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## Slaves and free

by T. B. Maston

Some of the great truths of our Christian faith seem paradoxical. One of these, closely related to several others, is the fact that slavery and freedom belong together.

### Whose slave?

It has been said that we are slaves of someone or something. Can this be relatively true without being absolutely true?

We certainly can be slaves to our fleshly appetites and desires and to bad habits: smoking, drugs, drinking, over eating, swearing, immorality, evil thoughts, etc. Jesus said, "everyone who commits sin is a slave of sin" (John 6:34).

We can be enslaved by personal ambition and the desire to accumulate wealth and material things. We can become slaves of other people and their opinions. This may keep us from being what we ought to be.

We are slaves of sin and self or of righteousness and God. We are someone's slave. Whose are we? The fact that we are Christians does not necessarily mean that we are really free. We should seek to live as free men but as servants or slaves to God.

### Free but slaves

Paul told the Romans that they had



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been set free from sin but "having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness" and of God (Rom. 6:18, 22). (Verses 12-23 of this chapter would be a helpful study).

As children of God, the freedom we have in Christ is not yet complete. It is in process of achievement. We are free, to the degree that we have become slaves of Christ and servants of others in his name.

Paul wrote to the Galatians as follows: "You were called to freedom, brothers; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh (an excuse for letting your physical desires rule you, TEV)" (Gal. 5:13). Peter similarly said, "Live as free men, yet without using your freedom as a pretext for evil, but live as servants of God" (1 Peter 2:16).

As Christians we are free but slaves. Paul did not hesitate to call himself a slave of Christ. This enslavement was a major factor in his effectiveness for Christ.

### Slave but free

If we become slaves of Christ, we will do so freely. He never forces anyone to become a servant or slave of his.

It may sound paradoxical but the more we become slaves of Christ the freer we will be from the enslavement of self and sin. Jesus said, "If the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed" (John 8:36). It was Paul who said that the union

with Christ sets one free "from the law of sin and death" (Rom. 8:2).

To the Galatians Paul wrote, "For freedom Christ has set us free, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery" (Gal. 5:1). The yoke he had in mind was the requirement of circumcision (see Gal. 5:2-6). But what he said would apply to any other yoke that binds or enslaves. Freedom from the yoke of slavery comes as we accept the yoke of Christ.

Another glorious truth is the fact that the more we become slaves of Christ, the freer we will be to do what we want to do. Our wants and desires will increasingly be in harmony with his will and purpose for us.

The well-known and frequently quoted statement of Martin Luther has a message for us:

*A Christian man is perfectly free, lord of all, subject to none.*

*A Christian man is a perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject to all.*

Note: The Revised Standard Version has been used in this article. It usually translates *doulos* "slave" rather than "servant." The other major word for servant is *diakonos*. The latter refers primarily to the relation of the servant to his work; *doulos* primarily to the relation of the servant to his master.

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Six Arkansans will be nominated to Southern Baptist Convention boards and committees when the annual meeting convenes in Los Angeles in June. See also a list, on page 20, of those appointed to next year's Committee on Committees.

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A tentative calendar of events for Arkansas Baptists for 1982 begins on page 12.

## Six from state nominated for SBC posts

Six Arkansans have been nominated to serve on the boards of five Southern Baptist Convention agencies. Their names will be submitted for election to the meeting of the Convention in Los Angeles in June.

The nominees and their agencies: Jack W. Bettis, Christian Life Commission, term expiring 1985. Bettis is pastor of Fort Smith Oakcliff Church.

Clive D. Ellis, Annuity Board, term expiring 1985. Ellis is former pastor of Maumelle Church and Fordyce First Church.

Kenneth E. Lilly, Southwestern Seminary, term expiring 1986. Lilly is a physician in Fort Smith and a deacon at First Church. He is a member of the Executive Board of the Arkansas State Baptist Convention.

T. Shad Medlin, Southwestern Seminary, term expiring 1986. Medlin is a retired executive of the Travelers Insurance Co. in El Dorado, and a deacon at First Church.

Ferrell D. Morgan, Baptist Sunday School Board, term expiring 1985. Morgan is pastor of the Crossett Mt. Olive Church.

D. Jack Nicholas, Education Commission, term expiring 1985. Nicholas is president of Southern Baptist College in Walnut Ridge.

The complete list of the nominations made by the committee on boards, commissions and standing commissions is available from the ABN for three first class stamps. Send complete return address.

## The availability of Christian workers

## The editor's page

J. Everett Sneed



Every vocational Christian worker should be available to the people he serves. This open door policy should apply to pastors, editors of Baptist state papers, executive secretaries and all denominational workers. However, two extremes with respect to availability exist. Either the worker is totally unavailable, or he so advertises his availability that he is unable to do his work.

A busy pastor or denominational worker can learn much from the ministry of Jesus. Certainly, Jesus was available to the people. Yet, there were times when he took the inner circle aside for training. He often made time to be totally alone with the heavenly Father. On some occasions Jesus deliberately left the multitudes, though they desired him to remain.

The solution is for an individual to be master of the open door policy, rather than the victim of it. The way an administrator handles this important area is a significant key to his success or failure. Everyone wants to know that he can reach the person in charge in the event of a special need.

Even more important is to know that one has the complete attention of an administrator when one is with him. The pastor or denominational worker must listen to problems, suggestions or criticisms that are brought to his attention.

Few things can be more frustrating than to have a real problem and not be able to talk with the person in charge. If a problem is real to the person it deserves attention even though it appears insignificant to the administrator.

Hudson Baggett, editor of *The Alabama Baptist*, writes of a plant foreman who tried to get past the receptionist to his supervisor. "You can't talk with him today," she scolded.

"Young lady," the foreman replied, "I talk to God twice a day and he listens. Surely I can talk to this man."

There are always two important ingredients in any successful open door policy — the visitor and the per-

son occupying the office. Each can help to make the policy of availability work by following three simple rules.

First, the religious vocational worker should keep regular office hours. The period of availability may be tailored to fit the work schedule of the pastor or the denominational worker. But the hours should be well published so that anyone who needs to see him can do so. Even the bi-vocational pastor should announce a limited time when he will be available. It is essential that the pastor or denominational worker keep his appointments, and any departure from his schedule should be announced.

Second, the visitor should request an appointment, whether or not the church is large enough to employ a secretary. To come unannounced implies that you and your needs are more important than those of anyone else. Matters should be dealt with in the order of importance. Social amenities should be kept until the end of the visit. The visitor should be time conscious if he knows that his host has a busy schedule. The visit should not extend into time that belongs to someone else or keep his host from completing other important tasks.

Finally, if something develops that forces either party to break an appointment, the other should be notified. It would be quite disappointing for the visitor to arrive only to learn that a pastor or denominational worker had gone. The busy Christian leader who is holding time for a visitor may have many other things that he can do with a specific block of time.

Vocational Christian service is not a license to do less than one's best. Neither does a church or denominational office provide a setting for impositions by a visitor. The Lord's work should be conducted on the highest level of efficiency. Punctuality, courtesy and efficiency should be the hallmark of church and denominational life, setting the standards to be emulated by the business world.

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## One layman's opinion

Daniel R. Grant

### Hot and cold students and lukewarm administrators

Saying no to friends and nice guys is never easy. Most of us want to be able to say yes to our friends and loved ones when they ask for help or some kind of special favor. Even college administrators really prefer to say yes to students and faculty members who come with special requests for permission to do something that is against the rules.

As Carl Goodson, vice-president for academic affairs at Ouachita Baptist University, has served as academic watchdog through the years, some have labeled him as "Doctor No." An excited student once told me with elation as she left Dr. Goodson's office, "Guess what! Doctor No said yes!"

Dean of Students Bill Dixon, Business Manager Joe Franz, and the president, also have to say no to students about all

sorts of things, even when we would much prefer to say yes. Occasionally one will say yes and the other no, and the president has to break the tie.

Should the massive, expensive, energy-guzzling air-conditioning units be turned on in the men's and women's dormitories? Student-opinion-conscious Bill Dixon said yes. Energy-cost-conscious Joe Franz said no. In a forthright, clear-cut, courageous stand, I said, "Let me think about that." And I did. I thought about the escalating costs of electricity in relation to an unrealistically low budget for utilities adopted more than a year earlier. I also thought about the unhappy girls on the third floor of their dormitory struggling with the problems of heat and humidity.

I talked to the business manager about

the financial importance of having happy students at Ouachita, and talked to the dean of students about the impact of excessive energy expenditures on our plans to renovate student dormitories this summer.

Following more complaints about growing heat in the dorms, we had a good crying session and made the decision to turn the air-conditioning on. Within 24 hours a cold front came through Arkansas and we braced ourselves for complaints about the cold dormitories.

It is easy to become cynical about the advisability of making administrative decisions on the basis of day-to-day opinion. Actually, the problem is not so bad as my mother and father used to suggest. My mother often said, "When it's cold you want it hot, always wanting what is not." My father told about the foolish mother who tried to give her child everything he wanted. When she heard her child screaming at the top of his lungs in the backyard, she yelled out the back door, "Whatever he wants, give it to him!" The reply came back, "He already has it; he wanted a bumblebee!"

Fortunately, no one has asked me for any bumblebees lately.

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## Woman's viewpoint

Mary Lou Heard

### Are you worth coming home to?

I have spent my share of time in the ladies' chorus that sings, "My Husband Does Not Spend Enough Time At Home." Now I know some things about myself that have changed my song.

There is only one person in the world that I can change. Inevitably when I think my husband needs changing I am the one that needs an overhaul. So many times I fail to express my thoughts to him and then wonder why he seems to lack understanding. I wish we had time to share a joy or a sorrow and yet I have not asked him for what I need.

Resentment is one of the devil's favorite tools. He loves for me to ignore my husband's needs and then feel resentful when he seems unavailable. Few occupations have the marital hazards that come when a husband is on call 24 hours of every day. When I am unaware of the demands my husband faces it is easy for me to forget to be a helpmate and friend. If one brick in the wall of resentment is left standing on another it will mean trouble in the future.

If your husband keeps a calendar you

are fortunate. It is so easy to transfer notes from his calendar to your own. You will know ahead of time when he is overloaded. You will probably get an enthusiastic positive response to a request for time together if you ask for a time that is not already taken by five meetings that day.

The Gideons International Wives' slogan is that "Women on their knees keep their men on their feet." God does not call us into his service at the expense of our marriage, but it happens because we are not perfect. We need his saving grace and power in our lives and in our marriages.

My song is different now. It goes something like what Ruth said to Naomi in Ruth 1:16 and 17. Will you join me in the chorus?

Mary Lou Heard has been a pastor's wife for almost 14 years. For the last five, her husband Cary has been pastor of North Little Rock Park Hill Church. A mother of three, Mrs. Heard has a degree in home economics and education.

## Letter to the editor

### Don't leave out NIV

Thank you for your article on "Choosing A Bible." It was good to get a synopsis on the strengths of the translations and paraphrases. I would like to add to your list one of the best and most recent translations; the New International Bible. Without a doubt, this is the best and most significant translation since the New American Standard Bible. I would recommend it highly to any student of the Bible for its accuracy and clarity.

Thanks again for your very helpful article. — Phil Lineberger, Pastor, Metropolitan Church of Wichita, Kansas

Editor's note: You are quite correct, the New International Bible is a good translation both from the standpoint of translation and readability.

## New foreign missionaries from state

Two couples with Arkansas connections were among 24 persons named missionaries by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board April 7 at the Lakeland, Fla., Civic Center.

Rev. and Mrs. Ronald W. Flurry will work in the Philippines, where he will be a general evangelist and she will be a church and home worker. They are members of Gambrell Street Church, Fort Worth, Texas, where she is church secretary.

Flurry is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Roy Flurry of El Dorado, where he was born. He also lived in Ruston, Nachitoches and Jonesboro, La., while growing up. He considers the South Side Church in Monroe, La., his home church.

He earned the bachelor of music education degree from Northeast Louisiana University, Monroe, and attends Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, where he expects to receive the master of religious education degree in May to meet the requirements for missionary appointments. He also holds a master of divinity degree from Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary, Memphis, Tenn.

Flurry has served as pastor of Memorial Park Church, Monroe; Calvary Church, Ruston; Number Nine Church, Blytheville; and Grace Church, Augusta. He worked as a contractor in Monore and as a high school choral director in West



Flurry



Mrs. Flurry



Provost



Mrs. Provost

Monroe.

Mrs. Flurry, the former Janet Vallery, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Vallery of Monroe, her hometown, where she was a member of South Side Church. She earned the bachelor of arts degree from Northeast Louisiana University. She was a loan clerk in Augusta.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh E. Provost will work in Yemen, where he will be a pharmacist

and she will be a church and home worker. He is a pharmacist at John Peter Smith Hospital, Fort Worth, Texas, and a student at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth. Mrs. Provost is an audiovisual cataloger at the seminary, and they are members of Travis Avenue Church, Fort Worth. The Provosts consider Watson Chapel Church, Pine Bluff, their home church.

Provost is the son of James L. Provost of Houston, Texas, and Christine H. Provost, West Memphis. A native of Jonesboro, he grew up in Belzonia, Miss., and in Lepanto, Hughes, Harrisburg, and West Memphis.

He attended Northwest Mississippi Junior College, Senatobia, and received the bachelor of science degree from University of Arkansas Medical Sciences Campus, Little Rock.

Provost served in the U.S. Navy as an electronic technician for four years. After his discharge he worked for the telephone company in Memphis, Tenn., and later was a pharmacist in Pine Bluff.

Mrs. Provost, the former Brenda Byles, is a native of Pine Bluff and the daughter of Herman and Stella Byles of Pine Bluff. She attended University of Central Arkansas and Arkansas State University. She has been a junior high school teacher, a driver education instructor, and a school librarian in Marion and Pine Bluff.

The two families will go to Pine Mountain, Ga., in September for a 12-week orientation before leaving for the field.



## The Southern accent

### This republic's established religion

In 1952, when the humanist societies of the world convened in Amsterdam for their first international congress, Julian Huxley, chairman, predicted that theirs (humanism) would be the religion of the future. He was accurate on two counts:

1) in identifying secular humanism as a religion, and 2) in anticipating that it would become the most powerful religious force in Western civilization during the 20th century.

Not only is secular humanism a religion, but it has become the favored religion, the established religion of this republic, and its influence in American



Nicholas

by D. Jack Nicholas

thought and life is totally pervasive.

The ascent of humanism to favored status has been in part facilitated by a defective interpretation of the principle of the separation of church and state.

The framers of our constitution forbade that Congress should establish religion or interfere with its free exercise. Though influenced by many of the same intellectual currents as the French, who specified that theirs should be a "secular republic", our forefathers stopped short (and I think consciously and deliberately) of declaring America to be a "secular" nation. Nonetheless, the principle of separation has been invoked not only to prohibit sectarianism, as it was intended to do, but also to establish secular humanism, which it was never intended to do.

Thus, some legislators, judges and

educators, operating out of a defective interpretation of the principle of separation of church and state (and in many cases, out of a personal bias in favor of secular humanism), have sought to eradicate from American thought and life every influence of the Judeo-Christian tradition, and to replace those influences with the pretentious ideologies of secular humanism.

In trading the values of the Judeo-Christian tradition for those of secular humanism, America has struck a tragically poor bargain. There is good evidence that the values of Christianity made us great and it is becoming patently obvious that the values of secular humanism are destroying us. It seems to me time that we reversed the trend.

D. Jack Nicholas is president of Southern Baptist College at Walnut Ridge

**Little Rock Sunset Lane Church** increased its percent of enrollment attending from 60 percent to 70 percent in April. This was the result of a special three-week enrollment promotion, according to associate pastor Jim Lowe. Edward Edmonson is pastor.

**Pine Bluff Immanuel Church** recently initiated Phase One of its renovation program that will include work on the interior of the main auditorium, installation of new broadcast sound and lighting equipment and expanded outreach ministries. The church, in the past few months, has experienced more than 40 additions, surpassed goals and given church record missions offerings for both foreign and home missions, begun a Sunday night training program and launched an intercessory prayer ministry with senior adults. Mike Huckabee is pastor.

**Marked Tree First Church** was in revival March 29-April 4 with Mike Huckabee as evangelist and Bruce Rottnick, music director. There were 12 professions of faith, 15 rededications and one addition by transfer of letter.

**Little Rock Immanuel Church** ordained Dean Ashworth, Kenneth Beard, Jerry Coates, Richard Gates, Robert Hallmark, Tom Kilgore, Harry Rounsaville, L. O. "Doc" Savage and Ray Weathersby as deacons April 19.

**Little Rock First Church** deaf and hearing ministries joined April 6 in a special project for high school girls from the Arkansas School for the Deaf. The project, led by Marie Pendley, Eloise Hynes, Earlann Faas' Sunday school class and Ann Rice's class, included a cosmetic demonstration, a tea in the church reception room and a chapel praise service. Phillip Wright is minister to the deaf.

**North Little Rock Sylvan Hills First Church** broke ground April 19 for Phase One of a \$3.5 million seven-phase long-range building program. Phase One, estimated to cost approximately \$290,000, will provide space for an additional 650 participants in Bible study. Executive Secretary Huber Drumwright of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention was speaker for the groundbreaking. Other special guests included Mayor Bill Henson of the city of Sherwood; James Farrar, architect; and Hoyle Roper, building manager. Don Moseley is pastor.

**Reyno Church** recently held deacon ordination services for Wayne Gearhart, Burton Eddington and Jim Hurst. J. D. Passmore, director of missions for Current-Gains Association, served as moderator. Pastor Jim Acklin led the questioning and preached the ordination message.

**Johnny Ross** has been called as pastor of the Gould First Church. He recently served as interim pastor of the Wheatley Church while attending Mid-America Seminary. Ross has also pastored the Montrose Church.



Ross

**Kevin Moore** has accepted the call to become minister of youth at Texarkana Beech Street First Church, effective May 10. He is now a staff member at the Sulphur Springs First Church.

**Jerry Greer** has joined the staff of Pine Bluff Immanuel Church, serving as associate pastor for education. A graduate of Ouachita University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, he will be serving on a part-time basis while maintaining his position with Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.

**Michael Carter** will become minister of youth for Little Rock Second Church, effective May 16. A native of Dallas, Texas, he is a graduate of Baylor University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has served on the staffs of churches in Texas, as well as serving in associational leadership roles. Carter is married to the former Lisa Joyce Pappas.

**Neal Raborn** has resigned as pastor of Hot Springs Park Place Church, effective May 10. He has accepted the call to become pastor of the First Baptist Church of Eunice, La., effective May 17.

**Andy Rudy Gallegly** of Little Rock died April 15. He was pastor of Eureka Springs First Church and had served Danville First Church as pastor and had been director of music at Conway Second Church, Benton Calvary Church, Jacksonville Second Church and Dumas First Church. Gallegly, 36, held the bachelor of music degree from Ouachita Baptist University and the

master of divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is survived by his wife, Linda Patrick Gallegly; two sons, Jonathan Andrew Gallegly and Stephen Todd Gallegly, and a daughter, Alisa Michelle Gallegly, all of the home; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reuel Gallegly, and a sister, Beverly Joan Coad, all of Little Rock. Funeral services were held April 18 at Geyer Springs First Church.

## Domeresse named director of missions

George W. Domeresse has been named director of missions for Clear Creek Baptist Association. He will assume his duties on May 1.

Domeresse, 51, has been pastor of Little Rock Woodlawn Church. He has previously served Concord Church at Van Buren, Jenny Lind Church at Greenwood and Clarksville Second Church, and has been on the Executive Board of the Arkansas State Baptist Convention.

He is married to the former Wanda Faye Woodard and has three children.



Domeresse

## News about missionaries

**Annie Hoover**, missionary to Japan, has completed furlough and returned to the field (address: South 22, West 14, Sapporo, Japan 064). A native of Little Rock, Ark., she was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1949.

**Mr. and Mrs. J. M. (Jim) Simmons**, mis-

sionaries to Japan, may be addressed at 6-3-50 Osawa, Mitaka-shi, Tokyo 181, Japan. He was born in Grand Rapids, Mich., and grew up in Sparta, Mich. The former Camille Bishop, she was born in Nashville, Ark. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1977.

## El Dorado church dedicates remodeled facilities

El Dorado Galilee Church dedicated their newly remodeled facilities on April 12. The cost of the remodeling was approximately \$17,000.

The extensive remodeling included the paneling of the sanctuary and adjoining Sunday school rooms, new accordion-type folding doors for the Sunday school rooms adjoining the auditorium, two new central air conditioning units, carpeting of adjoining rooms to the auditorium, new church furniture for the entirety of the sanctuary, a new P.A. system, new walks in front of the church and educational building, a new parking lot and the carpeting of the front steps and foyer of the church. The church has paid for the project as each job was completed.

The speaker for the occasion was J. Everett Sneed, editor of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*, who spoke on "A Glorious Church." Sneed said, "The members of the Galilee Baptist Church are to be commended for the work that they have done in remodeling their facilities. A building is not a church but a house in which a church meets. But the appearance of the building reflects a congregation's esteem for the work of the Lord." Editor Sneed emphasized that the church is glorious because of its origin, its purpose and its protection.

In the last year and a half, Galilee Church has had approximately 90 addi-

tions and their offering has increased by 300 percent.

Pastor George Fletcher believes that the church has an exceedingly bright future. He says that he expects the numerical growth to continue with a minimum of 35 more additions by the end of this year. The church also has plans for additional improvements in the physical facilities. Among the improvements that are currently being discussed are light

fixtures for four adjacent rooms to the auditorium, the installation of a new baptistry curtain which has already been purchased, carpeting the 1800 sq. ft. educational building, and a committee has been appointed to determine the need for purchasing a new piano. The church is also considering the feasibility of razing four Sunday school rooms, a nursery and a junior assembly room with these being rebuilt.



Participants in the dedication service included (from left) David Griffith, who offered the dedicatory prayer; Mike Nutter, who read the call to worship; and Pastor George Fletcher.

Blue Mountain New Briar Creek Mission was constituted as a church in an afternoon service April 12. Ernie Perkins, director of missions for Concord Association, delivered the constitution message, which was based on Jeremiah 20:7-9. Perkins encouraged the church to make reaching people its priority. "The main function of the church is to evangelize, not worship," he said. In a charge to the church, Conway Sawyers, director of missions for the Arkansas State Baptist Convention, challenged the congregation to "be what you know you should be—don't get sidetracked by the things that will keep you from being God's people." The new church, which has been sponsored by Booneville First Church, also voted to ordain their pastor, Horace Lind Christie, and adopted the "Baptist Faith and Message" as their statement of doctrine. Pictured on the podium are (left to right) Perkins, Christie and Allen Thrasher, pastor at Booneville First Church.



Baptists in the Bahamas dedicated a new media center to produce radio and television programs for use throughout the West Indies. Films, television programs, and tracts are already used to reach tourists.

Mexican Baptists, numbering 7,000 in Mexico City, have set a goal to reach the city's 15 million for Christ. Intensive training, prayer, and utilization of talents are primary methods.



# Your state convention at work

## State youth introduced to new discipleship emphasis at convention

by Millie Gill  
ABN staff writer



ABN photo/Millie Gill



Guest musicians and speakers await the opening of the 1981 convention. Musicians were Linda Cates (seated) and her husband, Bill Cates, (second from right). Joe McKeever (seated second row left) was guest speaker.

"A Call to . . . DiscipleLife," a five-year emphasis on youth discipleship training throughout the Southern Baptist Convention in connection with Youth Church Training, was introduced to the more than 4,500 Arkansas youth and adults attending the State Youth Convention April 17.

Media presentations, music features and messages communicated the discipleship theme in each session of the 1981 annual youth event held at the Pine Bluff Convention Center.

Joe McKeever, pastor of First Baptist Church of Columbus, Miss., focused on the theme as he said, "God calls you out of the world through salvation and sends you back into the world to be his disciple. You must look up and stand up for Christ as you give up your life in service to him. You must be willing to take risks in sharing the 'good news' as a football team must do to be ranked number one."

"You must decide whether to take the risk of serving man or God," McKeever concluded. "If you choose to serve God, than be willing to serve him, the greatest preacher and wisest man, at all costs."

Bill and Linda Cates of Nashville, Tenn., provided musical theme interpretations. Other special music was by the Southern Singers of Southern Baptist College, Ouachita University Choir and Brass Ensemble and a 500-voice youth choir. Bob Williamson, minister of music for Pine Bluff Southside Church, directed a mass youth choir as they presented the musical "Mountain Song" in the evening service.

Bruce Venable, a member of Jacksonville First Church and a student at Arkansas State University, presided over the annual meeting. Robert Holley is Arkansas Church Training Director. His associates are Bill Falkner and Gerald Jackson.



500 Arkansas youth combined (background photo) to present the first musical at a state youth convention. Bob Williamson of Pine Bluff South Side Church was director. Carole George of Jonesboro Central Church (left) was first place winner of the 1981 Speakers Tournament. Bible drill first place winner was Gini Maddux of West Memphis First Church (right).

## Stewardship

### The cost of mobility

Luther Rice covered the Southeastern seaboard for 25 years raising funds for his missionary friends. He traveled in a "poor gig pulled by a poor horse." By today's standards, his travel costs weren't prohibitive.

Today's missionary pays more for airline tickets and fuel. Excessive costs may limit ministries. A missionary in the Ivory Coast has to limit travels to villages not more than 20 miles from the home base. Gas is more than \$4 a gallon.

Denominational consultants find it necessary to limit field work. Travel budgets aren't sufficient to service every request.

Pastors are also caught. Some are car pooling when they visit distant hospitals. Others minister through a phone call when the patient is not seriously ill.

Gas, at \$1.40 a gallon, hits the church member's pocketbook. Churches with scattered memberships combine meetings. Some have encouraged area meetings in homes for selected night services.

How can travel costs be cut? Trips need to be planned with a purpose. People going in the same direction can travel together. Committee meetings can be scheduled for the same hour. Christian stewards can practice driving habits to yield maximum performance. Priority ministries can be established. Good stewardship is more than saving dollars. It also includes peak efficiency from all the good resources the Father has given us. — James A. Walker, Stewardship/Cooperative Program Department

### State Baptist assembly, children's park style!

A new and exciting program of activities is in store for boys and girls, grades four through six, who attend the assembly this summer.

A new schedule, new morning activities, planned afternoon recreation, and new worship format — all of these will combine to make the 1981 Assembly, Children's Park style, the best ever!

Our faculty will be headed by these experienced and caring folks: June 15-20 Jackie Edwards-Dean, Ronald Ford-Pastor, Shirley Sims-Music Leader; June 22-27 Dick Sager-Dean, Jack Ramsey-Pastor,



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Ed Falcomata-Music Leader; June 29-July 4 Billy West-Pastor, John Matthews-Pastor, Richard Carr-Music Leader; July 6-11 Anton Uth-Pastor, Graydon Hardister-Pastor, Ron Selby-Music Leader; July 13-18 Kelley Grubbs-Dean, Robert McDaniel-Pastor, Glen Blevins-Music Leader; July 20-25 Jackie Edwards-Dean, Jim Cooper-Pastor, Richard Wade-Music Leader.

Hopefully, your church has made reservations already to attend one of the six weeks scheduled. We are looking forward to being with your children in Children's Park. See you there! — Jackie Edwards, Sunday School Department

## Evangelism

### My last day

by Jesse S. Reed

Since this is my last day as Director of Evangelism and my last article, some words of appreciation are appropriate.

Words cannot express my sincere and heartfelt appreciation for the editors of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine that have been patient with me. All of them, Dr. B. H. Duncan, Dr. Erwin L. McDonald and Dr. Everett Sneed have been more than generous with me. They provided space for my articles and the promotion of the Department of Evangelism. For all this, I am grateful.

It has been gratifying to hear so many of you from time to time tell me you read the articles. I hope we have been able to motivate someone along the way to be a better servant of our Lord.

These twenty-seven years as an employee of the Executive Board of our convention have been interesting and enjoyable. Arkansas Baptists have been good to me. They provided Ouachita Baptist College, now University, for me to attend. I acted as associational missionary in Central Association nineteen months while I was at college.

Southern Baptists provided Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary for Mrs. Reed and myself, and for this I am grateful.

Thank you, Arkansas Baptists, for the privilege of working with you, for you and among you for forty-six years, except the three years at the seminary. You have done far more for me than I shall ever be able to do for you.

Dr. Ben L. Bridges, Dr. S. A. Whitlow



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and Dr. Charles H. Ashcraft were good to me as Executive Secretaries. Dr. Rivos Dorris, as interim secretary, was gracious and kind to me. I appreciated the privilege of working under Dr. Caldwell and J. T. Elliff in the Missions Department before I became Director of Evangelism. Dr. Drumwright has been more than generous with me as our new secretary. I have been blessed to have the privilege of working with him these few months. He asked me to stay on and for this I am grateful.

Of course, I'm not retiring from the ministry. I shall conduct revivals, be interim pastor, do supply work, conduct WIN schools and do personal witnessing with pastors upon the invitation of first come-first served.

Yours in Christ,

Jesse S. Reed, Director of Evangelism

### Family and Child Care Let's talk realism

Sure, we operate from a spiritual base, but let's face it, we live in a real world. That means we are physical, emotional and social. We have these needs.

For children who cannot provide for themselves, someone must provide for them. In addition to the home, the church is commissioned by the Lord to meet these needs.

To do this we have to have money. Food, clothing, shelter, medical care, education, yes, and parents all have to be provided. There is no magic formula to do this. God does not expect us to be unrealistic. He expects us to trust him and share his provisions with others.

My fellow Baptists, there are almost 30,000 of us who are resident members of churches of our convention in Arkansas. The facts are that in 1980 we gave an average of \$1.00 each to ministry to children in addition to the Cooperative Program. We applaud that achievement and thank you sincerely. However, when we consider that inflation rose six times faster than our direct gifts in 1980, you don't have to be a financial wizard to know we did not have as much buying power as the previous year.

By now you have surmised I am leading up to something. And that I am. The Mother's Day Offering time is just ahead. Several churches receive an offering during this time. They will be receiving posters, bulletin inserts and envelopes soon.

If your church would like to participate we will be pleased to send you these materials you request. Contact me for them. — Homer W. Shirley, Jr., Director of Development, Arkansas Baptist Family and Child Care Services.

## Growth commitment

The successful launching, flight and return of the space shuttle Columbia brought a sense of thrill and pride to the hearts of Americans. Many years of planning and work made this mission successful.

A new Sunday school year will be launched on Oct. 4, 1981. Its success will be determined by the planning and work done in the weeks and months preceding the launch.

The success of the forthcoming Sunday school year will also be important for the successful launching and mission of 8.5 by '85, a nationwide effort to reach an enrollment of 8.5 million people in Sunday school by Sept. 30, 1985.

This article is the first of nine. It will emphasize the first of the nine basic growth-inducing actions that are the basis for 8.5 by '85 efforts: make a commitment to growth.

Preparation Week is the one action essential to a commitment to growth. The suggested date for Preparation Week, 1981, is Sept. 27-Oct. 4, extending from the last Sunday in the old year until the first Sunday in the new year. The *Sunday School Preparation Week, 1981: Resource Kit* is the basic piece for planning and conducting Preparation Week. One each of the five new books in the "Basic" series are included in the resource kit and are suggested for study during the week. Additional help for conducting the week will be found in the July and September 1981 issues of *Sunday School Leadership*.

October Outreach Month is a month-long emphasis on outreach, consisting of these elements: beginning or updating prospect files; outreach training for all Sunday school workers on Oct. 7 or another date early in October; Enrollment Week, Oct. 11-18; High Attendance Day, Great Day in the Morning, Oct. 25; the Growth Spiral; and annual growth goal-setting and planning approach. The May, July, August and September 1981 issues of *Sunday School Leadership* will provide information to help in planning this month.

Annual Preparation Week, Outreach Month, and enrollment goal setting and reporting for the next four years will be vital to strengthening Sunday school and reaching an enrollment of 8.5 million by 1985.

The second article in this series will relate to the second action: identify and enroll prospects. — Pat Ratton



Ratton



Photos by George Sims

## BSU appoints summer missionaries

Forty-two Arkansas college students — the largest number ever — were appointed summer missionaries by their fellow members of Baptist Student Union recently at the BSU Leadership Training Conference at Camp Paron.

Sherry Nordin, Arkansas Tech, presided at the meeting, assisted by Don Blackmore of Southern Baptist College, Vice President, and Debbie Smith, Ouachita, Secretary.

Jon Appleton, pastor of First Baptist Church of Athens, Georgia, is principal

speaker for the week-end, with Roger Copeland leading the music and Cary Heard serving as Bible teacher.

Neil and Mary Jackson of Russellville were presented BSU Man and Woman of the Year awards and Jon Stubblefield of Magnolia as BSU Alumnus of the Year at the Saturday night banquet.

New state officers elected at the meeting include Lou Leventhal, Arkansas State University, President; Susan Bogy, University of Arkansas, Vice President; and Deanna Travis, Ouachita University, Secretary. — Tom J. Logue

## BSU Third Century Campaign

### My first day at Tech

by Don Rose

I was very happy to find a fellowship of Baptist students on the campus of Arkansas Tech when I arrived there in the fall of 1968.

An agriculture scholarship had helped me decide to attend Tech. But I had also recently accepted the call to the gospel ministry.

When I first arrived on campus, I didn't know that Baptists had a work there but someone invited me to a social that was especially for freshmen. I went because I had always enjoyed church parties and youth socials and partly because I only knew one other person on campus before I got there.

There are no words to express how important that Christian fellowship was to me, 100 miles from home and not knowing anyone well.

I have often thought of what my life



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might have been like if BSU had not been there for me, but I am just thankful that it was there at that very important time in my life.

I think it was the fellowship at the Baptist Student Center that helped me most. It was so encouraging to have Christian friends to talk to and pray with.

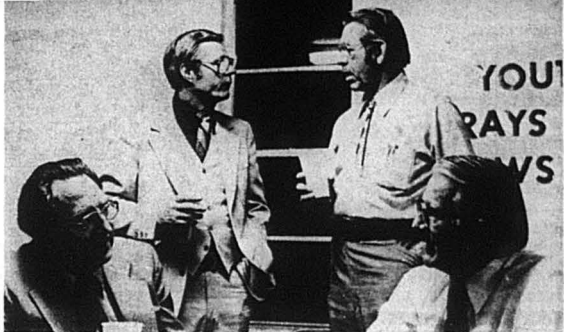
The dorm Bible studies and small prayer groups gave me opportunity for spiritual growth that I wouldn't have gotten otherwise.

I have often said that BSU and what I learned through it was a very vital part of my education.

Thank you, Arkansas Baptists, for caring for college students. I pray you will continue to show your care through the BSU Third Century Campaign.

Don Rose is a 1972 graduate of Arkansas Tech with a B.S. in Agri-Business. He has pastored the Deer Church in the North Arkansas Association, the Pee Dee Church in Van Buren Association, and is now pastor of the Midway Church in the White River Association.

Leaders at the Conference on Witnessing to Other Faiths in Conway Pleasant Grove Church were (left to right) Faulkner County director of missions J. A. Kuehn; State Missions Associate Pete Petty; Pastor Harrison Johns; and Home Mission Board Consultant A. Jase Jones.



## Conference studies religious groups

The Missions Department of the Arkansas State Baptist Convention welcomed almost 150 people to its annual Conference on Witnessing to Other Faiths April 9-10 in Calvary and Faulkner County Associations.

Seminars were scheduled to study a variety of religious bodies, including Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormons, the Worldwide Church of God, the Unification Church, Muslims, para-church groups and new cults.

According to Pete Petty, associate in the missions department and coordi-

nator of the conference, these seminars will help Baptist improve their skills in learning the beliefs and practices of other faiths, and in developing an effective Christian witness to the adherents of these faiths.

"The particular subjects to be studied were chosen in consultation with the director of missions of the associations where they were held," said Petty, "so they were tailored to meet specific needs."

Speakers for the conference, which was held at Searcy Valley Church and Conway Pleasant Grove Church, includ-

ed Jim Berryman, professor of religion and philosophy at Ouachita Baptist University; Tommy Bridges, assistant professor of education administration at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; A. Jase Jones, consultant to the Department of Interfaith Witness at the Home Mission Board; and Maurice Smith, regional director of the southwest and central U.S. for the Department of Interfaith Witness.

The directors of missions for the two association, L. Bert Edwards for Calvary and J. A. Kuehn of Faulkner, also participated in the conference.



## Young adults alerted to people needs

A "Mission Alert" for young adults was held April 4 at Geyer Springs First Church in Little Rock. It was a family affair, with special activities also provided for children birth through grade six.

Through music, media, and guest speakers, attention was focused on being alert to needs of people in local communities as well as foreign countries. Afternoon conferences provided specific suggestions for young adult involvement in such ministries as family and child care, hunger relief, lifestyle witnessing, international students, and prison/hospital ministries.

Sponsored annually by the Brotherhood Department and Woman's Missionary Union, next year's meeting will include training for a mission trip scheduled for Memorial weekend 1982.

Pastor Doug Dickens of Hot Springs First Church brought the keynote address (inset); the need for more career missionaries was emphasized in conferences led by Carl and Gerry Hall, missionaries on furlough from Kenya (top); day camp activities for children in grades one through six were directed by Angus Emerson, minister of youth for Cabot First Church. He was assisted by youth from his church (bottom).

## 1982 Calendar

## Arkansas Baptist State Convention

**January Make Your Will Month**

- 3 Christian Wills Emphasis  
 4-8 Bible Study Week  
 7-8 Staff Retreat  
 10 Witness Commitment Day  
 11 Spring Registration, Southern Baptist College  
 11-12 Church Library-Media Workshop, Central, North Little Rock  
 (Church Training)  
 12 Associational Faculty Training, Immanuel, Little Rock  
 (Sunday School)  
 12 Spring Registration, Ouachita Baptist University  
 15-16 Associational and District Music Director's Workshop, Paron  
 18-21 Area Preschool-Children's Workshop (Church Training)  
 23-29 Arkansas Rec Lab, Glorieta (Church Training)  
 24 Baptist Men's Day  
 25 State Joint Committee, Little Rock  
 25-26 Joint Evangelism Conference, Park Hill, North Little Rock  
 27 Tax Seminar, Levy, North Little Rock (Stewardship)  
 27 Church Extension Workshop, Park Hill, North Little Rock (Missions)  
 30 Homecoming, Southern Baptist College

**February Baptist Seminaries, Colleges, and Schools Month**

- 1-5 Christian Focus Week (Ouachita Baptist University)  
 1-5 Associational Training Schools (Sunday School)  
 7 Baptist World Alliance Day  
 9 State Vacation Bible School Clinic, Pulaski Heights, Little Rock  
 (Sunday School)  
 14 Race Relations Day  
 14 Associational Hymn Sings  
 14-20 Woman's Missionary Union Focus Week  
 15-18 Religious Emphasis Week, Southern Baptist College  
 17-19 Directors of Missions Retreat, DeGray (Missions)  
 19-20 Singles Conference, Little Rock, Second (Church Training)  
 19-20 Volunteer/Part-time Music Leader Workshop, Paron  
 21 Baptist Seminaries, Colleges, and Schools Day  
 21-24 Home Mission Study  
 22-23 Church Growth Thrust Leadership, Baptist Building, Little Rock  
 (Arkansas Baptist State Convention)  
 22-23 Area Pastoral Leadership Conference (Church Training)  
 25-26 Area Pastoral Leadership Conference (Church Training)  
 28-March 4 Bold Mission Simultaneous Revivals (East)

- 28 Area Summer Youth Ministry Conference, Little Rock  
 (Church Training)  
 29 Area Summer Youth Ministry Conference, Southern Baptist College  
 (Church Training)  
 29-May 1 Minister of Education/Youth Seminar, DeGray Lodge  
 (Church Training)  
 29-May 1 Arkansas Baptist State Convention Conference for Women, Pine Bluff  
 Convention Center  
 30-May 1 Statewide Asteens Meeting, North Little Rock, First  
 30-May 1 State RA Congress, Levy, Little Rock

**May Mother's Day Offering Month for Child Care**

- 2 Senior Adult Day  
 2-9 Christian Home Week  
 3-4 Church Growth Thrust Leadership, Park Hill, North Little Rock  
 (Arkansas Baptist State Convention)  
 3-4 Chaplaincy Awareness Conference, Camp Paron (Missions)  
 3-7 Baptist Building At Home Week  
 7-8 Instrumental Workshop, Little Rock, First (Church Music)  
 8 GA/Mission Friends Leadership Workshop, Baptist Building,  
 Little Rock (WMU)  
 8 Spring Commencement, Ouachita Baptist University  
 9 Associational Hymn Sings  
 10-12 National Rural Evangelism Conference, Life Line, Little Rock  
 11 Associational Briefing Meetings, Associational Office, Batesville;  
 Booneville, First; Benton, First; Hope, First (Sunday School)  
 13 Associational Briefing Meetings, Fuller Motel, Brinkley; Associational  
 Office, Jonesboro; Warren, First (Sunday School)  
 14 Graduation, Southern Baptist College  
 14-15 Pastor-Deacon Retreat, Paron (Church Training)  
 15 Joint Fellowship Meeting, National/Southern Baptist Women,  
 Arkansas Baptist College (WMU)  
 15 State Music Tournament and Ensemble Jubilee  
 16 ARKANSAS BAPTIST NEWSMAGAZINE Day of Prayer  
 17 Christian Social Ministries Conference (Missions)  
 17-21 Master Life Leader Training, Paron (Church Training)  
 18 Christian Social Ministries Conference (Missions)  
 18 Christian Social Ministries Conference (Missions)  
 20 Mother-Daughter Camp (grades 1-3), Camp Paron  
 27-29 Senior Adult Conference (Church Training)  
 28-29 Campers on Mission Rally (Missions)  
 29-31 Young Adults on Mission Trip (WMU)  
 30 Associational Missions Day of Prayer

**March**

- 5- 6 State Handbell Festival (Church Music)
- 7-14 Week of Prayer for Home Missions and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
- 12-13 Church Recreation Mini Lab, Paron (Church Training)
- 14 Home Missions Day
- 14-21 Youth Week (Church Training)
- 16-17 WMU Annual Meeting, Baring Cross, North Little Rock
- 19-20 Regional Library Conference (Church Training)
- 19-20 Arkansas Interpreters for the Deaf Workshop, Little Rock (Missions)
- 20 Associational Baptist Youth Night (Church Training)
- 25-27 Marriage Enrichment Retreat, Ozark Folk Center (Church Training)
- 26-28 Leadership Training Conference, Camp Paron (BSU)
- 27 State Youth Choir Festivals, Little Rock, Second and Immanuel, Little Rock
- 27 Discovery Day (Southern Baptist College)
- 28-April 11 Bold Mission Simultaneous Revivals (West)
- 29 Northwest District Tournament, Rogers, First (Church Training)
- 29 Southwest District Tournaments, Hope, First (Church Training)
- 30 West Central District Tournaments, Paris, First (Church Training)
- 30 Southeast District Tournaments, Warren, First (Church Training)

**April**

- 1 North Central District Tournaments, Mountain View, First (Church Training)
- 1 Northeast District Tournaments, Central, Jonesboro (Church Training)
- 2 Central District Tournaments, Benton, First (Church Training)
- 2 East Central District Tournaments, Forrest City, First, (Church Training)
- 3 State Young Musicians Choir Festivals, Fayetteville, First, Central, Jonesboro; Geyer Springs, Little Rock; Arkadelphia, First; Monticello, Second
- 9 State Youth Convention, Robinson Auditorium, Little Rock (Church Training)
- 11 EASTER
- 15 WOW Training, Baptist Building (Evangelism)
- 16-17 Tiger Traks Weekend (Ouachita Baptist University)
- 18 Cooperative Program Day
- 18 Associational Music Tournaments (latest date suggested)
- 19-20 Interfaith Witness Conference, Harrison (Missions)
- 19-23 Baptist Doctrine Study
- 19-23 Youth Ministry National Conference II, Nashville, TN (Church Training)
- 22-23 Interfaith Witness Conference, Fort Smith (Missions)
- 24 Young Adult Missions Meeting, Markham Street, Little Rock (WMU/Brotherhood)
- 25 Life Commitment Day
- 26-28 Statewide Pastor's Bible Conference, Ouachita Baptist University
- 27 Church Building Conference Baptist Building, Little Rock (Sunday School)
- 27 Area Summer Youth Ministry Conference, Ouachita Baptist University (Church Training)

**June Annular Board Ministries Month**

- 4- 5 Pre-camp Training, Camp Paron (Brotherhood)
- 6 Religious Liberty Day
- 7 Area Youth Evangelism Conference, West Helena, Second RA Camp, Paron
- 7-11 Area Youth Evangelism Conference, McGehee, First
- 8 Student Summer Missions Orientation (Missions)
- 8-11 Area Youth Evangelism Conference, Central, Magnolia
- 10 Student Summer Missions Supervisors Meeting (Missions)
- 10-11 Area Youth Evangelism Conference, Park Hill Arkadelphia
- 11 Lad and Dad Camp, Paron (Brotherhood)
- 11-12 WMU Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA
- 13-14 National Baptist Girls Camp, Paron
- 14-18 Arkansas Baptist Assembly, Siloam Springs (first week)
- 15-17 SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION, New Orleans, LA
- 18-19 Baptist Men Retreat, Camp Paron (Brotherhood)
- 18-20 Arkansas Baptist Conference of the Deaf, Ouachita Baptist University (Missions)
- 21-24 Young Musicians Camp, Ouachita Baptist University (Church Music)
- 21-25 National Baptist Boys Camp, Paron
- 21-26 Arkansas Baptist Assembly, Siloam Springs (second week)
- 28-July 3 Arkansas Baptist Assembly, Siloam Springs (third week)

**July**

- 1 State Joint Committee, Little Rock
- 4 Christian Citizenship Day
- 5- 9 GA Camp (grades 4-6), Camp Paron
- 5-10 Arkansas Baptist Assembly, Siloam Springs (fourth week)
- 5-14 Pioneer Mission Action Trip (Brotherhood)
- 12-13 Mid-Summer Student Missionaries' Retreat (Missions)
- 12-16 GA Camp (grades 4-6), Camp Paron
- 12-17 Arkansas Baptist Assembly, Siloam Springs (fifth week)
- 16-17 GA Mother-Daughter Camp (grades 1-3), Paron
- 19-23 GA Camp, Paron (grades 4-6)
- 19-24 Arkansas Baptist Assembly, Siloam Springs (sixth week)
- 26-30 Youth/Adult Church Music Conference, Ouachita Baptist University
- 26-30 GA/Acteens Camp (grades 4-12)
- 26-31 Arkansas Baptist Assembly, Siloam Springs (seventh week)
- 29-30 Weekday Early Education Workshop, Markham Street, Little Rock Sunday School/Missions)
- 30-31 Acteens/RAs Retreat, Paron

**August**

- 1 On To College Day
- 2- 6 Church Secretaries Certification Seminar, Park Hill, North Little Rock (Basic) (Church Training)

8	Language Missions Day
12-13	State Children's Choir Leader Workshop, Little Rock, Second (Church Music)
13-14	Pastor-Director Retreat, Paron (Church Training)
20-21	Associational WMU Officers Retreat, Camp Paron
22	Associational Hymn Sings
22-29	Church Music Week
23	Fall Registration, Southern Baptist College
23-24	Fall Registration, Ouachita Baptist University
27-28	Disaster Relief Training Workshop (Brotherhood)
27-28	Fall Campers on Mission Rally (Missions)
27-28	Associational Church Training Leadership Conference, Park Hill, North Little Rock

### September Baptist Foundation Month

9	Statewide WMU Training Day, Immanuel, Little Rock
9-10	Furloughing Missionaries Orientation (Stewardship)
12	Single Adult Day
12	Baptist Foundation Day
13	Area WMU Conference, Beech Street, Texarkana
13	Area Evangelism Conference, Central, Jonesboro
13	Area Brotherhood Meeting, Beech Street, Texarkana
14	Area Evangelism Conference, Eagle Heights, Harrison
14	Area Brotherhood Meeting, Monticello, First
14	Associational Sunday School Leadership Night
14-15	Area WMU Conference, Monticello, First
16	Area WMU Conference, Forrest City, First
16	Area Evangelism Conference, Oak Grove, Van Buren
16	Area Brotherhood Meeting, Forrest City, First
17	Area Evangelism Conference, First Cullendale, Camden
18	Youth Choir Day, Ouachita Baptist University
19-26	Season of Prayer for State Missions and Dixie Jackson Offering
20-21	State Sunday School Convention, Geyer Springs, First, Little Rock
20-24	Arkansas Senior Adult Chautauqua (Glorieta)
23	Area WMU Conference, Blytheville, First
23	Area Brotherhood Meeting, Blytheville, First
24-25	Arkansas Interpreters for Deaf Spiritual Retreat (Missions)
26-Oct. 3	Sunday School Preparation Week
27	Area WMU Conference, Immanuel, Fort Smith
27	Area Brotherhood Meeting, Immanuel, Fort Smith
28	Area Brotherhood Meeting, Immanuel, Rogers
28-29	Area WMU Conference, Immanuel, Rogers
30	Area WMU Conference, Mountain Home, First
30	Area Brotherhood Meeting, Mountain Home, First

### October Cooperative Program Month

1- 2	State Deacon Ministry Conference, Church Training
1- 3	Baptist Student Union Convention
3	High Attendance Night in Church Training
4	Area WMU Conference, Central, North Little Rock
4	Area Brotherhood Meeting, Central, North Little Rock
4- 8	Arkansas Senior Adult Chautauqua (Ridgecrest)
10	World Hunger Day
11-12	Bold Growth in Discipleship Schools (Church Training)
11-16	Associational Annual Meetings
16	Parents and Pastors Day, Southern Baptist College
18-19	Special Missions Ministries Conference (Missions)
18-23	Associational Annual Meetings
21-22	Music Men/Singing Women Workshop/Retreat, DeGray
23	Homecoming, Ouachita Baptist University
26	State Church Training Convention
28-30	Marriage Enrichment Retreat, DeGray Lodge (Church Training)
31	Great Day in the Morning

### November Thanksgiving Offering Month for Child Care

1	Baptist Women Day of Prayer
4- 5	Language Leadership Conference, Baptist Building
4	Recognition Banquet for Directors of Missions, Ouachita Baptist University
6	State GA Day (grades 4-6), Camp Paron
7	Baptist Health Sunday
7-13	Royal Ambassador Week
12-13	Associational Ateens Officers Retreat, Mills Valley, North Little Rock
13	State RA Fellowship Happening (Brotherhood)
14-17	Foreign Mission Study
16-18	ARKANSAS BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION, Park Hill, North Little Rock
20	Interfaith Hunger Ingathering
20	Tiger Tunes, Ouachita Baptist University
21	Child Care Day
22	"M" Night
25-27	International Student Conference, Camp Paron (BSU)
28-Dec. 5	Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
29-Dec. 1	Group Career Assessment (Church Training)

### December

2- 3	Evangelism Workshop, Camp Paron
2- 3	Stewardship Workshop, Camp Paron
5	Foreign Missions Day
5	Carol Sings
26	Student Day at Christmas
27-29	Joy Explo (Evangelism)

## Smith visits Kenya, praises missions

by Mary Jane Welch

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — Southern Baptist Convention President Bailey Smith returned from a visit with Southern Baptist missionaries in Kenya saying he plans to make Southern Baptists aware of the great investment they have in missions.

"These people (missionaries) are there every day making strides in witness and ministry," he said after a week in Kenya.

He also said he would continue encouraging his church, First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Okla., to make

substantial increases in Cooperative Program giving, because he has seen that the money is well spent. Del City increased its Cooperative Program giving by 200 percent from \$50,000 last year, to \$150,000 this year, he said. The Cooperative Program is the voluntary channel for funds from churches to support the missions and educational enterprises of the convention.

Smith attended an all-night prayer meeting at Ngerenia Baptist Church, where 25 people made professions of

faith after he preached outside the church under a single lantern.

The SBC president visited missionaries and mission work in the Nairobi, Limuru, Mombasa and Malindi areas and preached an ordination sermon for 23 Kenyan Baptist pastors at Malindi Baptist Church. Thirteen of the pastors became Christians during the 1976-77 Giriama evangelistic project in Kenya and have been leading churches started during that time. The service was the first ordination service in the association.

Smith later attended the dedication of a well dug using Baptist relief funds in an area where women had been spending much of each day walking to find fresh water. People walked up to 25 miles to attend the service and more than 100 responded to Smith's invitation to become Christians.

Three wells had been dug earlier in the area with relief money from the Foreign Mission Board, but all contained salty water. After the fourth well was dug, 763 people were counted getting water from it in one day.

Smith said he had heard before his trip that Southern Baptist missionaries lived in luxury, but "I didn't see any luxury. Everyone I met — their whole life was their work."

## Respond to cutbacks, Tanner urges churches

by Jim Newton

ATLANTA (BP) — Churches must fill the void if and when government programs to feed hungry people in America are cut back because of Reagan administration budget proposals, the president of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board says.

"The time has come for the local church to re-establish its leadership role in meeting the needs of hungry people in America," William G. Tanner said during the board's annual meeting.

"As government programs may be cut back, there are voids that are going to be created that the local church and the association not only should, but will, be able to meet," Tanner said.

He called for other SBC agencies to join the effort to develop plans and programs to help the local church and associations of churches respond to domestic hunger needs in their own communities and commented that although the Home Mission Board has the "lead program assignment" in the SBC in the area of domestic hunger, he does not want the board to act unilaterally.

Tanner named Paul Adkins, director of the board's Christian social ministries department, to coordinate the effort, to convene interested SBC agency personnel and to develop a preliminary report to be presented at the next board meeting in July.

Even though Baptists may have different reactions to the budget cuts proposed by the Reagan administration to deter inflation, said Tanner, "I do feel these proposed budget cuts are saying something to us at the Home Mission Board and to all Christians in America."

Tanner pointed out that throughout history, the church was involved in meet-

ing needs of hungry people long before the government, but after government became heavily involved, many churches discontinued their programs to feed hungry and needy people in their communities.

"As these proposed government cutbacks are made, it appears to me God may be giving Southern Baptists and local churches another opportunity to get more directly involved in meeting the needs of hungry people in the name of Christ," Tanner said.

He observed that some churches may have been out of the business of meeting the needs of hungry people for so long that they may not know how to get started or how to develop programs that will meet the needs effectively.

"Some churches will probably feel they do not have the resources to do very much, but by joining together with other churches through the association, they can make a significant contribution," he said.

The first step, Tanner suggested, is for churches to discover the needs in the local community. He pointed out that government cutbacks will differ in almost every state, and thus needs will be different in each community.

He commended the work being done by Nathan Porter, the Home Mission Board's national consultant on domestic hunger, who is developing a local hunger survey to help churches discover needs in their own communities.

Even though Tanner did not call for board approval of his proposal, members of the board voted unanimously to approve in principle his plea for helping churches feed hungry people in America.

## On the cover



Photo by David F. Haywood

Christian Home Week, set for May 3-10, provides churches an opportunity to emphasize the importance of families like Martha, David and Sharon Buser, members of Brentwood Baptist Church, Brentwood, Tenn. Churches are encouraged to use this week to provide family enrichment opportunities for members. The theme for 1981 Christian Home Week is "The value of persons in the family as children of God." Christian Home Week resources are produced by the Sunday School Board's family ministry department.



## Commission names officers

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP) — Members of the Southern Baptist Convention Stewardship Commission elected new officers and affirmed the doctrinal integrity of staff members during their annual meeting.

E. Harmon Moore, retired executive secretary of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana, was elected chairman, succeeding David C. Bates from Pineville, La.

Members of the Nashville, Tenn.-based commission also took note of Resolution 16, concerning doctrinal integrity, passed at the 1980 annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis.

Commissioners passed a resolution which said it "finds all employees (of the commission) uphold the Bible as stipulated" in the Baptist Faith and Message Statement of 1963, and affirmed "the doctrinal integrity of the employees."

A 1981-82 budget of \$1,774,086 was adopted. Of the total, \$315,800, or 17.8 percent, will come from the SBC Cooperative Program, with other anticipated receipts from the sale of materials and consultant fees.

Statistics reported during the meeting indicate total receipts of Southern Baptist churches in 1980 amounted to \$2,483,645,551, an increase of 11.8 percent or

\$261,563,392, and missions expenditures amounted to \$401,499,506, an increase of 12.7 percent, or \$45,291,716.

The annual meeting also featured a dinner hosted by the Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, which has its national offices in Birmingham. Members of the Stewardship Commission were briefed on the work of the WMU and given a tour of the facilities.

## High court to hear church-state case

WASHINGTON (BP) — The U.S. Supreme Court will review one church-state case but has declined consideration of two others.

The high court agreed to consider the federal government's appeal of a western Pennsylvania district court decision which relieved a member of the Old Order Amish religion from paying the employer's share of Social Security taxes and from withholding Social Security taxes from the wages of Amish employees because such taxes infringe upon their free exercise of religion.

Old Order Amish consider it a violation of their faith to receive Social Security benefits or pay Social Security taxes.

Present federal law exempts Old Or-

der Amish who are self-employed from Social Security taxes. In its request that the Supreme Court review the district court decision, the federal government asserted that Congress did not intend that the exemption be extended beyond self-employed Amish to those who are employers and employees.

In another case, the high court let stand a ruling by the Second Circuit Court of Appeals that a Catholic high school in New York which was no longer owned by the Catholic diocese but still required propagation of Catholic values is exempt from National Labor Relations Board jurisdiction.

The NLRB had ruled in 1978 that Bishop Ford Central Catholic High School violated the National Labor Relations Act by refusing to recognize and bargain with the lay faculty association.

In its request for appeal, the lay faculty association said the Second Circuit Court's decision means that "potentially thousands of workers employed in institutions which claim to engage in a 'religious mission' will lose their statutory rights to bargain collectively and their constitutional rights of association."

Ford Central contended that the decision "correctly focused on the religious nature and activity of the school," and that the diocese maintained "a significant degree of control over the school" since the real property would revert back to the diocese from the private governing board should the school cease to be Catholic.

In a third case, the Supreme Court denied a petition for rehearing by a New Jersey Episcopal church in a property dispute with the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Newark.

The high court has consistently held that hierarchical church bodies control the properties of local congregations.

## Law upheld requiring abortion notification

WASHINGTON (BP) — In a 6-3 decision the U.S. Supreme Court upheld a Utah statute requiring physicians to "notify, if possible," the parents or guardian of a minor before performing an abortion.

The high court's decision affirmed earlier rulings by a Utah trial court and the Utah Supreme Court that state law does not violate a minor's constitutional right to privacy in obtaining an abortion.

The Utah case involved an unmarried 15-year-old who was living with her parents and dependent upon them for support when she learned she was pregnant. She challenged the state statute when her physician refused to perform an abortion without first notifying her parents.

In delivering the court's opinion, Chief Justice Warren E. Burger noted that the Utah law, which requires parental notification but not parental consent for abortions, "serves the important considerations of family integrity and protecting adolescents" when applied to "immature and dependent" minors.

The Utah statute, Burger wrote, "gives neither parents nor judges veto power over the minor's decision to abort."

The Supreme Court held that the appellant lacked standing to challenge the constitutionality of the Utah statute's potential application to all unmarried minor girls, including those who are mature and emancipated.

Thus the court ruled on the constitutionality of the parental notice requirement only in the cases involving immature and dependent minors.

Burger concluded that when the Utah law is applied to immature and dependent minors, it "serves state interests; it is narrowly drawn to protect only those interests and does not violate any guarantees of the Constitution."

Justice Thurgood Marshall, joined by Justices William J. Brennan Jr. and Harry A. Blackmun, dissented, saying the Utah law "infringes upon the constitutional right to privacy attached to a minor woman's decision to complete or terminate her pregnancy."

## Court to rule on AU case

by Stan Hasty

WASHINGTON (BP) — The U.S. Supreme Court will decide if officials of a well-known religious liberty organization have a constitutional right to sue the federal government for transferring public property to religious organizations.

Americans United for Separation of Church and State, a frequent litigant in church-state cases for 35 years, filed suit against the government for itself and four of its staff members when the Department of Health, Education and Welfare donated a 70-acre tract of land and a number of buildings formerly used as a military hospital to an Assemblies of

God college in Pennsylvania. Transfer of the land and buildings was made under provisions of the Federal Property Act, a law regulating the disposal of surplus government property.

But the college, noting that the law had never before come under legal attack, countered that Americans United had no legal standing to bring the suit. Citing a string of Supreme Court decisions over the last dozen years, attorneys for the college contended that individual citizens must show actual or potential monetary damage to sue in such cases.

A federal district court dismissed the complaint more than two years ago, but the Third Circuit Court of Appeals reversed, holding for Americans United.

In legal papers filed with the Supreme Court, attorneys for Valley Forge Christian College, recipient of the \$1.3 million government property, argued that "special interest groups" such as Americans United ought to be differentiated from "the citizenry at large."

For its part, Americans United argued that "governmental largesse to church institutions" under the Federal Property Act since its passage 31 years ago has amounted to more than \$25 million. Transfer of excess government property "has the impermissible effect of advancing religion," the argument continued.

To deny its officials standing to sue, warranted the watchdog group, "would effectively foreclose judicial inquiry into serious breaches of the prohibitions of the First Amendment, thus emasculating the Bill of Rights."

Although arguments in briefs for both sides concentrated on the technical question of whether Americans United and its officials have standing to sue, the high court could choose to decide both the standing issue and rule on the merits of the case. That is considered unlikely, however, meaning that even if Americans United wins this time, the case would have to go back to lower courts for new arguments.

## Black church joins Alabama Baptists

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (BP) — Westside Baptist Church has become the first predominantly black church to affiliate with the Alabama Baptist Convention.

Westside constituted as a church March 8, and immediately asked to affiliate with the Montgomery Baptist Association. The church, while a mission of Trinity Baptist Church, had been a part of the association.

The Westside story began in 1976 when Westgate Baptist Church, located in a changing community, deeded its building and property to the Montgomery Baptist Association. Trinity church, under the leadership of its pastor, Henry Cox, received permission from the association to sponsor a mission at Westgate to meet the spiritual needs of the community.

Trinity licensed and later ordained one of its black members, Milton Boyd, to become a minister. Boyd became the first pastor of Westside Baptist Mission March 7, 1976.

Boyd, born in Tarboro, N.C., and reared in Brooklyn, N.Y., was a supply systems analyst at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery when he accepted the pastorate.

Westside has a full program, with Sunday school, church training, and missions groups, including Mission Friends, Girls in Action, Acteens, Baptist Young Women and Baptist Women. The two Royal Ambassador chapters, sponsored by the Baptist Men's group, have been featured in Probe, a magazine of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission.

The Sunday school has an enrollment of 270, with average attendance of 120. Church training enrollment is 207, with 95 persons attending on an average Sunday.

Apr. 15, 1981	Sunday School	Church	Church
	Time	Time	Time

Church Alexander	145	46	
First	96	40	
Viny Ridge Immanuel	153	77	
Alma, Clear Creek Southern	233		3
Kibitz, First			
Batesville			
First	300	131	
West	278	62	
Bendonville, First	451		3
Berryville			
Freeman Heights	262	111	9
Blue Eye, Mo., First	332	98	1
Bowling	171	51	
First	354		7
Blue Mountain	38		
South Side	179	126	8
Bryant	369	136	4
First Southern	181	68	5
Indian Springs			
Cabot			
First	451	107	
Mt. Carmel	307	100	3
Candlen, Cullendale First	451	105	2
Caraway, First	139	119	1
Cherokee Village, First	96	33	2
Conway			
Chick Bowers	166	92	1
Pickles Gap	248	74	
Second	153	195	1
Crosssett			
First	534	90	2
Mount Olive	332	134	3
Tangle	236	96	
Danville, First	109	20	
Nursing Home	266	64	1
Dev Acc, First			
El Dorado			
Parview	191	62	4
Nursing Home	31		
West Side	587		6
Eureka Springs, First	11	6	2
Beaver Lake Mission			
Forrest City, First	681	138	
Fr. Smith	1,440		19
Grand Avenue			
Mission	29		
Westside	132	59	
Fowles, First	98	22	
Cassville	141	41	
Center, First	171	42	
Crawleville	100	79	
Green Forest, First	245	31	1
Hampton, First	191	68	
Harris	148	45	
Harrison			
Eagle Heights	347	99	
Northside	191	52	
Woodland Heights	130	49	
Havana			
Hot Springs			
Fairdale	91	37	3
Grand Avenue	454	89	10
Harvey's Chapel	166	72	1
Leonard Street	192	51	
Memorial	87	47	
Park Place	331	98	
Hughes, First	186	64	3
Jacksonville, First	486	30	
Jelsville	152	81	
Jonahsboro			
Friendly Hope	170	103	1
Hettleton	323	104	9
Philadelphia	152	73	
Kingston, First Southern	130	48	
Little Rock, Crystal Hill	209	69	
Magnolia, Central	746	140	9
Memphis	352		
Mountain Home, East Side	221	72	2
Mountain Pine, First	101	35	2
Northside	244	104	
Nashville, Ridgeway	268	84	
Northfork, First	309	75	1
North Little Rock, Seastill	145	42	
Paragould			
Calvary	250	174	1
East Side	488	232	1
First	485	177	
Paris, First	405		
Paris, Southside	76		
Pea Ridge, First	309	67	3
Pine Bluff			
Centennial	147	59	
Central	128	39	1
First	630	78	1
Lee Memorial	283	34	1
Sulphur Springs	227	84	
Watson Chapel	364	141	
Prarie Grove, First	168	60	
Rogers			
First	654	200	3
Immanuel	1,084		9
Russellville, First	573	130	5
Springdale			
Elmhurst	331	123	2
First	2,306		5
Tenarkana			
Highland Hills	113	79	
Shiloh Memorial	181	72	2
Trinity	420	196	3
Van Buren, First	511	84	6
Vandevorst, First	70	29	
Walnut Ridge, First	383	62	
Ward, First	168	82	
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## HMB approves 42 persons

ATLANTA (BP) — Directors of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board named 42 persons to mission service during their April meeting in Atlanta.

Included in the appointments were 14 missionaries, six missionary associates, four mission pastor interns, eight persons granted church pastoral assistance and 10 people approved for language pastoral assistance.

Named missionaries were David and Karen Arp of Dallas, Texas; Luther and Marie Berry of Miami, Okla.; Sheila Delores Dewese of Tulsa, Okla.; Tom and Anne Donaldson of Morgantown, W.Va.; Jay Harvey and Fayma Lois Humphreys of Elysian, Minn.; Lillian Mitchell and Charles Louis Mitchell Jr. of Louisville, Ky.; Maxine Robinson of Medford, Ore.; and Thomas J. and Sherrye Lorraine Smith of New Orleans, La.

Appointed missionary associates were Timothy and Jeannie Marie Gramly of Kansas City, Mo.; Dave and Terry Marie Hankins of Mill Valley, Calif.; and Mike and Debbie Lee of Fort Worth, Texas.

Elected mission pastor interns were Mike and Trina Crescenzi of Weiner, Ark.; Rick Love of Broomfield, Colo.; and Dave Tidwell of Ten Sleep, Wyo.

Approved for church pastoral assist-

tance were David and Berry Berryhill of Onida, S.D.; Leon Freeman Jr. and Lori Freeman of Carolina, Puerto Rico; Al and Jerry Sims of Torrington, Wyo.; and Robert and Glenda Wilson of Webster Springs, W. Va.

Granted language pastoral assistance were Ruben and Emilia Casanova of Chicago, Ill.; Isabel and Olivia Chavarria of Stockton, Calif.; Chi Choon and Grace

Lee of San Mateo, Calif.; Binh and Thien Phan of El Cajon, Calif.; and Omar and Marisol Ramirez of Rochester, N.Y.

In other action, the directors voted to approved the early retirement of William H. Slagle, 57, associate director of the board's church extension division, effective May 31. He has been associated with the board since 1956. He will be a bivocational pastor in Gainesville, Ga.

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## House, Senate consider non-profit postal hike

by Larry Chesser

WASHINGTON (BP) — A Reagan administration budget proposal which would double postage costs for non-profit mailers—including denominational publications and Baptist state newspapers—has cleared its first hurdle in the Senate, but faces an uncertain future in the House where key committee members are opposed.

The Reagan administration has proposed that governmental subsidies for the non-profit mailers be eliminated, forcing the organizations to pay full price to mail their publications.

Currently, non-profit mailers pay only a portion of the full rate for mailing their publications.

When the Postal Service was formed in 1970, Congress decided that each class and subclass of mailers should pay full cost, but set up graduated steps to soften the blow, a post office spokesman said. Originally, the steps covered 10 years but were extended to 16 years.

The Reagan administration budget proposal is that the subsidy be eliminated, forcing non-profit religious, educational, scientific, philanthropic, agricultural, labor, veterans and fraternal organizations to pay full cost.

The administration proposal has been approved in principal in the Senate in a process called budget reconciliation, which allocates funds available for each segment of government. The Senate governmental affairs committee is expected to spell out the cuts when it sets the postal service budget.

The proposal, however, faces tougher going in the House, where the post office and civil service committee has voted to reject the postal service cuts. Additionally, the House budget committee chairman, James R. Jones, D-Okla., has announced a plan to restore \$150 million of Reagan's proposed reduction in postal subsidies.

A Baptist Press sampling of editors of Baptist state newspapers and denominational publications revealed the proposal would be costly to Baptist and all other non-profit publications.

"If the phased rates for non-profits are eliminated Oct. 1, the *Baptist Standard's* weekly mailing cost will jump from \$11,000 to \$25,000," said Pressnell H. Wood, editor of the Texas newspaper with a circulation approaching 400,000.

Putting the proposal's possible impact in perspective, Wood said the postage bill for the Texas weekly was \$459,000 in 1975. If the proposal takes effect, the paper's annual postage bill will jump to \$1.3 million.

Papers with average and smaller circulations would also feel the crunch.

Editor Lynn P. Clayton of the Louisiana Baptist Convention's *Baptist Message* said the administration proposal would more than double the postage bill for his paper which has a circulation of 69,000.

Clayton said the paper's postage costs have risen from \$4,500 to \$130,000 in the past 10 years and added: "If Reagan's proposals are accepted, in 11 years, we will have gone from \$3,500 to \$260,000."

James Lee Young, editor of Colorado's *Rocky Mountain Baptist*, which has a circulation of 9,800, said the proposal would send his postage expense from \$15,000 annually to \$30,000.

"A \$30,000 postage bill for such a small paper staggers my mind," Young said.

The sharp increase in postage costs would leave non-profit publications facing such choices as subscription rate hikes and cutbacks in the number of issues, the editors indicated.

The *Commission*, published by the SBC Foreign Mission Board, had already moved from 12 issues to nine this year and raised subscription prices from \$3.50

to \$5 annually, leaving Editor Leland F. Webb uncertain how his publication would deal with a large postage increase.

"At this point, I'm already wondering how we can stay within our budget and still deliver the product we need to deliver," Webb said.

Wood said the *Baptist Standard* would be forced to pass on the higher postage costs by raising subscription rates, a move he is hopeful Texas Baptists would receive with understanding.

"I do not see how our Baptist process can operate efficiently and effectively without the state Baptist paper—or something in its place—whatever the cost," said Wood, who called the *Baptist Standard* a "valuable and viable part" of the Texas convention.

Clayton said that unless the Louisiana convention picked up the extra postage costs, the *Baptist Message* would have to choose between "tripling subscriptions or going to a bi-monthly publication."

Young said his paper would "definitely have to raise" its rates and "conceivably cut back on the number of issues," a choice he and his board hope to avoid.

Clayton said approval of the proposal would mean that "the heart of the Baptist rapid communication system would be drastically downgraded."

And the overall impact of the proposal would be much broader.

"When educational, charitable and fraternal publications are put out of business because of rising postal costs, the public will suffer by being a less informed citizenry," Wood said.

Contending that the postal service would suffer because of the loss of revenue from non-profit mailers, Wood said the proposal is a "serious matter not just for the religious publications, but for the postal service and the people of the nation."

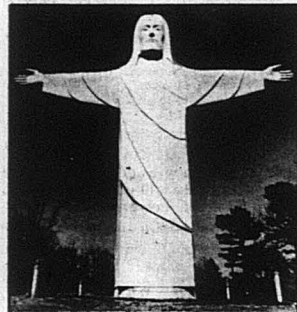
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## Bailey Smith announces committee on committees

DEL CITY, Okla. — (BP) Bailey Smith, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, has announced his appointments to the SBC committee on committees.

The 52-member committee will be presented to the 1981 annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention June 9-11 in Los Angeles, although the messengers do not elect the committee. The committee, which includes two representatives from each of 26 state conventions, will nominate to the 1982 annual meeting Baptists to serve on SBC boards, committees and standing committees.

Jimmy Draper, pastor of First Church of Euless, Texas, will serve as chairman. Those named are:

**Alabama** — Fred Wolfe, pastor of Cottage Hill Church of Mobile, and Bobbie (Mrs. Jimmy) Jackson of Huntsville.

**Arizona** — Jim Harvey, pastor of First Southern Church of Glendale, and Wendell Freeze of Yuma, president of the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention.

**Arkansas** — Wayne Smith, pastor of First Church of Sparkman, and Ernie Perkins, director of missions for Concord Association at Fort Smith.

**California** — Bob Lewis, pastor of First Church of Westminster, and Herman Wooten, director of missions for Orange County Association, Orange.

**Colorado** — Harold Blackwell of Salida and Mrs. Jean Cooper of Littleton.

**District of Columbia** — C. Wade Free-

man Jr., pastor of Capitol Hill Metropolitan Church in Washington, and president of the DC Baptist Convention, and Estelle (Mrs. Parks) Hackney of Washington.

**Florida** — O. S. Hawkins, pastor of First Church of Fort Lauderdale, and Bob Vickery of Winter Park.

**Georgia** — Clark Hutchinson, pastor of Eastside Church of Marietta, and Ben F. Wardlow of Waynesboro.

**Illinois** — Charles Chandler, pastor of Pennsylvania Avenue Church of Urbana, and Craig Riding of Rockford, president of the Illinois Baptist State Association.

**Indiana** — David Simpson, pastor of First Southern Church of New Whitehall, and chairman of the executive board of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana, and R. V. Haygood, executive director of the SCBI,

**Kansas-Nebraska** — Phil Lineberger, pastor of Metropolitan Church of Wichita and Barbara (Mrs. Calvin) Miller, Omaha.

**Kentucky** — G. David McClure of Louisville, and Wyman Copass, pastor of Reidland Church of Paducah.

**Louisiana** — Ron Herrod, pastor of First Church, Kenner, and Barry Landrum, pastor of First Church of Bossier City.

**Maryland** — David Flumbaum of Joppa, and David Kim, pastor of First Korean Church of Silver Springs.

**Michigan** — Rochelle Davis, pastor of Temple of Faith Church of Detroit, and Dwain Laramore, area director of mis-

sions in Flint.

**Mississippi** — Larry Black, minister of music at First Church of Jackson, and Robert Eustice of Biloxi.

**Missouri** — Bob Warner, pastor of First Church of St. Louis, and Tom Carney, pastor of Second Church, Springfield.

**New Mexico** — Tom Clayton, pastor of First Church of Hobbs, and Stan Coffey, pastor of First Church of Albuquerque.

**North Carolina** — Don Bouldin, pastor of Carmel Church of Charlotte, and Henderson Belk of Charlotte, second vice president of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

**Northwest** — John Hatch, pastor of First Church of Lakewood in Tacoma, and Quilla (Mrs. Elmer) Whitten of Portland.

**Ohio** — Roy Southerland of Reynoldsburg, and Jack Davis of Huron.

**Oklahoma** — Jeanne (Mrs. Tom) Elliff of Tulsa, and Robert Harris of Del City.

**South Carolina** — Lonnie Shull, pastor of Northside Church of West Columbia, and president of the South Carolina Baptist Convention, and Fred Lowery, pastor of Pisgah Baptist Church of Spartanburg.

**Tennessee** — Pat Kough, pastor of First Church of Bemis, and Ralph Stone, pastor of Two Rivers Church of Nashville.

**Texas** — Jimmy Draper, pastor of First Church of Euless, and John Bisagno, pastor of First Church of Houston.

**Virginia** — Bob Yarborough, pastor of Immanuel Church of Manassas, and Franklin Hall, pastor of Bethel Baptist Church of Tabb.

## Missionary force grows slowly while volunteer numbers swell

by Mary Jane Welch

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — The number of Southern Baptists flooding overseas as volunteers jumped 27 percent in 1980 and the total missionary force increased by two percent. But the number of career missionaries rose by only two persons.

That is causing concern for Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board administrators who say the career missionary is the core of the Southern Baptist mission enterprise overseas.

"If it (career missions) begins to decay, it's only a matter of time before the decay affects the total system," said Bill W. Marshall, vice president for human resources for the board.

"Almost all short-term ministries are dependent upon those people who stay long enough to learn the language and make themselves available and vulnerable to those to whom they go," said Marshall. "There is a difference between a visitor and a neighbor. God's mission

methodology in Jesus was to become a neighbor."

Applied to 1980 forces, that means most of the 4,818 volunteers who went overseas in 1980, plus the 246 missionary journeymen, 15 special project workers and 244 missionary associates who were on the field at the end of 1980 could not have been used if they hadn't been working with some of the 2,554 career missionaries who still comprised the bulk of the overseas missionary staff. The distinction between missionary associates, who serve renewable four-year terms, and career missionaries has become blurred as many associates now have served more than 10 years on the field, Marshall added, however.

Louis R. Cobbs, director of personnel selection for the board, pointed out that for the third year in a row, the Foreign Mission Board has appointed more than 300 missionaries a year while other mis-

sion agencies are retrenching. In 1980, the board appointed 330 new missionaries, down from a record 350 in 1978 and 332 in 1979.

Of the total 330 missionaries commissioned in 1980, Japan received 20; Korea 12; Taiwan 17; and Hong Kong/Macao 19.

In 1979 no career missionary nurses were appointed, but in 1980 five nurses and 15 in other categories were appointed to countries where Southern Baptists have medical missions. No career missionary physicians were appointed, however, said Cobbs.

The typical newly appointed missionary couple in 1980 was about 30 years old with two children. They typical missionary associate was 48 or 49 and the typical journeyman was 23.

There were 279 losses among the missionary force in 1980, with resignation accounting for 143 losses.



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Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:1-8

by Bob Little  
Ashdown First

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### The adequacy of Jesus (Heb. 1:2-4)

"Heir of all things and creator of the world." This means all events work for Jesus, and what works for Jesus can work for each of us. History will be concluded in Jesus whether history likes it or not.

"The brightness of his Glory and the expressed image of his person." Shadows can be lovely and interesting, but at best shadows are only shadows, with no substance to them. In Jesus we come to the object that was casting the shadow seen in the Old Testament. He is not a representative of God; he is God.

"Upholding all things." Jesus is always in charge of the universe. This means he is also in charge of each of our affairs.

"Purged our sins." The barrier between man and God is removed by Jesus in one act, the cross.

"Sat down . . . on high." He is the King of kings, and Lord of lords. He controls our destiny.

### Don't neglect your salvation (Heb. 2:1-8)

God issues a stern warning to his people about "drifting" away from the basis of life, Jesus. Men who neglect this "great salvation" cannot escape the terrible consequences of such neglect. The question, "How shall we escape?" emphasizes the point that there is no escape.

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## Who is lost?

Someone has said, "Before you can get 'em saved, you must first get 'em lost." Also the church must know that people are lost before they will attempt to reach them with the Gospel. All are lost because all have sinned. All have missed the



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mark. All have failed to be what they ought to have been and what they could have been. All are lost because all have lost their way in life. All have strayed from the path and missed the goal for their lives. All are sinners and trespassers.

Those who are lost are spiritually dead. Sin kills. It cannot be tolerated. It must be dealt with. To allow sin to remain is suicide. But, sin cannot be dealt with by the sinner. Only God who is rich in love and mercy can deal with sin. "Christ breaks the power of cancelled sin. He sets the prisoner free."

The Gospel came to the Jew first. Those who were not Jews were aliens. Aliens worshipped many gods and owed their loyalties to rulers of the world. They were without the hope of salvation until the coming of Jesus Christ. Through his work on the cross, those who were aliens were made members of the family of God. Barriers in the temple of God were broken down by the blood of Christ. Because of Christ, no man ever need feel shut out from God.

### God's message to the lost

The only message God has for a lost world is the message of the cross. No other will be blessed by God, however proclaimed. The whole idea of sacrificial death may seem like foolishness to self-centered and self-indulgent people, but in the message is salvation to those who believe. In what looks like failure there is victory. The cross did not signal defeat but power. The wisdom of the world cannot reconcile these ideas, but God goes on saving those who come to the cross. And, people keep coming because the cross has a message of love that people hear from no other source.

If man were allowed to make his own terms for belief, He might think he wanted some special sign — a message in the heavens. Or, he might want something

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## Life and Work

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Eph. 2:1-5, 12-13

1 Cor. 1:18, 21-24

by E. A. Pipkins

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that could be reasoned out intellectually. The church has no message like this. It is Christ crucified that is the message of the church.

Those who are saved find in the cross all they could want. Saved Jews found the greatest sign, the mightiest miracle. Saved Greeks found a wisdom deeper than the world could fathom.

It should be remembered that it is not by foolish preaching that the world is reached, but by preaching what has been called foolishness. The idea of foolishness had to do with the opinion of Christ crucified for the world. No preacher can appeal to this idea to do less than his best in proclaiming the Gospel of Christ. Neither should he neglect the lesson learned here that the singular truth with which God has chosen to draw men is that, "Christ died for our sins."



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## Bible Book

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I Samuel 8:1 - 9:27

by J. D. Passmore

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## Israel's desire for a king

Samuel's age was against him. He was one of Israel's best judges, but as he grew older he could not serve well and his sons did not follow in his steps. Israel felt they had good reasons for wanting a king, but they did not consider the will of God for them. Here is what happened.

### The departure of Samuel's sons from right standards

Israel had never been the obedient sons that God desired them to be. Their disobedience progressed as they possessed the land. They seemed to move in a more evil direction continually. Corrupt people corrupt their religious and political leaders and Samuel's sons were a product of a corrupt society. They did not follow their father but judged without justice. They accepted bribes and money was more important than right decrees. Israel felt another way would be better.

### The desire of Israel

Their dissatisfaction with Samuel's sons led them to desire a king like the nations around them had. Samuel was heart-broken because they rejected the way of God. God tells Samuel that they have rejected him and not Samuel. He instructs Samuel to give them what they want. Israel was justified in being dissatisfied with the rule of Samuel's sons, but to reject the way of God was going too far.

### The demonstration of a kingship

God instructs Samuel to tell them what a king will be like. Samuel tells the people that a king will control them, taking their children for servants and their property for his use and taxes. Even their animals and crops will be taken for taxes. Israel had her mind made up. She would have a king regardless of the cost.

### The demands are met

God told Samuel to select a king. He describes the man who is to be chosen and tells Samuel the circumstances that would be involved. When Saul shows up searching for his father's asses, Samuel knows that this is the man.

God in his permissive will will often give us what we want even though it is not best for us.

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# Foreign missions datelines

## Crusade a first for Mexico

by Susan Cahen

MEXICO CITY (BP) — Evangelist Billy Graham concluded eight days in Mexico City by visiting privately with President Jose Lopez Portillo.

Graham had just finished a five-day evangelistic crusade fraught with problems because of Mexico's constitutional law regarding separation of church and state. Despite last-minute negotiations and public confusion about meeting place and time, more than 95,000 persons attended during the five nights. The

## Lost tribe of Mindanao finds Christ in crusade

by Chuck Morris

TUMAGOK, Philippines (BP) — I was the first white man to reach this spot.

I had forded rivers, balanced on logs and walked two half-inch cables 70 feet above a crocodile-infested river. I had burrowed through 10-foot high jungle grass, slid down 45-degree mountain slopes and crept through dark jungles.

It had taken me three days to walk 30 miles to reach Tumagok, the most remote spot of the lost tribe of Mindanao — the Manobos.

Soon after I arrived I met the "pakellok-esen," the woman leader of the primitive religion of the Manobos. Her beady eyes followed my every movement. Her dress and unique beads identified her as the one "experienced in keeping the traditions and laws of the tribe."

She knew I was there to tell her people about Jesus Christ. I wondered what she was thinking, what she was planning.

It was past midnight and the full moon was reflecting off the frothy Maridajao River. A strange sound jerked me awake. The old woman was squatting on her heels chanting in a tongue I hadn't heard. The noise went on for an hour.

The next day I learned I had heard the "prayer language" of the religious leaders. The Manobos believe they are descended from the biblical tribe of the Hittites. Tradition says they received their language at the Tower of Babel when God gave it to the first Manobo, Ajirio. The language is passed on today to a select few. Most Manobos don't understand it and cannot speak it.

I learned they believe in one god who sent a spirit to give them commandments to live by, such as don't kill, don't steal, don't commit adultery and don't backbite. To violate these leads one to the "lake of fire;" to keep them brings one to heaven.

They also believe that goddesses rule over certain areas, such as rain, wildlife and harvest. And they sacrifice to the spirit of agriculture at planting time and harvest.

But the souls of these noble people are uneasy. Threatened by rebels from several sides, starving from lack of food and 98 percent illiterate, they cling to traditions and commandments which have no future.

The second night after I had shared the good news of Jesus Christ, the old wom-

an I had heard praying said, "I never thought I would live long enough to see someone come this far to tell us about God. Will you give me permission to pray that tomorrow our people will come down the mountain to hear this message about Jesus Christ?"

About midnight I again heard her praying. Morning light revealed the tribe flowing down the mountain, some having walked two hours. Soon the little hut was packed with 35 adults and three times that many children and young people.

For one and one-half hours I told them about Jesus, over and over again the same story. When I invited them to accept Christ the old woman was the first to stand.

An 80-year-old man who was hearing the news for the first time, stood to say, "Put my name down as one who accepts." A division chief who had walked six miles to hear, believed. Another 84-year-old chief said, "We have not known. We now believe. I will be baptized. I will give a piece of land for a church site."

I asked those who had stood making decisions to sit down and I carefully explained the meaning of what they were doing. I taught them about baptism and the need to witness their belief about Jesus. Then I went to the river. Soon 25 adults and older young people had streamed down the hill to witness their faith by baptism.

Like chickens flocking for food they came; they heard; they believed; they went away satisfied. In 14 days, 125 people accepted Christ.

At the last service, the translator said to the people, "We have been called the lost tribe of Mindanao. This can't be said any longer. Since Brother Morris has brought the gospel to our tribe God has found us."

As I turned to start the long walk back out of the mountains, the old woman crossed her arms, took both my hands in hers and raised her hands toward heaven in an act of benediction and prayer for me. Taking my hands again, she kissed them, and weeping said, "You have become my brother."

Chuck Morris, a Southern Baptist missionary living in the Philippines, was a participant in the recent New Life Crusade on the island of Mindanao.

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Some 6,524 persons inquired about the gospel in response to Graham's messages. Of those, 3,522 accepted Christ as their personal Savior and made a life commitment. Most were between 13 and 25 or over 36 years of age, according to Graham organization reports.

That there was a crusade at all had amazed the local organizing committee. When Graham arrived in Mexico City four days before it was to begin, no decision had been made regarding meeting place. The government withdrew its offer of the 42,000-seat INDE Stadium shortly before the meetings were to start.