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Thankfulness is a part
of our national heritage

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I must say it

Charles H. Ashcraft Executive Secretary

Socialism is here--Do we want it?

That which no army, navy, or air force could impose upon us is here, socialism. We have been taken without surrendering a square foot of American soil, taken indeed by our greed and stupidity. Greed in that everyone wants more and more and stupidity in that we feel we can take it from each other.

Our welfare considerations, right or wrong, are increasing beyond imagination with wage earners staggering under the burden of non-earners.

Our system of subsidies and low interest loans to distressed big business has destroyed the inner genius of private enterprise. Bankruptcy laws benefit everyone except the investor. The middle income group pays the taxes for both the very affluent and the very poor.

Hospitals pass on the cost of the difference between Medicare allowances and actual costs of medical services. Safe drivers pay for the wrecks of the reckless ones. The young pay in their group plans for the care of the elderly.

Professional people collect enough from their rich clients to defray their losses from those who cannot pay. Successful people are penalized for their resourcefulness.

The dumb people are taxed to pay the educational costs of those who "qualify" and in turn are enslaved by the high professional fees and pure contempt by those whom they have put through school.

Sinners are now required in the tax system to train missionaries who may or may not select them as candidates for God's redeeming grace. The American people are being asked to contribute to the campaign expenses of some who could not qualify as precinct poll judges.

The media has become the fourth and most powerful branch of the Federal government without benefit of election or appointment. The energy people will continue their gouging until they are nationalized by common consent.

Socialized medicine in toto is just around the corner while nations who have it are also in much trouble.

Recent developments have destroyed the confidentiality of the presidency and the secret services are no longer secret. Social security represents anything but security and the savings of the retired people have been decimated four-fold by the nation's inability to control inflation.

Socialism is here. Do we want it? If indeed we want it we would do well to find another reason for our future wars. Socialism can be reversed but not without a spiritual awakening.

Inasmuch as there is no widespread notion rampant to change our strange national dilemma I recommend a moratorium on war until more substantive reasons can be found.

America is worth the saving to the same degree it was worth establishing at the beginning.

I must say it!

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From the past into the future

J. Everett Sneed

The Bicentennial events have focused a great deal of attention on the importance of our heritage. Similarly, the past 200 years have been extremely important to us as Southern Baptists. It reminds us that we are inseparably tied to our past and that our future will be determined, to a great extent, by what each of us does today.

Most Baptist historians agree as to many of the factors which have shaped the largest evangelical denomination in the world. Almost from our inception, in 1845, missions and evangelism have been a major priority. This concern has led us to establish the most comprehensive outreach effort in modern times.

Another milestone in the life of Southern Baptists was the development of the Cooperative Program. Prior to 1925, each agency or board competed for the financial support of each local church. The cause that had the most forceful speaker or the one who could present work in the most emotional terms would receive the largest gifts from the churches. The Cooperative Program has given opportunity for prayerful development of long-range objectives. The Lord has blessed this method of supporting our world mission efforts.

Another development which has given impetus to Southern Baptist work was the discovery of the laws of Sunday School growth by Arthur Flake. Flake observed that for a church to grow it should: (1) Know its prospects; (2) Enlarge its organization; (3) Provide adequate space; (4) Enlist and train its workers; and (5) Go after the people. The utilization of these principles

has assisted many Southern Baptist churches to move forward productively.

But what in our present life will be remembered as great accomplishments 100 years from now? The Lay Evangelism concept should prove to be of great benefit to the future of Southern Baptists. The emphasis is not only biblical but also practical. Looking back, historians will probably regard this as another great development in Southern Baptist life.

The bus ministry should also become a lasting part of our outreach. While it is likely the program will be refined and better guidelines developed, the method will surely be classed as one which gave impetus to the reaching of people for Christ. As experience is gained in the use of this method of outreach it is likely that most churches will refrain from the "over-use of gimmicks" and the violation of the territories of other Baptist churches.

The new "action" method of enrolling anyone, any place, any time, may become the normal method for Sunday School enlargement. While this method seems revolutionary to us now, it is possible it is no more than the introduction of the Cooperative Program in 1925. We believe that those who look back will see this as another major advance for Southern Baptists.

Obviously, not everything that is done by every individual will be remembered and recorded by historians. But each of us should remember that the day-by-day events of each of our lives are recorded by our Lord. Thus, it behooves each of us to do our best so long as we live or until he comes again.

Guest editorial

Perspective on Bicentennial preaching

Preaching during the bicentennial celebration presents both a great opportunity and a potential problem. Brooks Hayes, former congressman from Arkansas and former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, properly raised a red flag to caution American preachers of a serious hazard involved in bicentennial preaching — the hazard of promoting civic religion.

In civic religion, church and state are intertwined in such a way that each protects and promotes the other. Baptists are historically averse to "established churches" that are state authorized, legalized, and subsidized; we resent that kind of civic religion.

We need to recognize, also, that the sheer predominance of Christianity in our country combined with the patriotism appropriate to the bicentennial celebration can lead us into the trap of equating God and country. The result would be a practical, though not legal, civic religion.

With reference to that, Hayes warned of "an awesome civil religion which threatens the nation and blurs the distinction of what belongs to Caesar and what belongs to God." He pointed out the likelihood that "several ceremonies will seek religious endorsements and local churches will be prompted to deliver messages more nationalistic than religious." ("Civil Religion Attacked," *Baptist Standard*, June 18, 1975, p. 19.)

How can a preacher avoid the danger of promoting civic religion while properly acknowledging the bicentennial occasion? He can prepare prophetic messages designed to point the nation in the direction of God. If it seems to him that this approach will sound less than patriotic, he can realize that patriotism at its best confronts a nation with the claims of God. A real love of country will appeal to the people of the country to love God and show that love by the way they live.—Harold Freeman, Associate Professor of Preaching, School of Theology, Southwestern Seminary.



One layman's opinion

Daniel R. Grant / President, OBU

Is Christian martyrdom a thing of the past?

In this land of religious liberty it has often been said that Christians no longer must suffer or sacrifice for their beliefs. I probably have said something like that myself, feeling that we Christians have things pretty soft today, compared to the persecution of the early Christian martyrs. I have even wondered if our Christian faith today might be considerably stronger if it were tested in the red-hot crucible of persecution.

A recent news story causes me to believe that we do indeed still have Christian martyrs in so-called modern Christian America. An Associated Press dispatch reported that four workers of the Meredith Corporation, a printer-publisher in Des Moines, Iowa, have resigned or been suspended without pay because of their religious objections to working on two magazines filled with nudity and pornography. The company, which publishes such magazines as "Successful Farmin," "Brides," and "Better Homes and Gardens," felt compelled to begin printing "Penthouse" and "Viva" because it lost some of its regular printing contracts.

Two of the Meredith Corporation employees, with a total of 22 years of service, resigned with the statement that God did not want them working on such pornography, and said they would start a small printing firm to "do work for Christian people." Two other employees with a total of 32 years of service were

suspended after asking to be assigned to jobs not involving "Penthouse" or "Viva." One of them said, "If the founder of this company were alive today, he would not only refuse to print this filth, but he would also object to its distribution throughout the country."

In a day when jobs are not easy to find, I believe these four men qualify as modern Christian martyrs. I believe there is a kind of "silent majority," and I confess to being a part of it, that does not like the tidal wave of commercial exploitation of sex that threatens to inundate us, yet really does very little to resist the trend.

Here are four individuals, presumably with families to support, that took a simple but costly stand against being involved in a strong anti-Christian influence. I take my hat off to them and hope that Christian people will come to their economic rescue.

One other thought occurs to me as a postscript: The Russian dissident Baptist pastor Georgi Vins was imprisoned some months ago for operating a church printing press in violation of law in the Soviet Union. Martyrdom in communist Russia for religious printing seems to have a close kinship with martyrdom in capitalist America for refusing to participate in anti-religious printing. "Take heed he that thinketh he standeth..."

Baptist Heritage

by Bernes K. Selph

In November, 1942, Clarence Jordon, with his wife and their first born, established Koinonia Farm, Inc., a 400-acre plot, seven miles southwest of Americus, Ga. The name was derived from the Greek word meaning fellowship.

A degree in agriculture from the University of Georgia and earned doctrine in the New Testament from the Southern Baptist Seminary gave academic training to channel his conviction for an experiment in racial integration.

He wondered what would happen if he put into everyday living what he considered to be Christian principles with respect to race relations. He returned to his native state and used the New Testament as a handbook for race relations.

Several white and black families joined him. His principles worked exceptionally well as he made human values his major concern, but not without stiff opposition. He persisted and succeeded. He translated the New Testament and called it the Cotton Patch version. He died a few years ago.

.....And that is how some Baptists approached the race problems before the government became involved in them.

□O.K. and Marjorie Armstrong, *The Indomitable Baptists*, Doubleday and Co. Garden City, New York, 1967, p. 306.



Woman's viewpoint

Iris O'Neal Bowen

You can, too, do something!

"I am disgusted with people who say they can't do anything," a speaker put it bluntly the other day. I was inclined to agree with him, for I had in my possession ample proof that in at least one case, a lady who could very easily have said that and been forgiven, was instead, doing something!

This dear lady is a resident of a rest home in our state, and I want to quote from a letter I had from her:

"...Yes, I have found lots to do here. I asked the Lord to make me content here and give me something to do for Him. He has abundantly answered my prayer. I go to a blind woman's room recite Bible

verses and sing gospel songs. I visit another old woman, 83, who is in a wheel chair with arthritis, but she is a power in prayer. It is just a feast to me!

"I am teaching a group of younger ones Bible verses. I quote a lot to them, then they enjoy joining with me in singing Gospel songs. They love 'He's Got the Whole World in His Hands', 'Amazing Grace,' and others.

"I have led these forgotten people in packing boxes of clothes for the Salvation Army. It is a sin the number of clothes that are wasted.... We have a glorious time packing these boxes. Please pray that I will be able to persuade others

to give clothes.

"I buy bananas or small chocolate bars to pass out to these undernourished ones...."

(...And I have heard, over and over, younger and much more able people refuse jobs in the church organizations because they "can't do anything!" You should see the long, sad looks they are able to put on their faces, as they sit with folded hands! It makes me want to ask them if they are just trying to get out of work.

—On second thought, perhaps I should ask the old lady in the wheelchair to pray for them!



The Vuong family
 Father: The Doc Vuong
 Mother: Chan Nam Tu
 Children: Khanh, Nintu, Huong
 This was our first family to sponsor. Mr. Vuong and the three young people all have jobs and were self-supporting in less than a month's time. They are a lovely, cultured family, a delight to know!

Mission field comes to America

First Church, Ft. Smith tries sponsorship, goes back for more

First Church, Ft. Smith, was one of the first Arkansas churches to respond when Vietnamese refugees came to Ft. Chaffee and needed sponsors. They were also first to respond to a request for information from Arkansas churches who are sponsors of refugees, so that a series of articles in the Newsmagazine could show the progress of sponsorship. The church sent these four photos and the information about the people—something like a family photo album



Left to right: Y, 9-month-old Ha, and wife. Ha the Sao. Y was a paymaster in the Army in Vietnam. His wife sews beautifully and is especially adept at making the Vietnamese traditional dress.



Left to right: Nhung: she had just started her college education, would like to continue it here. Chinh: he was a second-year medical student. Lien: she is a college graduate and was teaching school in Vietnam. Huong: takes on a rare high school. Tam: He was a skipper on a merchant ship, is a college graduate. Giang (She has been nicknamed "Dani") She was an English teacher in Vietnam.
 Not pictured: the mother, Nhuon, and 14-year-old Hank.



Our second family — Chuong van Pham and his wife, "Kim" twin sons, "Bambi" and "Rebo" and "John" (7 years old). "John" gave himself an American name so his American playmates could call him to play more readily. The Chuong family is also self-supporting.

We cannot tell you the blessings that have come from sponsoring these families. We are in the process of getting two more families.

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME--GREETINGS:

WHEREAS,

The '76 Life and Liberty Campaign is a joint effort of Arkansas Baptists who want to inspire in their people a sense of patriotism and religious awareness; and

WHEREAS,

Some 530,000 members of the Arkansas Baptist Convention, the Regular Arkansas Missionary Baptist Convention, Inc., and the Consolidated Missionary Baptist Convention are involved in this movement; and

WHEREAS,

A total of 2000 local churches will send representatives to War Memorial Stadium for a "Life and Liberty Rally" on the Fourth of July, 1976; and

WHEREAS,

This occasion will mark the independence of the American people and the freedom for which this country stands;

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, David Pryor, Governor of Arkansas, do proclaim July 4, 1975 as

LIFE AND LIBERTY DAY

in Arkansas.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed at the Capitol in Little Rock on this *26th* day of *June* in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventy five.



David Pryor
GOVERNOR

Kerry Bryant
SECRETARY OF STATE

'76 Life and Liberty Campaign calendar

1975

October-December PEOPLE SEARCH
Dec. 30-31 1,776 Minutes Prayer Watch

1976

Jan. 5-9 Bible Study Week (Hosea)
Jan. 5-March 20 76 Day Prayer Vigil for Campaign
Jan. 11 Witness Commitment Day
Jan. 18 Day of Fasting and Prayer for Campaign
Jan. 19-20 LIFE AND LIBERTY EVANGELISM CONFERENCE
Immanuel Church, Little Rock
Feb. Regional Prayer Rallies - all conventions
Feb. 26-27 National and Southern Baptist Pastors' Prayer Retreat, Camp Paron
March Cottage Prayer Meetings for Crusades - East
One week before Crusade revivals, take Crusade pamphlets to every home in the community.
March 21-April 4 CRUSADE REVIVALS - EAST
April Cottage Prayer Meetings for Crusades - West
One week before Crusade revivals, take Crusade pamphlets to every home in the community.
April 11-25 CRUSADE REVIVALS - WEST
April 25 Life Commitment Sunday
June 28-July 3 WITNESSING - ENROLLMENT - ATTENDANCE WEEK
Visit each prospect during this week with a three-fold objective:
1. Witness

July 2 2. Enroll in Sunday School in home
July 3 3. Seek attendance for Sunday, July 4
July 3 Day of Prayer and Fasting for July 3 Rally
STATE WIDE RALLY, War Memorial Stadium, Little Rock - 11 a.m.
July 4 Life and Liberty Sunday - HIGH ATTENDANCE DAY in Sunday School
Aug. 5-7 JOY EXPLOSION
State Youth Evangelism Conference, Little Rock
LIFE AND LIBERTY EVANGELISM CONFERENCES:
Sept. 7 Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge
Sept. 8 First Church, Gentry
Sept. 9 First Church, Mount Ida
Sept. 10 East Main Church, El Dorado
Oct. 25-30 WITNESSING - ENROLLMENT - ATTENDANCE WEEK
Visit each prospect during this week with a three-fold objective:
1. Witness
2. Enroll in Sunday School in home
3. Seek attendance for Sunday, Oct. 31
Oct. 31 HIGH ATTENDANCE DAY in Sunday School
Nov. 17 Joint Session of all three conventions, Barton Coliseum, Little Rock (evening session)
Dec. 3 Life and Liberty Evangelism Workshop
Dec. 31 Praise and Prayer Watch Night



by R. Wilbur Herring



Dr. Herring

"Respected authority says there is life after death."

This news made the headlines in one of our newspapers recently. The article told about a Swiss-born psychiatrist who has written a book entitled "On Death and Dying."

To gather the material for her book she interviewed hundreds of men and women who had been declared legally dead and then were revived.

We found some fabulous common denominators which you can't deny,"

said **Dr. Elisabeth Kubler-Ross**. The Doctor said that most of the patients described their condition as floating a few feet above their bodies while efforts were being made to resuscitate the bodies. They could accurately describe the scene, the details as to what was said, and the coming and going of the rescuers and observers.

It is interesting to note what the patients reported to Mrs. Kubler-Ross.

"They have a fabulous feeling of peace and wholeness....People who are blind can see.... paraplegics have legs that they can move... they have no pain, no fear, no anxiety... almost all of them reported that they were greeted by someone who had died before them...it is such a beautiful experience that many of them resent being brought back to their physical body."

Her conclusions of her findings should be noted. "I know beyond a shadow of a doubt that there is life after death... It is a good feeling to be able to say after many years that people don't really die." Because of her findings she is now spending full time counseling dying patients. Most of her patients are referred to her from other dying persons whom she counsels in their homes.

There are three things that puzzle me about this article. First, it is said that Mrs. Kubler-Ross is not religious. Wouldn't you think that one who knew there was

life after death would get "religious"? Secondly, there must be many people out in the world that don't know that the greatest of all authorities has declared ages ago that there is life after death. And thirdly, why aren't we busy telling this good news to a lost and dying world—that there is life after death and each person must be prepared to meet his Maker?

Workshop cancelled

The Life and Liberty Evangelism Workshop scheduled for Dec. 5 has been cancelled, according to Jesse S. Reed, Director, Evangelism Department.

Revivals

First, Mayflower, Oct. 26-31; Bill Fitzhugh and Bill Holcomb Jr. leaders; 81 professions of faith, with 54 baptisms. Herman Heard is pastor.

First, Mt. Ida, Oct. 26-Nov. 2; Carel Norman, evangelist, Robert Sivils, music director; three by baptism, one by letter, 10 rededications. Tommy G. Cupples is pastor.

Lib, luv, and life-- the Jesus way

by John H. McClanahan
pastor, First Church, Pine Bluff

Text: Jesus said, "You will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. . . . So, if the son makes you free, you will be free indeed (John 8:32, 36, RSV).

Paul wrote: "For you were called into freedom, brethren; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love be servants of one another" (Gal. 5:13, RSV).

Liberation . . . love . . . life--these are three of the dominant words of our day. They are thrown at us from many levels of our life together. How many times, for example, have you heard on the radio or television some vocalist with great feeling, singing . . .

I want to be free, like the blue birds

flying by me, . . .

I want to be FREE!"¹

In so voicing the quest for freedom, these lyrics speak the sentiment of many people--

. . . from the toddling nursery child who wants to escape the confinement of his play pen, to the moon-bound astronaut who jettisons himself off this planet into the airy weightlessness of space;

. . . from the Mayflower Pilgrims who crossed the Atlantic early in the 17th Century in search of a new and freer world, to the citizens of the emerging nations of our era in Africa and Asia who are struggling to live through the infancy, adolescence, and young maturity of the democratic process in one lifetime;

. . . from the high school teenager who experiences rebellious desires to throw off all the restraints of parents, church, and school, to the hippie conclaves where young people try to live as cultural drop-outs--experimenting with liquor, drugs, and sex.

Some of us came through the difficult years of the Great Depression of the '30s thinking if we could ever make enough money to become economically secure, then we could really be free. But countless Americans in the '60s and the '70s have learned that "affluence" and "things" alone do not bring joy, meaning, and freedom to man's life.

Some of us in the middle years of life have begun to feel both chained and bored by our place in life. We find ourselves at times entertaining the illusory fantasy that if we were just in another job, or another town (or another church!), or had a different wife or a different husband, or if we had some different children, or a different set of parents--then we could really be free! . . . Some of us have even begun to long for death because of the release and freedom which it seems to promise.

You see, when the song writer said, "I want to be free!", he was voicing what we have come to call in our day a gut level feeling which touches all of us. We all want to be free, but the big question is, "How do we become free? ? ?"

When we think of freedom in this way, it is worthy of note to see how often liberty and love and life all become intertwined. These three basic human experiences are inter-

dependent on each other. Like the three sides of a triangle, they reach out and "touch" one another--they "lean" on each other. We know any one of the three, almost in direct proportion to the extent that we experience the other two.

Of course, if honest, we must admit that some people today believe that not one of these great ideas--life, love, and liberty--can be known in our human experience. At its best, they think of life as a meaningless riddle, devoid of destiny and hope. They echo the words of Shakespeare's Macbeth, when he said--

*"Life's but a walking shadow, a poor player
That struts and frets his hour upon the stage
And then is heard no more. It is a tale
Told by an idiot, full of sound and fury,
Signifying nothing."* (Macbeth, V, v, 24)

And the word love--we have so diluted its meaning and proliferated its use that, for many folk, the word is lost. Archie Bunker, of "All in the Family" television fame, is a classic example at this point. Spencer Marsh, in his recent book *God, Man, and Archie Bunker*, points out that "love" is the one four-letter word which Archie cannot say. In one of his more romantic moments, this is the best "Arch" can manage in voicing his deep feeling for Edith, his wife.

Archie: Did you ever think of taking a shot at me, Edith?

Edith: No, Archie.

Archie: That's good. And I never wanted to shoot you neither.²

It's nice when people get along. Right, Edith?

As certainly we know, love is not just not wanting to take a shot at someone! Archie Bunker is confused about love as is much of the rest of our society.

Although an avalanche of words is tumbling down on our generation in support of freedom and liberation, some of the articulate spokesmen of the 20th Century are saying that real liberation for man is impossible. Like rats or mice in a maze, they say that modern man is essentially trapped. No longer is the world our oyster, it is now our cage. Jean Paul Sartre, the French existentialist philosopher and playwright, writes of life as being a "no exit" situation. With a pessimism more rigid than any eastern caste system, Sartre declares the meaninglessness of man's existence and the basic "locked-in-ness," or trapped quality, which is the hallmark of man's lot. Rather than speaking of relating to one's fellowman in love, such men as these can say, "Hell is other people!" In this same line of thought, Eugene O'Neil, the American playwright, wrote of his own life, and of life in general, as being a "long day's journey into night."

The conclusion of this is that all of man's attempts at liberation, life, and love are either impossible, or ill-fatedly abortive. Man is condemned to live, haunted by dreams which he can never realize.

Against the backdrop of such dark pessimism, we can begin to perceive more clearly why the gospel of Jesus Christ is such glorious good news! Rather than speaking of liberty as an

1. Lyrics from "I Want to Be Free" by Tommy Boyce and Bobby Hart. © Copyright 1966 by Screen Gems-Columbia Music, Inc. All rights reserved.

2. Spencer Marsh, *God, Man, and Archie Bunker* (New York: Harper and Row, 1975 pp. 61-62)

impossible dream, Jesus spoke of freedom as a living reality. He said, "You will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. . . . So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed" (John 8:32, 36, RSV). Rather than speaking of life as a no-exit, dead-end alley, Jesus said, "I am the door (10:9) set open, and I am the . . . way" (14:6.) He said, "If any one enters by me, he will be saved, and will go in and out (with great freedom) and find pasture (10:9, RSV.) Rather than seeing men as pawns or things—"men as trees walking"—Jesus saw men as sheep without a shepherd. And he voluntarily laid down his life for us, in order that through him we might have life, and have it more abundantly. As his disciples, we would give us the second touch which would enable us to see all people as being those for whom Christ died, and thus as our potential Christian brothers. As Christians, we discover that life is not just a ceaseless treadmill. It is a pilgrimage of faith! It is not—"long day's journey into night." Life in Christ is "long night's journey into day!"

The thought of man's being trapped in life is not new just to our day. In many different ages, some men have so viewed man's fate. The German poet, Goethe, so dealt with man's dilemma in his epic play, *Faust*. You may recall that Faust sold his soul to the devil—Mephistopheles—in return for magic powers. After a 24 year period of relative freedom, the devil dragged Faust to hell.

Leslie Weatherhead tells in one of his books of an anonymous artist who had tried to picture the story of Faust on canvas. The painting presents Faust and Mephistopheles seated at a chess board. Glancing at the board, it appears that Faust is check-mate. Mephistopheles has a look of glee on his face. Faust is the picture of despair and gloom.

One day, Weatherhead writes, a master of the game of chess was walking through this London art gallery where this painting was displayed. When he came to this particular picture, he was, of course, intrigued. He stood and pondered the painting for a long time. Suddenly, the quiet of the gallery was shattered by this man's shout, "It's a lie! It's a lie! The king and the knight can move!"

So we answer any scheme or thought which says that we are trapped—check-mate—by the devil or any other sinful circumstance of life. "It's a lie! It's a lie! In the grace of God through Jesus Christ, we can still move! We can be saved! We can go through him who is the door set open and discover God as our Heavenly Father and other men as our Christian brothers and sisters. Today, now, in Christ's name, we can know liberation, love, and life!

In his little book, *Faith, Hope, and Love*, Emil Brunner has helped me see more clearly how God in Christ enables us to know in depth these three experiences about which we are thinking. He does so by pointing to something in the writing of Paul which I had never seen before. All of us are familiar with the fact that Paul often writes in his letters about faith, hope, and love. The best known passage, of course, is from Paul's love chapter—I Corinthians 13: "Now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love" (v. 13.) Brunner sees this trilogy as Paul's way of encompassing the whole of life in relationship to what God has said and done in Christ.

When we stop to think about it, most of us are aware that time has a three-dimensional nature. There is time past, time future, and time present. Right now, for example, you may be thinking of something which happened earlier today. Your consciousness is focused there—in time past. Or, you may be thinking about what you are going to do later this evening. Your mind is focused in time future. Or, you may be relaxed and listening to the point that your thought is focused right here and now where we are—in the present.

Enlarge this one day time experience, and you have the story of your life or the history of mankind. Everyman's experience of existence is thus in three dimensions of time. He lives in the past, the future, the present. We live in the past by memory. We live in the future by expectation. We live in

the present by being aware of the given moment. Strange as it may seem, really to live in the present is the most difficult of all.

Brunner interprets Paul to be talking about this three dimensional experience of existence in his trilogy—faith, hope, and love. Thus understood, Paul is saying that the Christian lives in the past by faith. We live in the future by hope, and we live in the present with love. Let me spell this out more specifically.

Christians look to the past by faith. The Greek word "pistis" in the New Testament refers not to a body of organized doctrine, but to a series of historical events in which God has made himself known. The biblical "faith" declares itself to be a record of the manner in which God has revealed himself in history. God is above history, but he is also involved in history—to the extent that he has made dramatic entries into the time process of the world. This is seen pre-eminently in the life of Old Israel which culminates in the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We believe that God has been at work in the past to redeem, restore, renew, salvage, and save both his creature and his creation.

Christians look to the future with hope. It is amazing to consider how much of our activity is future oriented—securing an education for a career, buying life insurance, building a retirement program, rearing our children, planning for tomorrow. Any honest appraisal of the future, however, must admit that the most precise thing which the future holds for all of us is death. Death is inevitable. If there is nothing after death, then death as well as life becomes totally meaningless. Such thinking can only produce fatalistic despair—as we have noted earlier in this sermon.

The Christian, however, faces the future with hope, not despair. As the first letter of Peter declares, this is "a lovely hope" (1:3) born in faith by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Because he arose, we also hope to attain unto the resurrection. We also look forward in hope and assurance to the return of Jesus. He told his disciples, "I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." (John 14:2b-3) We envision the death of this old age and the inauguration of a new age, as the Crucified One returns in triumph as the Glorified One!

As I have said, there is great difficulty about actually living in the present. In truth, the present is only a fleeting second which is constantly moving from time future to time past. We find difficulty living in the present because of the vexing voices of the ghosts of guilt from our past. Or, from the other side, we are perplexed and worried by the gaunt spectres of the future. Thus, so enslaved by the past and/or preoccupied by the future, we are not free to live in the present moment as it slips by.

For the Christian, Jesus Christ does tow things which enable us to live in the present. In his amazing grace, he frees us from the guilt of the past. By the atonement of the Cross, our sins are forgiven. And in his gracious providence, he assures us again and again that we should not be anxious about the future.

Thus, the door to the present is opened. We are free to love—to know love and to share love in Christ's name. Love is the great present tense virtue of the New Testament. Agape love is spontaneous, overflowing, out-going, immediate, life-giving, and life-changing.

Moving quickly to conclude, I must say that in a manner more profound than most of us can begin to grasp, authentic liberation, love, and life are found, and only found, in Jesus Christ. Hear the words of C.S. Lewis as he writes in his autobiography of his own conversion:

You must picture me alone in that room in Magdalen, night after night, feeling, whenever my mind lifted even for a second from my work, the steady, unrelenting approach of Him whom I so earnestly desired not to meet. That which I greatly feared had at last come upon me. In the Trinity Term

of 1929 I gave in, and admitted that God was God, and knelt and prayed: perhaps, that night, the most dejected and reluctant convert in all England. I did not then see what is now the most shining and obvious thing; the Divine humility which will accept a convert even on such terms. The Prodigal Son at least walked home on his own feet. But who can duly adore that Love which will open the high gates to a prodigal who is brought in kicking, struggling, resentful, and darting his eyes in every direction for a chance of escape? The words

"compallo intrare," compel them to come in, have been so abused by wicked men that we shudder at them; but, properly understood, they plumb the depth of the Divine mercy. The hardness of God is kinder than the softness of men, and His compulsion is our liberation.³

3. C.S. Lewis, *Surprised by Joy* (New York: Harcourt Brace and Jovanovich, Inc., 1955), pp. 228-29. Used by permission of publisher.



"M" Night - 1975

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Theme "We hold these truths"

<u>Association</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
Arkansas Valley	Dec. 8	First, Helena	7:30 p.m.
Benton County	Nov. 24	Monte Ne, Rogers	7:30 p.m.
Black River	Nov. 24	First, Hoxie	7:30 p.m.
Buckner	Nov. 24	First, Waldron	7:30 p.m.
Caddo River	Nov. 24	First, Glenwood	
Calvary	Nov. 24	Central, Bald Knob	7:00 p.m.
Carey	Nov. 24	First, Fordyce	7:30 p.m.
Caroline	Nov. 24	Immanuel, Carlisle	7:00 p.m.
Centennial	Nov. 24	First, Stuttgart	7:30 p.m.
Clear Creek	Nov. 24	First, Clarksville & First, Van Buren	7:30 p.m.
Concord	Nov. 24	Bluff Avenue	6:30 p.m.
Conway-Perry	Dec. 7	Nimrod	2:00 p.m.
Current River	Nov. 24	Calvary	7:30 p.m.
Dardanelle-Russellville	Nov. 24	First, Dardanelle	7:00 p.m.
Delta	Nov. 24	Bellaire	7:00 p.m.
Gainesville	Nov. 24	Holly Island	7:30 p.m.
Greene County	Nov. 24	First, Paragould	7:30 p.m.
Harmony	Dec. 1	Greenlee Memorial	7:00 p.m.
Hope	Nov. 24	First, Lewisville	7:30 p.m.
Independence	Nov. 24	Emmanuel	7:00 p.m.
Little Red River	Nov. 10	First, Rose Bud	7:30 p.m.
Little River	Dec. 8	First, Murfreesboro	7:30 p.m.
Mississippi County	Nov. 24	Ridgecrest, Blytheville	7:30 p.m.
Mount Zion	Nov. 24	North Main, Jonesboro	
North Arkansas	Nov. 24	Eagle Heights	7:30 p.m.
North Pulaski	Nov. 24	Baring Cross	7:00 p.m.
Ouachita	Nov. 24	Hatfield	7:00 p.m.
Pulaski	Nov. 24	Calvary, Little Rock	7:30 p.m.
Red River	Nov. 24	Park Hill	7:00 p.m.
Rocky Bayou	Nov. 24	First Melbourne	7:00 p.m.
Searcy	Dec. 5	Morning Star	7:00 p.m.
Tri-County	Nov. 24	First Forrest City	7:30 p.m.
Trinity	Nov. 24	First Trumann	7:00 p.m.
Van Buren	Dec. 8	Rupert	7:00 p.m.
Washington-Madison	Nov. 24	First Fayetteville	7:30 p.m.
White River	Nov. 24	East side, Mountain Home	7:30 p.m.

Don't miss "M" Night in your association

Children get a second chance as Arkansas Baptist provide care

Through the years, as the needs of children have changed, we have adapted our child care ministry to meet these changing needs. In order to more effectively serve children, our services have expanded and new methods utilized. We have area offices located in Little Rock, Jonesboro, Fayetteville, and offer services for southeast Arkansas from our Monticello office.

The Arkansas Baptist Home for Children is still the very center of our child care ministry, and we serve a number of children at the Home each year. Most of these children, disturbed by family crisis and resulting unmet needs, require more than a roof over their heads, food, clothing, and

educational opportunities. To bring them in and love them is not enough, although this is of prime importance.

They need understanding from our staff as they seek to more realistically understand themselves and unravel their problems. Often their trust in the world about them has been shattered. As we listen and learn about their past experiences, we can understand the reasons for this distrust. Our staff works to help the child restore his faith in himself, in others, and in God. This is accomplished by combining Christian caring with professional services.

Our services to a child begin with our interest in listening to and understanding the child and his problem. The area

workers conduct an intake study by involving the child, his family, the school, and other community groups who may have been involved. Placement of a child away from his family can be a traumatic experience for the child if done abruptly and without adequate preparation of all parties involved. A child's rights and needs are given priority, and he is involved in the intake process. One facet of child care cannot meet the needs of all children who turn to us for help; a group home, foster home, or the child's own home may better meet his particular need.

We understand the significance of the child's family to him. After all, families are what we are all about. As we take a child into care, we try to involve his family with a goal of helping them work through their problems, to become a stronger unit, and to work toward return of a child to his family. Sometimes this involves short-term care for the child, while other times long-term and permanent care is needed.

There is developing a real theology of child care. It is one of concern, of redemption, and of service. Our denomination is moving out to serve those who need us. Many children have not heard the good news of Christ, and their environment causes them to be unable to really believe it. Therefore, we must be Christian in our approach, love and understand them for what they are, and give them a second chance. Your participation in the Thanksgiving Offering is needed. It means Arkansas Baptists... Giving Children A Chance.—Johnny G. Biggs, Executive Director, Arkansas Baptist Family and Child Care Services.

Arkansan gets seminary scholarship

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Ronald Sisk, a native of Pine Bluff, Ark., has been named a Rice-Judson Scholar by Southern Seminary. The cash award is for outstanding first year students who plan to enter church-related vocations.

Sisk is a 1971 graduate of University of Arkansas, where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He received a Master of Arts degree in 1973 from New York University.

Application deadline for next year's Rice-Judson awards is Feb. 15, 1976. Applications for the award are available from W. David Sapp, associate director of student development services at the seminary, 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville, Ky. 40206.

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CHAPLAIN JOHN GANO OFFERS THANKSGIVING

New York, April 19, 1783—John Gano, Baptist pastor who served as chaplain to the Colonial Army under General George Washington, led the army in a prayer of thanksgiving when Washington announced the peace terms to his troops near Newburg on the Hudson.

Thankfulness is a part of our national heritage.

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Life and Liberty Eve



January 19-20, 1976

Monday, January 19

Theme: "The

John

MORNING Theme: "Confession of Sin"

- 10:30 Song and prayer Ervin Keathley
- 10:45 Share time: "I was Saved in a WIN School" Mike Black
- 10:55 Special music Quartet
- 11:00 Message Stephen Olford

MONDAY EVENING

- 7:00 Song and prayer.....
- 7:15 "Baptists in Jail".....
- 7:45 Arkansas Music Men in Conc
- 8:05 Share time: "I was Saved in a
- 8:10 Arkansas Music Men
- 8:15 Message.....

All night prayer
10:00 p.m.

AFTERNOON Theme: "Comprehend"

- 2:00 Song and Prayer Ervin Keathley
- 2:15 Share time: "The Grow Booklets Helped Me" Cornelia Shells
- 2:25 Bookstore Robert Bauman
- 2:30 Special music Southern Baptist College
- 2:35 Message "The Condition of a Lost Soul" Sam Cathey

3:10 Special Conferences:

- 1. "Life and Liberty and Action" Lawson Hatfield
- 2. "Life and Liberty Prayer Rallies" K. Alvin Pitt
- 3. "Life and Liberty Crusades" Jesse Reed
- 4. "Life and Liberty Area Crusades" Clarence Shell
- 5. "Life and Liberty and New Converts" Bob Holley
- 6. "Life and Liberty through Renewal" Reid Hardin
- 7. "Sharing Renewal Experiences" Neal Guthrie
- 8. "Life and Liberty through Music" Ervin Keathley
- 9. "Life and Liberty through Foreign Missions" Ann Wollerman

4:05 Adjourn



Wollerman



Hardin



Sneed



McCarty



Guthrie



C. Shells



Hatfield



Holley



Holden



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Nursery

Evangelism Conference



Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock
1000 Bishop, W.O. Vaught Jr., Pastor

White Harvest

1-35

Tuesday, January 20

Morning Theme: "Compassion"

9:45 Song and prayer Ervin Keathley
10:00 Bookstore Everett Sneed
10:05 Message - "Renewal Evangelism" Ervin Keathley
10:30 Congregational singing Deane Quarles
10:35 Message - "Up with Jesus, Down with Drugs" Stephen Olford
11:05 Share time: "Action"
11:15 Special music - Baptist Building Quartet
11:20 Message - "A Boon Confidence - Fulfilling the Great Commission"
12:00 Adjourn

MORNING Theme: "Confidence"

9:45 Song and prayer Ervin Keathley
10:00 Bookstore Robert Bauman
10:05 Message - "Renewal Evangelism" Reid Hardin
10:30 Congregational singing Ervin Keathley
10:35 Message - "Up with Jesus, Down with Drugs" Jack Hazelwood
11:05 Share time: "Action" K. Alvin Pitt
11:15 Special music - Baptist Building Quartet
11:20 Message - "A Boon Confidence - Fulfilling the Great Commission"
12:00 Adjourn

Meeting in chapel
9:00 a.m.

AFTERNOON Theme: "Evangelistic Preaching"

2:00 Song and Prayer Ervin Keathley
2:15 Message Stephen Olford
2:45 Congregational Singing Ervin Keathley
2:50 Share Time: "I was Saved in a Revival" Donnie Holden
3:00 Message - "The Divine Imperative" Bob Holley
3:25 Special Music George Duke
3:30 Message Sam Cathey
4:05 Adjourn



Cathey



Olford



Pitt



Moore

EVENING Theme: "Concentration"

7:00 Song and praise Ervin Keathley
7:15 Message - "A Passion for Concentration" H.D. McCarty
7:45 Congregational singing Ervin Keathley
7:50 Share time: "Life and Liberty through busing" Ferrell Morgan
8:10 Special Music - Ouachita Singing Men
8:15 Message Stephen Olford



Bauman



Quarles



Hazelwood



Keathley



Morgan



Black



Provided



Churches	Cooperative Program	Designated	Churches	Cooperative Program	Designated	Churches	Cooperative Program	Designated
Shady Grove	60.00	.00	Vista Heights	896.73	182.15	Solgohachia	.00	.00
South Side, Fordyce	410.00	10.00	Walnut Valley	959.88	274.60	Stony Point	32.02	.00
Sparkman	8,494.20	4,600.00	Hilldale Road Mssn.	1,551.20	113.50	Thornburg	681.00	54.07
Thornton	901.76	934.50	Hot Springs Village Mssn.	602.30	410.00	Union Valley	921.36	230.80
Tinsman	135.00	50.00	South Calvary Bapt. Mssn.	88.01	7.25	Oppelo Chapel	187.00	234.20
Tulip Memorial	43.15	50.00	TOTAL	143,451.81	71,030.71	TOTAL	13,847.71	7,684.70
Willow	89.40	.00	CLEAR CREEK ASSOCIATION			TOTAL	14,070.77	9,795.44
TOTAL	31,140.17	16,354.62	Alma 1st	15,519.70	6,635.31	CURRENT RIVER ASSOCIATION		
CAROLINE ASSOCIATION			Altus 1st	112.00	.00	Biggers	1,006.87	259.67
Austin Station	1,496.68	265.33	Batson	342.00	84.60	Calvary, Corning	1,056.14	1,871.84
Baugh's Chapel	1,813.00	248.00	Cass	173.30	50.00	Columbia Jarrett	105.82	.00
Biscoe	965.52	149.80	Cedarville	896.87	345.57	Corning	2,145.42	3,787.00
Brownsville	1,734.91	437.39	Clarksville 1st	7,655.55	1,788.26	Hopewell	514.22	536.52
Cabot 1st	13,623.34	4,589.89	Clarksville 2nd	875.07	426.48	Moark	402.29	30.00
Cabot 2nd	971.12	418.37	Coal Hill	460.38	62.85	Mt. Pleasant	233.24	88.74
Caney Creek	1,727.90	475.00	Concord	2,235.31	727.39	Oak Grove	446.00	335.00
Carlisle	12,576.18	1,287.92	Dyer	449.64	151.36	Pettit	108.00	69.00
Chambers	53.32	.00	East Mt. Zion	500.00	84.00	Pocahontas	4,238.60	1,293.98
Chocklebur	322.16	.00	Hagarville	215.88	133.25	Ravenden Springs	269.00	64.35
Coy	1,294.43	312.82	Hartman	405.88	.00	Reyno	849.22	179.20
Cross Roads	.00	.00	Kibler	2,112.91	1,060.59	Shannon	937.39	101.00
Des Arc	10,035.00	3,487.38	Lamar	846.00	510.00	Shiloh, Corning	180.00	85.01
De Vallis Bluff	646.18	.00	Mountainburg	638.74	1,340.00	Shiloh, Pocahontas	.00	.00
England 1st	9,441.27	1,324.35	Mulberry	3,845.01	3,781.83	Success	701.12	214.00
Hazen	7,812.72	3,040.59	Oak Grove	2,850.00	3,781.83	Witts Chapel	877.44	880.13
Humnoke	345.20	53.58	Ozark	7,857.50	1,409.46	TOTAL	14,070.77	9,795.44
Immanuel, Carlisle	227.50	433.58	Ozone	542.95	397.20	DARDANELLE-RUSSELLVILLE ASSOCIATION		
Keo	1,568.71	1,610.00	Rudy	39.04	.00	Atkins	1,480.50	1,057.50
Lonoke	12,498.81	3,220.40	Shady Grove	242.97	65.82	Bakers Creek	364.61	58.76
Mt. Carmel	5,525.98	401.63	Shibley	389.82	.00	Bluffton	195.88	.00
Mtn. Springs	1,081.73	366.17	Spadra	.00	.00	Centerville	103.83	11.83
New Hope	314.26	.00	Trinity, Alma	20.00	.00	Danville	1,818.69	-2,212.55
Oak Grove	.00	.00	Union Grove	430.82	192.42	Dardanelle	5,372.88	2,889.50
Old Austin	624.04	234.17	Uniontown	687.79	134.03	Dover	446.25	236.31
Pleasant Hill	432.59	513.40	Van Buren 1st	15,147.00	5,425.26	East Point	998.67	253.42
Steel Bridge	519.78	322.00	Van Buren 2nd	.00	242.25	Fair Park	565.00	178.00
Toittec	6,908.56	3,489.55	Vine Prairie	226.40	63.82	Grace Memorial	156.13	20.00
Ward	2,323.25	945.62	Webb City	-947.01	227.00	Havana	327.22	182.25
Wattensaw	2,100.29	786.58	Woodland	75.00	125.00	Hector	222.54	127.24
TOTAL	98,984.43	28,413.52	TOTAL	66,740.54	25,676.90	Hopewell	50.00	406.40
CENTENNIAL ASSOCIATION			CONCORD ASSOCIATION			Immanuel, Russellville	440.00	116.56
Aberdeen	550.23	70.63	Barling	1,107.49	245.00	Kelley Heights	424.14	127.50
Almyra	19,449.10	4,546.84	Bethel	1,419.44	839.80	Knoxville	935.99	267.60
DeWitt	8,147.68	8,412.44	Bloomer	82.00	60.00	London	1,404.23	423.59
East Side, DeWitt	40.00	117.85	Bluff Avenue	4,785.34	1,597.14	Moreland	159.64	78.61
Gillett	112.21	38.25	Booneville 1st	5,659.60	3,981.49	New Hope	665.62	68.20
Gillett 1st	244.39	63.00	Branch	1,058.97	559.37	Ola	1,939.64	688.50
Hagler	300.82	37.45	Burnsville	50.00	86.36	Pittsburg	20.00	.00
North Maple	3,125.84	1,833.90	Calvary, Ft. Smith	6,308.85	5,225.95	Plainview	280.89	574.00
Reydeil	174.02	1,044.00	Charleston 1st	5,356.57	2,259.68	Pleasant View	257.90	105.98
South Side, Stuttgart	4,951.39	516.09	East Side, Ft. Smith	9,430.90	3,026.97	Pottsville 1st	614.80	198.68
St. Charles	1,946.36	1,311.00	Enterprise	476.45	151.85	Rover	722.14	282.00
Stuttgart 1st	24,324.69	12,307.73	Excelsior	269.77	.00	Russellville 2nd	6,544.32	3,888.80
Titchnor	60.00	120.00	Fort Smith 1st	65,326.92	22,634.30	Misc.	.00	450.00
North Side Missn.	.00	62.00	Glendale	858.03	280.51	TOTAL	26,511.51	14,903.78
Misc.	.00	120.00	Grand Avenue, Ft. Smith	60,599.35	25,786.65	DELTA ASSOCIATION		
TOTAL	63,426.73	30,601.18	Grayson	.00	50.00	Arkansas City	1,926.02	1,056.00
CENTRAL ASSOCIATION			Greenwood 1st	7,066.00	3,118.00	Auids	.00	.00
Antioch	768.69	333.25	Hackett	464.26	.00	Bayou Mason	534.90	139.00
Benton 1st	19,125.00	10,612.85	Haven Heights	5,406.50	2,152.25	Bellaire	2,730.90	1,395.00
Bryant 1st Southern	2,713.00	1,273.00	Highway 96	12.56	.00	Boydell	175.01	.00
Buie	350.62	67.03	Immanuel, Ft. Smith	12,155.73	3,057.95	Chickasaw	576.14	259.00
Calvary, Benton	6,609.00	3,968.36	Jenny Lind	2,792.47	713.21	Collins	2,121.00	330.00
Central, Hot Springs	8,830.33	6,511.59	Lavaca 1st	6,529.65	2,912.97	Daniel Chapel	.00	.00
Cross Roads	366.63	175.07	Magazine	1,485.81	310.75	Derriott	6,420.32	5,360.02
Emmanuel, Hot Springs	1,148.19	310.98	Memorial	99.65	10.00	Eudora	6,846.00	2,960.95
Fairdale	814.91	253.67	Mixon	221.58	411.94	Gaines	.00	.00
Faith	481.70	.00	Mt. Harmony	49.43	25.06	Jennie	1,086.00	230.00
Gilead	134.37	60.00	Mt. Zion	.00	.00	Jerome	274.45	227.37
Grand Avenue, Hot Springs	.00	8,817.00	New Hope	1,718.27	483.10	Kelso	1,128.54	1,420.38
Gravel Hill	579.27	.00	North Side, Charleston	1,295.16	1,180.07	Lake Village 1st	2,298.58	1,304.22
Harveys Chapel	3,221.69	920.66	North Side, Ft. Smith	663.60	581.75	McArthur	.00	.00
Highland Heights	8,336.15	5,526.74	Oak Cliff	3,699.13	1,490.08	McGehee 1st	15,798.26	4,718.24
Hot Springs 1st	5,688.25	6,311.32	Palestine	597.30	448.83	Montrose	1,081.35	452.11
Hot Springs 2nd	20,265.75	11,363.00	Paris 1st	6,000.00	1,882.75	New Hope	1,164.62	151.00
Hurricane Lake	1,481.40	177.00	Phoenix Village	2,899.53	1,398.34	North Side, Eudora	931.44	449.55
Indian Springs	551.75	301.50	Pine Log	179.36	.00	Omega	396.88	77.25
Jessieville	672.83	55.66	Ratcliff	933.43	171.68	Parksdale	280.00	75.00
Lake Hamilton	952.05	896.05	Roseville	135.00	138.20	Parkway	150.00	32.00
Lakeshore Heights	2,222.06	656.17	Rye Hill	1,480.34	482.98	Portland	2,860.44	1,150.12
Lake Side	1,640.41	374.10	Scranton	1,369.56	112.79	Richland	122.08	.00
Lee Chapel	1,472.62	214.70	South Side, Booneville	763.66	396.50	Shiloh	495.05	263.82
Leonard Street	1,558.00	37.50	South Side, Ft. Smith	6,967.34	989.85	South McGehee	392.54	195.46
Lonsdale	325.86	.00	Spradling	1,050.09	727.20	Temple	1,175.44	26.25
Malvern 3rd	8,736.77	1,381.95	Temple	2,225.16	986.23	Tillar	1,150.64	426.85
Memorial	2,561.77	194.96	Trinity	3,867.35	1,064.06	Watson	345.67	.00
Mill Creek	277.34	288.00	Union Hall	.00	.00	Wilnot	2,367.00	1,956.57
Mountain Pine	1,914.42	416.33	Vesta	.00	.00	TOTAL	54,829.27	24,656.16
Mountain Valley	431.74	20.00	Windsor Park	.00	3,527.46	FAULKNER ASSOCIATION		
Mt. Vernon	561.72	42.00	West Side Chapel	409.30	313.14	Beryl	2,081.55	861.23
Old Union	928.63	.00	TOTAL	235,326.90	95,872.21	Bono	40.00	74.60
Owensville	969.00	68.00	CONWAY-PERRY ASSOCIATION			Brumley Chapel	1,406.59	220.75
Park Place	14,231.26	2,239.04	Adona	60.00	.00	Cadron Ridge	418.30	353.80
Pearcy	458.00	656.00	Bigelow	820.64	255.95	Conway 1st	7,499.97	4,010.98
Perla	40.83	.00	Casa	225.00	96.35	Conway 2nd	8,148.34	1,977.67
Piney	4,095.02	1,452.21	Harmony	99.81	73.00	Emmanuel, Conway	265.65	.00
Pleasant Hill	938.73	601.91	Houston	68.09	.00	Enola	158.54	.00
Rector Heights	588.48	120.06	Horriton 1st	8,171.25	2,937.33	Friendship	464.13	78.95
Ridgecrest	1,051.00	260.23	Nimrod	1,217.71	404.50	Happy Hollow	136.00	114.86
Riverside	1,301.02	449.35	Perry	12.52	.00	Harlan Park	2,651.83	697.15
Salem	2,819.29	299.11	Perryville	496.20	1,082.79	Harmony	248.86	.00
Sheridan 1st Southern	1,058.38	337.05	Pleasant Grove	50.00	35.00	TOTAL	2,081.55	861.23
Shorewood Hills	240.36	.00	Plumerville	805.11	2,280.71			
Trinity, Benton	3,884.33	1,336.09						
Trinity, Malvern	1,955.07	663.72						

Churches	Program	Design	Churches	Program	Design	Churches	Program	Design	Cooperative	Design		
Holland	679.37	224.88	White Sulphur Springs	3,064.39	934.88	Park View			4,738.09	1,843.81		
Mayflower 1st	1,354.20	72.00	Yorktown	634.36	145.50	Philadelphia			307.45	25.00		
Mt. Vernon	353.28	196.10				Salem			977.00	200.00		
Naylor	21.00	.00	TOTAL	159,305.58	60,418.76	Smackover			11,932.89	1,864.25		
New Bethel	.00	135.00	HOPE ASSOCIATION						South Side		407.23	411.00
Oak Bowery	1,129.56	79.39	Anderson	585.16	179.00	Stephens			8,430.12	2,562.92		
Pickles Gap	6,675.18	1,108.51	Arabella Heights	1,936.96	384.45	Strong			5,605.09	2,066.49		
Pleasant Grove	2,726.26	758.25	Beech Street 1st	17,618.81	14,140.55	Sylvan Hills			40.00	75.00		
South Side, Damascus	1,372.51	304.00	Bradley	1,350.00	563.00	Temple, Camden			781.06	98.94		
Union Hill	.00	50.00	Bronway Heights	392.12	.00	Temple, El Dorado			883.29	91.53		
Wooster	1,547.22	416.92	Calvary, Hope	9,905.28	2,432.54	Three Creeks			1,369.27	429.26		
First Baptist Mssn., Greenbrier	.00	1,102.16	Calvary, Texarkana	3,692.20	1,077.79	Trinity			6,706.23	2,453.06		
TOTAL	39,378.34	12,837.20	Canfield	391.91	985.55	Union			2,700.00	490.00		
GAINESVILLE ASSOCIATION			Central, Magnolia	34,379.08	29,166.01	Urbana			331.41	430.85		
Browns Chapel	24.30	.00	Evergreen	.00	.00	Victory			426.87	251.90		
Emmanuel, Piggott	175.81	.00	Fouke 1st	1,270.65	437.51	Village			1,089.46	365.25		
Greenway	927.00	759.12	Fulton	850.00	.00	Wesson			468.63	50.00		
Harmony	255.00	51.11	Garland	.00	.00	West Side, El Dorado			17,927.93	3,134.74		
Holly Island	50.00	.00	Genoa	328.72	.00	White City			70.00	.00		
Knobel	283.65	69.05	Guernsey	80.00	11.00	Wildwood			208.00	27.00		
New Hope	1,285.46	569.88	Haley Lake	.00	21.10	TOTAL			229,254.65	99,415.05		
Nimmons	40.00	50.00	Harmony Grove	25.00	125.00	LITTLE RED RIVER ASSOCIATION						
Peach Orchard	.00	.00	Hickory Street, Texarkana	905.88	592.32	Arbanna			138.05	.00		
Piggott	6,269.20	6,758.87	Highland Hills	621.87	736.08	Brownsville			166.03	.00		
Rector	5,649.02	3,111.39	Hope 1st	26,320.98	15,761.46	Center Ridge			80.00	64.10		
St. Francis	1,350.00	1,020.25	Immanuel, Magnolia	1,063.92	1,019.70	Concord			576.84	355.97		
Tipperary	128.09	.00	Immanuel, Texarkana	7,901.55	1,507.84	Harris Chapel			30.00	.00		
TOTAL	16,437.53	12,389.67	Lewisville 1st	4,118.63	760.71	Heber Springs 1st			16,564.56	6,044.50		
GREENE ASSOCIATION			Macedonia No. 1	325.15	.00	Life Line			.00	.00		
Alexander	751.91	25.00	Macedonia No. 2	645.26	450.00	Lone Star			25.00	.00		
Beech Grove	120.00	125.00	Mandeville	1,396.00	251.00	Mt. Olive			.00	.00		
Bethel Station	36.00	.00	Memorial	2,315.42	812.96	Mt. Zion			116.00	83.00		
Big Creek	206.26	.00	Mitchell Street	100.00	.00	New Bethel			140.33	25.00		
Brighton	188.75	179.77	Mt. Zion	270.00	400.00	Palestine			1,105.88	182.00		
Browns' Chapel	1,309.80	721.09	Northeast	2,374.00	367.50	Pines			238.82	298.50		
Calvary, Paragould	1,929.38	620.02	Piney Grove	513.39	41.27	Pleasant Ridge			374.08	184.30		
Center Hill	756.71	186.85	Pisgah	208.74	.00	Pleasant Valley			378.64	47.00		
Clarks Chapel	208.00	310.93	Red River	100.00	.00	Post Oak			90.00	25.00		
Delaplaine	225.00	64.10	Rocky Mound	108.00	.00	Quitman 1st			3,006.48	3,021.61		
East Side, Paragould	4,101.12	1,243.44	Shiloh Memorial	1,742.94	730.50	Rose Bud			941.90	879.54		
Finchview	205.99	93.38	South Texarkana	593.89	364.00	South Side, Heber Springs			611.75	494.79		
Fairview	396.90	175.07	Spring Hill	435.92	.00	West Side, Heber Springs			717.47	501.54		
Fontaine	119.25	86.05	Stamps 1st	4,994.77	3,983.11	Woodrow			.00	.00		
Immanuel, Paragould	2,371.60	968.45	Silverino	360.00	374.30	TOTAL			25,301.83	12,206.85		
Lafe	63.00	75.00	Tennessee	742.69	291.32	LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION						
Lake Street	90.00	.00	Trinity	9,744.23	2,288.51	Ashdown			9,800.26	4,634.90		
Light	304.43	184.50	West Side, Magnolia	329.16	123.72	Ben Lomond			118.55	50.00		
Marmaduke	1,734.20	837.50	TOTAL	141,038.28	80,379.80	Bingen			170.00	730.00		
Mounds	333.87	178.00	INDEPENDENCE ASSOCIATION						Brownstown		.00	
New Friendship	510.39	269.47	Batesville 1st	8,214.00	6,301.00	Central, Mineral Springs			3,280.00	1,946.64		
New Liberty	72.00	.00	Calvary, Batesville	11,756.36	3,789.67	Chapel Hill			90.26	122.75		
Nutts Chapel	464.03	300.00	Calvary, Timbo	293.47	.00	Columbus			498.33	146.60		
Oak Grove	381.38	197.87	Cord	983.50	518.00	Dierks			522.52	300.60		
Paragould 1st	29,751.13	11,719.40	Cushman	49.00	34.13	Foreman			1,517.89	649.38		
Pleasant Valley	9.00	18.00	Desha	827.17	26.85	Hicks			687.95	225.00		
Robbs Chapel	325.00	414.00	East Side, Cave City	472.70	167.30	Horatio			633.28	1,607.00		
Rosewood	585.77	341.23	Emmanuel, Batesville	1,153.54	1,413.42	Kern Heights			1,814.58	426.01		
Stanford	360.00	.00	Floral	1,263.26	2,148.93	Liberty			.00	.00		
Stonewall	.00	.00	Marcella	374.63	129.60	Lockesburg			1,942.78	1,302.76		
Third Avenue	30.00	.00	Mountain View	4,951.19	2,345.88	Lone Oak			37.50	17.00		
Unity	180.00	329.79	Mt. Zion	701.28	321.55	Mt. Moriah			97.16	.00		
Vines Chapel	.00	.00	North Side	486.99	172.10	Murfreesboro			2,211.20	2,075.80		
Walcott	2,265.00	53.48	Pilgrims Rest	505.49	243.49	Nashville			9,146.75	6,827.47		
West View	2,236.66	451.06	Pleasant Plains	341.68	234.36	New Home			.00	.00		
Misc.	.00	500.00	Rehobeth	591.01	199.56	Oak Grove			332.98	146.88		
TOTAL	52,622.53	20,668.45	Rosie	1,686.69	446.09	Ogden			446.57	399.23		
HARMONY ASSOCIATION			Ruddell Hill	1,841.17	473.65	Ozan			.00	.00		
Alzheimer	1,458.43	495.00	Salado	387.00	205.00	Ridgeway			1,789.27	642.08		
Anderson Chapel	108.00	.00	Sulphur Rock	261.16	176.80	Rock Hill			171.44	.00		
Bethel	.00	.00	West Batesville	9,545.23	6,231.59	State Line			60.00	.00		
Centennial	4,891.29	2,068.67	White River	178.59	88.70	Washington			319.39	219.82		
Central	3,043.59	749.20	TOTAL	46,865.11	25,667.67	Wilton			501.70	400.00		
Dollarway	1,825.61	531.00	LIBERTY ASSOCIATION						Winthrop		688.96	
Douglas	556.48	347.06	Buena Vista	751.00	76.50	Misc			.00	1,000.00		
Dumas 1st	14,578.52	6,551.47	Caledonia	300.00	194.50	TOTAL			36,879.32	23,869.92		
East Side, Pine Bluff	4,615.84	1,570.94	Calion	1,946.60	1,256.06	MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION						
Evergreen	340.70	.00	Camden 1st	35,594.93	14,089.89	Armored			1,226.07	67.31		
Forrest Park	5,201.62	3,360.72	Camden 2nd	727.71	450.42	Bethany			.00	13.76		
Gould	1,452.63	1,545.25	Chidester	729.08	472.16	Black Water			363.12	.00		
Grady	125.00	305.68	Cross Roads	1,955.00	.00	Blytheville 1st			30,160.44	8,436.43		
Greenlee	3,965.66	1,034.87	Cullendale 1st	13,746.27	3,787.83	Brinkley Chapel			90.00	.00		
Green Meadows	331.12	10.00	East Main	8,819.52	3,373.51	Brown Chapel			287.18	.00		
Hardin	2,590.52	1,003.04	Ebenezer	4,513.37	1,775.09	Calvary, Blytheville			794.97	517.96		
Hickory Grove	72.00	67.95	El Dorado 1st	18,333.03	27,577.02	Calvary, Osceola			2,543.37	424.64		
Humphrey	1,388.09	1,014.14	El Dorado 2nd	17,648.52	9,236.36	Central, Dyess			1,252.00	831.12		
Immanuel, Pine Bluff	9,491.23	5,885.05	Elliott	5,824.29	711.45	Clear Lake			1,200.00	1,651.05		
Kingsland	756.11	735.18	Felsenthal	473.26	.00	Cole Ridge			1,079.00	189.25		
Lee Memorial	7,535.62	1,761.50	Galilee	180.00	438.25	Cross Roads			406.18	125.00		
Linwood	770.03	465.15	Grace	1,244.95	786.37	Dell			1,202.45	298.50		
Matthews Memorial	1,800.00	872.75	Harmony	1,065.36	325.00	East Side, Osceola			'640.14	150.00		
North Side, Star City	161.00	.00	Hillside	1,524.00	425.00	Emmanuel, Blytheville			649.22	52.25		
Oak Grove	1,038.80	543.52	Huttig	3,606.70	1,117.80	Etowah			.00	.00		
Oakland	412.65	.00	Immanuel, El Dorado	15,503.34	8,905.75	Gosnell			1,402.80	.00		
Pine Bluff 1st	30,014.39	11,062.14	Joyce City	3,689.97	362.38	Joiner			834.86	106.75		
Pine Bluff 2nd	7,119.87	5,731.20	Junction City	3,241.83	1,716.78	Keiser			1,129.56	204.84		
Plum Bayou	386.53	100.00	Knowles	267.60	.00	Leachville 1st			7,431.00	2,490.00		
Rankin Chapel	106.33	51.14	Lapile	626.35	36.42	Leachville 2nd			521.48	117.81		
Rison	3,965.55	1,074.00	Lawson	350.53	120.25	Luxora			2,156.60	432.15		
Shannon Road	417.92	420.00	Liberty	686.71	182.55	Manila 1st			4,799.33	1,240.36		
South Side, Pine Bluff	20,797.94	3,856.19	Louann	76.50	.00	Marys Chapel			276.42	58.28		
Star City	12,848.79	3,308.60	Maple Avenue	6,333.80	2,636.95	Memorial			605.14	327.07		
Wabbaseka	175.00	.00	Marrable Hill	2,294.34	201.10	New Harmony			158.08	.00		
Watson Chapel	11,263.97	2,816.97	Midway	514.00	77.00	New Liberty			892.06	530.29		
			New London	669.52	.00	New Providence			1,269.11	544.56		
			Norphlet	10,616.55	2,211.66	Noder			415.83	.00		

Churches	Cooperative Program	Designated	Churches	Cooperative Program	Designated	Churches	Cooperative Program	Designated
Number Nine	225.00	185.27	Higway	5,913.00	2,850.00	Bethel	359.23	350.00
Osceola 1st	16,667.01	4,849.02	Hilltop	67.50	88.00	Bethlehem	323.26	.00
Ridgecrest	225.00	232.25	Indianhead Lakes	1,495.14	637.88	Boughton	25.89	.00
Rosa	.00	.00	Indian Hills	5,581.35	2,446.00	Caddo Valley	40.00	25.00
Tomato	96.79	.00	Jacksonville 1st	16,120.47	8,377.99	Cedar Grove	254.81	200.00
Trinity	6,141.55	1,208.59	Jacksonville 2nd	5,040.71	1,320.75	Center Point	200.00	73.00
Wardell	315.00	.00	Levy	28,313.21	6,416.44	Curtis	.00	2,025.79
Wells Chapel	56.25	.00	Marshall Road	7,482.19	2,136.96	DeGray	935.00	92.33
West Side, Manila	1,364.69	448.91	Morrison Chapel	339.07	73.00	East Whelen	42.00	.00
Whitton	298.40	325.66	North Little Rock 1st	6,986.25	5,841.69	Emmet	30.00	106.35
Wilson	7,889.50	2,087.39	Oakwood	.00	.00	Fairview	.00	.00
Woodland Corner	313.71	17.67	Park Hill	33,396.28	44,989.64	Harmony Hill	240.00	65.10
Yarbro	1,588.93	429.50	Pike Avenue	7,262.09	3,571.83	Hearn	.00	.00
TOTAL	98,968.24	28,591.59	Remount	850.96	173.00	Hollywood	20.00	40.00
MT. ZION ASSOCIATION			Runyan 1st	944.65	169.89	Lakeview	40.00	.00
Alsop	80.36	.00	Sherwood	5,262.36	3,868.49	Marlbrook	144.00	50.00
Bay	2,384.98	590.09	Sixteenth Street	113.48	.00	Mt. Bethel	144.06	.00
Bethabara	378.40	191.56	Stanfill	60.00	.00	Mt. Olive	33.77	50.00
Black Oak	648.51	200.00	Sylvan Hills	9,714.84	3,685.83	Mt. Zion	135.00	37.92
Bono	717.07	161.80	Zion Hill	597.98	250.00	Okolona	35.00	.00
Bowman	2,004.24	157.20	Misc.	.00	4,000.00	Park Hill	2,684.84	3,347.17
Brookland	968.25	510.60	TOTAL	218,457.19	119,869.96	Prescott 1st	3,856.23	2,400.60
Buffalo Chapel	347.63	.00	OUACHITA ASSOCIATION			Reader	56.73	.00
Caraway	450.00	191.87	Acorn	220.90	220.00	Richwoods	1,421.16	322.00
Cash	1,201.59	221.59	Bethel	118.45	.00	Shady Grove	.00	.00
Central, Jonesboro	22,572.24	4,249.15	Board Camp	1,220.35	75.40	Shiloh	378.33	372.24
Childress	421.38	256.34	Calvary, Mena	406.73	671.10	South Ford	372.69	54.00
Dixie	125.00	.00	Cherry Hill	100.00	.00	Sycamore Grove	.00	211.12
Egypt	236.38	162.32	Concord	250.00	.00	Third Street	1,086.95	327.50
Fisher	4,960.55	1,515.22	Cove	160.27	.00	Unity	346.26	295.00
Friendly Hope	829.80	650.26	Dallas Avenue, Mena	3,565.91	818.25	Whelen Springs	188.11	28.35
Jonesboro 1st	22,810.00	15,028.97	De Queen 1st	6,117.29	7,126.70	TOTAL	40,101.56	24,371.05
Lake City	3,281.85	1,000.00	Gilham	194.30	685.89	ROCKY BAYOU ASSOCIATION		
Lunston	782.28	151.50	Grannis	442.86	.00	Ash Flat 1st	.00	.00
Monette	4,701.12	1,056.54	Hatfield	503.70	240.10	Belview	391.85	.00
Mt. Pisgah	647.30	61.47	Halton	288.00	.00	Boswell	69.00	.00
Mt. Zion	2,129.94	1,478.75	Lower Big Fork	60.00	19.00	Calico Rock	597.90	141.50
Needham	615.70	36.00	Mena 1st	15,301.61	4,456.40	Dolph	.00	.00
Nettleton	5,978.05	1,634.28	New Hope	122.13	20.70	Evening Shade	432.12	102.86
New Antioch	1,136.84	65.24	Salem	205.24	.00	Finley Creek	50.00	.00
New Hope, Black Oak	96.49	.00	Two Mile	10.00	.00	Franklin	250.60	40.00
New Hope, Jonesboro	124.96	30.00	Vandervoort	779.60	717.80	Guion	.00	.00
North Main	1,758.66	.00	Wickes	747.77	318.08	Hardy	2,349.78	709.62
Philadelphia	4,592.91	1,606.75	Yocana	1,219.35	137.39	Melbourne	1,200.00	1,273.00
Providence	214.91	97.64	TOTAL	32,034.46	15,506.81	Mt. Pleasant	204.63	45.26
Rowes Chapel	273.12	11.55	PULASKI ASSOCIATION			Myron	45.00	.00
Strawfloor	270.00	100.36	Alexander	1,534.86	157.79	Oxford	50.00	100.00
University	1,116.87	185.10	Archiver	4,847.56	2,007.75	Sage	369.02	131.00
Walnut Street	15,134.06	4,058.40	Baptist Tabernacle	10,867.66	15,139.58	Sidney	826.22	247.89
Westvale	1,080.69	5.00	Barnett Memorial	400.00	537.23	Wiseman	220.00	.00
Wood Springs	300.00	181.05	Bingham Road	506.66	40.87	Zion Hill	315.34	113.00
TOTAL	105,372.13	35,846.60	Brookwood	1,250.00	1,044.46	Horseshoe Bend Mssn.	1,303.79	356.08
NORTH ARKANSAS ASSOCIATION			Calvary, Little Rock	21,946.12	12,390.46	TOTAL	8,675.25	3,260.21
Alpena	725.16	200.00	Chicot Road	2,666.61	830.47	SEARCY ASSOCIATION		
Batavia	.00	25.00	Crystal Hill	3,502.00	1,727.77	Leslie	1,385.04	633.70
Bear Creek Springs	1,163.60	84.25	Douglasville	728.36	274.60	Morning Star	221.32	100.00
Bellefonte	180.00	.00	East End	3,538.81	1,049.97	New Hopewell	125.28	.00
Berryville	5,409.02	2,977.36	Forest Highlands	12,779.72	13,524.43	Snowball	58.68	.00
Boxley	511.67	416.50	Forest Tower	635.08	225.42	TOTAL	1,790.32	733.70
Burlington	215.00	100.00	Garden Home	200.48	149.50	TRI-COUNTY ASSOCIATION		
Cassville	135.00	35.00	Geyer Springs	30,077.37	13,455.87	Antioch	89.47	.00
Deer	374.84	95.00	Green Memorial	3,852.84	2,191.53	Barton Chapel	518.53	129.10
Eagle Heights	7,483.00	2,301.54	Hebron	5,646.87	2,355.54	Beckspur	787.76	150.00
Elmwood	129.09	169.55	Holly Springs	1,030.78	250.00	Burnt Cane	.00	.00
Emmanuel, Harrison	124.96	381.96	Immanuel, Little Rock	76,749.40	77,528.80	Calvary, W. Memphis	8,809.14	2,399.00
Everton	223.06	.00	Ironton	1,624.03	768.13	Cherry Valley	2,238.46	457.80
Gailther	113.70	535.00	Lakeshore Drive	1,100.69	1,061.04	Colt	161.19	200.00
Grandview	1,193.16	277.16	Life Line	27,921.01	9,039.37	Confordsvilleville	1,634.47	304.86
Green Forest	4,178.89	1,648.01	Little Rock 1st	18,870.54	23,273.28	Earle	8,499.25	4,222.07
Grubb Springs	531.02	338.94	Little Rock 2nd	11,210.86	9,151.28	Emmanuel	1,102.84	148.25
Harrison 1st	21,283.48	10,043.47	Markham Street	7,181.02	4,357.07	Fair Oaks	1,714.43	310.00
Hopewell	324.19	405.00	Martindale	3,399.71	441.65	Faith	.00	.00
Jasper	1,226.29	193.04	Nails Memorial	1,950.67	493.50	Fitzgerald	1,247.65	630.82
Lead Hill	688.48	602.41	Natural Steps	1,948.96	1,365.45	Forrest City 1st	8,060.84	5,927.52
Marshall	1,846.02	421.75	North Point	109.89	64.41	Forrest City 2nd	3,102.21	551.27
New Hope	450.00	150.00	Olivet	16,319.07	10,171.01	Fortune	40.15	.00
Northvale	3,749.91	839.67	Pine Grove	3,046.51	1,108.88	Giadden	174.00	.00
Omega	249.86	174.00	Plain View	1,746.66	406.32	Goodwin	488.74	87.09
Oregon Flat	969.68	318.20	Pleasant Grove	1,155.51	162.00	Harris Chapel	514.57	469.49
Osage	143.37	.00	Pulaski Heights	39,669.46	11,244.17	Hydrick	180.00	.00
Parthenon	320.48	17.00	Reynolds Memorial	836.17	.00	Ingram Boulevard	4,670.42	590.50
Rock Springs	1,274.56	422.08	Ridgecrest	.00	.00	Jericho	90.00	29.59
Rudd	535.04	83.26	Roland	345.00	46.00	Madison	205.00	57.00
South Side, Harrison	218.11	227.48	Rosedale	4,549.73	2,501.32	Marion	3,674.24	1,162.40
St. Joe	395.71	12.20	Shady Grove	821.00	974.50	Midway	172.14	45.60
Union	273.85	425.63	Shannon Hills	990.10	642.35	Palestine	96.00	110.00
Valley Springs	165.22	105.87	Sheridan 1st	5,266.35	3,742.90	Parkin	5,519.07	2,201.82
Woodland Heights	1,259.89	697.13	South Highland	10,429.57	6,299.93	Pine Tree	98.32	37.53
Misc.	.00	107.25	Sunset Lane	6,242.98	2,839.01	Shell Lake	568.21	33.15
TOTAL	58,065.31	24,830.71	Tyler Street	1,857.89	673.76	Tilton	93.92	.00
NORTH PULASKI ASSOCIATION			Vimy Ridge	934.64	546.49	Togo	1,166.85	562.57
Amboy	13,369.55	4,468.40	Wakefield 1st	240.00	905.00	Turrell	724.33	56.11
Baring Cross	26,703.43	11,842.95	West Side	1,787.29	1,685.82	Union Avenue	2,647.49	926.68
Bayou Meto	3,285.11	763.56	Woodlawn	4,344.34	1,821.55	Vanderbilt Avenue	1,753.38	1,053.44
Berea	2,597.82	1,398.26	Woodson	286.90	120.00	Vannale	765.43	121.63
Bethany	938.21	399.45	Misc.	.00	7,595.67	West Memphis 1st	61,839.45	11,570.70
Calvary, No. Little Rock	13,939.14	2,291.06	TOTAL	358,947.73	248,383.90	West Memphis 2nd	424.32	47.61
Cedar Heights	1,528.00	744.32	RED RIVER ASSOCIATION			Wheatley	313.00	1,009.27
Central	7,594.55	2,478.83	Anchor	322.56	.00	Widener	.00	.00
Chapel Hill	128.29	100.31	Antoine	277.39	60.00	Wynne	6,338.80	5,133.26
Crystal Valley	1,537.92	1,538.46	Arkadelphia 1st	16,581.39	9,427.98	East Baptist Mssn.	483.72	77.01
Forty-seventh Street	1,828.00	819.91	Arkadelphia 2nd	4,700.04	2,048.74	Misc.	.00	1,000.00
Grace	1,960.22	751.90	Beech Street, Gurdon	3,902.79	2,017.14	TOTAL	131,007.79	41,813.14
Gravel Ridge	5,189.95	1,313.16	Beirne	924.07	343.72			
Graves Memorial	2,315.27	150.00						

Churches	Cooperative Program	Designated	Churches	Cooperative Program	Designated	Churches	Cooperative Program	Designated
TRINITY ASSOCIATION								
Anderson-Tulley	79.90	.00	Shirley	239.39	115.00	Bruno	316.01	.00
Bethel	24.00	.00	Standley Memorial	90.00	349.68	Coffey 1st	1,610.12	985.00
Black Oak	307.52	.00	Zion	191.36	.00	East Side	3,592.85	1,342.20
Calvary, Harrisburg	1,256.83	1,125.00	Fairfield Bay Mssn.	693.69	.00	Flippen	882.82	562.05
Corners Chapel	1,151.66	261.04	TOTAL	5,282.23	1,612.21	Gassville	1,238.07	428.60
East Side, Trumann	261.84	280.53	WASHINGTON-MADISON ASSOCIATION			Henderson	517.16	106.21
Faith	240.07	.00	Berry Street	2,232.67	881.00	Hopewell	361.13	185.19
Fisher	1,234.22	801.61	Black Oak	350.00	586.00	Lone Rock	102.79	34.55
Freer	468.00	.00	Brush Creek	924.59	452.50	Midway	1,008.39	297.50
Greenfield	733.00	828.10	Calvary, Huntsville	542.48	210.53	Mountain Home	13,454.87	6,735.65
Harrisburg 1st	5,695.35	1,800.00	Caudle Avenue	2,517.21	750.79	New Hope	434.95	105.00
Lebanon	687.94	.00	Combs	50.00	.00	Norfolk 1st	339.12	.00
Lepanto	4,086.10	2,430.39	Elkins	40.00	.00	Oak Grove	.00	.00
Maple Grove	104.20	130.00	Elkins 1st	721.06	41.00	Pilgrims Rest	190.00	25.31
Marked Tree	4,637.96	2,327.50	Elmdale	13,275.13	6,750.89	Pyatt	385.57	79.00
McCormich	40.00	10.00	Farmington	1,385.28	651.65	Rea Valley	140.21	50.00
Neals Chapel	127.45	64.00	Fayetteville 1st	18,595.41	13,380.07	Summit	771.33	286.23
Neiswander	140.00	72.12	Fayetteville 2nd	554.40	94.46	Tomahawk	177.65	.00
Pleasant Grove	2,846.23	69.65	Friendship	25.00	.00	Whiteville	418.00	72.21
Pleasant Hill	591.00	88.48	Greenland	485.83	100.00	Yellville	3,539.31	1,256.49
Pleasant Valley	689.20	.00	Hindsville	367.00	173.46	Big Flat Mssn.	30.76	.00
Providence	478.23	.00	Huntsville	1,493.31	67.50	Bull Shoals Mssn.	695.25	305.50
Red Oak	80.00	.00	Immanuel, Fayetteville	4,595.37	1,356.60	Eros Mssn.	58.96	.00
Riverdale	167.46	74.05	Johnson	1,006.50	403.93	Hill Top Mssn.	336.40	101.50
Trinity	118.89	.00	Kingston	710.26	.00	Peel Mssn.	328.32	80.00
Trumann 1st	6,066.55	1,494.82	Liberty	1,503.02	201.81	TOTAL	30,992.40	13,038.19
Tyronza 1st	3,737.98	1,042.17	Lincoln	1,797.56	414.75	OTHER CHURCHES		
Valley View	403.45	193.10	Oak Grove	677.57	34.90	Blue Eye	1,111.68	981.03
Weiner	558.42	305.00	Prairie Grove	3,758.08	1,477.14	Clinton	4,509.01	1,374.78
West Ridge	.00	.00	Providence	1,070.75	181.76	Eureka Springs	2,686.00	797.55
Waldenburg Mssn.	75.25	.00	Ridgeview	304.07	.00	Faith	408.81	.00
TOTAL	37,088.70	13,397.56	Rolling Hills	2,007.62	665.48	Freeman Heights	4,087.08	982.93
VAN BUREN ASSOCIATION			Silent Grove	244.44	88.22	Halfmoon	.00	.00
Bee Branch	734.42	522.00	Sonora	1,140.87	678.59	Malvern 1st	5,366.56	3,714.34
Botkinburg	25.00	.00	South Side, Fayetteville	284.02	37.66	Russellville 1st	15,003.95	2,070.99
Corinth	56.36	.00	Springdale 1st	50,390.77	14,857.15	Trinity	261.71	.00
Formosa	.00	129.39	Spring Valley	264.58	.00	TOTAL	33,434.80	9,921.62
Friendship	909.94	130.70	Sulphur City	699.11	454.24	Miscellaneous Contributions	728.98	31,099.07
Lexington	186.10	.00	University	8,333.28	8,528.56	GRAND TOTAL	3,265,178.85	1,515,890.85
Pee Dee	535.00	74.07	West Fork	1,446.12	715.86			
Plant	163.65	.00	Winslow	1,209.87	472.07			
Pleasant Valley	47.98	.00	TOTAL	125,003.23	54,708.57			
Rupert	430.74	72.00	WHITE RIVER ASSOCIATION					
Scotland	741.54	219.37	Antioch,	62.36	.00			
Shady Grove	237.06	.00						

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Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions
November 30-December 7, 1975
National Goal for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
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Theme art for the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions uses the traditional fish symbol with which first-century Christians identified themselves. Using the Greek letters for fish, they proclaimed "Jesus Christ God's Son Saviour." The artist superimposed this

Christian symbol upon a world map and stain-glass window motif. Theme for the week, "Redeemed--Rejoice . . . Proclaim," is based on Psalm 107:2: "Has the Lord redeemed you? Then speak out!" ("The Living Bible").

Providing for the pastor

(3rd in a series of 15)

Who pays the cost of the utilities in the pastorium or in the pastor's home? This is a question which should be discussed between a pulpit committee and a pastoral candidate, and it should also be reconsidered periodically after that.

In some cases, a pastor is provided a large, comfortable pastorium and required to pay for his own utilities. The pastorium may be much larger than he actually needs or larger than a house that he would have chosen for himself. Consequently, he may be forced to pay more in utility costs than he would have provided in his won family budget planning.

In other cases, the pastorium may be an older house with high ceilings or inadequate insulation, again causing the pastor to pay an excessive amount of utility costs.

These matters ought to be considered by a church in making its financial arrangements with its pastor, but it should also keep in mind that the new pastor is at a distinct disadvantage in such consideration. If he is moving from another community, he may be unfamiliar with weather conditions and utility costs in the area to which he is going. He will also, without exception, be unable to accurately know the condition of the pastorium to which he is moving and consequently the anticipated utility expenses.

Ideally, the church should consider the cost of utilities a part of housing, and either pay for the utilities in the pastorium or provide a utility allowance directly to the pastor designated for that purpose.—Roy F. Lewis, Secretary, Stewardship-Cooperative Program

A report on RA fellowship supper

The Thirty-Sixth Annual Royal Ambassador Fellowship Supper is now history. However, the memory and impact of the meeting will linger in the hearts of those attending for years to come.

Boys representing churches from 13 associations were in attendance. Total attendance was 348.

Jon Hatton, M.K. student at Ouachita, shared some of the highlights of Royal Ambassador camping in Brazil. Jon is the son of missionaries, Alvin and Mrs. Hatton, in Brazil.

Music was provided by Ron Bohannon, student at Ouachita, and a state Royal Ambassador camp worker.

Special musical numbers were presented by Bobby Ward, a member of 47th Street Church in North Little Rock. Bobby is an outstanding pianist and thrilled us by his playing.

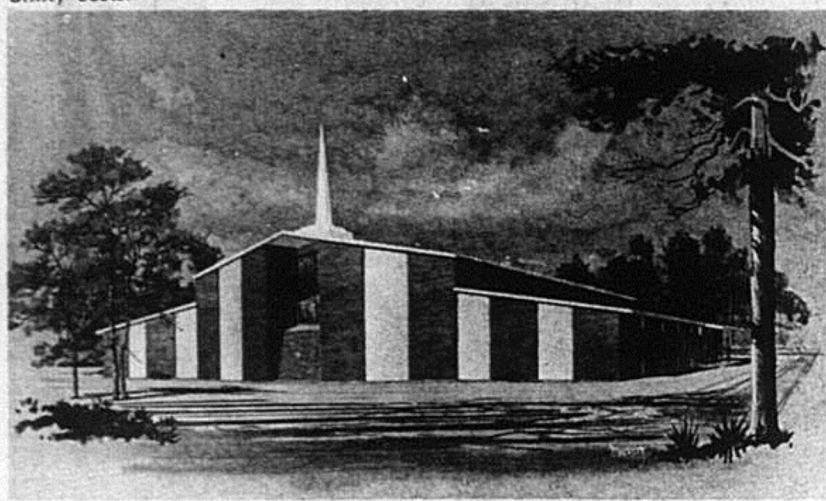
Mike Sheets, also a camp staffer, shared information regarding 1976 camps. Mike is a former camper. He is a school teacher and an active Royal Ambassador worker in Immanuel Church, Texarkana.

Jack Griebel Jr., past state president, assisted with the program. Jack is also a camp worker and is presently a student at U.A.L.R.

A challenge for the involvement of Royal Ambassadors in the "Life and Liberty Crusade" was presented by Dr. Charles Ashcraft, Executive Secretary for Arkansas Baptist.

A challenging, informative account of mission work in Botswana was presented by Dr. Harold Mitchell from Pine Bluff. Dr. Mitchell, a dentist, shared with us some of his experiences during his year of service as a missionary associate in Botswana. His message was a real blessing.

The Fellowship Supper was a real great event for a part of the celebration of Royal Ambassador Week.—Brotherhood Department, C.H. Seaton, Director



Mt. Carmel Church, Cabot, will dedicate their \$250,000 building Sunday, Nov. 23. Activities for the day included open house, messages by Jesse Reed and Charles H. Ashcraft, and a musical by the youth choir. The building, on a 10-acre site, has an auditorium which will seat 540, an office suite, choir room, library, kitchen, fellowship hall, three adult departments, six children's departments, and five preschool departments. Ron Griffin is pastor of the church.

Great Day in the Morning



Hatfield

The report for the past three years (given here), is an interesting study in goal-setting and results in high attendance in Sunday School.

In addition to this information, it is interesting to note that only four associations, representing 202 churches, did not collect reports. Positively stated, 39 associations representing 996 churches did report. Twenty-four of the associations were 100 percent in reporting attendance in all churches.

Much important information, which really represents the overall objective of a high attendance day, is not included. This includes the concept that the volunteer attendance in a Sunday School can be increased in a special attendance effort. Of even more importance is unreported, but positive, results in reaching people for Bible

study, new members enrolled, reaching people for Christ, professions of faith recorded, additions to the church by letter and baptism.

Great Day in the Morning is not an every Sunday action, but is a pace setter for increased attendance. The annual observance of this day is well established as a positive function in the ministry of the Sunday School program in Arkansas—Lawson Hatfield, Sunday School director

And it was a greater great day in the morning for Sunday School Attendance

Year	Attendance	Percent of enrolment
1973	145,497	69
1974	138,558 (rain)	62
1975	149,750	69

Placing others before self

Genesis 44:18-23; 30-34



Dr. Nicholas

Joseph was not destined to remain indefinitely in that prison in Egypt because God had other plans for him. It fell his lot to serve two of the officials of Pharaoh's court who had been imprisoned for displeasing Pharaoh. The chief baker and

the wine taster shared with Joseph their dreams and the one surviving, the wine taster, had been amazed at the accuracy of Joseph's interpretations. When returned to his former status in the court of the Pharaoh, however, he promptly forgot about Joseph and his indebtedness to him.

From bondage to the throne

It was not until the Pharaoh himself had two mysterious dreams which the wise men of Egypt were unable to interpret that the wine taster remembered the ability of Joseph to interpret dreams and urged the king to send for him.

Joseph acknowledged that God was the source of his ability to interpret dreams and proceeded to reveal that the dreams portended seven years of prosperity, to be followed by seven years of disastrous famine. After interpreting the dreams, Joseph suggested a very comprehensive plan for agricultural production, the division of Egypt into five administrative districts, and for storing the abundance of the seven years of plenty so that the land could survive the seven years of famine. Pharaoh, impressed by the wise counsel of Joseph, immediately appointed him to be in charge of the entire project and elevated him from the status of prisoner to the position of second ruler in the land of Egypt. Joseph executed his responsibilities effectively. For seven years, he traveled across the land requisitioning and storing a portion of each year's crops until the granaries of Egypt were overflowing. And when seven years of famine began, Egypt was well prepared to endure it. Joseph was given responsibility for proper distribution of Egypt's storehouse of grain.

From cowardice to courage

When his brothers came before him to buy grain, he devised a plan which would bring Benjamin, his younger brother, to Egypt. He bound Simeon and placed him in prison, promising his brothers that he would not be released, nor would they be

given grain again until they returned with Benjamin.

Although Jacob was at first determined that Benjamin should not go to Egypt, he was forced by the famine to again send his sons to Egypt to replenish their stock of grain.

When they arrived back in Egypt, they were treated to a banquet at the residence of Joseph and their sacks were filled with grain for the return to Canaan.

They arose early the next morning and began their journey back home. Unaware that Joseph had planted his silver cup in the top of Benjamin's sack, they were barely out of the city when Joseph instructed his steward to pursue them, accuse them of theft, and return with the guilty person.

The deceptive charade in which Joseph indulged was not merely an impulsive whim. He was testing the character of his brothers and trying to determine whether passing years and the haunting guilt over their treatment of him had wrought any change in their lives. He found that they had grown from cowardice to courage.

In sniveling cowardice, they as a group, had taken their revenge upon him in the desolation of the desert. And now Jacob wondered how they would react to this threat in Egypt. It would have been easy for them to permit Benjamin to bear the blame alone and for them to return to Canaan without him. But their reaction indicates that there has been a change in their lives. For, although Benjamin alone was required to return, they returned with him announcing, "we are my lord's servants (slaves), both we, and he also with whom the cup is found."

Even when Joseph urged them to forsake Judah and return to their father, they refused to do so. In the intervening years, they had overcome their former cowardice and gained the strength to be courageous.

From malice to compassion

No doubt, Joseph was looking for evidence of love from his brothers. There had been no love when the brothers sold Joseph into bondage. Their hatred and malice had been ruthless. But during the passing years, his brothers had come to know love for each other and compassion for their father.

The eloquent and moving speech of Judah gives voice to that love. He recounted their reluctance to bring Benjamin to Egypt. "And we said unto my lord, the lad cannot leave his father; for if he should leave his father, his father would die." He reminded Joseph that, despite its effect upon the old man, they

were required to bring Benjamin to Egypt and predicted the tragic effect that their return to Canaan without Benjamin would have upon Jacob. "Now therefore when I come to thy servant my father, and the lad be not with us: Seeing that his life is bound up in the lad's life; it shall come to pass, when he seeth that the lad is not with us, that he will die; and thy servant shall bring down the gray hairs of thy servant, our father, with sorrow to the grave."

Compassion and love had overcome hatred and malice in their hearts. They were different men. For, whereas they were able to hate and carry out the impulses of that hatred without regard for the sufferings of the victim or the anguish of the father, they now, under the constraints of love and compassion, are ready to jeopardize their own welfare as they take their stand with Benjamin. They care, they love, they feel compassion.

From envy to self-sacrifice

Years earlier, the 10 brothers had been obsessed by the ugly attitude of envy. They envied Joseph for his special status and they despised him for his pre-eminence among them. It was in yielding to that impulse, that they sold their own brother into slavery. And now, before that same Joseph whom they do not yet recognize, they have the opportunity to repeat that despicable, contemptible act. But to Joseph's relief, they refuse to do it.

In a gesture that is almost Christlike, Judah indicates their willingness to sacrifice themselves for Benjamin. "Now therefore, I pray thee, let thy servant abide instead of the lad a bondman to my Lord; and let the lad go up with his brethren."

Surely Judah spoke for every man present. They had had their fill of the cancer of hatred. They were sick of envy jealousy, and malice. They had successfully made the pilgrimage from self-centeredness to self-sacrifice. They had finally learned the secret and the satisfaction of placing others before self. How desperately this modern world needs to learn that lesson.

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Examining your priorities

Nov. 23, 1975

Matthew 6:19-21, 24-34



Pike

He was a dreamer. He was a disappointment to his friends and followers. He was trained for a respectable trade but turned his back on it. He never owned a house. He never drew a salary, never saved any money, and never

progressed up the social ladder. We would call him a failure. The only status he achieved was a cross on which he died. This man is Jesus. Today we call him Lord, but many do not worship the kind of success Jesus achieved.

Who's in control?

Somebody is going to get everybody. Who is going to get you? In verse 24 Jesus gives a general principle of living. Jesus declares that a follower of God must follow him completely. He cannot serve both God and material desires. It is a fact of life that either God controls us or we allow ourselves to be controlled by material or other selfish desires.

The term Jesus used can be best understood if we look at the conditions of his day. In the time which Jesus lived slavery was a common practice. A slave had no rights of his own. He was completely owned, dominated by, and subject to his master. A slave had no spare time. Every minute of his day was under the control of the owner. Jesus is saying to his followers that a Christian cannot serve more than one master. His entire day, all of his life, must be under the complete control of the Master. Thus, Jesus gives to us a general principle of Christian living. The other verses of our passage add insight to the meaning of these verses.

Establish priorities

Jesus had his priorities straight. If we judge Jesus by the rules of our society, we would have to say that Jesus was a failure. However, we realize that in the true meaning of the word, Jesus was a success. Jesus knew that material wealth was temporary. He warns his followers not to give their life to the laying up earthly treasures. Jesus indicates that these treasures can be easily destroyed or stolen. The term translated "rust" literally means "eating away." This verse seems to indicate that Jesus is saying those things which the people of his day thought of as wealth, such as grain, could be eaten away by mice. Wealth such as

fine clothing could be eaten away by moths.

Jesus exhorts his listeners to lay treasures up in heaven. These kind of treasures are permanent. Nothing can happen to them. Jesus knows that our total life is bound up in achieving the thing that we rate most important. If we believe earthly wealth is more important our total life, our total concern, our ultimate objective, will be given to that end. Jesus knows "where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

Don't be anxious

Constant anxiety and fruitless worry is sin. A person who constantly worries about things outside their control is saying to God, "God you said you would take care of me, but I don't believe you." Such thinking can be classified as mental attitude sins. Jesus does not say that planning, wealth, or advance preparation is wrong. Jesus is saying that if our ultimate concern is on material things we have not turned our life completely over to God. These verses in Matthew assure us that Jesus will take care of all his creation.

In this day of economic instability, the tendency is to spend all of our time thinking about where our next meal or our next pair of shoes will come from. Jesus tells his followers that life is more than food and clothes. Jesus takes care of the birds which fly and gives to them enough to sustain themselves. God, who created man in his own image, will surely put the worth of man above the worth of birds and take care of man.

Wild grass which is used as fuel for the furnace is given a beautiful bloom or coat to wear. If something as temporary as this is taken care of by God, surely man who is loved by God will be taken care of. Constant worry about temporary things such as food and clothing reflects our lack of faith.

Have faith

In verses 31-34 Jesus tells us that our priority concern should be the Kingdom. God knows our needs. He loves us. He will supply our needs "according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." (Phil. 4:19)

Don't worry about tomorrow. We have no promise of tomorrow. Tomorrow, if it comes, will take care of itself. This does not mean that we should not plan. It means that we should not constantly worry about what tomorrow will bring. God will take care of us. We must have faith that God will keep his promises. "For truly I say to you, if you have faith

as a mustard seed, ye shall say to this mountain, 'move from here to there'; and it shall move; and nothing shall be impossible to you." (Matt. 17:20) Many of us turn this scripture around. We think to ourselves, "If God will give me the faith the size of a mountain, I will try to move that mustard seed." Jesus said faith the size of a small grain of mustard seed, when turned over to God, can work miracles.

When we get our priorities straight, and turn our lives over to God, God can work miracles through us. Let us dare to trust God to do the big things in our life. David trusted God for the big thing and went out to slay Goliath. Noah trusted God for the big thing and built an ark. Moses trusted God for the big thing and led his people out of bondage. When our life is tuned to God, God can do the big thing through us. Let us have enough faith to trust God with our lives.

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Church provides love gift for pastor

First Church, Mountain View, provided a love gift for their pastor, Henry Evans, who was forced to resign because of ill health. On September 21, the church passed the following motion: "That all monies being paid to Brother Evans be considered as a gift, an expression of our love, affection, and devotion to him for past services rendered. That any consideration given him in the future shall be considered as a gift or expression of the church's love for him and his wife."

The continuation of the support was necessitated because of regulations governing both Social Security and the Annuity Board which requires that there be a six months waiting period prior to an individual receiving a total disability benefit. The church continued the support for their former pastor from Sept. 1 until his death on Oct. 17. Pastor Evans desired that the Baptists of Arkansas be made aware of the tremendous expression of love which his former church made to him.

Nov. 9, 1975

A smile or two

Actor Burt Reynolds made a somewhat inauspicious return to his South Georgia hometown when a tire on the beatup film car he was driving went flat.

Reynolds engineered the auto to a local garage.

"You sure look familiar," the mechanic told him. "Haven't I seen you before?"

"Maybe at your local theater," Reynolds suggested.

"Maybe," said the mechanic, "where do you usually sit?"—Atlanta Journal

When the employe found a blank check in his pay envelope as a result of an account machine's error, he expressed sad resignation as he shook his head. "I was sort of expecting this to happen," he declared. "My deductions have finally caught up with my whole salary."

'Foreign Missions Hotline': latest news by telephone

RICHMOND (BP)—Once again, news from the foreign mission field is as close as the nearest phone now that the "Foreign Missions Hotline" has resumed operation.

For the fifth consecutive year, the hotline will provide not only the latest news of Baptist work amid crisis, but also the everyday thoughts and prayer requests of Southern Baptist missionaries on the field.

The prerecorded message, which will be changed each Thursday, will be available now to Dec. 15 for the price of a three-minute station-to-station call to Richmond, Va. to (804) 355-6581.

Operating each year during the special season of foreign mission emphasis, the hotline is designed to aid churches, small groups and individual callers in understanding specific prayer needs of foreign missionaries.

The voice of Foreign Missions Hotline for the fourth year is William R. Smith, pastor of Chamberlayne Church, Richmond. A native of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Smith was an announcer for WBAP-TV in Ft. Worth, Tex., while attending Southwestern Seminary there.

Preparations for hotline will involve

daily consultations with the board's eight area secretaries and other staff members, as well as contact with field representatives stationed in each mission area and with the missionaries themselves. The project is coordinated by Samuel M. Pittman, associate secretary in the department of promotion and furlough ministries.

If a crisis occurs after the tape of the week is recorded, the tape will be rerecorded to include updated information.

Because the number of calls is expected to reach into the thousands, a second backup line has been installed to handle simultaneous calls.

"The purpose of the hotline is twofold," said R. Keith Parks, director of the board's mission support division. "It is designed to provide current and fresh information about foreign missionaries and Southern Baptist mission work around the world. Hotline will also help guide and motivate Southern Baptists in personal prayer involvement.

"We can't all go to the mission field, but we can all pray. Prayer is a vital part of mission work," he said.

Church	Sunday School	Church Training	Church adds.
Alexander, First	107	47	3
Alpena, First	75	29	
Bentonville			
Central Avenue	90	33	1
First	285	39	
Mason Valley	76	39	
Berryville			
First	190	64	
Freeman Heights	182	62	
Rock Springs	80	44	
Blytheville, Trinity	241	100	
Booneville, South Side	94	88	3
Bryant, First Southern	124	65	1
Cabot, Mt. Carmel	267	155	
Camden			
Cullendale	488	135	1
First	455	59	6
Cash, First	124	62	
Concord, First	100	41	
Conway, Second	305	127	
Crossett, Mt. Olive	376	115	2
Damascus, South Side	119	69	
El Dorado West Side	406	387	2
Caledonia	38	21	
Forrest City, First	699	102	6
Ft. Smith, Temple	146	60	
Fouke, First	100	51	
Gentry, First	185	62	
Grandview	81	46	
Greenwood, First	368	154	2
Hampton, First	154	75	
Hardy, First	180	66	4
Harrison			
Eagle Heights	360	168	
Woodland Heights	99	56	
Helena, First	296	74	1
Hope, Calvary	181	93	
Hope, First	408	94	
Hot Springs			
Leonard Street	119	50	
Memorial	98	46	
Park Place	358	94	
Hughes, First	185	63	1
Jacksonville			
First	437	93	1
Marshall Road	257	76	1
Kingston, First	71	51	
Lavaca, First	316	112	
Little Rock			
Crystal Hill	162	42	
Geyer Springs	678	178	1
Life Line	572	113	
Martindale	113	56	
Woodlawn	98	52	2
Magnolia, Central	614	187	2
Melbourne, Belview	126	65	2
Monticello, Second	289	78	
Mount Ida, First	175	34	
Mulberry, First	157	75	
Murreesboro, First	118	56	
North Little Rock			
Calvary	416	119	
Gravel Ridge	237	108	2
Levy	428	106	3
Park Hill	743	150	
Paragould			
Calvary	248	183	
East Side	232	109	3
First	434	87	1
West View	178	122	4
Paris, First	405	144	4
Pine Bluff			
Centennial	176	88	
East Side	193		2
First	666	120	
South Side	673	96	2
Tucker	13		
Oppelo	23	10	1
Sulphur Springs	188	90	
Watson Chapel	382	119	2
Pollard, New Hope	109	36	
Rogers, Immanuel	518	112	7
Rover	85	32	
Russellville			
First	512	141	1
Kelley Heights	39	19	
Second	155	88	1
Sheridan First	217	64	6
Springdale			
Berry Street	93	32	
Caudle Avenue	152		
Elmdale	355	109	
First	1358		5
Oak Grove	100		
Texarkana			
Shiloh Memorial	126	44	
Trinity	350	81	
Van Buren, First	600	190	
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What is there to celebrate?

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"The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; Yea, I have a goodly heritage." (Psalm 16:6)

Evils in our nation are now so magnified that what is right with America is largely obscured. Granted there is corruption in government and business along with problems of racism, crime, poverty, and religious phoniness. Yet there are some significant events that Americans can celebrate on the 200th birthday of their nation. We do have a "goodly heritage."

1. Let us celebrate the birth of our nation. The American Revolution of 1776 gave birth to a unique nation: Abraham Lincoln called it "a government of the people, by the people, and for the people." America was designed as a democracy and was more democratic than any prior government.

2. Let us celebrate the documents that embody the ideals which have made America great. The Declaration of Independence and the Constitution with its Bill of Rights are the products of the best thoughts of the founding fathers. The three major branches of government — judicial, executive, legislative — function so as to produce a balance of power.

The good news of Watergate is that our democracy works. It is a political system which can identify and correct its own evils and errors. The basic theory of the Constitution is once more demonstrated, namely that ultimate power rests with the people and not the politicians.

3. Let us celebrate our economic growth. To the founding fathers our wealth would be incredible. Almost every family in the U.S. enjoys such luxuries as the refrigerator, the radio, the TV set. More than 90 percent have telephone and washing machines. 80 percent have one or more cars, and more than 60 percent of all families own their own homes.

True, more than 30 million in the U.S. live below the poverty level, but these live in comparative luxury in comparison to their counterparts in other countries.

4. Let us celebrate our scientific and technological achievements. America has led the world in scientific advances from the cotton gin to the computer, from the telephone to the television, to thousands of other inventions. In the realm of space, America made the first successful moon landing and has projected many satellites into orbit which make it possible to improve the quality of life on earth.

My own pilgrimage illustrates positive technological progress: from the springhouse to the ice box to the refrigerator; from the straw to the cotton to the beauty rest mattress; from the kerosine lamp to the gas lamp to the electric light. I have no hankering for the "good ole days."

5. Let us celebrate our educational progress. America has schools for all her children. Today over 50 percent of all Americans 25 years or older have finished high school and 12 percent have finished college. As late as 1940 only 25 percent had finished high school and only 5 percent were college graduates. Over two-thirds of our 8 million college and university students come from families who never attended college.

6. Let us celebrate the liberation of our oppressed citizens. Minority racial groups in America have made significant progress toward full citizenship with all rights appertaining thereto. Women also are being liberated from the shackles of tradition and oppression. Increasingly women are entering the professions and politics at the local, state, and national levels.

7. Let us celebrate our freedom. As Americans we can rejoice in our unique freedom. Curiously some dissident Americans who cry for liberation and freedom become enamoured with Maosim and Marxism. The irony of this is that there is no personal freedom in communist societies. What these people are revolting against is the hypocrisy and bureaucracy of the establishment. But communism has a most complicated bureaucracy in which the lives of all citizens are totally controlled by the state.

We can rejoice in our religious freedom. The first right in the Bill of Rights is that of religious freedom. Catholics, Jews, Protestants and more than 200 other religious groups exist in the U.S. and enjoy full liberty of conscience to worship God according to their own dictates. In communist countries there is a systematic effort to destroy all religions.

8. Let us celebrate our survival. That our nation has grown into the strongest in the world testifies to the vitality of our democratic way of life. But democracies at home and abroad are in crisis. Slippage from the basic principles of democracy is at the root of the current crisis. Democracy was achieved through sacrifice and kept by concerned citizens.

As the delegates of the Continental Congress trudged out of Independence Hall on Sept. 17, 1787, an anxious woman in the crowd waiting at the entrance inquired of Benjamin Franklin, "Well, doctor, what have we got, a republic or a monarchy?" "A republic," replied Franklin, "if you can keep it."

The future of America rests upon our faithfulness to God and action in keeping with those ideals of the founding fathers. Only by exercising responsible citizenship can we preserve and promote our democratic way of life which may be summed up in the right to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

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