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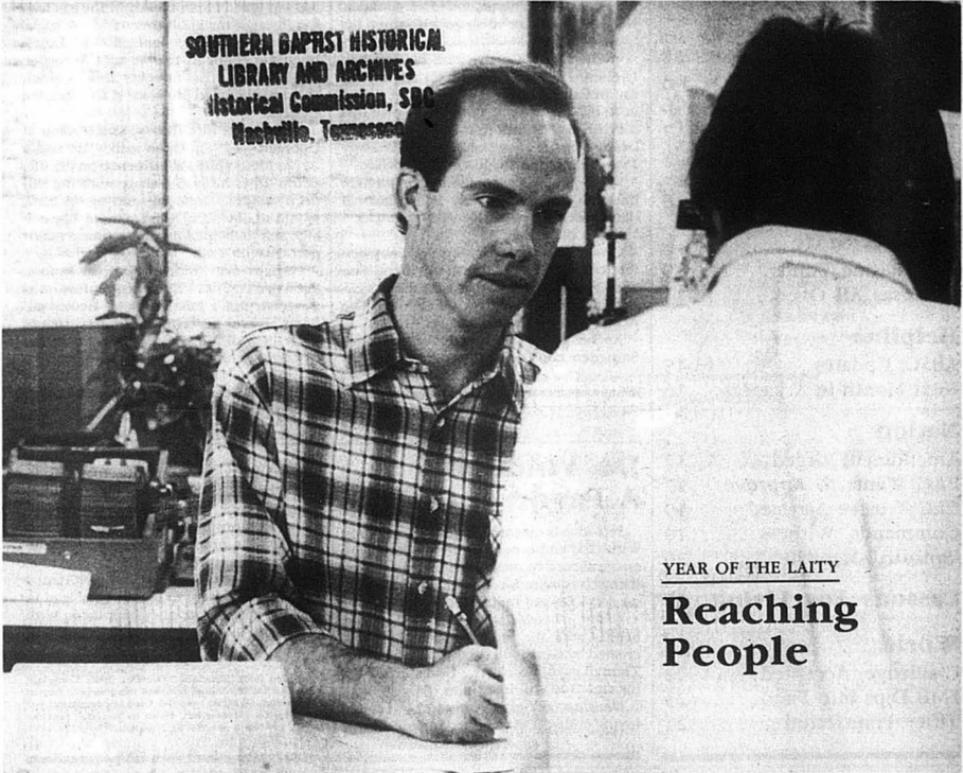
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## IT'S UPLIFTING

### Kentucky Dentist Serves Poor

WINCHESTER, Ky. (BP)—"Wherever He Leads, I'll Go." Since 1965, William Snowden of Winchester, Ky., has epitomized the meaning of this hymn by giving himself to world missions.

A dentist for more than 31 years and a 1953 graduate of Georgetown College, a Baptist school in Georgetown, Ky., Snowden has been led to share Christ's living word with many people.

Since the mid-1960's, he has visited the mission fields of Brazil, Haiti, Dominica, Zimbabwe, Ghana and Kenya, taking advantage of every spiritual opportunity.

Today, Snowden feels a new calling. It's a calling which enables him to reach out to the poor, the uneducated and the hopeless.

He dedicates every other Thursday to providing free dental services to the working poor of Winchester and Clark counties. He also takes time to share with them his love for Christ.

"When Jesus Christ came into my life, I believed he wanted to use my talents and my practice," Snowden explained. "The Lord has blessed me. I feel that I owe this service to him, not as an obligation, but because people need help, and this is a way I can thank him for his many blessings.

"The people I serve are not on welfare but also cannot generally afford normal dental fees. They get lost in the cracks. I want to help them."

One recent Thursday morning, Snowden meticulously worked with a patient. She agonized with a shooting pain she has experienced for many days in her gums. The nerves were inflamed and sensitive.

As he gently alleviated her problem, Snowden consoled the woman with his

sense of humor and kind demeanor. Before long, he finished and returned her to a life much less painful than the one she had prior to her visit that morning.

"Most of the people I serve are uneducated, unappreciative people. The majority of them are scared when they come in," said Snowden.

In contrast to his patients' fear, Snowden is excited about the prospects for his free dental clinic. His goal is to serve between 25 and 30 people at each clinic. His office staff also joins with him in his commitment.

An active member of Central Baptist Church in Winchester, Snowden enthusiastically shares his love and devotion for people.

He admitted he is a product of the many people who have influenced his life as a Christian and as a person.

He first gave credit to his wife, Peggy: "The one great spiritual turnaround in my life was when I married Peggy. She has seen me through the good times and the bad."

Snowden also recognized C.R. Daley, one-time editor of the Western Recorder, Kentucky Baptists' weekly newspaper, and a past religion professor at Georgetown College.

"I first met him (Daley) as a student at Georgetown," Snowden said. "He had a tremendous spiritual influence on my life. Often times he would share with me this deep religious concerns and he, in turn, would sit down and listen to mine. The college and he helped me to become a major part of who I am."

Perhaps now more than ever before, Snowden envisions his dental profession as a ministry in a mission field. Before patients leave his clinic, he has shared something of himself and his relationship with Christ with them.

## GOOD NEWS!

### Do Yourself A Favor

Self-love is essential to proper relations with God and others. Church fellowships are weakened by members who do not love themselves as Jesus commanded. Preaching on self-love can build fellowship!

**Grow in self-awareness**—Self-esteem begins with the recognition that one is created by God as an original work of art. Though man has marred God's image by his sin, God still loves him (Ro. 5:8).

**Develop self-acceptance**—The person loving himself as Jesus commanded has

learned to take responsibility for himself. One's heritage and environment neither guarantee nor hinder personal development. Responsible choices make the difference. The prodigal son's experience illustrates this truth.

**Practice self-denial**—Daily self-denial and recommitment to Jesus as Lord lead to full self-realization and happiness with God, with one's self, and with others (Mt. 16:24-26).

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# Take A Stand

J. EVERETT SNEED



Alcohol is the number one drug problem confronting America today. Currently there are two ways that many Arkansans can assist with this problem. First, the U.S. Senate has passed a bill which will compel the labeling of alcoholic beverage. The omnibus Anti-Drug bill does not have this provision on the House side. All Christians should contact their congressmen to insist that the final legislation contains this provision. Second, individuals in those areas where Sunday sale of alcoholic beverage is being considered need to use their influence and their vote to prevent this expansion of the use of alcoholic beverage from occurring.

It is a tremendous victory over the alcoholic beverage industry that the Senate has passed a bill that requires the labeling of alcoholic beverages. Our senators who supported this legislation need to be commended for this excellent step. Currently beer does not even indicate the percent of alcohol that it contains. This bill would require a warning label on all containers of beer, wine, liquor and coolers.

The vote by the Senate is the first legislative victory in the 10-year-old struggle to have warning labels placed on the nation's number one addictive drug, alcohol. The warning label approved reads "GOVERNMENT WARNING: (1) According to the Surgeon General, women should not drink alcoholic beverage during pregnancy because of the risk of birth defects. (2) Consumption of alcoholic beverage impairs your ability to drive a car or operate machinery, and may cause other health problems."

It is true that the warning label does not contain all for which backers had hoped, but the compromise is a significant first step. However, the victory is not yet won. At the time of the writing of this editorial the omnibus Anti-drug bill is in conference. Most bills passed contain some differences between the Senate version and the House version. The omnibus Anti-drug bill contains several significant differences. Perhaps the biggest difference is the alcohol warning label, which the House version does not contain.

The procedure is for legislators from the House and Senate to get together and work out the differences between the two bills. Christians need to let the representatives know that we support a warning label on

all alcoholic beverages. If this becomes the law of the land it may be a small step, but it is certainly a significant step in curbing the abuse of America's number one drug.

A second important issue in Little Rock, North Little Rock, and Garland County is the Sunday sale of alcoholic beverages. There is absolutely no doubt that the sale of alcoholic beverages increases the danger of highway accidents. For several years 64 percent of all accidents that occur have been related to drinking while driving. In 1987 there were 4,704 alcohol related accidents in Arkansas. In Pulaski County alone there were 857.

Last year in the United States there were approximately 24,000 people who died in alcohol related crashes. In Arkansas there were 41 fatalities. The estimated cost of alcohol related crashes across the United

States is more than \$145 million.

Television shapes the cultural behavior of individuals in a marked way. We know that young children, ages two to five, are the heaviest non-adult viewers. The average child spends about 28 hours a week with the television. Older children are somewhat behind, spending just under 28 hours per week. This means that the average American child clocks almost 6,000 hours of television before entering school, and approximately 23,000 hours by the end of high school.

It should be noted that much of the children's cultural learning is largely "uncontrolled." Many of the programs that children watch are not intended for children. Hence, the programs they watch were not designed for them at all. Nevertheless these programs impact their impressionable and immature minds.

Alcoholic beverage companies strive to make it appear that the consumption of alcoholic beverage is normal for every individual. If such advertising were not effective, it would be discontinued. Whether or not such advertising is intended for children it impacts them dramatically during their formative years.

The question arises: Do we need to increase the sale of alcoholic beverages in the major metropolitan areas of Arkansas? Do we want more people killed in highway accidents? The obvious answer is a resounding, no!

It is time for Christians to take their stand. We need to let our representatives know we do want alcoholic beverages to have a warning label on the package. We don't want alcoholic beverages sold on Sunday. It is time to curb the abuse of America's number one drug.

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DON MOORE

## You'll Be Glad To Know



Our annual state convention is immediately before us. Times of great joy and fellowship should come to us as we renew friendships with brothers and sisters and reflect on God's blessing upon us. The strong programs of the ABREA, Ministers' Wives and Pastors' Conference will provide an abundance of inspirational and practical opportunities for growth.

We will hear reports and be called to act upon business that will impact our churches and the entire kingdom of God. We need to come with expectant and patient hearts. So much is packed into so short a time that it is a time of stress just to make all of the sessions.

We have had not only harmonious conventions in recent years, we have had well-attended conventions. Last year's convention must have set a record for the percent of messengers attending every session.

My hope is that we may have the same to happen this year. Would it not be wonderful to have at least one person from everyone of our churches in our convention? Would it not be wonderful to have at least one lay person alongside every pastor who is in attendance? The ratio is about 370 church members per pastor. It seems only right that we have a growing number of lay people involved in the business decisions of the convention.

Now, friends, this convention must not be a sort of spiritual "yawn" in the middle of our busy schedule. We need a deep work of God in our hearts. We must be in aggressive pursuit of the spiritual dynamism necessary to move our churches on toward the effectiveness God wants.

We hope yet to see a breakthrough into genuine revival in this generation. We have lost repeated battles to preserve righteousness in our society. We have been unable to break the trend of churches that seem more bound to curse than to bless. By that I mean, church conflict abounds while baptisms do not. We really have yet to see a revival of concern for the lost at home or abroad.

Let's not just plan to meet, and plan to have spiritual fun. Let's plan to have God make some changes in our lives and ministries. Join me in prayer to that end.

Don Moore is executive director of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

THE YEAR OF THE LAITY

## Reaching People

by Paul McClung  
ABRC Evangelism Department

Reaching people—that's what "The Year of the Laity in Evangelism and Discipleship" is all about. It is a joint effort on the part of the Home Mission Board's section of evangelism, the Church Training department of the Sunday School Board, the Brotherhood Commission, and Women's Missionary Union to call every Christian to "bloom where he or she is planted," as well as a call to go

and tell the Good News through intentional evangelistic visitation. It is making the main thing the main thing. Year of the Laity was born in the heart of Robert Hamblin, HMB vice-president of evangelism. He said, "We're trying to bring spiritual renewal to our churches and trying to equip and train Southern Baptists in their most important task which is witnessing." Bold Mission Thrust has as its goal the presentation of the Gospel to all people by the year 2000. If this is accomplished it will be done across back yard fences, coffee tables and desks, at quilting bees, in corporate offices, on athletic fields, or wherever people are gathered. It cannot be done by waiting for the lost world to come in and watch us worship. Success will come when men and women, young and old are talking to their families, friends, co-workers, and acquaintances, face to face on a daily basis about their relationship to Christ.

During the Year of the Laity we are emphasizing Lay Renewal Weekends and Lay Evangelism Schools.

Lay Renewal Weekends, directed by the Brotherhood Commission, makes use of small groups within the church examining their relationship to Christ, the church and other members of the congregation. It is a recognition that spiritual

awakening will not happen until Christians are right with God and right with each other.

The 42 hours of a Lay Renewal Weekend can be the most exciting spiritual experience your church has ever had. Lay leaders from inside and outside the state come at their own expense to share what God has done in their lives and to lead in the renewal process.

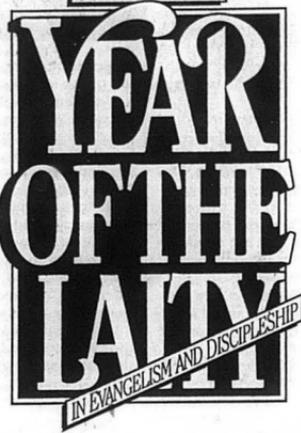
Lay Evangelism Schools are conducted in five two hour sessions during one

week. Included in each session is Bible study, creative activity and witness learning action, followed by on-the-job training in visitation on the final night and continuing for 12 weeks.

Participants in a Lay Evangelism School will learn, under the leadership of a certified instructor, how to share their personal testimony, how to present the Gospel by use of a witnessing booklet, how to make a witnessing visit in a home, and how to do immediate and long

range follow-up. The greatest year in baptisms in the SBC was in 1972 when Lay Evangelism Schools were launched and more than 15,000 schools were conducted. Our goal during 1988-89 is to conduct 20,000 Lay Evangelism Schools convention wide, with 600 of these in Arkansas. To accomplish this 234 pastors and lay persons have been trained and certified in Arkansas to lead in the witness training events. Many others are scheduled to be trained. A list of these leaders can be obtained from the state evangelism department. Scheduling dates, enlisting a certified leader and purchasing of materials should be done as early as possible. A church preparation manual needed for all preparation and follow-up can be purchased either from the Home Mission Board or your state evangelism department.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Pornographers

Will the pornographers win?

In spite of its popularity with the people, plus its 257 House and 40 Senate cosponsors, the Child Protection and Obscenity Act is still stuck in committee—dying a death from neglect.

Why? Politics... in an election year.

Letters, telegrams, phone calls are vital to force vote on this much-needed protective piece of legislation. Let's win one for the little ones (Mt. 18:6).—Mrs. W.C. Carpenter, Magnolia

### Shed Biblical Light

Forgive my request for anonymity, but I love being a part of the Arkansas Convention and I understand that my particular views on this subject are cause for being unseated by the Convention. I would like to extend a challenge to any brother or sister in our Convention to write a letter to the editor (anonymous or otherwise) which states the biblical basis for the practices of closed communion and the rejection of "alien immersion."

How can we tell a believer who is truly saved and was baptized by immersion that their baptism is not good enough for them to join our churches? And, how can we in good conscience tell a visitor in our congregation, who is a true believer, that communion is not for them?

I discover more and more fellow pastors who, in private conversation, admit to the same difficulties with these two practices. I think it is time, in the midst of our great concern to be biblical in all we do and teach, to strip these practices of all the baggage of tradition, and examine them in the true light of Scripture. And let's be legitimate in interpreting Scripture concerning this matter, too. I for one believe that the question of hermeneutics regarding this issue is much clearer than some of the ones we are fussing over: e.g., women in ministry, capitol punishment, etc. My intention is to initiate honest healthy dialogue here.

Will someone shed some biblical light on my path and show me that I'm wrong? Or, will many others be willing to admit what I'm convinced is the truth, cease the abuse of our consciences in this matter, and change our constitution regarding these practices?

And, while you're responding to this could someone explain the strange existence of another enigmatic Southern Baptist animal called a "non-resident member?"—Name withheld by request

### Unbalanced Board

Dr. Lawson Hatfield's recipe for biscuits and peace ABN, 9/22/88, must be cautiously approached. The problem is the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees. Our Lord instructs us to beware of this (Mt. 16:6,11). Dr. Hatfield's first ingredient is nothing more than Pharisee leaven. I quote him "Balanced board representation can best generate spirit and logic for stronger mission support." The fact is that this is simply not true.

Let's look at the foreign mission figures. The conservatives or the majority of Southern Baptists have been in control of the FM Board less than 10 years. Here is the number of missionaries serving in foreign fields: 1/1/69 = 2,371; 1/1/79 = 2,912; 9/1/88 = 3,850. Our increase from 1969 to 1979 yielded 22.8 percent. This was a decade when the moderate/liberals were in full control, no one questioned their wisdom, nor blasphemed them as they have the conservatives.

Now our increase since January 1979 to the present yields 32.2 percent. Does Dr. Hatfield really believe Arkansas Baptists are so foolish to believe the balanced liberal method is more acceptable? Should we terminate 10 percent of our foreign mission force to pacify these logical liberals? Heaven forbid! The United Methodists have used the balanced method which Dr. Hatfield supports. Their foreign missionaries have gone from a high of over 1,500 to just under 500. Some of these are practicing liberation theology, which is nothing more than Marxist Communism in the guise of Christian love.

I'm persuaded that blood bought, born again, Bible-believing Southern Baptists are thankful for the progress of unbalanced mission boards. We need only one thing on our boards: more Jesus and less man. May Arkansas Baptists say Amen!—Jim Glover, Heber Springs

### Where It Belongs

Brother Hatfield, I have been a Southern Baptist for 76 years, and a Baptist minister for more than 60 years. With few exceptions, I have revelled in the peace and harmony of our fellowship. That tranquility was disturbed by a few men, who by political action, secret planning, ignoring the traditional Baptist principle of openness in all deliberations, set out to destroy that peace and harmony. The claim that it was done in defense of the faith is as

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BEN EARLY

## Early Reflections



### To My Grandson

Dear Tyler:

This letter comes to you long before you will be able to

read or comprehend its message. I trust that your parents will save this letter for you, and when the time comes that it might be given to you. I hope you will cherish this letter as a constant reminder of the love your family has for you and the great love Jesus Christ gives to all of us.

You began your life at a wonderful, yet a dangerous time. In your lifetime you will see many things come to pass that my mind cannot begin to comprehend now. You will enjoy a life full of love from parents who are thrilled at your coming to live with them. You are afforded the high privilege of living in a Christian home.

Your mother was a wonderful blessing in our lives, but let me tell you, she also provided a challenge. She is a special person whom we love so very much. As I watch her make a house, a home and see the kind of mother she is to you, my worries are lessened. She is a joy to us, but she has a stubborn streak which I'm sure you'll run up against many times. God has blessed you with a great mom, and don't ever forget that gift.

I'm still learning to know your dad, he is all I've hoped for in a son-in-law and I love him as if he was my own. Your dad has such a loving and calm spirit. He is so proud of you and I know he will be a model you can look up to. I hear he was quite a rounder as a little boy, yet God has molded and shaped him into a man in which I place a lot of confidence and pride.

Although you will find things all about you in constant change, I want you to remember that there is one who never changes. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Learn of him, trust him, have him as your friend, and live for him.

I must go now, but let me assure you of my love and pride for your entire family.

Keep Mom and Dad on their toes and keep that sunny disposition which has brought new joy into our lives.

I look forward to the time we can spend together, exploring the world's beauty.

Love—hugs and kisses, Papa.

Ben Early is director of public relations at Southern Baptist College in Walnut Ridge.

## Letters

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phony as that the rest of us are skunks.

The tragedy is that we, as pastors and leaders, did not warn our people as soon as we knew what they were doing. Our reticence was considered an endorsement. We wanted to be Mr. Nice Guys and not muddy the water, hoping they would be nice too.

They proved us wrong by taking over our convention, its institutions, its billions of dollars of assets, and are already shaping it to suit their tastes. They took the deliberate risk of destroying a 143-year-old mission program, and we see that reflected in decreased mission gifts, from support of the local program to the ends of the earth.

We are asked to sit by and watch the house burn, set by arsonists, and cheer them for their devastation. When the Lord swept out the temple he authorized us to organize ourselves and determine to take back our convention, however long it takes, and bring it to where it began in 1845, and where it belongs today.—J. Lowell Ponder, Farmington

## Resolution 5

The Priesthood of the Believer Resolution, adopted at the '88 convention has not been printed in entirety in our state paper. The Baptists of Arkansas should see what it actually says:

WHEREAS, None of the five major writing systematic theologians in Southern Baptist history have given more than passing reference to the doctrine of the Priesthood of the Believer in their systematic theologies; and

WHEREAS, the Baptist Faith and Message preamble refers to the Priesthood of the Believer, but provides no definition or content to the term; and

WHEREAS, the high profile emphasis on the doctrine of the Priesthood of the Believer in Southern Baptist life is a recent historical development; and

WHEREAS, the Priesthood of the Believer is a term which is subject to both misunderstanding and abuse; and

WHEREAS, the doctrine of the Priesthood of the Believer has been used to justify wrongly the attitude that a Christian may believe whatever he so chooses and still be considered a loyal Southern

Baptist; and

WHEREAS, the doctrine of the Priesthood of the Believer can be used to justify the undermining of pastoral authority in the local church.

Be it therefore RESOLVED, That the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in San Antonio, Texas, June 14-16, 1988, affirm its belief in the biblical doctrine of the Priesthood of the Believer (1 P. 2.9 and Re. 1.6); and

Be it further RESOLVED, That we affirm that this doctrine in no way gives license to misinterpret, explain away, demythologize, or extrapolate out elements of the supernatural from the Bible; and

Be it further RESOLVED, That the doctrine of the Priesthood of the Believer in no way contradicts the biblical understanding of the role, responsibility, and authority of the pastor which is seen in the command to the local church in Hebrews 13:17, "Obey your leaders, and submit to them; for they keep watch over your souls, as those who will give an account; "

Be it finally RESOLVED, That we affirm the truth that elders, or pastors, are called of God to lead the local church (Ac. 20:28)—Dale E. Thompson, Rogers

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## Today's Issues

## Help Desperately Needed

Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise (Pr. 20:1 KJV).

On Election Day, Nov. 2, citizens of three major cities in Arkansas—Little Rock, North Little Rock, and Hot Springs—will be voting on whether to permit Sunday sales of alcoholic beverages in certain hotels and restaurants, along with other issues and candidates.

Most people in our state look on Sunday, the first day of the week, as being especially holy. Others consider their sabbath to be Friday or Saturday. Consequently, as spiritually important as the first day of the week is to most Arkansans, what needs to be primarily remembered regarding Sunday sales is that with voter approval, there would be additional opportunities for consumption and subsequent problems of all types. We must not forget that alcohol is a drug and that it is the number one problem drug in Arkansas and the world.

It is hypocritical for us as adults to teach our children and youth to say no

to drugs and then vote for providing more opportunities to purchase and use the number one problem drug—alcohol. Alcohol has been called the "gateway drug" in that it introduces initial "highs" that too often lead to a desire for others such as found in "crack" cocaine.

If you live in Arkansas, but not in one of the three cities mentioned, please pray that God might lead voters in them to vote "no." Besides praying for them, call or write any relatives or friends you have in those cities asking that they vote "no" for the sake of all Arkansans.

There are business and religious leaders at work in these three cities seeking to encourage voters to be role models regarding this serious issue, which if passed would add to the many problems, including a serious shortage of jail and prison space in Arkansas. Help keep Arkansas free from further opportunities for chemical dependence by both its citizens and visitors.

Bob Parker is director of the Christian Life Council.



# Tax Exemption

by Larry Page

Arkansas Baptist Foundation

Churches, associations of churches and conventions of churches are exempt from the requirement to pay federal income tax. Sections 501(a) and 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code ("Code") exempt organizations "... organized and operated for religious, charitable... or educational purposes..." categories into which traditional churches obviously fall.

Most organizations meeting the criteria for tax exemption must file an application with the Internal Revenue Service ("Service"), requesting a determination that it is a qualified tax exempt organization. Churches are among the few organizations that are not required to file for such a determination; a church, by virtue of its compliance with the organizational and operational tests of section 510(c)(3) of the Code, is automatically exempt.

There are several benefits a church enjoys as a result of its tax exempt status. In addition to the exemption from the payment of federal income tax, it may be exempt under some state and local income, property sales, use or other forms of taxation. Contributions to organizations recognized as exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code are deductible as charitable contributions on the individual or corporate donor's federal income tax return. This is not so for all tax exempt organizations; the mere fact that an organization is exempt from federal income tax under a provision other than section 501(c)(3) of the Code doesn't necessarily mean that contributions to it are deductible as charitable contributions. For example, a social club might be exempt from paying federal income tax because it is a nonprofit organization, but donations to it would not be deductible by the donors because the club's activities did not meet the criteria of section 501(c)(3) of the Code. The club's tax exempt status would be justified upon another section of the Code, one which conferred only tax exempt status and not the deductibility of donors' contributions.

Churches and other organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code are prohibited from engaging in certain activities. A church is not entitled to exemption if any part of its net earnings inures, or accrues, to the benefit of a private individual. The Service explains this requirement as follows: "An organization's trustees, officers, members, founders or contributors may not, by reasons of their position, acquire any of its funds. They

may, of course, receive reasonable compensation for goods or services or other expenditures in furtherance of exempt purposes."

A religious corporation is not entitled to an exemption from federal income tax if a substantial part of its activities involves propagandizing or attempts to influence legislation. The regulations stated that attempting to influence legislation consists of contacting or encouraging the public to contact legislators for the purpose of introducing, supporting, or opposing legislation, or advocating the adoption or rejection of specific legislation. Legislation is defined to include actions by Congress, or any state or local legislative or governing body, or public action, and as referendums, initiatives, constitutional amendments or similar procedures.

Attempts by a church to influence legislation will not jeopardize its tax exempt status, if the attempts amount to less than a substantial part of the church's activities. The Service takes the position that whether a specific activity amounts to a "substantial" part of an exempt organization's total activities is a factual question and that there is no simple rule for making that determination. In one case, the court suggested that activities aimed at influencing legislation were not substantial if they constituted less than five percent of an exempt organization's total activities. The Service warns that such a test allows only limited guidelines. The Service has stated that "most cases have attempted to avoid... a percentage measurement of activities."

A church is not entitled to tax exempt status if it participates or intervenes in a political campaign by endorsing, supporting, or opposing any candidate for election to public office. This prohibition is unconditional. There is no requirement that such activity constitute a substantial part of the church's activities, as in the case of attempts to influence legislation. Any partisan intervention or participation in an election by a church would place its tax exempt status in jeopardy.

A church could lose its tax exempt status by engaging in an unrelated trade or business, if the conduct of the trade or business constituted more than a substantial part of its activities. The Code defines "unrelated trade or business" as "any trade or business the conduct of which is not substantially related (aside from the need of such organization for income or funds or the use it makes of the profits derived) to the exercise or performance by such organization of its charitable, educational,

or other purpose or function constituting the basis for its exemption.

Any income a church derives from the operation of an unrelated trade or business is taxable income. If a church conducts such a trade or business, but not to the extent that the activity constituted a substantial part of the church's total activities, the church would not lose its tax exempt status, but it would be required by the Code to pay a tax on the income derived from the trade or business.

In order for a church's activities to be considered an unrelated trade or business requiring tax to be paid on the income derived from the activities, three conditions must be met: First, the activity must be a trade or business; secondly, the trade or business must be regularly carried on; and, lastly, the trade or business must not be substantially related to exempt purposes. An example of this would be a church's parking lot used as a commercial lot during the week. The leasing of parking spaces would be considered to be an unrelated trade or business, even though the church needs and uses the lot for its exempt purposes when it conducts services.

## A SMILE OR TWO

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## He's Seen God

by Mark Wingfield  
SBC Home Mission Board

SALT LAKE CITY (BP)—Snow continued to fall as Nadine Harrell stood at the side of a dilapidated old car, talking to the man and woman inside through windowless doors. Only dangling rags filtered the freezing wind blowing through one window and out another.

The man needed \$42.63 to get to California where he had a job waiting as a mechanic. He and his wife had lived in the beat-up car for three days, fighting off the cold with nothing to eat.

Traveler's Aid confirmed the man's story and gave him \$42.63, half the amount he needed. Then they sent him to the Baptist Concern Center, where they said he might get the other half.

Baptist Concern Center isn't the largest church ministry in this metropolitan area of 600,000, but it's one of the few that will help those who are not members in good standing of the Mormon church.

As director of the center, Harrell has a policy of not giving out cash. She gladly gives food and clothing and helps people find work if they need it.

When she explained this, the man offered to sell her the one asset he had—his tools. Although they were worth hundreds of dollars, he was willing to part with them for \$42.63.

Harrell started calling potential buyers. When she couldn't find anyone interested, she decided to buy the man's tools herself.

Harrell gave the couple food and clothing along with the money and walked back into her office with the tools as the car creaked out of the parking lot. She looked at the tools, wondering what she would do with them and what the man would do without them.

With tears streaming down her face, Harrell stopped the car to give the tools back as a gift. "People have told me all my life there's a God and I never would believe it," the man told her. "But today, I've seen God."

That moment touched Harrell as deeply as it did the couple she helped.

There was a time Harrell thought she couldn't help any more. She and her first husband served as home missionaries in San Antonio, Beeville and Abilene, Texas. But his death altered her ministry. "When my husband died, I buried me," she said. "I became a different person."

With time, Harrell remarried and moved from Texas to Utah, where she and her new husband managed a motel. After retiring, Harrell was approached by Bruce Gardner, director of missions for the Utah-

Idaho Baptist Convention, about working with the Baptist Concern Center.

Gardner knew Harrell was experienced and committed to Baptist work. Harrell knew that starting a social ministry would bring back painful memories.

She struggled and tried to get out of it, but finally agreed to give the job a try. Since then, helping people in need has renewed her own calling.

"God called me to be a missionary," she said. "Although my husband died, God didn't uncalle me."

Harrell's mission now is to show Utah churches that they can do Christian social ministries. She is developing the Baptist Concern Center at Glendale Baptist Church

as a model.

Harrell's husband, John, is part-time pastor of the Glendale church which had dwindled to six members but is now growing, with an average attendance of 30.

Although the Baptist Concern Center receives financial assistance through the state office, members of Glendale are heavily involved, Harrell said.

"This little church didn't know they could do something," she said. "No matter how small a church is, if they're willing to help they can give someone a new life."

Harrell has developed a variety of ministries, including food and clothing distribution, hot lunches, ceramics classes and aerobics—all laced with gospel teachings. "We witness to them without them knowing it, and it's working," she said.

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Nadine Harrell, director of the Baptist Concern Center in Salt Lake City, has developed extensive food and clothing closets to help needy families.

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RIGHT TO LIFE

## Not Raising Funds

Arkansas Right to Life is not raising funds to send individuals to Atlanta to participate in the Operation Rescue abortion protests.

According to a statement released by Julie Wright, executive director of Arkansas Right to Life, the organization was recently notified that its name had been used to solicit funds which ostensibly were being used to defray the expenses of persons planning to join the protests in Atlanta.

"Neither Operation Rescue, nor this fundraising effort, are in any way connected with our organization," said Wright. "We want the people of Arkansas to know this solicitation is not from Arkansas Right to

Life, any chapter thereof, or any individual representing Arkansas Right to Life. We do not want anybody to get the erroneous idea they are contributing to Arkansas Right to Life in order to sponsor individuals to Atlanta."

The Atlanta protests began in July in an effort to close down that cities' abortion clinics. Protesters, including several Southern Baptists, have been arrested on trespass charges after blocking entrances to the clinics. The civil disobedience involved in the protests has sparked controversy over the methods used by both protesters and police.

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## Taylor Honored

James Floyd Taylor Sr., pastor of Midway Church in El Dorado, recently celebrated 50 years of service as a Southern Baptist minister, having pastored several Arkansas churches.

A native of Warren, he is a graduate of both Warren High School and Ouachita Baptist University. He did post-graduate study in several Arkansas colleges and attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

In his 50 years as a pastor, he has performed 122 weddings and 224 funerals.

Taylor was married for 42 years to the late Margaret Aileen Tate of Warren. He has four children, Floyd and John Taylor of El Dorado, Andy Taylor of Lawson, and Nancy Ann Ritchey of Florida; and eight grandchildren.

## Memorial Service

A state-wide memorial service commemorating the 23 million babies lost to abortion will be held at the Lakeside Baptist Church, Hot Springs, on Saturday, Nov. 5 at 2 p.m.

David Miller, director of missions for Little Red River Association, will speak and Malvie Giles of Magnolia will sing.

The event is sponsored by Arkansas Right to Life. For further information, contact Tonia Lambert at 337-1543 or Gina Rogers at 262-2194.

## Parents Day At OBU

Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia will host its annual Parents Day for all parents of OBU students on Saturday, Oct. 29.

Registration for the event will begin at 9 a.m. in the lobby of Evans Student Center and activities will include academic displays, open house in the dormitories, a football game between the OBU Tigers and Langston University, and the annual Tiger Tunes musical presentation.

For more information, contact the Dean of Students office at 246-4531, ext. 220.

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**Lyndon Finney** was recognized Oct. 16 by Immanuel Church in Little Rock for 15 years of service as organist. Finney, who has studied with David Huffstetler, also has served as organist at Grand Avenue Church in Fort Smith and First Church in North Little Rock. He serves as director of public relations for Baptist Medical System in Little Rock and as president of *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* Board of Trustees.

**Manuel Macks** was recognized Oct. 9 by Newark Southern Church for five years of service when members honored him and his family with a reception and presented them with a monetary gift.

**H.D. McCarty**, pastor of University Church, Fayetteville, recently retired from active participation in the U.S. Air Force, following more than 33 years of service. His final assignment was assistant to the Chief of Chaplains, USAF, for the Air National Guard, Washington, D.C. He also has served as a chaplain with the Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard, serving the Arkansas Air National Guard for three years.

**Richard L. Browning**, administrator for

First Church in Little Rock, was among the 47 Baptist church administrators who were recently honored at a certification banquet during the bi-annual Southern Baptist Church Business Administration Conference in Denver, Colo. Each of the participants had attended four weeks of study and successfully met all other requirements for being recognized as "Certified in Church Business Administration."

**Clay Doss** has joined the staff of Third Street Church in Arkadelphia as minister of music and youth. He is a graduate of Southern Baptist College and Ouachita Baptist University. He and his wife, Paula, previously have served with Sparkman, Hot Springs, and Arkadelphia churches.

**Ronald Toon** is serving as pastor of First Church, Luxora.

**DeWitt Walker** recently was recognized by Ashley County Association for his service as associational clerk when a reception was given in his honor at the home of Director of Missions Billy Kite.

**Hardy Bell** were honored Oct. 9 by Sylvan Hills First Church in North Little Rock for 10 years of service as associate pastor of media and outreach.

**Keith Sandefur** has resigned as pastor of Colt Church to serve as pastor of Palestine Church, Heber Springs.

**Joe Craft** is serving as pastor of Gould Church, going there from Beck Spur Church, Forrest City.

**Matthew Watson** has resigned as pastor of Second Church, Amity, to serve as pastor of Community Bible Church, Glenwood.

**Clayton Sheets** is serving as pastor of Concord Church, Plainview. He is a student at Ouachita Baptist University.

**David W. Dally** of Arkadelphia has been named a 1988 Clyde T. Francisco Preaching Scholarship recipient by Southern Baptist Theological Seminary where he began studies this fall. His parents are Herb and Betty Dally of Arkadelphia.

**Jeff Bradley** began serving Sept. 18 as minister of music and youth at First Church, Hardy. He is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Bradley previously served at First Church in Cedar Hill, Texas.

**Tom Bolton** is serving First Church, El Dorado, as interim minister of music. He is in his 16th year of service at Ouachita Baptist University where he teaches voice, musicology, and opera.

**Mark Bever** was recognized Oct. 16 by First Church, Bentonville, for 10 years of service as church pianist.



**Randell Forrest** (center) was recognized Sept. 18 for seven years of perfect attendance while serving as Sunday School director when Plainview Church observed Teacher Appreciation Day. Sharing in the service were **Jeff Cheatham** (left), director of missions for Arkansas River Valley Association, and **Pastor Tom M. Deere**.

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**Tommy Wallace** is serving as pastor of First Church, Beirne. He and his wife, Paula, moved there from South Fork.

**Byron Eubanks** is serving as pastor of DeGray Church.

**Rev. and Mrs. Andy Kerr** will observe their 40th wedding anniversary Oct. 29 with a reception given in their honor at Tyler Street Church in Little Rock by their children, Charlotte Starkey, Tina Overton, and Larry Kerr.

## Briefly

**Clear Lake Church** near Blytheville ordained Tom Gothard Jr. to the deacon ministry Oct. 16. Pastor Glenn Norris moderated the service.

**El Paso First Church** ordained James Short Jr., James Steward, and Johnny Venable to the deacon ministry Oct. 16. Those on program were Pastor John Davey, James E. Hill Jr., director of missions for Calvary Association; Bruce Venable, associate director of Baptist Student Union,

Arkansas State University; and Earnest Anderson, pastor emeritus.

**Goshen Mission** dedicated a 4,000 square foot education and worship center Oct. 2. The debt-free building houses a worship center, office, kitchen, fellowship area and classrooms. Pastor Farrell Ard presented certificates of appreciation to Mark Brooks, pastor of Elmdale Church, Springdale, sponsoring church; and Ken Evans and Lynn Still, who directed the construction. Jack Ramsey of Russellville preached the dedication message.

**Holland Church** at Vilonia recently honored Pastor Jim Acklin with a surprise appreciation fellowship in recognition of five years of service.

**New Hope Church** at Conway ordained Ronnie Cauthen, Jim Hagood, and Marty Phillips to the deacon ministry Sept. 25.

**West Memphis Hope Mission** was constituted into a church Oct. 9 with membership in Tri-County Association, the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, and the Southern Baptist Convention. Floyd Tidsworth Jr., ABSC church extension director, was speaker.

**Ridgeview Church** at Fayetteville has experienced growth through a recent vaca-

tion Bible school which resulted in nine professions of faith. There have been six other additions by baptism. The church more than doubled its gifts to the Dixie Jackson State Missions Offering, according to interim pastor Andrew M. Hall.

**East Side Church** in Fort Smith celebrated its 35th anniversary Oct. 22-23 with activities that included a homecoming fellowship, testimony celebration, and musical program. Former pastor Lynwood Henderson was speaker.

**Conway Second Church** Royal Ambassadors will call attention to world hunger Nov. 4-5 as they operate amateur radio station WA5RRM and challenge members to give one dollar to the Southern Baptist Convention World Hunger Fund.

**Leonard Street Church** in Hot Springs is conducting an old-fashioned tent revival Oct. 23-28 with Les Aldridge, pastor of New Life Church in Little Rock, as evangelist and Clarence Hill of Hot Springs, as music director.

**Clarksville Second Church** recently concluded a three-week world hunger emphasis that resulted in gifts of more than \$209 for the World Hunger Fund of the Southern Baptist Convention. A local business firm provided boxes that were used by members as banks for the collection.

**Prairie Grove First Church** will dedicate a multi-purpose building Nov. 6 with activities that will include Sunday School, a worship service, dinner on the grounds, a 1:30 p.m. dedication service, and open house. Former pastors Pete Petty, Roy South, Ed Powers, and Tommy Freeman will be special guests.

**Hope First Church** ordained Kenneth Wakefield and James Griffin to the deacon ministry Oct. 9. Speakers were Pastor Richard Stiltner and Carroll Caldwell, director of missions for Southwest Association.

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**First Church, Malvern**, dedicated the complete renovation of its sanctuary on Sunday, Oct. 16. Robert E. Naylor, president emeritus of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and pastor of the Malvern church 1935-37, brought the dedicatory message during the afternoon service. The Ouachita-Tones of Ouachita Baptist University supplied special music. Charles Ascraft, former executive secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, preached during the morning service. According to Pastor Zane Chesser, the \$430,000 restoration included new carpeting and pews, new oak paneling and choir rail, a sound system, and six stained glass windows. Bill Phillips was chairman of the long-range planning committee. Dale Beard was chairman of the Together We Build steering committee.

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To date the 1988 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering has passed the \$29 million mark and continues toward the \$37.5 million goal. On behalf of 3,760 home missionaries, I want to say "thank you" to every Southern Baptist for this response to mission needs across America.

In recent years we have become increasingly dependent upon this offering for mission expansion. Since every dollar goes directly to the field for missions, the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering amounts to 53 percent of our work done on the field. A supplemental offering in past years, it is today an essential support for our ongoing ministries. Thus I feel the need to tell you just how important it is and to ask you to help ensure its success and guard against a shortfall, ever.

Home Missions is a partnership with all Southern Baptists. You share in the victories that our missionaries celebrate daily. Recently a young man was led to Christ out of a drug-crazed gang in Houston; a young girl in Tulsa found hope and help from an Alternatives to Abortion Clinic; a Laotian mission was begun in an Atlanta suburb. And in thousands of other places like these, you are participating as full partners as you pray and give and encourage.

Thanks for all you've done in the past and please know we're looking toward a strengthened partnership with you for the greatest days ever in home missions.

Gratefully and prayerfully,

Larry L. Lewis  
President, Home Mission Board

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## Kingdom Events

by Don Moore  
ABSC Executive Director

Just as surely as you think of Thanksgiving when you think of November, you should also think of the state convention with its auxiliary meetings, "M" Night and the Foreign Mission Study. Thanksgiving doesn't get old to us even though it is regularly repeated, nor should these kingdom events. There is something new each time around.



For example, the state convention. Roy Fish, outstanding professor of evangelism, will be leading us in Bible study. Larry Lewis, president of the Home Mission Board, will bring the keynote address on missions. Ron Herrod, pastor of First Church, Fort Smith, will bring the convention sermon. Cary Heard will bring the President's address and Dawn Smith will bring beautiful theme interpretations through music and spoken testimony.

As messengers of the churches you will have an opportunity to see, hear and vote on some challenging projects that will be recommended. While many bivocational pastors may not be able to attend, it would be so outstanding if some lay person from every church could attend and then carry a report back to the congregation.

Just as with your personal family, it isn't perfect, but the Baptist family is amazing and wonderful. We need as many of the family together as possible when we do Kingdom business! Hope to see you Nov. 1-2 at the Park Hill Church in North Little Rock.

The Pastors' Conference will feature a good number of our Arkansas pastors plus Dr. Stephen Olford, a premiere expositor of the Word of God. Some of the best biblical messages preached at the Pastors' Conference of the Southern Baptist Convention were preached by our Arkansas pastors. Remember, the Pastors' Conference will start on Monday morning rather than Monday afternoon. Come early and take it all in.

The Ministers' Wives Conference has an entirely new schedule and format. Their meeting, which is held on Monday afternoon while the pastors are in their conference, will feature numerous separate conferences and two messages by Marge Caldwell of Houston, Texas.

Arkansas Baptist Religious Education Association will meet to strengthen their fellowship and to be challenged about

their work. They, too, have planned an excellent experience for you who are involved in religious education, music and/or youth ministries. Dr. Jack Terry of Southwestern Seminary, and Scott Holsclaw of Ouachita University will be featured.

**Foreign Mission Study**—Only you can see that this is done. It is a local church activity. Every church should have one. Even churches without WMU and Brotherhood could have one. The pastor, or someone he knows to have a burden for foreign missions with some aptitude for teaching, could be enlisted from within the church to lead in this important matter.

Informed people care. When they care they pray. When they care and pray they are moved to help. The study this year revolves around our work in Nigeria. We have been there since 1850. We have around 90 missionaries there. Arkansas missionaries have had in the past and are having a key role in our work there.

The suggested date for the study is Nov. 20-23. For those who can, a Week of Prayer for World Missions will naturally follow with us all sharing in the Lottie Moon Christmas offering.

God willing, two of our Arkansas pastors and their wives will be approaching their appointment to Ecuador and Brazil during these days of study and prayer. Their going sure makes me want to do better in my support.

Could this be the year that 100 percent of our churches take the Lottie Moon Christmas offering? I pray so!

"M" Night—Most associations still have good, strong "M" night meetings. Their rich background is that of mobilization of our people in Church Training. We have not outlived that need. With the great emphasis on "Back to the Baptist Basics" and with the special studies and varied approaches to learning, Sunday night can become the exciting place it ought to be for all of us.

This year, along with the fellowship and inspiration, I hope every "M" Night will feature some of the bright new discipline materials that are available to assist our members in Christian growth. They are attractive, practical and proven. They could help many of our people move on out for Christ. Nov. 28 is the date most associations will be meeting for "M" Night.

You can pray Nov. 11-13 is special days. Of the 2,000 international students who are enrolled in colleges and universities in Arkansas, some 150 to 200 will accept our invitation to an International Student Conference at Camp Paron. Most will have never been saved. Most will have

grown up in non-Christian, perhaps even anti-Christian cultures. A powerful Christian witness is so vital in this setting. Pray for our BSU, WMU and Missions departments as they undertake this challenging activity.

**RA's—Rowdy Activists?** No, they are just energetic kids needing direction. In almost every church there is at least one person or one couple who care enough about these boys to put together an RA program for boys grades 1-9. Known as Royal Ambassadors, this organization has channeled many young men in the direction of God's will for their lives. They are pastors, teachers, evangelists, missionaries, and staff workers today. Shouldn't you observe RA Week in your church? You probably should in order to encourage those who work with RA's, or to encourage the beginning of RA work in your church. Call the Brotherhood Department to get the name of someone who might help you get the work going!

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Dr. Fred McGehee, a career guidance specialist in the Church Administration Department of the Sunday School Board, will lead a Career Assessment in Arkansas on Thursday and Friday, Dec. 1-2. The Career Assessment Conference will meet at the Plaza Hotel adjacent to the Baptist Medical Center, 1120 Medical Center Dr., in Little Rock. The conference will begin at 10 a.m. on Thursday and conclude by 3 p.m. on Friday.



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Fred McGehee describes Career Assessment as "a serious pause in your busy life as a minister to update your life purposes and ministry directions." Since career assessments began in 1976, hundreds of ministers and their mates have participated in this experience. Without fanfare all have been offered acceptance, security and freedom to work on a variety of ministry concerns.

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Career Assessment can be especially helpful for persons who have lost a sense of purpose, are considering a call to a new place of ministry, are at a career crisis point, are facing retirement, or persons who aren't experiencing fulfillment in their lives and ministries.

The registration fee for the conference is \$35 per person, which includes materials. There is no additional cost when a spouse attends. Lodging is available at the Plaza Hotel. The rate is \$16 per person (double occupancy) or \$32 for a single.

The last two years it has been necessary to close registration for this conference because of the requests. Make your reservation early if you plan to participate. To register, to reserve a room or to request additional information and materials, write or call Robert Holley, P.O. Box 552, Little Rock, AR 72203; phone 376-4791.—Robert Holley, director

## Stewardship/Annuity Budgets and Salaries

The largest single item in most church budgets relates to employee salaries and benefits. The average Baptist church in Arkansas spends 41 percent of its undesignated receipts for ministerial and supportive staff salaries.

The 41 percent figure came from reports in the 1987 uniform church letters. Some churches reported more than 50 percent for salaries. Others were below the average. Church resources, number of staff members, years of service, and local economic conditions influence salaries and benefits paid by churches.

Churches should do the best they can with available resources to provide for the needs of those who serve. Salaries for ministers have improved over the years but many still struggle to meet their basic

needs. Secretaries and custodians, in some instances, are near minimum wage.

Compensation for ministers may be divided into three categories. The local church, as a responsible employer, will consider salary and housing as basic compensation.

Churches may provide benefits for both ministerial and supportive staff. Most companies provide health insurance and retirement contributions. These two benefits are not counted as taxable income for employees.

Many ministers fund church related expenses from their own income. Churches should reimburse ministers for car and other professional expenses.

A cost of living increase is essential. Inflation erodes purchasing power and without annual adjustments church employees experience frustration.

Contact the Stewardship/Annuity office for materials or to set up a conference on salary and benefits for the church staff.—James A. Walker, director

## Woman's Missionary Union Prayer for Foreign Missions

What would be the effect on our world if every Arkansas Baptist attended a churchwide foreign mission book study, every member diligently prayed for the needs requested by our foreign missionaries during the Week of Prayer, and every member sacrificially gave to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering? God only knows what could happen in a church that sincerely placed foreign missions in a top priority position.

The 1988 churchwide foreign mission study will draw your church closer to Southern Baptist efforts in Nigeria as church members learn about the country and the needs of our missionaries. Study books and teaching guides are available for each age-level at the Baptist Book Store. Enlist study leaders for all age groups. Begin planning now to make this study an exciting and meaningful event for the entire church family.

Advance promotion is the key to having a successful study. Announce the study in all Sunday School departments. Plan a series of midweek dinner menus from around the world to heighten awareness of the world we live in. Design posters for church bulletin boards. Make sure information is placed in church bulletins and newsletters for at least four weeks prior to the study. Ask the church media librarian to display mission study books two weeks before the study.

The week of the churchwide study,

have WMU and Brotherhood members visit Sunday School classes to invite people to the study. Have a covered-dish supper of African foods for your midweek meal. Make Wednesday a special day of prayer for Nigeria. Your church can have an outstanding foreign mission study if preparations are made now.

The week of Dec. 4-11 has been designated as the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. This year's theme, "Because We Have Been Given Much," helps us realize our awesome responsibility—we have much yet to give. As the 100th anniversary of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is celebrated this year, encourage your church family to think in multiples of 100 when setting their offering goals. The 1988 national goal is \$84,000,000. Prayer guides and offering envelopes are available from the state WMU office.

Our world can be reached for Christ, but only through concerted, devoted, daily prayer. God has asked us to pray. The lives of untold billions of persons depend on our prayer and financial support: Our 3,842 foreign missionaries who serve in 113 countries are depending on us too. We must become people of prayer. We must become people who sacrificially give so our world will be reached for Christ. Because we have been given much, we too must give.—Angela Lowe, Acts Executive Director

## Evangelism

# Joy Explo '88

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November 22, Lay Evangelism School Update, Baptist Building, Little Rock (Ev)

November 20-23, Foreign Mission Study (WU)

November 28, "M" Night (CT)

## December

December 4-11, Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (WU)  
December 8-9, Evangelism Workshop, Camp Paron (Ev)  
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January 8, Witness Commitment Day (Ev)  
January 14, RA Counselor Fellowship and Workshop, North Little Rock Baring Cross Church (Bbd)  
January 22, Baptist Men's Day (Bbd)

January 23-24, State Church Media Library Conference North Little Rock Central Church (CT)

January 28, Youth Leaders Christian Life Workshop, Little Rock (CLC)

January 30, Baptist Doctrine Study Preview, Little Rock First Church (CT)

January 30-31, State Evangelism Conference, Little Rock First Church (Ev)

## February

February 1-4, Volunteer/Part-Time Music Director Conference, Nashville, Tenn. (M)  
February 3, Lay Renewal Fellowship, Little Rock (Bbd)  
February 6, State Vacation Bible School Clinic, Little Rock Immanuel Church (SS)  
February 6-7, ASSIST Training, Little Rock Immanuel Church (SS)  
February 11, Bible Teaching Gathering for Small Sunday Schools, Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia (SS)

February 12-18, Focus on WU (WU)

February 19-22, Home Mission Study (WU)

February 20-21, Pastoral Ministries Conference, Little Rock Immanuel Church (CT)

February 24-25, State Single Adult Conference, Little Rock Markham Street Church (CT)

February 24-25, Volunteer/Part-Time Music Leader Retreat, Camp Paron (M)

Abbreviations: Ad - Administration; Bbd - Brotherhood; CLC - Christian Life Council; CT - Church Training; Ev - Evangelism; M - Music; Mn - Missions; SS - Sunday School; S/A - Stewardship/Annuity; Stu - Student; WU - Woman's Missionary Union

BAPTIST JOINT COMMITTEE

## Amendment Urged

by Mary Knox  
Baptist Press

WASHINGTON (BP)—Baptists' religious liberty agency has asked Congress to amend the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1988 "to ensure that the constitutional guarantees of the free exercise of religion are not infringed."

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, comprised of representatives from nine denominations in the United States and Canada, ratified the request during its annual meeting Oct. 3-4 in Washington.

Congress approved the Civil Rights Restoration Act this spring and later overrode President Reagan's veto. The act prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, age or handicap in federally funded institutions.

The act overruled *Grove City College v. Bell*, a Supreme Court decision that held a federal anti-discrimination ban applied only to the specific program receiving federal funds, not the entire institution.

Religious groups have protested the act, particularly because it does not distinguish between direct and indirect aid, forces the institutions to apply for religious exemp-

tions rather than making the exemptions automatic, and makes the exemptions available only to institutions "controlled by" religious organizations.

The Baptist Joint Committee's resolution on the act is virtually the same as "On Civil Rights and Religious Institutions," a resolution passed by messengers to the 1988 Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting.

The resolution criticizes the act for failing to distinguish between direct and indirect federal funding; for making religious exemptions "available only to those institutions 'controlled by' a religious organization"; and for raising "potential church-state problems, particularly for Baptist colleges and universities."

Because Baptists believe in "religious liberty instead of simply religious toleration," the resolution adds, "We believe that churches and religiously affiliated institutions which do not accept direct federal aid should be explicitly exempt from the provisions of this act."

The resolution urges "all Baptist agencies and institutions to monitor closely the implementation of this act." It also asks

those organizations "to refuse direct federal assistance" and encourages Baptist organizations that receive indirect assistance "to seek legal counsel about seeking exemptions... where necessary to protect their free exercise of religion."

In addition to its call for an amendment to guarantee free exercise of religion, the resolution encourages "all Baptists to contact members of Congress to urge them to support this legislative action." The resolution asks government officials "to continue interpreting the exemption broadly so as to include those institutions indirectly controlled by religious organizations."

The only paragraph added to the SBC resolution urges the Baptist Joint Committee staff "to take positive steps to assure the Washington community and the nation at large that concern by any constituent Baptist body over the religious liberty issues raised by the (act) does not constitute opposition to civil rights legislation which has a worthwhile historical purpose in protecting the legal rights of women, racial minorities, the elderly and the handicapped."

That paragraph was part of a separate resolution passed earlier by the Southern Baptist Public Affairs Committee, the SBC's 18-member delegation to the Baptist Joint Committee.

## PAC Wants to Approve BJC Briefs

WASHINGTON (BP)—The Public Affairs Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention has voted to ask a change in the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs policy for filing legal briefs.

The change asks the BJC to allow the PAC to approve "any brief filed with any court or agency which purports to represent the Southern Baptist Convention." It also asks the BJC to attach a disclaimer to any BJC brief not approved by the PAC, noting the brief "does not represent the position of the Southern Baptist Convention."

Roy R. Gean Jr., a PAC member from Fort Smith, Ark., said briefs "usually are accumulated over months or even years" and the proposed action should not create a time problem for the BJC.

J.I. Ginnings, a businessman from Wichita Falls, Texas, noted briefs and other legal ac-

tions taken by the BJC are based on stated positions previously taken by the BJC. "I see no reason to do this," he said of the change.

"We do not want to have our position misrepresented in a brief," Currin insisted.

In other actions at the annual meeting the BJC:

— Re-elected its officers for another one-year term. They are Marvin C. Griffin, National Baptist Convention of America, chairman; Margaret Prime, American Baptist Churches, first vice chairman; Ginnings, second vice chairman; and Warren Magnuson, Baptist General Conference, secretary.

— Ratified a resolution commending the Soviet Union and its leader, Mikhail Gorbachev, for making "progress toward religious freedom."

And in other business conducted in its own sessions, the PAC:

— Moved to make its meetings "on the record." Previously, the PAC had operated under "background rules," meaning reporters could disclose the substance of discussion and action but could not quote members by name.

The action was taken "to ensure that all Southern Baptists have accurate and free access to information" and to bring the PAC's policy in line with SBC agencies, said Lloyd Elder, president of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, who made the motion.

— Re-elected Birmingham, Ala., insurance executive Albert Lee Smith as vice chairman and Les Csorba III, an editor from Alexandria, Va., as recording secretary. The PAC chairman is elected by the SBC upon nomination by the SBC Committee on Nominations.

— Re-elected Tom Pratt, a pastor from Brighton, Colo., as

newsletter editor and heard plans to expand coverage and to publish quarterly by 1990.

— Elected Norris Sydnor, a pastor from Mitchellville, Md., to a new at-large position on the PAC executive committee, joining the three officers and two committee chairmen.

— Approved a proposed 1989-90 budget of \$75,500, including \$48,000 for the newsletter; \$17,500 for meetings, conferences and exhibits; and \$10,000 for publication of pamphlets.

— Ratified April 21-22, 1989, as the dates for the PAC Religious Liberty Conference in Atlanta.

— Set the next PAC meeting for April 20-21 in Atlanta, to be held in conjunction with the conference.

— Recommended that the BJC chairman name the PAC officers to fill Southern Baptist posts on the BJC executive committee.

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- THAT NIGHT IN GETHSEMANE
- WONDERFUL STORY OF LOVE
- SING OH SING HIS PRAISES
- ON THE JERICO ROAD
- JUST A LITTLE TALK WITH JESUS
- HE IS A FRIEND TO ME
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- I AM THINE, OH LORD
- HIDE ME, O MY SAVIOR
- JESUS, KEEP ME NEAR THE CROSS
- TO THE WORK
- RESCUE THE PERISHING
- TO GOD BE THE GLORY
- CLOSE TO THEE
- PASS ME NOT
- HOLD THOU MY HAND
- TAKE THE WORLD, BUT GIVE ME JESUS
- I SHALL KNOW HIM
- REDEEMED
- WILL YOU COME?
- TIS THE BLESSED HOUR OF PRAYER
- WILL JESUS FIND US WATCHING?
- PRAISE HIM! PRAISE HIM!
- TELL ME THE STORY OF JESUS
- THOUGH YOUR SINS BE AS SCARLET
- SAFE IN THE ARMS OF JESUS
- THE HALF I CANNOT TELL
- SAVIOR, MORE THAN LIFE TO ME
- WELCOME FOR ME
- SPEED AWAY
- SOMEDAY THE SILVER CORD WILL BREAK

## "WONDERFUL WORDS OF LIFE"

- TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE
- WONDERFUL WORDS OF LIFE
- SONG OF WONDERFUL LOVE (WONDERFUL, WONDERFUL)
- EVERY CLOUD HAS A SILVER LINING
- WE HAVE AN ANCHOR
- AM I NEARER TO HEAVEN TODAY
- WILL THERE BE ANY STARS
- FROM THE CROSS TO THE CROWN
- I'LL LIVE IN GLORY
- I'LL LIVE ON
- UPON THE BANKS OF JORDAN
- STOOD (ALL PARTS SUNG BY RAY WALKER)
- JESUS IS ALL THE WORLD TO ME
- WHERE THE ROSES NEVER FADE
- SURELY GOODNESS AND MERCY
- THERE IS A FOUNTAIN
- GLORY FOR ME
- BECAUSE HE LIVES
- HEAVEN
- WHISPERING HOPE



## "IT IS NO SECRET"

- WHAT GOD CAN DO"
- IT IS NO SECRET WHAT GOD CAN DO
- THERE IS A BALM IN GILEAD
- TAKE MY HAND PRECIOUS LORD
- WHEN THE SAINTS GO MARCHING IN
- I WANT TO KNOW
- BECAUSE HE LIVES
- AMAZING GRACE
- HE SET ME FREE
- BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC
- THIS OLD HOUSE
- PEACE IN THE VALLEY
- SHOW GREAT THOU ART
- WHERE COULD I GO
- JUST A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE
- HE'LL UNDERSTAND AND SAY "WELL DONE"
- PRECIOUS MEMORIES
- WILL THE CIRCLE BE UNBROKEN



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IN ATLANTA PROTEST

# CLC Trustee Arrested

by Joe Westbury and Mark Wingfield  
SBC Home Mission Board

ATLANTA (BP)—A trustee of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission was arrested Oct. 4 along with 343 protesters in renewed efforts to close Atlanta's abortion clinics.

James Wood, pastor of Mount Vernon Baptist Church in Atlanta and a member of the denomination's moral concerns agency since 1986, was arrested with 138 other protesters outside the Hillcrest Clinic in midtown Atlanta.

Another 205 protesters were arrested at two other clinics, making the morning's "rescues" the largest in Atlanta history. The 343 arrests more than doubled the highest single-day number of protesters previously jailed.

All three clinics have been earlier targets of Operation Rescue, an evangelical group that has attracted clergy and laypeople from across the nation to Atlanta. In the first round of protests, between mid-July and early September, more than 700 people were arrested in attempts to "rescue" babies from abortion.

Wood is the first Southern Baptist pastor known to have been arrested in the protests. He was released in less than 24 hours, an improvement over earlier conditions.

At least a dozen Southern Baptist church

staff members and laypeople were arrested in the first round of the protests. Many of them spent several days in jail because they identified themselves only as "Baby Jane Doe" or "Baby John Doe."

As the protest at Hillcrest was underway, Wood left picketers and blocked the entry to the clinic. He dropped to his knees and began praying. Police dragged him across the pavement to a paddy wagon as onlookers wailed and prayed for those being arrested.

After Wood was put in the paddy wagon, one lone man from his group was left lying prostrate on the pavement. The man's fingers, bloodied from being dragged across the rough pavement, grasped a small plastic replica of an aborted fetus. Police later took the man to jail.

Five blocks away at the Atlanta Surgi-Center, police used an armlock and a neck hold on Southern Baptist layman Allen Duyn from First Baptist Church of Nokomis, Fla., to arrest him and bring him to his feet.

Lee Ann Warner, a Southern Baptist layperson from Christ Community Church in Clarkston, Ga., was arrested at the Feminist Women's Health Center less than a mile away. Warner was photographing a protest for Operation Rescue when a clinic worker allegedly knocked her to the

ground and accused her of assault.

Two other Southern Baptists—Ken LaFall and Pat Cartette, both of Atlanta and members of Rehoboth Baptist Church—also were arrested at the Feminist Women's Health Center.

New "get tough" tactics used by police included painful finger-benders and a pressure point technique, where police applied thumbs and forefingers in the soft spot behind the jaw, just below the ear.

Atlanta police reportedly have become annoyed by the continuing drain on personnel and finances to arrest and process the protesters.

Watching the arrests from the sidelines, Operation Rescue leader Randall Terry said, "This level of brutality against good, ordinary citizens has not been seen in two decades." Terry said precinct commander Maj. Kenneth Burnette should resign for ordering his officers to respond with such brutality.

On the same day, the Atlanta City Council won injunctions against Operation Rescue, declaring the rescuers a public nuisance and instituting fines of \$500 per offense per person.

A representative of the American Civil Liberties Union, who assisted patients through picket lines at one location, also defended the rights of the protesters.

Gene Guerrero, executive director of ACLU of Georgia, said the local ACLU chapter filed a formal complaint with the mayor's office and the Atlanta Police Bureau, saying police inflicted unnecessary pain during the arrests.

The following day, Burnette told Guerrero Atlanta police will no longer use the tactics.

## Parham Commends Witness

NASHVILLE (BP)—The interim executive director of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission has commended the "prophetic witness and commitment to non-violence" of Commissioner James Wood of Atlanta, who was arrested Oct. 4 in an abortion clinic protest.

Robert Parham, who has been CLC interim director since June, told Baptist Press:

"From the whipping posts of New England to the Birmingham jail, Baptists have given witness on moral issues through non-violent civil disobedience. It is a legitimate and exalted form of prophetic Christian involvement in the world.

"Many Southern Baptists may not see eye-to-eye on the issue of abortion. But all Southern Baptists ought to affirm the biblical truth and Baptist tradition that a believer must follow the dictates of conscience, even if it results in the violation of the law of the state. To be Baptist has meant and must continue to mean freedom—freedom to obey Christ rather

than Caesar."

Wood, pastor of Mount Vernon Baptist Church in Atlanta, has been a trustee of the CLC since 1986. He was arrested in a protest at Hillcrest Clinic as part of Operation Rescue, an effort designed to "rescue" babies from being aborted by discouraging pregnant women from entering abortion clinics.

He was one of 343 people arrested Oct. 4 in a new round of protests at three Atlanta abortion clinics. He is believed to be the first Southern Baptist pastor arrested, although about a dozen church staff members and laypeople were among the more than 700 arrested in the first round of the protests.

Parham said of Wood: "James Wood has stepped from behind the security of the pulpit into the vulnerability of the public square, leaving behind rhetoric for tangible action.

"He and other Southern Baptists involved in Operation Rescue are to be commended for their prophetic witness and commitment to non-violence."

## Sullivan Recovering

NASHVILLE (BP)—James L. Sullivan, retired president of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board and former Southern Baptist Convention president, underwent surgery for stomach cancer Oct. 11 at Baptist Hospital in Nashville.

James Porch, Sullivan's son-in-law and pastor of First Baptist Church, Tullahoma, Tenn., said the surgery "revealed a form of lymphoma," but that Sullivan's physician expressed "optimism" following the surgery in which a portion of his stomach was removed.

Sullivan's recovery is expected to take several weeks, Porch said.

Sullivan, 78, was president of the Sunday School Board from 1953 until his retirement in 1975. He was president of the SBC 1977-1978.

Family members said Sullivan's wife, Velma, is continuing to improve following treatment for cancer earlier this year.

# 'Spiritual Mandate'

## Drummond Pledges to Fulfill Founders' Dreams

by Al Shackelford

Baptist Press

WAKE FOREST, N.C.(BP)—Pledging to take up the spiritual mandate of his predecessors, Lewis A. Drummond was inaugurated as the fourth president of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C., Oct. 11.

Drummond was elected president by seminary trustees March 15 and assumed the post April 1.

Evangelist Billy Graham preached the inaugural address to more than 2,300 participants who packed Binkley Chapel, while about 60 students held a "litany of grief and lament for Southeastern" on the chapel steps.

Graham, who described himself as a long-time friend of Drummond, declared: "What a blessing it would be if a great spiritual awakening could come from Southeastern Seminary and sweep throughout this state and the world.

"This seminary could become a beacon light for evangelism, not only to the Southern Baptist Convention, but also to all the world."

Tying education to evangelism, Graham said, "There must be preparation and evangelism at the heart of all we do."

The evangelist also noted evangelism and social reform go together. "We take the gospel in one hand and a cup of cold water in the other," he said.

Expressing regret that he did not have a seminary education, Graham said that as he looks at his life, "I regret that I spent too much time traveling and not enough time studying."

But evaluating his friend, Graham said, "In Lewis Drummond, you have a man who can teach evangelism and be an example of an evangelist."

In his inaugural response, Drummond noted the strategic location of Southeastern Seminary and pledged himself to fulfilling the dreams of its founders. "I can see against the horizon of the future new possibilities and new opportunities for our region and for the ministry of our school," he said.

"Since missions, evangelism and meeting human need are the organizing principles of the church, our seminary as an agency of the church will be proud to graduate students who will seek to fulfill the Great Commission of the Lord Jesus Christ."

The protesting students lined the walkway at the entrance of Binkley Chapel "in silent presence and vigil." They handed out leaflets that stated, "This day is a sad and painful reminder of all that has

happened to Southeastern and the people of Southeastern's community this past year and a half." The leaflet was printed by Southeastern Students for Academic Freedom.

The students wore small yellow ribbons, which have become their symbol of protest against trustee actions in October 1987—to ensure that only biblical inerrantists can be appointed to the faculty—which resulted in the resignations of Southeastern President W. Randall Lolley and several other faculty and staff members.

Ribbons also were worn by some faculty members who marched in the inaugural procession.

## Non-SBC Exhibits Approved

NASHVILLE (BP)—Three non-Southern Baptist Convention-related schools will be given exhibit space at the annual meetings of the SBC under a new exhibit policy adopted during the fall meeting of the SBC Executive Committee.

The schools—Criswell College in Dallas, Luther Rice Seminary in Jacksonville, Fla., and Mid-America Seminary in Memphis, Tenn.—had not been allowed to exhibit at the annual meeting under current policies, which were reaffirmed by the Executive Committee last February.

The schools, however, will be eligible to exhibit on a "space available" basis starting at the 1989 annual meeting in Las Vegas, Nev. Exhibitors pay the cost of their own displays and a cost-recovery fee for space and services, convention officials said, noting no SBC Cooperative Program budget money will fund the three displays.

The new exhibit policy

was one of five actions taken during the Sept. 19-20 meeting of the Executive Committee relating to the annual meeting. The committee also dealt with proposed bylaw changes, funding, the National Day of Prayer, resolutions of appreciation and other matters.

Another action, expected to be discussed during the February 1989 meeting, relates to a resolution concerning objections to a television program by Bill Moyers, "God and Politics," aired on PBS.

The new exhibit policy was one of only a few actions discussed during plenary sessions of the Executive Committee, and the only action to draw negative votes.

The policy sets up a three-tiered system that includes primary and secondary exhibitors, as well as exhibitors sponsored by primary exhibitors. The most significant change is the set of secondary exhibitors, which includes only Criswell, Luther Rice and Mid-America.

Russell Dilday, president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, opposed the inclusion of the

three non-SBC related schools, calling it divisive. "It seems to me that when the fellowship of the convention is so tentative, this might not be the time to add one more thing that chips away at the cooperative concept," he said.

Gordon Graham, pastor of First Baptist Church of New Braunfels, Texas, and chairman of the administrative and convention arrangements subcommittee, said he believes it "would be divisive if we leave them out," and urged committee members to "allow them in."

Charles Sullivan, pastor of First Baptist Church of Lenoir City, Tenn., and chairman of the Executive Committee, called for a voice vote of those favoring the new policy, and for those who opposed it to raise their hands. Ten members of the 76 member committee voted against the changes.

In another convention related matter, the committee selected Dallas as the convention site in 1997; Atlanta in 1999, and New Orleans in 2001. Messengers to the 1989 annual meeting must ratify the action.

Drummond was installed as president by trustee Chairman Robert D. Crowley, pastor of Montrose Baptist Church in Rockville, Md.

"We are witnessing the plan of God in action," Crowley said. Noting Drummond was elected in troubled times, he urged, "We need to pray for each faculty member, each student and the administration."

Roy L. Honeycutt, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., brought greetings from the presidents of the other five Southern Baptist seminaries. Also participating in the inauguration ceremony were Samuel E. Balentine and Donald E. Cook, Southeastern professors, who read Scripture; Roy J. Smith, executive director of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, who led the invocation; and Jonathan W. Edison, president of the student council, who led the benediction.

# LESSONS FOR LIVING

## Convention Uniform

### *The Restoration*

by Jim Box, Central Church, Bald Knob

**Basic passage:** Isaiah 65:8-25

**Focal passage:** Isaiah 65:17-25

**Central truth:** The ultimate restoration of God's people to a joyful and peaceful relationship.

Israel had been spared from destruction, but rebellion and rejection had caused the nation to be separated into two groups. The characteristic of the godly remnant was that it was made up of those who, when they asked a blessing, did so in the name of "the God of truth" (v. 16).

Why is the promise of universal new creation narrowed down to a single city, "I create Jerusalem" (v. 18)? The obvious answer is that the promise was given to persons whose history gathered around Jerusalem, and whose hopes for its future, prosperity had brought them back from foreign exile.

God also had profound interest in Jerusalem and great plans for its future. It became the site of many events recorded in the Gospels, the place where his great redemptive work was carried out in the person of his Son, and the center from which the good news of salvation was started on its worldwide course. Who shall say that he does not yet have plans for the city of which he said, "I have chosen to set my name there" (Ne. 1:9)?

There can be no mistaking that, taken literally, we have here a description of an earthly Eden restored. There are its promises: (1) From verse 19, a place of total joy from which sorrow is banished. (2) Enjoyment of full maturity for all persons; no infant "that lives but a few days" (v. 20), but fullness of years for all. (3) No forfeiture of property because of war, or any other cause, but the security in possession of house and lands by their owners. (4) Children brought into the world, not to face trouble, but to experience divine blessing. (5) Close communion with God himself who will respond quickly to his people's needs. (6) A restoration of paradise in which hostility and violence will give place to harmony and peace.

Every moral and spiritual exhortation in the Bible, and every depiction of a better world, shall be a stimulus for us to do what we can to counter the effects of evil and forward the cause of righteousness. Our major endeavor shall be to bring more people into a saving relationship with him.

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## Life and Work

### *Sharing the Gospel*

by Stephen Pate, Second Church, Little Rock

**Basic passage:** Acts 22:14-15; 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

**Focal passage:** Acts 22:14-15; 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

**Central truth:** As believers we have a mandate to share the gospel.

Matthew 28:19-20 and Acts 1:8 contain a command by our Lord—go! The church's popular belief in the 80s is that sharing the gospel is a gift given of God to just a few. Paul's thought on the subject is very clear. It is a mandate!

Acts 22:14-15 contains our personal calling. Following Paul's third journey he went to Jerusalem. There he recalled the message that God had given him following his conversion experience (Ac. 9:10-17). The message that you (Paul) shall be my witness to all men everywhere. But that was not just Paul's mandate, it is also ours to tell what God has done in our lives.

One of a coach's major responsibilities is to motivate his players into giving all they can. Second Corinthians 5:14-17 contains our motivation for sharing the gospel. For is it the love of Christ that controls us. He died in our place. He bore our sins. As a result there is a new lifestyle. Instead of each of us focusing upon ourselves we now focus upon him. Verse 16 indicates that we should be looking at others in a different light. It is how we see others that affects our ability to witness to them.

Being called to witness and being motivated to share is but two-thirds of the process. What do we share? What is the message? Is it one of hope and reconciliation or doom and despair? Paul's needs in 2 Corinthians 5:18-21 bring keen insight to our message and our ministry.

Reconciled (v. 18) indicates prior hostility. To say one has reconciled us means that the condition has changed. We can't reconcile ourselves, only God can do that. Our task is to share that our God has provided the means of reconciliation through his Son Jesus. And our task is to share with the world not just a select group of people (v. 19).

In verse 20, we find that we are ambassadors. Ambassadors have a message and represent something or someone. As ambassadors for Christ our message is Jesus is God's Son and by placing our faith in him we can have eternal life.

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## Bible Book

### *Israel's Deliverance*

by Bradley A. Rogge, Forest Tower Church, Hensley

**Basic passage:** Exodus 14

**Focal passage:** Exodus 14:10-14, 21-24, 27, 31

**Central truth:** God wants his children to have a life filled with victory.

Do you remember when you were saved? Oh, what a wonderful time it was in your life. But, do you also remember that shortly thereafter a real test of your new found faith took place? This is what was about to happen to Israel.

Israel had been set free from the bondage of Egypt, now they must respond to their first test of faith. How would they react? First, they would react with almost no faith at all. When the crisis came they did not wait to see how God would respond. They did not wait to hear a word from God's man; they panicked. They began to look for someone they could put the blame on for the trouble they were in. God had proven himself over and over again, but the faith of Israel was so weak he would have to do it again.

Secondly, the nation of Israel seemed very ungrateful. They were willing to be saved from Egypt, but when the going to a little tough they wanted out. They turned on the leader, Moses, and accused him of some kind of failure. Often servants have to endure the fickle attitudes of the very people God has called the servant to serve.

Finally, the children of Israel appeared cowardly. Giving up is a form of cowardliness. Israel gave up on Moses and God and they had given up on themselves.

When we accepted Christ as our Savior, we were not promised a trouble-free life. We were promised that when trouble came our way God would be there to help us through it.

Too many Christians are leading defeated lives today. Our faith in God has somehow been shaken and we seem unable to recover. Because we feel defeated and we do not like the feeling, we begin to search for someone to blame. We may blame God, a deacon, the preacher, the church, or something else.

In reality, we need only to look in a mirror to find the real reason for our feeling of defeat. God with the parting of the Red Sea provided hope of Israel and defeated her enemies. God will provide help for us as well in our trials.

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# Challenge Accepted

## FMB Trustees Applaud Parks' Call to Commitment

by Robert O'Brien  
SBC Foreign Mission Board

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board trustees applauded a challenge from R. Keith Parks for them to lead Southern Baptists from discord that jeopardizes the denomination to "an unswerving progress toward world evangelization."

The Foreign Mission Board president told his audience they have a duty to call Southern Baptists to spiritual renewal and clear up widely held misperceptions that undercut the believability of FMB missionaries, staff and trustees.

Trustees rose in applause as Parks concluded his report to trustees, which Frank Norman, trustee from West Point, Ga., characterized as "a Magna Carta" for the board.

Supplication and mistrust endanger the future of missions, around which Southern Baptists formed in 1845, and consequently threaten the survival "of the Southern Baptist Convention as we have known it," Parks said.

"I'm fully convinced that our role in playing a significant part in reaching this world for Christ is in jeopardy," he said. "I'm also convinced that we stand on the threshold of the greatest opportunity and could be a significant part in reaching this world for Christ if we're willing to do so."

Trustee Chairman Mark Cortis of Winston-Salem, N.C., named a six-member committee to implement Parks' concerns. He charged the committee with bringing a resolution to the board's December meeting that affirms "to all the Baptist family our personal and corporate commitment to biblical missions, based upon sound theology, cooperative spirit and sacrificial stewardship."

Information from widespread sources indicates trustees are not trusted by many Baptists, who perceive them to be motivated by a political agenda in the SBC's theological strife, rather than by a missions agenda, Parks said.

"Truth and trust and time" are needed to correct Southern Baptists' widespread misperceptions that undercut support of missions, he added.

Trustees need to correct "a general misperception" that many FMB missionaries and staff are theologically unsound and not fully committed to evangelism and sound biblical doctrine, Parks urged: "That distortion is about as far from the truth as you can get. You as a board are in the best position to correct that misperception."

Trustees also need to "affirm missionaries and staff as being theologically and evangelistically sound" and to "assure Southern Baptists that we will continue to channel all qualified Southern Baptist candidates to the field and that no basic change has occurred in that process," he asked.

Many Baptists have the misperception that the board "will no longer appoint qualified representatives from the total spectrum of Southern Baptist life and will begin to reject those who accept the truth of Scripture but do not regularly use the word 'inerrant,' or those who have a certain Baptist political position," he said.

Trustees, he said, are the only ones who can clear up that and other misperceptions about themselves, which he said he has tried to correct.

Other misperceptions Parks identified in-

## Not Since The Depression

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—Trustees of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board adopted a \$167.7 million budget for next year—\$95,000 less than the 1988 budget and the first such decrease since the Great Depression years of the 1930s.

The decision not to increase the budget was made "in light of a second consecutive \$5 million shortfall in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering" earlier this year, Foreign Mission Board President R. Keith Parks told trustees.

"At this point in the history of our convention, both the offering and the Cooperative Program are more vulnerable than they have been in decades," Parks said.

The two main sources of funding for the foreign mission budget—which supports more than 3,800 missionaries in 113 countries—are Southern Baptist gifts to the annual Lottie Moon offering and the denomination's Cooperative Program unified budget. The Lottie Moon goal has not been met since 1981, and some church leaders have threatened to cut back giving through the Cooperative Program because of their dissatisfaction with the direction of the Southern Baptist Convention.

cluded widespread feeling:

— That trustees are entirely composed of extreme ultraconservatives determined "to purge staff, starting with the president; to purge missionaries and to drastically alter our basic program of foreign missions."

— That trustees will reject ministries to physical needs in favor of only evangelism, and that they will reject the principle of indigenous missions and seek to control all the conventions and institutions abroad.

— That trustees are not fully committed to leading Southern Baptists toward increased giving from individuals, churches and state conventions. An eroding pattern of giving to the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program unified budget and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering already has begun to undercut foreign missions, he said.

— That trustees "have coerced staff into making decisions or developing strategy that staff would not have otherwise done."

Parks identified himself as one whose vocation and avocation is missions: "I believe the Bible, and it's from this base I've given myself to missions in trying to reach this world for Christ. Missions is my only agenda."

Assuming trusteeship at the Foreign Mission Board means taking on a "responsibility for a cause more precious to more Southern Baptists than any other cause," he said. "You have been entrusted with a missions agenda. . . . That agenda cannot be reduced to any single element, but the total agenda must consume your attention and your commitment."

Southern Baptists' "growth, strength and vibrancy" have been "driven by the twin thrusts of evangelism and missions," Parks said. "For that reason, if the mission enterprise ever falters or loses credibility among Southern Baptists, the future of the Southern Baptist Convention is in as much jeopardy as a body with a damaged heart."

Trustees "need to corporately and individually commit (themselves) in an unmistakable way, in an understandable way, to all Southern Baptists to our cooperative missions effort as (their) highest agenda."

The board could create trust by taking several actions, in addition to affirming the soundness of missionaries and staff and making assurances the FMB will accept all qualified missionary candidates, he added.

"Someone needs to call us above the controversy, with its misconceptions and its suspicions and distrust," Parks said. "The members of this board hold in your hearts and hands the destiny of the cause of missions from a human standpoint" because of Southern Baptists' history, commitment to missions, understanding of Scripture and the opportunities in the world today.

# FMB Dips into Fund

by Marty Croll

SBC Foreign Mission Board

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—Lacking adequate disaster funds, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has dipped into a contingency account to help Jamaican Baptists recover from Hurricane Gilbert.

The Foreign Mission Board has released \$172,500 to buy roofing, lumber, nails and other construction materials, said Thur-

mon Bryant, associate vice president for mission administration. Board officials, with the Brotherhood Commission, are working to get Jamaican government clearance before shipping the materials by ocean freighter.

Hurricane Gilbert tore through the Caribbean island in late September, leaving houses, churches and schools without roofs just as the rainy season set in. Because

of the demand for building materials, the few supplies available on the island have skyrocketed in cost.

At the end of August, money available to the board for helping in disasters stood at less than \$100,000.

Only gifts designated for general relief can be used by the Foreign Mission Board for needs not related to hunger. On average, Southern Baptists designate about 5 percent of their human needs giving for general relief.

The board plans to help coordinate reconstruction projects in Jamaica. One such project will involve 10 volunteers rebuilding a Baptist high school. Four others call for six volunteers each to rebuild churches and parsonages. Volunteer teams enlisted through the Brotherhood Commission are standing by in the United States until materials are received.

Twenty-one Baptist parsonages and 180 Baptist churches were damaged by torrential downpours and winds of more than 160 miles per hour. Eventually the board could be involved in more than 30 projects. Hundreds of volunteers in the United States, many through the Brotherhood, are awaiting rebuilding assignments over the next several months.

Hundreds of former volunteers to Jamaica have called the Foreign Mission Board asking how they can help, Bryant said. In response, board officials are sending a letter saying they've set up a special fund just for Jamaican disaster relief.

In addition, the SBC Brotherhood Commission has established a fund for construction costs in Jamaica. Donations designated for the Jamaica Fund may be sent to the Brotherhood Commission, 1548 Poplar Ave., Memphis, TN 38104.

## BWA Congress

"Together in Christ" will be the theme of the 16th Baptist World Congress when it is held Aug. 14-19, 1990, in Seoul, Korea.

The Congress is sponsored by the Baptist World Alliance, a voluntary organization of 138 Baptist unions and conventions around the world. Congresses are held every five years.

The 1990 World Congress will feature plenary sessions in Seoul's Chamshil Gymnasium, site of numerous events during the 1988 Summer Olympics. The program will include workshops on evangelism and education, hunger relief, Christian ethics, human rights, and youth leadership. Evangelist Billy Graham is scheduled to bring the keynote address the closing night at Olympic Stadium.

For more information, contact the Baptist World Alliance, 6733 Curran St., McLean, VA 22101.

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Members of Gardner's View Baptist Church, Bull Bay, Jamaica, meet for worship the Sunday after Hurricane Gilbert devastated their island.

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## WORLD

# Title Transferred

by Art Toalston  
SBC Foreign Mission Board

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—Steps to give European Baptists ownership of Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland, were taken by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board Oct. 12.

The board approved the property transfer, along with a set of recommendations to European Baptists on the operation of the seminary.

The seminary, which has weathered various budget crises and allegations of liberal theology, has trained more than 1,000 students representing every continent since it was founded by the Foreign Mission Board in 1949.

And, according to a team of five trustees from the board that met with European Baptist leaders, the seminary fostered healing and a sense of unity after the devastation of World War II.

The FMB team, which was in Europe Sept. 29-Oct. 4, was created during the board's July meeting to "listen and gather information" about concerns related to the seminary. It was led by board Chairman C. Mark Cortis of Winston-Salem, N.C.

The property transfer initially was requested by the European Baptist Federation Council during a meeting in West Germany attended by the trustee team. The FMB team drafted a concurring statement and a number of accompanying recommendations to European Baptists at the conclusion of its trip.

The team, in its report to the board, said the property transfer is consistent with the board's historic aim of indigenous work. Seminaries, schools and hospitals founded by Southern Baptists now are owned, operated and financed by Baptist conventions or unions in numerous countries.

The transfer also will help the seminary's finances, the team said. A \$100,000 deficit is projected this year.

Much of the seminary's deficit stems from the falling U.S. dollar, which decreases the value of the 1988 Foreign Mission Board subsidy of \$345,000, they said. European Baptists plan to earn income from the seminary property by mortgaging it. It is valued at more than \$17 million.

As part of the ownership transfer, the European Baptist Federation will create a legal foundation in Switzerland, which will borrow at Swiss interest rates of about 4.5 percent but will invest the amount it mortgages outside Switzerland at about 7.5 percent interest.

The income will help the seminary both in meeting operating expenses and in undertaking maintenance and renovation of its facilities, the team said. The foreign

board traditionally has not mortgaged its overseas properties.

Affirming the board's action, seminary President John David Hopper, a Southern Baptist missionary, issued a statement urging Baptists to "encircle Ruschlikon in their prayers in order that it might become the kind of instrument for evangelism, church development and the training of Christian leaders which this institution can be and should be."

Among the trustee team's recommendations to European Baptists is a request that the seminary executive board "consider the possibility for a written statement of European Baptist principles common to all European Baptists which may give expression to the seminary's biblical commitment and to which seminary teachers would subscribe."

At present, the closest thing to such guidelines is the seminary's catalog, Cortis said.

"I would like to see (Ruschlikon) more in the evangelical mainstream," he added. And he hopes the seminarians will receive greater exposure to conservative scholarship.

But Baptists in Europe and the United States express their beliefs in different ways, Cortis acknowledged, and he noted the trustee team is not dictating specific doctrinal statements. But at least the seminary should express "what its biblical, doctrinal parameters are," he said.

Another member of the team that traveled to Ruschlikon, Dale Cain of Lubbock, Texas, said: "Did we find everything like we'd like to find it? No." But he said the team had become convinced that transferring the property to European Baptists was "what the Holy Spirit has led us to bring to you as a recommendation."

"We seek to unify the work of spreading the gospel throughout Europe," Cain said.

Questions about the seminary's theological parameters arose during trustee committee meetings Oct. 10-11. Team members said they discussed with the seminary's 10-member faculty such questions as the virgin birth, miracles and resurrection of Christ and the creation account in Genesis' first 11 chapters. Team members said a couple of faculty members gave strong affirmations of faith, but time did not allow others to share fully their views.

Half the faculty are Southern Baptist missionaries who teach there full- or part-time.

The team voiced hope that the seminary's new Institute for Missions and Evangelism and the soon-to-be-founded lay academy in Budapest, Hungary, will strengthen European Baptists' thrust in evangelism and church planting.

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