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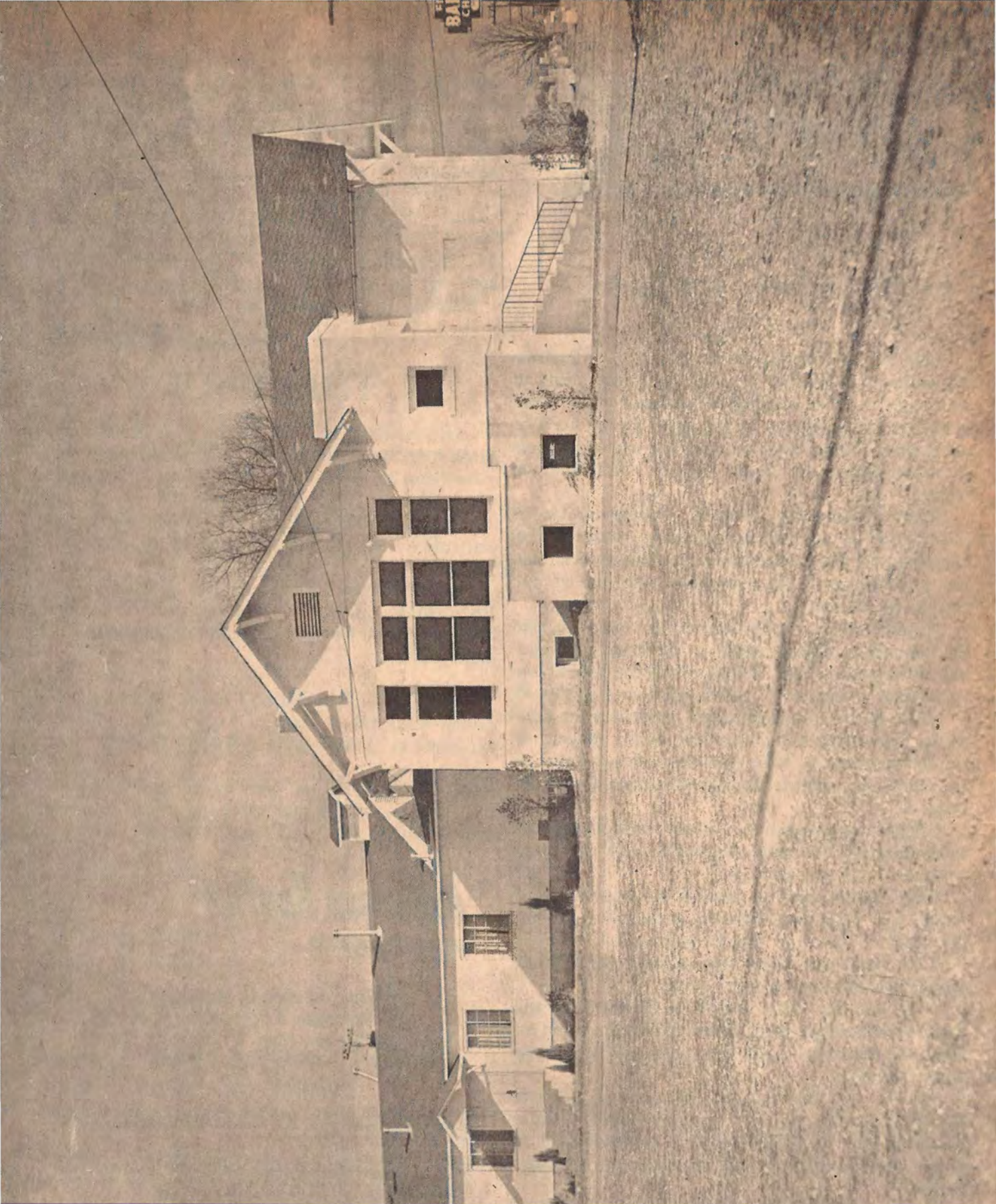
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Personally speaking



The man we want

One of our regular readers—F. G. Dodson, formerly of Arkansas but now for many years of Morenci, Ariz.—realizing first-hand the great room for improvement in the stuff we fill up with each week, sends some interesting material from a recent column by Louis Cassels, UPI Religion writer.

First Community Church, Columbus, O., is looking for a new senior minister, reports Mr. Cassels, and the pastoral search committee is having a hard time finding someone who can be “all things to all men.”

A part of the complication, it seems, is that the committee “finds itself in the middle of considerable pulling and hauling from the liberal and conservative factions” which exist in the church.

Walt Seifert, a journalism professor at Ohio State University and a member of the church, recently wrote some tongue-in-cheek suggestions to the committee, which Mr. Cassels shared with his readers:

“The man you select,” wrote Seifert, “should be moderately dynamic, charismatically calm, and progressively conservative.

“He should agree to handle all baptisms, weddings, sick calls and funerals personally—freeing his staff to monitor the switchboard.

“He must not take any position that might jeopardize the annual fund drive. . .

“He and his wife should be teetotalers who hold their martinis well. Their children should relate cooperatively to all peer groups. Their dogs must like cats.

“Above all, the man you recommend must be a flexible fellow, equipped with a multi-dimensional mind and a forked tongue—programmed to please all elements in our passionately polarized parish.”

It was further suggested that the minister “instruct all conservatives to take seats on the right side and all liberals on the left of the sanctuary. A velvet curtain would be drawn down the middle, so the right ‘won’t know what the left is do-

ing.’”

The preacher would proceed to preach two different sermons. To those on the right he would preach on some topic such as “Christ’s Concern for Law and Order,” “Perils of Pornography,” “Our Revolting Youth,” or “Our Spineless Intellectuals.” To those on the left, he would preach on “Civil Disobedience,” “Situation Ethics,” “Police Brutality,” or “The Relevance of Riots.” The service would conclude with those on the right singing “Faith of Our Fathers” and those on the left, “We Shall Overcome.”

Thanks, F. G., Louis, and Walt!

Erwin L. McDonald

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ARKANSAS GIFTS to the Cooperative program were up in the month of September, as were gifts from 12 other state conventions. See page 4.

DECATUR FIRST CHURCH will observe its centennial Oct. 26. See the cover story on page 5.

ARKANSAS TECH will be getting a new BSU building now that building committee members have been chosen. Read the announcement of page 10.

BAPTIST FAMILIES have “adopted” 55 college students. A story of page 9 tells about this program at Arkadelphia’s Second Church.

THE SERIES on extremism continues with the third article, found on page 13. It explores similarities of the “left” and “right” extremes.

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The church and human needs

The main reason for the existence of the church is to minister to human needs—spiritual, to be sure, but also physical, mental, emotional, etc.

Speaking recently to a meeting of Southern Baptist Convention executives at Cedarmore, Ky., Wayne Dehoney, pastor of Walnut Street Church, Louisville, recalled looking from his pulpit at the choir, and then at the congregation of his church, and seeing these human needs:

In the choir:

A parent who lives in a \$100,000 home and whose teenager recently attempted suicide;

An electrician disabled in an accident and now existing on heavy dosage of drugs, who was picked up by police recently and charged with drunken driving because his injury has left him with speech difficulty and slowness of physical response;

A professional man whose college son has become a hippie and has dropped out of two institutions;

An insurance executive whose wife has left him and become a religious fanatic with a faith-healing group;

The wife of a minister who is in a state hospital for incurables, left to support herself and a teenage son;

A physician whose wife and daughter perished in a fire in their home last year;

A foreign student engaged to an American girl and facing all kinds of tensions and hostilities.

In the congregation:

An 18-year-old go-go dancer from the Rooster Tail Bar, recently converted and trying to start a new life;

Cherokee, the motorcyclist who rode with a gang in Indiana until he was converted in one of the Walnut Street Church's gymnasium meetings;

An alcoholic—brother of an athletic director of a Baptist college—who drifted in off the street and is now doing minimum janitorial work while the church tries to help rehabilitate him;

An epileptic mother and her 14-year-old daughter;

An elderly couple who were evicted from their apartment just down the street from the church and who asked, "Can I come and live with you?";

"Salesmen, schoolteachers, young people—bearing burdens I cannot imagine."

What are your needs—what are the needs of the people in your church—in your church community? What are you and your church doing to meet these needs?

Whatever the church does for people, it must bring them to the One whose standing invitation is, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden. . . ."

On changing churches

The main reason Baptists leave their own denomination to join churches of different denominations is marital rather than theological.

This was discovered in a Southern Baptist Sunday School Board survey conducted recently, in which 1,905 persons were contacted. Of the 764 workable replies, 554 were from "new Baptists" who formerly had been members of other denominations, and 210 were from former Baptists who have now joined other denominations.

A total of 45.2 per cent of the former Baptists indicated they had changed their denominational affiliation in order to be in the same church as the husband or wife. On the other hand, the reason given by most new Baptists for becoming Baptists was that "Baptist beliefs are more biblically accurate." A total of 36.3 per cent cited this reason. But a third of the new Baptists indicated they changed for the marital reason.

Of the former Baptists, 11.4 per cent indicated that they felt that Baptist beliefs were less biblically accurate than those of the churches they joined.

More convenient location was given as the reason for change by 11.9 per cent of the former Baptists and 19 per cent of the new Baptists; and circumstantial reasons were listed by 10.5 per cent of the former Baptists and 4.9 per cent of the new Baptists.

COMING NEXT WEEK

Next week's issue of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* will carry an honor roll of Arkansas Baptist Convention churches, listing the top 25 churches in amounts given through the Cooperative Program and the top 25 churches according to per capita giving.

Watch that image!

BY DR. CHARLES H. ASHCRAFT
Executive Secretary
Arkansas Baptist State Convention

It is easy to be labeled or branded these days. Some have made a career of analyzing others and branding them accordingly.

In earlier days it was the favorite indoor sport of some to list all the clergy as to their position on the millennium question. Today self-styled, self-appointed consultants are busy analyzing the preachers into categories such as liberal, conservative, fundamental, and ultra-conservative. This they do without solicitation or fee.

Many of us would prefer to issue our own appraisal of what we are; however, we cannot be absolved of responsibility in the creation of the image we bear. "Let not then your good be evil spoken of" (Rom. 14:16) is a statement laying the responsibility upon us for how we look to the public. Our image is created by our behavior, conversation, deeds, and disposition. To say, "I

don't care what people think about me", is not the best way to enhance our witness nor improve our image. To say, "I always say what I think", is a sure way to jail as well as to negate our testimony.

What people think of us can destroy our chances of superior Christian service. Whatever dims, diminishes, or destroys our witness for Christ is wrong whether it is eating meat, talking too much, being late for work, smoking, or dealing too casually with divine revelation. We are not to allow a gainsaying world the delight of distorting our image, maligning our character or misunderstanding our theological stance. We are responsible for how people see us and how they see us determines how much we can help them. Best we examine closely—our image and what we really are may not be far apart.

I must say it!

U. S. Church property worth \$102 billion

NEW YORK—Congregations in the United States own approximately \$102 billion worth of real estate, says a report by UPI.

Religion Editor Louis Cassels admitted the figure is an estimate, but is the one arrived at in a study by Martin A. Larson and C. Stanley Lowell.

An "edifice complex" was seen in contemporary Christianity which is in stark contrast to the example of the early church. During that first dynamic 100 years the church was apparently too busy spreading the gospel to worry about building programs.

There can be seen across the land evidence of a revolt as congregations are meeting simply in homes and rented halls to carry on their programs. They are pioneers of a new trend in American religious life, attempting to pattern their service after the Saviour who teaches yet through the Holy Scriptures. (EP)

Church to get money

LOUISVILLE—Walnut Street Church here has been named the ultimate beneficiary of a \$72,800 trust fund set up by the late Mrs. Louis R. Jones, but it may be a decade or more before the church gets anything.

Mrs. Jones, 81, died in December of 1967, without any survivors. That is, without any "human" survivors. She had three dogs, named Boo, Dolly, and Skippy. The trust fund goes first for "the care and maintenance" of the three dogs during their lifetime. All three are in "excellent health," reported the veterinarian at the animal hospital where the dogs are housed. (BP)

State SBC giving up 6.3 pct for first 9 months of 1969

Arkansas Baptist State Convention is one of 13 state conventions showing an increase in Southern Baptist gifts to the Cooperative Program for the month of September.

According to a report from the office of Porter Routh, executive secretary of the SBC Executive Committee, Nashville, the Arkansas Convention gave \$73,658 through the Cooperative Program last month. This compares with \$68,494 for September a year ago and represents an increase of 7.54 percent.

In designated gifts, the Arkansas Convention showed a 16.9 percent increase for September, with a total of \$2,591 as compared with \$2,216 a year ago. Ten other states gave more in September this year in this category than they gave in September 1968.

For the first nine months this year—January through September—the Arkansas Convention gave for all SBC causes, including the Cooperative Program and designated gifts, \$1,213,340, as compared with \$1,141,325 last year. This represents an increase of \$72,015 over the similar period for last year, or an increase of 6.3 percent.

Baptists of Arkansas show increases in the total of their giving to each of two special mission offerings for the first nine months of 1969. The total for the Lottie Moon offering is \$422,764 as compared with \$395,710 for the comparable period of 1968.

So far this year, through September, total Arkansas gifts to the Annie Armstrong offering are \$122,538 as compared with \$120,480 for the first nine months of last year.

Not included in these figures are the gifts that went to Arkansas Convention causes. Total gifts to all causes, including the Arkansas Convention, reached \$1,831,103.31 as of Oct. 1. This is a 1.9 percent increase over the total for all causes for the corresponding period of 1968.

In 1967, a total of \$135,000 from the advance section of the Cooperative Program has been set aside to assist churches and communities which are severely affected by disaster.

Bible workshop set

A January Bible study workshop will be held at Ouachita University Dec. 9.

The book of James will be the subject of the Workshop. Included in the topics will be the historical introduction, teaching aids, exegesis, and exposition.

Participating in the program will be Donald Seward, interim president; James Berryman, acting vice president for academics and chairman of the department of philosophy; George Blackmon, professor of religion; Raymond Coppenger, professor of religion and philosophy; Robert Stagg, associate professor of religion; Cecil Sutley, professor of religion; and Vester Wolber, chairman of the division of religion and philosophy.

R. Wilbur Herring returns to state

R. Wilbur Herring has accepted the pastorate of Central Church, Jonesboro, effective Oct. 15. Dr. Herring served the Jonesboro church as pastor from Sept. 15, 1952, to July 1, 1958. During this period the church enjoyed phenomenal growth, almost tripling in membership. From Jonesboro he went to the pastorate of North Jacksonville Church, Jacksonville, Fla., which he saw grow from a membership of 1800 to 2900.



DR. HERRING

During the past two years, Dr. Herring has served as pastor of First Church of Chamblee, Ga., in metropolitan Atlanta. There have been 692 new members added to the church for the two years, 249 by baptism.

Dr. Herring is a graduate of the School of Law of the University of Arkansas. He has done additional work at Stanford University and Southwestern Seminary. In 1963 he was awarded the doctor of divinity degree by John Brown University.

He has been active in Baptist education, having served as president of the San Marcos Baptist Academy, San Marcos, Tex.; president of the board of trustees of Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge; and was a member of the founding board of Florida Junior College, Jacksonville. In his pastorates he has worked with college students.

Dr. Herring has served in various state and associational positions. Presently he is a member of the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, Ft. Worth, Tex. During his first pastorate in Jonesboro, he served as president of the Ministerial Alliance, moderator of the Mt. Zion Association, and was a member of the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist Convention.

Before entering the ministry in Dallas, Tex., Dr. Herring was a finance specialist with the Reconstruction Finance Corporation of the Federal Government. He was ordained a deacon in Park Cities Church, Dallas, in 1942 and was ordained as a minister by Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock in 1947.

The Herrings have traveled extensively, visiting Canada, Mexico, Europe, and the Bible lands.

Dr. Herring is listed in *Who's Who in the South and Southwest (1970)*.

The cover:



Decatur First Church sets centennial observance

First Church, Decatur, will observe its 100th anniversary on Sunday, Oct. 26, with regular worship services at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., a dinner-on-the-grounds at noon, and a special afternoon service at 1:30.

John Terry, of the faculty of John Brown University, Siloam Springs, who has served as pastor of the church at two different times, is now interim pastor. He will preach at the regular services and Gene Box, pastor of First Church, Gravette, who was ordained by the Decatur church, will speak at the afternoon service.

Lake Village pastor presents concerts

On the invitation of the Executive Committee of the Nebraska Baptist Fellowship, Pastor Perry Blount of First Church, Lake Village, presented a series of sacred concerts in Nebraska during the month of September.

Reports R. Rex Lindsay, Omaha, superintendent of missions for Nebraska Baptist Associations:

"In 15 days, Brother Blount sang for more than 1,700 people—in churches,

He is married to the former Mary Elizabeth Taul of Little Rock. They have two children, Dr. William Taul Herring, Memphis, Tenn., and Mrs. Bob Harrison, Jonesboro.

private homes, and homes for the aged. From the ghettos of Omaha to the ranchers of Valentine he sang of his personal experience with Christ. Everywhere people were moved to a deeper commitment of their own to the Lord."

Objectives of the tour, according to Mr. Lindsay, were: "to bring inspiration to the people and to give public exposure to the people called Southern Baptists."

The history of the church is just being completed by Mrs. Raymond Peek and Mrs. Don Bredehoeft and will be printed by John Brown University. Highlights from the history will be given at the afternoon service.

The history is dedicated to Mrs. Peek's father, the late J. A. Scoggins, who served the longest pastorate in the history of the church, the 40-year period from 1908 to 1948.

All former pastors, former members, and friends of the church are invited to attend.

Plans are already being worked out for a return engagement by Mr. Blount next fall.

TV takes Pine Bluff church to community

BY BETTY KENNEDY

A Baptist congregation whose Sunday morning services are televised to a large part of the state of Arkansas might be expected to make a production of the worship hour.

Not so, says John H. McClanahan, pastor of First Church, Pine Bluff. "We just have church." Dr. McClanahan leads services which are broadcast over KATV at 11 a.m. each Sunday. He seldom mentions the fact that television cameras owned by the church are recording the proceedings, and that the sounds and images are being broadcast to about 50 per cent of the viewers in the area at that particular time.

First Church has been televising their services since the first Sunday in June, 1964, eight months after the action was recommended to the congregation. The church put up an initial investment of \$25,000 to purchase re-conditioned equipment, so that church members could operate it and avoid having television people in the church during the services.

Six high school boys—two seniors, two juniors, and two sophomores—are camera operators. The seniors do most of the work while the others are a back-up crew in training. Members of the church's television committee work with monitoring equipment in the audio and video rooms.

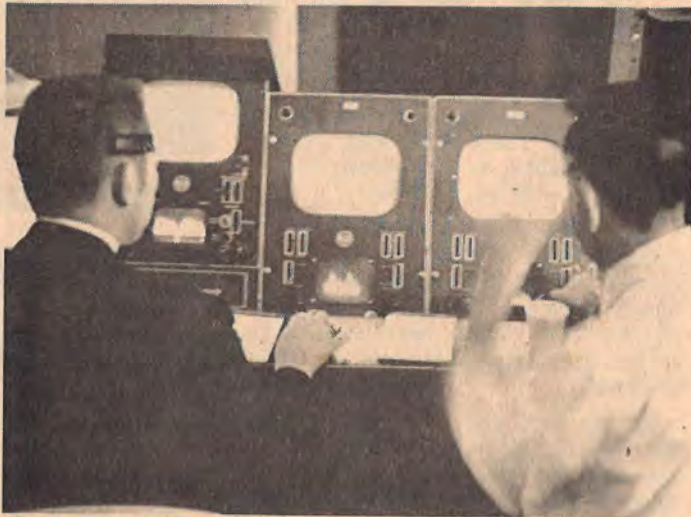
The church signs a contract each year with KATV to broadcast the services via their tower at Redfield. Financing comes through a TV item separate from the budget which provides about three-fourths of the funds needed. Another one-fourth is provided from the church budget. Dr. McClanahan estimates that about \$1,200 per year is contributed by viewers, completely unsolicited.

The pastor noted that he receives many letters from the central Arkansas area viewers, and explained that he has gotten them from as far away as Clarksdale, Miss., where a Catholic teaching nun and her teachers watch regularly. He also receives letters from Jewish viewers, Negro viewers, and lots of travellers. People write to tell of conversions as a result of the program, or of church drop-outs who have returned to being active as a product of the TV ministry.

Dr. McClanahan feels that the broadcasts are a very valid ministry. (The services are on radio, also.) He said that the church had always been



HIGH SCHOOL senior Bill Cromer readies his camera for the day's broadcast.



DON MILAM, TV committee chairman, and Carol Renfrow monitor the video portion of the broadcast.



DR. PERRY WEBB, a former pastor who was president for Founder's Day, Oct. 5, is introduced by Dr. McClanahan.



very missions-minded, and cited the fact that 18 other churches in the area were once missions of First Church. But, he feels that there is nothing he has ever done as a missions ministry that has "gotten the church to the people so well." And the Nielsen rating of 14,000 viewers backs him up.

DR. MCCLANAHAN'S welcome to the viewers, unheard by the congregation, is the only indication the service is being broadcast.

Deaths

Alfred Featherston

Alfred Featherston, 69, Murfreesboro, died Oct. 9. He was an attorney and abstractor and a former state senator from Clark and Pike Counties.

Born at Huntington, Tenn., he attended high school at Murfreesboro and completed law school at Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tenn., at the age of 17. He did post-graduate work at Valparaiso University, Louisiana State University, and Ouachita University.

He began his law practice at the age of 21 and practiced law at Delight for 10 years. He was elected state senator in 1935 and served two terms.

Mr. Featherston was chairman of deacons of First Church, Murfreesboro.

He was a World War I veteran and a member of the American Legion, the Murfreesboro Lions Club and the Southwest Arkansas, Arkansas and American Bar Associations.

In 1967, he toured Vietnam with other members of the Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Frances Buster Featherston; two sons, Charles E. Featherston, Mount Ida, and Jimmy L. Featherston, Murfreesboro; a daughter, Mrs. Sonny O'Neal, Utah; a brother, Gregg Featherston, Murfreesboro; and a sister, Mrs. Portia Winford of Louisiana, and 12 grandchildren.

Ouachita downs A&M

ARKADELPHIA—Ouachita quarterback Barry Bennett connected with

Doug Freeze in the end zone with 2:35 left in the first quarter for the only touchdown of the game to lead the Tigers to a 10-3 victory over the Arkansas A&M Boll Weevils here Oct. 11.

David Easley started the Tigers on their way to the score when he recovered an A&M fumble on the Ouachita 39. Ouachita started there and Bennett threw to Jim Gilbert on a play that took the Tigers to the A&M 12. That set up the TD play, and Bruce Efrid booted the conversion for a 7-0 lead.

The next Ouachita drive began when Charles Hesse intercepted a Gary Tate pass on the A&M 40 and returned it to the 10. But the Boll Weevils held and Ouachita settled for a field goal, with Efrid doing the honors from 20 yards out.

A&M threatened late in the game by moving the ball as close as the Ouachita 30 before penalties moved the Boll Weevils back to the 49. Cliff Harris then intercepted one of Tate's passes to kill the rally and insure a Ouachita victory.

Cunningham led all rushers for Ouachita with 158 yards in 31 carries, while Jim Gilbert was the top rusher for A&M with 32 yards in two carries.

BULLETIN

North Little Rock—Forty-four-year-old entrepreneur George E. Brown has bought the First Baptist Church property here at Fourth and Poplar streets as the church prepares to move soon to its new plant in Lakewood. Mr. Brown would not say how much he paid for the property, which, he said, had undergone \$315,000 in remodeling in the last few years.

Until the congregation moves, it will pay Brown \$1,700 rent per month.

The operator of 17 businesses already Brown is not sure what he will do with his new acquisition if he is not able to sell it to somebody else. But he says he has thought of about 15 possibilities for the property's use, if he has to keep it. He seems most inclined, however to turning the building, with its auditorium that seats 1,100, into a hotel, a barber college, a nursing home, or a funeral home.

Bill Crumpler

'Like God, and so forth'

On March 31

at 10:47 a.m.

in the year 10 gillion A. D.

Some wise professor was lecturing to an almost-as-wise philosophy class. . .

And he said:

"It's the inner fear of facing reality that drives Man to create myths like god, and so forth. . ."

And also on March 31

at 1:09 p.m.

in the year 10 gillion A. D.

Some scientist was lecturing to a science class at U. C. L. A.

And he said:

"It's the ignorance of physical and bio-chemical facts That drives man to create myths like god, and so forth. . ."

And also on March 31

at 11:00 p.m.

in the year 10 gillion A. D.

Every single person was so tired of either saying or hearing "like-god-and-so-forth" speeches that they all went to bed and fell fast asleep. . .

But then. . . on April 1, at 12:01 a.m., in the year 10 gillion A. D. . . Everything started blowing up and blazing up and tearing up,

And every single person said:

It's a terrible eqrthquake!

It's a nuclear war!

It's hell!

. . . but it was just God, and so forth.

Trinity, Texarkana dedicates building

Trinity Church, Texarkana, dedicated its new \$95,000 auditorium last Sunday. Ed F. McDonald Jr., secretary of Arkansas Baptist Foundation, was guest speaker.

The modern, buff brick building, with approximately 11,500 square feet of floor space, has a seating capacity of 390. The main area seats 350 and the choir section 40.

The auditorium has direct and indirect lighting, a cathedral ceiling with exposed laminated beams; dark walnut pews upholstered in antique gold velvet; and floor of gold-flecked carpeting.

The new structure joins the educational building. It includes 15 Sunday School rooms, ultra-modern nursery, choir room, pastor's study, secretary's office, and four dressing rooms for baptismal services and baptistry.

It is topped by a 21-foot steeple and has a sheltered drive for nursery entrance.

Contractor was J. D. (Buddy) Ousley, Texarkana, Tex. Leo Hughes is pastor.

Personnel changes at Children's Home

Maurice Caldwell, executive director of the Arkansas Baptist Home for Children, has announced a number of changes in staff. Most of the changes were prompted by resignation while others involved a shifting of responsibility, Caldwell said.

Mrs. Vivian Peacock has been promoted from the staff of houseparents to the position of supervisor of cottage life.

J. K. White has been employed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. Billy Bush as houseparent for Duplex Boys. Mrs. White will serve as assistant houseparent in Duplex Cottage.

Glen Gilbert has been moved into the recreation department as director, succeeding A. J. Baker, who has become full-time director of education.

About people

William S. Graham, manager of the Baptist Book Store at Southern Seminary, Louisville, has been named manager of the new campus stores department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's book store division.

Graham is a native of Oklahoma. He



Feminine intuition

by Harriet Hall

Strange things happen

The story which you are about to read is true. Only the names have been changed to initials to protect the innocent.

On a recent autumn morning the members of a committee of the WMU met at the home of the president of the missionary society to talk over plans for the '60-'70 year of activities. Mrs. M was glad to have the women come, but as the story goes, things got off to a slow start. For one thing, Mrs. F had forgotten the meeting. When they called her, Mrs. F was on a ladder in the kitchen. In the confusion she did not realize that they were sending someone for her; so she hurriedly forgot her chore on the kitchen ladder and got in her car to go across town to Mrs. M's home. Meanwhile Mrs. J went to get Mrs. F—who was already on her way.

After Mrs. F and Mrs. J got together with the others at Mrs. M's, they finally got the committee meeting underway. It was the hope of those who called the meeting in the first place that there might be some sort of new birth of ideas for enlistment, etc. It was mentioned that there had only been about ten or twelve persons coming to the Bible Study and they hoped to double or triple the attendance in that group if possible. Plans were made to send attractive invitations by mail. In the midst of the discussion Mrs. J said she heard funny noises. "It sounds like some sort of animal," Mrs. J commented.

Mrs. M decided to go investigate. What she found made her hair stand on end. Their family dog, a black shaggy female who was six years old and had taken pills to prevent puppies, had just given birth to a puppy! And the M family had no idea she was expecting.

"What should I do?" Mrs. M inquired of her committee members.

"Get a box," suggested Mrs. T.

Before the morning was over there were three new puppies at the M household.

The sequel to the story is that at the next Bible Study meeting the attendance tripled. Maybe it was because Mrs. M decided to name the puppies, "W", "M", and "U".

Comments, suggestions, or questions, may be addressed to Mrs. Andrew Hall, Mt. Sequoyah Drive, Fayetteville, Ark.

is a graduate of Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill., and Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth and has done post-graduate work at Northeastern Oklahoma State College, Miami, Okla.

Ralph L. Murray, pastor of Smithwood Church, Knoxville, Tenn., for 21 years, has been named editor of adult materials, Sunday School department, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

A native of Iowa, Murray attended the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, and is a graduate of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn. He holds bachelor of divinity and master of theology degrees from Southern Seminary, Louisville. In 1967, he received an honorary doctor of divinity degree from Carson-Newman College.

Murray was a member of the faculty at the University of Tennessee School

of Religion. He is the author of Broadman Press publications *From the Beginning*, *The Other Dimension*, *Plumb Lines and Fruit Baskets*, *Can I Believe in Miracles?* and *Christ and the City*.

Harvard University theologian Richard Reinhold Niebuhr will speak on the Southern Seminary campus, Louisville, Ky., Oct. 16 and 17 during the Gheens Lecture Series at the seminary.

Niebuhr is a nephew of Reinhold Niebuhr and a son of H. Richard Niebuhr, both famous theologians of the twentieth century neo-orthodox movement.

Considered an authority on the life and thought of Friedrich Schleiermacher, a nineteenth century theologian, Niebuhr is the author of *Schleiermacher: On Christ and Religion*, published in 1964. He also wrote *Resurrection and Historical Reason: A Study of Theological Method*.

Joshua Marshman

BY BERNES K. SELPH, TH.D.
PASTOR, FIRST CHURCH, BENTON



First Church, Bolivar, Mo., has received a special letter from President James L. Sells of Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, commending their pastor J. Leland Hall, for outstanding service to the college as a member of the board of trustees for the past six years. Pastor Hall, a native of Arkansas and a graduate of Ouachita University was highly commended for his part in the achievements of Southwest College during his tenure on the board. He was a member of the executive committee of the board, served as chairman of the Public Relations and Long Range Planning committees, and for the past three years has served as part-time faculty member in the Christianity department. He was vice chairman of the board one year, and was also secretary. He has been awarded a gold plaque and gold medallion in appreciation of his services.

Achievements included: accreditation by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools; moving from the status of a junior college to a senior college; increase an enrollment from 300 to 1,300; erection of seven buildings; enlarging the faculty from 25 to 70; and expanding the budget to approximately \$2.3 million annually.

Southwest now claims the distinction of being the largest Baptist college in Missouri, with the largest enrollment of ministerial students in the Southern Baptist Convention. It is also reported as sending out "the largest number of summer Home Mission volunteers."

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Ouachita has new BSU co-ordinator

Mervin Mims is the new director of religious activities at Ouachita University. A graduate of Carson Newman College and New Orleans Seminary, Mr. Mims has done graduate work at Louisiana State University. The Mims have a daughter, Angela. Mr. Mims' responsibilities include the direction of the Baptist Student work on the campus of Ouachita.



MR. MIMS

Joshua Marshman was the third of the trio (William Carey, William Ward, and Marshman) who established the Baptist mission in Serampore, India, in 1798.

He was born at Westbury Leigh, April 20, 1768. His father was a deacon in a Baptist church. Joshua's hobby was reading. Sometimes he would walk 12 miles to borrow a book. His father permitted him to go to London, as a bookseller's errand boy and porter, in hopes he would satisfy his thirst for knowledge. He often read the book he was to deliver as he walked along the street; frequently, the book was seized and tossed back into his face by some rude pedestrian. He quit this job and joined his father as a weaver, finding more opportunity to study at the loom as he plied the shuttle than in the bookstore.

He became master of a parochial school at Bristol in 1794, sustained by the Broadmead Baptist church. Meanwhile, he continued to study Latin, Greek, Hebrew, and Syriac. When he sought admission for church membership he was put on probation seven years. His interest in missions was stimulated by a sermon on missions, and he decided to be a missionary at the same time as William Ward.

Three weeks after his missionary decision he was sailing down the English Channel for the Orient. At this time he suffered poor health but this gradually improved and he could boast after a residence of 36 years in India that medicine had not cost him a single sovereign. He arrived in October, 1798, and the day following learned he must secure secular work or leave the territory of the East India Company. He and his three fellow-travelers made their way to Serampore and there began the work with Carey. Supposed friends in England, who wanted to control the mission, sought to bring division between the trio in India but were never able to do so.

Along with the printing business established, Mr. and Mrs. Marshman opened a ladies boarding school to help defray expenses and expand their work. They established two more schools during their ministry. He was a preacher and scholar. Marshman became interested in translating the Bible into Chinese and devoted 18 years to this work before completing his goal.

*G. Winfred Hervey, *The Story of Baptist Missions in Foreign Lands* (St. Louis, Chancy R. Burns, 1886) pp226-41.

Second Church, Arkadelphia families 'adopt' students

A mass adoption program began its second year at Second Church, Arkadelphia, Sept. 27 with a dinner arranged by members of the church. Twenty-six families "adopted" 55 young people.

The adopted young people are college students at Ouachita University and Henderson State College, Arkadelphia.

The students visit with their foster parents on weekends and birthdays, and come to know them. Then they feel they can turn to them when their own parents are too far away to come.

"Many of the young people at the two colleges are away from home for the first time. They need someone outside the school to turn to in times of illness or trouble or just for fellowship," explains Mrs. John Crawford, who is coordinator of the adoption program.

gram.

Second Church is trying to build a good relationship between the local people and students, reports Pastor Carl W. Kluck. The program is completely volunteer. Parents may specify a boy or girl and may adopt one to four students.

Berchtesgaden meet

SPRINGFIELD, Mo.—Service-men affiliated with the Assemblies of God will hold a religious retreat in Berchtesgaden, Germany, Nov. 3-7.

The retreat will be headquartered in the General Walker Hotel, located in the Bavarian Alps on the site of Adolph Hitler's personal retreat house which was destroyed during World War II. The hotel is now a part of the European retreat facilities maintained by the U. S. Army. (EP)



OAKLAWN FARMS, Inc. president J. M. Shults presents the keys to Watson Chapel Church's new bus-to the pastor, Eddie McCord. The 28-passenger bus was presented to the Pine Bluff area church and was dedicated October 5 to be used in the church's youth program and to transport people to services.

Bull Shoals calls Garland Anderson

Garland Anderson, who has lived in Little Rock for the past several months and who retired from the active pastorate as of Sept. 1, has accepted a call to serve as interim pastor of the Bull Shoals Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson will live on the Bull Shoals Church field, where their mailing address will be P.O. Box 16.

A native of Cabot, Mr. Anderson received his education at Ouachita College (now Ouachita University). His former Arkansas pastorates included Joyce City and Elliott churches and Calvary Mission, Camden. He also served pastorates in Oklahoma and California, and served for some time as director of the Liberty Association Camp, near Camden.

Mrs. Anderson is the former Miss Hellen Mae Dougherty of North Little Rock.

A regular reader of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine, Mr. Anderson reports it was a news item in the Baptist paper about his availability that led to his call to the Bull Shoals Church.

Tech BSU center committees announced

Neil Jackson has been named chairman of the building committee for the proposed new Baptist Student Center at Arkansas Tech in Russellville. B. A. Knight has been named chairman of the finance committee.

Mr. Jackson is Director of Student Services at Arkansas Tech where he formerly served as Baptist Student Director. Mr. Knight is manager of West and Company in Russellville.

Other Building Committee members include Nelson Wilhelm of Waldron, Ernest Hogan of Mansfield, Coy Sample of Morrilton, Nodell Dennis of Atkins and Charles Thompson, T. B. Orton, and Thomas Lindley of Russellville.



MR. KNIGHT



MR. JACKSON

From the churches- Immanuel coronation

A Girls' Auxiliary coronation was held Sept. 28 at Immanuel Church, Warren.

Theme for the service was "America, My Witness."

Maidens were: Carolana Carmical, Cindy Gober, and Donna Gober;

Ladies-In-Waiting: Fran Doss and Donna McIntyre;

Princess: Lynda Ashworth;

Queen: Ruth Herring.

Immanuel has four girls who have completed prerequisites to work on the Queen step: Linda McClain, Judy O'Neal, Wanda Hargrave, and Barbara Ross.

Junior Girls' Auxiliary leader is Mrs. Delton McIntyre; Intermediate Auxiliary leader is Mrs. Charles O'Neal; Girls' Auxiliary director is Mrs. T. K. Ashcraft; Woman's Missionary Union director is Mrs. Isaac L. Tate.

Smackover youth gets God-Country award

James Neal Cook, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Cook, Smackover, received the Boy Scout God and Country Award at the evening worship service of First Church, Smackover, Oct. 5. The God and Country award is a special achievement for scouts who work with their pastors for months to accomplish all of the requirements. Requirements include special assignments on the Life of Christ, a history of the church, a study of the doctrines, government, and practices of the church and its mission program around the world.



MR. COOK

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Bible survey series announced

"The Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is the record of God's revelation of himself to man. It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction." These words from the 1963 Statement of Faith summarize Southern Baptists' deep commitment to the importance of the Bible as the Word of God! These words could also express the stance of the writers of the new Bible Survey series, two volumes of which are already in an attractive new study course format. The remainder of the eight-volume series will appear at three-month intervals.

An Introduction to the Bible by L. D. Johnson, released in April, is designed to give the student an overview of the Bible and to set the tone for the entire series. It says: "This book is written to tell what kind of book the Bible is, how it came together, what its unifying themes are and what it says to us today. Hopefully along the way there will emerge a deeper appreciation for and a firmer confidence in the Bible as the Word of God. Information should not be a hindrance but a help to genuine faith."

How to Study the Bible by Orlin T. Binkley is a first of its kind in study course format. Here in five brief chapters are the guidelines that are needed for effective Bible study. The book also contains Bible-study outlines which permit the student immediately to apply recommended principles to actual Bible study.

In October, the first of the Old Testament volumes will appear. A Nation in the Making provides a clear and reverent survey of the Pentateuch. Page H. Kelley has written this volume with the understanding and devout scholarship that was evident in his Broadman Resource book, Judgment and Redemption in Isaiah. Other books and their release dates are as follows: Israel's Period of Progress, Ralph L. Smith, Feb. 1, 1970; The Centuries of Decline, B. A. Sizemore Jr., May 1, 1970; The Life and Ministry of Our Lord, Ray F. Robbins, Aug. 1, 1970; The Growth of the Early Church, W. A. Carleton, Nov. 1, 1970; Messages from First-Century Christians, William B. Cable, March 1, 1971. Teaching guides are being released for each of the study course books. These guides will provide suggestions for preparation for teaching and will contain session-by-session plans for teaching the book. A Broadman filmstrip bearing the book title is also available with each book. Teachers of these books will also find Broadman Bible Map Transparencies helpful in their teaching.

Books and related resource items are available at the Baptist Book Stores.—Lawson Hatfield

WMU district meetings set

Featured speakers at WMU District Meetings, October 20-31, will be Mrs. J. Bryant Durham, missionary to Nigeria since 1950, and Rev. John D. Floyd, on furlough after his first tour of mission service in the Philippines.

While Mr. Durham is administering relief for Southern Baptists in the war torn Nigeria-Biafra area, Mrs. Durham and their three sons are living in Georgia, their native state. She will speak at the 10 a.m. session of each of the following meetings: Oct. 20, First Church, Piggott; Oct. 21, Earle Church, Earle; Oct. 22, First Church, Stuttgart; Oct. 23, First Church, Warren; Oct. 24, Second Church, Arkadelphia.

A native of Lockesburg, Mr. Floyd has done evangelistic work in the Philippines since October, 1966. After initial language study in Manila, the Floyds lived in Iligan City. Mrs. Floyd is the former Helen Nutt of Mineral Springs. Both attended Ouachita Baptist College, Now Ouachita Baptist University. Meetings where Mr. Floyd will speak are scheduled as follows: Oct. 27, First Church, Ozark; Oct. 28, First Church, Rogers; Oct. 29, First Church, Mountain Home; Oct. 31, First Church, Jacksonville.

The afternoon session of each meeting will be devoted to organizational conferences. Mrs. J. A. Hogan, state WMU president, will preside and serve as a conference leader.—Nancy Cooper, WMU Executive Secretary



Through the Cooperative Program

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Sword Drill material available

Junior memory sword drill materials and the intermediate sword drill materials are now available. The subjects for the speakers tournament are now available. Junior memory work is from April 1, 1969-March 31, 1970. Intermediate sword drill materials are from July 1, 1969 to March 31, 1970.—Ralph W. Davis, Training Union Dept.

State Training Union workshop October 30

Let us remind you of the fourteen separate workshops that will be conducted at Immanuel Church, Little Rock, Thursday, Oct. 30, from 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Posters have been sent to all pastors. Please put these posters in a conspicuous place in your church and call the attention of your people to these workshops.—Ralph W. Davis

Stewardship dispatch

Pass the word! Churches are studying their budgets for 1970. Now is the time for you to contact the stewardship chairman (chairman of the budget committee if they don't have a stewardship chairman) and suggest:

1. At least a 5 percent cost of living raise for the pastor and staff.
2. An increased percentage (not just dollars) to world missions through the Cooperative Program.
3. An increase to associational missions.—T. K. Rucker, Annuity-Stewardship Secretary

POAC urges aid for public schools

WASHINGTON, D. C.—School districts burdened by a heavy influx of new students as the result of closings by parochial schools should have federal aid, urges Glenn L. Archer, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

With many parochial schools closing throughout the country, Mr. Archer stated, "public schools in certain areas of heavy Roman Catholic population are due to experience a large influx. School boards in such areas should have an educational contingency fund on which they may draw to meet the emergency needs of the transition," he said.

Archer advised that the emergency funds be supplied by the federal government, by the state government or by both. (EP)

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Common features of extremism's ugly faces

BY H. CLAYTON WADDELL
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In describing extremists, most people characterize them with the terms "Far Right" or "Far Left." This calls up the visual image of the far ends of a straight line. Close examination, however, leads to the conclusion that they are more like broken ends of a fractured circle, quite close together.

Although extremists on the left and right may refuse to "claim kin," they are sometimes blood brothers. They are related in some rather obvious ways.

Both extremes distrust the democratic process. Both oversimplify problems, issues and solutions. They each look upon those who disagree with or oppose them as members of a conspiracy. They distrust any instrument of international cooperation. Both left and right consider people to be expendable.

While the Communist Party makes no pretense about the fact that its purpose is to undermine and destroy confidence in the democratic system, the right-wing extremist on the other hand destroy democracy while pretending to defend it.

It would be irresponsible to minimize the magnitude of the danger that world-wide Communism poses for free America. But it is more irresponsible to so distort the image of that danger that the real hazard is clouded over.

Right wing extremists have irresponsibly used the weapons of hate, suspicion, distrust, and fear to turn man against man and destroy the confidence of the American people in their chosen leaders and their institutions. By their tactics of innuendo and guilt by association, they have fragmented communities and done violence to innocent citizens. In the name of Americanism, some right wing extremists, who call themselves patriots, deliberately endeavor to undermine the faith of the American people in the democratic process.

The democratic process lives or dies with rational debate and constructive argument. But extremists do not allow the possibility of debate and diversity which is the life blood of democracy

and freedom. Only one side is tolerated. Facts are interpreted and shaped to fit into conclusions already drawn.

Extremists often oversimplify complex problems with a nostalgic tendency to look backward. The extremist longs for the private and familiar experiences of yesterday and the security that once enveloped him. Instead of trying to cope with a world he does not understand, he proposes to abandon it. Oversimplified solutions to vastly complex problems are at best naive, at worst, very dangerous.

The extreme right and left are literally dependent upon each other for survival. Communism and capitalism are both seen by their "enemies" to be conspiracies. Without each other, their cause for being would vanish.

Both extremists of left and right distrust the international instruments which nations are haltingly fashioning to enable themselves to function without destroying each other in nuclear war. Those of the right see international cooperation as a Communist conspiracy; while the Communists see them as instruments of capitalistic imperialism designed to stop the spread of Communism. Instead of arbitration, the extremists put their confidence in force. This is demonstrated by the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia, as well as by the clamor from the extreme right for "no appeasement" in Vietnam.

Neither right nor left has any scruples about how they acquire power. Any method that works is condoned. The right is likely to equate power with military victory and they go on the theory that there is no substitute for victory. The left is willing to resort to the most radical methods to subdue restive people when they deem it advisable.

The right and the left both hope to control the future of America and the world, and both are willing to use people as pawns in their struggle for power. They each look upon people as expendable.

Both right and left are self-appointed champions of the cause of freedom, but they fail utterly to acknowledge that freedom and responsibility go together. They do not see the fact that in order for a man to be free, he must participate in the decisions that govern his life. Decisions in extremist groups are made from above, and woe to him who deviates from the established doctrine.

Right and left are strangely alike in many ways, sharing common features of faces that are obviously ugly.

SBC mission gifts up 5 pct.

NASHVILLE—Contributions to world missions through the Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program for the first three quarters of 1969 have increased nearly five percent over gifts for the same period in 1968, the SBC Executive Committee reported here.

So far during the year, Southern Baptist Cooperative Program contributions have exceeded \$2 million each month.

The increase for the first nine months of the year came in spite of slight decreases in giving during the months of September and August.

Contributions of \$2,047,037 for September dropped about 1.6 percent below gifts for September of 1968. August contributions were about 1 percent less than those of August, 1968.

Increases during the previous months, however, offset the decreased giving during the slack months of August and September, SBC officials here said.

For the year, total Cooperative Program gifts reached \$20½ million at the

end of September, up 949,464 or 4.99 percent for the first nine months of 1968.

Designated gifts to specific Southern Baptist mission causes brought in an additional \$21 million, an increase of \$833,658, or 4.03 percent over 1968 designations.

In grand total world mission gifts, both Cooperative Program and designated categories, Southern Baptists have given \$42,102,077 during 1969, up \$1.8 million.

Most of the \$42 million has gone to foreign missions. So far during the year, the SBC Foreign Mission Board has received \$27 million to support its work in 70 countries.

The SBC Home Mission Board has received \$9 million. Six seminaries, and a dozen other agencies have received the balance.

The monthly report, prepared by the SBC Executive Committee, reflects only contributions to world and national Southern Baptist mission efforts, and does not include amounts given to state and local Baptist mission programs. (BP)

Mildred Dunn dies

MEMPHIS—Mrs. Mildred Dunn, 58, editor of *Ambassador Life* and *Ambassador Leader* magazines, died Sept. 27 after an extended illness, closing a career in the field of news and religious journalism which spanned 40 years.

For the past 12 years, Mrs. Dunn edited *Ambassador Life*, a magazine read by about 130,000 Baptist boys; and for nine years she edited *Ambassador Leader*, a magazine for Baptist men who work with boys. Both are publications of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission.

Mrs. Dunn entered religious journalism in 1948, shortly after the death of her husband, Cloyd Dunn. Her first job was associate editor of *Home Missions*, a magazine published monthly by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Born in Duff, Ky., Mrs. Dunn was reared in Clayton, N. M. She was a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, and attended Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth. She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Artie Oldham, with whom she made her home. (BP)

\$5,675,000 budget for Tennessee Baptists

BRENTWOOD, Tenn.—The Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, meeting here two days after an open house for the convention's new headquarters, voted to recommend a 1970 record budget goal, elected a new Sunday School secretary, and created a new position.

Elected as secretary of the Sunday School department of the convention was Wendell W. Price, 50, Nashville, a former associate in the department who has been interim secretary since the resignation last year of Bob. Paterson.

The proposed budget for 1970, which must get final approval from the state was set at \$5,675,000, an increase of \$280,000 over the 1968 budget.

If approved by the convention, one-third of the total would go to Southern Baptist world missions efforts through the Cooperative Program unified budget, and two-thirds would remain in Tennessee.

Also approved by the board was a recommendation that any surplus of the budget be divided equally between

Clothed with power

BY HERSCHEL H. HOBBS

Pastor, First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, past president, Southern Baptist Convention

"And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city . . . until ye be endued with power from on high."—Luke 24:49

Jesus was soon to return to the Father. The disciples were to remain in the world to preach the gospel. But they would not be left to strive alone. For Jesus would "send" the Holy Spirit who had been promised. "Send" renders a compound verb *exapostello*. Stello, send; apo, from or forth; ex, out of. So He would send forth out of the Father the Holy Spirit.

They were to sit or wait "in the city" for His coming. "Of Jerusalem" is not in the Greek text, though implied. They were in Jerusalem at the time.

The key words in this verse are "until ye be endued with power from on high" Unfortunately "be endued" is a passive voice in the King James Version. And it is followed by many modern translations (e.g. Moffatt, Bruce, Earle Ellis, Phillips, Williams, Barclay, RSV, RV, ARV). Robertson renders it "until ye be clothed" (*Word Pictures*), but notes that the verb is an indirect middle voice. In his comments he translates it "put on yourselves power from on high as a garment."

The passive voice means that the clothing with power is to be done to them by another or God. The middle voice, as here, means "until ye get yourselves clothed," or something they must do for themselves. God would send the Holy Spirit as promised. But they must get themselves clothed with His power.

The Holy Spirit's power would be present. But they must prepare themselves to be instruments of that power. We may well imagine that the time between Jesus' ascension and Pentecost was spent doing this through prayer, confession of sins, restoring broken fellowship, and consecrating themselves to God's purpose for them. Thus they were fit vessels for the Spirit's use. They got themselves clothed with His power.

Christians are not simply to sit and wait for God to clothe them. The Holy Spirit is present in power. But each one must prepare himself so that He may be used by the Holy Spirit.

the Tennessee and Southern Baptist Convention, and that the Executive Board decide on the state-wide distribution of such surplus funds at its December, 1970 meeting.

Two days prior to the board meeting, crowds estimated at from 1,500 to 2,000 streamed through the commodious three-story office building located about 12 miles from downtown Nashville in the suburban community of Brentwood.

Plans for formal dedication of the building were outlined at the board meeting, with the dedication set during the convention in November.

In another action, the board created a new position on the staff—program assistant in the program services department. Though no individual was named to the post, the person who fills it would be responsible for such things as central mailing services, addressograph, printing room operations, inventory, etc. (BP)

Pastor and wife murdered in Chicago

CHICAGO—Robbery was discounted here by police as they probed the brutal slaying of a young Methodist minister and his wife.

The slayings ended the youth-gang ministry of Bruce Johnson Jr, 30, and his wife Eugenia, 28. According to the police, Mr. Johnson was stabbed 18 times, his wife 14 times, in their North Side apartment.

United Methodist Bishop Thomas M. Pryor expressed shock at the slayings. "Mr. Johnson was a highly respected minister in the United Methodist Church," he said, "and was completely dedicated to serving humanity in the inner city. . . ."

Bishop Pryor said that the clergyman's ministry to a young gang called the "Young Lords" had been supported by the denomination's Northern Illinois Conference. (EP)

New food stamp program passed by U. S. Senate

WASHINGTON—The Senate has passed and sent to the House of Representatives a liberalized food stamp program which, among other things, will allow churches and other non-profit agencies to administer food stamp programs and to serve meals to elderly

persons in exchange for food stamps.

Under the leadership of Sen. George McGovern (D., S. D.), chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Nutrition, and Sen. Jacob Javits (R., N. Y.), the Senate also voted to give the Nixon administration more than it had asked for to feed hungry people.

The Senate Agriculture Committee, with the administration's approval, had asked for an increase from \$315 million in fiscal 1969 to \$750 million in fiscal 1970; and for 1971 and 1972, \$1½ billion annually.

Sen. McGovern's substitute, co-sponsored by 11 Democrats and Republicans, would give the secretary of agriculture \$1¼ billion in 1970 to operate the food stamp program. This would be increased to \$2 billion for 1971 and to \$2½ billion for 1972. The substitute bill won by a vote of 54 to 40.

The section of the bill that approves churches and other nonprofit groups serving meals to elderly persons in exchange for food stamps was promoted primarily by Sen. Hugh Scott (R. Pa.), the new minority leader in the Senate.

The bill also authorizes the secretary of agriculture to administer the food stamp program through any non-profit organization if a local or state agency fails to do or if the program is not meeting the needs of the poor.

Among the other provisions of the bill are the following:

*Any family of four with an income of \$4,000 or less would be automatically eligible to participate.

*Families would be provided food stamps valued at \$125 per month for a family of four.

*No family would be charged more than 25 percent of its income for food stamps.

*Free stamps would be provided to families with less than \$80 a month income.

*Surplus commodities could be distributed also in counties with a food stamp program.

More than 175,000 "religious visits" are made annually by the language missionaries, who are supported by state conventions and the Home Mission Board through Cooperative Program gifts.

Nixon hits disruptive ways to change schools

WASHINGTON—President Richard M. Nixon hit hard at those who disrupt schools as he proclaimed American Education Week, November 9-15.

Calling for a "close, long, hard look" at what is both good and bad in the school system, the President said, "We all must agree on one basic principle: We must not allow our schools to be captured by violence or dominated by ideological dogmatists."

"Our schools are not perfect," Nixon continued, "but this lack of perfection is no excuse for lawbreaking or a lack of civility and decency on the part of any critic, no matter how deeply he feels or how little he thinks."

The President paid tribute to "public, private, and religiously affiliated schools and colleges." He appealed to "all Americans, young and old, black and white," to preserve, expand and protect the schools.

"The traditional American way of reason and open discussion" is the way that education in the nation can be improved, the President insisted. (BP)

About people

Allan R. Watson, an Alabama Southern Baptist pastor, preached for the White House worship service on Sept. 28. The pastor of the Calvary Church, Tuscaloosa, talked on "One Nation Under God" to the 250 guests of President and Mrs. Richard M. Nixon.

Among the guests were Mrs. Dwight Eisenhower, Chief Justice and Mrs. Warren Burger, members of the Cabinet, members of Congress, Ambassadors and White House staff and personnel and their families. David and Julie Nixon Eisenhower also attended.

Other guests were the minister's twin brother, Rep. Albert Watson (R., S. C.) his mother, Mrs. Claude Watson, and younger brother, Claude Watson, Jr., of Columbia, S. C.

Dennis Conniff, formerly minister of education at Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson, Miss., has been named consultant in youth work, by the Sunday School department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

A native of Alabama, Conniff is a graduate of Howard College (now Samford University), Birmingham, and received a master of religious education degree from Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth. He has served as minister of education of First Church, Long Beach, Miss., and as minister of music and youth at Oakhurst Church, Ft. Worth.

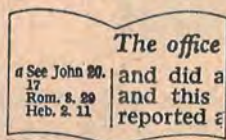
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Mr. Cooper

Hugh Cooper

Hugh Cooper, 59, pastor of Cherokee Village Church, died unexpectedly Sunday night (Oct. 12). Death came as he arrived at Mt. Zion Church, near West Plains, Mo., where he was to have begun a revival meeting at the evening service.

Some who saw Mr. Cooper drive into the church grounds noticed that the car continued to roll after it was in a parking area. Going to investigate, they found the minister dead.

A native of Oxford, Ark., Mr. Cooper received his education at Ouachita College (now Ouachita University). He had been pastor of the Cherokee Village Church, a mission of Park Hill Church, North Little Rock, since its establishment a year and a half ago.

Much of Mr. Cooper's life was spent as an associational missionary, including three years in Kansas. His pastorates included Eagle Heights Church, Harrison; First Church, Salem; and First Church, Melbourne.

He is survived by his wife, the former Miss Pauline Lamb of Calico Rock; two daughters, Mrs. Marion Williams, Bartlesville, Okla., and Paula Sue, of the home; two sons, Gary, agriculture teacher at Brinkley High School; and Eddie Lynn, of the home.

In a special feature on Cherokee Village Church and Hugh Cooper, in the Aug. 21 issue of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine, Editor Erwin L. McDonald wrote: "Hugh Cooper definitely gives the impression that he not only is grateful but that he wants to use all he has for the glory of the Lord."

Charles F. Wilkins

Charles F. Wilkins, 79, Little Rock, retired minister-educator and former member of the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, died Oct. 11.

Born at Delark (Dallas County), he received his bachelor's degree at Ouachita University and his Th.M. degree at Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

Mr. Wilkins was principal of Hagarville Baptist Academy in 1921 and professor of Bible at Mountain Home Baptist College and pastor of Mountain Home First Church in 1922. From 1923 to 1935, he was minister of First Church, Dardanelle. From 1935 to 1957, he pastored First Church, Newport.

He retired in 1958, and was a member of the Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock.

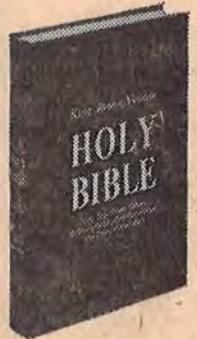
He served as moderator of Dardanelle-Russellville Association and Black River Association.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Evie E. Elder Wilkins; a son, Dr. Charles F. Wilkins Jr., of Russellville; three daughters, Mrs. Ann Russell, West Helena, Mrs. Billye Sue Monk, Memphis, and Mrs. Rebecca Miranda, North Little Rock; three brothers, Mike and Dwight Wilkins, both of Sparkman, and Dove Wilkins, Louisiana; a sister, Mrs. Nell Givens, Malvern.

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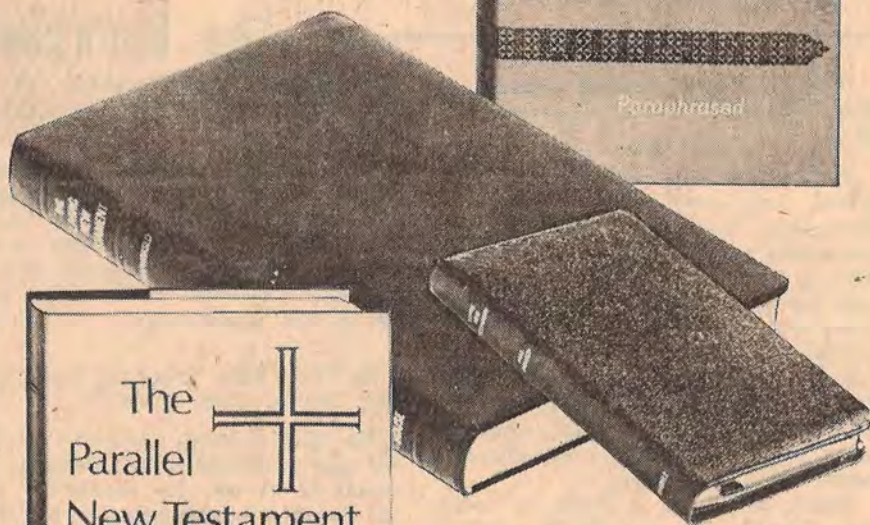
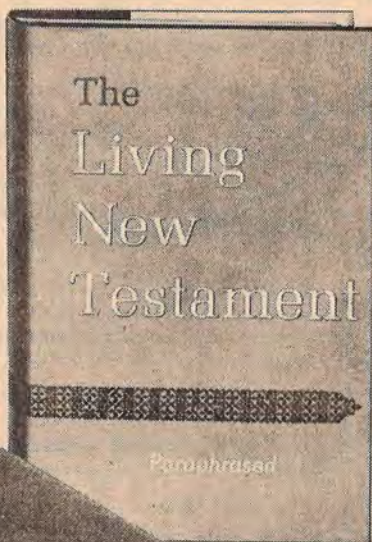
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Pastors would curb space spending

NASHVILLE—If Southern Baptist pastors were deciding the financial future of the space program, there might be a reduction in the level of spending, according to the latest Baptist VIEWpoll survey.

Baptist Sunday School teachers, however, would be split almost down the middle on whether space funds should be kept at the same level or reduced.

The poll, involving representative panels of pastors and teachers, presented VIEWpoll panel members with this question: "The U. S. is now spending many billions on space research. Do you think we should increase these funds, keep them the same, or reduce these funds?"

The majority (51.3 percent) of the pastors responded "reduce"; 43.2 percent of the Sunday School teachers joined them. "Increase" was the opinion expressed by 8.6 percent of the pastors and 9.6 percent of the Sunday School teachers.

"Keep same" was the judgment of 34.9 percent of the pastors and 42.9 percent of the Sunday School teachers. The remaining 5.2 percent of the pastors and 4.3 percent of the Sunday School teachers had "no opinion" on the question.

In January of this year, the Gallup Poll, using the same item, found that 40 percent of the American people at that time would decrease the funds, and 41 percent would keep them the same. Another 14 percent indicated they would increase the funds, and 5 percent had no opinion.

It is not known what influence the success of the moon landing in July has had on the general public's opinion of space spending. The Baptist VIEWpoll was taken during August. (BP)

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Children's nook

Underground village

BY ELIZABETH PHILLIPS

The Davis children never liked to stay inside on such a beautiful day. John wanted to play with his dump truck and his sister wanted to take her dolls for a walk.

Peggy quickly dressed two of her favorite dolls and went outside. John was already pushing his trucks in the dirt. Peggy waved to him and walked around the corner of the house.

At that moment she heard, "Peggy! Peggy! Come quick!"

Thinking her brother was in trouble, she ran fast. "What is it? What is wrong, John?"

"Look!" he pointed to the ground.

"Where?" she asked.

"There!" said John.

He got down on his knees and pointed to a little mound of dirt.

"That's nothing but a pile of sand," said Peggy and started to walk away.

"Wait a minute," the boy said. He motioned for her to come back. "Look!" he said again.

Peggy leaned over and looked closely. John had found an anthill! She could see many tiny ants scurrying here and there. On one side of the mound, there was a long line of ants going down inside the hole.

This time it was Peggy who said, "Look at that one!"

One small ant was trying to carry a tiny leaf!

The children stretched out on the warm ground and watched. They saw many strange sights. But if they could have peeped inside the ant home they would have been more amazed. They would have seen ants hurrying about much like people do on our own busy streets and sidewalks.

The tiny creatures have many winding roads that go in every direction. They have storerooms, living rooms, sleeping rooms, and nurseries, all as neat and tidy as you please.

Every ant has a job. There is no time to be lazy. All day long ants go up and down, in and out, always busy. Some go outside the anthill to bring in fresh supplies of food. Others keep the roadways clear of twigs and trash. They are always making new roads, too. Some ants work as maids, cleaning up the rooms.



There is work to be done by every ant, even the queens. Queens are special and are a little larger than the other ants. They do nothing except lay eggs. Another group of workers stays nearby, just to wait on the queens.

The most interesting work is in the nursery. Ant babies are tiny helpless things. They can do nothing but wiggle and open their wee mouths to be fed. The nurses' work is never done. They are always feeding and cleaning the babies or carrying them about. At nights the babies are carried to a nursery on the lowest floor of the village. Here they are warmer and safer. In the mornings they are brought back

near the top so they can feel the sun on a warm day.

The babies grow quickly, but their tiny legs are weak and shaky. For a while they are permitted to wander around and look over their home. But even young ants do not wish to remain idle for long. They are soon ready to do their share of the work.

Peggy and John watched the anthill for a long time. They were very quiet and did not touch anything. Soon the boy and girl went about their playing and left the ants to their work.

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The bookshelf

The Trees of Christmas, compiled by Edna Metcalfe. Abingdon Press, 1969, \$7.95

A beautiful book built around traditional and contemporary interpretations and representing a variety of countries, regions, and themes, this is also a how-to-do-it book suggesting how you can create your own memorable trees at Christmas. Each of 23 sections begins with a full-page color photograph. Accompanying text describes traditions and customs and gives background information. Line drawings serve as a guide for construction of hand-made decorations.

Retire to Action, A Guide to Voluntary Service, by Julietta K. Arthur, Abingdon, 1969, \$5.95

Mrs. Arthur emphasizes that our nation is now in the early stages of a "retirement revolution" that could lead to a "service revolution" among the older citizens.

With no less than 20 million Americans now 65 or older, and about the same number in their late fifties or early sixties, there should be a ready market for this book. It is a guide to voluntary service, but also has many helpful suggestions for retirees who need to supplement their not-too-adequate retirement incomes.

Breakthrough, Rediscovery of the Holy Spirit, by Alan Walker, Abingdon, 1969, \$2.75

A Methodist evangelist, Mr. Walker believes that "Pentecost is a repeatable experience." He discusses the fact of the Holy Spirit's breakthrough in conversion; how a person grows through the Spirit's function as Counselor, Comforter, and Strengthener.

In Times Like These, by Vance Havner, Revell, 1969, \$3.50

Mr. Havner issues a call to Christians for real repentance, for confession and forsaking of sin, for separation from the world, for submission to the Lordship of Christ and the filling of the Holy Spirit.

The Shape of the Christian Life, by David C. Cuncombe, Abingdon, 1969, \$5

Would you know a Christian if you saw one? How can a minister tell if he is helping his congregation develop a mature faith? The author has attempted in this book to help find legitimate ways to answer these questions for those who "can no longer in good conscience attempt to 'do' the work of the church without some way of telling whether they are doing it well or poorly."

The Nixon Administration is reported to be hung up in drafting a bill to carry out the President's proposals to change the welfare system. Interested Congressmen hear that the White House has not yet decided which department or departments should run the program. It is understood that a major snag is difficulty in defining the term "work." (U. S. News & World Report, Sept. 22, 1969)

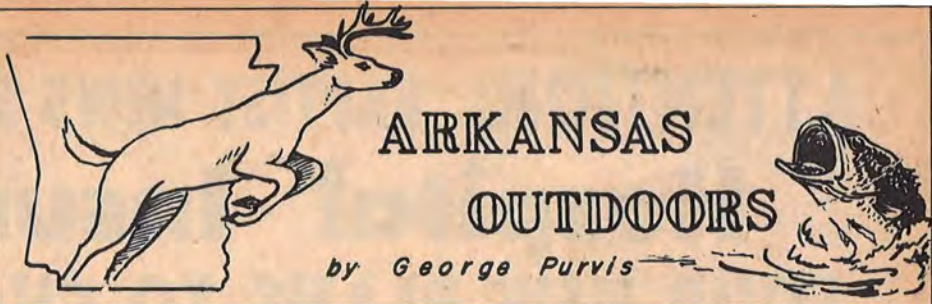
Violence on television encourages violence in real life, the National Commission on Violence said recently. It accused the television industry of "pandering to a public preoccupation with violence that television itself has helped to create."

"It is reasonable to conclude," the commission said, "that a constant diet of violent behavior on television has an adverse effect on human character and attitudes. Violence on television encourages violent forms of behavior and fosters moral and social values about violence in daily life which are unacceptable in a civilized society."

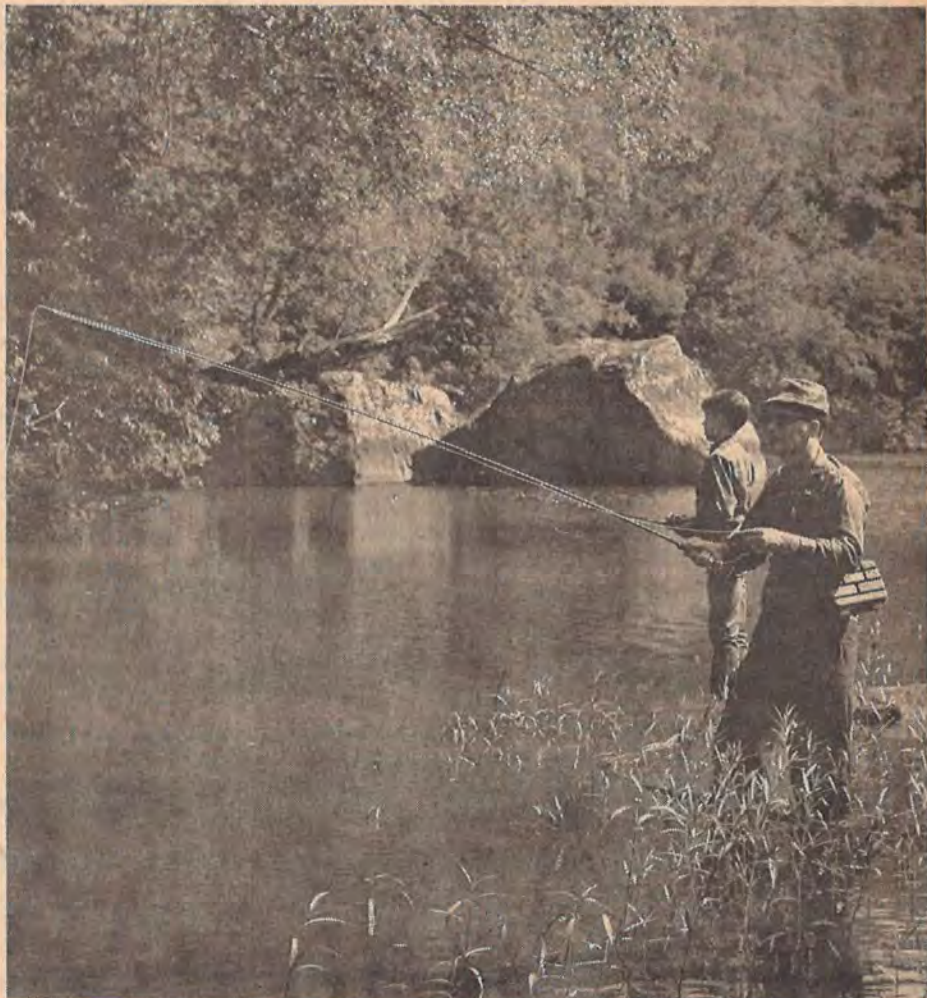
The commission said the industry's self-imposed standards are inadequate and recommended: (1) Abandonment of children's cartoons containing serious non-comic violence. (2) Less time devoted to crime, western, and action-adventure programs containing violent episodes. (3) A change in the basic context in which violence occurs in such programs so "resort to violence is depicted as an unusual and undesirable outcome" instead of the norm. (4) More industry research into effect of violent TV programs. . . . However, "enough is known to make inexcusable any delay in taking action along the lines we have recommended." (Nashville Banner, Sept. 24, 1969)

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DR. GLEN BURTON and son Mark, of Little Rock, wading in Big Piney near Long Pool Recreation area in the Ozark National Forest.

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A scrappy smallmouth on the end of a flyline can cause the pulse to quicken and when all of the senses are being stimulated by the exquisite 'vibrations' of fall in the Ozarks, a person is truly glad to be alive.

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Man's sin against God

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Life and Work

October 19, 1969

Genesis 3:1-6, 22-24;
6:5-8

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The first lesson this quarter was a study of the doctrine of God. Last week's study dealt with the doctrine of man. Today's lesson is concerned with the doctrine of sin. These three basic biblical doctrines should be studied as a unit because they are related.

Today's generations take entirely too lightly the matter of sin. One of the greatest injustices you can do unto another individual is to lessen his concept of the enormity of sin. Sin is basically missing the mark, breaking God's law, and rebellion against God. Sin is saying "no" to God.

I. The First Sin.

(Genesis 3:1-6)

The Bible nowhere discusses the origin of evil. Before man was created evil existed. The best assumption is that God created evil because He created all things. "Without Him was not anything made that was made". (John 1:3).

The fallen angel theory leaves too many questions unanswered. Does not the word angel mean "messenger"? Do angels have volition? If one angel could fall, may we assume others can also? Was evil an afterthought with God? Isaiah 14:12 does not teach that Lucifer was an angel, who fell, who later became Satan. (John Milton was the great proponent of this theory.) Neither does Revelation 12:7-12 teach that Satan was originally a fallen angel. Dr. Ray Summers states:

Here is war in heaven. As the devil tries to invade heaven to destroy the Christ, he is met by Michael and his angels. Michael is the fighting Angel; he has a sword in hand! So fierce is their defense that the devil and his forces are unable to get even a foot hold in heaven; they are cast down to the earth. Heavenly voices proclaim the victory of the people of God over all the efforts of the devil. They are victorious because of their loyalty to the redeeming Lamb; even if it meant death, they were loyal.

This paragraph must be interpreted in its context in Revelation rather than in relation to obscure Old Testament passages or Milton's *Paradise Lost*. This is not a historical account of the original state of the devil and his fall from that state; it is apocalyptic imagery to present the picture of the devil's efforts to destroy the Christ and his people. Thus the devil has lost two battles in the conflict. He was unable to destroy the Christ on the earth. He was unsuccessful in his efforts to invade heaven to destroy the Christ. Now he turns to a third part of his campaign. He will exercise his wrath of the woman who produced the Christ."

As the story of man's first sin begins, Satan is present in the form of a serpent. This portrays Satan in his truest likeness; he is cunning, sly, poisonous, deceitful, and silent in approach. Satan is also portrayed in his greatest work . . . disputing with God ("Ye shall not surely die" v. 4). The first parents died spiritually when they sinned.

The forbidden fruit was appetizing, appealing, and desirable. The temptation appealed to man's normal natural appetites. Eve yielded to Satan's allurements; then Adam sinned. Usually people prefer not to sin alone. As a rule there is comfort in getting someone else to yield with us. This teaches the doctrine of influence or the companionship of sin.

II. The Result Of Sin.

(Genesis 3:22-23.)

Sin always brings with it certain results or consequences. Man is born with a natural tendency or bent toward sin. If a person is left alone he will follow in the direction of sin. Because man is a sinner by birth, choice and practice, theologians refer to this as the doctrine of man's depravity. Eve sinned; Adam sinned; everyone sins.

As a result of their sin, Adam and

Eve were banished from the garden. Judgment is the result of sin. The commitment of sin brings guilt. Only God can remove the guilt of sin and bring forgiveness. The first promise in the Bible of redemption which was later wrought by Christ at Calvary is Genesis 3:15. Please take the time to study this verse thoroughly.

III. Sin and The Flood

(Genesis 6:5-8)

Genesis 6-9 tells the story of the flood. This story is actual historical fact, not a myth or legend. The evidences from the science of archaeology are very convincing that at one time the earth experienced a great flood.

Sin was the background of the flood (see verse 5). Wickedness reigned. Sin ruled men's hearts. The result was destruction through a flood.

One family survived the deluge. Noah's family of eight were saved through an ark. A great many truths emerge from this story but the point of the passage under consideration is sin being rampant throughout the earth.

What is the meaning of the passage, "it repented the Lord"? When man repents, he changes his will; when God repents, He wills a change. God decided to begin again with the human race. This He did through the family of Noah, who found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

Conclusion

There is a devil; he is at work. We can see the result of his labours all about us. Sin abounds today. What is our attitude toward sin? Are we walking away from sin? Do we have a righteous hatred of sin? What evidence can we give of our hatred of sin.

Next week the lesson deals with the covenant of God with Noah. The lesson is filled with many important truths which we shall not want to miss.

God's judgment on Israel

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International
October 19, 1969
Hosea 4:11-5:14;
Amos 7-8
II Kings 17:9-18

Setting

This lesson, especially the printed portion from II Kings, gives a theological interpretation of the fall of Israel.

There is a growing need in America for someone able to give us an accurate theological interpretation of recent events in our history.

Amos, 30 years before the fall of Israel, had correctly analyzed the moral, social, and religious situation in Israel. A small minority of the people controlled all the wealth of the nation and exercised all the power. They dominated the courts and perverted justice; they dominated the priesthood and distorted religion. Dishonest business practices were the order of the day, and the common people no longer hoped to receive justice in the corrupted courts in the land. The righteous were sold for silver enough to buy a pair of shoes, and the accepted procedure for settling things right with the Lord was to bring additional sacrifices, additional tithes, and still more freewill offerings.

Amos warned that there would be a famine in the land, "not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord." He stated that men would run to and fro in the land seeking the word of the Lord, but would not find it. He warned that if men will not listen to God, he will not continue to speak to them.

Hosea, writing a few years later, said that there was "no knowledge of God in the land", and that the people were being destroyed for lack of knowledge. Harlotry and cult prostitution were common as men and women gave themselves over to the worship of Baal, the god of fertility.

Israel's sin

The author of Second Kings sets out in positive language the problem of ancient Israel. Scattered through the printed lesson is the following list of wrongdoings of God's chosen people, all of them summarized as sins against the Lord who led them out of Egypt and into the select land.

1. They forsook the covenant and broke the commandments. Their covenant with God required that they obey

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his commands and be his own possession, a kingdom of priests and a holy nation (Ex. 19:5-6). Israel forgot who she was and seemed not to enjoy being what she had been—the people of God.

2. They took up the customs of other nations. From the beginning of Israel as a nation God had placed in her canon of laws certain regulations which isolated Israel from other nations of the area and afforded only minimal contacts with other cultures. Apparently, the policy of isolation was designed so as to enable God to discipline Israel and develop within the nation a holy zeal for spiritual truth and value.

From other nations the people of God borrowed the desire for a king; and when the kingdom was established, it brought increased contacts with other nations and cultures. These contacts lessened the religious convictions of Israel.

3. They turned into the practice of divination and sorcery. Although King Saul had resoundingly denounced witchcraft, in a time of personal desperation he himself sought a witch's aid (I Sam. 28).

Perfect harmony

Upon the soft, green grass we lie
And watch the clouds up in the sky

Like tiny ships go floating by
Across a clear, blue sea.

Now, in the nearby shady trees,
The birds sing happy melodies
And the steady drone of bumblebees

Are pleasant sounds to me.

I fear the time will go too soon
Upon this lovely day in June
When the whole world seems all
in tune
And perfect harmony.

—Carl Ferrell

4. They turned away from true spiritual worship to make use of images. The worship of idols was in violation of the Second Law and distorted their concept of God.

5. They even turned after other gods such as Baal and Asherah. The great Baal crisis was promoted by Jezebel and her husband; but even though Elijah slew the prophets of Baal and Jehu killed the Baal worshippers (II Kings 10), the spirit of Baal worship continued on in the minds of Israel and was never totally absent in the nation until after the captivity.

6. They finally sacrificed their sons and daughters, burning them as sacrifice unto the gods.

7. As a final and summary act the people "sold themselves to do evil." They "went after false idols, and became false." A nation comes to be like the values to which it gives itself. The person who follows after vanity and wraps her heart about nothingness becomes a shell of emptiness, becomes false.

Warnings of the prophets

God warned Israel to turn from their wicked ways and to keep his laws, but they would not listen. The passage says that they were stubborn like their fathers had been before them, men who did not really believe in God. They despised God's law and his covenant with them; therefore, they despised and ignored the warnings from the prophets.

The general history of the Old Testament indicates that God's primary agent through whom he made known his will and purpose to Israel was not the kings and not the priests, but the prophets. He often spoke to the kings through the prophets.

Punishment of God

God was angered by Israel's sin, especially Israel's disregard of her continuing covenant with the Lord. It was because they had sold themselves to do evil and in following false idols had become false that God saw fit to remove them from the land. God will not have as the chief beneficiaries of his promise and his purpose a people who continue to disregard his law. The true recipients of God's promises are those who follow on to do his will.

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"Sure he won the Safety Award!
Everyone avoids him!"

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You've heard, of course, of the adventurous tourist who went swimming in the middle of the Sahara Desert. The water is a long way off, but golly, what a beach!

Diets are for people who are thick, and tired of it.

A traffic light is defined as a trick to get pedestrians half way across the street.

Our God speaks

God has spoken, sundry times in several ways, From time begun through yesterdays to present time Words of thunder, God has spoken, words that blaze, By prophets brave and leaders bold, His thoughts sublime.

But God, in these last days, His time of grace, Has spoken out in matchless terms of love; Has spoken by His Son who left His heavenly place, To be the Perfect Man and manna from above.

The voice that taught on that lake shore Was His who spoke the worlds in awesome space, The voice of Him who God's own glory humbly bore, Incarnate God, portraying God's own loving face.

On Calvary's cross, God speaks in Earth's great crisis hour; God speaks again in Resurrection cry: "He lives!" Hear, now, the Son Beloved; He speaks in words of power, By which all things hold firm; the Word that saves, forgives.

—J. E. (Ted) Gibson

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First	580	172	
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First	408	172	1
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Warren			
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Quakers plan war protests

PHILADELPHIA—Two major protests against the continuation of the Vietnam war are planned by the American Friends Service Committee.

The Quaker agency said it would assist in the preparations and the carrying out of the Oct. 15 "moratorium" held on campuses and in communities throughout the nation. The second action is the "March Against Death" to be held in the capital Nov. 13-15.

"The summer is over," said Executive Secretary Bronson Clark, "and seeing no substantial change . . . AFSC has decided that it is now again timely to join other Americans in public opposition to the war." (EP)

Newspaper prayers used by schools

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Congressman Richard L. Roudebush (R. Ind.) says he is going to put a child's prayer in the Congressional Record each day so it can be used in schools and avoid the U. S. Supreme Court prohibitions.

The Hoosier representative said he does not believe the Supreme Court can stop a school teacher from reading an excerpt from the Congressional Record to her class.

In Netcong, N. J., the board of education has announced its intention of using the daily prayers offered in the House or Senate and printed in the Congressional Record. However, Roudebush believes that some of the Record's invocations won't fit the classroom.

"With Senator Dirksen gone," he said, "we have lost our strongest proponent of public school prayer and the likelihood of our legislation passing is remote, I'm sorry to say." (EP)

American Baptists merge conventions

CLARKS GROVE, Minn.—American Baptists of Iowa and Minnesota approved plans to merge, at a joint session here.

A new regional organization, Mid-American Baptist Churches, will unite the Iowa Baptist State Convention and American Baptist Churches of Minnesota, effective Jan. 1.

Dr. Harry E. Coulter, executive of the Iowa convention, will serve as executive minister of the organization now to serve 45,000 American Baptists in the two states. (EP)

Louisiana board votes to sever ties with Baton Rouge hospital

ALEXANDRIA, La.—The Executive Board of the Louisiana Baptist Convention voted here to release ownership of the Baton Rouge General Hospital "so that all denominations can . . . assist in the leadership and financial support of the hospital."

The unanimous action, which also must be approved by the state convention when it meets in Baton Rouge in November, was recommended to the board by the hospital advisory committee of the convention, at the request of the hospital's trustees.

If approved by the convention, the hospital would become "an independent agency free of convention control," with ownership invested in the local board of trustees.

Claude Kirkpatrick, administrator of the Baptist hospital, said that if the convention approves the proposal, the hospital "will continue to be operated in essentially the same way as before. Of course, we will always be upgrading our services to keep pace with developments in medical care."

Louisiana Baptists assumed control of the institution in 1945. Since that time, Baton Rouge General Hospital has grown from 50 beds to more than 400 beds, with property value in excess of \$18 million.

Convention officials said that the hospital board now feels it can stand on its own with local support, since the hospital is now serving a much larger community. The action would enable the hospital to tap other financial resources not now available, including federal funds, although no mention of government aid was made in the recommendation.

In other major action, the convention's Executive Board voted to recommend a record \$3.8 million Cooperative Program budget for 1970 to the convention, making provision for slight increases to all institutions and agencies of the state convention and to world wide mission causes.

Included in the budget would be allocations of \$1,173,070 to the Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program.

In further action, the board passed to the convention a plan for an all-out church-centered evangelism campaign during 1971, and approved a plan to begin development of a third floor of the Baptist Building here.

A committee report indicated that total gifts received for churches damaged by Hurricane Camille had reached \$42,000.

The committee also requested that Baptist churches in Louisiana increase the percentage of their contributions to state and world missions through the Cooperative Program by one percent a year through a five-year period. (BP)

Christian literature sells in Chinese

HILLSBORO, Kans.—The Christian Literature Association in Hong Kong sold \$72,000 worth of gospel literature in Chinese last year, according to the treasurer and vice chairman of the association.

Paul Bartels, recently returned from a lifetime work in China associated with the Mennonite Brethren Church Board of Missions and Services, said there is a great demand for Christian Chinese literature from 25 million Chinese living outside of China in 38 countries.

The Christian Literature Association is the work of Christian Missionary Alliance, with distribution centers in Hong Kong. Evangelical missions in Hong Kong draw from this source and cooperate in the work.

The association employs from 20 to 30 to run its three bookstores in Hong Kong. (EP)

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