 72015, (778-3644 Ext. 519) (778-2369), 1st term 1963, Baptist.
- 34th District (Pt. Garland, Pt. Hot Spring, Pt. Clark)
Jim Montgomery, P.O. Box 169, Mountain Pine 71956, (767-9141) (767-6544), 1st term 1977, Church of Christ.
- 35th District, Pos. 1 (Pt. Garland)
Ray S. Smith, Jr., 123 Market, Hot Springs 71901, (624-1252) (623-6435), 1st term 1955, Methodist.
- 35th District, Pos. 2 (Pt. Garland)
Bill Randall, 500 Albert Pike, Hot Springs 71901, (623-5587) (623-1726), 1st term 1971, Presbyterian.
- 36th District (Pt. Hot Spring)
Jack McCoy, 712 McNeil, Malvern 72104, (323-2616), 1st term 1977.
- 37th District (Pt. Clark)
Bob (Sody) Arnold, P.O. Box 535, Arkadelphia 71923, (246-2271) (246-6227), 1st term 1977, Methodist.
- 38th District (Pt. Ouachita, Pt. Columbia)
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Grady P. Arrington, P.O. Box 37, Stephens 71764, (786-5396) (786-5385), 1st term 1967, Church of Christ.

39th District (Pt. Ouachita)

John H. Dawson, 1724 Edgemere, Camden 71701, (836-5768) (836-2270), 1st term 1979, Methodist.

40th District (P. Columbia)

Robert Leon Hardin, 1707 Pine View, Magnolia 71753, (234-5120), Ext. 311 (234-4941), 1st term 1977, Baptist.

41st District (Pt. Union)

Bobby G. Newman, P.O. Box 52, Smackover 71762, (725-3911) (725-3245), 1st term 1969, Baptist.

42nd District (Pt. Union)

Joseph K. Mahony, II, 406 Armstrong Bldg., El Dorado 71730, (862-6464) (862-5950), 1st term 1971, Presbyterian.

43rd District (Marion, Searcy, Pt. Baxter)

Jim Smithson (R), P.O. Box 447, Marshall 72650, (448-2806), 1st term 1975, Assembly of God.

44th District (Pt. Baxter, Fulton)

Ed Gilbert, P.O. Box 633, Mountain Home 72653, (425-6282) (425-4082), 1st term 1977, Baptist.

45th District (Izard, Stone, Pt. Sharp)

John E. Miller, Melbourne 72556, (368-4311) (368-7153), 1st term 1959, Baptist.

46th District (Pt. Independence)

Tommy E. Mitchum, Mitchum Office Bldg., Hwy. 167-So., Batesville 72501, (257-2988) 1st term 1973, Baptist.

47th District (Van Buren, Cleburne)

Pat Ellis, 402 Poplar, Clinton 72031, (884-3333, Ext. 7015, 7016) (745-2758), 1st term 1979, Church of Christ.

48th District (Pt. Independence, Pt. White)

James E. (Jim) Harris, P.O. Drawer R, Judsonia 72081, (729-3208), 1st term, 1967, Baptist.

49th District (Pt. White)

John Paul Capps, Box 1488, Searcy 72143, (268-9898) (268-8117), 1st term 1963, Church of Christ.

50th District (Pt. Lonoke)

William F. (Bill) Foster, Sr., P.O. Drawer 220, England 72046, (842-3141) (842-2596), 1st term 1961, Baptist.

51st District (Pt. Lonoke, Pt. White, Prairie)

V. O. Calhoun, Jr., P.O. Box 394, Des Arc 72040, (256-4709) (256-3767), 1st term 1981, Baptist.

52nd District (Grant, Jefferson)

William L. (Bill) Clark, 103 S. Main, Sheridan 72150, (942-2332) (942-3324), 1st term 1977, Baptist.

53rd District (Pt. Jefferson, Pt. Lonoke, Pt. Arkansas)

Dr. J. Sturgis Miller, 711 W. 6th, Pine Bluff 71601, (534-4422) (879-3649), 1st term 1967, Baptist.

54th District (Pt. Jefferson)

Henry Wilkins, III, P.O. Box 5421, Pine

Bluff 71611, (541-6788) (534-4195), 1st term 1973, Methodist.

55th District (Pt. Jefferson)

Hubert Hankins, 3901 Fir, Pine Bluff 71603, (535-7411) (535-3921), 1st term 1979, Non-Denominational.

56th District (Pt. Jefferson)

G. W. (Buddy) Turner, Jr., 101 Main, Pine Bluff 71601, (535-7191) (534-6845), 1st term 1961, Methodist.

57th District (Pt. Arkansas)

C. Wayne Hampton, Star Rt., Stuttgart 72160, (673-3176) (946-2732), 1st term 1971, Methodist.

58th District (Pt. Cleveland, Pt. Jefferson, Pt. Lincoln)

Jimmie Don McKissack, Box 599, Star City 71667, (628-4274) (628-3771), 1st term 1967, Baptist.

59th District (Dallas, Calhoun, Pt. Cleveland)

David L. Wells, P.O. Box 27, Hampton 71744, (798-2201) (798-2396), 1st term 1979, Methodist.

60th District (Pt. Union, Bradley)

John M. Lipton, 108 S. Walnut, Warren 71671, (226-5891) (226-5457), 1st term 1969, Baptist.

61st District (Drew, Pt. Ashley)

Vernon Roberts, P.O. Box 468, Monticello 71655, (367-7900) (367-5469), 1st term 1981, Baptist.

62nd District (Pt. Ashley)

N. B. (Nap) Murphy, Box 555, Hamburg 71646, (853-5535) (835-5766), 1st term 1959, Baptist.

63rd District (Pt. Sharp, Lawrence)

Thomas G. (Tom) Baker, Rt. 1, Box 80, Alicia 72410, (886-6013), 1st term 1979, Church of Christ.

64th District (Randolph, Pt. Greene)

Johnny W. Rapert, 1706 Sunset Dr., Pocahtontas 72455, (892-4011) (892-4953), 1st term 1981, Baptist.

65th District (Clay)

James Holland, Rt. 1, Knobel 72435, (259-3444) (259-3517), 1st term 1975, Protestant.

66th District (Pt. Greene)

Mack A. Thompson, P.O. Box 899, Paragould 72450, (236-8516) (239-9815), 1st term 1973, Baptist.

67th District (Pt. Craighead, Pt. Poinsett)

William H. (Bill) Thompson, 111 River Rd., Marked Tree 72365, 1st term 1953, Methodist.

68th District, Pos. 1 (Pt. Craighead)

Bobby G. Wood, 1207 Thrust, Jonesboro 72401, (237-4318) (932-2359), 1st term 1977, Baptist.

68th District, Pos. 2 (Pt. Craighead)

Bobby L. Hogue, 512 Mardis Dr., Jonesboro 72401, (932-9752), 1st term 1979, Methodist.

69th District (Pt. Craighead, Pt. Poinsett)

K. W. (Kelly) Webb, Rt. 3, Trumann 72472, (483-7651) (483-7900), 1st term 1979, Baptist.

70th District (Jackson)

Albert (Tom) Collier, 2713 Ivy Dr., Newport 72112 (523-8291) (523-2685), 1st term 1971, Baptist.

71st District (Cross)

J. L. Shaver, Shaver Bldg., Wynne 72396, (238-2317) (238-2791), 1st term 1955, Presbyterian.

72nd District (Woodruff, Pt. St. Francis)

Joe N. Peacock, McCrory 72101, (731-2547) (731-5691), 1st term 1975, Protestant.

73rd District (Pt. St. Francis)

Patrick Henry (Pat) Flanagan, 836 Calvert Rd., Forrest City 72335, (663-6613), 1st term 1977.

74th District (Monroe, Pt. Arkansas)

Mrs. Shirley Meacham, Box 566, Monroe 72108, (734-1588), 1st term 1975, Methodist.

75th District (Lee)

Bob McGinnis, Rt. 3, Box 1884, Marianna 72360, (295-2276) (295-3391), 1st term 1979, Methodist.

76th District (Pt. Phillips)

Jim Lee Linder, 202 Richmond Hill, West Helena 72390, (338-3322) (572-2182), (Hsle. 1943-45, 1961-79) new term 1981, Baptist.

77th District (Pt. Phillips)

Ernest Cunningham, P.O. Box 2337, West Helena 72390, (572-6106) (338-6396), 1st term 1969, Episcopalian.

78th District (Desha)

Bain L. Poole, Rt. 2, Dumas 71639, (382-2636), 1st term 1973, Baptist.

79th District (Chicot, Pt. Ashley)

Geno Mazzanti, Jr., Rt. 1, Box 225 Lake Village 71653, (265-5373) 1st term 1975, Roman Catholic.

80th District (Pt. Mississippi)

Charles R. Moore, Rt. 1, Box 179, Luxora 72358, (658-2713), 1st term 1969, Methodist.

81st District (Pt. Mississippi)

Walter M. Day, P.O. Box 65, Blytheville 72315, (762-2721) (762-2419), 1st term 1961, Presbyterian.

82nd District (Pt. Mississippi)

W. R. (Bill) Nicholson, P.O. Box 361, Osceola 72370, (563-6012), 1st term 1967, Methodist.

83rd District (Pt. Mississippi, Pt. Crittenden)

James R. Stockley, Box 36, Marion 72364, (735-7608) (735-7777), 1st term 1973, Episcopalian.

84th District, Pos. 1 (Pt. Crittenden, Pt. St. Francis)

Lloyd C. McCuiston, Jr., P.O. Box 1489, West Memphis 72301, (735-7706) (735-5520), 1st term 1961, Baptist.

84th District, Pos. 2 (Pt. Crittenden, Pt. St. Francis)

William H. Hundhausen, Jr., 201 Roosevelt, West Memphis 72301, (735-2731), 1st term 1981, Catholic.

Your state convention at work

Stewardship Tax seminar for church staff

Long, and sometimes confusing, tax forms may frustrate pastors and church staff members. Tax requirements or tax advantages are often overlooked because church staff members aren't familiar with tax laws.

A tax seminar will offer helpful suggestions for church staff members. The seminar is set for Markham Street Church in Little Rock Jan. 21 at 9:30 a.m.

Byron Eiseman, Little Rock tax attorney, will discuss Arkansas state income tax laws. All federal laws do not apply on state income tax deductions.

Harold Richardson, Annuity Board, SBC, will cover the following subjects:

- The minister's deductions
- Social Security payments
- Filling out tax forms
- Business expenses

The seminar is provided at no cost by the Stewardship/Cooperative Program Department.

Scheduled the day after the evangelism conference and before tax deadlines, the tax seminar will assist staff members with their 1980 tax forms. — James A. Walker, Director, Stewardship/Cooperative Program

Music scholarship auditions at OBU

ARKADELPHIA — Ouachita Baptist University music scholarship auditions for the 1981-82 academic year will be held Jan. 26-27, 1981 in the Mabee Fine Arts Center at OBU, according to Dr. William Trantham, dean of the school of music.

Those who are interested should contact Dr. Trantham at Ouachita, post office box 789, Arkadelphia, Ark. 71923, or call 501-246-4531, ext. 129.

Spiritual awakening evangelism conference

Spiritual awakening: What a thought! What a possibility! What an experience! This is the theme of our '81 Statewide Evangelism Conference. Our conference will begin at 1:30 p.m. Jan. 19 at Little Rock's First Church.



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This conference will be developed under the following concepts: visualize, recognize, organize, agonize and evangelize.

The Monday evening session will be very special to the family and friends of Jesse Reed. This is dedicated in honor of our long time Director of Evangelism who is retiring April 30, 1981. Brother Jesse has served 47 years in the preaching ministry. He has spent 27 of these years working for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention in Evangelism. There will be special testimonies from close friends and associates. Brother Jesse will then respond on "These 27 Years".

Huber Drumwright, Executive Secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, will speak in two sessions. John Finn, president of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, will speak on "Bold Evangelism, Our Priority". Clarence Shell, Evangelism Associate, will speak on "My Dream for Arkansas". Wayne Davis, pastor of Oak Grove, Van Buren, is scheduled to speak on "Agonizing for the Lost". Tom Darter, Director of Missions for Delta Association, and James Hays, pastor of Cedar Heights Church in North Little Rock, will give testimonies of God at work in their areas.

Clyde and Archie will develop the following concepts: Sharing Jesus, Baptism

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Cooperative Program report — November

1979		1980
\$ 567,028.73	November gifts	\$ 673,415.72
546,170.68	November budget	591,258.08
+ 20,858.05		+ 82,157.64
\$6,061,608.23	Gifts year-to-date	\$6,800,555.02
6,007,877.40	Budget year-to-date	6,503,838.88
+ 53,730.83		+ 296,716.14

Gifts for November 1980 were \$106,386.99, or 18.76 percent, above the \$567,028.73 received during November 1979. Total gifts for 1980 are \$738,946.69 or 12.19 percent above gifts to date last year.

Executive Committee elects McDonough

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Reginald (Reggie) McDonough, 44, has been elected associate executive secretary and director of program planning for the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

McDonough, who has been head of the church administration department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, also in Nashville, will succeed Albert McClellan, who retires Dec. 31 after more than 31 years with the Executive Committee.

"We are pleased to have a man of his background and preparation," said Harold C. Bennett, executive secretary-treasurer of the Executive Committee. "He is well qualified for this position."

Bennett announced McDonough's election, saying the 66-member Executive Committee was polled by mail after he was recommended by Bennett and the six officers of the Executive Committee.

In his new post, McDonough will be the principal professional assistant to the executive secretary-treasurer of the Executive Committee, the SBC agency which carries on the work of the convention between annual sessions.

Carter signs tax exclusion

WASHINGTON (BP) — President Carter signed into law Dec. 24 a bill restoring an income tax exclusion for missionaries and other charitable workers.

The signing followed months of efforts by the Southern Baptist Convention's Foreign Mission Board and other organizations with charitable workers overseas to convince Congress to restore the \$20,000 tax exclusion which had been in effect prior to passage of the Foreign Earned Income Act of 1978.

Congress completed action on the measure just two days before a twice extended deadline granted by the Internal Revenue Service for payment of 1979 taxes. The tax exclusion cleared Congress as an amendment to H.R. 4968, a bill dealing with real estate investment trusts.

The new law will save the Foreign Mission Board about \$1 million annually. Estimates of savings for all charitable organizations range as high as \$25 million annually.

The signing came as no surprise since President Carter supported the measure. The real question for backers of the measure was whether or not it could be moved through the closing days of the lame duck session of Congress.

The overseas tax exemption is granted to employees of agencies such as the FMB solely because they perform "qualified charitable services" in "lesser developed countries," and is not related to the

constitutional requirement for church-staff separation.

In making a case for the restoration of the tax exclusion, the Senate Finance Committee report said "charitable employees in developing countries generally are performing services which the United States has a special interest in supporting."

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Attendance report

Jan. 4, 1981

Church	Sunday School	Church Trng.	Church adds.	Crossett							
Alexander	130	72		First	504	137	1	Monticello, Second	255	89	1
First	83	30		Mount Olive	322	106		Mountain Home, East Side	218	116	
Vimy Ridge Immanuel	200	99		Temple	189	83	2	Mulberry, First	239	132	3
Alma, Clear Creek Southern	130	85	49	Danville, First	149	18		North Little Rock, Stanfill	60	33	
Ash Flat, First	85	49		Nursing Home	29			Paragould			
Batesville	294	85		El Dorado, Parkview	-144	64		Calvary	202	177	1
First	231	54	1	Nursing Home	-23			Center Hill	94	63	
Bentonville	468			Eureka Springs, First	55			First	428	77	
First	231	54	1	Forrest City, First	563	102	3	Paris, First	349	61	1
Mason Valley	58	31	2	ft. Smith	1,941		14	Pea Ridge, First	210	75	2
Berrville	171	83	2	First	90	35	1	Pine Bluff			
Freeman Heights	220	82		Westside	91	35		Centennial	129	68	6
Blue Eye, Mo., First	129	59		Fouke, First	114	28		First	598	114	2
Booneville	319			Gassville	114	28		Hardin	151	71	1
First	21			Gentry, First	155	70		Lee Memorial	210	33	
Blue Mountain Mission	111	95	1	Grandview	98	81		Sulphur Springs	202	91	1
South Side	333	102		Hampton, First	166	80		Watson Chapel	471	129	6
Bryant	126	55	2	Hardy, First	120	51		Prairie Grove, First	169	155	7
First Southern	406	128	1	Harrison	249	96		Rogers, First	661	161	4
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First	406	128	1	Northvale	93	42		Sandusky, Okla., Faith	52	31	
Calico Rock, First	81			Harvey's Chapel	146	80	1	Springdale	75	46	1
Camden, Cullendale First	404	173	1	Grand Avenue	340	95	1	Caudle Avenue	111	52	
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Most meetings will be small. They will be brief with no program or speaker, just prayer. The prayer meetings will be nondenominational and nonsectarian. We urge you to sponsor a meeting or to attend one.

I have already written every Arkansas Southern Baptist pastor with more details. We urge you to support your Pastor and assist us on the National Advisory Committee in making January 20, 1981, one of the greatest days of prayer in our nation's history. Please give us a report on your participation!

Expectantly in Him,
H.D. McCarty, Senior Pastor
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Jan. 18, 1981

Matthew 9:35 to 10:1, 5-15

by Randy Shipman

Tarkio, Mo., First Church

Proclaim the Kingdom

Barbara Walters, in an interview with the first woman ordained as a priest in the Episcopal Church, asked if she considered herself a woman of strong religious faith. The priest replied that she did not, "but I do believe in caring and that's what religion is all about isn't it?" True, and the care we have received from Christ should foster in us a compassion for others.

In 430 B.C., Thucydides wrote that it was in those who had recovered from the plague that the sick and the dying found most compassion.

The compassionate Christ (Matt. 9:35-38)

Were I to choose one word to describe the total ministry of Christ it would be the word care. Jesus touched the lives of people healing and restoring them to useful service. His compassion is expressed through two illustrations: First he saw them as shepherdless sheep, wearied, harassed, scattered, and prostrated from exhaustion and neglect. Secondly, he saw them as ripened harvest, in need of laborers to gather the spiritual harvest.

His chosen disciples (Matt. 10:1-4)

Matthew brought together the Lord's injunction to pray (9:38) and to go (10:6) that they might be kept together in our thinking and practice. The disciples who prayed to God for laborers to be thrust forth, discovered in themselves the answers to their prayers. As he called them unto him and bestowed upon them the endorsement of his authority.

His commissioned apostles (Matt. 10:5-15)

It was not until preparing this lesson that I noticed the change in reference to the followers of Jesus. The disciples of verse one became apostles in verse two as those who were learners become commissioned messengers. This has overwhelming significance for us today. As our relationship with Christ is enriched, so our responsibility to proclaim the Kingdom is increased.

Initially, Jesus placed restrictions upon the witness of his apostles but, at a later time, indicated that the theater of our kingdom activities is the whole world. In London's Highgate Cemetery is the grave of Karl Marx. Chiseled on the granite pillar marking the grave are the words, "The philosophers have only interpreted the world; the point is to change it." Christianity, like Communism, has as its target the changing of the whole world.

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Praying with confidence

Everybody who is anybody prays. Only a few — I mean a very few, pray with confidence. Why? Why are we so unsure of God that we timidly ask for what we desire? Some answers are found in the model prayer and the illustration Jesus gave concerning it.



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1. Pray with confidence because God cares. God is our Father. Jesus said that caring for his children was his greatest joy (Luke 12:32; Eph. 1:5; Ph. 2:13; James 1:17-18). If an earthly father did to his children what we accuse God of doing to his children (such as sending them disasters and making them sick) then he would be guilty of child abuse and promptly locked up. You will never pray with confidence until you know beyond a shadow of a doubt that God loves you and wants to give you his best (Rom. 8:31). The problem is not in believing God is able but in believing he is willing.

2. Pray with confidence because God's way is best. When you compare the way things are down here with the way they are in heaven, you would be a fool not to desire heaven's way rather than man's way. Jesus came only to do the Father's will (John 4:34; 5:30; 6:38). When you make that kind of a commitment, you can pray with confidence even if people are watching you shout to a dead man (John 11:41-43).

3. Pray with confidence because God forgives. Sooner or later you will have to forgive every person who ever hurt you, including relatives and church members, if you expect forgiveness from God. Why nurse the hurt? Just forgive and love that person as Jesus gave commandment.

4. Pray with confidence because God is waiting. God will supply every need you have (Ph. 4:19). We have his word on that. The question is: what do you need, what do you desire from God? You can be assured that he will only give you the best, no tricks at all. Some of the things we accuse God of doing are things no normal human would think of doing. In fact, God wants to give you the one gift

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Luke 11:1-13

by C. W. Brockwell
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that is above all gifts — the Holy Spirit. Have you ever asked for the Holy Spirit? Have you received the Holy Spirit? Have you told the Holy Spirit he is welcome in your life and you will let him teach you? If not, then ask in confidence. If you have, then reaffirm his welcome and obey him.

Glory be to God forever more!



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Bible Book

Jan. 18, 1981

I Corinthians 5:1-6:20

by Freddie Pike

Harmony Association, Pine Bluff

Immorality in the church

Divided loyalty and factions were not the only problems confronting the church at Corinth. There was also a casual attitude toward sexual immorality.

Permissiveness

Paul is shocked that the church would allow the sin of incest in the congregation without taking some action. Paul insists that the person be excluded from the church. Paul insists because continued inaction reflected on the divine nature of the church and because he wants the person who has sinned to come in repentance to seek forgiveness. The purpose of excluding someone from the church should never be for punishment but always for redemption and restoration. Paul also cautions the Christians in the church to stay away from immoral church members and not have fellowship with them.

Lawsuits

Paul is disappointed that church members at Corinth are suing each other in civil courts over personal disputes. Surely those being prepared to deal with the issues of the ages ought not to reveal an inability to resolve the problems of the moment.

Paul is also distressed that Christians should carry their disputes before pagan judges. The gospel should produce spiritual maturity and understanding in the lives of the believers. But it is an indication of lack of spiritual understanding that harsh feelings and disputes should be among the brethren. Indeed, Paul says it would be better to suffer loss without restitution than to bring dishonor to the cause and influence of the gospel.

Flee immorality

In verses 18-20, Paul supported his command to flee from sexual immorality with the following reasons as listed by MacGorman:

1. It has a tragic uniqueness as a sin against the body (v. 18).
2. It desecrates the body, which is the temple of the Holy Spirit (v. 19).
3. It ignores the costliness of our redemption (v. 19-20).
4. It fails to glorify God in the body (v. 20).

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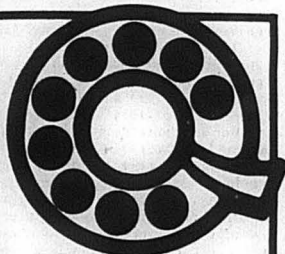
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Former missionary physician sees hope for starting over

by Irma Duke

SESSAMI, Zimbabwe — The clinic had been his. Dr. Rob Garrett had built it and used it for years. Now it lay in rubble — a victim of the seven-year war in Zimbabwe.

The former medical missionary, now part of a group practice in Mena, was in Zimbabwe in October to survey damage done to the Baptist clinic at Sessami and other clinics throughout the Gokwe area and to make recommendations about their future. Despite the widespread destruction, he urged missionaries to move quickly to restore medical work in these

schools and stores on the western side were razed. In his recommendations to the mission, Garrett said the first priority should be to get all of these Baptist facilities back into operation, although he also saw potential for starting other work.

In the meantime, he told the missionaries they should do what they can with temporary facilities. Because many of the air strips to the clinics and churches are usable, medical personnel could start the clinic circuit immediately if enough medicine can be provided. Since the war, medical supplies have been scarce.

Garrett made special mention of the Mtangi clinic, which a Zimbabwean woman heroically kept open during the war, and said the mission should try to strengthen her work.

Even though Garrett's primary responsibility was to survey the damage, he also held clinics while there. In five different areas, he and a nurse volunteer treated the more serious illnesses and gave measles vaccinations to the children because a measles epidemic was threatening. Time and medical supplies kept them from doing any more.

For many of these people, it was the first medical treatment they had had in two years. Garrett said telling the crowd to stand back and form a line was like pushing away water. They just kept coming back. He said one of the hardest things he has ever had to do is to get

back on a plane to go home when people were still waiting to be treated.

But he had no choice; the plane had to land before dark at the Sanyati hospital compound where he was staying. The reason Garrett had practiced medicine in this African country rather than in the States was the need for the gospel and he found some real satisfaction and encouragement in evangelistic areas when he returned. He also found some disappointments.

The Sessami church had gathered up blocks from the rubble and were meeting outdoors while their building was being repaired. "God did a marvelous job in delivering his people," exclaimed Garrett. During a Sunday morning service Garrett attended, more than 60 persons were present. "The church was far from being destroyed," he added.

The Garretts resigned as missionaries in 1976 to take care of her ailing mother, who has since died. Although it has been good to be home with loved ones, it has been miserable for them to be away from Sessami. Mrs. Garrett said they lost contact with other missionaries from the area because hearing from them just made it more difficult to be away.

And now this survey trip has really whetted their appetite. But since they resigned Garrett himself has had a heart attack and some other medical problems. They would go back tomorrow if they could.

THIS ONCE WAS HIS CLINIC — Guerrillas tried to tear down all empty buildings in rural areas of Zimbabwe during the war and clinics were no exception. This one at Sessami was built by Dr. Rob Garrett (center background).



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The Sessami compound was hit the hardest — only two of the 13 buildings there are repairable. Dr. Garrett's clinic and 10 other buildings were leveled by the guerrillas.

The Garretts were Southern Baptist missionaries in Zimbabwe (then Rhodesia) for almost 12 years, and most of that time he was the doctor for nine clinics covering 15,000 rural square miles. In addition, he helped out at the Sanyati Baptist Hospital and served as an evangelist for the area.

On his survey trip, he found that facilities on the eastern side of Gokwe were usable, although in need of repairs. But many of the clinics, churches,

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