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Love comes to the delta



ARKANSAS BAPTISTS

W.O. Taylor, SBC's oldest preacher, dies in Melbourne at age 105

William Oscar Taylor, age 105, the oldest preacher in the Southern Baptist Convention, died July 7 of congestive heart failure at his home in Melbourne. Taylor, who co-founded Southern Baptist College (now Williams Baptist College) and was one of its first faculty members, was later named by the college as a Distinguished Baptist Minister. A former associational missionary for Independence Association, he also founded three Baptist youth camps.

Ouachita Baptist University granted him an honorary doctorate as he neared his 100th birthday. "His long life of service was an inspiration to all who knew him," noted OBU president Ben M. Elrod. "He frequently boasted that he personally knew every one of Ouachita's 13 presidents. To the best of our knowledge, he was the last person who could make that claim."

Gov. Mike Huckabee recalled that he was president of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention when Taylor preached his 100th birthday sermon at First Church of Melbourne.

'A legendary figure'

"Of course, Bro. Taylor was a legendary figure with Arkansas Baptists for years," Gov. Huckabee told the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, "not just because of his age, which in and of itself was incredibly significant, but also because of his stature as a great, great pastor and leader....He was one of those people that was able to absorb the wisdom of at least three generations and knit it together like a well-fitting sweater."

Born in a log cabin near the Hillsboro community in Union County, Taylor was educated in a one-room schoolhouse, later attending high school as a boarding student in Junction City. He also attended Arkansas State Normal College in Conway (now the University of Central Arkansas), Ouachita Baptist College (now University) and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Taylor, who became a Christian at age 17, preached his first sermon Oct. 12, 1912, at Caledonia Church in Union County. He was ordained in 1913 at Sweet Hill Church in Arkadelphia.

Taylor, who retired in Melbourne from the active ministry in 1969, recently celebrated his 105th birthday by preaching at his home church in Melbourne. He also was the author of three books, including *Seventy Years in the Ministry* and *The Old Timers Did It This Way*.

Memorial services were held July 20 at First Church of Melbourne and July 21 at Caledonia Church. Survivors include four sons, O.W. Taylor of Jacksonville, Fla., James Taylor of Melbourne, Ira Taylor of LaJolla, Calif., and New York City and Jack Taylor of Flagstaff, Ariz.; four daughters, Ann Taylor Packer of Melbourne, Ida Vonne Rosa of Jonesboro; Billy Joe Tatum of Melbourne and Sammy Taylor of Benhoff Chula Vista, Calif.; two sisters; 17 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

Memorials may be made to the Dr. W.O. Taylor Scholarship Fund, Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, AR 71923.

Cover Story

ABN photo / Russ Dilday



Missions volunteers 6-7

A recent weeklong missions project in southeast Arkansas is among the largest ministry effort in the four-year Mississippi River Ministry emphasis. More than 140 volunteers served in such areas as medical missions, construction and evangelism.

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Huckabee inaugurated amid day of chaos

By Trennis Henderson

Editor, Arkansas Baptist

Mike Huckabee's pilgrimage from local Baptist pastor to governor of Arkansas took less than five years — an unbelievably rapid pace for a newcomer to secular politics. By contrast, the final five hours before his inauguration seemed to last forever.

Huckabee, a former president of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, announced in 1991 that he was resigning as pastor of Beech Street First Church in Texarkana, to run for the U.S. Senate. Although that first bid for public office in 1992 proved unsuccessful, he was elected lieutenant governor eight months later in a special election and was re-elected to a full term in '94. He was slated to become governor July 15 following Gov. Jim Guy Tucker's recent conviction on two Whitewater-related felony charges.

Huckabee's inauguration day schedule collapsed into chaos mere minutes before he was to take the oath of office as the state's 44th governor. Five minutes before the 2 p.m. inaugural ceremony was to begin, Tucker informed Huckabee that he had decided not to resign. Citing his pending legal appeals as a disability to serve as governor, Tucker opted to temporarily transfer "the powers and duties of the office" to Huckabee "until my disability shall cease."

Legislators and guests who had gathered for Huckabee's inauguration were visibly stunned by Tucker's letter. Entering the House chamber moments later to share "face to face and heart to heart," Huckabee described the situation as "a very critical moment in our state's history." He urged lawmakers to respond with "a caliber of calm, yet courage."

Following his brief comments, Huckabee immediately met with legislative leaders to discuss initiating impeachment proceedings against Tucker. In an attempt to stymie impeachment hearings, Tucker countered with a second letter declaring that his "inability to serve as governor has ended."

Explaining that Tucker's "disability continues to exist," Huckabee told reporters gathered outside his capitol office that "we respectfully refuse to receive the governor's letter and will respectfully continue serving as acting governor."

During a 5:15 p.m. televised speech, Huckabee declared, "What really is at issue tonight is a simple question between right and wrong." Emphasizing the need for "clear and decisive action," he said Tucker's failure to resign unconditionally by 9 a.m.



Mike Huckabee is sworn into office July 15 as Arkansas' 44th governor by Supreme Court Chief Justice Bradley Jesson as Huckabee's wife, Janet, looks on.

the following morning would trigger the impeachment process.

Calling his plan "one of the most painful decisions I have ever made in my life," Huckabee added, "We must act in the way that is best for our state."

Tucker responded moments later with a handwritten, one-sentence letter which stated: "This is to inform you that I hereby resign the office of governor effective at 6 p.m., July 15, 1996." That response finally cleared the way for Huckabee to take the oath of office as governor at 6:55 p.m., precisely five hours after the crisis erupted.

Huckabee stressed throughout the ordeal that the response to the day's events was a nonpartisan issue. "No Republican would ever take pleasure in it, nor should any Democrat be branded with the responsibility" of Tucker's actions, he said.

'Heartfelt optimism'

"As we begin a new day in Arkansas history...I do so with a genuine, heartfelt sense of optimism," the new governor said following his inauguration. Encouraging lawmakers to "put aside every bit of malice, hurt or hard feelings" about the previous five hours, he called on Arkansans to remember Tucker for "the things he did right."

"This is our opportunity to say good government is alive and well in Arkansas again," he declared. "It's not Republican government. It's not Democrat government. It's just good government for the people."

Prior to the afternoon's surreal developments, the morning began with a worshipful prayer service at First Church, Little Rock. The interdenominational service featured inspirational music and words of encouragement for the new governor.

Keynote speaker H.D. McCarty, pastor of University Church in Fayetteville, challenged Huckabee to "take the high road" and "follow truth's agenda."

Declaring that "the real issues of life are not the issues of today but the issues of eternity," McCarty called on the incoming governor to maintain an agenda of "truth and love and righteousness."

Huckabee's inauguration marks the second time that a state convention president has served as Arkansas governor. James P. Eagle, who served as governor in 1899-93, was elected to 21 terms as state convention president from 1880-1904. He also served three years as Southern Baptist Convention president.

Huckabee, who served six years as pastor of Beech Street First Church, previously was pastor of Immanuel Church in Pine Bluff. He is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University and attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Throughout his 1992 Senate race, Huckabee faced criticism for leaving the pastorate to pursue politics. Explaining at the time that his decision was based on "a compelling conviction that we were losing our country because people with convictions refused to get involved in the political process," he added, "You never make a mistake when you stand for what you believe."

During his televised address last week, Huckabee responded to those who may be uncomfortable with a Bible-quoting governor who is a former pastor. "The fact is that since my childhood, that Book and its Author have been the guiding forces in my life," he affirmed. "It would be much easier for me to give up being governor than it would be to give up taking the counsel that I have had from God and His Word."

A PASTOR'S HEART



By EMIL TURNER
ABSC Executive Director

In Bulgaria, the pastor's car was stolen. A church in Little Rock helped him with a replacement.

A young man in Romania was saved because a church in northwest Arkansas sent their pastor on a mission trip.

Military cutbacks in Germany shipped home the leadership of a German Baptist church. A team from Arkansas arrived just in time to train new leaders.

An Arkansas church sent counselors to lead classes in stress management and family counseling in Switzerland.

Backyard Bible Clubs taught by Arkansas Baptists led German children to Christ.

A French pastor found himself fighting discouragement. Arkansas Baptist volunteers encouraged him to continue his ministry.

A German church needed Vacation Bible School materials. An Arkansas church sent them at no charge. Choir robes in Europe were provided by a church in Fort Smith.

Arkansas Baptists are reaching the world from places like Fort Smith, Natural Steps, Little Rock, Charleston and Cabot. Our partnership with the European Baptist Convention is an awesome opportunity to make an eternal impact for Christ.

Arkansas Baptists reach the world — one church at a time!

■ Have you read *God's Chicken Soup for the Soul* (Health Communication, Inc., Ingram Book Distributors, 1996)?

Larry and Kathy Miller have compiled more than 130 brief inspirational stories. Great material for sermon illustrations, devotional talks and just encouraging reading. My favorite is on page 175 — encouraging us to love those who do not merit our love.

REX HORNE

President's Perspective

We have something to share



Lepers are often mentioned in the Bible. Naaman, the great military commander of Syria, according to II Kings 5, was a leper. Two chapters later in II Kings 7, we read of four unnamed lepers. These lepers determined to go into a Syrian city and seek mercy because of the famine. After all, "if we sit still here, we die also" (II Kings 7:4).

God caused the Syrians to hear the noise of chariots, horses and a great host. They fled at twilight, leaving all their possessions behind. These four lepers came into a city and found abundance of silver, gold, raiment, food and drink.

These lepers, however, were convicted that they were not doing right in keeping the blessing to themselves. Their people needed to share in this bounty. They feared that if they didn't tell, something bad would happen. They did tell the king, who took some convincing, but then allowed the people to share in the discovery.

There is a familiar account in Luke 17. Ten lepers were healed and only one returned to give thanks. The lepers in II Kings all shared the good news. The thought that strikes me is how reticent believers are, too often, in telling our "story."

Many people in Bible times were touched by leprosy. All people, then and now, are separated from God by sin. It just seems that a sinner saved by the grace of God would tell others where they found salvation and life.

Summer is the time of Bible schools, camps, revivals and fellowship. We must use them as a time to tell what God has done for us.

Organized events will not take the place of personal witness. The lepers of long ago were right. "We do not well: this day is a day of good tidings and we hold our peace; if we tarry till the morning light, some mischief will come upon us. Now therefore come, that we may go and tell the king's household" (II Kings 7:9).

The "mischief" in our communities and country may be traced to our inattention to sharing the gospel. We have tried a lot of things. Isn't it time to return to our mission? The way we show our gratitude to God is not by constantly thanking Him, but by consistently telling them.

We, too, have something to share.

Rex Horne, pastor of Immanuel Church in Little Rock, is president of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

Personal perspectives

"It would be much easier for me to give up being governor than it would be to give up taking the counsel that I have had from God and His Word."

—Gov. Mike Huckabee

"The real issues of life are not the issues of today but the issues of eternity."

—H.D. McCarty, pastor, University Church, Fayetteville

"There are a lot of folks out there who...have a real good sense that gambling is a harmful, destructive presence in any state."

—Larry Page, executive director, Christian Civic Action Committee

"The salvation of the world waits on two things — the senders and the goers."

—Larry Lewis, president, SBC Home Mission Board

Calm amid the chaos

July 15, 1996, will long be remembered as one of the most bizarre days in Arkansas' political history. Strangely enough, however, it did not reach the top position on the all-time bizarre list. That distinction dates back more than a century to April 15, 1874, and the outbreak of the "Brooks-Baxter War."

That crisis also involved two men, including a preacher-turned-politician, who both laid claim to the governor's office. Joseph Brooks, who suffered an election loss to Gov. Elisha Baxter two years earlier, forcibly ousted Baxter and declared himself governor. A series of bloody skirmishes ensued before President Ulysses S. Grant stepped in and ordered the state legislature to settle the dispute. The revolt was quelled and Baxter was returned to office, but not before an estimated 300 people lost their lives.

As stunning as last week's desperate political maneuvering by Jim Guy Tucker proved to be, it is reassuring that the political crisis could be settled in a matter of hours through emergency meetings and a televised address rather than through armed conflict and bloodshed. Perhaps we really are making progress.

At the forefront of projecting calm amid the chaos was lieutenant governor/acting governor/governor-to-be and, by the end of the day, newly inaugurated governor—Mike Huckabee. Arkansas Baptists have long known of Gov. Huckabee's leadership skills, particularly through his service as state convention president in 1989-91. He also has served effectively as pastor of Beech Street First Church in Texarkana and Immanuel Church in Pine Bluff.

When he resigned the pastorate a few years ago to enter politics, Huckabee faced criticism for leaving the ministry and for injecting Christian views into the political process.



STRAIGHT FROM THE EDITOR

By TRENNIS HENDERSON

During an election-night interview following his unsuccessful U.S. Senate race in 1992, Huckabee explained, "Many people who say they're Christians aren't willing to take any risk. Their god is comfort."

"The highest calling anyone has is to follow Jesus Christ, not to fill a particular ecclesiastical role," he pointed out. "Christian people need to decide whether they're Christians first or something else first."

Huckabee's ministerial background served him well throughout the ordeal he faced July 15. Maintaining a calm, even congenial attitude amid the confusion, Huckabee responded with the right mix of compassion and determination.

Acknowledging that the afternoon's events were "sheer agony" for him personally and "a tragic day for our state," Huckabee never wavered in addressing the issue as both a Christian gentleman and a statesman. He and the state's top legislative leaders consistently refused to allow the day's events to degenerate into a partisan political power play.

"This is no time for us to draw sides. This is a time for us to draw together," Huckabee told a statewide television audience before the issue had been

successfully resolved. He emphasized the need to "preserve the idea that our government is to be operated in the most honorable of ways."

Once the difficult decision had been made to call for Tucker's impeachment if he refused to resign unconditionally, Huckabee continued to exercise both restraint and resolve. "There is a time for us to exercise mercy and we have done that," he told reporters. "There also is a time to exercise justice and now we must do that."

As Arkansas' latest political crisis finally drew to a close, Tucker resigned and Huckabee was inaugurated as the state's 44th governor. Editorial pages were filled the following day with appropriate praise for Gov. Huckabee and appropriate outrage over former Gov. Tucker's actions.

One individual who declined to bash Tucker, however, was the state's new governor. Minutes after taking the oath of office on a day that had been nearly ruined by his predecessor, Gov. Huckabee urged lawmakers to "put aside every bit of malice, hurt or hard feelings" about the former governor and to remember Tucker for "the things he did right."

Gov. Huckabee's comments were reminiscent of the words of Ephesians 4:31-32, "Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamour and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."

Perhaps having a former pastor as governor will reap more benefits for the state than his initial critics could have imagined. Despite all the chaos, July 15 hopefully will be remembered most of all as a day of forgiveness—and a new day for positive, productive, nonpartisan politics in Arkansas.

Gambling battle has just begun

Larry Page, executive director of the Christian Civic Action Committee, and CCAC gambling campaign coordinator Barry King are to be commended for their diligence in coordinating statewide efforts to battle legalized gambling in Arkansas.

After announcing plans earlier this year to seek to qualify an anti-gambling measure for the November ballot, Page and King worked to mobilize hundreds of volunteers and local churches to support the effort. Just a few weeks before the July 5 deadline for submitting more than 71,000 petition signatures to the secretary of state's office,

CCAC workers had gathered less than a fourth of the necessary signatures.

Page and King responded by mailing thousands of letters and making numerous phone calls to pastors and campaign volunteers throughout the state. The results of their final push? CCAC workers delivered more than 86,000 signatures to the secretary of state's office on the last day to submit initiative petitions.

In addition to the effort of CCAC leaders, the numerous campaign volunteers and local churches which responded to the appeal are to be commended. Each of the

86,000 citizens who signed their name to allow Arkansas the choice of outlawing gambling statewide also is a vital part of the much-needed anti-gambling initiative.

But the job isn't finished. In fact, it has only begun. If the number of qualified names approved by the secretary of state's office dips below 71,648 signatures, concerned citizens must be prepared to help make up the difference during a 30-day extension period. According to Page, interested individuals also need to encourage voter registration and be prepared to cast their own ballots on Nov. 5.

Independence Day

While America celebrates, Baptist volunteers minister in delta region

By Russell N. Dilday

Associate Editor, Arkansas Baptist

While the United States celebrated its 220th anniversary as a nation July 4, more than 140 Baptist volunteers were helping improve the spiritual and physical standard of living for fellow citizens in southeast Arkansas.

The volunteers, a combination of Baptists from Mt. Zion Association and Delta Association, focused on evangelism and ministry as they repaired homes and churches, held health clinics, conducted Backyard Bible Clubs and witnessed during the week of July 1-5.

The project, conducted as a Mississippi River Ministry project, reportedly was the largest participation by an Arkansas Baptist association during the four-year emphasis to minister to residents in the seven-state Mississippi delta region.

ABSC missions department church and community associate Tommy Goode said the large number of participants "indicates the potential of mobilizing churches and meeting the needs of people in Arkansas through this ministry. It confirms how great God is in sending out the needed people to do the work."

Among the Independence Day events during the project were:

■ **10 a.m., Lake Village**

Gary Garriss wipes the sweat from his forehead as he lays shingles on the roof of Shiloh Church. The day already promises to be hot, with no clouds on the horizon and the humidity at a tropical level typical of southeast Arkansas.

Garris and the rest of the project's construction team had risen at 4 a.m. from their bunks at Delta Association's Wolf Creek Camp to eat breakfast before beginning work on the church roof. Even though it is only mid-morning, the team has been at work for four hours.

Garris, a Baptist minister who moved to the Jonesboro area from Louisiana less than a month ago when his wife was transferred because of her job, quickly found out about the project and was eager to help.

Garris and others in the construction team re-roofed the church and performed other construction projects on an African-American Missionary Baptist church and homes in Delta Association. Their efforts reaped praise from area residents and church members.

"There's no way we could have done this without their help," remarked Wayne Slaughter, treasurer of Shiloh Church. "The

materials cost over \$2,000 and the church is going to take care of that. But the labor? Man, I'd be even scared to guess."

Slaughter said the replacement of the roof, which was "between 15 and 20 years old, means the world to us because we don't have many members."

■ **11 a.m., Lake Village**

In the large room that serves as the garage and gym of the National Guard Armory, a dozen people wait in line to see dentist Marty Harderson. Others have their blood tested or blood pressure checked by nurses.

Bob Whitlow, a Licensed Practical Nurse and member of Mt. Zion Church in Walcott, said he and other medical team members had spent the last three days "taking blood pressure, looking at medical histories, checking blood sugars, checking hemoglobins or blood counts, teaching people about their medication, and encouraging them to go to doctors if they need a follow-up real soon."

Whitlow, who works at the Intensive Care Unit of Arkansas Methodist Hospital in Paragould, noted that the free medical, dental and eye clinic had been a popular spot for local residents. "Yesterday we saw 50, the day before that 30, and the day before, 25."

"That's just what we've seen," he added. "A lot of people have come in just to see the dentist and the eye doctor. The dentist has pulled right at 150-160 teeth. The optometrist was here two days and had to leave because they ran out of supplies."

Whitlow said he volunteered for the

team because "I'm doing the Lord's work and having a lot of fun."

"There have been instances here...that have just been overwhelming with a good feeling as we were teaching people or working with people," he said. "There have been 250-300 people through here in the last couple of days and only one had a complaint. The others were thanking us and want us to come back."

"This is what the Lord taught — go out and help them."

Betty Passmore, who works with Whitlow at Arkansas Methodist's ICU, said that by giving medical help, "We're showing these people how to look at their family's risk factors and see they are going to get these (medical problems) if they don't change their habits."

Passmore, wife of Mt. Zion pastor Bill Passmore, said she "found myself crying" after counseling local residents such as a young woman whose daughter had been killed by a drunk driver.

The dentistry clinic was filled each day from opening to closing. Jeanne White, a member of First Church in Marmaduke, said the clinic attracted such a large number "because the word got out and they announced it on radio and every day we have been covered up."

White said that the dental team, led by Harderson, a member of Leechville Assembly of God Church, had seen 140 patients in three days "and we've pulled more than 160 teeth. We pulled 95 just yesterday alone and turned away more than half (of those waiting in line) for cleanings."



Larry Ballinger (left), a member of Highland Drive Church in Jonesboro, was part of the Mt. Zion Association construction crew that repaired the roof of Shiloh Church in Lake Village during a recent Mississippi River Ministry in Delta Association.

MISSISSIPPI RIVER MINISTRY

■ Noon, Dermott

John Hall, director of missions for Delta Association, speaks with gratitude for the volunteers as he checks on the status of the project's various ministries. "About 85 people came from Mt. Zion Association, but that does not include any of the local churches or people involved in fixing meals for the crews," he noted.

"Just an estimate would be about 140 to 150 people," Hall said. "It's a multifaceted project. We started off planning to do just some construction work — remodeling and repairing homes and churches. It ended up we wanted to do some medical work, so we had a dentist, an eye doctor, and an ear, nose and throat specialist come, too."

He said the project started when he told Tommy Goode about a desire to conduct a large-scale ministry project.

"We were wanting to do it, but didn't know how we were going to do it," said Hall. "Tommy said, 'You know I just heard from a director of missions this week who says they're looking for a project to do this summer. Would you be interested?'"

That DOM was Mt. Zion director of missions Harold Ray, who said that while Hall was looking for help, his association was looking for a ministry outlet. "Tommy Goode said one of the toughest (project needs) was one along the Mississippi River down here at Delta Association in southeast Arkansas."

Following an introduction of needs by Goode, Hall and Ray began to plan in 1995 for the project. Their plans became the large-scale effort for the week.

"We've been looking for this to be done on this scale because it would give an illustration of what God can do when we pool our resources and come together as God's people," Hall remarked.

■ 2 p.m., Dermott

Several construction team members huddle in conversation near the north wall of Savoy Collin's home. They are conferring with Harold Ray and project coordinator Larry Bailey, minister of prayer and missions for Central Church in Jonesboro.

Collin, an elderly African-American lay pastor, looks worried as team members inspect the termite-ravaged wall, many shaking their heads each time they survey the damage.

Finally, Ray delivers bad news to the clearly disappointed Collin: The job is too big for the tired and small crew, the damage too extensive. The crew helps the only way possible by unloading the materials needed for a professional contractor to complete the job.

Ray admitted his frustration at one of the few problems encountered during the week. "I saw his heart and I knew he hurt,

but what I was forgetting is that these men are worn out."

Bailey agreed. "The work is stressful. Our temperatures in this area will jump as high as 98 and the humidity has been really, really high. They've been getting up at 4 o'clock in the morning and they work as long as they can stay out there. It's taking a toll on them."

Despite the setback at the Collin residence, team members recorded successes in many homes that needed repair.

Team member Paul Davison, a member of Philadelphia Church in Jonesboro, noted that in "the love of God we replaced two floors in an elderly man's home that the termites had eaten the bottom seal out."

His duties, he added, did not stop at construction. "I also got to go to a church last night and give my testimony and preach to them and had fellowship with them after the service."

"It's been wonderful," Davison said. "I guess the blessing of everything is that when we were leaving yesterday from this elderly man's home, he prayed for us and it was a blessing. He mentioned that even he knew it was the love of God that brought us together."

Bailey said homes were targeted for repair based on need. "These are homeowners that simply could not buy the materials or get the labor to repair their homes and their homes are just coming down around them."

"Most of the people we have served have been those that we consider priority people who were too poor to hire someone to come in and do the work on their homes," Hall said. "The ABSO missions department and Mt. Zion Association, along with Delta, have come up with some extra money and that has been pooled... enough to buy some materials and do the work for these people free of charge as a ministry of our Lord. It's just been great."

Bailey said many construction projects, including a church renovation, targeted the African-American community.

"One of the statements we wanted to make is that the black and the white need to cooperate in bringing down the strongholds of racial prejudice," he commented. "If we could come along and work in a project like New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, which is a black church, we could make a statement that there is no race with



Betty Passmore of Mt. Zion Church, Jonesboro, checks a Lake Village woman's blood pressure at a medical clinic that was part of the Mississippi River Ministry project.

God, that we can work together and try to take a deeply racial-divided community and get them to have second thoughts about their ideologies."

Along with changing ideologies, said Bailey, team members also wanted to change theologies. "Evangelism has been part of the project, with the ministry aspect," he said. "As the people in the medical clinic would come in to have a human need met, the receptionist handed them a tract and told them God loves them. We also used personal witnessing and showed the Jesus film while they were waiting in the armory."

■ 3:30 p.m., Dermott

"Is this fun?" shouted Lori McDaniel to the approximately 20 children attending a Backyard Bible Club in a Dermott government housing project.

McDaniel, a member of First Church in Lake City, said the club was one of nine during the week conducted "pretty much for African-American kids, and it has been great. We used juggling, singing, puppets and the curriculum."

Brenda Hutchison, also a member of First, Lake City, coordinated the Backyard Bible Clubs. She said the attendance "varied in ranges from 20 to 45."

We had one in the morning and one in the afternoon with five teams," she explained. "We've worked from affluent neighborhoods to housing projects. We're trying to cross some racial lines, just showing God's love to everyone."

McDaniel said the group didn't stop with witnessing to children. "Yesterday, we had a women's project as a quick idea. We had crafts and (a Bible study), presented the gospel, and four ladies accepted Christ."

August workshop to focus on role of worship in spiritual awakening

Seeking to fulfill the mandate of John 4:24, "...and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and in truth," Arkansas Baptists' Worship and Spiritual Awakening Conference will train pastors, worship leaders and church accompanists in worship theology and techniques.

Set for Aug. 13 at Baring Cross Church in North Little Rock, the conference is a priority project of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention and revolves around the 1996 theme, *Live the Word: Arkansas Awakening*.

The conference is sponsored jointly by the ABCS church music ministries and church leadership support departments.

Church music ministries department director Rob Hewell explained that "our two departments are working together because we believe it is important that the music leadership and pastors work together to plan worship."

He added that because the workshop is a convention priority project, "We have chosen to focus on spiritual awakening and desire for God to touch us."

"Spiritual awakening is deeply tied to worship," Hewell added. "It is important for us as believers to seek to have a genuine experience of worship and, when we truly worship, we are changed."

The program will feature keynote speakers Ken Hemphill, president of Southwestern Baptist Theological



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Seminary and Benjamin Harlan, the dean of Southwestern's School of Church Music.

The morning session, according to Hewell, "will be a worship service with Dr. Hemphill preaching and Dr. Harlan leading worship."

Special music will be provided during the morning session by the Master Singers and Singing Women of Arkansas.

During the afternoon session, Hemphill will lead the conference, "The Pastor as Worship Leader" for pastors while Harlan will lead worship leaders during the conference, "The Congregation's Song."

Also in the afternoon session, ABCS stewardship department director James Walker will speak on, "Worship Through Giving." A joint session featuring Hemphill and Harlan in a forum format will be held at the end of the workshop.

The workshop program will begin at 10 a.m. and conclude at 3:30 p.m.

The cost for the workshop is \$10 per person and includes lunch and materials. Hewell urged churches to register prior to the August 1 deadline to help planners prepare the program.

For more information, contact Hewell at the ABCS church music ministries department toll-free at 1-800-838-ABSC, ext. 5121, or ABCS church leadership support department director Bruce Swihart at ext. 5148.

Evangelism training targets small churches

Evangelism conferences targeting churches using bivocational ministers and smaller-membership churches will be held in three area locations in September.

The Bivocational and Smaller Membership Church Evangelism Conferences will be held Sept. 9 at Ridgeway Church in Nashville, Sept. 10 at Woodland Heights Church in Harrison and Sept. 12 at Bellaire Church in Dermott.

Clarence Shell, director of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention evangelism department, said that he hopes pastors in each area "will begin to enlist people to attend with you." He noted that each location will feature a similar program.

The conference program will feature special-interest training conferences led by ABCS evangelism department staff. Department associate Randy Brantley will lead a conference for youth directors,

leaders and teachers; associate Paul McClung will train participants to involve "Laity in Witnessing"; and Shell will lead the conference, "Revival Preparation."

The program each evening also will feature a testimony from Jerry Ray, president of the Arkansas Bivocational Pastors Conference and pastor of Oak Grove Church in Austin, music provided by the host church and a message from Dale Holloway.

Shell said that Holloway, bivocational consultant for the Home Mission Board, "is a delightful preacher. You will be blessed by his message and rejoice in his humor."

There is no cost for the conferences. For more information, contact Shell at the ABCS evangelism department toll-free at 1-800-838-ABSC, or locally in Little Rock at 376-4791, ext. 5132.

Campers on Mission to meet at Maumelle

Arkansas campers interested in missions will gather at Maumelle State Park Sept. 5-8 for the fall rally of Arkansas Campers on Mission.

President Charles Stender, a member of Immanuel Church in Little Rock, said he hopes to use the rally to build a strong support base for missions work in the state.

"We hope to build a group that, every week, someone is on some kind of missions trip," he explained. "I also hope that a result of the meeting is that we have a state missions project planned by our group."

"Our group has not had an official state project," he said. "There's a lot of talent in our group and I hope we can go to an area and do some repair work, survey work and preaching."

Stender said the rally, which is open to "any Christian camper who is interested in camping and missions," will follow a format similar to past rallies and include mission reports, Friday night potluck meal, Saturday business meetings and Sunday morning worship.

Featured speakers will include: *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* editor Trennis Henderson; state convention president Rex Home, pastor of Immanuel Church, Little Rock; Ron Sanders, pastor of Life Line Church in Little Rock; Williams Baptist College president emeritus H.E. Williams; and retired Arkansas legislator Tom Collins.

Although Stender noted that many campers arrive early and stay late, the program will begin at 8 a.m. Thursday and conclude with worship Sunday at noon.

There is no program cost, but campers are responsible for their own park camping fee.

For additional information, contact Pete Petty at the Arkansas Baptist State Convention missions department by calling 1-800-838-ABSC or Stender at 501-562-5338.



Effort nets 86,000 signatures

Gambling opponents meet petition deadline for November ballot

By Russell N. Dilday

Associate Editor, Arkansas Baptist

Opponents of gambling in Arkansas have submitted more than 86,000 signatures on petitions seeking to outlaw all legalized gambling in the state. The petitions contain about 15,000 more signatures than needed to include the measure on the state's Nov. 5 general election ballot as a proposed constitutional amendment.

Larry Page, executive director of the Christian Civic Action Committee, filed the petitions July 5 — on the final filing day — with the elections division of the secretary of state's office.

The proposed amendment calls for all legalized gambling to be outlawed in the state, including existing gambling on thoroughbred racing at Oaklawn Park in Hot Springs and greyhound racing at Southland Park in West Memphis.

The CCAC amendment also seeks to counter four proposed amendments aimed at legalizing casinos and state lotteries that are expected to share space with the CCAC proposal on the Nov. 5 ballot.

The anti-gambling signatures came in slowly until the July 5 deadline neared, Page noted.

"We were gratified," he acknowledged. "There was a period there about three and a half weeks out...that looked a little bleak."

He said at that time only 16,000 of the 71,684 signatures needed to qualify the petition for inclusion on the November ballot had been submitted to the CCAC office. The signatures, he noted, began flooding into his office "in dramatic numbers in the last week and a half."

"There were a couple of things we didn't factor in," he said. "One is the natural procrastination of everyone, and particularly churches, when they are doing this kind of thing."

Second, he added, "We really did make a strong appeal and did the mailings and phone calls, putting out the alert that we needed to step things up a bit."

He said that although Arkansas Southern Baptists represented the largest number of signatures because they "represent the largest proportion of our network, I think if you factor in everyone's relative size, it was a pretty healthy comprehensive effort across the board."

Although Page considers the 15,000-signature surplus "safe," he added that the CCAC workers "certainly feel that it would be the safe course and will be encouraging people that, if they still have petitions, to collect those and send them in."

Among the four pro-gambling amend-

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette photo/Benjamin Krahn



CCAC campaign associate Todd Davis delivers boxes to the secretary of state's office July 5 containing petitions with more than 86,000 signatures of Arkansans seeking to outlaw gambling.

ments expected on the November ballot, Page noted that only one has garnered more petition signatures than the CCAC initiative.

Page said he sees the strong support for the amendment as an encouraging forecast of the November election. "One thing people need to keep in mind is that, unlike the four pro-gambling amendments, our signatures were gathered strictly by unpaid volunteers. The other side had to pay canvassers."

He said the CCAC will not win its campaign on money, but through the strength of local churches.

"We would like to have \$500,000 to run a media campaign," he remarked. "Even if we had a half million dollars, that would still be a small fraction of what the other side will spend."

Page said that the CCAC has a current campaign balance of only \$900 and that they "already have turned down funding from Las Vegas, which has casinos in Mississippi and doesn't want competition in Arkansas. We've turned down some real money."

"We can't match that dollar for dollar," he said. "When you consider that our effort was motivated by altruistic concerns, when you compare that to what the other side was unable to do with a vast treasury, that tells us that the truth is on our side and a concerned citizenry is on our side."

"Without paying canvassers," he

speculated, "none of the other four amendments could have gathered much more than 10,000 signatures."

"There's no zeal out there for gambling," he explained. "Gambling initiatives always have been and are now driven by greed. The impetus is on the part of a few individuals who stand to gain handsomely from the establishment of gambling."

"What our nearly 87,000 signatures tell us is that there are a lot of folks out there who feel strongly about the issue...because they feel a real concern about their state, about the economy, about the well-being of people and they have a real good sense that gambling is a harmful, destructive presence in any state."

Looking toward future actions prior to the November election, Page said CCAC volunteers are "still waiting on verification of the signatures. If additional signatures are needed, of course, that takes priority."

"The secretary of state has 30 days from July 5 to finish verification," he said. "Once the process is finished, if we are deficient in the number, the secretary of state notifies us and we have an additional 30 days from that notification date" to collect additional signatures.

Page said that the CCAC's next major initiative "is a drive to register 250,000 new Arkansas voters through the existing organizational network."

He said the CCAC network consists of "both churches and the network of grassroots volunteers that we have raised up. We'll do strong encouragement with pastors and denominational leaders to encourage this and we'll be asking our grassroots individuals to encourage drives in their churches and communities."

The voter registration drive, Page explained, "is still being planned, with a formal announcement within a couple of weeks."

Meanwhile, Arkansans "can do a couple of things" to prepare for the election, he offered. "They can become aware of the need for this voter registration drive and to get out the vote."

"Become informed and aware and be prepared to discuss this on break in the workplace, in the classroom, in Sunday School classes or informal meetings with neighbors across the fence," Page urged. "Be able to talk intelligently about the issue — not just know that we ought to be opposed to gambling, but the myriad reasons why."

For additional information or to request materials or voter registration forms, contact the Christian Civic Action Committee toll-free at 1-800-NO LOTTERY.

Staff changes

Mack Davis is pastor of Ridgecrest Church of Benton, coming there from Tyrone Church of Tyrone, Okla. He previously was chaplain of the Baptist Hospital of Kansas City, Mo., and has been pastor of other Arkansas churches, including Colt Church and Brighton Church of Paragould. He attended Southern Baptist College (now Williams Baptist College) and is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University and Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He and his wife, Kristie, have two children, William and Sarah Emily.

Champ Thomas Jr. began his ministry July 2 as pastor of Eudora Church, coming there from Ashport Church of Ripley, Tenn. Thomas is a graduate of Crichton College of Memphis and Mid-America Seminary where he currently is pursuing a doctor of ministry degree. He and his wife, Jo, are parents of two adult children, Champ III and Julianne.

Keith Stewart is pastor of Calvary Church in Malvern, coming there from First Church of Abbott. He and his wife, Kimberly, are students at Ouachita Baptist University.



ARKANSAS ALL OVER

By MILIJE GILL

Tom Williams began serving July 14 as pastor of Indian Springs Church of Bryant, coming there from First Church of DeWitt. He previously was pastor of Richland Church of West Memphis. Williams is a graduate of Louisiana Tech University of Ruston, La., and Mid-America Seminary. He and his wife, Paula, have two children, Rhonda and Jeff.

Charles Jones has joined the staff of Victory Church of Conway as associate pastor. He previously has been pastor of Emmanuel Church of Conway and North Little Rock churches. Jones is a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He and his wife, Sue, are residing in North Little Rock.

Paul Huskey retired July 1 as pastor of Tomahawk Church, following five years of ministry. A Southern Baptist pastor 34 years, Huskey has served First Church of

Desha, Westside Church of Warren, First Church of Norfolk, First Church of Wooster, First Church of Concord and Lone Rock Church. He and his wife, Connie, are parents of six children. Huskey is available to serve as a supply preacher or to lead revivals. He may be contacted at RR 2, Box 1240, Saint Joe, AR 72675; phone 501-439-2040.

W. Craig Steedley recently joined the staff of First Church of Cabot as children's minister. Steedley is a graduate of Georgia Southern College of Statesboro, Ga., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is married to the former Lauren Atwell. They have two children, Whitney Camille and Kathryn Elizabeth.

Matt Weaver is summer youth worker for Emmanuel Church of Piggott. He and his wife, Carrie, are students at Williams Baptist College.

Shawn Wild has joined the staff of Natural Steps Church in Roland as part-time minister of youth. A graduate of Baylor University, he previously served Hillside Church of Camden as minister of youth. He is married to the former Janet Renee Tullos of Cabot.

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Church news

Sims Mission of Caddo River Association was constituted July 7 with 18 charter members. The association has provided the new congregation with an acre of land and a building for services. Participants in the constitution service were director of missions Ronny Noles; Joseph Botwinick, pastor of Concord Church of Aly; Doug Guinn, pastor of Black Springs Church; Joe Bagwell, pastor of Mount Ida Church; Roy Brooks, pastor of Lake Ouachita Church; and David Birdsong, pastor of Pencil Bluff Church. Following the service, nine people were baptized in a baptismal service in the Ouachita River.

Bethany Church of Georgetown has launched a new work, Bethany Mission, in the Providence community on Warren Road. Johnny Kimbriel is pastor of the new work that began June 2 with 16 people for Sunday School and 18 for worship.

Blytheville First Church 23-member youth mission team has returned from El Reno, Okla., where they ministered to the Cheyenne and Arapaho Indians through construction and Vacation Bible School.

Shirley First Church associate pastor Paul Parker recently led a 16-member youth and adult mission team to Shenandoah, Iowa, where they assisted Memorial Church in painting, window replacements and a youth emphasis week that was led by youth minister Buddy Funk. The effort resulted in 14 professions of faith. Team members were from First Church of Shirley, Pleasant Valley Church of Shirley, First Church of Leslie and Victory Church of Conway.

Pecan Grove Church of Little Rock will observe its 127th homecoming Aug. 11 with activities that include morning worship at 10:50 a.m., a noon potluck meal and a 1:30 musical program, featuring church members. Former pastor Elbert Warren of Sherwood will be the worship speaker.

Ordinations

Hot Springs First Church ordained Wallace Yamauchi, minister to students and young singles, to the ministry July 14.

Mount Ida First Church ordained Chris Ray and Rodney Standridge to the deacon ministry June 23.

Obituaries

Gene D. Naramore of Sherwood died July 11 at age 70. He was a member of Central Church of North Little Rock and a retired Southern Baptist minister of music, having served churches for four decades in Oklahoma and Arkansas. He is survived by his wife, Jeanie Naramore of Sherwood; three sons, Ron Naramore of Hot Springs; David Naramore of Little Rock; John Naramore of Beebe; a daughter, Cheryl Renfro of North Little Rock; a brother, three sisters; and 10 grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the Central Church Building Fund or the American Lung Association.

Leila H. Hogan, 81, of Marianna died June 24 as a result of a stroke. Her funeral service was held at First Church of Marianna where she was a member and had taught an adult Sunday School class for 40 years. She had been an elementary school teacher for 32 years. Survivors are her husband of 57 years, Clyde Hogan; two daughters, Martha Hogan of Marianna and Becky Setzler of Lewisville, Texas. Memorials may be made to First Church of Marianna or the Gideons International.

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Elliff encourages leaders to join prayer emphasis

DEL CITY, OK (BP)—Southern Baptist Convention president Tom Elliff has issued an invitation to Southern Baptist ministers to attend one-day convocations at seven seminaries with "preaching, singing and powerful praying as we turn our hearts toward God."

Elliff, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Okla., issued the invitation in a July 15 letter to Southern Baptist pastors, state convention executive directors, state Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhood and division directors and associational directors of missions. More than 40,000 letters were sent in a cooperative effort by Elliff and the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Labeled an "urgent invitation," Elliff said the 20th century "is rapidly drawing to a close. Tragically, this could be the first century in our nation's history to pass without a great, sweeping move of God. Will that be the case? Many of us believe the Lord is saying, 'Turn to me!' He is calling us to revival; calling us to the cross; calling us to the crucified life."

Elliff said the seminaries are opening their campuses for the day "when all energies and interests will be focused on revival." He urged Southern Baptists to find the nearest campus, "on the day most suited to your schedule."

BSSB president Jimmy Draper said board officials believe the cause of spiritual awakening is "so important that we were glad to underwrite this mailing."

Each convocation begins at 10 a.m. Meeting dates and locations include: Aug. 29, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary; Sept. 3, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; Sept. 4, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary; Sept. 10, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; Sept. 11, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; and Sept. 12, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. A convocation also will be held Sept. 5 at Mid-America Seminary, an independent seminary located in Memphis.

During the recent SBC annual meeting in New Orleans, SBC Executive Committee chairman Ronnie Floyd urged Southern Baptists to make commitments to participate this fall in prayer and fasting for spiritual awakening.

To assist churches in preparing for the emphasis on prayer and fasting, the BSSB will send a mailing to churches in early August. The mailing will include a letter from Draper, an audio tape and a guide to prayer and fasting by Floyd.

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	204,310.54	49,512.30	

Arkansas Valley

Church	Coop	Prog	Designated
Barton	240.00	206.56	
Bethel	50.21	0.00	
Brinkley First	27,425.57	24,129.36	
Broadmoor	1,217.00	3,793.23	
Calvary	390.00	0.00	
Clarendon First	6,707.95	1,937.10	
Elaine	9,104.56	2,841.69	
Friendship	815.00	0.00	
Helena First	6,472.41	1,541.25	
Holly Grove First Southern	121.76	0.00	
Hughes First	4,000.00	3,366.00	
Immanuel	787.44	485.00	
Lambrook First	1,332.17	158.00	
Lexa	3,528.26	252.60	
Marianne First	19,110.70	41,340.94	
Marvell First	6,952.95	933.00	
Monroe	100.00	200.00	
Moro	1,800.00	1,597.00	
Petty's Chapel	140.00	0.00	
Snow Lake	24.37	0.00	
Turner	1,320.48	190.00	
West Acres	608.00	145.00	
West Helena	10,075.78	2,729.30	
West Helena Second	12,537.84	2,977.41	
	114,854.45	88,823.44	

Ashley County

Church	Coop	Prog	Designated
Calvary	881.85	0.00	
Community Chapel	79.51	79.00	
Carinth	1,874.05	734.00	
Crosssett First	94,310.55	10,274.55	
Crosssett Second	480.55	0.00	
Eden	2,713.74	1,400.85	

Fellowship	300.00	0.00	
Fountain Hill First	300.00	70.00	
Gardner	1,999.70	932.38	
Hamburg First	25,902.19	13,293.74	
Jarvis Chapel	600.00	0.00	
Magnolia	13,194.13	3,986.03	
Martinville	1,771.00	470.00	
Meridian	6,076.00	603.31	
Mount Olive	25,894.39	10,260.84	
Mount Pleasant	1,014.94	90.00	
North Crosssett First	1,912.24	426.83	
Pleasant Lane	603.78	711.17	
Sardis	21.60	0.00	
Shiloh	420.61	94.43	
South Main	3,444.00	1,189.55	
Temple	2,368.63	1,489.43	
Wilmot	4,807.80	3,004.00	
	191,571.26	49,119.91	

Bartholomew

Church	Coop	Prog	Designated
Calvary	8,346.40	1,537.13	
Cominto	1,230.00	0.00	
Corinth	1,146.65	354.00	
Eagle Lake Crossroads	1,060.78	0.00	
Ebenezer	893.75	788.00	
Enon	2,339.82	380.00	
Florence	767.39	545.00	
Green Hill Community	1,235.64	250.00	
Hermitage	6,803.43	948.60	
Immanuel	27,068.92	3,775.00	
Ladelle	820.41	0.00	
Macedonia	700.84	0.00	
Monticello First	11,587.91	0.00	
Monticello Second	40,468.68	10,718.54	
North Side	2,070.62	287.10	
Prairie Grove	850.00	100.00	
Saline	1,402.92	128.51	
Southside	575.00	0.00	
Union Hill	2,544.08	0.00	
Warren First	34,007.62	15,534.35	
West Side	1,596.50	745.82	
Wilmar	2,456.04	1,081.03	
	149,973.40	37,151.18	

Big Creek

Church	Coop	Prog	Designated
Elizabeth	150.00	320.00	
Engleprize	300.00	170.92	
Flora	80.00	0.00	
Mammoth Spring First	1,007.04	1,074.54	
Mount Lebanon	460.07	0.00	
Mount Zion	45.00	200.30	
Saddle First	207.74	80.31	
Spring River	225.00	1,290.97	
Union Hill	278.28	375.00	
Viola	2,400.00	927.00	
	5,133.13	4,439.04	

Black River

Church	Coop	Prog	Designated
Atlicia	554.52	128.50	
Banks	294.96	0.00	
Black Rock First	2,021.73	96.00	
Calvary	1,951.96	887.00	
Campbell Station	933.49	210.13	
Clear Springs	292.18	284.80	
Crossroads	123.19	88.00	
Diaz	2,064.00	304.00	
Grubbs First	1,408.71	775.00	
Hoxie First	2,761.09	500.00	
Imboden First	4,237.72	2,319.75	
Immanuel	3,047.97	352.00	
Jacksonport	1,867.02	0.00	

New Hope #1	893.58	497.01	
New Hope Hardy	2,091.81	1,654.72	
Newport First	41,410.55	12,297.72	
Old Walnut Ridge	871.98	40.00	
Pitts	146.87	0.00	
Ravenden First	278.00	0.00	
Sedgwick	1,528.09	250.00	
Smithville	897.12	271.55	
Spring Lake	993.13	679.44	
Tuckerman First	1,987.63	214.25	
Walnut Ridge First	24,101.45	10,022.30	
White Oak	400.00	300.00	
	97,158.75	33,172.23	

Buckner

Church	Coop	Prog	Designated
Abbott	192.96	55.00	
Bates	50.00	0.00	
Boles	556.57	216.05	
Calvary	195.46	57.48	
Cedar Creek	383.34	100.00	
Dayton	855.00	50.00	
Evening Shade	468.38	0.00	
Fellowship	6,095.52	4,417.15	
Friendship	87.50	0.00	
Hartford First	8,584.31	1,342.58	
Haw Creek	1,673.81	1,249.50	
Hon	442.70	100.00	
Huntington First	217.90	18.35	
James Fork	2,492.87	500.00	
Long Ridge	772.44	730.00	
Mansfield First	18,273.75	9,887.71	
New Providence	1,128.40	225.18	
Parks	375.00	252.60	
Pleasant Grove #2	1,082.72	100.00	
Pleasant Grove #3	525.17	90.00	
Rock Creek	792.16	0.00	
Southside	1,015.61	0.00	
Temple	424.06	167.00	
Unity	213.21	0.00	
Waldron First	15,742.96	1,831.25	
West Hartford	490.41	115.00	
Winfield	916.40	537.53	
	64,008.61	22,052.38	

Buckville

Church	Coop	Prog	Designated
Rock Springs	1,864.09	23.78	
	1,864.09	23.78	

Caddo River

Church	Coop	Prog	Designated
Amity Second	120.00	0.00	
Big Fork	374.73	0.00	
Black Springs	2,512.77	200.00	
Caddo Gap	120.00	0.00	
Community Bible	0.00	529.00	
Glennwood First	11,552.73	2,094.00	
Lake Duachita	3,969.09	600.00	
Little Hope	100.00	0.00	
Mount Gilead	580.00	0.00	
Mount Ida First	10,449.87	1,200.00	
Murphy	0.00	140.00	
Norman First	600.00	310.00	
Oak Grove	60.00	0.00	
Oden First	1,005.61	250.00	
Pencil Bluff First	2,982.23	306.50	
Refuge	475.00	400.00	
Sims	150.00	0.00	
	35,052.03	6,029.50	

Calvary

Church	Coop	Prog	Designated
Antioch	666.00	1,233.00	
Augusta First	7,337.39	1,233.72	

Beebe First	15,367.07	11,358.58	Keo	3,245.38	447.25	Allus First	931.42	45.00
Bethany	858.61	276.30	Lonoke	26,051.31	2,434.55	Batson	195.00	74.00
Bradford First Southern	373.24	0.00	Mount Carmel	22,824.38	9,577.01	Cabin Creek	432.50	120.00
Calvary	685.37	2,578.17	Mountain Springs	1,094.86	232.89	Cass	0.00	45.00
Central	17,128.47	11,560.48	New Hope	1,168.74	300.00	Cedarville	1,600.02	217.00
Cotton Plant First	1,903.45	1,013.75	Oak Grove	578.14	530.35	Clarksville Second	5,767.21	2,190.25
Crosby	739.00	700.00	Oakridge	369.00	127.00	Coal Hill First	665.23	423.12
Denmark	267.00	70.00	Old Austin	500.00	173.60	Concord	15,999.88	1,747.00
El Paso First	869.07	219.00	Pleasant Hill	2,415.58	760.00	Dyer First	1,013.70	122.56
Floyd First	832.49	613.13	Roberson	1,189.26	0.00	East Mount Zion	5,547.49	1,656.47
Good Hope	516.59	167.53	South Bend	254.59	72.82	Eastern Heights	2,339.98	0.00
Grace	1,200.00	1,273.69	Steel Bridge	943.72	406.00	Graphic Southern	366.95	0.00
Gregory	167.72	50.00	Toltec	3,881.02	2,105.65	Hartman First	1,848.00	818.00
Griffithville First	1,250.20	85.00	Ward First	3,496.12	342.00	Kibler	5,558.40	4,788.00
Judsonia First	13,058.91	11,133.89	Wattensaw	1,869.59	641.00	Lamar	2,210.00	1,027.84
Kensett First	4,317.00	978.00		213,002.25	38,793.28	Lee Creek	2,778.59	2,115.60
Liberty	139.51	85.00	Centennial			Mountainburg First	6,601.51	641.31
McCrary First	10,291.16	4,249.50	Church	Coop Prog Designated		Mulberry First	6,661.52	1,236.00
McRae First	3,907.30	916.76	Aberdeen First	959.80	220.02	North Park	12,554.38	2,120.00
Midway	460.63	0.00	Almyra First	15,455.00	3,671.00	Oak Grove	9,013.29	3,313.74
Mount Hebron	2,710.51	1,279.10	OeWitt First	17,759.75	7,068.75	Ozark First	26,653.77	3,176.08
New Morrow	40.00	0.00	Eastside	713.00	170.00	Orone	952.01	155.00
Pangburn First	4,450.69	70.00	Faith	1,297.79	1,263.18	Rudy	130.00	0.00
Pleasant Grove	743.38	167.00	Gillett First	2,883.34	607.67	Shady Grove	328.76	133.00
Rocky Point	1,316.10	0.00	North Maple	1,135.74	25.00	Shibley	0.00	102.38
Rose Bud	4,361.52	2,277.96	Raydell	750.00	395.00	Southside	3,227.04	195.00
Searcy First	72,823.42	11,010.98	Samt Charles	2,280.67	226.00	Spadra	178.76	245.00
Sidney	574.30	200.00	Southside	3,650.67	587.80	Trinity	250.00	0.00
Temple	9,868.99	1,298.00	Stuttgart First	51,644.00	12,311.13	Union Grove	1,944.61	307.91
Trinity	20,069.12	3,050.05		98,529.76	26,545.55	Uniontown	947.40	0.00
Tupelo First	1,912.44	426.00	Central			Van Buren First	19,159.07	14,100.00
Unio Valley	6,999.79	1,279.64	Church	Coop Prog Designated		Van Buren Second	4,995.25	0.00
West	8,574.00	672.00	Balboa	18,410.91	3,742.30	Vine Prairie	1,067.26	903.17
Walley	901.53	0.00	Barcelona Road	35,257.77	10,645.15	Webb City	2,350.70	903.65
Way Point	217,681.93	71,526.23	Benton First	102,130.79	16,049.28	Woodland	2,193.97	823.00
			Bue	144.70	98.65		182,410.89	53,756.55
Carry			Calvary	995.34	441.00	Concord		
Church	Coop Prog Designated		Calvary	13,044.27	1,674.48	Barling First	Coop Prog Designated	
Bearden First Southern	3,499.98	980.00	Central	6,107.16	2,222.00	Bethel	2,164.31	1,011.81
Bethesda	1,135.86	395.78	Congo Road	3,432.48	1,398.27	Bloomer	0.00	250.00
Calvary	15,777.00	2,304.79	Gilead	477.20	29.30	Bloomer	180.00	0.00
Eagle Mills	2,536.00	700.00	Gravel Hill	3,151.78	0.00	Bluff Avenue	3,028.83	713.00
Faith	285.40	122.00	Highland Heights	21,171.78	9,839.05	Booneville First	24,479.96	3,567.70
Fordyce First	28,619.18	4,668.01	Hildale	800.00	200.00	Branch	5,416.80	1,203.72
Grace	816.46	673.00	Hot Springs	17,278.35	0.00	Burnville	244.60	0.00
Grant County First Southern	39.55	0.00	Hot Springs First	61,991.03	28,883.01	Calvary	7,034.82	3,302.43
Hampton First	5,901.85	2,362.74	Hot Springs Second	22,506.18	62,124.62	Central First Southern	1,085.00	708.00
Holly	423.40	0.00	Hurricane Lake	2,025.55	695.00	Charleston First	14,038.79	4,644.31
Harmy Springs	1,484.42	125.50	Lake Hamilton	4,300.23	1,356.00	Crestview	804.12	165.00
Manning	1,325.36	200.00	Lakeshore Heights	5,652.03	3,818.92	East Side	94,340.02	11,503.00
New Hope	1,723.97	220.00	Lee Chapel	960.79	22.31	East Side	852.48	0.00
Quachita	851.00	135.00	Lonsdale	597.93	0.00	Excelsior	957.49	200.00
Prosperity	1,138.92	575.00	Macedonia	261.00	50.00	Faith	3,128.66	568.75
Shady Grove	100.00	200.00	Magnet Cove First Southern	4,238.27	1,004.77	Fianna Hills	14,598.84	2,704.42
South Side	1,773.54	282.00	Malvern First	12,328.19	4,423.37	Fort Smith First	114,037.52	106,825.05
Sparkman First	14,627.84	6,461.00	Malvern Third	19,423.10	3,146.44	Glendale	4,726.06	1,889.14
Thornton First	1,333.01	0.00	Meadowview	1,869.20	302.48	Grand Avenue	157,060.03	27,698.83
Tinsman First	120.00	0.00	Memorial	2,200.23	182.00	Greenwood First	34,511.44	4,586.61
Tulip Memorial	397.43	810.00	Mount Vernon	2,006.81	600.00	Hackett First	3,747.72	681.96
	83,840.17	21,214.82	New Life	2,763.27	614.00	Haven Heights	22,389.59	7,538.34
			New Life Bible Fellowship	139.00	25.00	Highway 96 First	385.30	414.12
Caroline			North Main	700.22	372.76	Immanuel	14,238.00	2,714.00
Church	Coop Prog Designated		Old Union	2,559.16	280.00	Jenny Lind	3,302.42	290.00
Austin Station	4,643.89	470.10	Owensville	4,527.00	520.50	Korean	0.00	170.00
Baugh Chapel	2,414.05	925.55	Piney	5,660.61	2,255.00	Laotian (of Grand Avenue)	0.00	100.00
Biiscoe First	4,339.00	595.00	Pleasant Hill	7,363.55	544.00	Lavaca First	27,127.95	2,552.00
Briarwood	2,259.06	87.00	Ridgecrest	2,226.54	1,076.09	Magazine First	4,118.28	406.09
Brownsville	2,259.32	22.00	Riverside	765.85	650.00	Memorial	798.35	800.00
Cabot First	64,342.92	12,237.52	Royal	12,481.95	4,347.56	Midland First	3,064.34	1,537.20
Cabot Second	874.82	120.00	Salem	140.00	0.00	Mixon	170.50	0.00
Calvary	1,207.72	140.00	Social Hill First	1,936.54	628.54	Mount Zion	2,133.90	3,076.50
Carleisle First	14,386.05	825.77	Temple	7,921.81	6,811.05	New Hope	3,681.72	1,184.21
Castlebar	4,447.08	255.00	Trinity	10,173.37	2,910.98	North Side	430.88	125.00
Coy	793.85	250.00	Walnut Valley	1,619.17	1,161.79	North Side	364.10	0.00
Cross Roads	550.00	0.00		424,401.66	176,362.19	Oak Cliff	16,063.12	4,763.36
Des Arc First	23,639.09	971.25	Clear Creek	Coop Prog Designated		Palestine	437.83	664.45
DeValls Bluff First	1,195.72	479.10	Alma First	41,888.22	10,011.46	Paris First	14,018.50	2,792.30
England First	6,696.60	1,190.00				Parkview	2,355.26	1,055.20
Hazen First	6,415.90	1,327.70				Phoenix Village	1,239.08	318.00
Immanuel	2,397.02	646.76						

Ratcliff First	763.62	356.08	McGehee First	7,508.10	5,170.00	Clarks Chapel	750.00	640.00
Roseville	300.00	165.00	Montrose	687.45	195.11	Delaplaine	263.24	231.53
Rye Hill	12,412.01	7,906.36	New Hope	2,037.97	323.50	East Side	44,312.41	29,324.00
South Side	2,769.23	86.00	Northside	300.00	137.00	Fairview	719.65	0.00
South Side	3,000.00	7,068.98	Omega	305.65	200.00	Finch	1,418.99	599.94
Southside	1,161.40	1,046.29	Parkdale	300.00	700.00	Fontaine	60.00	0.00
Spreading	9,162.00	5,588.09	Parkway	160.00	0.00	Immanuel	2,682.02	1,585.00
Temple	5,898.66	367.40	Portland	2,780.32	843.50	Lafe	0.00	369.73
Trinity	3,005.97	1,743.83	Shiloh	276.08	20.00	Lake Street	1,264.36	348.00
Victory	487.63	160.66	South McGehee	3,811.56	1,533.00	Light	897.09	590.00
Vietnamese	40.00	0.00	Temple	6,030.00	441.80	Marmaduke First	7,000.00	919.42
Vietnamese (of Grand Avenue)	0.00	310.00	Tillar First	881.49	0.00	New Friendship	841.00	615.00
Westside	920.29	2,035.95	Watson	1,605.69	474.00	New Liberty	60.75	0.00
	642,671.42	228,788.74		71,599.08	40,187.55	Oak Grove	1,451.88	486.03

Conway-Perry			Faulkner County					
Church	Coop	Prog Designated	Church	Coop	Prog Designated	Church	Coop	Prog Designated
Casa First	665.07	116.00	Beryl	5,018.36	1,431.94	Paragould First	17,800.06	6,360.50
Center Ridge	336.72	431.75	Bigelow	2,304.90	200.00	Paragould Second	50.00	0.00
Cove Chapel Southern	418.84	0.00	Bono	752.31	0.00	Pleasant Valley	2,821.98	120.00
Harmony	267.99	100.00	Brumley	3,661.00	1,277.00	Robbs Chapel	120.00	0.00
Houston	1,314.46	1,056.66	Cadron Ridge	4,789.22	948.00	Rosewood	1,438.40	500.00
Morrilton First	20,147.32	3,505.50	Conway First	41,883.37	5,570.87	Southside	1,716.92	0.00
Nimrod	1,212.10	1,025.00	Conway Second	29,391.00	1,547.42	Stanford	1,315.39	242.00
Oppelo	350.00	1,110.00	Easterwood	0.00	40.00	Third Avenue	266.83	51.00
Perry	100.00	0.00	Emmanuel	1,657.69	225.49	Unity	2,324.16	1,544.12
Perryville First	5,927.55	8,346.48	Enola	344.95	439.82	Vines Chapel	462.88	0.00
Petit Jean First	536.94	850.00	Friendship	9,642.32	335.00	Walcott	1,500.00	0.00
Pleasant Grove	60.00	60.00	Greenbrier First	5,024.13	0.00	West View	18,136.75	2,396.89
Plumerville First	1,545.54	445.48	Happy Hollow	276.00	900.00		130,518.52	69,629.00
Solghachia	1,032.00	374.00	Harlan Park	12,057.96	7,484.59	Harmony		
Stony Point	375.00	375.00	Harmony	3,365.18	1,251.52	Church	Coop	Prog Designated
Sweet Home	58.50	103.66	Holland	3,215.68	2,159.02	Alzheimer First	847.01	236.40
Thorburn	1,396.46	425.00	Mayflower First	5,552.20	1,926.18	Bethel	0.00	77.00
Union Valley	597.89	253.84	Mount Vernon	2,286.07	885.00	Central	4,239.48	3,979.16
Wye Mountain Southern	511.05	69.29	Naylor	0.00	238.00	Claud Road	3,553.82	523.00
	37,853.53	18,648.56	New Hope	1,604.06	739.00	Dollarway	0.00	1,060.00

Dumas First	19,230.00	8,548.30	Douglas	487.34	720.00	Green Meadows	5,084.25	2,107.22
East Side	4,837.73	1,467.00	Dumas First	19,230.00	8,548.30	Greenlee	3,576.98	960.50
Forrest Park	6,133.94	669.50	Dumas Second	2,286.07	885.00	Hardin	8,921.75	2,032.20
Geary First	2,812.09	648.00	Dumas Third	1,604.06	739.00	Hickory Grove	600.00	578.50
Grady First	835.79	128.00	Dumas Fourth	8,720.16	2,000.00	Humphrey	1,338.14	192.80
Green Meadows	5,084.25	2,107.22	Pickles Gap	22,756.76	5,361.14	Immanuel	34,314.16	27,173.64
Greenlee	3,576.98	960.50	Pleasant Grove	8,164.31	2,145.00	Kearney	412.55	0.00
Hardin	8,921.75	2,032.20	Saltillio Heights	800.03	200.04	Kingsland First	2,525.79	650.00
Hickory Grove	600.00	578.50	South Side	2,420.42	1,662.15	Matthews Memorial	7,364.57	3,728.00
Humphrey	1,338.14	192.80	Sunny Gap	1,675.00	546.42	Northside	205.00	0.00
Immanuel	34,314.16	27,173.64	Victory Southern	852.53	96.50	Oak Grove	1,370.49	650.00
Kearney	412.55	0.00	Woodland Heights	23,494.25	5,217.92	Pine Bluff First	35,129.03	29,161.91
Kingsland First	2,525.79	650.00	Wooster First	4,699.80	3,321.27	Pine Bluff Second	1,830.45	1,328.39
Matthews Memorial	7,364.57	3,728.00	Zion	983.29	345.00	Plum Bayou	2,008.79	0.00
Northside	205.00	0.00		208,394.95	47,494.27	Rison	6,730.00	3,870.25

Garland County			Greene County					
Church	Coop	Prog Designated	Church	Coop	Prog Designated	Church	Coop	Prog Designated
Biggers	149.00	68.05	Amity First	1,625.09	1,592.15	Arbanna	777.97	792.84
Calvary	1,006.32	160.00	Antioch	6,737.34	2,850.33	Batesville First	56,885.17	23,600.89
Corning First	7,223.59	2,041.51	Cedar Glades	2,381.76	0.00	Calvary	15,423.85	3,959.22
East Side Holly Island	499.98	537.50	Emmanuel	95.06	343.50	Calvary	1,236.99	0.00
Emmanuel	1,838.23	6.00	Fairdale	4,695.70	1,093.00	Cord	2,675.00	854.00
Greenway First	645.00	840.00	Grand Avenue	12,427.11	7,733.25	Desha First	4,780.81	530.00
Harmony	418.00	130.00	Harvey's Chapel	6,753.38	929.74	Eastside	3,865.31	3,469.32
Hopewell	894.70	233.00	Jessieville	7,093.35	368.82	Emmanuel	1,296.00	830.00
Moark	60.00	32.00	Lakeside	12,329.97	3,705.00	Faith	837.78	600.00
Mount Pleasant	0.00	522.21	Leonard Street	4,577.97	3,712.00	Fellowship	1,175.00	281.00
New Hope	2,689.46	585.00	Mill Creek	1,419.00	0.00			
Nimmons First	188.02	18.00	Mount Taber	225.64	0.00	Independence		
Oak Grove	526.00	300.00	Mountain Pine First	1,544.30	487.00	Church <th>Coop</th> <th>Prog Designated</th>	Coop	Prog Designated
Peach Orchard First	50.00	0.00	Mountain Valley	245.56	0.00	Arbanna	777.97	792.84
Piggott First	25,305.95	3,371.36	Park Place	13,616.36	5,563.36	Batesville First	56,885.17	23,600.89
Pine Grove	402.27	42.00	Pearcy	2,996.54	111.40	Calvary	1,236.99	0.00
Pocahontas First	9,920.01	4,070.98	Rector Heights	908.51	180.00	Cord	2,675.00	854.00
Ravenden Springs First	566.46	370.00	Twin Lakes	1,793.00	1,135.00	Desha First	4,780.81	530.00
Rector First	7,394.20	3,266.00	Vista Heights	466.88	0.00	Eastside	3,865.31	3,469.32
Saint Francis	1,800.00	874.15		81,932.62	25,804.55	Emmanuel	1,296.00	830.00
Shannon	809.58	115.00				Faith	837.78	600.00
Shiloh	240.00	90.00				Fellowship	1,175.00	281.00
Success First	3,066.55	2,341.25						
Witts Chapel	2,385.39	805.48						
	68,068.71	20,820.49						

Delia	1,328.10	0.00	Greene County					
Church	Coop	Prog Designated	Church	Coop	Prog Designated	Church	Coop	Prog Designated
Andersons Chapel	4,931.30	650.00	Alexander	3,172.62	143.39	Arbanna	777.97	792.84
Arkansas City	4,220.32	400.00	Beech Grove	583.00	800.00	Batesville First	56,885.17	23,600.89
Bayou Mason	7,062.99	780.00	Bethel Station	1,150.79	0.00	Calvary	1,236.99	0.00
Belleire	325.46	65.00	Big Creek	50.00	100.00	Cord	2,675.00	854.00
Chickasaw	752.03	100.00	Brown's Chapel	14,305.46	18,578.49	Desha First	4,780.81	530.00
Collins	335.38	0.00	Calvary	391.90	2,891.96	Eastside	3,865.31	3,469.32
Dermott	6,736.39	1,387.00	Center Hill	1,109.99	192.00	Emmanuel	1,296.00	830.00
Eudora	6,603.55	7,974.81				Faith	837.78	600.00
Halley	1,051.99	0.00				Fellowship	1,175.00	281.00
Jennia	1,556.25	725.00						
Jerome	300.00	50.00						
Lake Village	9,711.01	18,017.83						

Floral	4,921.22	1,777.93	Life Line	284.00	0.00	Ridgecrest	1,830.00	785.00
Foothills	3,560.08	1,593.64	Lone Star	2,656.24	294.00	Rosa	40.00	0.00
Marcella	450.51	150.00	McJester	1,074.13	117.91	Trinity	5,450.63	1,624.25
Mount Zion	1,888.00	250.00	New Bethel	76.62	16.00	Wardell	753.00	0.00
Mountain View First	7,315.96	2,734.60	Palestine	2,443.54	334.00	Westside	3,451.50	345.00
Newark Southern	3,828.70	1,064.58	Pines	879.99	511.00	Whitton	321.82	137.11
Northside	1,720.75	353.13	Pleasant Ridge	60.00	25.00	Wilson First	9,596.68	2,842.21
Pilgrims Rest	615.23	201.00	Pleasant Valley	1,115.65	315.00	Woodland Corner	462.50	44.35
Pleasant Plains	775.90	259.97	Post Oak	44.86	25.00	Yarbo	2,801.98	365.00
Rehoboth	2,164.01	810.41	South Side	939.78	389.40		210,044.63	40,937.85
Rosie	2,709.90	765.00	Sugar Loaf	3,465.00	724.00	Mount Zion		
Ruddell Hill	7,006.00	1,092.00	Tumbling Shoals	2,146.21	500.76	Church	Coop Prog Designated	
Salado	1,139.00	1,045.00	West Side	7,230.92	1,941.43	Alsop	391.00	0.00
Strawberry Southern	210.50	0.00	Woodrow	1,147.44	0.00	Bay First	6,210.79	3,437.61
Sulphur Rock	2,068.27	668.32		72,011.07	20,018.01	Bethabara	1,599.00	100.00
West	31,672.00	6,783.32	Little River			Black Oak	933.18	4,653.60
White River	1,264.21	228.00	Church			Bono First	267.15	475.56
	162,064.12	54,294.17	Ashdown First	12,807.76	3,052.00	Bowman	3,336.40	445.35
Liberty			Ben Lomond First	507.70	0.00	Brookland	2,035.67	751.41
Church			Brownstown	169.00	0.00	Buffalo Chapel	202.62	0.00
Caledonia	1,500.00	1,707.54	Central	2,727.95	981.86	Caraway First	4,127.35	4,675.53
Calion	3,388.71	1,920.50	Columbus	241.20	35.00	Cash First	1,931.39	766.00
Camden First	33,878.18	16,119.93	Cross Roads First Southern	1,771.80	683.36	Central	125,578.78	26,449.00
Chidester	2,596.45	225.00	Dierks First	1,405.02	619.50	Childress	223.82	100.00
Cross Roads	208.00	0.00	Foreman First	2,355.90	2,138.50	Dixie	572.00	50.00
Cullendale	24,198.95	8,562.75	Hicks First	365.68	366.91	Egypt	100.00	140.00
East Main	11,385.39	3,797.65	Horatio First	5,245.44	1,934.00	Friendly Hope	1,936.18	2,691.06
Ebenezer	9,206.98	12,013.17	Kem Heights	1,803.00	1,470.00	Highland Drive	13,786.00	5,650.20
El Dorado First	31,017.49	15,847.90	Lakeside	1,271.88	45.00	Jonesboro First	19,239.62	92,473.08
El Dorado Second	32,723.49	19,793.05	Liberty	99.00	0.00	Lake City First	4,375.00	1,902.38
Elliott	4,282.06	149.04	Lockesburg First	3,725.34	1,132.06	Lunsford	617.24	112.22
Fairview Road	1,184.00	291.00	Lone Oak	90.00	75.00	Magnolia Road	1,089.76	341.64
Felsenthal	1,094.00	510.00	Maranatha	1,722.76	1,263.00	Monette First	9,364.77	639.75
Galilee	561.93	703.63	Millwood	1,115.85	505.70	Mount Pisgah	484.71	269.26
Grace	2,875.69	2,024.80	Murfreesboro First	3,750.00	1,882.50	Mount Zion	3,895.75	704.71
Harmony	2,460.00	1,354.16	Nashville First	32,319.37	8,567.35	Needham	988.68	163.75
Hillside	7,564.45	187.50	Oak Grove	2,155.41	968.00	Nettleton	35,813.91	12,259.98
Hutfig First	2,640.03	1,357.68	Ogden First	1,062.86	0.00	New Antioch	2,088.15	0.00
Immanuel	71,558.38	14,683.91	Ridgeway	5,622.53	1,184.10	New Hope	1,016.27	0.00
Joyce City	3,702.63	1,412.84	Rock Hill	200.00	150.00	New Hope	781.20	0.00
Junction City First	4,740.16	2,551.00	State Line	469.55	258.00	North Main	6,060.17	1,603.57
Knowles	1,178.63	763.00	Washington	375.00	882.00	Philadelphia	9,058.96	1,367.56
Lapile	557.00	0.00	Wilton First	935.00	225.39	Providence	1,209.44	100.00
Lawson	0.00	333.81		84,315.00	28,418.73	Rowe's Chapel	644.67	30.00
Liberty	2,412.48	350.00	Mississippi			South Caraway Chapel	2,842.00	548.00
Maple Avenue	5,323.09	2,551.45	Church			Strawflor	2,653.09	686.40
Marrable Hill	3,334.65	2,714.88	Armored	6,031.46	455.79	University	3,394.00	770.00
Midway	624.00	182.08	Bethany	1,130.00	50.00	Valley Ridge	1,053.80	0.00
New London	1,556.64	0.00	Bethany	60.00	0.00	Walnut Street	28,414.44	2,845.73
Norphlet First	10,828.33	5,849.37	Blackwater	582.80	80.00	Westvale	797.00	265.00
Northwest	1,939.46	157.03	Blytheville First	89,895.23	13,593.84	Woodsprings	505.85	491.00
Parkers Chapel First	4,517.66	912.00	Brown Chapel	435.00	100.00		299,804.81	167,974.44
Parkevay	4,772.65	866.00	Calvary	4,481.22	565.00	No Association		
Philadelphia	841.10	373.00	Calvary	4,857.76	1,196.79	Church	Coop Prog Designated	
Reader	240.00	560.00	Clear Lake	2,104.71	2,415.06	Kainonia	237.50	306.50
Salem	3,122.00	788.78	Cole Ridge	1,263.57	125.00	New Beginnings	667.64	0.00
Smackover First	15,000.00	1,547.51	Crossroads	194.43	0.00	Rolling Hills	287.81	1,052.25
South Side	1,855.00	235.00	Oell	3,521.37	518.27	Shepherd's Heart Community	300.00	-0.00
Stephens First	8,293.28	4,328.15	Dyess Central	240.00	0.00	Southside	100.00	25.00
Sylvan Hills	600.00	480.00	East Side	1,266.14	315.00	Trinity	0.00	185.00
Temple	801.02	159.50	Emmanuel	599.61	139.33		1,592.95	1,568.75
Temple	1,156.83	203.00	Etowah	505.00	105.00	North Arkansas		
Three Creeks	6,829.20	2,498.00	Gosnell	11,305.65	3,132.43	Church	Coop Prog Designated	
Trinity	461.20	32.50	Joiner	673.99	846.50	Alpena First	1,938.32	970.54
Union	6,100.71	0.00	Keiser First	391.88	0.00	Batavia	1,341.05	372.00
Urbana	813.49	750.00	Leachville First	14,070.00	828.00	Bear Creek Springs	2,498.46	275.00
Victory	450.00	0.00	Leachville Second	2,886.83	0.00	Beaver Laka	596.70	70.00
Village	4,488.24	1,047.00	Luxora First	2,688.47	1,475.00	Bellefonte	1,800.00	422.00
Wesson	1,320.36	0.00	Manila First	9,402.03	2,163.19	Berryville First	11,828.77	3,896.88
West Side	0.00	9,400.90	Marys Chapel	120.00	0.00	Beth'El	896.97	0.00
White City	717.18	0.00	Memorial	45.95	411.86	Blue Eye First	2,672.06	1,844.18
	342,705.17	142,294.01	New Harmony	383.75	238.25	Burlington	1,838.53	193.00
Little Red River			New Liberty	4,920.79	0.00	Cassville	806.00	563.00
Church			New Life Korean	300.00	450.00	Diamond City First	839.80	654.10
Brownsville	1,073.71	88.18	New Providence	0.00	80.00	Dove Circle	2,647.00	607.00
Concord First	1,199.37	1,173.88	Nodena	505.68	1,212.00	Eagle Heights	32,069.39	888.84
Faith	444.53	0.00	North Tenth	6,738.51	772.50	Elixir	1,119.95	345.55
Heber Springs First	42,899.08	12,276.45	Number Nine	266.76	251.92	Elmwood	1,364.96	698.50
Higginson First	2,830.00	1,286.00	Osceola First	13,469.93	3,264.20			

Emmanuel	969.58	1,063.96	Gravel Ridge	15,345.15	2,705.58	Hatfield First	8,409.60	1,136.94
Eureka Springs First	1,030.80	270.00	Graves Memorial	5,412.00	2,787.80	Hanna	461.07	100.00
Everett	1,413.81	150.00	Highway	16,176.10	17,774.09	Mena First	31,104.86	4,484.84
Freeman Heights	13,125.79	1,750.56	Indian Hills	11,315.25	0.00	New Hope	262.13	0.00
Gaither	692.82	365.00	Indianhead Lake	3,277.57	2,681.06	Saint Johns	123.88	0.00
Grandview First	8,472.17	1,067.08	Jacksonville First	28,172.69	15,421.59	Salem	1,894.01	607.79
Green Forest First	5,867.38	1,171.08	Jacksonville Second	18,384.91	4,172.18	Two Mile	115.02	0.00
Grubb Springs	911.94	418.28	Korean	157.82	517.82	Vandervoort First	2,975.22	676.60
Harrison First	68,693.08	8,175.60	Levy	22,388.58	3,165.00	Wickes First	731.14	817.25
Hopewell	598.00	178.00	Maddox Road	1,509.00	516.00	Yocana	472.58	50.00
Jasper First	6,117.98	2,800.00	Marshall Road	8,297.58	6,591.30		116,868.56	38,959.42
Lakeland	250.00	561.46	Maumelle	4,286.20	3,709.05			
Lead Hill First	3,505.22	1,826.15	Military Road	2,021.73	2,044.73	Putaski Church	Coop Prog Designated	
Marble Falls	137.64	34.62	Morrison Chapel	489.38	140.00	Alexander First	4,831.59	828.63
New Hope	2,275.74	467.04	North Little Rock First	6,439.56	4,761.42	Archview	5,471.61	2,067.49
Newton County	398.78	213.11	Oakwood	300.00	0.00	Barnett Memorial	1,443.30	456.55
Northvale	12,001.71	2,653.20	Park Hill	144,729.28	96,846.06	Bingham Road	8,607.70	1,755.90
Omaha First	385.84	0.00	Remount	2,155.00	408.00	Brookwood First	1,340.16	901.25
Oregon Flat	839.92	92.50	Riverside	0.00	20.00	Bryant First Southern	14,981.46	4,900.00
Osage	2,968.25	274.79	Ryunyan First	4,333.71	1,633.98	Calvary	76,708.33	39,501.62
Parthenon	1,602.45	334.92	Sherwood First	34,088.37	5,616.09	Chicot Road	1,677.07	1,397.03
Rock Springs	1,046.86	451.53	Stanfill	365.00	200.00	Community Church of LR	2,355.55	0.00
Rudd	1,797.85	25.87	Sylvan Hills	8,850.00	7,825.85	Cross Road	1,536.39	525.04
Searcy County	0.00	443.93	Trinity	600.00	930.00	Crystal Hill	9,494.71	1,727.56
Snowball	185.92	50.00	Victory	2,244.00	403.20	Douglasville	150.00	0.00
South Side	1,577.18	1,615.00	Zion Hill	9,271.16	2,536.59	East End	10,914.86	2,486.00
The Lord's Church, Pindall	133.92	75.00		480,607.66	257,036.54	Forest Tower	3,258.55	636.90
Trinity	199.82	58.00	Northwest Church	Coop Prog Designated		Geyer Springs First	169,662.68	4,746.28
Union	5,832.76	2,036.00	Amazing Grace	2,225.36	0.00	Greater Church	600.00	0.00
Valley Springs First	8,381.09	5,737.11	Avoca First	336.38	0.00	Green Memorial	2,365.74	1,151.60
Valley View	2,759.23	680.00	Bella Vista	55,066.57	13,769.10	Hebron	3,890.43	180.25
Western Grove Woodland Heights	431.75	0.00	Bentonville First	65,798.11	13,755.41	Highlands	500.00	4,310.53
Zion's Light	990.84	268.00	Calvary	1,058.80	0.00	Holly Springs	796.36	267.33
	226,717.09	49,891.02	Centerton First	26,662.58	28,752.06	Immanuel	318,566.81	112,085.24
			Charity Southern	8,662.67	493.19	Indian Springs	2,341.62	1,035.00
North Central Church	Coop Prog Designated		Decatur First	7,501.94	10,271.40	Ironton	8,469.00	860.00
Be Branch	1,056.88	561.87	Faith	1,429.21	41.10	Lakeshore Drive	171.90	2,071.58
Betkinburg	30.00	0.00	Garfield First	6,584.69	4,195.91	Lancaster Road	1,018.40	20.00
Clinton First	19,635.05	3,827.16	Gentry First	23,130.83	13,092.36	Life Line	41,261.51	35,057.32
Corinth	359.09	537.00	Grace	3,005.82	1,000.00	Little Rock First	137,092.80	70,394.79
Fairfield Bay	7,062.61	1,802.87	Gravette First	921.17	1,129.00	Little Rock Second	1,700.74	31,497.62
Formosa	2,574.89	670.50	Gum Springs	1,028.29	2,707.92	Markham Street	22,774.14	7,851.43
Friendship	7,748.40	1,257.00	Harvard Avenue	16,350.87	11,695.68	Martindale	4,731.25	2,892.00
Halfmoon	20.00	0.00	Hickory Creek	0.00	55.00	Natural Steps	7,805.32	1,317.50
Higher Ground	119.58	65.00	Highhill First	3,145.10	1,776.47	North Point	168.38	0.00
Immanuel	1,222.17	800.00	Hiwassee First	1,890.15	204.23	Olivet	18,202.96	15,171.50
Leslie First	4,224.30	1,702.73	Immanuel	9,999.96	28,015.53	Otter Creek First	4,364.76	1,228.85
Lexington	690.00	50.00	Lakeside	6,087.93	1,174.27	Parkway Place	13,756.00	1,150.00
Marshall First	5,022.40	1,268.09	Lekeview	2,347.15	1,200.50	Pine Grove	2,712.85	283.25
Morning Star	426.75	0.00	Lowell First	11,067.93	2,886.61	Plainview	1,385.99	0.00
New Hopewell	79.00	0.00	Lowell Spanish Mission	324.63	0.00	Pleasant Grove	5,893.00	4,479.41
Pae Oee	1,102.00	192.00	Mason Valley	1,708.21	613.00	Pulaski Heights	15,257.47	5,119.27
Plant	724.52	127.00	Monte Ne	2,962.32	1,016.52	Reynolds Memorial	669.96	600.00
Pleasant Valley	1,910.48	3,100.86	Mountain Springs	1,076.00	72.00	Roland	2,058.01	471.60
Rupert	771.71	0.00	Open Door	2,880.36	4,150.00	Rosedale	3,188.80	2,437.00
Scotland	1,216.78	92.00	Park Street	846.39	139.58	Shannon Hills First	1,712.73	1,100.74
Shady Grove	487.04	1,090.13	Pea Ridge First	6,647.16	3,437.13	Sheridan First	16,045.70	3,663.02
Shirley	2,046.57	577.00	Piney Point	1,087.32	111.52	South Highland	16,601.60	9,403.55
Sugar Loaf First	1,364.65	250.00	Pleasant Hill	715.81	464.00	Sunset Lane	898.00	1,712.65
	59,894.87	17,971.21	Rogers First	93,882.03	5,908.92	The Church at Rock Creek	125.00	0.00
			Siloam Springs First	20,774.54	4,301.15	Trinity	783.66	56.00
North Putaski Church	Coop Prog Designated		Sulphur Springs First	68.89	0.00	Tyler Street	3,616.50	3,133.00
Amboy	4,239.82	937.00	Sunny Side	0.00	1,500.00	Virny Ridge Immanuel	948.40	903.80
Bearing Cross	25,093.88	44,188.38	Twelve Corners	1,576.62	100.00	West Putaski	1,342.28	0.00
Beyou Metro	12,238.40	3,298.23		388,851.59	158,029.56	West Rock	2,476.45	142.25
Berea	155.01	1,014.00	Ouachita Church	Coop Prog Designated		West Side	1,259.25	1,350.00
Bethany	3,367.43	3,024.78	Bethel	74.47	135.70	Whispering Hills	316.24	0.00
Bethel	8,146.53	3,220.69	Board Camp	3,716.69	813.64	Woodlawn	4,992.65	590.00
Calvary	13,297.77	1,470.00	Calvary	1,717.80	573.00	Woodson	596.30	429.35
Cedar Heights	10,699.91	548.00	Chapel Hill	905.01	138.16		985,887.92	386,347.68
Central	34,599.70	12,248.66	Cherry Hill	1,194.00	2,091.25	Red River Church	Coop Prog Designated	
Chapel Hill	2,817.80	261.31	Concord	1,841.60	420.00	Anchur	70.11	0.00
Crosspoint	4,364.15	753.90	Cove First	1,063.46	355.00	Antonia	598.06	850.89
Crystal Valley	2,701.00	571.72	Oallas Avenue	20,622.67	8,275.62	Arkadelphia First	45,668.46	11,966.73
Fellowship	902.50	0.00	De Queen First	35,451.00	17,003.28	Arkadelphia Second	27,166.00	4,675.70
Forty-Seventh Street	2,000.00	1,005.55	Gilham	1,070.00	145.25	Beech Street	14,681.38	2,662.07
Friendship	4,210.04	319.00	Grannis	2,662.35	1,135.20	Baime First	1,048.58	190.00
Grace	1,003.68					Bethel	473.25	0.00

Bethlehem	270.00	0.00	Red River	90.00	0.00	Neal's Chapel	71.91	149.65
Bismarck First Southern	624.87	401.00	Rocky Mount	790.00	70.00	Neiswander	0.00	250.00
Caddo Valley	1,227.13	1,146.00	Shiloh Memorial	4,411.70	1,751.41	Pleasant Grove	7,416.12	1,489.25
Cedar Grove	550.00	0.00	South Texarkana	912.86	0.00	Pleasant Hill	1,147.00	247.17
Center Point	375.00	0.00	Springhill	2,380.89	650.00	Pleasant Valley	971.16	490.62
Curtis First	3,238.38	705.00	Stamps First	13,543.00	5,566.91	Providence	572.58	0.00
DeGray	1,920.00	1,200.00	Slyerino	1,938.24	445.00	Red Oak	396.50	476.50
East Whelen	30.00	0.00	Tennessee	1,683.07	1,078.00	Rivervale	1,069.14	430.95
Emmet First	1,450.37	184.85	Trinity	69,595.30	10,289.54	Shiloh	590.22	171.25
Harmony Hill	450.00	76.00	Westside	229.96	229.96	Trinity	342.50	0.00
Lakeview	119.74	119.75		331,580.84	178,097.61	Trumann First	8,352.84	713.50
Marlbrook	1,221.36	385.00	Tri-County			Tyronza First	2,354.00	385.50
Mount Olive	672.07	203.00	Church	Coop	Prog	Valley View	408.11	0.00
Mount Zion	1,440.00	407.00	Antioch	150.00	0.00	Weiner First	834.88	315.00
New Hope	90.50	0.00	Barton Chapel	1,137.17	824.00		72,949.91	20,991.75
Okolona	230.00	0.00	Beckspur	3,487.36	1,459.55	Washington-Madison		
Park Hill	14,112.24	2,451.01	Calvary	3,552.55	6,326.57	Church	Coop	Prog
Prescott First	7,438.03	506.00	Cherry Valley	5,812.15	1,911.20	Berry Street	7,347.00	2,232.03
Primera Iglesia Bautista	107.96	193.75	Colt	200.00	318.00	Black Oak	1,950.00	860.00
Richwoods	1,124.11	817.00	Crawfordsville First	699.66	60.00	Brush Creek	4,825.58	1,357.71
Shady Grove	140.00	100.00	Earle	6,900.89	11,539.60	Calvary	2,532.61	589.38
Shiloh	854.00	412.00	East	1,437.63	137.00	Caudle Avenue	1,861.58	0.00
Southside	43.00	0.00	Emmanuel	5,850.00	2,600.00	College Avenue	160.00	236.00
Sycamore	40.00	0.00	Fair Oaks	3,545.59	955.14	Combs	120.00	0.00
Third Street	4,000.00	25.00	Faith	1,082.23	309.00	Elkins	120.00	120.00
Unity	945.00	530.00	Fitzgerald	1,158.20	854.61	Elkins First	0.00	133.00
Whelen Springs	120.00	0.00	Forrest City First	17,456.64	14,014.34	Elmdale	50,096.95	15,536.82
	132,539.60	30,207.75	Forrest City Second	4,891.83	991.45	Farmington	1,650.92	230.55
			Gladden	434.30	125.00	Farmington First	3,612.52	131.98
Rocky Bayou			Good Hope	2,097.00	0.00	Fayetteville First	78,690.71	48,405.70
Church	Coop	Prog	Goodwin	930.39	15.00	Friendship	4,566.52	0.00
Ash Flat	829.82	0.00	Harris Chapel	1,125.00	950.37	Goshen First Southern	2,704.75	641.89
Bellevue	4,006.82	2,756.23	Hydrick	281.32	0.00	Greenland First	1,800.00	1,360.50
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Cherokee Village First	8,490.70	4,140.65	Ingram Boulevard	4,270.76	641.00	Huntsville First	6,983.56	5,725.05
Dolph	687.97	0.00	Lakeshore	225.00	0.00	Immanuel	568.20	2,639.25
Evening Shade First	687.19	311.88	Lakeshore Estates	327.00	0.00	Johnson	389.54	0.00
Finley Creek	217.65	50.92	Madison First	1,612.98	311.49	Lake Hill	350.00	0.00
Franklin	1,718.86	992.01	Marion	15,667.20	2,070.00	Liberty	2,247.80	397.57
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Horseshoe Bend First	6,939.07	2,989.81	Morton	563.59	200.00	New Hope Fellowship	200.00	0.00
Immanuel Southern	1,500.00	20.00	New Life	2,060.35	85.00	Northeast Southern	382.82	300.00
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Midway	2,706.89	593.50	Palestine First	365.00	60.00	Old Missouri Road	1,121.00	711.00
Mount Pleasant Southern	826.41	470.00	Parkin First	4,949.45	1,602.00	Prairie Grove First	5,497.37	3,936.70
Myron	1,188.52	1,025.00	Pine Tree	223.02	0.00	Providence	1,019.75	0.00
Oxford	320.04	0.00	Pleasant Hill	1,309.30	1,009.80	Ridgeview	9,397.82	3,700.00
Sage	2,206.06	328.00	Richland	1,049.78	340.00	Sang Avenue	704.00	4,152.41
Salem First	5,066.73	940.00	Ridgeview	2,351.67	160.50	Silent Grove	2,812.65	0.00
Sidney	2,538.57	412.55	Shell Lake	1,944.89	567.00	Sonora	2,268.48	2,058.66
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Anderson	2,291.70	0.00	West Memphis First	70,500.04	12,572.62	Sulphur City	989.70	213.00
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Faith	1,626.85	769.77	Anderson Tully	476.86	149.33	White River		
Fellowship	4,382.12	150.00	Black Oak	0.00	696.99	Church	Coop	Prog
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Pisgah	604.49	483.50						

Midway	2,576.77	1,049.61
Mountain Home	5,457.16	796.45
Mountain Home First	62,693.64	32,165.25
New Hope	2,092.45	100.00
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MISSIONS

Commitment to 'give your life' underscoring at Jericho sessions

RIDGECREST, NC (BP)—In exploring a call to mission service, people can get so preoccupied with how God wants them to serve that they fail to concentrate on the most important issue, participants in "Jericho: A Southern Baptist Missions Festival" were told.

"It's not important that you know what God wants you to do or where He wants you to go. What's important is that you give your life," Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board president Jerry Rankin said during the June 29-July 5 conference at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Conference Center.

Approximately 1,000 people attended the weeklong conference where they experienced missions in the United States and around the world through simulations, role-play, videos, conferences, an outdoor missions fair, daily missions encounters and talking with missionaries.

Home Mission Board president Larry Lewis said "the salvation of the world" waits on two things—the senders and the goers. My friends, the doors of the world are open like never in history."

Lewis said 100,000 Southern Baptists are needed to commit themselves to mission support by praying daily for missions. Giving also must increase to reach the ends of the earth with the gospel.

During the week, dozens committed themselves to career, short-term and volunteer missions service while many others turned in cards of commitment to mission support through prayer, giving and encouraging their churches to greater support.

Brotherhood Commission president James Williams emphasized that when God calls people to mission service, He always goes ahead to prepare the way.



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Our response to trouble

By Gary L. Burney,
assistant to the pastor,
New Hope Fellowship, Springdale
Basic passage: Psalm 40
Focal passage: Psalm 40:1-4
Central truth: Trouble comes into
the lives of everyone, lost as well as
saved. Our response to trouble as
Christians affects our witness.

Have you ever been in the "horrible pit" of trouble? If not, stick around a while and you probably will be.

The Psalmist knew firsthand what trouble was all about and the effects it can have on a person.

Our first response when trouble comes is to try to make our own way out. This just makes the trouble worse and the pit deeper. A wrong response to trials causes our witness for Christ to suffer, because the lost world expects Christians to be able to handle their problems differently than they do.

What happens so often is:

Trouble causes us to get impatient and run ahead of God.

Trouble causes us to lose our joy and listen to wrong voices.

Trouble causes us to lose our focus.

Trouble causes us to lose our footing and slip into the world's way of doing things.

Trouble causes us to be slow and sluggish.

Trouble causes us to lose the joy of our salvation.

How do we overcome troubles? The Psalmist said that the key is patience. Not very comforting is it? We want to do something, not wait. We want to "take the bull by the horns," pull ourselves up and solve our problem. But, the harder we try, the deeper the mud.

When we wait on God, what happens?

God hears our cry. He brings us up out of the horrible pit. He pulls our feet out of the mud. He sets us upon a firm foundation. He gives our lives stability. He restores the joy of our salvation.

The key is God and when God is finished with us, our witness is strengthened. The lost see what God is doing and this gives us an opportunity to share Jesus with them.

Life and Work

Wisdom for work, money

By Jere D. Mitchell, pastor,
First Church, Fayetteville
Basic passage: Proverbs 20:23; 21:6;
23:10-11; 6:6-8; 11:15; 21:5; 24:27;
22:1; 23:4-5
Focal passage: Proverbs 6:6-8; 24:27;
20:23; 21:6; 22:1; 23:4-5
Central truth: Work hard, be honest
and realize that there are things
more important than wealth.

When I was six, my grandpa and dad added onto an old farm house my folks bought. My dad's philosophy was that everybody should have something to do. I don't mean watch television. We didn't even have electricity, let alone television.

My job was to pick up the shavings and small chips of scrap lumber. I hated it. In fact, I composed my first song that summer. It was a simple little ditty. The whole song was three words: "I hate work." I sang it over and over. Fortunately, my dad didn't think I was going to be warped for life by such a traumatic experience, so over the years on the farm, he continued to teach me to work. Thanks, Dad!

■ *Work.* Scripture teaches that work is good for you and expected of you (v. 6:6-8; 24:27). Paul also taught the value and necessity of work (I Thess. 3:6-15).

■ *Honest in Work* (v. 20:23). If you work for someone, you should be honest in your work habits. I've heard employees say, "I only make X dollars per hour, so that is all the work they are going to get out of me." That is dishonest. The employer who does as little as he can possibly do for his employees and is not always honest with them also violates the code of honesty taught in the Scriptures.

■ *Finances.* One of the biggest lies youth are taught today is that the key to the good life is wealth. I talked with a young man who was getting ready to be married. I asked him what he wanted from marriage. His response was that he wanted to be happy. I asked him what it would take for him to be happy. His response? To have enough money to provide things for him and his wife. How false to think life is an accumulation of things. Look carefully at verses 21:6, 22:1 and 23:4-5.

One way you can break the hold of materialism is to give away part of your wealth. Be generous to your church, your family and the poor. For people possessed by it, it is as difficult as an addict giving up drugs or an alcoholic giving up alcohol.

Hear the Word of the Lord!

Bible Book

Seventh seal: Judgment

By Rodney Reeves, pastor,
Central Church, Jonesboro
Basic passage: Revelation 8:1-9:21
Focal passage: Revelation 8:3-6
Central truth: God answers prayer.

The dramatic effect of breaking the last seal of the scroll is heightened by an eerie silence which precedes seven trumpet blasts (vv. 8:1-2). The anticipation of the end of the world is accompanied by a vision of the priestly function of prayer (vv. 8:3-5). John sees the "prayers of all the saints" (v. 5:8) coupled with the "smoke of the incense" (sacrificial rite) offered by the angel to God. Acceptable sacrifices (martyrs) combined with effectual prayers (v. 6:10) set in motion the judgment of God (casting fire on earth). Those who wait to see the justice of God will not be disappointed, knowing that prayer works.

Seven angels ready themselves to trumpet the final holocaust of divine judgment. The first four trumpet blasts bring destruction upon the earth (vv. 8:7-12). Hail storms, water turned to blood, day becoming dark, locusts and disease are catastrophic reminders of the plagues of Egypt. Similarly, these apocalyptic plagues do not bring complete destruction (one-third of the stars, waters, earth) nor do they affect God's people (v. 9:4). An eagle/vulture warns the inhabitants of the earth that the final three trumpets will mean certain death (v. 8:13).

The creatures of the plagues and the misery they bring upon unbelievers are described in graphic detail. The fifth trumpet summons monstrous agents of destruction from the abyss. Locusts that wreak havoc on humans rather than crops sting their victims like scorpions. Human suffering will continue unabated, no relief will be found (vv. 9:5-6). Unbelievers will be unable to stop this disease because the creatures are protected by "breastplates of iron" (v. 9:9). The plague will overwhelm humanity like an army of chariots.

The king of such pain and misery is Satan (the destroyer, "Abaddon" and "Apollyon," vv. 9:9-11). At the sixth trumpet, the altar of God commands a heavenly host to destroy one-third of the enemies of God (vv. 9:13-19). Unlike the demonic forces from the pit, this army of angels from heaven has the power to take human life (v. 9:19) and their purpose is redemptive (v. 9:20). Yet, those who watch the sinful perish will refuse to repent of their sins (v. 9:21).

Convention Uniform

Benefits of God's Word

By Gary L. Burney, assistant to the pastor, New Hope Fellowship, Springdale
Basic passage: Psalm 119:1-16, 45, 105, 129-130

Focal passage: Psalm 119:1-16, 45
Central truth: God's Word is more than just a book, it is the living Word of God that gives meaning to life.

The Bible is more than just a book, it is the God-breathed Word of God. Paul says that there is great profit in God's Word for the believer (1 Tim. 3:16). The Bible, to be of benefit, must be applied. Psalm 119 is all about God's Word. As we read this Psalm and apply God's Word to our lives we find that:

■ **The Word of God keeps us from sin** (vv. 1-8). Note the word "blessed" in verses 1-2. It means "happy." Happy are those who are undefiled and walk in the law of the Lord. Happy are those who keep His testimonies and seek Him. Sin doesn't produce happiness, but walking according to God's plan does. We often reverse God's plan and seek happiness instead of righteousness. Jesus said, "Blessed (happy) are they who do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." God's order is righteousness producing happiness.

■ **The Word of God keeps us clean** (vv. 9-16). The Word of God hidden in our hearts has the effect of keeping us from sin. James says the Word is like a mirror that reflects the true image of who we are. As we look into this reflection we see the blemishes (James 1:22-25).

■ **The Word of God sets us free** (v. 45). When we're free from bondage to sin, we are free to serve God. When we're free from the penalty of sin, we're free to live life without fear. When we're free from bondage to Satan, we're free to live victoriously. When we're free from the law as the means of salvation, we're free to express our worship and gratitude to God based on His grace, not our goodness. Thank God we've been set free by the Word (John 1:1).

Is there any other book that can produce happiness, keep us clean and set us free? Only God's Word can do that! Only God's Word gives meaning to life.

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Life and Work

Wisdom for friends

By Jere D. Mitchell, pastor, First Church, Fayetteville
Basic passage: Proverbs 10:12; 17:17; 18:24; 16:28; 26:21; 3:28-30; 25:9; 27:10; 14:9; 19:11; 29:11
Focal passage: Proverbs 10:12; 17:17; 27:10; 3:28-30; 16:28; 19:11
Central truth: To have a friend, you must be a friend.

How many people would you call friend? Most of us know hundreds people, but to say they are friends is another matter. According to those who study this type of thing, Americans are lonely people. They have trouble establishing and maintaining relationships.

We are created to be social people. God wants us to have a relationship with Him and to enjoy each other. The wisdom of the ages, God's Word, gives us great help in how to have great relationships with friends and neighbors.

■ **Love** (vv. 10:12; 17:17). Jesus said that we are to love each other (John 15:17). Some people find it difficult to care about other people. They have been hurt, they are shy and introverted. None of these excuses or reasons are fatal. It is never too late to begin to form a friendship. Love is able to overcome almost every barrier. If you are in need of a friend, begin to look around. Lonely people are everywhere. Genuine love, birthed by God, is able to overcome and overlook others' mistakes. That does not mean you approve of everything they do, but you still love them.

■ **Loyalty** (vv. 27:10). I am afraid this is a wonderful word that we are about to lose from our vocabulary. Friends stay with friends. There may be times of drought in a relationship. Friends stay with the stuff. Remember: What you sow, you reap. Cast your bread upon the water, and it will come back to you. Loyalty is a very prized characteristic of friendship.

■ **Integrity** (vv. 3:28-30). Friendship is built on integrity and honesty. Can your friends trust you? If not, your friendship is in trouble.

■ **Peace** (vv. 10:12; 16:28; 19:11). It is not easy to be friends with a person who is always trying to stir up trouble. I'm sure you know those people. They are in your church, your place of employment or your family. I certainly pray you are not one of them. No one likes grouchy old people. You know how they got to be that way? They were grouchy young people. Be peaceful and peaceable. Be a friend!

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Bible Book

Before the last trumpet

By Rodney Reeves, pastor, Central Church, Jonesboro
Basic passage: Revelation 10:1-11:19
Focal passage: Revelation 10:8-11
Central truth: The gospel must be proclaimed till the end.

An interlude appears between the sixth and seventh trumpets (vv. 1-11:13), just as it did between the sixth and seventh seals (vv. 7:1-17). Before the last trumpet sounds, John is brought back to earth. He sees "coming down out of heaven" an angel carrying a little scroll, already opened (vv. 1-2). The angel's message is universal in scope, spanning earth and sea. Although the angel shouts the message so loud that it sounds like thunder, John is told not to record the public announcement to the world (vv. 3-4). Instead, the angel swears an oath that "there shall be delay no longer" till the "mystery of God is finished" (vv. 5-7). The contents of the little scroll and the message of the seven peals of thunder is unknown. A message that is meant to be spoken, that is to be announced to the whole world, that reveals the mystery of God, that is given by God to be proclaimed by the prophets until the end (last trumpet, v. 7) sounds like the gospel.

John is directed to take the little scroll, upon which the angel feeds the book to the prophet as if it were bread (vv. 8-9). As in Ezekiel, the scroll tastes as sweet as honey (v. 10; Ezek. 3:3). John's food, however, will not set well on the prophet's stomach (v. 10). He must deliver God's message personally to the nations (v. 11). The message was not to be recorded for posterity (v. 4), the prophet taking in the word pictures an incarnate message (i.e., messenger), which God requires until the end: "You must prophesy again."

The believer's temple of God (heaven, v. 7:15-17) will be the only secure place (measured) before the end. The "outer courts" (earth) will be dominated by "the nations" (unbelievers) for a time (vv. 11:1-2). Before God effects His kingdom on earth (last trumpet, vv. 11:15-18), two heavenly witnesses will "prophesy" against the enemies of God (beast, Sodom, Egypt). Like Moses (turn water to blood) and Elijah (shut up the sky), Jesus (raised after three days) and John (public display of corpse), these prophets will be faithful witnesses till the end (vv. 11:3-12). Their exit will seal earth's fate (vv. 11:13-14), for "the kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord" (v. 15).

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Clinton signs church arson act, affirms bipartisan effort

WASHINGTON (ABP)—President Bill Clinton and Vice President Al Gore praised the bipartisan response of lawmakers to the recent wave of fires and acts of desecration at houses of worship.

Clinton and Gore marked the enactment of the Church Arson Prevention Act at a July 10 White House ceremony. Singled out for praise were the bill's congressional sponsors: Sens. Ted Kennedy, D-Mass., and Lauch Faircloth, R-N.C., and Reps. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., and John Conyers, D-Mich.

Religious leaders and others have reached "across lines of race, religion and region to bring Americans together in the rebuilding effort," Clinton said.

The arson legislation allows federal intervention in more cases where religious property has been unlawfully damaged, increases the penalties for such acts and guarantees loans made by private institutions for the rebuilding of churches. The law also will allow victims to apply for compensation under the Victims Crime Fund.

House votes to allow states to nix same-sex marriages

WASHINGTON (ABP)—Legislation that would define marriage and allow states to deny recognition of same-sex marriages that occur in other states won overwhelming approval in the U.S. House of Representatives July 12.

The Defense of Marriage Act was approved on a 342-67 vote, primarily in response to an attempt to legalize same-sex marriages in Hawaii. President Clinton has said he would sign the bill in its present form.

The act would define marriage as "only a legal union between one man and one woman as husband and wife." The measure also would define the term spouse as a "person of the opposite sex who is a husband or a wife." The measure also would allow states to refuse to recognize same-sex marriages that occur in other states. The legislation is still under consideration in the Senate.

Education partnership being launched at Glorieta

GLORIETA, NM (BP)—A first-of-its-kind educational partnership will get its official launch July 29 at the opening of Wayland Baptist University's satellite campus at Glorieta (N.M.) Conference Center.

The academic venture is a joint effort with the Baptist Sunday School Board providing physical facilities for the campus and Wayland Baptist University of Plainview, Texas, operating the educational program as an extension of its main campus.

A dedication service for the only Baptist university program in New Mexico will include remarks by Wayland president Wallace E. Davis and BSSB president James T. Draper Jr. Classes at the new campus will begin Sept. 3 and will include a "ski-study" mini-term scheduled for Jan. 2-22.

Missouri executive director Don Wideman to retire

JEFFERSON CITY, MO (BP)—Donald V. Wideman has announced his retirement as executive director of the Missouri Baptist Convention, effective Aug. 31, 1997.

Wideman, 68, made the formal announcement during the quarterly meeting of the MBC executive board July 9. The board accepted his retirement announcement and elected a search committee to seek his successor.

A native of St. Louis, Wideman was pastor of four Missouri Baptist churches from 1955-87. He is a former second vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention and former president of the Missouri Baptist Convention.

Criswell College president resigns over end-times view

DALLAS (BP)—A difference over interpretation of end-times theology between W.A. Criswell and Richard R. Melick Jr. has prompted Melick to resign the presidency of Criswell College in Dallas. Melick, 51, has served as president four years.

"It's become apparent that, at this point, we're not in full agreement" on whether the church is raptured before or after the tribulation, Melick said. As a result, he added, "the best thing is for me to step aside."

"I lean to a historic premillennial view," that the church is raptured after the tribulation, Melick explained. Criswell, meanwhile, is widely known for a premillennial pre-tribulation view, that the church is raptured before the tribulation. Criswell, the college's chancellor, is pastor emeritus of First Baptist Church, Dallas.

Before going to Criswell College, Melick was chairman of the doctor of theology program and New Testament department at Mid-America Seminary in Memphis, Tenn. He is a graduate of Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.