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Christian leaders...for the 21st century.” – Jerol Swaim**

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Gambling opponents gear up to battle casino, lottery plans

Gambling opponents in Arkansas are gearing up to battle proposed constitutional amendments aimed at expanding gambling in the state. The climax of the battle is expected to take place during statewide balloting in November 1996.

Leading the anti-gambling effort will be Barry King, newly elected gambling campaign coordinator for the Christian Civic Action Committee, and CCAC executive director Larry Page.

King served as chairman of the CCAC steering committee during last year's successful effort to have similar gambling proposals removed from the 1994 ballot. The state Supreme Court axed the three gambling measures, ruling that the proposals' ballot titles were misleading.



Barry King

Noting that gambling supporters are expected to avoid the legal mistakes of the last campaign, King said he anticipates that the proposed measures will reach the '96 ballot. He added, however, that "this time we have the luxury of time. We have the ability to develop an organization."

King has resigned as pastor of Grand Avenue Church in Hot Springs to work full-time in the CCAC's anti-gambling campaign. "It's obvious this is something God has been preparing me for — and preparing for me," King said. "It's as if God said, 'This is what I want you to do.'"

Among three proposed gambling amendments announced so far, one would authorize a state-wide lottery and up to 20

casinos in eight Arkansas counties, one provides for a lottery and eight casinos, and one calls for limited casino gambling in qualified hotels. Each of the three would be placed on the '96 ballot by initiative petition, which would require an estimated 70,000 voter signatures each.

Noting that other gambling proposals may be introduced in the coming months, King explained, "We're developing an organizational framework to fight gambling in general." He said primary goals include mobilizing churches during the next six months and then seeking to "penetrate society with our message" during the final 10 months of the campaign.

King's specific strategy includes recruiting eight regional coordinators, 75 county coordinators, 1,000 "point men" in local churches and 10,000 campaign partners. Another goal is to enlist 168 "prayer warriors" to pray an hour each week for 12 months prior to the '96 vote.

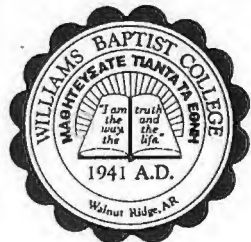
Page said CCAC leaders hope to raise up to \$2 million to finance an advertising campaign and other expenses related to the anti-gambling drive.

King, who resigned his four-year pastorate effective July 1, began work as gambling campaign coordinator July 10. At the time of his election, he was serving as board president of the CCF and CCAC.

In addition to his ministry at Grand Avenue Church, King previously was pastor of First Church, Social Hill, and Riverside Church, Friendship. He currently is chairman of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention nominating committee and a trustee of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission.

He and his wife Frances, who have joined Second Church, Hot Springs, are the parents of twin sons, Regan and Ryan.

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Jerol Swaim, interim president of Williams Baptist College since March, was unanimously elected by WBC trustees as the school's permanent president July 20. He previously served as executive vice president and academic dean.

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Jerol Swaim elected president of Williams

By Brett Cooper
Director of Public Relations
Williams Baptist College

Jerol Swaim, who has served since March as interim president of Williams Baptist College, has been elected president on a permanent basis. The board of trustees at Williams voted unanimously July 20 to make Swaim the fifth president of WBC.

"I am humbled by the actions of the presidential search committee and the board of trustees, and I am extremely grateful," Swaim responded. "I pray that I can be the leader this noble institution deserves."

The new president is a veteran administrator and professor at Williams, having served there for 31 years. He began teaching history and political science in 1964 at what was then Southern Baptist College.

He was promoted to academic dean in 1973, as well as vice president for academic affairs soon after that. He became executive vice president in 1989. Along the way, he has served twice as interim president. He was even named "Grooviest Teacher" by the student body in the 1970s.

Williams has made advances on a number of academic fronts during Swaim's tenure as dean. Most notable was WBC's move from junior college to four-year status in 1983. In the 12 years since, Williams has grown to offer 19 baccalaureate degrees, including a comprehensive pre-medicine major which was added last year.

Trustees expressed enthusiasm about having Swaim as the college's new president. "I am elated," said board president R.W. Ross of Van Buren. "I think he is tailor-made for the job. Jerol Swaim, aside from intellect and affable personality, has two strong spiritual gifts as a helper and as a peacemaker. Those are exactly what Williams needs."

Ross said he encouraged Swaim to apply for the president's position the last two times it was vacant, in 1991 and 1993. Swaim declined both times. In fact, he never applied for the position this time.

Search committee chairman George Schroeder of Little Rock confirmed that the committee had to seek Swaim out. "I think that's in keeping with his natural, humble personality," Schroeder said. "But a lot of his friends and colleagues did encourage us to consider him."

"We offered the job to Dr. Swaim because of a really strong sense of unity of spirit on the committee," Schroeder added. "We had a number of good resumes



Jerol Swaim, who has served Williams Baptist College in Walnut Ridge for more than 30 years, was unanimously elected by trustees July 20 as the college's fifth president.

submitted by candidates and by those who wanted to recommend someone. But we knew the advantages of Jerol Swaim's many positive qualities."

The committee made a formal offer to Swaim during a meeting July 6 in Searcy. Swaim notified the committee July 10 that he would allow his name to be presented before the full board of trustees and a special meeting of the board was called for July 20.

Swaim said in the past he felt he could be of more service to the college as second-in-command, but that changed following the resignation of Gary Huckabay as president in March. "We had two fine men in the office of president for 18 months apiece," Swaim noted. "We now have the need for continuity and I felt it could provide a clear understanding of who we are, who we serve, our place in Arkansas and our ministry to Arkansas Baptists."

Swaim said he wants to lead the college to make future progress, but feels the

institution should be careful to maintain its identity. "We are a small, Christian, liberal arts college and a very good one, I think. That is what we are and what we do and I think any changes we make should be to strengthen ourselves in those characteristics," he declared.

Among his list of priorities is construction of additional dormitories to allow for growth of the resident population and renovation of the Community of Science building on the Williams campus.

The college is in a solid position and ready to move forward, Swaim said. "We have an exceptional faculty in terms of both preparation and dedication, and administrators of high caliber. It is a pleasure to assume leadership under those circumstances."

Swaim, 56, is a native of Tennessee. He received his bachelor's degree in English from Union University. He completed a master's degree in history at the George Peabody College of Vanderbilt University and earned the doctor of education degree from the University of Memphis.

Swaim and his wife, Virginia, have two adult daughters, Leigh Swaim and Leslie Swaim, both of Little Rock.

The Swaims live in Pocahontas and are active members of First Church there. Swaim is chairman of deacons at First Church and he served the congregation for 27 years as minister of music.

Swaim is a member of the Pocahontas planning and zoning board and the Randolph County Rotary Club. He also is a member of several professional societies, including the National History Honor Society, Phi Alpha Theta, the Southern Historical Association, Kappa Delta Pi, and the Arkansas Deans' Association.

Startup succeeds Swaim as Williams VP

Williams Baptist College professor Kenneth Startup has been named vice president for academic affairs. Startup, who will assume his new duties Aug. 1, succeeds Jerol Swaim who was elected WBC president last week.

Startup currently is professor of history and chairman of the division of arts and sciences at Williams. He has taught at WBC for 12 years. As vice president for academic affairs, he will supervise the college's academic programs.

"I look forward to working closely

with Dr. Swaim and our faculty," Startup said. "I hope to continue the development of Williams' academic programs and to serve our students."

Startup, a native of Georgia, received his bachelor's degree in history from West Georgia College. He earned his master's degree at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and completed his doctorate at Louisiana State University.

He and his wife, Alice, have two daughters, Rebecca and Rachel, both of whom are students at WBC.

YOU'LL BE GLAD TO KNOW



By DON MOORE
ABSC Executive Director

It is frustrating to be a part of so many wonderful things and not be able to tell our Baptist family about it. I have to try.

The building dedication of the new worship center in the Children's Park at Siloam Springs Assembly was wonderful. It was a joy to briefly interview Mrs. Bernice Jones in front of the group and hear her testimony. Beginning in the late 1930s and for the next 10 years she brought children to camp at Siloam Assembly. Only God knew that one day He would enable her and her husband to become wealthy so that they could provide more adequate facilities for that ministry. What a blessing their Foundation has been as they have built both worship centers at Siloam.

The first week of Siloam saw 62 people saved, 86 commitments made and seven surrender for ministry. A total of 1,075 were registered. Pray for coming weeks.

At the same time Siloam Springs was in its first session we had 1,400 youth at Super Summer at Ouachita. A number were saved and scores rededicated their lives. Many of these will be the leaders of our churches in years to come. The standards of discipleship set before these students is most challenging.

Record numbers of students are enrolling in Ouachita and Williams Baptist College majoring in religion/Bible to prepare for Christian ministry. Many students are saved and go into the ministry through our Baptist Student Unions on the state and community college campuses. In fact, there is nothing better than you, as a parent or grandparent, can do than encourage your young people going to college this fall to become active in BSU.

I am proud of all of the ministries the convention has to help young people find their way to God and His will.

Another great event happened recently, not youth oriented. Led by coordinator Lendol Jackson and Pete Petty of our staff, Arkansas Campers On Mission hosted the annual national meeting of this group. There were over 700 campers with 320 camping units on the fairgrounds in Hope. That was something to see!

RONNIE ROGERS

President's Corner

The deaconess?



Some who believe women cannot pastor, believe women can serve as deacons. Some of the debate revolves around the issue of ordination, whether deacons are viewed as administrative bodies or servants with no authority and historical practices. While these issues merit consideration, they can also obscure some clear biblical insights, such as:

■ I Timothy 3:11 is assumed by some to refer to deaconesses. However, it does not use the word "deaconesses" but rather the word "women" — the Greek word translated "women" here is also found in verses 2 and 12 translated "wife." It can be translated wife or woman but never deaconess. Also He could have used the word "deaconess," maybe He didn't because He didn't mean deaconess.

■ If verse 11 refers to deaconesses, one must ask, why are there only four qualifications for her when the deacon has nine?

■ The progression of the text flows smoothly from elders (vv. 1-7) and deacons (vv. 8-13). If the women are wives of deacons, the text is not interrupted since a deacon's wife's lack of commitment could disqualify him. However, if these are deaconesses, Paul moves from elders to deacons to deaconesses and back to deacons. One

must ask, "Why interject another office in the middle of setting forth the qualifications of another office?" It is contextually and grammatically best to understand women as wives of deacons.

■ There is not even a mention of an official, organized body of deaconesses in the New Testament. This is in light of the undeniable and sufficient teaching related to male deacons in Scripture.

■ You might ask, "What about Phoebe, who is called a servant in Romans 16:1?" The word translated "servant" is the same word translated "deacon" in I Timothy 3:8. This leads some to conclude that Phoebe was a deaconess, thus sanctioning women deacons; however by that line of reasoning, Jesus, the disciples, Apollos, Paul, Timothy and others would be deacons because they're all called servants (Greek word for deacon). The fact is, Jesus and Paul were no more occupying the office of deacon than Phoebe; Paul was clearly stressing service, not office.

In light of these examples, it seems clear that the push for women elders and deaconesses is born out of societal pressure rather than scriptural principles.

Ronnie Rogers, pastor of Lakeside Church in Hot Springs, is president of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

Personal perspectives

"In Vietnam, there was no time to grieve. You lost a friend or a group of friends, but you had to go back and do your job."

—Wes Keith, compiler of *Victories: Stories of Christian Vietnam Veterans*

"When the First Amendment is invoked as an obstacle to private expression of religion, it is being misused.... Wherever and whenever the religious rights of children are being threatened or suppressed we must move quickly to correct it."

—President Bill Clinton, unveiling guidelines for students' religious rights

World peace – one heart at a time

Bosnia. Chechnya. Oklahoma City. As Southern Baptists prepare to observe the 1995 Day of Prayer for World Peace on Aug. 6, the task seems overwhelming. Graphic accounts of civil war, terrorism and other acts of mayhem bombard every nightly newscast.

An apparent suicide bombing in Tel Aviv this week that killed at least six people and left more than 30 others injured has become almost commonplace in the Middle East and other regions of the world.

Closer to home, the horrific, execution-style slayings of three Little Rock youth and the tragic kidnapping of a six-year-old youngster at an Alma ballpark are grim reminders that peace remains an elusive goal in every size city and community in our state.

Beyond the unending violence that makes daily headlines, peace also is frequently shattered in domestic squabbles, schoolyard brawls – and even church fights. Where do we turn for relief in our troubled world?

Christ assured His disciples in John 14:27, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth,

STRAIGHT FROM THE EDITOR



By TRENNIS HENDERSON

give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

In a world filled with troubled hearts,

"In a world filled with troubled hearts, the Prince of Peace provides the only lasting solution."

the Prince of Peace provides the only lasting solution. In a hurting society which seems devoid of peace, Jesus Christ offers

peace one heart at a time.

But are personal faith and faithful prayer really enough? Incredibly, the answer to that question is a resounding, "Yes!" – If that peace-producing, life-changing faith compels us to personally join in the effort to help change our hurting world heart by heart.

Civil wars in foreign lands, a terrorist bombing in a neighboring state or gang-related violence in our capital city are all beyond our collective ability to correct. But genuine, Christ-centered peace in the life of one individual can make an eternal impact which can be multiplied time and time again throughout the world.

The official theme for this year's Day of

Prayer for World Peace is "Follow peace with all," based on Hebrews 12:14. It emphasizes the importance of actively pursuing peace even in the midst of difficult situations.

What will your prayer be on Aug. 6 as Southern Baptists pause to pray for world peace? May I suggest the challenging words of a familiar chorus: "Let there be peace on earth – and let it begin with me."

A question of leadership

In reference to the letters to the editor in the June 1 issue, I submit three thoughts for your prayerful consideration:

■ I find it no coincidence that the same epistles that some would apply to only one specific issue that arose 2,000 years ago are the same epistles that God uses to affirm the application of all scripture to all areas and times of life (II Tim. 3:16).

■ Rather than viewing God as laughing in all this, I view Him as mourning the rejection of His word by His people. It is truly a sad day when eloquent prose is judged superior to a divinely inspired and spiritually delivered message.

Ultimately the criteria for biblical leadership is whether or not one has been called to the ministry. One to whom these offices has been banned can sound beautiful, powerful and even spiritual but without the calling, their words would be uninspired and thereby uninspiring, lacking sanctifying power.

The question is not witnessing, education or eloquence but rather leadership.

■ Galatians 3:28 affirms the fact that God does not discriminate based upon sex or race (as He is no respecter of persons). This, however does not nullify the fact that God has created us to portray His character in uniquely different roles. It is a part of relying upon grace that we accept



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

both the freedoms and the limitations of God's Word.

Todd A. Davis
Centerville, AR

'Inaccurate conclusions'

My wife and I have been receiving the *Arkansas Baptist* for years during our missionary service in Europe which covers more than 15 years. We have always enjoyed reading about what is happening in my wife's home state. Lately, however, some articles written by state convention president Ronnie Rogers have caused us some concern. In these articles the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and women in ministry in general have been dealt with in a strident and reckless manner – albeit with surface humor. I defend each person's right to speak their opinion, but I winced to see some of the views voiced by Rogers traveling across the Atlantic.

Some of the statements made about CBF were biased and frankly I couldn't imagine why CBF warranted such an article in the first place given the "smallness" of

that organization. I was not accustomed to Baptist leaders being so biased in public forums. I was sad for the state of Arkansas when this one-sided presentation of another group was broadcast.

The article earlier in May concerning the "Pastress" was cute, but insulted many women and deaconesses serving in Baptist churches and unions around the globe. Many Baptist unions and churches believe very firmly that women deaconesses are not only biblical but necessary to creatively utilize all of the gifts God has bestowed upon His people. Rogers' statement that his conclusions regarding deaconesses were "obvious" only served to show how inaccurate that conclusion was when seen on a worldwide Baptist stage.

Arkansas Baptists are partnering with the European Baptist Convention which cooperates with many unions in Europe, most of which enjoy fellowship with CBF, and value the ministry of women in churches and institutions of Europe. It saddened me to see such cavalier treatment of a sensitive subject. Again, I am not saying that Rogers is not entitled to his opinions, but I am concerned for the damage which is being done to the image of Arkansas Baptists through the style and forum which he is using during his term of office.

James Smith
CBF Europe Liaison/Coordinator

Arkansas Vietnam vet shares 'Victories' in new publication

The 125-page paperback book is rather plain. Its cover features only the title, the compiler's name and a photograph of a lone American flag. Although the short book may appear routine, the stories of the 19 men inside are far from ordinary.

Victories: Stories of Christian Vietnam Veterans, is a compilation of 19 testimonies of Christian veterans of the Vietnam War, assembled and edited by Wes Keith, a member of First Church, Kensett. Keith said 2,200 copies of *Victories* was published this year by WinePress Publishing in Mountlake Terrace, Wash.

Keith, who also is founder and president of Vietnam Veterans for Christ Ministries (VVCVM), said he wanted the book to be "an evangelistic tool" for reaching veterans and civilians.

"I wanted this in print," he explained, "because I thought it would be a great tool to reach people."

"Through the (VVCVM) newsletter and going into churches, I know I can reach more people through the printed word than I can ever reach one-on-one," Keith noted. "My philosophy (for publishing *Victories*) is that if I can help people and give them encouragement, then I am doing what God wants me to do."

He said the initiation to write *Victories* was a vision from God to produce something "positive" about Vietnam veterans.

"I felt the Lord was pointing at me and saying, 'Hey, we don't have anything out on the market that is good and positive about Vietnam veterans,'" Keith said.

"I had picked up a lot of books (about veterans)," he recalled. "One had 39 stories of Vietnam veterans. By the time you read it you were so depressed because in every one of them the people came out losers."

"The drugs got them, post-traumatic

stress disorder got a hold of them – there were no real winners," he recalled.

Keith formulated plans for *Victories* and recruited writers. "The things I tried to get were backgrounds, war experiences, their salvation experiences and what happened to them after they came back," he said. "I wanted people to read it like (a devotional guide), where they could read a testimony a day. But most people I've talked to said they picked it up and read it through."

The finished product, he pointed out, "has guys represented from 14 states and two foreign countries." Describing the writers' diverse backgrounds, he noted, "Two are prison inmates, there's a Baptist preacher, other ministers, a head of a state Veterans' Affairs office, small business owners and plant workers."

Keith's testimony is also featured. A Marine Cobra gunship (attack helicopter) pilot, Keith, known by his call sign, "Fluff," entered the war in 1969 a non-Christian. He was saved later that year and baptized



Wes Keith

Keith believes *Victories* will appeal to non-veterans as well as veterans. "Some of the stories are hard to understand for people who were not there," he acknowledged. "I received a number of letters from wives who have said it helped them understand their relationship with their husband."

"The value of the book to the non-vet is that they can relate to the feelings," he said. "Each of us has hurts and pains. Grief and other emotions are universal feelings."

Keith added, however, that many Vietnam veterans' hurts are different because they were "compacted in such a short period of time."

"In Vietnam, there was no time to grieve," he pointed out. "You lost a friend or a group of friends, but you had to go back and do your job."

Christian Vietnam veterans don't differ from other Christians, he emphasized. "We may be carrying a larger amount of baggage with us, but we're not crazy."

Keith said he is hoping that a publisher will pick up the book for a larger run. In the meantime, he plans to write other veteran-related works. "I felt like this was just a beginning...because this is the greatest way of testifying to people, not only in the service but also to civilians."

Excerpt from 'Victories'

"A new guy to our unit was hiding out in our bunker during a mortar barrage. He was sitting on my bunk reading my Bible. We were all tired, hungry and thinking that we would probably die. This new guy...had only been with us for about three weeks. I never thought to ask him if he had asked Christ into his heart. I was too mad because he was sitting on my bunk!

You might imagine how awful I felt when he was killed in a mortar blast several days later. We Christians don't always have 'happy ending' stories. I blew it then and many times since. However, the God I serve will *always* forgive me if I ask Him to. Always!"

—from "The Land of the Tall Grass and Little People" by Larry Bourbonnais, one of the selections from *Victories: Stories of Christian Vietnam Veterans*.

Former Vietnam missionaries relive joy, pain of service

FRANKLIN, NC (BP)—Easter weekend, 1975. Artillery shells rip Danang as the North Vietnamese army reaches the city's outskirts. Southern Baptist missionaries Bob Davis and Gene Tunnell watch in dismay from a freighter edging into the South China Sea with a cargo of 5,000 terrified souls.

Within days, South Vietnam falls. Tens of thousands of panic-stricken refugees clog airports and seaports, desperate to escape the communists. And the door slams shut on Southern Baptist missions in Vietnam, a door open too briefly, 1959 to 1975.

Thirty-two former Vietnam missionaries relived that abrupt, painful departure — and happier memories — in their first reunion since Saigon fell 20 years ago. Accompanied by family members, they met about three weeks before the United States announced reopening of full diplomatic relations with Vietnam.

Cloistered at a retreat center in the foothills of North Carolina's Smoky Mountains, they renewed friendships, ate Vietnamese

food, looked at photographs, sang Vietnamese Christian songs and talked about the hole the evacuation left in their hearts.

The departure affected a missionary's identity, said Sam James, who served in Vietnam 1962-75 and is the Foreign Mission Board's vice president for creative leadership development.

"I was a missionary and a pastor of a church," he said. "When we lost South Vietnam, everything I counted precious in my identity was stripped away. Eventually God taught me my identity is in Christ, and that it has no geographical boundary."

When Americans left, 50 Vietnamese Baptist churches had 3,000 members, a seminary and a media and publication work.

Although opportunities for missionary work in Vietnam do not exist, opportunities to demonstrate Christian concern through a variety of human needs and development outlets abound. One result of the retreat was an agreement to form a prayer network to support the work of Southern Baptists currently in Vietnam.

Clinton affirms students' religious rights

By Tom Strode

3BC Christian Life Commission

WASHINGTON (BP)—Declaring that the First Amendment "does not convert our schools into religion-free zones," President Bill Clinton announced an initiative by his administration to provide guidelines on religious expression to every public school district in the country before the start of the fall term.

While the president did not express an opinion on a proposed "religious equality amendment," administration officials said after Clinton's July 12 speech that he opposes such a proposal. Southern Baptist messengers adopted a resolution in June supporting such an amendment.

Evaluating the state of religious liberty in the country, Clinton said some school officials and parents mistakenly believe the Constitution "forbids any religious expression at all in public schools" and some Americans believe the government has an "anti-religious bias."

"I am deeply troubled that so many Americans feel that their faith is threatened by the mechanisms that are designed to protect their faith," he said.

"Americans feel that instead of celebrating their love for God in public, they're being forced to hide their faith behind closed doors. That's wrong. But some Americans have denied the right to express their religion and that has to stop."

"When the First Amendment is invoked as an obstacle to private expression of religion, it is being misused," he said. "It's especially important that parents feel confident that their children can practice

religion. Wherever and whenever the religious rights of children are threatened or suppressed we must move quickly to correct it."

While he called the occasions rare, Clinton acknowledged some students have been prevented from reading the Bible silently in study hall and stopped while praying over lunch and some student religious organizations have been prohibited from publicizing meetings.

Religious expression runs afoul of the Constitution only when it is sponsored or endorsed by the school, Clinton said.

"While the government may not use schools to coerce the consciences of our students or to convey official endorsement of religion, the government's schools also may not discriminate against private religious expression during the school day," Clinton's directive states.

First Amendment focus

Under the First Amendment, the president said, specific religious expressions allowed in schools include: Private prayer by students; individual prayers over lunch; at times, students praying together aloud; equal treatment of student religious clubs; individual reading of the Bible or other religious books; teaching about religion; expression of beliefs in homework and presentations; the right to distribute literature; the right to wear T-shirts with religious messages if shirts with other messages are allowed; and values advocacy.

The president should be commended "for his willingness to wade into the debate about the proper role of religion in the schools," said James Smith, the Southern

Baptist Christian Life Commission's director of government relations. "He should also be commended for giving a quite eloquent defense of the importance of religious liberty. It's obvious that he holds strong convictions about religious liberty and that he is personally conversant with the subject."

Michael Whitehead, CLC general counsel, labeled Clinton's action "symbolism without substance," claiming that "the directive has no teeth, because it was not intended to bite.... There is no enforcement, no penalty, no plan to stop the tampering with fundamental religious rights which the president has acknowledged."

The directive instructs Secretary of Education Richard Riley and Attorney General Janet Reno to inform all school districts about the administration's interpretation of the status of permissible religious expression in public schools, including interpretations of the Equal Access Act. His directive is based largely on a joint document released in April by such organizations as the American Jewish Congress, Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, Christian Legal Society, American Civil Liberties Union, National Association of Evangelicals and National Council of Churches.

CLC executive director Richard Land said, "The president has clearly taken a step in the right direction on the religious liberty issue. Whatever his motivation, his speech and his memorandum... will have the effect of allowing more students to exercise more individual religious freedom on public school property in the coming school year."

National conference explores ways to curb media violence

NASHVILLE, TN (ABP) — Violence in the media poses a crisis for America's children, noted experts invited to a July 10 public policy forum convened by Vice President Al Gore.

The Family Re-Union conference, Gore's fourth annual conference on children, included psychologists, lawyers and representatives of the entertainment industry.

"With only some dissent, experts agree that there's a link between TV violence and aggressive behavior," Gore said.

The issue of violence in media "represents a national public health problem," said Jerry Hickson, a Nashville pediatrician and member of Woodmont Baptist Church, who participated in a panel discussing how to protect children in a free society.

"We tend as a society to focus on portrayed acts of violence" on television, in music and in movies, Hickson said, adding he is more concerned about the effects of a "general and systematic lack of respect for the individual" in all kinds of media.

Some media messages portray humans as objects for pleasure while others view them as only consumers, Hickson said. "It's all part of the same process that the media has not done the job we ought to do in promoting the value of the individual."

Hickson said he is opposed to censorship, but would favor industry-sponsored rating systems, similar to the one now used for motion pictures, to help parents make decisions about other media messages as well.

Parents must "be empowered to make choices" about media violence, Hickson said. "That choice may be they need to deny themselves some of the media participation that might be harmful to their children."

Panelists proposed a series of solutions, including:

- Urging the Federal Communications Commission to more aggressively regulate shows oriented toward sex and violence. That could mean rating shows for violent content or forcing networks to run certain shows later at night.

- Enlisting producers or advertisers to subsidize quality shows to save them from cancellation.

- Applying new technology like a TV video chip that allows parents to block shows they don't want their kids to see.

- Promoting "media literacy" in schools and at home to help families think more critically about the ways TV and commercials alter behavior.

Staff changes

Arthur Clem is pastor of Wits Chapel Church in Maynard. A recent graduate of Williams Baptist College, he formerly was pastor of Old Walnut Ridge Church.

Bill Tyler of Corning has accepted the call to become pastor of Moark Church in Current Gaines Association. He previously has been pastor in both Arkansas and Missouri.

April Boozman and **Greg Shepherd** are serving as summer interns for Immanuel Church in Rogers. Boozman, who will be a senior at Bob Jones University this fall, is working with children's ministries. Shepherd, who recently completed his biblical studies at Criswell College, is serving as missions intern, as well as teaching the summer college Sunday School class.

Randy Oxford is summer youth and children's worker at First Church in Corning. He is a student at Arkansas State University where he is active in Baptist Student Union.

Wilbur Herring of Jonesboro is serving as interim pastor of First Church in Osceola.

Nell Edmonson resigned June 30 as pastor of First Church in Pottsville. He will continue to reside in Russellville where he is employed by the Russellville School System.

Danny Roberts recently resigned as bivocational pastor of Mount Zion Church at Hamburg and will be available for supply preaching. He and his wife, Kristi, and daughter, Lacey, will continue to reside in the area where he is a welder.

Linda Fleming, who resigned July 15 as director of the food service program for Immanuel Church in Little Rock, following more than 13 years of service, was honored by the church with a reception July 9. Fleming and her husband, George, and their children, Kerrie, Lorie Beth and Shelley, are moving to Hot Springs.

Phillip Rushing has resigned as minister of music at Sulphur Springs Church in Pine Bluff. He is available to direct music and may be contacted at 501-879-1367.

Obituaries

Glenda L. St. Gemme of Benton died July 10 at age 74. A member of Second Church in Little Rock, she was a retired elementary education director for Southern Baptist churches. St. Gemme was the wife of Harold L. St. Gemme, a retired Southern



ARKANSAS ALL OVER

By MILLIE GILL

Baptist minister. Other survivors are a daughter, Katherine Warren of Broken Arrow, Okla.; two sisters; and two granddaughters. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

Thomas Earle Halsell, a native of Arkansas and retired executive director of the West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptists, died June 17. A former Arkansas pastor and the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Halsell of Little Rock, he previously was director of evangelism for the Ohio Baptist State Convention and a Southern Baptist missionary to Brazil. He was married to the former Mary Elizabeth Tolson of Rison. Other survivors are three daughters and a son.

Margie Estell Cooper of Arkadelphia died July 18 at age 84. She was the widow of Stanley Cooper who had been pastor of Park Hill Church in Arkadelphia and churches in both Rocky Bayou and Big Creek associations. In addition, he had served as director of missions of Rocky Bayou Association. Cooper was a member of Second Church in Arkadelphia.

Louise Finney of Little Rock died July 17 at age 84. She was a member of Immanuel Church in Little Rock. Survivors include one daughter, Gail Finney of Oxford, Miss.; one son, Lyndon Finney of Little Rock; two sisters; three brothers; and three grandchildren.

Church news

Arkadelphia First Church recently broke ground for a new education building and a 400-seat fellowship hall. The new building, which will replace the current facility built in the 1950s, will be connected to the sanctuary. In addition to the fellowship hall, the education building will house six preschool departments, four children's departments, two youth departments, a college department and additional space for several adult education classes. Construction is expected to be completed by early spring 1996.

Sheridan First Church broke ground June 25 at its relocation site on Highway 167. The church will build a 26,500-square-foot building that will house a sanctuary, education and office space, as well as a multi-purpose building. The church,

organized in 1858, has been located at 107 North Rose Street in Sheridan since 1928. The congregation entered into Vision 2000 more than a year ago, deciding to construct all new facilities and have them paid for by the year 2010. The first phase of Vision 2000 was the purchase of the more than nine acres of land. The actual construction, which began July 10, is the second phase. Dave Brown, chairman of the building committee, said the facilities will take approximately one year to construct. Ed Simpson is pastor.

Park Hill Church in North Little Rock's 26-member senior high youth choir has returned from a mission trip to San Diego, Calif., where they were appointed by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board to lead mission Vacation Bible Schools for Calvary Church. The choir also was appointed by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board to assist the Liberty in Christ Mission in Tijuana, Mexico, with VBS. The church will conduct a children's music camp July 31-Aug. 4 for all children who have completed the first-sixth grades. Camp participants will present a musical Aug. 6 at 6:30 p.m. Joe A. Fitzpatrick is minister of music.

Woodlawn Church of Little Rock will observe homecoming Aug. 6 with activities that begin at 9:30 a.m., followed by morning worship at 10:50 a.m. A carry-in dinner at noon and a 1:30 p.m. service will conclude the celebration.

Pine Grove Church of Sweet Home will celebrate its 126th anniversary with homecoming Aug. 13. Former pastor Verne Wickliffe of Malvern will be the speaker for the 11 a.m. worship service. James Sanders is pastor.

Mena First Church honored pastor Bill Bowen June 18 in recognition of his recent graduation from Fuller Theological Seminary in Los Angeles. Bowen received his doctor of ministry degree.

Ordinations

Winfield Church ordained Billy Watson to the gospel ministry June 17. Watson is pastor of Shiloh Church in Buckner Association.

Grandview First Church ordained Johnny Lee and Gene McCall as deacons July 9.

Correction: Bernice Jones' current church membership was incorrectly reported in the July 13 issue of the Newsmagazine. She is a member of Elmdale Church, Springdale.

**Training prepares
leaders for Sept.
Sunday School focus**

Leaders preparing for the 1995 Associational Sunday School Conventions will meet Aug. 15 for training at the I-30 location of Geyer Springs First Church in Little Rock.

Milton Redeker, director of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention Sunday School department, said the approximately 40 leaders attending the training session will provide the leadership for 41 associational conventions to be held in September.

"We'll be coming together to talk about details of these conventions and building the conferences around the *Towards 2000* books," he explained. "We are going to pinpoint areas for growth in the smallest to the largest churches and lead the churches to do a better job of training leaders and having better Bible teaching every Sunday morning."

"How are we going to do that?" he asked. "We are going to build these conferences around the trends that are propelling churches right now to lead us into the 21st century."

First-time event

Redeker said the simultaneous conventions are a "first" for Arkansas. "This is the first time it has ever been done. The whole idea behind this is to train 5,000 Sunday School leaders in five days. It's going to happen."

"The associational conferences are going to be geared mainly for leaders, people who are already teaching," he explained. He listed Sunday School teachers, department directors, outreach leaders, care leaders, prayer leaders, pastors and general Sunday School directors as targets for the events.

"These conventions should appeal to every size church in Arkansas," Redeker declared. "When we get through with these conventions, there will be no doubt in the minds of the people of Arkansas where the Sunday School and Bible teaching churches are headed."

For more information, contact your associational director of missions or the ABSC Sunday School department; phone 501-376-4791, ext. 5128.

**Risk management seminar
confronts current legal issues**

Sexual misconduct by ministers and other church workers is more common than many Baptists realize and may cost unsuspecting churches millions of dollars in liability. An August risk management seminar can provide keys to preventing it from happening in Arkansas Baptist churches, according to event organizers.

Sexual misconduct will be one of many topics explored during Arkansas Baptists' Risk Management Seminar Aug. 17 at Immanuel Church in Little Rock. The seminar, sponsored by the Arkansas Baptist State Convention and Southern Baptist Annuity Board, will be offered to pastors and church staff, as well as attorneys and insurance agents who work with churches.

Dan Jordan, ABSC director of business services, urged churches to send representatives to the seminar. "Find out what your church can do immediately to begin a plan of protection for your church's children and youth," he urged.

"The church has, unknowingly, become a popular target for lawsuits concerning sexual abuse of youth and children across our country," Jordan explained. "The courts are increasingly holding the church responsible for the acts of members, ministers, their staffs and anyone the church allows to work with children and youth."

The seminar will be led by Richard Hammar, an attorney, accountant and best-selling author specializing in legal and tax issues affecting churches and clergy. He is the author of *Pastor, Church and Law* and *Church and Clergy Tax*. Hammar also writes the *Church Law and Tax Report*, a bi-monthly newsletter reviewing legal and tax developments affecting churches.

Also leading sessions will be Jack Kelley, vice president of Preferred Risk Insurance Co. Jordan said Kelley "will address subjects including church liability, child abuse reporting, church liability for sexual misconduct and other acts, counseling and other legal issues that pertain to the local church."

Jordan said sexual misconduct cases, especially those involving children, are becoming increasingly prevalent. Baptist Sunday School Board studies cite sexual misconduct as "the second most common reason for firings among Southern Baptist clergy." According to a report from the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, "More clergy are sued for sexual misconduct than for any other reason."

In a recent risk management conference in Springfield, Mo., Hammar said that although hundreds of churches have been

sued as a result of the sexual molestation of children by church workers, only one out of every four churches in the nation do any screening of workers.

"A single incident of child molestation can devastate a church and divide the congregation," Hammar emphasized. "Members become outraged and bewildered; parents question whether their own children have been victimized; the viability of the church's youth and children's programs is jeopardized; and church leaders face blame and guilt of allowing the incident to happen."

He warned that "one incident of child sexual abuse in a church can mean a multi-million-dollar verdict."

One such verdict occurred in March last year, when a Dade County Circuit Court levied a \$4.2 million judgment against Wayside Baptist Church in Miami for negligence in hiring a youth minister who sexually abused nearly a dozen teenage boys.

Although the youth minister was terminated from the staff and is currently serving a prison sentence for sexual battery, the jury found the church negligent in its hiring practices.

Negligence creates liability

"Most churches are vulnerable in the area of recruiting youth and children's workers," Jordan agreed. "Many do not bother to gather information about workers' backgrounds."

Jordan said a court decision such as the one against the Miami church could happen in Arkansas.

"While Arkansas does have a charitable immunity law that provides churches some protection from certain types of lawsuits and losses," he noted, "many cases are being heard by the courts because of the accusation that the church has been 'negligent' in its supervision of workers or in its hiring of ministers and other employees."

"The question," he said, "is what is your church doing to protect its children from abuse or to protect itself from liability?"

The cost for the risk management seminar is \$15 per Southern Baptist and \$25 per non-Southern Baptist. The cost provides lunch and a packet of materials that includes the *1995 Minister's Tax Guide* and Arkansas Baptists' *Church Legal Issues*.

For additional information, contact Jordan at the ABSC; phone 501-376-4791, ext. 5171.

Ouachita celebrates 'era of excellence'

By Jeff Root
Director of Public Relations
Ouachita Baptist University

While many Ouachitonians sensed in 1990 that the university was poised for a new era, few could have dreamed of the rate and scope of progress witnessed during the past four years. For Ouachita Baptist University president Ben M. Elrod, there is only one explanation.

"We said in 1990, when we planned the Decade of Progress campaign, that we would work hard to bring about a new era of excellence for Ouachita," said Elrod. "But we also said that we would pray for a level of growth so great that it only could be explained by the grace of God. We have seen that kind of growth."

Launched in 1990-91 as the most ambitious fund-raising effort in Ouachita's history, the Decade of Progress had a base goal of \$22.8 million and a challenge goal of \$26.7 million. Thanks to the generosity of Arkansas Baptists, alumni, trustees, the development council, foundations, faculty, staff and other friends of OBU, the first phase of the campaign raised in excess of \$27.9 million.

"We have seen that many others in Arkansas and around the world share our vision of a university under the Lordship of Jesus Christ," said Elrod. "That concept, augmented by a residential campus where faith and academic discipline are viewed as not just compatible but intertwined, is becoming attractive to more and more people."

Specific goals for the Decade of Progress were set for each of the following areas: the Christian dimension of the educational experience; curriculum; faculty and staff development; program enrichment; building and grounds; student enrollment; and student development. A few of the specific accomplishments include:

■ Several faculty members attended a national conference on the integration of faith and learning. They, in turn, shared with the rest of the faculty and staff the importance of incorporating faith in academic settings.

■ The Frank D. Hickingbotham School of Business was founded. With a revised and enlarged curriculum and faculty, it has attracted an increase in business majors.

■ The Harvey and Bernice Jones Performing Arts Center was constructed. The 1,500-seat auditorium and renovation of Verser Drama Center cost \$5.5 million.

■ Bennie Sue and Clarence E. Anthony Hall, a four-story residence hall for men was constructed. A similar, four-story residence hall for women will open in August.

■ Flippen, Perrin, Conger (formerly West), and Daniel North and South residence halls have been renovated. The Ouachita apartments on McNutt Street, as well as the Starlight and Lancelot Apartments also have been renovated.

■ Major improvements have been made at A.U. Williams Field, Eddie Blackmon Field House and Rab Rogers Field.

■ An endowment was established for Baptist Student Union mission trips.

■ A state-of-the-art CD-ROM computer lab was added in the department of religion. The lab has greatly aided biblical studies courses, and is available through workshops to pastors throughout the state.

■ Approximately 90 new scholarship endowment funds were established, totaling almost \$3.5 million.

■ More than \$1 million in equipment and endowment for equipment was put to use in the division of natural sciences.

■ Additional endowment has meant greater opportunities for Ouachita students and faculty through the Daniel R. Grant International Studies Program, the Sutton Fund for International Travel, the Parks Center for Regional Studies and the PEW College Society.

■ Offices of Institutional Research and Career Planning and Placement have been added, as well as a full-time counselor.

The Christian dimension

Religious activities on campus continue to flourish. The BSU is the focal point for religious activities on campus. It offers a variety of programs, from informal dorm Bible studies to leadership training to mission opportunities around the world.

Recent overseas missions trips have taken Ouachita students to Australia, South Africa, the Philippines and Barbados. Summer missionaries in the United States served from Maryland to Hawaii.

BSU takes a leading role in many of the most important events on the school calendar each year, from campus-wide renewal each fall to Christian Focus Week each spring. BSU also works closely with the Student Entertainment and Leisure Fund to bring contemporary Christian music concerts to campus.

Point of Grace, four Ouachita alumnae who are breaking sales records as the hottest group in contemporary Christian music, are frequent guests on campus.

Ouachita has continued to broaden its academic horizons through the work of the Daniel R. Grant International Studies Program. Exchange and study programs continue to flourish at Seinan Gakuin University in Fukuoka, Japan; Bretton Hall College of the University of Leeds, England; Salzburg College in Austria; Yantai University in China; and the Bilim Institute in Almaty, Kazakhstan. New programs have been established at the University of Beijing in China and at three universities in England: the University of Derby, the University of Reading and the University of Northumbria.

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students and 14 faculty members studies or toured abroad. Meanwhile, 58 international students studies at Ouachita. For the second consecutive year, Ouachita also was the host to the largest contingent of children of missionaries among Southern Baptist-related college and universities. Arkadelphia became the home of students from 50 nations speaking 18 languages.

Academic excellence

Ouachita professors work hard to challenge their students while providing personalized attention. Academic highlights during the past year ranged from professors coming together to discuss "ethics across the curriculum" to the designation of Ouachita as a site for the study of moon rocks.

Students did their part in 1994-95 to enhance Ouachita's academic reputation. The performance of a number of student groups at national competitions ranged from Phi Beta Lambda's showing in business competitions to music students winning first place at the National Association of Teachers of Singing to the communications department's awards-winning publications.

The quality of entering freshmen continues to climb, as does the total enrollment. Of the 100 Arkansas Governor's Scholars for 1994, 20 chose to attend Ouachita, more than any other university except the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville.

Campus clubs and organizations provide a great opportunity for students to exercise leadership skills. Each of the organizations are either service in nature or make service a priority among their activities. From the Ouachita Student Foundation, which raises scholarship money for upperclassmen and sponsors Tiger Tunes and Tiger Tracks, to the social clubs which perform a variety of service projects in the Arkadelphia community, Ouachita students have the opportunity to experience the concepts of leadership and service.

Among upcoming events scheduled on the Ouachita campus, the admissions counseling office will host OBU's fourth annual New Student Retreat Aug. 6-8. Randy Garner, director of admission counseling, said the retreat will feature small group interaction, a banquet, an activities fair, devotionals and recreation. The deadline for pre-registration is Aug. 1.

Ouachita also will host approximately 1,100 church youth group members and their leaders from Arkansas and surrounding states for the 11th annual "Venture" program to be held Sept. 30. The theme of this year's program is "Growing in Christ."



The construction of Jones Performing Arts Center was one of the major campus projects funded as part of Ouachita's "Decade of Progress" campaign.

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Williams sees bright future with new leader

By Brett Cooper
Director of Public Relations
Williams Baptist College

With a popular new president to lead the institution, the excitement level at Williams Baptist College is riding high heading into the fall semester. Those at Williams are also pleased with the continued success of their mission to provide a quality four-year education at a very affordable cost.

The Williams board of trustees unanimously elected Jerol Swaim as president of the college July 20. Swaim, who was serving as interim president, has served 31 years as a faculty member and administrator at Williams.

He has been academic dean for most of that time, and accepted the added responsibility of executive vice president in 1989. Before becoming dean, Swaim was an instructor of history and political science at WBC.

"This college has a wonderful tradition, and my wife and I have been blessed to be a part of it. But I have to say we are even more excited about what the future holds for Williams," Swaim said. "We will strive to be on the cutting edge as we educate Christian leaders in all fields for the 21st century. We will also make sure a Christian college education remains affordable for all students."

Williams continues to provide a quality Christian education for one of the lowest costs of any private college in the nation. WBC has begun to market itself as the choice for high standards and low cost.

Figures for 1994-95 showed WBC to be the least expensive coeducational, liberal arts college in the Southern Baptist Convention, counting tuition, room and board. The cost of a Williams education is about half the average for Southern Baptist colleges and less expensive than 99 percent of private colleges in the U.S.

Personal attention

Academically, WBC strives to maintain personal attention for its students, which is one of the key advantages of a small college. In spite of the dramatically low cost, the student-to-teacher ratio at Williams is a low 14-to-1.

The real benefit of the ratio for students is that they become well acquainted with their professors. With a strong commitment to academic excellence, nearly 60 percent of the faculty have earned doctorates, and all have master's degrees.

"The bond we form with our students is one of the great things about teaching at a college like Williams, and I think it's equally rewarding for the students," noted

WBC history professor Kenneth Startup. "Of course, it can be a two-edged sword in that we tend to demand more of students once we get to know them and their abilities."

Williams, which added six new majors last year, is adding two more for 1995-96. The new majors are for secondary education in social studies and English. WBC, which has been a four-year institution for 12 years, offers 19 bachelor's degree majors covering a wide field of studies.

"I think it's clear we have come of age as a senior institution," Swaim emphasized. "We have overcome the early challenges, and we are now in the next phase of growth. That means we are able to expand our curriculum, implement new technologies as they become available, and generally provide the best possible education for our students."

One of the areas in which the college is expanding its ministry is the ExCELL program, which targets adult students. ExCELL is designed for those age 25 and older who wish to complete their bachelor's degrees. ExCELL students can also receive up to 30 hours of credit for learning they have gained through work experience.

The college operates from an uncompromisingly Christian perspective. Working from the philosophy that academic excellence and spiritual growth are complementary, rather than competitive, teaching is presented with a Christian world view.

Christian ministries and church music are both popular majors on the Williams campus, and the goal is to provide a sound Christian education even for those headed into secular fields. There are weekly chapel services, as well as periodic revivals, and students are required to take Bible classes in order to receive a degree from Williams.

There are also a number of Christian organizations on campus. One of the most popular, WBC's Baptist Student Union, is consistently at or near the top of the list in Arkansas for the number of summer missionaries it produces.



A low student-teacher ratio is a plus for WBC students.

Williams plans to increase the number of Christian concerts it hosts each year in the Southerland-Mabee Center. The 1995-96 concert season begins during the first week of school. Christian artist Scott Springer will perform Friday, August 25, at 7:30 p.m. There is no admission, but a \$5 donation is suggested.

Students and faculty from Williams can be found ministering in churches all across northeast Arkansas. Students studying for the ministry gain experience as they serve in staff positions at local churches. Williams faculty and administrators also provide supply preaching and interim pastorates.

The future is bright for the ministry of Williams Baptist College, according to the institution's new president. Acknowledging that he takes the helm of the college with a mixture of excitement and anxiety, Swaim said the anxiety springs from the challenges facing nearly all private colleges, such as financial hurdles and an increasingly competitive climate for recruiting new students.

But excitement, Swaim affirmed, is the dominant emotion. "The faculty's unwavering, sacrificial dedication deserves a large portion of the credit for our academic excellence and our affordability," he noted. Swaim said he expects that dedication, coupled with the Lord's guidance, to successfully see the college into the next century.

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By GyElla Swanigan

Ouachita Baptist University

The view from the window where I sit is that of the hills outside the city of Durban, South Africa. I am staying in the home of Southern Baptist missionaries Dwight and Lila Reagan while I serve here for six weeks as a summer missionary. Each year hundreds of BSU students from around the country serve as summer missionaries both at home and abroad.



GyElla Swanigan

When I began attending Ouachita Baptist University in the fall of 1992 I never dreamed I would be spending a summer thousands of miles away from my home in Pine Bluff. Through the BSU I learned about the numerous opportunities for college students to serve the Lord through summer missions.

Over the past three years, God has been teaching me about the responsibility each of us has in reaching the world for Christ. The Bible says God loves the world, and He can use each of us to further His kingdom. The work of the BSU is not only affecting the lives of students in Arkansas, but the lives of people around the world.

By Almeta Hill

Southern Arkansas University

The year was August 1991...the place, Magnolia, Ark. An only child from Arkadelphia arrived on the SAU campus. She was excited about starting college, but at the same time a little skeptical, because friends there were scarce. After moving in with the help of some Baptist Student Union members, she was invited to something called an "Aloha Party." She attended and it was the start of a beautiful friendship with the BSU and all the people there.



Almeta Hill

Along with all the spiritual support and guidance I've received at the BSU, I've established friendships that will never die, because they are built on the foundation of Christ. I thank God every day for allowing me to be where I am right now! I thank God for giving the BSU founders the vision to build something like the BSU.

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By Carlos Miller

University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff

The Baptist Student Union has made a great impact on my life during my two years at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. I spent my freshman and sophomore years at a college up north and I had no previous knowledge of what BSU was. It was not until I came to UAPB that I became involved. Here I began to participate in the BSU council, Bible studies, prayer meetings, discipleship luncheons, missions projects, trips to BSU conventions and a host of other activities. Through BSU I have met other Christians and enjoyed their fellowship.



Carlos Miller

BSU ministry has provided me a refuge from the hustle and bustle of campus life. Under the direction of God and BSU director Dawson Williams, I have grown in my understanding of God's Word and God's will for my life. I thank God that through BSU I have been able to make a difference in the lives of others and better understand His purpose for my life. Shalom.

By Amy Bass

Williams Baptist College

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Amy Bass

One of the most life-changing experiences I have had through BSU is my involvement in summer missions in both Arizona and Minnesota. These experiences reinforced the calling I had already felt to serve God in a full-time ministry.

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Ongoing Activities:

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Scott Willis, Director ☎ 501-967-3217

Welcoming Activities:

Hawaiian luau, Aug. 21, 5 p.m.
 Survival '95 (orientation for freshmen & transfers), Aug. 22, 5 p.m.
 Sand Blast/Beach Volleyball, Aug. 24, 6 p.m.

Ongoing Activities:

Noonday lunch, Wednesdays, 12 noon, begins Aug. 23
 TNT (student worship), Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., begins Aug. 31.
 Freshmen family groups
 Bible study groups

Baptist School of Nursing

P. Hope Coleman, Director ☎ 501-223-7468

Welcoming Activities:

Back to school welcome lunch, Aug. 15, 11:30 a.m.

Ongoing Activities:

TLC, lunch on Tuesdays, 12 noon
 BSU Prayerime, Tuesdays, 7 a.m.
 Weekly Bible Study, to be announced

East Arkansas Community College

c/o Student Ministry Dept. ☎ 501-376-3791, ext. 5142

Ongoing activities:

Luncheon & devotion, Mondays, 12 noon

Garland County Community College

Mary Kisor, Director ☎ 501-767-9389

Welcoming Activities:

Cup of cold juice and goody bag at registration for students
 Back to school picnic/camp out

Ongoing Activities (GCCC):

Bible study, Mondays, Old Testament, Tuesdays - New Testament
 Power lunch, Fridays, 11:30 a.m.
 Praise and worship, Wednesdays, 10 a.m.

Gateway Technical College

Joella Huddleston, Director ☎ 501-793-4875

Welcoming Activities:

Free cookies during orientation & registration

Ongoing Activities:

Noontime lunch, Tuesdays, 11:15 a.m.
 Family Night Out in October

Henderson State University

Mark Robinson, Director ☎ 501-246-6592

Welcoming Activities:

Cookout for returning students, Aug. 19, 5 p.m.
 Homemade Ice Cream Party, Aug. 22, 6 p.m.
 Survival '95 Water Ski Retreat, Aug. 25

Ongoing Activities:

Power Lunch, Wednesdays, 12 noon, starts Aug. 23

Lyon College

Leslie Ellis, Director ☎ 501-698-0231

Welcoming Activities:

Club Carnival

Ongoing Activities:

Weekly Bible study
 Weekly Noonday meeting

Mississippi County Community College

Bary Morgan, Director ☎ 501-563-6497

Welcoming Activities:

BSU table at registration, Aug. 15-16

Ongoing Activities:

BSU Break Time, Wednesdays, 11 a.m. and 12 noon (two meetings)

North Ark. Community Technical College

P.O. Box 1213 ☎ Harrison, AR 72602

Ongoing Activities:

Bible study, Monday nights, 7 p.m.
 Monthly activity night, last Monday of each month

Ouachita Baptist University

Ian Cosh, Director ☎ Brandi Byrd, Associate ☎ 501-245-5536

Welcoming Activities:

New Student Welcome Bash, Aug. 20, 8:30 p.m.
 New Student Talent Show, Aug. 24, 7 p.m., Jones Performing Arts Center
 BSU Fall Retreat, Aug. 25-26, Camp Paron

Ongoing Activities:

Noon Day, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays
 Chapel, Tuesdays, 10 a.m.
 Weekly dorm Bible studies
 Discipleship groups, weekly
 Praise & worship, Thursdays, 9 p.m.

Ozarka Technical College

Robert Stewart, Director ☎ 501-368-7409

Welcoming Activities:

Registration, Aug. 14-16

Ongoing Activities:

Bible study & student activities, Tuesdays & Wednesdays

Phillips County Community College

Terry Garrison, Director ☎ 501-572-3593

Welcoming Activities:Registration, Aug. 21-22
Lunch Bunch and Bible Study, Aug. 23, 12 noon**Ongoing Activities:**

BSU Bible Study/lunch, Wednesdays, Game Room

Rich Mountain Community College

Sherry Baker, Director ☎ 501-394-5012

Welcoming Activities:

Welcome to RMCC cookout, Aug. 23, 11 a.m.

Ongoing Activities:Noonday, Fridays, 11 a.m.
Bible study, to be announced**Southern Arkansas University**

Robert Pinkston, Director ☎ Scott Martin, Associate ☎ 501-234-2434

Welcoming Activities:Freshmen Pizza Pig-out, Aug. 22, 6 p.m.
Aloha Party, Aug. 24, 7 p.m.
Free moving-in help, Aug. 20, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**Ongoing activities:**Noonday Power Lunch, Wednesdays, 12 noon
Impact (worship, fellowship, speakers), Thursdays, 8 p.m.
Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Mondays, 7 p.m.
Black Student Fellowship, Mondays, 8 p.m.
Sorority Bible Study, Tuesdays, 9 p.m.**Southern Arkansas Tech University**

Neal Nelson, Director ☎ 501-574-2368

Ongoing Activities:Wednesday lunch, 12 noon
Weekly Bible Study**University of Arkansas, Fayetteville**

Lynn Loyd, Director ☎ Kevin Inman, Associate ☎ 501-521-4370

Welcoming Activities:BSU Dorm Howdy Parties, Aug-23-24
Rookie Razorback Weekend, Aug. 25-27
Fall Retreat, Sept. 15-16**Ongoing Activities:**Impact, Thursdays, 8 p.m.
Lunch Encounter, Mondays 11:30 a.m.
That Freshman Thang (Bible study and fellowship), Tuesdays, 8 p.m.**University of Arkansas, Little Rock**

Tim Smith, Director ☎ 501-562-4383

Welcoming Activities:Dorm move-in help team for new students, Aug. 18
Survival '95 for freshmen, Aug. 20, 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.
"Have a Slice of Life" Party (welcome party), Aug. 22, 6:30 p.m.**Ongoing activities:**Power Lunch, Mondays, 12 noon, Bible study in Student Center
Monday Night Live! (International), Mondays, 7 p.m., starts Sept. 11
Lunch Encounter, Wednesdays, 12 noon, beginning Aug. 23
Power Up!, Thursdays, 7 p.m.**University of Arkansas Medical Sciences**

Diane O'Connell, Director ☎ 501-661-8078

Welcoming Activities:Water Volleyball Mixer, Aug. 20, 8 p.m.
Married Student Social, Aug. 19, 6 p.m.
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"Experiencing God," Thursdays, 5:30 p.m.
 BSU "Celebration," Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m.
 Lunch Bunch, Thursdays, 12 noon
 Marriage videos & discussion groups, Mondays, 8 p.m.
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University of Arkansas, Monticello

Jeff Noble, Director ☎ 501-367-5381

Welcoming Activities:

Wacky Olympics
 Coffee House
 Campus-wide Supper

Ongoing activities:

F.I.R.E. -- weekly worship & Bible study
 Breakfast Club
 Freshman Ministry Program

University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff

Dawson Williams, Director ☎ 501-535-8545

Welcoming Activities:

Freshman Orientation booth and care packages
 Christian Moviethon with free refreshments
 Welcome to campus luncheon and program

Ongoing activities:

Gospel Choir practice, Tuesdays, and performances
 Discipleship Luncheon, Wednesdays
 Gospel Hour Worship, Thursdays
 Bible Study, Thursdays
 Prison and Nursing Home ministries, monthly

University of Central Arkansas

Richard Boyles, Director ☎ Teresa Stephens, Associate ☎ 501-329-5763

Welcoming Activities:

Welcome Party (hamburger cookout, sand volleyball, etc.), Aug. 20

Freshman & Transfer "Breaking Out" Party, Aug. 21, 7 p.m.
 Progressive Supper for freshman & transfer students, Aug. 25

Ongoing activities:

Freshman Family Groups; TBA & LIFE Group; Living in Fellowship
 Lunch Bunch, Wednesdays, 12 noon
 Celebration, Thursdays, 6 p.m.
 Bible studies & discipleship groups, to be announced

University of the Ozarks

Mike Kinsey, Director ☎ 501-754-7754

Welcoming Activities:

Howdy Party, Aug. 24, 6 p.m.

Ongoing Activities:

Noonday, Thursdays, 12 noon, lunch & program
 Bible Study, to be announced
 Priority Singing Ensemble, to be announced
 Spanish Bible study, Fridays, 7 p.m.

Westark Community College

Darrell Ray, Director ☎ 501-782-1219

Ongoing Activities:

Wednesday luncheon, 12 noon
 Weekly Bible studies

Williams Baptist College

Jackie Burton, Director ☎ 501-886-6741

Welcoming Activities:

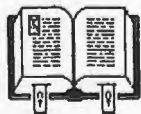
BSU Welcome Party
 Resident Hall Students Reception

Ongoing Activities:

Noondays, Mondays and Tuesdays, 12:30 p.m.
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The Gang!!!

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Training offered for volunteer and part-time church musicians

A one-day training event for volunteer and part-time church musicians will be held Aug. 26 at Williams Baptist College in Walnut Ridge. The Volunteer/Part-Time Music Workshop, sponsored by the Arkansas Baptist State Convention church music ministries department, is for church music leaders and accompanists only.

Department associate Glen Ennes said participating leaders "will gain fresh ideas for creative worship planning."

"This will enhance congregational participation," he emphasized, "and will develop directing skills in both congregational directing and choir directing."

Accompanists, he added, "will receive information to enhance hymn-playing skills for congregational singing and will be exposed to resources in helping select offertories and preludes."

The program will offer several conferences for participants, including: "Music Leader: Planning for Worship," "Organists: Knowing the Instrument," "Pianists: Hymn Playing Expanded," "Leading the Choir"

and "Leading the Congregation."

The faculty will include James Alcock, minister of music for First Church in Hope; Bob Magee, music dean for Williams Baptist College; Kathy Cooper, organist for Second Church in Little Rock; ABSC music department associate Peggy Pearson; and Ennes.

Ennes encouraged participants to bring the following books or purchase them at the workshop book store: *Better Accompaniment Next Sunday*, *Song Leading Made Easy* and *A Guide to Using the Hymnal Creatively*.

The workshop program will begin at 8:45 a.m. and conclude at 3:30 p.m. The cost for the workshop is \$4 per person, which includes lunch.

For more information or to register, contact Ennes at the ABSC church music ministry department offices; phone 501-376-4791, ext. 5121. The registration deadline is Aug. 14.

Ennes noted that a smaller, northwest regional workshop will be held at Lakeview Church in Cave Springs Oct. 7.

Accepting resumes — for full-time pastor. First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 88, Harrisburg, AR 72432.

Part-time youth & music director — Hardy First Church is seeking a part-time youth director and music director. Can be combination or separate. Send resume to Music & Youth Search Committee, FBC, P.O. Box 146, Hardy, AR 72542.

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Retired missionary Ruth Vanderburg dies

Ruth Jane Vanderburg, 72, a retired
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Indonesia, died July 18 as a result of
lymphoma. Vanderburg, a native of Little
Rock, served 31 years as a medical mission-
ary to Indonesia.

While on the mission field she served at
Kediri Baptist Hospital in Kediri, Indonesia,
where she developed the department of
anesthesia and trained anesthetists. She
was the head of the department of nursing,
advising in nursing science and nursing
education. She also worked at the hospital's
outpatient clinic as a nurse practitioner,
worked in the evangelistic outreach of the
hospital, helped start new churches, taught
Sunday School and led home Bible studies.
She also helped set up a new hospital in
Bukittinggi, West Sumatra.

Following her retirement, she worked
at Cornerstone Clinic in Little Rock and
taught a Sunday School class at Little Rock
First Church where she had been a long-
time member. Her memorial services were
held there July 20.

She served the United States Army as a
nurse and served as a captain in a MASH
unit in Korea prior to attending Midwestern
Baptist Theological Seminary.

She is survived by two sisters, Eileen
Kirby and Dr. Kathleen Jones, both of
Little Rock; and nieces and nephews that
include Ben Kirby, a missionary to Bolivia.

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Arkansas River Valley	160.78	349.60
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Bakers Creek-Russellville	1,800.00	646.39
Bluffton-Bluffton	646.39	214.32
Briggsville Second-Danville	214.32	137.74
Calvary-Dardanelle	1,355.92	286.00
Centerville-Centerville	286.00	4,358.96
Crow Mountain-Russellville	4,358.96	17,103.12
Danville First-Danville	13,738.52	3,623.77
Dardanelle First-Dardanelle	11,204.00	442.60
Delaware First-Delaware	1,299.04	1,094.19
Dover-Dover	17,798.36	151.25
East Point-Russellville	1,402.89	1,115.00
Fair Park-Russellville	864.62	50.00
Grace Memorial-Belleville	150.00	2,176.61
Havana-Havana	2,176.61	476.85
Hector First-Hector	1,332.19	615.89
Howell-Atkins	615.89	405.00
Kelley Heights-Russellville	1,997.32	852.00
Knoxville First-Knoxville	2,092.74	2,647.27
London First-London	2,647.27	40.00
Moreland-Russellville	40.00	1,281.75
New Hope-Dardanelle	1,281.75	1,584.93
Dia First-Dia	4,813.77	1,686.15
Plainview First-Plainview	2,426.19	383.08
Pleasant View-Russellville	383.08	651.88
Pottsville-Pottsville	651.88	1,123.45
Rover-Rover	1,123.45	80,366.29
Russellville First	80,366.29	23,016.43
Russellville Second	23,016.43	2,364.33
Scranton First-Scranton	2,364.33	185,696.39
		39,609.50

Arkansas Valley Church	Coop Prog	Designated
Barton-Barton	685.71	87.96
Bethel-Elaine	87.96	24,794.07
Brinkley First-Brinkley	24,794.07	2,322.00
Broadmoor-Brinkley	2,322.00	390.00
Calvary-West Helena	390.00	7,115.07
Clarendon First-Clarendon	7,115.07	13,201.32
Elaine-Elaine	13,201.32	830.00
Friendship-Marianna	830.00	6,347.28
Helena First-Helena	6,347.28	121.05
Holly Grove First Southern	121.05	4,000.00
Hughes First-Hughes	4,000.00	1,010.18
Immanuel-Wabash	1,010.18	710.39
Lambrook First-Lambrook	710.39	3,645.58
Lexa-Lexa	3,645.58	22,146.15
Marianna First-Marianna	22,146.15	8,130.15
Marvell First-Marvell	8,130.15	200.00
Monroe-Monroe	200.00	1,900.00
Moro-Moro	1,900.00	151.29
Petty's Chapel-LaGrange	151.29	27.87
Snow Lake-Snow Lake	27.87	1,337.36
Turner-Turner	1,337.36	600.00
West Acres-West Helena	600.00	10,057.48
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West Helena-West Helena	2,535.06	115,729.51
		54,505.99

Ashley County Church	Coop Prog	Designated
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Community Chapel-Crosssett	81.98	1,838.60
Corinth-Bastrop	1,838.60	94,475.21
Crosssett First-Crosssett	94,475.21	400.10
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Hermitage-Hermitage	5,550.85	27,383.62
Immanuel-Warren	27,383.62	694.51
Ladella-Monticello	694.51	707.38
Macedonia-Warren	707.38	32,436.40
Monticello First	32,436.40	12,697.58
Monticello Second	12,697.58	1,876.44
North Side-Monticello	1,876.44	540.07
Old Union-Monticello	540.07	876.97
Prairie Grove-Hamburg	876.97	1,156.42
Saline-Hermitage	1,156.42	622.88
Southside-Warren	622.88	1,393.46
Union Hill-Hermitage	1,393.46	32,115.05
Warren First-Warren	32,115.05	1,416.82
West Side-Warren	1,416.82	1,961.68
Wilmar-Wilmar	1,961.68	136,238.47
		41,858.32

Big Creek Church	Coop Prog	Designated
County Line-Gepp	24.00	180.00
Elizabeth-Elizabeth	180.00	350.00
Enterprise-Viola	350.00	70.00
Floza-Salem	70.00	751.03
Mammoth Spring First	751.03	612.59
Mount Lebanon-Hardy	612.59	45.00
Mount Zion-Salem	45.00	222.77
Saddle First-Mammoth Spgs	222.77	225.00
Spring River-Hardy	225.00	58.11
Union Hill-Mammoth Spgs	58.11	2,000.00
Viola-Viola	2,000.00	4,538.50
		2,388.94

Black River Church	Coop Prog	Designated
Alicia-Alicia	65.70	125.00
Amagon-Amagon	125.00	324.56
Banks-Mammoth Spring	324.56	

Black River-Hoxie	.00	69.69
Black Rock First-Black Rock	2,558.20	1,630.13
Calvary-Walnut Ridge	1,630.13	300.00
Campbell Station-Diaz	300.00	246.03
Clear Springs-Black Rock	246.03	180.85
Crossroads-Portia	180.85	1,942.00
Diaz-Diaz	1,942.00	1,112.27
Grubbs First-Grubbs	1,112.27	2,579.15
Hoxie First-Hoxie	2,579.15	4,248.77
Imboden First-Imboden	4,248.77	2,207.72
Immanuel-Newport	2,207.72	2,319.97
Jacksonport-Jacksonport	2,319.97	720.77
New Hope #1-Smithville	720.77	1,473.55
New Hope Hardy-Hardy	1,473.55	43,501.86
Newport First-Newport	43,501.86	649.08
Old Walnut Ridge-Wint Rdge	649.08	146.42
Pitts-Cash	146.42	370.00
Ravenden First-Ravenden	370.00	1,411.09
Sedgewick-Sedgewick	1,411.09	250.30
Smithville-Smithville	250.30	621.29
Spring Lake-Williford	621.29	1,104.00
Swifton-Swifton	1,104.00	2,236.78
Tuckerman First-Tuckerman	2,236.78	1,184.26
Walnut Ridge First	1,184.26	300.00
White Oak-Walnut Ridge	300.00	94,744.93
		36,672.41

Buckner Church	Coop Prog	Designated
Abbott-Mansfield	170.56	125.00
Bates-Waldron	125.00	419.39
Boles-Boles	419.39	124.91
Calvary-Booneville	124.91	407.73
Cedar Creek-Waldron	407.73	846.00
Dayton-Mansfield	846.00	440.86
Evensing Shade-Waldron	440.86	2,855.25
Fellowship-Huntington	2,855.25	102.00
Friendship-Mena	102.00	7,891.20
Hartford First-Hartford	7,891.20	1,715.58
Haw Creek-Waldron	1,715.58	381.50
Hon-Waldron	381.50	184.27
Huntington First-Huntington	184.27	2,115.19
James Fork-Mansfield	2,115.19	714.00
Long Ridge-Booneville	714.00	16,216.55
Mansfield First-Mansfield	16,216.55	724.94
New Providence-Hackett	724.94	650.05
Parks-Parks	650.05	615.62
Pleasant Grove #2-Mansfield	615.62	445.86
Pleasant Grove #3-Waldron	445.86	558.68
Rock Creek-Mansfield	558.68	.00
Shiloh-Mena	.00	755.27
Southside-Waldron	755.27	485.35
Temple-Waldron	485.35	2,003.00
Unity-Waldron	2,003.00	2,188.55
Waldron First-Waldron	2,188.55	358.75
West Hartford-Hartford	358.75	1,158.23
Winfield-Waldron	1,158.23	63,638.60
		20,205.20

Buckville Church	Coop Prog	Designated
Rock Springs-Buckville	1,001.14	1,001.14
	1,001.14	112.19

Caddo River Church	Coop Prog	Designated
Amity Second-Amity	120.00	405.80
Big Fork-Mena	405.80	1,857.48
Black Springs-Norman	1,857.48	140.00
Caddo Gap-Bonnerdale	140.00	20.00
Concord-Plainview	20.00	10,535.34
Glennwood First-Glennwood	10,535.34	3,844.68
Lake Ouachita-Mount Ida	3,844.68	200.00
Little Hope-Oden	200.00	458.00
Mount Gilead-Norman	458.00	.00

Western Hills Southern-Fayet	559.00	16.67
Winslow First-Winslow,	1,244.31	605.89
325,836.93	128,962.99	

White River Church	Coop Prog	Designated
Antioch-Flipping,	410.25	262.74
Arkana-Mountain Home,	1,442.00	50.00
Big Flat-Big Flat,	276.03	3.03
Bruno-Everton,	471.19	17.16
Bull Shoals-Bull Shoals,	3,381.78	1,093.49
Cotter First-Cotter,	1,906.99	895.09
East Oakland-Mtn Home,	367.85	93.40
Eastside-Mountain Home,	13,864.83	5,775.67
Flipping First-Flipping,	10,758.06	2,957.86
Gamaliel-Gamaliel,	412.59	109.01
Gassville-Gassville,	4,503.75	3,422.53
Henderson First-Henderson,	3,507.00	930.50
Hill Top-Oakland,	125.00	.00
Hopewell-Mountain Home,	502.77	25.00
Lone Rock-Norfolk,	2,167.01	71.00
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Mountain Home First-Mountain Home,	53,238.35	11,339.74
Cotton Hill,	3,651.03	577.09
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	31,205.77	561,563.59

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	.00	3,615.00
Grand Total	7,811,106.06	3,353,208.56

NATION

WMU expands product line with CBF-related supplements

BIRMINGHAM, AL (BP)—Woman's Missionary Union announced July 12 it will produce "missions education supplements for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

The supplements, according to WMU, will "accompany selected existing WMU materials for churches wanting to study the work of missionaries appointed by the Foreign and Home Mission boards and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship."

The announcement came a week before the CBF's annual General Assembly, July 19-22 in Fort Worth, Texas — and less than a month after the Southern Baptist Convention formally added an affirmation of WMU to the sweeping denominational restructuring adopted June 20 in Atlanta.

WMU's decision to produce the new materials, to be available for every age level by early 1996, follows actions adopted by its executive board in January 1993, one of which states WMU will "produce resources for Southern Baptist groups involved in missions at their request." The board reaffirmed that decision during its June 17 meeting in Atlanta.

WMU executive director Dellanna O'Brien said the decision to publish materials for churches affiliated with the CBF, an organization formed by Baptist moderates in opposition to the SBC's conservative leadership, falls in the same category of WMU production of a Mission Friends product for Korean Baptist churches.

"We are aware that our decision to produce materials in cooperation with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship will concern some Southern Baptists," O'Brien said. "But we hope and pray that all Southern Baptists will see this decision as the fulfillment of our commitment to meet the needs of local Southern Baptist churches."

Morris Chapman, president of the SBC Executive Committee, voiced a different opinion in a July 12 statement: "This announcement is astonishing. In light of WMU's strong appeal to have its loyalty to the SBC recognized in the restructuring report adopted just last month in Atlanta, I am disappointed. The decision of the national WMU leadership to customize materials in support of the work of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship — the (SBC's) most vocal critic — will be regretted throughout the SBC."

O'Brien noted in the announcement that churches wanting the new materials would have to specifically order them. "No church or individual will receive these materials unless requested," she said.

"In addition," she continued, "our magazines, including our new *Missions Mosaic* along with *Dimension*, *Accent*, *Awake*, *Discovery*, *GA World*, *Share* and *Start*, will include information on Foreign and Home Mission board-appointed missionaries only." The supplements, she explained, will be designed to accompany WMU's coed missions education materials.

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Convention Uniform

Crisis encounters

By David Welch, associate pastor,
Geyer Springs First Church,
Little Rock

Basic passage: Isaiah 6

Focal passage: Isaiah 6:1-11

Central truth: Crisis tends to be the crossroads of real encounters with God.

Have you noticed that we rarely hear the mention of God in a legitimate way in the news media until there is a national crisis? Only when we go to war or experience terrible disaster is there suddenly a new call for God. So it was in Judah, 740 years before Christ. King Uzziah died. He had ruled well for nearly 50 years; then his pride brought on a leprosy from God and he died. The nation felt like an unwanted orphan.

■ *It is crisis that leads us to God (v. 1).* Isaiah was devastated. It was as if the nation's father had died. So Isaiah went to the temple — raw, aching and desperate. It is that very quality that always allows us to see and experience God in His fullness.

■ *When we see God clearly, we ache deeply for our own sin (v. 1b-5).* Isaiah saw God's greatness — His awesome glory filled the temple along with angels all around, declaring God's holiness. His presence was so awesome that it shook the temple! And Isaiah's spirit was so shaken that he officially declared himself doomed by using "woe." When he saw God, his utter sinfulness caused him to cry out, "I am ruined," meaning "torn apart" (v. 5). He felt that he was coming apart at the seams. That is what a real encounter with God will do.

■ *Desperate confession of sin brings a searing cleansing (v. 6-7).* This was not casual confession of insignificant sin. God initiated the process by taking a red hot coal from the altar and touching the prophet's most sensitive and sinful part — his lips. Instantly, and for the first time in this passage, he heard the voice of God. Only in a cleansed condition could he hear God speak.

■ *Real cleansing brings an eager willingness to work (v. 8-11).* God asked, "Who will go with me?" (v. 8) and before Isaiah knew the task, he rapidly responded. That no one would listen meant nothing to him. Success is not the issue with an obedient heart, only faithfulness. For Isaiah, faithfulness meant 52 years of ministry, then he died — how long does it mean for you?

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Life and Work

Change spiritual clothes

By David Napier, associate pastor,
Immanuel Church, Little Rock
Basic passage: Colossians 3:5-16
Focal passage: Colossians 3:5, 12-13
Central truth: To be part of God's elect, we must put off earthly characteristics and put on Christ-like qualities.

A church congregation will applaud a pastor when he preaches grace, but squirm and complain when he condemns specific sins in what is called "negative preaching."

Paul attacked specific sins in the Colossian church with a little negative preaching. Paul realized that admonitions regarding negative characteristics come from positive truths found in the gospel. A doctor would be foolish to try to remove a tumor with conversations about positive health. Surgery is necessary before proper health can be restored. So it is with Christians.

Before we can put on the garments of God's elect (v. 12), we must remove the earthly characteristics that bind us. Paul named sins that need to be removed from the life of Christians. Many people don't like it when specific sins are named. They say that all sin is evil. This is true. However, it was never Paul's intention to compile a comprehensive list of all sins, just those that seemed to stunt growth at Colosse.

He began by listing sensual sins: fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, passion, evil desires and covetousness. Then he named sins that result from unbridled emotions: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy and filthy communication.

At first glance, we think that such evil is certainly not a part of our lives. Yet with closer examination, we can see that these sins hold us back today. The sins Paul attacked run rampant in our society today. And think how often we see anger, wrath, malice and blasphemy against one another, even in our church family. Paul said we must remove these earthly clothes and put on the garments of mercy, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering, support and forgiveness if we are to be part of God's elect. Most important is to practice love for one another which is the "bond of perfection" (v. 14). Verses 15 and 16 say we can know the old has been removed and the new put on because we will find the "peace of God" in our hearts and thanksgiving in our worship.

Examine your life. Is love the cornerstone of your life? If not, perhaps it's time for a change of spiritual clothing.

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Bible Book

Judging the nations

By Marty Watson, pastor,
Baring Cross Church,
North Little Rock
Basic passage: Ezekiel 25:1-32:32
Focal passage: Ezekiel 25:1-17
Central truth: God's judgment of sin applies to all nations.

This section of Ezekiel contains a series of judgments against the nations surrounding Israel. It is similar to the prophecies against the nations contained in the books of Isaiah, Jeremiah and Amos. The nations mentioned are Ammon (vv. 25:1-7), Moab (vv. 25:8-11), Edom (vv. 25:12-14), Philistia (vv. 25:15-17), Tyre (vv. 26:1-28:19), Sidon (vv. 28:20-29) and Egypt (vv. 29:1-32:32).

Each of the prophecies against the nations is similar in structure. Ezekiel began by identifying the nation to be judged. He then outlines the particular sins of that nation and describes the specific judgment that each nation will endure. The prophecies are a warning and a reminder that any nation that would oppose the living God and His people will be judged. This dual opposition was seen in the general idolatry and ungodly pride of the nations as well as their part in the destruction of Jerusalem.

The Ammonites, for instance, were accused of delighting in the destruction of the temple and the eventual fall of Jerusalem (v. 25:3). The Moabites were accused of mocking Israel by denying that she was the chosen nation of God (v. 25:8). The Edomites were accused of "taking vengeance" against Judah (v. 25:12), while the Philistines are accused of taking "vengeance with a spiteful heart" (v. 25:15).

The particular judgments against these nations were in accordance with their sin. Ammon would experience foreign occupation. Moab would find itself wiped from the face of the earth. Edom would become desolate and Philistia would experience the "furious rebukes" of the Lord (v. 25:17).

The final similarity in each of the prophecies against the nations concerned their recognition of God. Each nation had chosen to rebel against God, belittle His people and follow after idols. God declared that each nation would "know that I am God" because of His judgment of their sin (vv. 25:5, 11, 14, 17).

The lesson for our nation today is sobering. We will know that God is God because we have faithfully followed Him or will know that He is God because of His judgment. Pray that we will turn to God in repentance before it is too late.

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Convention Uniform

Lip service faith

By David Welch, associate pastor,
Geyer Springs First Church,
Little Rock
Basic passage: Isaiah 7; II Kings 16
Focal passage: Isaiah 7:1-12
Central truth: Our faith is merely
lip service if it doesn't survive the
crucible of crisis.

Lip service: service with words only, insincere profession of devotion or good will. Example: Ahaz, King of Judah (736-716 B.C.). Look at how an insincere faith responds in the crucible of crisis.

■ *Lip service faith is exposed when crisis comes* (v. 7:2). The sudden attack of the military alliance of Israel and Aram frightened Ahaz so badly that he shook like a tree in the wind. In fact, the first message of the prophet to him was to be calm and don't fear (v. 4). But Ahaz went about making his own plans rather than seeking God's intervention. It sounds like our first response to crisis many times. Our first response should be prayer for protection (Phil. 4:6-7).

■ *Lip service faith is characterized by insincere response* (vv. 7:11-12). Isaiah clearly assured Ahaz that the enemy alliance would fall if he would trust the Lord (v. 7:7). He even gave Ahaz the privilege of asking for any sign from heaven and God would respond with convincing proof of His protection. Ahaz refused! He responded with some hypocritical, pious-sounding verbiage about not putting God to the test.

It was all a cloak for his unwillingness to trust God. Lip service faith prefers to do it alone. Ahaz was already making an alliance with Assyria to protect himself (I Kings 16). He took the assurance of Assyria over that of the almighty, eternal God of the universe. So do we — when we trust others or ourselves with the important issues of our lives, rather than trusting God for our well-being.

■ *Lip service faith ultimately and utterly fails* (v. 7:9). Verse 9 states, "...if you will not believe, you surely shall not last!" The kingdom of Ahaz became a slave to Assyria and the strength of Judah was lost forever. In 586, Babylonia laid siege and utterly destroyed the Old Testament kingdom of Judah because of the failure of Ahaz to sincerely trust God. The same is true in our personal lives — if we do not believe, we surely shall not last!

Life and Work

Living for Jesus

By David Napier, associate pastor,
Immanuel Church, Little Rock
Basic passage: Colossians 3:17-4:6
Focal passage: Colossians 3:17
Central truth: All that we do, be it
relationships, speech or work,
should be done to honor Christ.

I can well remember as a young boy, Sunday School teachers telling me that I should always behave because "God was watching me." The implication was that we can't get away with anything because God is there to "police" us. Paul took the motivation for proper behavior to a more mature level. He said that the words and deeds of mature Christians should be done to honor Christ (v. 17). Rather than behaving out of fear of retribution, we should consider it a privilege to live with the name Christian. Paul then gave specific ways to honor God through relationships, vocation and actions.

■ Verse 18 is perhaps one of the most misused passages in the Bible. Many use this idea of submission to imply that wives should be "subjugated" below their husbands. This was not what Paul intended. It is wrong to focus only on verse 18 without a clear understanding of verse 19. Our God is a God of order. His role for the husband is to be the head of his home. Headship is not to be equated with dictatorship. Husbands and wives are to mutually respect one another in the love of God.

■ Verses 20-21 demonstrate how children and parents can relate in a way that is honoring to God. As parents, we usually do a good job of insisting that children comply with verse 20. However, we often neglect our responsibility to be patient with them as found in verse 21. Our family relationships will honor God if they are based on love and patience.

■ In verses 22-23 Paul exhorted us to be faithful workers. We don't have slaves in our society but we should strive for excellence in our jobs to honor God. We should honor Christ and our bosses, obey orders and be the best worker on the job. In doing this, God is honored.

Paul closed by encouraging us to walk and talk with grace among one another. Warren Wiersbe has said that with "grace in our hearts and on our lips, we will be faithful witnesses, not judges or prosecuting attorneys." We need to be on guard against harsh, judgmental attitudes that seem so prevalent among Christians today.

Bible Book

The true shepherd

By Marty Watson, pastor,
Barry Cross Church,
North Little Rock
Basic passage: Ezekiel 33:1-36:15
Focal passage: Ezekiel 34:1-31
Central truth: The Lord is the one,
true shepherd.

The Lord employed the wonderful imagery of sheep and shepherd to convey His message in this passage. He recounted the failure of the shepherds of Israel. Charged with the spiritual well-being of the people, the shepherds of Israel had "fed themselves" while ignoring the flock, ignoring the weak, sick, broken and the lost and had dealt cruelly with those they had ruled (v. 34:1-4). The result was that the sheep were scattered because they had no shepherd to lead them.

Because of the failure of the shepherds, God declared that He would "search for His sheep and seek them out" (v. 34:11), that He would "deliver them from all the places where they were scattered on a cloudy and dark day" (v. 34:12) and that He would "feed My flock and...make them lie down" (v. 34:15). He further declared that He will "bind up the broken and strengthen what was sick" (v. 34:16). He would see that His sheep receive fair judgment. Where the former shepherds had taken advantage of the sheep, God would see that His sheep would "no longer be a prey" (v. 34:22). He finally promised Israel that they would have "one shepherd over them and he shall feed them — My servant David" (v. 34:23).

God then issued a "covenant of peace" with Israel (v. 34:25). There would be peace between God and His people, there would be ample provision for their needs, and there would be assurance for them. "Thus they shall know that I, the Lord their God, am with them, and they, the house of Israel, are My people" (v. 34:30).

The emphasis of this passage is God's promise to be personally involved in the lives of His people. He desires to have a personal relationship with each of us. This He does through His son, Jesus.

The psalmist said, "The Lord is my Shepherd" (Psalm 23:1). Jesus said, "I am the good Shepherd. The good Shepherd gives His life for the sheep" (John 10:11). There is only one shepherd. In our world people are looking everywhere for something to comfort and encourage. Let us introduce them to the Shepherd...God's only Son, Jesus!

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Bulgarian orphanage project gains council approval

SOPIA, BULGARIA (ABP) — Construction of a Baptist orphanage will proceed following a July 12 vote by the Sofia, Bulgaria, city council, reversing an earlier decree that stalled the project.

A Baptist leader attributed the 56-1 vote approving most elements of the project to international pressure. Theo Angelov, president of the Baptist Union of Bulgaria, credited "the prayers and the support of our brothers and sisters in the Baptist world" for the reversal by the city council.

In February, the council rejected the project, citing "negative effects" the Baptists would have on citizens, especially children, should the orphanage be built. Work on the project ceased and the council stated its intent to reclaim possession of the property.

After news of the rejection spread, "perhaps hundreds of protest letters" from Baptists all over the world asked the mayor of Sofia to reconsider the project, Angelov said. The foreign affairs offices of some European governments and Bulgarian embassies around the world also were asked to intervene.

The council approved a revised plan that scaled down the original project from 17,000 square meters to 12,000 square meters. The revision also eliminated a Bible school and a church that were included in original plans. Baptists in Sofia remain hopeful that a church building might be added to the site in the future.

Penn/Jersey board charges 'abuse' of SBC nominations

NASHVILLE, TN (BP)—The Pennsylvania/South Jersey convention's executive board has charged "abuse" of the trustee election process at the June Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting and has called for SBC officials to "speak out against this abuse and confront those responsible for propagating it."

A member of the SBC Committee on Nominations, however, said the nominations followed the guidelines of the committee as well as the SBC constitution and bylaws.

The criticism from the Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania/South Jersey came in the form of a resolution adopted by its executive board July 7. A letter, signed by the state convention president, Jerry Cowan, and the president of the executive board, Ray Wise, accompanied the resolution, both sent to SBC Executive Committee president Morris H. Chapman, Bob Hutcherson, chairman of the SBC Committee on Nominations and SBC president Jim Henry.

The resolution charged there was outside intervention in the nomination process for the state's SBC Executive Committee representative and circumvention of the nomination process in a vacancy for the board of trustees of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary. Chapman told Baptist Press he is in the process of reviewing the matter with Penn/South Jersey convention executive director David C. Waltz.

Richard Carnes named first WMU Foundation president

BIRMINGHAM, AL (BP)—Richard Carnes, president of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation since 1988, has been named as the first president of the Woman's Missionary Union Foundation. He will assume the new position Sept. 1.

The WMU Foundation, an independent corporation governed by its own board of trustees, was created to strengthen the ministry of Woman's Missionary Union. WMU's executive board voted in January to begin the foundation to support national missions projects of WMU, to provide contingency funds for its own operations and WMU work within the states, and to assure the financial security of WMU into the future.

Under Carnes' leadership, the WMU Foundation will assume the management of more than \$2 million in WMU assets, including the Second Century and Vision Funds, and various WMU scholarships. A native of Alabama, Carnes is a graduate of Samford University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Southern Seminary vice president accepts Virginia post

LOUISVILLE, KY (BP)—Thomas F. Mabe, a vice president at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary since 1987, has resigned to become director of development at Virginia Baptist Homes, based in Culpeper.

Mabe has led the Louisville, Ky., seminary's division of institutional advancement, which includes development, public relations and alumni services. After his resignation becomes effective July 31, he will continue serving the seminary as a consultant.

Prior to joining the seminary staff, Mabe, a native of Virginia, was vice president of the Baptist Medical Center in Kansas City, Mo. He also has been director of development and denominational relations for Virginia Baptist Hospital in Lynchburg, executive director of the Lynchburg Baptist Association and a Virginia pastor. Mabe is a graduate of the University of Richmond and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

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