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I must say it

Charles H. Ashcraft / Executive Secretary

From desert floor to high rise

(Bible friends stories No. 3)

Ishmael came into the world in slightly less than ideal circumstances. He was illegitimate, sort of, by our standards today, but no less Abraham's son than Isaac. His low birth was not his fault, and God saw well to that. There are surely no problems equal to family problems. No more pitiful scene has been recorded than the flight of Hagar and Ishmael from Abraham's household (Gen. 21:14-21). Ishmael was on his own, but God never forgot him. He became the father of the Arab world and lives today in the hearts of this great community. I wish to renew my friendship with Ishmael, not because he owns most of the world's oil, but because he filled God's design for his life and his large family needs Christ as their Saviour and Lord.

Ishmael represents a majority of the world's people who have had to scrounge for a crumb. They are coming into their own now after so many forgotten centuries. Nothing is more crucial to world peace, order and our eternal destiny than the evangelization of this great branch of God's original family.

There are hordes of people today with low beginnings. Some are born into hated minority groups. Others into ethnic groups with little or no heritage, fighting for their sheer existence at every turn. Some are born into homes where coldness and darkness dwells. Some arrive in this world circumvented by caste systems from which they can never escape. Others arrive with mental limitations, not of their doing, but dwell all their days in a semi-darkness unknown by others. Still others enter life with the curse of many centuries of prejudice resting heavily upon their shoulders. Many are born into an age-long climate which does not admit to development, achievement or personal liberation. Some seem to wear a special curse inherited from another in some ancient generation. Others possess genetical problems which consign them to social disapproval and rejection.

I suppose some of us will never know just how impoverished many of the people of the world really are. We can never celebrate our liberation until we come to the help of those in similar fortune.

In Christ, low birth is no deterrent because he gives life and identifies with the outcasts (Luke 4:17-19). We can do nothing better than to make fast friends with those of lesser birth knowing the distance from the desert floor to the high rise dwelling is a short distance for God. Those on their way up should be nice to others as they may meet them again one day on their way back down.

I must say it!

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The importance of member training

Evangelism is the heartbeat of Southern Baptists. We have been right in making this our priority. But sometimes we have neglected member training. The sad truth is that at least one of every two persons on our church roll is lost from active kingdom service in his church. Much of the solution to this problem lies in member training.

Everything that Baptists do should grow out of or be consistent with solid Bible doctrine. Christ himself commanded member training. He said, "Go ye therefore, and teach (disciple) all nations, baptizing them . . . teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you . . ." (Matt. 28:19-20). Thus, the responsibility of every church is to evangelize, baptize and train people.

Failure to train members may result in their being lost from kingdom service and their becoming involved in some non-biblical religion. Paul warned, "That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive." (Eph. 4:14)

When Christians are allowed to remain babes in Christ, they become easy prey for the clever tricks of men. The word translated "sleight" was a term used for being able to cleverly manipulate dice. The best protection against those who trick, manipulate and deceive is a thorough knowledge of God's Word. It is the responsibility of the local church to provide training.

Sometimes members are lost to kingdom service because they have no meaningful involvement in their local church. We can be grateful that every congregation has a nucleus of faithful, dedicated members. These are the people who are committed to the Lord's work. They are burdened for sin-sick souls. It is their desire that they themselves and others will mature in

The editor's page

J. Everett Sneed



the Lord. Member training will enlarge this group and make the total congregation more effective.

Member training should include the initial training of new members, the on-going training of all members and church leadership training. New member training is of vital importance whether the new member is a new convert or a new member by transfer of membership from another congregation.

If the new member has recently been saved, it is exceedingly important that he learn the Bible teachings. He will also need to be taught about church polity and organization. The months immediately following conversion are of great importance, particularly for an adult, in determining his future kingdom service.

A change of church membership may also be a traumatic experience for a long-standing Baptist church member. He will need to learn about his new church, its organization and programs. Most of all he will need to feel welcome, wanted and needed. A pastor's class or new members' class is the best way to meet the needs of all new church members.

On-going member training is essential for each successful church. In member training, individuals not only have opportunity to experience the excitement of learning but also they are challenged to greater involvement in kingdom service. Certainly, leadership training is of great value to a church. Training of key leaders may make the difference between great leaders or just mediocre ones.

Southern Baptists are fortunate to have a program which provides new member, on-going and leadership training. It is our church training program. However, much of a church's success, involvement of members and future depends on the quality of the church training.

Guest editorial

On supporting the pastor

Studies show that many ministers suffer from a low "self esteem". Certainly, there are exceptions. It is obvious, however, that a pastor takes an emotional beating in carrying out what he believes he is called to do.

What is he called to do? Ask five people and there will be as many job descriptions for the pastor. "Preaching the Gospel" is a pat answer to the question, "What is the preacher's main task?" But what is preaching the Gospel? It depends on who defines the terms.

A pastor and his family need support because they live in a context of widely differing views. Everyone does this, but it affects the pastor and his family more

because they are directly linked to what people expect. They are also put in the position of hearing more about what people think.

A pastor needs support because he is constantly faced with the temptation to compromise and/or accommodate. In many cases this can be done without serious consequences, but certain convictions cannot be compromised without emotional strain.

Supporting the pastor by being liberal with him financially is important, but showing him a generous attitude is important as well.

Letting the pastor know that you are a loyal supporter of the church and his ministry would be a good New Year's resolution. — **Hudson Baggett in the "Alabama Baptist"**



One layman's opinion

Daniel R. Grant / President, OBU

Ben Elrod moves from snakebite to frostbite

One of the most challenging parts of my job as president of Ouachita Baptist University is counseling faculty and staff members when problems arise. Ben Elrod, Ouachita's vice president for development, and truly outstanding in the field of fund raising, has come up with a growing, festering problem. It has not yet caused a breach in our fellowship but I am deeply concerned that it may.

The problem is simply that Dr. Elrod feels that he should take off a day or two from his work every year or so. I have warned him with the admonition that "an idle mind is the devil's workshop", but he doesn't seem to hear me. A few years ago he took a day off from work and went over to his cabin on the Caddo River for some fishing. Apparently God sent a serpent to teach him a lesson. He was in the hospital several days while recovering from the poisonous venom of a copperhead snake. He spent a few more days recovering from the hives that developed as a reaction to the cure they gave him for the snakebite.

Not more than two years later Ben took another day off from work and was right back at his Caddo River cabin. This time a snow and ice storm came, the likes of which that part of Arkansas had not seen for many years. Only the com-

passion of a Ouachita faculty member, Joe Nix, and his four-wheel drive Jeep, rescued him and brought him safely back to civilization.

I thought Ben had learned his lesson. Recently he came in and told me that Harry Trulove, executive director of the Arkansas Baptist Foundation, wanted him to take a few days off from work to accompany him on a hardship trip to Miami Beach to attend a workshop on the new federal estate tax laws. I now feel a little guilty for not warning Harry that God was still dealing with Ben in this matter of taking time off from work. As it turned out, they both went down to Miami Beach and what happened then is well-known weather history. All of Florida, and Miami in particular, had its coldest weather in history, and Miami had its first snow in history. Typhoid Mary certainly has nothing on Blizzard Ben!

One would think that Ben Elrod is now ready for serious counseling about his problem. There is some doubt, however. At last report he was working on the final details for a new approach to fund raising. He was taking competitive bids from the hotel associations in Florida, California and Hawaii, to determine who would make the largest gift to Ouachita if he would not come for a visit.



Food and fellowship

Virginia Kirk and Jane Purtle

Kite flying

The winds of March will soon blow again, and it will be time to fly a kite and feel the tug of the string on your fingers as the wind seeks to pull it away. Young and old respond to this thrill and remember and look forward to this season of the year.

Getting a kite successfully into the air is quite a challenge. The wind must be strong enough; the tail must be sufficient; and, very important, there must be no tree limbs or overhead wires for it to get entangled in.

We would like to suggest a Sunday afternoon kite flying party for your Sunday School class. This works well for a young adult class where the family is invited. And, of course, it is a marvelous

idea for a group of 11 or 12-year-olds. We have tried it both ways.

Choose a country hillside where children can run free and tell the guests to bring their own kites, string and tail material. It's a good idea to bring a few extra kites because some are going to "get away", and each child needs to have his own. Little children will need help, so adults will have an opportunity for plenty of exercise.

After an hour or so of being out in the fresh air, everyone will be ready for some refreshments. This is an easy matter if everyone shares in bringing. A jug or two of fruit punch and some cookies will taste good after running in the spring air. For a cookie that children

Oral history

by Bernes K. Selph

Oral history is a new method of securing and preserving material of the past. It is simply a personal interview recorded on tape and transcribed into a more permanent form. The Arkansas Baptist Historical Commission is interested in implementing this project and has done enough preliminary work to recognize its value.

Names of prospects for interviewing are secured. Arrangements are made with the proposed prospect and a questionnaire is sent. This gives time for one to think through one's experiences and correlate ideas. Usually the interview is held in the home, or familiar surroundings, and is simply a conversation guided by the one conducting the interview with a free range of discourse by the one interviewed. Notes may be taken along with the recording. Agreement is made that the information received becomes the sole property of the Commission and may be used as resource material.

The information is transcribed and the one interviewed is privileged to review it for correction or supplemental material, if such is needed. This corrected material along with the tape is placed in the Commission's library. If thought wise the material may be sealed, not to be used before a certain date.

This method should make available resources usually untouched, since writing is laborious for many who otherwise talk freely about incidents of human and historical interest.

(and big people) love, we are giving a slightly modified recipe for old-fashioned Ranger cookies. This cookie keeps and travels well.

Ranger cookies

- 1 cup shortening or margarine
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 2 cups bran flakes or raisin bran
- 1 cup coconut
- 2 cups oatmeal

Cream the shortening and sugars. Add eggs and beat until light and fluffy. Stir in vanilla and dry ingredients, sifted together. Add bran, coconut and oatmeal. Refrigerate if desired, overnight or longer. Or bake immediately. Drop by teaspoons on greased baking sheet. Cook at 375 degrees for 8 to 10 minutes or until lightly brown. Makes 6 to 7 dozen.

'Inaccurate picture'

Editor's note: The following letters concern an article which appeared in the Jan. 27 issue of the ABN. The facts in this article were taken from a story in the Nov. 11, 1976, "Ashley County Ledger", which apparently were based on an interview with Raymond Atwood, pastor of First Church, Hamburg.

As a former missionary journeyman who lived in Tukuyu, Tanzania, for two years, I found conditions there somewhat different than Raymond Atwood. The article about his participation in a recent crusade in Tukuyu carried some statements and implications that give an inaccurate picture of our mission work there.

Though missionaries do leave Tanzania, the reasons are personal and not solely because of Communistic influence. There are difficulties, but the people and government are most receptive to missionaries.

The implications that the African people, particularly the Wanakusa, are dirty is an inaccurate observation. The people of the Southern Highlands in Tanzania are very conscious of cleanliness and would be terribly offended by Atwood's statement about "going to heaven dirty".

If Atwood was told that the fire and drums at night were to keep wild animals away, then he was the victim of an African joke. The fires are for warmth

and the drums are either for funerals or entertainment. The nearest wild animals to Mr. Atwood while he was in Tukuyu were probably 100 miles cross country.

The picture accompanying the article might also lend itself to misrepresentation. The Wanakusa no longer carry spears unless they happen to have to make a journey by foot at night. They are farmers for the most part, and there are no animals left to hunt in their region.

Lest I seem to cast a pallor on the whole article, I will support Mr. Atwood's statement that many were saved when he participated in the team effort in Tukuyu, Tanzania. The missionaries there have already communicated to me that the crusade was a success. It's important to me to protect the credibility of that report by accurate reporting about all things. — Charles G. Johnson, minister of education and youth, Sherwood Baptist, NLR

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In reading through your Jan. 27 issue, I noted that the article concerning a visit paid to East Africa contains several errors of fact and judgment. I would call your readers' attention to this and ask them not to consider it an accurate portrayal of the countries or people of East Africa.

Should anyone be interested in doing so, I would be happy to answer correspondence about East Africa. I have spent a rather large part of the past 20

years studying about and working in East Africa. I believe I know the area fairly well. — Clarence A. Allison, 227 East C Street, North Little Rock 72116

Opposes Broadman book

In the recent state Sunday School Convention and in a recently associational-sponsored conference I have heard leaders refer to and recommend the eight-volume Bible Survey Series. Some things in one volume of that series should cause deep concern to Southern Baptists. The first volume, *An Introduction to the Bible*, by L. D. Johnson, lays the foundation for the whole series and deals with revelation, inspiration and what kind of book the Bible is. Below is a summary of the kind of book this volume presents the Bible to be.

The conquest records of Joshua are terrifying and morally inferior to the Sermon on the Mt. (p. 6); some things in the Bible are embarrassing (p. 11) and morally confusing (p. 25); passages in the Psalms violate Christ's spirit (p. 25); miracles don't require a supernatural explanation (p. 14); the Bible contains errors and inconsistencies (p. 15, 26, 27); the only way God had to reveal himself was through the crude and terrible sub-Christian ethics and sub-Christian theology of his people (p. 25, 26); inspiration is nothing more than an impulse from God to write his revelation (p. 26, 27); what is written is not necessarily God's revelation, but merely man's understanding of that revelation (p. 6, 25); the creation account is mostly symbolic but not scientific in meaning and unreconcilable to scientific disciplines (p. 54); Moses didn't author the Pentateuch (p. 60-61); Isaiah didn't write Isaiah 40-60 (p. 62); and Job is a drama (p. 68). Johnson doesn't consider an original letter-perfect Bible to be necessary (p. 26-27).

God's own explanation of revelation and inspiration in 2 Timothy 3:16 and 2 Peter 1:21 is not only insufficient, but unworthy of mention by Johnson. The views in this book clearly disagree with Southern Baptists' doctrine as stated in the *Baptist Faith and Message*. How does the Sunday School Board justify the printing of such materials? Do our leaders agree with the above views when they recommend these books to us? It is disappointing, to say the least, that the views of this book are the Bible survey materials being recommended for study by the teachers and leaders of our churches. I for one feel that this book deserves the same treatment given the original Volume 1 of the *Broadman Commentary*. — Frank Jones, pastor, Reynolds Memorial Church, Little Rock



SLEIGH VISITATION — The inclement Arkansas weather of past weeks did not hamper church visitation for Captain Lovell, pastor of First Church in Harrisburg. He, Mrs. Lovell and son Greg made calls in their 1890 Canadian sleigh pulled by the family horse, Trigger. The six to eight inches of snow made the task easy, and the mode of travel provided fun for several days, not only for the Lovell family, but for others in Harrisburg.

Raymond Palmer has accepted the call as full-time minister of Immanuel Church, Russellville. He has served the church on a part-time basis for the past three and one-half years. Born in Leslie, he is a graduate of Arkansas Tech University and holds a master of divinity degree from Golden Gate Seminary. Palmer has pastored churches both in Arkansas and California. He and his wife, Jean, are parents of two sons and one daughter.



Palmer



Short

Mark Short III joined the staff of Fayetteville First Church on Feb. 1 as minister of music. He came to the Fayetteville Church from Meadow Lane in Arlington, Tex. Short holds a bachelor of music degree from Oklahoma Baptist University and the master of church music degree from Southwestern Seminary. He has served churches in New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas, and has worked as auditorium manager at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center for four summers. His wife, Elaine, is a native of Illinois and is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University.

Mike Castleman, a member of Little Rock Second Church, has begun his term of office on the Board of Directors for the City of Little Rock.

Mrs. A. O. Vest, a patient in Russellville Nursing Home, recently celebrated her 80th birthday, and her family presented her with a money tree, a dollar for each year. Mrs. Vest sent the total sum of her birthday money to Dr. Charles H. Ashcraft, Executive Secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, designating the entire \$80 go to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Brown of Little Rock were honored on their 60th wedding anniversary Jan. 29. The anniversary party was a dinner at the Golden Host Cafeteria in Little Rock. The couple was married on Jan. 25, 1917, and are parents of one daughter and four sons. They have nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. The Browns are members of Olivet Church where they have both been actively engaged in all phases of the church work. He has served as a deacon of the church for approximately 45 years.

Bill Spears has pastored Mulberry First Church for the past 10 months during which time 140 have made professions of faith with 100 of these being baptized. At the present time the church is engaged in a building program which will include a new parsonage, followed by the construction of a new auditorium.

Wayne Bass, Rufus Garner, Waymon

Sides and Glenn Wilson were ordained as deacons of Danville First Church on Jan. 23. Thomas Lindley, Director of Missions for Dardanelle-Russellville Association, delivered the charge. Jesse Reed, Director of Evangelism of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, brought the ordination message. Rudy Gallegly is pastor.

Ada Walden, 39, wife of Roy Walden, died on Jan. 14. Walden is former pastor of Winslow Church.

David L. Nix joined the staff of Watson Chapel Church on Jan. 17 as youth director. Nix, who is a native of Malvern, has been employed by Arkansas Power and Light Company. He surrendered to full-time Christian service on Oct. 10, 1976, and was licensed to preach by Immanuel Church in Pine Bluff. He and his wife, Gail, are parents of two sons, David Justin and William Timothy. The church honored the family with a reception on Jan. 30.

William Probasco, pastor of Conway First Church, attended a Bible conference in St. Petersburg, Fla., Feb. 7-11 at which Stephen Olford was main speaker.

Nathan Newby and Carl Grimes were ordained as deacons of Clarendon First Church on Jan. 23. Jim R. Davis is pastor.

Jack Taylor of San Antonio, Tex., was speaker for special services held at Springdale First Church Jan. 23-26. Taylor, a graduate of Hardin Simmons University and Southwestern Seminary, is president of Dimensions in Christian Living. Clifford Palmer is pastor of the Springdale Church.

Phil Hardin, who has been serving on the staff of Siloam Springs, First Church, has accepted the call to become minister of music and youth at Levy Church, North Little Rock.

Derrell Whitehurst began his seventh year as pastor of Walnut Street Church, Jonesboro, on Jan. 30.

Rick Kersey, a former member of the Razorback team, will be special speaker

at the youth Valentine banquet of Watson Chapel Church in Pine Bluff. "An Evening on the Arkansas Queen" will be theme for the function to be held on Feb. 12 at 7 p.m.

Mark Tolbert was ordained as a deacon of Central Church, Jonesboro, on Jan. 23. The ordination service was held during the church's Sunday evening services. R. Wilbur Herring is pastor.

Eddie McCord, pastor of First Church, DeWitt, led a study on the Deacon Family Ministry Plan on Feb. 1 at Clarendon First Church.

Harold Cook, Roland Evans and John Halbert were ordained as deacons in a Sunday evening service held at Lakeshore Drive Church in Little Rock on Jan. 16. Jerry Wilcox is pastor.

Gene Davis assumed the duties as full-time pastor of Shady Grove Church on Jan. 28.

Jim Elliff, pastor of Indian Hills Church in North Little Rock, will be guest speaker at a Valentine banquet for youth of Fordyce First Church Feb. 12. Cline D. Ellis is pastor.

Work to continue on Ouachita dorm

ARKADELPHIA — Work to remodel and update the Cone-Bottoms dormitory (built in 1923) at Ouachita University will continue with money provided by the Arkansas State Baptist Convention and the "For Women Only" fund-raising campaign, according to Ed Coulter, vice president for administration at OBU.

Ouachita recently received, due to an overage in the budget, approximately \$38,000 from the Convention. Added to this will be \$14,000 from the "For Women Only" campaign which also provided money last summer to completely redecorate Cone Bottoms' lobby.

This money, Dr. Coulter said, would be used to "rework the plumbing, replace the dormitory's antique boiler and provide additional work on the electrical outlets and light fixtures of the building." Further redecorating would also be considered he said.

Although the OBU administration is still trying to determine the exact allocation of the money, the details should be worked out so that actual construction can begin this summer, Dr. Coulter said.

"This generous gift is just another sign of the strength of the Arkansas Baptists and the dedication of the Convention to helping Ouachita," Dr. Coulter said.

An Arkansas Valley associational Baptist Men and Women's Fellowship supper was held on Jan. 31 at Marianna First Church. Carl Fawcett is director of missions.

Calvary Church, Little Rock, has begun a building program that will include expansion of the auditorium and improvements to fellowship hall. Phil Lineberger is pastor.

Reconciliation, a group from Ouachita University, will provide entertainment for the youth and adult Valentine banquets to be held at **Life Line Church** in Little Rock Feb. 13.

Woodlawn Church in Little Rock will dedicate its new facilities on March 6. Herman Voegele Jr. is pastor.

Geyer Springs Church, Little Rock, will be in revival Feb. 13-16 with Tal Bonham of Oklahoma City, Okla., as evangelist. Jamall Badry of Irving, Tex., will be in charge of music. Paul Sanders is pastor.

Newark Mission in Independence Association held its first meeting recently with the group voting to have Bible study each Tuesday night. At this meeting the group also voted to call the mission "The Southern Baptist Mission of Newark". The mission property is now completely paid for, and in the very near future a mobile chapel will be available from the Arkansas Baptist State Convention Missions Department for use by the mission. This mission is sponsored by Cord Church, Emmett Powers, pastor.

Woodland Heights Church, Harrison, held a lay weekend revival Jan. 28-30. Speakers for the revival were Jim Albritton, Tom Allen, Dr. James Sawyer and Cletus Hudson. Joseph A. Hogan is pastor.

Blytheville First Church is sponsoring a retreat to Tannenbaum for young people on Feb. 18. Tom Westbrook, minister of youth at Handley Church, Ft. Worth, Tex., will be guest leader for the retreat.

West Memphis First Church has planned five Youth Happenings including visitation, high attendance day, an old-fashioned Valentine's party, a special fellowship with youth of First Church, Millington, Tenn., as guests. The Happenings will conclude with a Youth Reaching Youth Clinic on Feb. 26.

Special events planned at **Alma First Church** for the month of February include a youth ski trip to Marble Falls, youth and adult sweetheart banquets on Feb. 12, a junior high choir ice skating trip and a tour on March 9-12 for church members to Bellingraph Gardens, Grand Ole Opry Tour and a visit to the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in Nashville.

Calvary Church, Little Rock, held a special Sunday School Rally on Feb. 2. Lawson Hatfield, Sunday School Department Director for Arkansas Baptist State Convention, was speaker.

North Pulaski Association will hold an associational family Bible conference at Park Hill Church, North Little Rock, on Feb. 21-23. Sessions will be from 7 to 9 p.m. and will be for adults through preschoolers. A nursery will be open.

Senior adults of **Conway First Church** met on Feb. 1 to discuss with the pastor, William Probasco, their potential ministry to the church and to each other.

A church-wide home mission study was held at **Johnson Church** on Feb. 16.

"Be My Valentine" was the theme for the annual adult and youth Valentine banquets held at **El Dorado Second Church** Feb. 10-11.

A special Sunday School group school was held Feb. 7-9 at **England First Church**. Phillip Salmon, pastor of Keo Church, led the program.

Women of **Fayetteville First Church** met on Jan. 27 for a "brown bag communion". The brown bag was for each lady's lunch, communion being a prayer service for needs of the church and its members.

A joint Brotherhood-Music Department hymn sing was held at **Rogers First Church** on Jan. 23. Ben J. Rowell is pastor.

Serendipity Hour for Youth began a new form of Bible study at **Cabot First Church** on Jan. 31. There will be four sessions of the study. Angus Emerson is Minister of Youth.

Youth of **Elmdale Church, Springdale**, will hold a banquet on Feb. 12, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Each youth department will be responsible for decorations. Clyde Spurgin of Green Forest will be the special guest and entertainer for the evening.

Adults of **Gentry First Church** will hold their annual banquet on Feb. 17 with Mrs. Henry Parker and W. W. Dishongh, pastor, in charge of arrangements.

Delta Association conducted its first Deacon Ministry Conference on Jan. 15 at Collins Church with 49 deacons and pastors registered. James Walker of Warren led the conference. Others on the program were Jack Ferguson, host pastor; J. O. Ross, McGehee, deacon; Vee Hoyce, South McGehee; and Thomas Darter, Director of Missions.

Immanuel Church, Elaine, that is meeting at Wabash will hold its spring revival Feb. 28-March 6. Jack Parchman will be the evangelist and Herbert "Red" Johnson will lead singing.

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Southern gets fund for student center

Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, has received a grant of \$130,000 from the J. E. and L. E. Mabee Foundation of Tulsa, Okla., this week. This gift completes the necessary funds for the reconstruction of the Student Center at the College, reports president D. Jack Nicholas.

This gift concludes a 12-month fund raising effort by the college. The Student Center was destroyed by fire in December, 1975. The friends of the school were immediately notified and a campaign was set in motion.

The first phase was a direct mail program to the "Southern Senators", a strong Development organization of individuals who have been selected by the Board of Trustees and the Administration. Arkansas Baptist State Convention pledged \$40,000, but gave a total of \$49,000 to aid this Convention owned institution.

Along with the many friends of the college, the "Southern Senators", the Convention and individual churches the half way mark was reached. At this point The Mabee Foundation was contacted and a proposal submitted. The Foundation was asked to consider matching the \$130,000 raised by the school to complete the much needed facility.

C. D. Forrest, Secretary of the Mabee Foundation, contacted Dr. Nicholas informing him that the Foundation had considered the proposal at the January meeting and was granting the request for \$130,000. The completed building will include game room, modern kitchen with snack area, a lounge and intramural program facilities. Landscaping will carry out the theme of the "Image of the Future".

Completion of the building is set for spring, and the dedication is to be on graduation day, May 12, 1977.

Your state convention at work

Evangelism

Prospect revival preparation

One of the most important results of real spiritual awakening in our churches is to see the lost saved. But we are told that only three percent of the lost come to church on their own. If this is true, 97 percent are out there somewhere



Shell

without Jesus in a helpless and hopeless condition. The Lord said, "Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind — Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled." (Luke 14:21, 23)

Our Lord has given those of us who care the responsibility of searching out the prospects. How are we going to find them? Most churches have not had a recent census or survey. This should be done at least three months before the revival. The town or community should be blocked off in area, streets, roads, etc. with a captain responsible for each of them. He or she may then secure others to help them. This captain should be carefully chosen by the pastor or whoever directs the survey. There should be a training session for all survey workers.

A time should be set for the survey with a limit on the time for follow-up. Every home should be visited and nothing taken for granted about the family members. Each person should be approached with a concerned Christian attitude in getting needed information. The information should be carefully tabulated and a card made out on each prospect. A master file should be set up for the pastor and other staff members and Sunday School department files set up for each department.

The survey of unchurched friends used in preparation for our WIN schools can be just as effective for revivals. This is a survey made by our church members who give the names and information on their unchurched friends and acquaintances. During a selected month, on each of the Sundays, announcements, publicity and materials should be used to encourage the local members to turn in the names of every person they have who are unchurched.

The following are other ways of searching out people who need our concern. The telephone survey has

been effective in many churches. Those who are unable to go from door to door can reach out through this medium. The Sunday School and Bible School rolls should be searched for prospects. There should be a family follow-up on the children not enrolled in our Sunday School. Some utility companies are courteous enough to give churches all new hook-ups. The church visitor cards produce many prospects. These should be used in regular services and every revival service. No person should come to our churches and get away without us knowing their spiritual condition and where they live.

The alert pastor will want to get to know the mailman in his community or area. This person can give you every new resident that moves into your church field. The first church that visits people has the best opportunity to reach them. It is good to know the Welcome Wagon and Newcomer Service people to get information, but it is better if we have a church member in one of those positions to make the initial contact and welcome them to our church.

Now that we have found the prospects what are we going to do? Foolish is the farmer that plants the seed and never cultivates the field. He could not expect a very good yield. Wise is the pastor who is a true husbandman and trains his people to be cultivative visitors. This is explained and outlined in the pamphlet "Cultivative Commitment Witnessing" that can be received from the state Evangelism Department.

The first visit is a friendly experience to introduce people to the church. The second visit is a time of sharing our personal testimony and emphasizing the Sunday School. During the third visit the tract, "An Invitation for You", is used to show the person the different ways of joining a Baptist church. In the fourth visit the tract, "A Word of Help for the Unsaved", is used.

For those who are still unsaved after the four weeks of cultivative visitation, a week of commitment visitation preceding the revival follows. This is a time when the visitor, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, seeks a commitment from the prospect to salvation and church membership. Every person who accepts Christ should be led to unite with the church on the first Sunday possible or during the revival.

The harvest season will continue during the revival as lay people are challenged to be harvesters for Christ. The

evangelist, pastor and other staff members will also go out and personally share Christ with the lost. I cannot preach with deep concern from the pulpit unless I have gone out and shared with people on a one-to-one basis. Jesus, the busiest person who ever lived, always had time to stop and help one person in need. God says to us today, "Go ye therefore and do likewise." — Clarence Shell Jr., Associate/State Evangelist, Evangelism Department

Make plans early for Siloam Springs

One of the first churches to make reservations for 1977 at Siloam Springs was Mt. Carmel Church at Cabot. They made reservations for 104 young people. Pastor Ron Griffin tells me that they are already taking names and that they already have more counselors than would be necessary.

Early planning is one of the keys to being successful. The Mt. Carmel church always does this early planning.

Now is the time to make reservations for one of the six big weeks at Siloam this summer. When making reservations send \$2 for each camper. All reservations must be in writing.

As you make reservations, keep in mind: (1) the new rate for dorm campers is \$25; (2) the new rate for family units is \$30; (3) counselor's minimum age is 20 years; (4) preschoolers are not allowed to stay in dorms; (5) only campers nine years old or older (fourth grade or above next September) are permitted to attend the assembly without a parent and (6) the \$2 registration fee is a part of the total fee.

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Pastors on mission to the island were (left to right) W. W. Walker, Curlee Thomas, Issac Tate and J. H. Nolen.

Black pastors conduct mission in Bahamas

National Baptist Pastors W. W. Walker of Little Rock, Curlee Thomas, Isaac Tate and J. H. Nolen of Pine Bluff recently conducted an evangelistic mission on Treasure Cay in the Bahamas. Thirty-five professions of faith were reported within 64 total decisions.

The evangelistic mission was sponsored by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and arranged by the Cooperative Ministries Department of the Arkansas Baptist Convention. Each pastor was responsible for his air fare. While on the island food and lodging was provided by the local congregations. After the usual cultural adjustments were made each man responded to the spiritual need of the people with dedication and vigor. W. W. Walker plans to return to the island later this year to further the evangelistic work in the local association.

All the men agreed that the trip was educational for them and deepened their appreciation for mission efforts. — Robert U. Ferguson, Cooperative Ministries with National Baptist



Woman's viewpoint

Betty Crews

A valentine for a pastor's wife

This valentine is written to pay tribute to every woman who has lived in a parsonage. Regardless of the denomination, every parsonage would tell the familiar story of the wife in the parsonage whether the church is large or small. This writing was adapted from a writing of my preacher husband a few years ago and it meant much to me and I'm sure other husbands could write the same words for his special valentine.

Almost 20 years ago this pastor's wife moved into her first parsonage, a four room house in the middle of an alfalfa field. It was "modern" with a pump and a path.

During these 20 years she kept me in college and seminary. She also has finished college, taught school and given birth to two daughters and a son. She has not had a home of her own. Regularly she has moved into a "parsonage" with the knowledge that it was not hers but the church's. She knew that she could not decorate it to suit her own taste in many cases because someone had just painted it a pretty purple for the new pastor's wife. Her furniture that looked lovely in the last parsonage now looked like an anachronism. There was usually some odd furniture that belonged to someone's great uncle, but it couldn't be removed because "Mrs. Touchy" got upset and cried about it.

Through it all she has listened to statements, "Now our former pastor's wife did it this way." She smiled or cried but stood her ground. She has been

scrutinized by pulpit committees and boards, interrogated by the meddlers, corrected by "holier than thou ole bit-ties", and through it all has remained calm.

She has listened to the same old stories over and over from her "pastor". The same sermons were endured with a fresh smile every time. She knew she must be at the church on every occasion lest "Sister Know-it-all" inquire about her. She answered the telephone 10,000 times to explain that she didn't know where her husband could be reached. (They had not tried the church office.)

She has smoothed ruffled feelings and listened to a thousand woes, cried and shared heart breaks with many a straying girl or woman. She has explained that "Mrs. Runabout" has gone on vacation again and did not get anyone to take care of the girls' meeting.

She puts up with a grumpy husband. She understands Sunday night frustrations and the Monday blues. Therefore, she is a master at encouraging, supporting and even chiding her husband. She has faith in her husband when he has none in himself.

No pastor can do his job without a great wife. Therefore, to my wife and to the wives in all the parsonages of our state, I say, "Thank you for the support and patience you give the pastors of these churches. May you find great rewards for your contribution."

... I'm glad I'm a pastor's wife.

89 new churches started in Kenya

MALINDI, Kenya (BP) — Going from village to village, six teams of Kenyan Baptist nationals have started 89 congregations and baptized 1,328 persons in the last 14 weeks. Their work is part of the "Giryama Project", designed to reach members of the Giryama tribe of coastal Kenya.

The year-long project began last summer with the digging of 10 new wells in Giryama villages so that the people could have clean drinking water during the dry season.

Since this initial contact was made, team members have been working in four phrases under the direction of Southern Baptist Missionary G. Clayton Coursey. The first phase is one week of evangelistic services and teaching led by national pastors and recently graduated national seminary students.

A four-day preliminary leadership training course is the next stage of the project, followed by introduction of Theological Education by Extension (TEE) in a once-a-week home study. The fourth phase is a one-week Bible school which rotates in location so each leader can come one week a month.

The project was designed to reach the Giryama Tribe with the gospel of Jesus Christ and train leaders from among the tribe members to continue the work.

The Cooperative Program and the grass roots

A pastor complained that many Baptists have wanted for years to change the Cooperative Program but that all such efforts have "fallen on deaf ears". Such a complaint reveals a lack of understanding of Baptist polity.

In both the state convention and the

Southern Baptist Convention, Cooperative Program budgets are adopted by the messengers, after being recommended by the elected representatives. In each case employed staff members usually do most of the preparatory and clerical work, but it is

the elected representatives who make the decisions and determine the directions before the budget is recommended to the messengers.

A prime example would be a departmental budget in our own Baptist Building. The department head prepares a proposed budget and submits it to the Executive Secretary for his review. The Executive Secretary then presents it to the Operating Committee, and the members of that committee review it in great detail.

The Operating Committee then recommends it to the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee again reviews each part of it, and then recommends the finished product to the full Executive Board.

The Executive Board has opportunity to review every detail in it and then recommends the final product to the full convention where the messengers again have an opportunity for revisions and changes. Thus, there are at least four different opportunities for "grass roots input and revisions", either by the messengers themselves or the elected representatives, not the administration or staff.

Essentially the same process, with some variation, is followed in the development of the SBC budget. Anyone who has served on the SBC Executive Committee, or who has even visited one of its budget sessions, is well aware that it is not a "rubber stamp committee". Different opinions are often voiced and considered.

The messengers elect their representatives to do much of the work for them, but, even so, the messengers still have the opportunity to make budget changes before a budget is finally approved.

If the person was right who complained about calls from the grass roots falling on deaf ears, he must have been referring to the majority of Southern Baptists being deaf. Baptist polity at every level of Baptist life provides for majority rule by those at the grass roots. — Roy F. Lewis, Associate Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Top churches in gifts to Child Care

Top 15 churches in total gifts to Arkansas Baptist Family and Child Care Services in 1976:

Church	Association	Total gifts
El Dorado, First	Liberty	\$9,915.48
Little Rock, Geyer Springs	Pulaski	4,950.28
West Memphis, First	Tri-County	2,387.30
Benton, First	Central	2,161.96
Ft. Smith, Grand Avenue	Concord	1,647.50
Magnolia, Central	Southwest Arkansas	1,575.55
Paragould, First	Greene	1,474.00
Crossett, First	Ashley	1,467.53
Pine Bluff, First	Harmony	1,425.85
Russellville, First	None	1,398.00
Little Rock, Immanuel	Pulaski	1,353.00
Keo	Caroline	1,263.25
Hope, First	Southwest Arkansas	1,209.50
Little Rock, South Highland	Pulaski	1,245.34
Waldo, Memorial	Southwest Arkansas	1,150.00

— Johnny G. Biggs, Executive Director, Arkansas Baptist Family and Child Care Services

Brotherhood

Theme of meeting to launch SBC theme

"Let the Church Stand Up" will be the theme for the Brotherhood Convention on March 11-12.

The convention will be held at Camp Paron. Information regarding the convention has been mailed to all Brotherhood officers, pastors and ministers of education.

"Let the Church Stand Up" is the launching pad for "Bold Missions". "Bold Missions" is the general theme of Southern Baptists for 1977-79. "Let the Church Reach Out" will be the theme for 1977-78.

"Bold Missions" is just what the term implies, "Boldness in Missions and Ministries", as exemplified by Christ during his earthly ministry.

"Bold Missions" for Baptist Men and Royal Ambassadors is designed to involve them in more than just the normal approach to mission action. Missions is the involvement of men and boys in activities and ministries in discovering and meeting the needs of the total person in any community whatever the need may be.

"Bold Missions" is a challenge to Christian Baptist Men to "Stand Up", "Be Counted", "Reach Out" in activities never before attempted, to help where needed.

Larry Baker, Pastor, First Church, Fayetteville, will be the Bible study leader. He will be leading in studies related to the Biblical teaching of missions, involvement in missions and the support of missions. His messages will be a blessing to all who hear him.

Marvin Reynolds, missionary on furlough, will also be one of the speakers. He will bless our hearts by his message.

The program will also include a time of sharing and testimonies by men who made the trip to Guatemala in April of 1976.

Special work and ministry in New York will be shared by Nelson Eubank from Pine Bluff. An upcoming project and mission action in the western pioneer area will be presented.

Plan now to attend. Make your reservations early for the full time. — C. H. Seaton, Director

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Foundation/Stewardship

Baker to lead state conference

On March 1 Arkansas pastors will have an unusual opportunity to participate in a conference designed to provide practical assistance in the area of stewardship.

The conference will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Park

Hill Church, North Little Rock. A complimentary lunch will be served to those making advance reservation.

Larry Baker, pastor of First Church, Fayetteville, will be the feature speaker. In the morning session his subject will be "Dealing with Stewardship Problems". During the afternoon he will speak on "Practical Pointers for Promoting Stewardship".

"For the past two years the focus has been on the theology of stewardship and the speakers have been seminary professors," Roy Lewis, Associate Executive Secretary Treasurer, said. Lewis continued, "This year the conference will focus on the practical aspect of stewardship and we feel that Dr. Baker



Dr. Baker

can give us the best of the two areas."

Dr. Baker is a graduate of East Texas Baptist College and Southwestern Seminary. Prior to coming to Fayetteville he was on the faculty at Southwestern Seminary as Associate Professor of Christian Social Ethics and Pastoral Ministry. In 1976 the Fayetteville Church received more money than in any previous year.

During the afternoon, two other pastors will share with the group the practical aspect of a Christian Family Money Management Conference. Jerry Wilson, pastor of Westside Church, El Dorado, will describe how individuals were strengthened by the conference. Ferrell Morgan, pastor of Mount Olive Church, North Crossett, will describe how the church was strengthened.

"The management and final distribution of accumulated possessions is a vital part of Christian stewardship," Harry Trulove, President of the Arkansas Baptist Foundation, said. "The Foundation is pleased to co-sponsor this conference."

Pre-registration forms were mailed the last of January. Pastors and directors of missions are encouraged to return them no later than Feb. 21.

Clout and the small Sunday School

An old but newly-applied word has surfaced recently in the news media and from platforms. Clout. A glance at the dictionary will show the meaning is varied. Clout can be a small patch of cloth, a bandage or a swaddling cloth.

Clout can also mean a dull person, a dumb clout. But clout as it is used today more often seems to mean to hit, swat or strike a blow. Clout is what Hank Aaron does with his bat to a baseball when he hits a home run.

A more apocalyptic or symbolic use of the word today can be observed in its use by the media when it is said that one person or a group has clout in society. In this sense the Mormons carry clout in Utah, Southern Baptists have clout in Georgia, or Democrats have clout in Washington.

Clout is not always applied to King



Hatfield

Kong types. Small things may have clout due to the numerical size of like kind. For example, starlings or black-birds have clout. A starling is not as large as an eagle, but more numerous, by the millions. Starlings have clout.

All this to say, small Sunday Schools have clout among Southern Baptists. A church with less than 150 enrolled in Sunday School may not seem impressive when compared alongside a church with over 2000 enrolled. But when viewed from the point of view of number, they are in the majority. Sixty percent of the churches affiliated with the Arkansas Baptist State Convention have less than 150 enrolled in Sunday School. These churches pack a wallop. They are everywhere. They are made up of good people. They will stay where they are. They alone can bear a faithful Baptist witness in their communities. Many members joining larger churches are from the small church. Large churches were one time small.

Small churches have clout. May they become clouter, oops, well stronger! — Lawson Hatfield, state Sunday School director

WMU

'To every thing there is a season ..'

"... And a time to every purpose under the heaven." This will be the theme for a "time to gather" on March 15-16 at First Church, Jonesboro. Arkansas WMU Annual Meeting will be the occasion.

Annual Meeting provides a time for members and leaders of WMU to come together for missions challenges. Mrs. James Sawyer, Arkansas WMU president, will preside during the meeting. Other officers participating will be Mrs. Boyd Margason, vice president, and Mrs. Roy E. Snider, recording secretary.

A time to learn ... about missions will be provided by various missionaries. These will include Mrs. Max Alexander, Thailand, Mrs. Norman Coad, Upper Volta, and Mrs. Bud Fray Jr., Southern Africa.

A time to grow ... through Bible study will be led by Huber Drumwright, Southwestern Seminary. Mrs. Drumwright will also speak each session, challenging women toward spiritual growth.

Mrs. A. Harrison Gregory, President of WMU, SBC, will be a special program guest. She will speak of effective missions work through the organizations of Woman's Missionary Union.

Following the Tuesday evening session, there will be a reception. This will provide a time for women to become acquainted with program guests and other Arkansas women with an interest in missions.

Recommended accommodations include Holiday Inn, Ramada Inn and Motel 6. — Willene Pierce, BW/BYW Director

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Crossett, First	1,467.53	Elisabeth	13.60	Mt. Ida	320.60	Cross Roads	50.00
Eden	177.12	Flora	40.41	Oak Grove	23.00	Den Arc	692.00
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BARTHOLOMEW		Immanuel, Newport	300.00	Gregory	40.00	Ward	128.61
Antioch	\$ 60.00	Jacksonport	34.00	Higginson	155.00	Wattensaw	<u>181.46</u>
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Hermitage	47.15	Smithville	62.26	Midway	60.00	Hagler	25.00
Immanuel, Warren	204.74	Spring Lake	19.00	Mt. Hebron	86.00	North Maple	110.96
Macedonia	400.00	Swifton	46.05	Pangburn	54.00	Reydell	430.00
Marden	20.00	Tuckerman	251.00	Patterson	20.00	Stuttgart, First	505.00
Monticello, First	750.00	Walnut Ridge, First	787.10	Pleasant Valley	50.00	Tichnor	60.00
Monticello, Second	73.00	White Oak	200.00	Raynor Grove	25.00	North Side Mission	<u>177.43</u>
Old Union	28.25	Southside Mission	<u>58.00</u>	Rocky Point	141.43	TOTAL	\$1,702.72
Prairie Grove	18.00	TOTAL	\$3,684.37	Rosebud	382.36	CENTRAL	
Solna	32.00	BUCKNER		Searcy, First	464.00	Benton, First	\$2,161.96
Warren, First	627.42	Abbott	\$ 25.00	Searcy, Second	179.07	Bryant, First Southern	146.00
West Side Chapel, Warren	169.00	Cedar Creek	41.25	Temple, Searcy	302.95	Bule	15.00
Wilmar	<u>80.28</u>	Clark's Chapel	105.25	Trinity, Searcy	246.00	Calvary, Benton	240.00
TOTAL	\$2,836.66	Dayton	203.91	Tupelo	100.00	Central, Hot Springs	535.00
BENTON		Fellowship	317.10	West Point	<u>100.00</u>	Emmanuel, Hot Springs	37.52
Bella Vista	\$ 296.00	Friendship	6.69	TOTAL	\$5,631.81	Fairdale	70.94
Bentonville, First	472.03	Hartford, First	394.59	CAHEY			
Centerton, First	280.00	Haw Creek	456.16	Bearden, First	\$ 424.46	Grand Avenue, Hot Springs	652.18
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Rector Heights	26.86	Southside, Fort Smith	242.50	Montross	292.54	Humphrey	362.75
Ridgecrest	77.53	Temple	93.35	New Hope	100.00	Immanuel, Pine Bluff	175.00
Riverside	119.27	Trinity	24.00	Northside	215.00	Kingsland	111.85
Salom	107.00	Union Hall	20.00	Parkdale	29.14	Leo Memorial	152.00
Shoridan, First Southern	67.95	Westside Chapel Mission	171.57	Parkway	113.65	Linwood	186.22
Trinity, Denton	322.68	TOTAL	\$6,924.47	Portland	355.07	Matthew's Memorial	221.09
Trinity, Malvern	48.00	CONWAY-PERRY		Richland	84.42	Oak Grove	129.00
Vista Heights	38.41	Bigelow	\$ 61.35	South McGhee	13.00	Oakland	73.50
Walnut Valley	222.02	Caca	104.43	Temple	1,098.00	Pine Bluff, First	1,425.85
Hurricane Lake	98.00	Harmony	94.14	Watson	170.98	Pine Bluff, Second	624.00
Indian Springs	26.60	Morrilton, First	261.00	Wilnot	176.00	Plum Bayou	82.68
Hilldale Road Mission	38.00	Nimrod	101.00	TOTAL	\$5,344.66	Rankin Chapel	\$ 50.00
TOTAL	\$7,594.90	Perryville	25.00	FAULKNER		Rison	350.00
CLEAR CREEK		Pleasant Grove	50.00	Beryl	\$ 114.48	Shannon Road	150.00
Alma, First	\$ 348.50	Plumerville	394.00	Conway, First	278.90	South Side, Pine Bluff	10.00
Cass	20.00	Thornburg	174.70	Conway, Second	119.27	Star City	624.73
Cedarville	108.00	Union Valley	135.15	Emmanuel, Conway	26.37	Watson Chapel	309.00
Clarksville, First	532.00	TOTAL	\$1,400.77	Happy Hollow	\$ 179.00	TOTAL	\$7,390.06
Clarksville, Second	161.57	CURRENT-GAINS		Harlan Park	155.22	INDEPENDENCE	
Coal Hill	70.24	Diggers	\$ 159.32	Harmony	752.04	Batesville, First	\$ 70.40
Concord	72.38	Galvary, Corning	100.15	Holland	80.00	Calvary, Batesville	345.45
Dyer	100.00	Corning, First	756.00	Mayflower, First	138.06	Cord	135.00
East Mt. Zion, Clarksville	310.00	Emmanuel, Piggott	107.59	New Bethel	25.00	Cushman	31.00
Hagarville	25.06	Greensway	341.95	Oak Bowery	204.34	Desha	47.71
Kibler	215.37	Harmony	\$ 100.00	Pickles Gap	265.17	East Side, Cave City	11.14
Lamar	180.00	Holly Island	72.00	Pleasant Grove	45.00	Emmanuel, Batesville	92.49
Mulberry	184.34	Hopewell	65.53	Southside, Damascus	200.00	Floral	103.36
Oak Grove	547.31	Knobel	35.49	Wooster	50.00	Marcella	37.67
Ozark	552.50	Mark	15.00	TOTAL	\$2,632.85	Mountain View	120.00
Ozone	62.75	Mt. Pleasant	105.28	GREENE		Mt. Zion	137.51
Shady Grove	\$ 9.55	New Hope	66.00	Alexander	\$ 420.17	North Side	107.55
Shibley	87.31	Nimmons	50.00	Bethel Station	35.00	Pilgrims Rest	125.00
Union Grove	38.20	Oak Grove	60.00	Big Creek	54.86	Pleasant Plains	132.08
Uniontown	147.01	Pettit	730.74	Brighton	71.00	Rehobeth	94.28
Van Buren, First	352.00	Piggott	225.00	Brown's Chapel	119.95	Rosie	648.92
Van Buren, Second	23.00	Pocahontas	114.00	Calvary, Paragould	148.35	Ruddell Hill	102.85
Webb City	80.79	Ravenden Springs	155.00	Center Hill	88.00	Salado	150.00
Woodland	50.00	Rector	562.85	Clark's Chapel	166.36	Sulphur Rock	23.47
TOTAL	\$4,277.88	Reyno	146.00	Delaplaine	112.85	West Batesville	316.57
CONCORD		St. Francis	910.00	East Side, Paragould	85.25	White River	149.00
Barling	\$ 14.01	Success	55.83	Fairview	83.80	TOTAL	\$2,981.45
Bethel	10.00	Tipperary	25.00	Finch	136.23	LIBERTY	
Bluff Avenue	631.61	TOTAL	\$4,958.73	Fontaine	30.00	Buona Vista	\$ 15.00
Booneville, First	103.50	DARDANELLE - RUSSELLVILLE		Immanuel, Paragould	248.71	Caledonia	100.00
Branch	75.85	Atkins	\$ 99.87	Lafe	100.00	Calion	130.74
Burnsville	50.00	Bellville	75.00	Lake Street	78.00	Camden, First	1,085.50
Calvary, Fort Smith	71.00	Bluffton	271.00	Light	195.75	Camden, Second	\$ 31.32
Charleston, First	111.25	Centerville	50.00	Marmaduke	181.25	Chidester	100.00
East Side, Fort Smith	30.00	Danville	77.16	Mounds	57.55	Cross Roads	5.00
Excelsior	55.00	Dardanelle	119.00	New Friendship	22.18	Cullendale, First	644.00
Fort Smith, First	124.50	Dover	113.03	New Liberty	298.08	East Main	164.50
Glendale	58.00	East Point	123.96	Thitt's Chapel	359.00	Ebenezer	424.95
Grand Avenue, Fort Smith	1,647.50	Havana	109.58	Oak Grove	\$ 90.38	El Dorado, First	9,915.48
Crayson	50.00	Hector	37.69	Paragould, First	1,474.00	El Dorado, Second	364.33
Greenwood, First	188.00	Immanuel, Russellville	100.00	Pleasant Valley	50.00	Felsenthal	200.00
Hackett	51.90	Kelley Heights	12.00	Robb's Chapel	100.00	Galileo	180.85
Haven Heights	443.00	Ola	75.00	Rosewood	90.88	Grace	70.25
Immanuel, Fort Smith	332.00	Pittsburg	100.00	Stanford	100.00	Harmony	108.35
Jenny Lind	86.07	Pottsville, First	\$ 47.00	Unity	144.00	Hillside	150.00
Lavaca	51.08	Russellville, Second	52.88	Walcott	53.00	Huttig	187.00
Magazine	78.73	TOTAL	\$1,611.86	West View	46.50	Immanuel, El Dorado	1,000.00
Memorial	42.21	DELTA		TOTAL	\$5,241.10	Junction City	275.00
Hixon	151.52	Arkansas City	\$ 197.87	HARMONY		LaPile	90.00
Mt. Harmony	105.20	Aulds	226.25	Alzheimer	\$ 252.00	Lawson	73.92
Mt. Zion	\$ 50.00	Bayou Nazon	50.00	Anderson Chapel	60.79	Liberty	100.00
New Hope	47.94	Boydell	25.00	Centennial	158.18	Maple Avenue	164.33
North Side, Charleston	77.92			Central	154.75	Harrable Hill	52.00
North Side, Fort Smith	149.43					Midway	130.96

Now London	186.45	Gosnell	157.27	Northvale	206.84	Lakeshore Drive	5.00
Park View	46.25	Keiser	110.00	Oregon Flat	100.00	Life Line	161.26
Philadelphia	263.91	Leachville	365.00	Osage	\$ 75.00	Little Rock, First	976.82
Salom	50.00	Loachville, Second	104.29	Parthenon	27.58	Little Rock, Second	324.60
Smackover	804.00	Luxora	113.41	Rock Springs	239.07	Markham Street	12.33
South Side	33.50	Manila, First	275.20	Rudd	46.40	Martindale	125.00
Stephens	25.00	Mary'n Chapel	102.81	St. Joe	30.20	Hall's Memorial	466.87
Strong	300.00	Memorial	\$ 36.59	Trinity, Harrison	40.00	Natural Steps	178.00
Sulvan Hills	50.00	New Harmony	52.35	Union	41.00	North Point	44.73
Temple, Camden	44.18	New Liberty	108.29	Valley Springs	25.00	Olivet	331.18
Temple, El Dorado	57.99	New Providence	205.94	Woodland Heights	92.83	Pine Grove	57.66
Three Creeks	169.22	Nodena	30.62	TOTAL	\$4,091.60	Plainview	23.70
Trinity	223.50	Osceola, First	75.00			Pleasant Grove	200.00
Union	\$ 250.00	Wardell	65.00	NORTH PULASKI		Pulaski Heights	815.00
Urbana	51.00	West Side, Manila	155.00	Amboy	\$ 85.00	Reynolds Memorial	284.17
Victory	137.79	Whitton	149.75	Good News Mission	45.00	Rosedale	117.00
Village	297.75	Wilson	243.00	Baring Cross	459.81	Shady Grove	504.27
Wesson	100.00	Woodland Corner	40.83	Berea	34.21	Sheridan, First	85.00
West Side, El Dorado	205.00	Yarbro	2.00	Calvary, North Little Rock	242.00	South Highland	1,245.34
TOTAL	\$19,059.02	TOTAL	\$4,189.66	Central, North Little Rock	300.00	Sunset Lane	504.00
				Chapel Hill	94.52	Tyler Street	206.71
LITTLE RED RIVER				Crystal Valley	161.00	Vimy Ridge	371.95
Arbanna	\$ 11.16	NT. ZION		Gravel Ridge	194.00	Wakefield, First	63.00
Center Ridge	25.00	Alaup	\$ 8.00	Grave's Memorial	300.00	West Side	203.92
Concord	66.48	Bay	73.60	Highway	786.82	Woodlawn	88.23
Harris Chapel	25.87	Bethabara	100.00	Indian Hills	5.50	TOTAL	\$16,277.57
Heber Springs, First	578.00	Black Oak	243.20	Jacksonville, First	960.00		
Life Line	6.00	Bono	47.93	Jacksonville, Second	75.00	RED RIVER	
Mt. Zion	54.00	Bowman	140.38	Levy	165.00	Anchor	\$ 23.50
Now Bethel	50.00	Brookland	100.00	Korrison Chapel	519.66	Antoine	85.31
Palentino	111.88	Buffalo Chapel	30.00	North Little Rock, First	403.42	Arkadelphia, First	236.50
Pines	100.00	Central, Jonesboro	443.00	Oakwood	20.00	Arkadelphia, Second	\$ 176.80
Pleasant Ridge	24.16	Childress	97.30	Park Hill	532.85	Beech Street, Gurdon	380.80
Pleasant Valley	10.00	Dixie	25.00	Pike Avenue	326.69	Beirne	89.00
Post Oak	25.00	Egypt	38.98	Remount	69.00	Bethlehem	100.00
Quitman, First	263.15	Friendly Hope	132.23	Rurvan	20.93	Boughton	10.00
Southside, Heber Springs	45.00	Jonesboro, First	960.60	Sherwood	42.00	Cedar Grove	75.00
West Side, Heber Springs	60.00	Lake City	1,092.50	Sixteenth Street	\$ 30.00	Center Point	50.00
TOTAL	\$1,455.70	Monette	176.50	Sylvan Hills	88.00	Curtis	440.81
		Mt. Pisgah	74.46	Zion Hill	279.00	DeGray	100.00
LITTLE RIVER		Mt. Zion	468.89	TOTAL	\$6,239.41	Harmony Hill	34.81
Ashdown	\$ 287.33	Heedham	76.48			Hollywood	33.00
Ben Lomond	15.00	Nettleton	422.06	CUACHITA		Harlbroom	100.00
Bromatow	66.00	New Antioch	27.83	Board Camp	\$ 102.39	Park Hill	250.00
Central, Mineral Springs	357.50	New Hope, Black Oak	\$ 29.25	Calvary, Mena	62.67	Prescott, First	157.07
Columbus	157.86	New Hope, Jonesboro	34.13	Concord	15.00	Richwoods	203.00
Dierks	17.00	Philadelphia	105.52	DeQueen, First	587.15	Shady Grove	15.18
Foreman	272.47	Providence	25.00	Gillham	191.00	Shiloh	315.20
Hicks	120.00	Rowe's Chapel	40.00	Grannis	184.81	Third Street	40.50
Horatio	\$ 224.03	Strawfloor	67.57	Hatfield	111.05	Unity	300.00
Kern Heights	110.00	University	89.16	Hatton	268.68	Whelen Springs	17.00
Lookensburg	97.25	Walnut Street	309.34	Mena, First	347.04	TOTAL	\$3,233.48
Lone Oak	50.00	Wood Springs	11.00	New Hope	15.06		
Humfreesboro	20.00	TOTAL	\$5,489.91	Two Mile	25.00	ROCKY BAYOU	
Nashville	1,006.00			Vandervoort	111.66	Ash Flat, First	\$ 13.00
Oak Grove	66.65	NORTH ARKANSAS		Wickes	147.50	Belview	46.00
Ogden	159.73	Alpena	\$ 173.01	Yocana	223.70	Boswell	108.13
Ridgeway	25.00	Batavia	41.50	TOTAL	\$2,392.71	Calico Rock	170.00
Rock Hill	115.86	Bear Creek Springs	245.11			Evening Shade	38.03
State Line	25.00	Berryville	23.50	PULASKI		Finley Creek	25.00
Washington	90.50	Blue Eye, Missouri	79.52	Alexander	\$ 233.16	Franklin	39.88
Wilton	284.82	Boxley	67.88	Archview	75.00	Guion	50.00
Winthrop	97.40	Burlington	133.48	Baptist Tabernacle	254.63	Hardy	119.16
TOTAL	\$3,665.40	Cassville	50.00	Barnett Memorial	192.51	Melbourne	222.00
		Deer	129.90	Bingham Road	50.00	Oxford	71.75
MISSISSIPPI		Eagle Heights	326.37	Brookwood	22.82	Sage	64.40
Armored	\$ 169.03	Elmwood	27.25	Calvary, Little Rock	355.00	Salem	34.80
Bothary	37.41	Emmanuel, Harrison	50.00	Cross Road	245.00	Sidney	\$ 141.03
Blytheville, First	587.25	Everton	78.38	Crystal Hill	300.00	Wiseman	165.00
Brown's Chapel	35.00	Freeman Heights	145.97	East End	176.96	Zion Hill	45.00
Calvary, Blytheville	13.28	Gaither	20.00	Forest Highlands	320.62	TOTAL	\$1,353.18
Calvary, Osceola	104.74	Grandview	133.09	Garden Homes	87.50		
Central, Dyess	108.00	Green Forest	81.00	Geyer Springs	4,950.28	SEARCY	
Clear Lake	250.00	Grubb Springs	86.67	Green Memorial	\$ 84.44	Leslie	\$ 176.99
Cole Ridge	150.00	Harrison, First	803.61	Retron	30.50	TOTAL	\$ 176.99
Cross Roads	52.52	Jaeger	180.00	Holly Springs	33.00		
Doll	147.91	Lead Hill	183.00	Immanuel, Little Rock	1,353.00	SOUTHWEST ARKANSAS	
Emmanuel, Blytheville	8.92	Marshall	108.44	Ironton	117.41	Arabella Heights	\$ 70.50

Beach Street, First	953.00	Calvary, West Memphis	130.00	Heals Chapel	147.32	Calvary, Huntsville	45.00
Bredley	70.00	Cherry Valley	30.25	Heiswander	35.00	Caulle Avenue	278.15
Bronway Heights	28.80	Colt	45.00	Pleasant Grove	199.00	Combs	30.00
Calvary, Hope	117.50	Crawfordsville	124.00	Pleasant Hill	50.00	Elkins	10.00
Calvary, Texarkana	225.00	Fair Oaks	209.32	Pleasant Valley	190.00	Blindale	379.36
Canfield	189.28	Fitzgerald	67.84	Providence	33.13	Farrington	36.00
Central, Magnolia	1,575.55	Forrest City, First	504.00	Red Oak	15.00	Fayetteville, First	428.00
Fouke, First	204.38	Gladden	35.00	Riverdale	85.41	Fayetteville, Second	38.25
Garland	41.15	Harris Chapel	153.39	Trinity	12.00	Greenland	50.68
Genoa	104.22	Hydrick	20.00	Trumann, First	332.00	Hindsville	131.56
Guernsey	19.89	Madison	52.50	Tyrone, First	105.00	Immanuel, Fayetteville	509.00
Harmony Grove	150.00	Marion	372.50	Valley View	43.26	Johnson	47.00
Hickory Street, Texarkana	26.00	Midway	25.55	Weiner	110.00	Kingston	55.92
Highland Hills	189.05	Palentine	44.25	Waldenburg	20.00	Liberty	156.77
Hope, First	1,209.50	Shell Lake	40.75	TOTAL	\$2,784.33	Lincoln	214.46
Immanuel, Magnolia	597.35	Tilton	41.00	VAN BUREN		Oak Grove	35.00
Immanuel, Texarkana	72.50	Togo	36.41	Bee Branch	\$ 157.00	Prairie Grove	374.64
Louisville, First	175.00	Union Avenue	118.22	Botkinburg	6.88	Providence	90.87
Macedonia #1	25.00	Vanderbilt Avenue	104.00	Formosa	65.28	Rolling Hills	336.00
Macedonia #2	126.00	West Memphis, First	2,387.30	Friendship	\$ 214.02	Senora	\$ 113.45
Memorial, Waldo	1,150.00	West Memphis, Second	220.63	Lexington	31.35	Southside, Fayetteville	52.63
Mt. Zion	300.00	Wheatley	\$ 160.00	Plant	16.88	Springdale, First	124.00
Piney Grove	43.54	Hynne	612.95	Pleasant Valley	168.89	Spring Valley	100.00
Pisgah	25.27	East Baptist Mission, Wynne	47.00	Rupert	65.64	Sulphur City	47.00
Rocky Mount	\$ 50.00	Gateway Mission, West Memphis	47.00	Scotland	15.68	University	106.75
Shiloh Memorial	78.25	TOTAL	\$6,462.16	Shady Grove	15.00	West Fork	366.87
South Texarkana	47.05	TRINITY		Shirley	86.09	Winslow	231.47
Stamps, First	715.06	Bethel	\$ 25.00	Standley Memorial	208.38	TOTAL	\$4,522.83
Sylverino	75.00	Calvary, Harrisburg	260.00	Zion	20.74	WHITE RIVER	
Tennessee	25.00	East Side, Trumann	25.00	Fairfield Bay Mission	296.25	Antioch	\$ 12.00
TOTAL	\$8,678.84	Faith	75.00	TOTAL	\$1,369.08	Bruno	33.02
TRI-COUNTY		Greenfield	208.29	WASHINGTON-JADISON		Cottor, First	249.57
Antioch	\$ 106.00	Lebanon	355.05	Berry Street	\$ 59.00	East Side	60.73
Barton Chapel	587.21	Lopanto	40.87	Black Oak	50.00	Flippin	100.00
Beckspur	100.00	Maple Grove	10.00	Brush Creek	25.00		
Burnt Cane	40.00	Marked Tree	408.00				

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What lies ahead for religion in 1977?

CHAPPAQUA, N.Y. (BP) — The emergence of evangelical Christianity, dramatized by such events as Jimmy Carter's open affirmations of being "born again" and Gerald Ford's campaign support from the pastor of First Baptist Church of Dallas, brought various predictions for 1977 from religion writers on secular newspapers and magazines across the nation.

The predictions came in an article by Jo-Ann Price in the January, 1977, issue of *Christian Herald*, which reported responses from 14 of the nation's top religion editors and writers to a mail survey on what lies ahead for religion in 1977.

Reactions of several of the writers, asked to see into the future, were summed up by W. A. Reed Jr., religion news editor of *The Nashville Tennessean* and president of the Religion Newswriters Association, that such ability would require "the wisdom of a panel of modern Solomons and the acumen of a twentieth century St. Thomas Aquinas."

While not claiming the gift of prophecy, the writers picked up on several 1976 trends that they felt can be taken as indicators of 1977, the *Christian Herald* reported.

Major stories, they said, will include women's ordination, interfaith charismatic alliances, practical ecumenism, some evangelical maneuvering for power in politics, schism in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, the religion-linked consciousness revolution, the rights status of homosexuals in established churches, continued Catholic pressure for an anti-abortion constitutional amendment and continued urging from the Jewish community for support for Israel.

The evangelical emergence evoked a number of predictions:

Bob Bell Jr. of the *Nashville Banner*, citing evangelism as a rallying point for a number of Baptist gains in finances and membership, commented: "Mark down 1977 as the year of the Southern Baptist ... It took the nomination of Jimmy Carter to give them an unexpected strong exposure for the first time in areas where they are little known."

Kenneth A. Briggs of the *New York Times* said, "I won't be surprised ... if the attention given to traditional American religion during the political campaign continues to stimulate Christians who have felt somewhat

overwhelmed by secularism, cultism and exotic mysticism. My guess is that the mainline churches will benefit the most."

George W. Cornell of the Associated Press, New York: "The religious barometer is going up ... There's something in the Carter phenomenon and the more overtly moral concern in institutional life such as schools, courts, even business organizations, that makes me think that a better balance between the secular and the sacred is on the way."

Richard N. Ostling of *Time* magazine: "Evangelicalism will grow, and anything perceived as liberalism will have rough going."

Kenneth L. Woodward of *Newsweek*: "Evangelicalism will have center stage in 1977, beginning in the White House ... For most of the year, evangelicals will be in, culturally speaking, with grits and 'sharing' of personal experiences, even among habitués of the Hamptons ..."

Continues Woodward, "Radical evangelicals, such as the kids at *Sojourners* magazine, will win a permanent place on the religious scene and offer ... the best hope of Christianizing evangelicals. The worst fight will be over biblical inerrancy" (as a test of orthodoxy). "Watershed" advocates (ultraconservative inerrancy advocates) "will win initial victories, but lose the battle."

Roy W. Larson of the *Chicago Sun-Times*: "The evangelicals will consolidate their gains, but the evangelical renaissance is not here to stay. As evangelicals become part of the establishment, they will suffer the problems of the establishment."

Russ Chandler of the *Los Angeles Times*: "I think we're going to hear lots more about 'right-wing' political involvement of the theologically right-oriented evangelical and fundamentalist wings, despite (Arizona Republican John) Conlan's loss (for the U.S. Senate)."

Marjorie Hyer of the *Washington Post*: "The Carter campaign gave new opportunities to deal with concepts and beliefs in a new way, and in a sense has spurred the evangelicals toward a new maturity."

Ben L. Kaufman of the *Cincinnati Enquirer*: "All Americans benefited from the attention white, conservative,

evangelistic Protestants received in the wake of Jimmy Carter's candidacy ... One result may be holes in the ghetto walls these Christians have built around themselves in the century of liberal triumph."

The optimism voiced by religion editors is seen where they speak of a widespread search for meaning, values and secure goals.

"I expect," says Ray Ruppert of the *Seattle Times*, "that there will be an increasing number of 'end-time' predictions." This phenomenon, in Ruppert's view, will be fueled by "the desperate need of so many people to have something they can believe in without too much critical thought."

Many people are emotionally overwhelmed by the uncertainties of modern living, he says, adding: "I expect the swing toward fundamentalism in religion to continue in 1977."

According to Larson, Americans "are looking for integrative forces, but will settle for ersatz formulas for coherence."

"I think we'll see an increasing interest in a variety of things to help people," predicts Virginia Culver of the *Denver Post*. These will include "meditation, relaxation and stress courses." It is a question of "helping people in how to cope" with problems such as career frustrations and family tangles, she suggests.

Another facet of the American search for something to hold on to is seen in a renewed sensitivity to moral values, ethics and firm principles. This development has occurred since Vietnam and Watergate, particularly among businessmen and the government community in Washington. It was given a push by Bicentennial restatements of American goals.

"For quite a while," says Cornell, "a lopsidedly secular rationalism has dominated public affairs in this country, generated through exaggerations of the separation of church and state doctrine ... In some instances, it virtually isolated corporate functioning and policy from the common moral-religious concerns of the people."

One result, he feels, was a kind of "schizophrenia" between the mood of the people and practices of government agencies. The Carter campaign,

Migrants get Southern Baptist relief assistance

emphasizing the people's concern for moral values and principles, signalled a trend toward "a new and more realistic balance between prevailing convictions and public instrumentalities," Cornell says.

To Willmar L. Thorkelson, veteran religion editor of *The Minneapolis Star*, the charismatic renewal movement will provide the most significant news of religion in 1977.

"The major event," observes Thorkelson, "will be a conference July 22 to 24 in Kansas City, Mo., which will bring together thousands of charismatic Christians from many denominations. The conference will demonstrate again that the charismatic renewal movement is where the real ecumenical action is taking place in grassroots American Christianity."

Meeting in conjunction with the Catholic / Lutheran / Episcopal / Baptist / Presbyterian / Pentecostal Holiness charismatics will be two worldwide groups: the International Catholic Charismatic Conference and the International Lutheran Conference on the Holy Spirit.

Several religion editors agree with Thorkelson. Formal organic unity plans such as the Consultation on Church Union, are "not where it's at" in ecumenism these days, declares Hyer.

In the words of Cornell, "The big ecumenical thrust is with the charismatics. The old walls have collapsed. These people think together and move together without the problems of perpetuating institutions."

Years ago, religious fights were between denominations. Now the battle lines have moved inside the churches.

Although the controversy over ordination of women as priests in the Episcopal Church may simmer down, several editors agree, it may become a dramatic fight among Catholics. Sums up Reed of *The Tennessean*: "This (Episcopal) action gave hope to Catholic women. It may well lead to new conflicts . . . and pressures will work upward and downward to keep Catholic women in the forefront and to keep them in the pews."

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ATLANTA (BP) — The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board here has wired \$10,000 to the Florida Baptist Convention to provide food and blankets for migrant workers made jobless by the freeze in Florida which has destroyed crops.

The money will be supplemented by \$5,000 in Florida disaster relief funds requested by Harold C. Bennett, the Florida convention's executive secretary-treasurer, pending final approval by the convention's administrative committee.

The funds are the first disaster relief expenditures for the Home Mission Board's Christian social ministries department in 1977. (Relief funds in 1976 totaled \$55,500, including \$20,000 for the Teton Dam disaster.)

Baptist churches in the Ft. Myers area have already gathered three tons of food to help in the effort.

According to Russell Kaufman, director of migrant ministries for Florida Baptists, the plight of the migrant workers depends on the "quickness of government agencies and how well adjustments in living arrangements can be made.

"Already there have been threats of evictions," Kaufman reports, "but we are working with other agencies to waylay this."

Kaufman has begun sifting limited funds down through associations and churches to the hardest hit areas. These include the Dade County-Miami, Ft. Myers and Immokalee-Royal Palm Associations.

"The basis of the need is for food and warmth," he says.

Kaufman foresees that the worst time is ahead — after all the fruit still on the trees is picked.

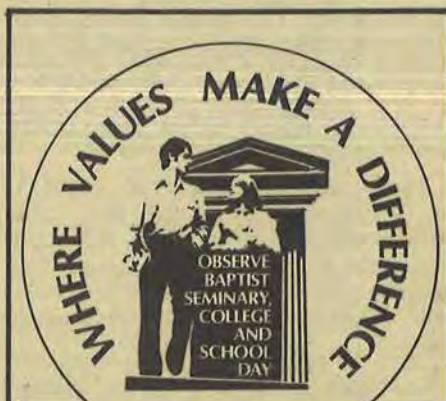
"Growers who have decided to replant will need migrant workers for the replanting," he says, but notes that most experts agree that in the migrants will begin to face the problem of little work.

"We hope to head off some problems by preparing ahead," he says. "If the government declares Florida a national disaster area, then we won't have as big a burden."

Kaufman expects to use the funds to assist local churches and associations in their relief efforts: "There may be temporary assistance with utilities or occasional assistance for a short period with rent, but the churches will be the first line of providing help."

Funneling the funds through the churches also helps keep the people involved, he says.

"Perhaps this situation will have a positive effect, even though I'm sorry it must happen this way," Kaufman says. "I believe it will bring an awareness to the people of the migrants' problems and cause a greater willingness for them to become involved in active ministry.



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An analysis

President Carter offers new hope for

by W. Barry Garrett

WASHINGTON (BP) — The War Between the States has finally ended. To everyone's amazement, 111 years after Robert E. Lee's surrender at Appomattox Court House, April 3, 1865, a peanut farmer from a remote hamlet in Georgia peacefully stormed the nation's capital and took over the presidency. The South has risen again.

As President Jimmy Carter walked down Pennsylvania Avenue on inauguration day hand-in-hand with his wife Rosalynn from the United States Capitol to the White House with hundreds of thousands of people shouting the victory, it was quite a contrast to another march over a century ago.

When General William T. Sherman invaded Atlanta in 1865, burned it to the ground and marched on to the sea, he left behind a path of destruction and suffering. When President Carter took over the White House in 1977, he quoted Micah 6:8:

"He hath showed thee, o man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?"

The new President proclaimed, "The

bold and brilliant dream which excited the founders of our nation still awaits its consumation. I have no new dream to set forth today, but rather urge a fresh faith in the old dream."

He then described the kind of war he would continue in the United States. "We will be ever vigilant and never vulnerable, and we will fight our wars against poverty, ignorance and injustice, for those are the enemies against which our forces can be honorably marshalled."

Indeed, the inauguration of Jimmy Carter as President of the United States of America signaled a new spirit of hope for the nation.

After the civil disorders and riots of the 1960's, after the debacle of the Vietnam War, after the political scandals of Watergate and the sex scandals in Congress during the early 1970's, a Southern Baptist deacon from Georgia restated the highest hopes of the American people, and they elected him as their President.

During inauguration week in the nation's capital, the new spirit for a new commitment for a new America exploded among all segments of the population as it finally dawned on the peo-

ple that something "different" had happened with the coming of Jimmy Carter. Many signs of a new determination to recapture the best in the American experiment were evident everywhere.

The trend toward a recovery of lost American ideals really began when Gerald R. Ford succeeded the scandalized Richard M. Nixon as President. Mr. Ford had been in public life many years and had risen to minority leader in the House of Representatives. His hands were clean. His record bristled with integrity. He was an open man with an open policy.

When Vice President Spiro T. Agnew resigned in disgrace, "Gerry" Ford was nominated and confirmed to succeed him. This brought a gentle breeze of relief to the strife-torn capital. But when President Nixon resigned and Ford was sworn in as President, the nation relaxed for the first time in a decade. As refreshing as a cooling summer shower on a sweltering July day was the new administration of Gerry Ford. He prevented the nation from going to pieces until a new President could be elected.

Then a new face appeared on the scene. Little-known Jimmy Carter, a

peanut farmer from the rural southern hamlet of Plains, a former governor of the state of Georgia, said he wanted to be President of the United States. He faced an uphill battle all the way. He had no national public record to make him known. He was from the rebel South, which has been misunderstood and underestimated for a century following the War Between the States. He was even a devout evangelical Christian, from a denomination — the Southern Baptist Convention — which has also been misunderstood, underestimated and misrepresented by many since its beginning in 1845.

The enigma of Jimmy Carter continued through the campaign, during the post-election days, and right into the White House. The established order, the traditional politicians and political news analysts are baffled at the unorthodox approach of the new President. He carries his own luggage. He moved to Washington in a peanut

BP photos by Bob Harper

THOUSANDS WATCH AS CARTER IS SWORN IN — President Jimmy Carter took the oath of office on the Capitol steps as thousands looked on. The President is now a member of First Baptist Church, Washington, D.C.



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warehouse truck. He walked down Pennsylvania Avenue in the bitter cold as a "people's" President. He had never been in the White House before he moved in on inauguration day.

Carter's inaugural address was a simple statement of his basic goals, based on biblical concepts, devoid of oratory and political hoopla. The analysts are completely confused, but the plain people understand and their spirits are revived.

There's no way to predict at this stage whether or not President Carter's administration will succeed or be a total disaster, but there's the possibility that another Lincoln or another Roosevelt has emerged to lead the nation into the third century of its existence. Let us pray that this will happen.

As the political analysts try to unscramble the new approach to America's future, they can only speculate, "We don't understand this man and his way, but maybe it will work." They are skeptical, but hopeful. The traditional ways of recent politicians have not led to the most glamorous results, to put it mildly. Maybe the new way, which actually is as old as the prophets, will be the best after all.

February 10, 1977

A PRAYER FOR THE PRESIDENT — "Bless, O Lord, Jimmy Carter who by the people's choice is now our leader" began the prayer for the President led by Bruce E. Edwards, pastor of Plains (Ga.) Baptist Church where the President was a member and deacon before election to national office. The People's Prayer Service in which Edwards participated was held the morning of the inauguration.



CARTER AND BROADMAN LEADERS — President Jimmy Carter looks at the leather-bound copy of his book, "Why Not The Best?", presented to him by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and Broadman Press. With him, left to right, are Robert G. Fulbright, manager of Broadman products department; James W. Clark, acting executive vice-president of the Sunday School Board; and Johnnie Godwin, supervisor of Broadman book and music division.



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Gassville	296.01	Horsfork, First	124.75	Big Flat Mission	8.44	Faith, Batesville	22.73
Henderson	50.05	Pilgrims Rest	29.00	Hill Top Mission	49.25	Missionary Grove, Prescott	195.00
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Gas shortages close 8 SBC organizations in Nashville

NASHVILLE (BP) — Record low temperatures and critical natural gas shortages in the Southeastern United States closed eight Nashville-based Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) organizations for several days in late January.

The denomination's Sunday School Board, a four-building complex at 127 Ninth Ave., N., in Nashville, which also houses the SBC Historical Commission, shut down for four days. The closing is thought to be the first in the Sunday School Board's 86-year history.

The Southern Baptist Convention Building, at 460 James Robertson Parkway, which contains offices of six Southern Baptist organizations, shut down for three days. Occupants of the building are the denomination's Executive Committee, Christian Life Commission, Education Commission, Stewardship Commission, Southern Baptist Foundation and Seminary Extension Department.

Many Nashville area schools, businesses and industries closed, reflecting statewide problems which have led Tennessee to ask for "disaster area" status from the federal government.

During the Sunday School Board's four-day closing, President Grady C. Cothen estimated that it cost the board about \$80,000 for each day in salaries and fringe benefits for 940 employees — or a total of \$320,000. (The board receives no money from the SBC Cooperative Program unified budget.)

The 78 employees of SBC Building agencies and some eight employees at the Historical Commission, who also continued to receive salaries during the shutdown, managed to keep most of their work current despite the conditions, spokesmen said. The agencies involved will ultimately experience little or no financial or work production loss, they said.

The complex nature and size of the Sunday School Board, the world's largest publisher of religious materials, makes financial comparison difficult in relation to the other agencies. Sunday

School Board leaders feel, though, that extra efforts by employees will ultimately minimize direct financial losses.

Many employees of the eight organizations continued to come to work or took work home during the shutdown.

The closings were voluntary, in compliance with the Nashville Gas Company's energy conservation measures for industrial users of natural gas, to insure adequate heat for hospitals and residential gas customers in middle Tennessee.

After the four-day layoff, Cothen told Sunday School Board employees that the board would begin operation again with

six-hour workdays and significantly reduced temperatures in the four-building complex. SBC building occupants are also working under reduced temperatures and workday requirements as stipulated by the various agency heads.

"The work must go on," Cothen said to Sunday School Board employees, citing the necessity of mailing literature orders to churches and ever-pressing deadlines of the approximately 200 publications of the Sunday School Board as primary reasons for returning in heavy winter clothing to office areas where temperatures averaged only 54 degrees.

On the cover



Men enjoy the stroll to lunch at Camp Paron

Baptist Men enjoy visiting and fellowship as they stroll to lunch at Camp Paron. They were attending the 1976 Brotherhood Convention. The 1977 Brotherhood Convention is to be held on March 11-12, 1977, at Camp Paron. The convention is a time of inspiration, information and fellowship.

Jesus forgives sin

Feb. 13, 1977

Luke 7:36-50

Years ago a young minister had spoken very discourteously to one of the greatest Baptist preachers of our own country, Cortland Meyers. A day or two after the incident, the young man became convicted of his wrongdoing and wrote Dr. Meyers, asking to be forgiven. Dr. Meyers' reply was, "Forgiven, forgotten, forever."



Simpson

This week we come to the third, and most significant, demonstration of the power of God to meet human needs. It is the power of Jesus to forgive sin. In the famous encounter of Jesus with Simon and the sinful woman, Luke brings us to the very heart of the Gospel, namely, the desire of Jesus to see that every sinner has his sins "forgiven, forgotten, forever".

Luke is the only New Testament writer who mentions the story of Simon and the fallen woman. The incident is altogether fitting, however, with Luke's conception of Jesus. As in so many of his stories, Jesus is the hero. Through the eyes of the humble physician, Jesus was the sympathizer of the poor, the champion of the dejected and the Saviour of the lost (Luke 19:10). Luke saw within Jesus a compassionate concern to communicate the power of cancelled sin.

Although the city in which the event took place is nameless, the circumstances imply Jesus was still on his Galilean ministry. It would seem likely that the city was Capernaum.

Our text has been divided into three parts: Simon, the Sinner and the Saviour. As we review this familiar passage, may we constantly be reminded of God's desire to see that all men know the forgiveness of sin. This may be the very message someone in our life desperately needs to hear.

Simon

"Put the Gospel where the lambs can nibble at it, and where the calves can get a bite," said an old preacher, "and they will come to eat." Apparently, on some previous occasion, Jesus had done just that. Simon, a well known Pharisee, had digested enough of the Gospel to curiously invite Jesus into his home for dinner (36). Whether Simon's intentions were honest or not, Jesus saw the invitation as an excellent opportunity to share

his forgiving power. What Simon had not expected was the intrusion of the uninvited guest. His cold and indifferent reaction to the sinful woman offers some valuable lessons for our consideration.

In the first place, Simon is an example of many people who believe they are above the need of forgiveness. Simon's inward contempt for the woman was a mirror-like reflection of his own spiritual blindness (39). He could see she was a sinner, but what he could not see was his own need of forgiveness. Likewise, some find it easy to point out the sins of others, but find it hard to see their own. Holding to some creed, they imagine that they are obedient to the commandments of God when they have no living relationship with him.

Second, we see that forgiveness involves more than just identifying with Jesus. Like Simon, many patronize Christianity, associating with Jesus simply because it is the "in thing to do". Thus, they become collectors of celebrities, following Jesus purely as a fad. Simon's attitude should teach us that all men are in need of God's forgiveness, and that just associating with Jesus doesn't necessarily bring forgiveness of one's sin (Luke 13:25-27). It requires a personal relationship with Christ.

The sinner

From Simon we move to the sinful woman herself. Unlike her counterpart, the woman had a deep awareness of her sin and need for forgiveness. Her repentive spirit and love for Christ certainly had a part in her appearing at the house of this noted Pharisee (37). The silence about her sin leaves little doubt that she was a common street walker. Luke merely refers to her as a "sinner" (37). It was not a general statement. It was at that time synonymous with a harlot.

As Simon watched on in scorn, the woman bathed the feet of Jesus with her tears (38). After drying them with the hair of her head and covering them with ointment, she kissed them. This gracious act of praise said more about the forgiven heart of this sinful woman than anything the crowd could have ever told.

To begin with, the woman's public expression of praise teaches us that surrender and forgiveness go hand in hand.

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There are some who would have us think just the opposite, claiming conversion without obedience. To assume that Christ can be one's Saviour without being one's Lord is not only impossible but unscriptural (Matt. 7:23). The woman's forgiveness had brought a proper surrender of her life. True forgiveness demands no less from us.

Secondly, the sinful woman's forgiveness reminds us that no one is so vile that he cannot come to Jesus and be forgiven. The sins of which the woman was guilty prevented her from approaching the religious leaders, but she could come to Jesus. How reassuring to know that the door of forgiveness is always open for those who come in repentance and faith.

The Saviour

From the sinful woman we move to the Saviour. It is clear that Jesus' love for the woman did not exceed his love for Simon. Both were lost and in need of God's forgiveness. The fact that Jesus showed no partiality proved that he is truly the sinner's friend.

Second, Jesus made it clear that whom he forgives, we are to forgive. Describing a certain creditor who had two debtors, Jesus explained how that Simon's sins were just as great as the woman's (41-43). Both were debtors to God and were thus debtors to each other. We who are forgiven are also indebted to God and should be just as willing to share his free grace with all whom we meet.

Third, we see that Jesus never put people into pigeon holes. Simon was abhorred by Jesus' acceptance of the woman (39). In a jarring contrast, Jesus showed Simon how the sinful woman had lavished him with her love while he had omitted even the most common of courtesies (41-47). Simon couldn't see her as she was because he was looking at her as she used to be — a common problem of Christians today. How we need to remember that Jesus isn't interested in labeling people; he is interested in liberating them (John 10:10).

Finally, we observe the joy of forgiveness (47-50). The forgiveness of the woman's sins brought an humble expression of love and devotion. Luke concludes having made his point.

Jesus had acted on and defended his claim that he had all authority to forgive sin. The proof of this power is seen in the transformed lives of those whom he forgave. How good to know Jesus forgives sins.

The Demoniac: a fragmented self

Feb. 13, 1977

Luke 8:26-31, 35-39

The Demoniac, the third person in our series of study on persons whom Jesus helped, confronts us with a problem that goes far beyond his physical condition. The Bible presents him as a man possessed by demons. Do we see demons as a



Dodson

part of the supernatural order or as a product of man's superstition? The Bible teaches the presence of a personal evil Being who organizes demonic forces and operates in history. This teaching is not primitive and outdated according to theologians Helmut Thielicke, Emil Brunner, Otto Piper, Eric Rust and others. Regardless of whether we diagnose the cause of the demoniac's condition as the derangement of the devil, we can learn much from the consequences of his contact with Jesus.

A wreck of a man (8:26-34)

Jesus and his disciples had crossed the Sea of Galilee from Capernaum. There is a question about the geographical location of their landing. This problem, however, is not vital to an understanding of the man's experience.

On the first and only time in Luke's gospel that Jesus journeys beyond Jewish territory to set foot on pagan soil, he meets a man whose life was a wreck. The man was possessed of demons that had alienated him from his people and caused him to run about naked in a graveyard. The evil forces that possessed him caused him to fall before Jesus and beg to be left alone. This behaviour was an acknowledgment that Jesus was the Son of God whose power was greater than theirs.

Verse 29 is an explanation of verses 27 and 28. The man had seizures which caused the people to bind him with chains and ropes. With supernatural strength he would break loose and under the influence of the same forces that freed him he would run into the wilderness. Upon contact with the man, Jesus had repeatedly commanded the demons to leave him.

Jesus asked the man, "What is thy

name?" He answered, "Legion." A Roman legion had six thousand soldiers. The man was indicating how deeply his life was divided and disturbed. According to popular diagnosis, the severity of an affliction was proportionate to the number of demons causing it. (Note Luke 8:2.)

The host of demons who were housed in the man begged Jesus not to send them into the deep, the nether world for Satan and demons (Rev. 9:1, 2; 17:8; 20:1, 3). Looking about they saw a herd of hogs, which Mark 5:13 numbers as nearly two thousand. They ask Jesus for permission to enter the hogs and he permits it. Upon their entry the hogs stampede down the cliff and into the sea to drown. This event provided proof for the Demoniac and the disciples of the defeat of the demons as well as the deliverance from them that had taken place.

A whole man (8:35-37)

When the inhabitants of the area came to see what was happening, they found the man sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed, and in his right mind. He was sound and sane and ready to return to his place in society. The wreck of a man that they had alienated was whole and ready for their acceptance. The people saw not only the consequences of Jesus' power in the life of the man, but learned of the cause. They were overcome with superstitious fear and asked Jesus to leave their land.

A whole man to witness

(8:38, 39)

As Jesus prepared to leave, the man who had been made whole asked to be allowed to accompany him. But Jesus gave him the mission to be a witness at home. He became the ambassador for Jesus which we are all to be (2 Cor. 5:20).

What we conclude

The conclusions we reach from this study are significant. First, Jesus wants to take wrecked lives and make them well and whole. He is essential for a well and

whole life. Dr. Carl Jung, noted European psychologist, wrote that in 35 years of practice he had not known a patient who found a right relationship with other people and within himself who did not first establish a right relationship with God. Second, at times when Jesus confronts us in our sin and separation we tend to see him as a foe rather than as a friend. Fear can send him away. He will not force himself upon us. Faith will draw him nigh. Third, those whose wrecked lives have been made well and whole are to be witnesses for Jesus unto those who are yet in need.

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Flooded Indonesians get relief money

JAKARTA, Indonesia (BP) — The Indonesia Baptist Mission has been granted \$5,000 by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board to help meet relief needs following severe flooding here and in surrounding areas.

Edward O. Sanders, chairman of the mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries), requested the money for food, clothing and possibly some reconstruction of housing, according to William R. Wakefield, the board's secretary for Southeast Asia.

The flooding came as a result of unusually heavy Monsoon rains. Two-thirds of Jakarta has been reported under water in the worst flooding in the area in 80 years. Western Java, where Jakarta is located, has experienced large crop losses.

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Benton, Trinity	111	47	
Bentonville, Central Avenue	88	36	
Biscoe, First	67	37	
Berryville			
Freeman Heights	195	70	
Rock Springs	65	36	
Booneville, South Side	85	67	
Cabot			
First	442	109	2
Mt. Carmel	283	100	
Camden			
Cullendale First	534	129	
First	434	90	2
Cave Springs, Lakeview	93	32	
Conway, Second	382	137	2
Crossett, Mt. Olive	377	103	
Dell	111	58	1
El Dorado, West Side	391	386	2
Elkins, First	87		
Ft. Smith			
Grand Avenue	945	240	7
Mission	14		
Haven Heights	225	112	1
Temple	137	68	
Trinity	152	46	
Fouke, First	91		
Gentry, First	154	37	
Gillett, First	51	12	
Gillham	104	31	
Grandview	72	48	
Green Forest, First	170	46	
Hampton, First	129	64	
Hardy, First	136	49	
Harrison, Woodland Heights	140	67	2
Hope, First	386	95	7
Hot Springs, Park Place	271	72	
Hughes, First	189	55	
Jacksonville			
First	413	67	
Marshall Road	160	70	7
Jonesboro, Friendly Hope	131	86	
Kingston, First	52	29	
Lavaca, First	311	111	
Little Rock			
Crystal Hill	128	62	
Life Line	552	138	
Martindale	120	56	
Magnolia, Central	650	157	4
Marked Tree, First	166	60	
Monticello, Second	264	93	
North Little Rock			
Calvary	395	105	
Levy	426	90	2
Park Hill	866		4
Paragould			
Calvary	252	176	
First	480	81	2
Paris, First	383	78	
Pine Bluff			
East Side	124	54	
First	594	64	
Lee Memorial	220	111	1
South Side	640	107	
Tucker	15		
Sulphur Springs	176	81	
Watson Chapel	372	132	2
Prairie Grove, First	135	41	
Rogers, Immanuel	492	102	
Russellville			
First	574	180	
Second	170	76	2
Sherwood, First	254		
Springdale			
Berry Street	106	35	
Caudle Avenue	154	54	1
Elmdale	308	125	2
First	1500		7
Texarkana			
Highland Hills	171	62	
Shiloh Memorial	169	55	
Toltec	102	68	
Vandervoort	69	25	
Wabash, Immanuel	45	32	
West Helena, Second	195	124	1
Wooster, First	114	76	
Wynne, Harris Chapel	91	60	1
Yellville, First	128	50	

Baptist home missions 'cut mustard' missions expert says

by Catherine Allen

BIRMINGHAM (BP) — The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board is the only United States missions agency that is "cutting the mustard", a leading mission strategist told a meeting of state Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) leaders and the Southern Baptist WMU Executive Board here.

"There is no team of missionaries in the world doing a better job reaching non-Christians," said Ralph D. Winter, a former Presbyterian missionary who just resigned from the faculty of Fuller

Convention (SBC) now has approximately 2,200 congregations that speak a language other than English, thanks to the efforts of home missions, he said.

"Here you have churches who worship apart on Sunday but who have fellowship through your conventions and associations," Winter said. "All the tribes and tongues of heaven will not be English," he warned.

Winter criticized mission strategy that depends on one language and that lingers too long on nurture of Christians. "Ninety-five percent of missionaries in the world are working with national Christians," he said.

He noted that this is due to the fantastic success of missions, but said that more missionaries need to move on to give primary attention to the masses of non-Christians not yet reached.

Although Southern Baptists are the nation's largest Protestant body and already have the largest evangelical troupe of missionaries and have suffered no cutbacks in mission support, Winter urged them to do better. He suggested that the SBC field more short-term mission workers, train members to be missionaries while they are tourists, and enlist Baptist business people abroad as aides in mission efforts.

Citing missions education as a key to reaching the masses with Christianity, Winter urged that missions be taught to new converts on mission fields.

"There may soon come a time when it will not be legal for money to go overseas for missions," Winter pointed out. "All foreign exchange will have to go for oil. We must begin now to operate self-sustaining programs overseas. We need to double what we are doing."

Pointing out 1,000 subcultures untouched by Christianity in India alone, Winter said, "Some barriers will never be crossed by backfence evangelism."

Winter urged WMU to continue its exclusive identity as a women's organization and as a missions education organization. "WMU should be the key agency in helping people gain a perspective of the world as God sees it," he said.

"Women are the key to more missions money," he said, pointing out that women can set a simple family lifestyle that will free money for missions.

"The worst thing that could happen would be for you to be renamed the Southern Baptist Woman's Union, leaving missions out," he said. "You must not rest until every country has its own

WMU to keep missions at the heart and soul of its work.

"The most crucial differences in missions took place between 1865 and 1920 because of the increased role of women," Winter said. "Today women are leaving missions — except you. How I pray that you will continue to set an example," he told WMU leaders.

William O'Brien, secretary of the department of denominational coordination for the SBC Foreign Mission Board, responded to Winter. "We're not getting the job done domestically or overseas," O'Brien said. He predicted that Southern Baptists would rise to the challenge in its upcoming Bold Mission emphasis to proclaim Christ to the "fourth world" — lost people wherever they are found. "Missions education must be intensified to levels we have not dreamed of," O'Brien said.

O'Brien pointed out that the impetus for missions is now coming from former mission fields as a result of foreign missions attempts to develop indigenous churches. He noted however, that "an indigenous church per se can become a stumbling block if it turns in upon itself.

"We honor national conventions and try to work with them in a catalytic way," he said, and lodged a plea for more people to volunteer as "preacher-type" missionaries.

Wendell Belew, director of the Home Mission Board division Winter praised, predicted that in 50 years vast mission fields may appear in the southern US because of huge migration to the Sunbelt. Belew acknowledged that the SBC is probably the most pluralistic denomination. "I'm not sure we are ready to realize that."

Belew told WMU leaders that they are mission strategists and that their churches are keys to mission strategy. "You don't demand enough of your churches and your mission boards. You should be testing new mission strategies in your mission action work," he said.

He insisted that the SBC is at a crucial point in its mission philosophy. "Can we survive being the largest evangelical denomination in the US?" he asked. "We are nearly a state church. How will we use our power as the majority? People will never hear our gospel unless we live with them and hurt with them."

Belew said that churches must become indigenous to their own changing communities. "Every church is a transitional church," he said, but we have sought only people like ourselves.

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He praised the missions division of the Home Mission Board for reaching persons with no Christian background and for starting churches in the language and cultural context of racial and ethnic groups.

"While everybody else was quibbling, your Home Mission Board has been doing the job," said Winter, now acting director of the World Mission Center, Pasadena, Calif. "Acceptance of diversity is the hallmark of their strategy."

Winter said that other denominations' home boards of missions have made the "fatal mistake" of trying to make all their churches English speaking, true-blue American. The Southern Baptist