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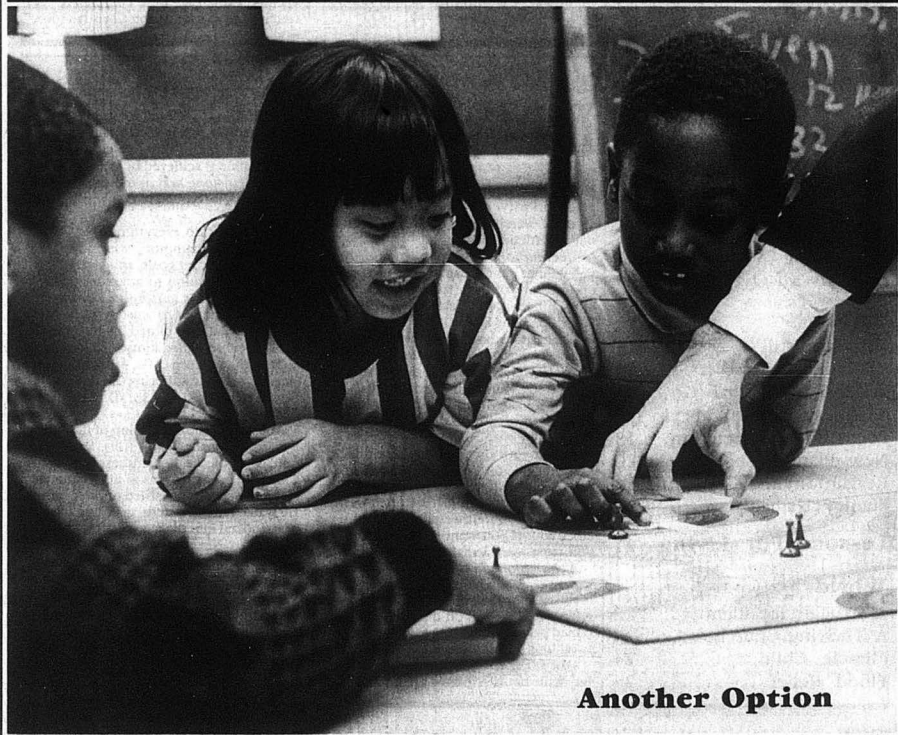
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IT'S UPLIFTING

Football Service A Winner

DALLAS (BP)—It was Super Bowl Sunday at Second Baptist Church in Houston.

Pastor Ed Young knew attendance at the evening worship service would be down. He was set for a low turnout. But with just seconds left on the clock he decided to put the ball to two other team members, asking them to find a way to offset low attendance.

They took the idea and ran with it. Associate Pastor Ed Young Jr. and Family Life Minister Lee Maxey decided they shouldn't penalize church members by asking them to miss the game or watch it on taped delay. Instead, they chose to show the game live on a 20-by-15-foot television screen and to incorporate their evening worship service into the halftime break.

"If sports bars can do it, the church should do it and put the gospel into it," said Associate Pastor Young.

He and Maxey converted the church's family life center into a football stadium for the evening, complete with banners, bands, cheers led by the married-adoptive minister, and nachos, peanuts and popcorn peddled by the associate deacons.

"We thought it would be enjoyable to have a time when families and the church family could watch the Super Bowl together, and we wanted to do something that would attract those people who wouldn't come to a traditional worship service," said Associate Pastor Young.

During the halftime worship service, he brought an evangelistic message urging listeners to accept the Bible as their "playbook."

Although the Sunday evening crowd of 1,200 was less than the usual attendance of about 3,500, the unusual approach did prove to be an effective vehicle for outreach. "It brought in so many prospects," he said, pointing to more than 200 visitors' cards that were completed. "We reached out to a lot of non-Christian folks."

GOOD NEWS!

What Makes A Champion?

When asked, "What makes a champion?" John replied that a champion must place priority on time, discipline, and sacrifice. Surely these qualities are essential in athletics or in life.

A champion knows the value of time.

A winner has the capacity to capture the opportunity of each successive day. The biblical message is clear (Ps. 90:12; 1 Co. 7:29; Ep. 5:16; Ec. 3:1-8).

Time is the most precious thing in the world. Time cannot be created, borrowed, or destroyed. However, it can be misused or wasted. Time is inexorable; that is, it cannot be stored up or brought back or hurried up or slowed down. It is now or never.

Budget your time. If you do not decide how you are going to utilize your time, someone else will decide it for you. Utilize the fragments of time that are often wasted. Remember, you either take time or time takes you. If you want to be a champion, you must learn to take time!

A champion dares to discipline himself.

Centuries ago when new converts were received into the church they were given a Bible and a book on discipline. A disciplined person knows where he is going and is willing to pay the price to get there.

One either disciplines himself within, or he will be disciplined from without.

Democracy is based on the premise of inner discipline, while dictatorship is based on the premise of outer discipline.

Discipline is achieved by concentration. When Gladstone was asked the secret of his success, he replied in one word: "Concentration."

You cannot do everything well! If you want to be a champion, you must determine priorities, set goals, and give yourself without reservation to attaining them.

A champion is willing to sacrifice.

Being a winner is costly; it involves sacrifice. Paul disciplined his body (1 Co. 9:27). He disciplined himself to loneliness (2 Ti. 4:16), to scorn (1 Co. 4:10), to poverty (see Ph. 4:12), to suffering (2 Co. 4:9), and finally to death (1 Co. 15:31). This is part of the secret.

And here is the conclusion of it. "I press toward the mark" (Ph. 3:14). Paul never quit. One of the last addresses Winston Churchill ever gave was to his alma mater. His entire speech consisted of three words. He walked to the lectern, grasped each side of it, looked into the face of those students and said, "Never, never quit!"

Unprecedented opportunity lies ahead. You can seize the opportunity. Take time. Discipline yourself. Be willing to sacrifice. You can be a champion!

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A Solid Foundation

J. EVERETT SNEED

Editor's note: This guest editorial was written by Russell D. Harrington Jr., president of Baptist Medical System.

All of us are familiar with the story from the Gospel of Matthew that tells of two men who decided to build houses. One built his house on the sand. When the rains and winds came, his house could not withstand the storm, and it collapsed in ruins. The other man built his house upon a rock. When the rains and winds came, his house withstood the storm because it had been built on a solid foundation.

Much like the house referenced in the Bible, the health care industry is being rocked by the winds of changing times. Baptist Medical System is no exception. All of us are aware that hospitals are having difficulties. Many hospitals have been closed, including some in Arkansas. Federal reimbursement programs continue to adversely impact the financial base of those that are able to remain operational and new consumer attitudes are causing our industry to take a look at how we package, promote, and deliver our services.

As we at Baptist Medical System have sought effective responses to these winds of change, we have had to look no further than our mission statement and values to guide our every decision. The fact that our founders built our system on a solid rock almost 70 years ago has enabled us to remain on the leading edge of health care delivery in the 1980's.

It was in 1920 that the Arkansas Baptist State Hospital opened with a philosophy that the Christian attitude should be joined with science and technology given by God to mankind, as an instrument of health and healing. The intention was to place special emphasis on such values as service, honesty, respect, stewardship, and performance.

This same philosophy and values are just as important today as they were then, perhaps more so. Times, people, and the environment may change, but values should remain constant. Baptist Medical System was established on the sure foundation of Christian principles. In today's fast changing high-touch, high-tech health care environment, that foundation has been our fortress in the face of change and will be the catalyst that will allow us to remain on the leading edge of the delivery



of compassionate, quality health care.

Three specific areas of vital interest to Baptist Medical System demand our attention. They include a changing population, changing health care trends, and changing resources.

First, the changing population. It is no secret that Arkansas is usually near the bottom of the economic ladder, and, in the past couple of years, our state has experienced an increase in the number of those who are medically indigent. The term "medically indigent" should be defined as not only those who are at poverty level, but also those who might have adequate incomes but have no medical insurance coverage. The impact of indigent health has definitely been felt within our state and within our system in recent years.

It is also a well recognized fact that, se-

cond to Florida, Arkansas has the highest percentage of senior adults in the nation. This places an additional burden on our hospitals because of Medicare patients. In recent years, the federal government has provided us with only negligible increases for these patients. In fact since 1985, Medicare reimbursement rates have increased at a level approximating only one-third of the actual cost increase. Coupled with the fact that the average length of stay for Medicare patients has risen from 8.7 days to 9.7 days during this same period, it is understandable that we would be concerned as we watch our contractual writeoffs increase substantially every year.

We are also facing dramatic changing trends in health care. Our nation is more health care conscious and the consumer more sophisticated than at any time in history. Wellness is the new concern. Consumers, and especially women, want to play a greater role in the management decisions regarding their health care. To meet this change, we are now emphasizing more public education.

Last, but definitely not least, we want to look at changing resources. There is no doubt that in years to come, we must expand the capacity of existing capital assets through careful management of our financial resources and effective motivation and training of our human resource—our employees. At Baptist Medical System, we are proud of our employees and we value the contribution they make to our successful provision of patient care.

In the midst of these changes, a Christian foundation is necessary for Baptist Medical System to provide quality health care today and in the future. We are committed to this, and we covet your prayers.

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Letters to the Editor

DON MOORE

You'll Be Glad To Know

God really blessed our Evangelism Conference. Our prayers for a fresh moving of the Spirit of God upon our speakers was honored of the Lord. They spoke with freedom and power. They spoke to our needs. Dr. Gregory and Dr. Sanders from Texas and Louisiana were a tremendous blessing to our hearts. I could not have been more proud of our Arkansas men from both in and out of state. They all did a wonderful job in ministering to us. I am proud of them as fellow ministers of the gospel and as native sons of Arkansas Baptists.



Such meetings involve untold months, even years, of planning and work. Considerable numbers of people are involved. It couldn't happen without Clarence Shell and the Evangelism Department. We need to be careful not to take such occasions and those making it possible for granted. Our thanks to these and to the fine pastors and to the staff at Geyer Springs for helping us have a wonderful conference.

What determines the blessing we receive at meetings like these? Many answers could be given, but the primary answer is to be found in the attitude we have when we come and when various ones appear on the program. It is at the conference as it is in the local church. When the people come with hunger and need and look expectantly to hear from God to speak to that need, it happens. When someone comes doubtfully of being blessed, criticizing the music, analyzing the speaker or message, and not really certain they have any needs, and if they do, doubting they can be met while there—that person is not likely to receive help from such a conference. That kind of person quenches the Spirit in the local church, too.

Well, praise God, our people came in good numbers and in a good frame of mind and God blessed. We praise him for it. We look forward to significant progress in our churches' evangelistic efforts because of it.

Pray! More than 230 churches baptized no one in 1987. Yes, winning the lost must once again become a priority. Yes, once again the fire of God's conviction must fall.

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

The Great Commission

This is from a prayer partner of the mission effort through 1989: the Commission of Ten, the Task Force of 100, and missionaries at home and abroad. What we choose to call the Great Commission is a direct commandment of our Lord Jesus Christ. It's found in Matthew 28:19-20. It is understandable that we all can't go, but we can have a part, giving to fund those who can go. We also can pray. Look in Matthew 28:18. When we pray, we are calling on all the power in heaven and earth to bless and help them. Anyone who thinks that there is waste lets them out of giving and praying, had best check what Jesus says

in Matthew 28:19-20.

Matthew 25:32-46 shows a scene that everyone should look at. We surely want to hear him say, "Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." You fed me, you clothed me, you gave me drink when I was thirsty, you visited me when I was sick, you came unto me when I was in prison. We will say, when did we do all this to you? Jesus will say inasmuch as you have done it to the least of these my brethren you have done it unto me! God grant that everyone that is called by his name will be found so doing when Jesus comes.—Vivian M. Stone, Mayflower

Woman's Viewpoint

Freedoms

JANE JONES



In my last article I mentioned that my husband and I had traveled outside the United States this past summer. I have always known that I love America and am most proud of my heritage and country. This knowledge is even sweeter and dearer to me now.

Even though all the people we met abroad were most gracious to us, some things were made known to us after we returned to the United States. The city of Taipei had been in a "clean-up and beautification" thrust the month prior to our arrival.

Military police had been increased and were everywhere and in great numbers. As I attempted to take a snapshot of one policeman, he put his hand in my face indicating "no picture." My heart skipped a beat, and I was sure I would be on my way to the

entrance and exit was guarded. Police guarded each luggage and gasoline truck that loaded and serviced the planes.

As our plane flew back over the Pacific, I began to think of the many freedoms and everyday luxuries we have and enjoy here in the United States. A peace came over me as we landed on U.S. soil.

Do we appreciate all these freedoms? Do we appreciate safe drinking water from the faucets? Do we appreciate sanitation in our city streets? Do we appreciate a clean, bacteria-free napkin in restaurants? Do we thank God for our wonderful America? Do we thank God for the freedom of speech and the freedom of religion?

Yes, yes, and yes!

Jane Jones is an active member of First Church, Fayetteville. She is married and the mother of two grown sons.

A SMILE OR TWO

The little girl walked angrily away from two small boys. One of the boys muttered, "She broke our engagement. She returned my frog."

DANIEL R. GRANT

One Layman's Opinion



An Acute Problem

One of the most alarming developments in the 1970s and 1980s has been

the decline in the competitiveness of America's industrial output. Its implications run far deeper than hurt national pride. The good things that America stands for throughout the world are weakened as our national influence is weakened.

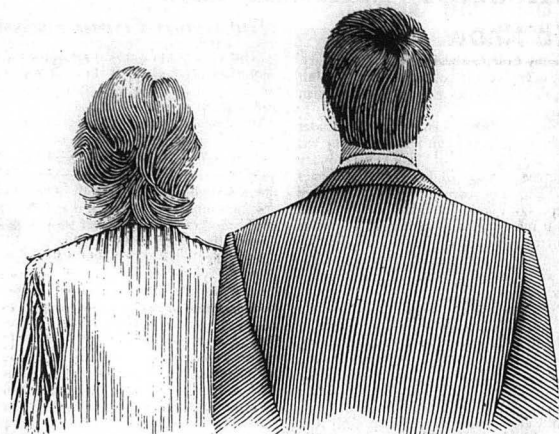
A soon-to-be published book, entitled *Global Competitiveness: Getting the U. S. Back on Track*, reports what some 65 movers and shakers in American business and related fields believes is important in getting our nation back on track. I was surprised but pleased to find education at the top of their list of requisites for reversing America's declining competitiveness.

Their summary report states that education is the single most critical element in enhancing the individual's contribution to our society's competitiveness. It concludes that continuously improving education must become a first priority.

The conference pointed to a particularly acute problem—our failure not only to produce students who are literate and mathematically able before leaving school, but our failure to equip students for an internationally interdependent world. What is to be done about this problem? It requires that we do a better job of teaching math, science, and language—not only our language, but foreign languages; it requires that we significantly upgrade teacher training, find better ways of encouraging students to become innovative and experimental, and teach engineering, science, and technology in such a way that the campus is effectively linked to the factory floor.

As impressive as it is, the report disappointed me in giving the subject of values only a token postscript. It rightly points out that our "standard of living" and our "standard of values" are inseparable. Yet I looked in vain for even a minority opinion that many of the problems of American education today are the result of its steady drift away from its Christian roots. A cut-flower morality for American education and American society would be tragic indeed.

Daniel R. Grant is president of Ouachita Baptist University.



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FIRST PERSON

Missions-Minded Lady

by Irma Duke
SBC Foreign Mission Board

Ruby Coleman was never a missionary. She never went to college or seminary. But she's lived missions as much as any woman I know.

You see, she has been my missions leader from as early as I can remember. She led me through all of Paul's missionary journeys, through all the Scripture passages that had to be learned for Girls' Auxiliary steps. Over and over again, she rehearsed with me the names of the 54 countries where foreign missionaries served at the time (now more than 110). She helped me as we organized a Baptist Young Women's organization.

She has been a Woman's Missionary Union leader in almost every church of which she's been a part; in many cases, she's taken groups that were all but dead and revived them. In Broadus Memorial Baptist Church, Richmond, Va., she's in her fourth term as WMU director and is currently also centennial chairman. Only four women were present at the first WMU meeting she attended at Broadus; interest and attendance was at all time low. Under her leadership, Acteens and Baptist Young Women have been reorganized and two new GA and two new Mission Friends groups have been organized.

But even more than this—she's shown me her love for missions through her life. I've seen her go without pepper on her table because it was too expensive but then

give to the Cooperative Program so that missionaries could have pepper. In her retiring years, I've seen her take birthday and Christmas monetary gifts and give them to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

When our church-sponsored Vietnamese family was awaiting a permanent home, she took them into her two-bedroom apartment. She not only shared her home with the non-English speaking family of five, including a month-old infant, but also showed the mother how to grocery shop, wash clothes, and begin to use English.

I saw her walk a 10-mile hunger walk with the youth of our church to raise money for the starving people in our homeland and overseas. In the group of 25 or so, she was the only senior citizen on that blustery day.

I've seen her get up from her sick bed to prepare meals for others who were sick or who had lost loved ones. On hot summer days she's ridden her three-wheel bicycle dozens of times the three-mile roundtrip to the grocery store. Many times, she's cooked far beyond what she's needed and made "TV dinners" for shut-ins around her.

She's spent hours on posters and audiovisuals for foreign mission studies and for WMU leadership conferences.

I've seen her study diligently for her Sunday School class. Then on Monday, begin preparation for the Bible study she started among her neighbors in the retirement



Ruby Coleman helps a neighbor.

complex where she lives. Several people from her neighborhood have become a part of our church, primarily because of her excitement about her faith.

She's gone to the hospital with persons going to the emergency room who had no one else to hold their hands. She's made phone calls and written letters for others who couldn't do it for themselves. She's organized all kinds of activities for her senior citizens' neighbors to get to know each other and get beyond the loneliness of their apartments.

Recently, I heard her introduced as one of the WMU ladies and I thought to myself, that was probably one of the highest compliments a person could pay her.

No, Ruby Coleman will never be listed on the missionary prayer calendar but she's my mother and one of the most missions-minded persons I know.

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Arkansas can be won for Christ, says Thomas Halsell.

One Heart's Desire

by Mark Kelly

Managing Editor, Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine

Arkansas can be won for Christ. It's not unrealistic at all, according to Thomas Halsell.

Just as the power of the Holy Spirit exploded in the lives of first-century Christians, Arkansas Baptists could be mightily used by God to reach their state for Christ, if only they would give themselves wholeheartedly to the task.

That was the message Halsell, retired executive director of the West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptists, delivered to participants in the Feb. 5 Mission Arkansas Rally at Park Hill Church, North Little Rock.

Halsell, a Little Rock native whose father, W.C. Halsell, started 21 churches in the state, preached the keynote address during the rally, which was planned to promote Church Arkansas, a 12-year plan to start 30 new churches each year before the year 2000.

Looking to the New Testament record of the early church, Halsell warned the assembly that today's congregations must not become, like the Jewish Temple was, "prisons of the gospel." The sole purpose of the church is to spread good news of redemption in Christ Jesus, he declared.

And when the power of God fell on those first "Christians," they began to boldly proclaim the gospel, Halsell observed. Laymen like Stephen and Philip witnessed to salvation in Christ, and when persecution scattered the church, they went everywhere preaching the Word.

"If you and I will do that, people will be saved," Halsell asserted. "If we all had one heart's desire, if we all had one all-embracing vision to see Arkansas saved, it

would happen. It would happen in your community. It would happen in the next community. It would happen every time."

Halsell also noted that Jesus did not issue his Great Commission to the disciples in Jerusalem, but in Galilee. The commission was given to a people who had been freed of the shackles of Judaism so they could "cross every barrier and preach the gospel to all people everywhere," he said.

"Jesus said, 'All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.' That majestic claim includes Arkansas," Halsell declared. "And when Jesus told his disciples to make disciples, they took him seriously and did it."

Arkansas Baptists need to take Jesus just as seriously and busy themselves with the task of starting new churches everywhere, he continued. "If we do what the Lord tells us to do, we will preach the gospel. That's the heart of the church."

Yet, the commission to make disciples of all the nations is not for everybody, Halsell cautioned.

"The cost of the Great Commission is so high, there's no mass appeal," he said to the congregation. "The Great Commission is for people like you, who have turned aside to be here tonight." And despite the fact that every Baptist in Arkansas was not in attendance, the persons present—empowered by God's Spirit—were plenty to reach the state "over and over again," Halsell said.

"Too many churches have said, 'We don't have enough people.' 'We don't have enough time.' 'We don't have enough money.'" Halsell concluded. "But God's grace is the only resource you need. God's grace is sufficient."

LAITY ABROAD

Tentmaking Seminar

A Tentmaking Ministries Seminar will be held at the Mt. Sequoyah Assembly Grounds, 150 NW Skyline Drive in Fayetteville on the evening of Thursday, March 31 from 6:00-10:00 pm.

Tentmaking refers to Christian laypersons pursuing their normal secular careers overseas in order to support themselves in mission work on the side. The term comes from the apostle Paul, who made tents as his occupation in order to support his missionary journeys as recorded in the book of Acts. The importance of such ministries becomes quickly apparent when one considers that, by the year 2000, 80 percent of the world's non-Christians will live in nations that are politically inaccessible to traditional missionaries.

The seminar will feature, among others, Dr. James Cecil, the director of Laity Abroad, a program of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. The seminar will also include small group sessions dealing with opportunities in specific fields such as agriculture, business, education, engineering and the military. A registration fee of \$3 will be charged for advance registration; \$4 at the door. Child care will be provided for children up to five years of age.

For registration or other information, contact Curtis Sergeant at the Baptist Student Union, 944 W. Maple St., Fayetteville; phone 521-4370.



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Arkansas All Over

MILLIE GILL

People

Dan Caldwell has resigned as pastor of Immanuel Church in Fayetteville following more than four years service. He has accepted a call to serve as pastor of First Church in Vian, Okla.

Mark K. Morris has resigned from the staff of Stuttgart First Church to serve as minister of music at Howard Carlisle Church in Panama City, Fla.

Bob Fielding of Newport is serving as bivocational pastor of Alicia Church. He is manager of a Newport restaurant and a student at Southern Baptist College.

Jeff Knowlton is serving as pastor of Cross Roads Church near Blytheville. He formerly served as pastor at Blackwater.

Oscar Coolbaugh is serving as full-time pastor at Old Union Church, Benton, coming there from Dalton, Penn. He has pastored churches for 29 years in Pennsylvania, Missouri, and Iowa.

Robert Parsley will begin serving March 6 as pastor of First Church, Dardanelle. He and his wife family will move there from Prescott, where he is serving as pastor of First Church.

Allen and Sherry Thrasher were named by Gov. Bill Clinton to represent the State of Arkansas Feb. 4 at the 36th annual National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D.C. Thrasher serves as pastor of First Church, Booneville.

Danny Wilson recently observed his third anniversary as minister of youth at Blytheville First Church.

Larry Thomas is serving as pastor of Kibler Church, Van Buren. He received his seminary extension diploma through Dardanelle-Russellville Association and has attended Westark Community College, Garland County Community College, and Ouachita Baptist University. Thomas has pastored churches in Arkansas for 16 years. He and his wife, Patricia, have three children, James, 10; Jeremy, eight; and Rebekah, two.

Mike Harvison is serving Clarksville Second Church as part-time minister of youth, coming there from First Church in Kemmerer, Wyo.

Irby Bryan has resigned as pastor of Altus First Church.

Lee Bennett has resigned as pastor of Graphic Church, Alma.

Sam Hargrave is serving as pastor of York Town Church, Star City. He formerly pastored Bay Street Church in Pine Bluff and has served as associate pastor of Shepherd Hill Church, Pine Bluff. He and his wife, Pat, have two children.

Briefly

Hiwase First Church in Benton County Association will hold its first services Feb. 21. Workers, finances, and guidance are being provided for the new congregation by Bentonville First, Centerton, and Mason Valley churches, the sponsoring congregations.

Park Hill Church in North Little Rock has opened a home on "C" Street to provide additional educational space for single adults. The house also will be used as a hospitality center during major conferences and conventions. Youth of the church have planned a summer mission

trip to Edmonton, Canada, where they will conduct a Vacation Bible School, backyard Bible clubs, a churchwide youth led revival, and sing Christian concerts.

Shepherd Hill Church at Pine Bluff will expand its ministry with a weekly "Mother's Day Out" program that will be launched March 3 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Manila First Church hosted an evening reception Jan. 24, honoring Rev. and Mrs. Henry West prior to his retirement as director of missions for Mississippi County. West preached at the evening worship service, according to Pastor William Piercy.

Markham Street Church in Little Rock is observing "Heart-to-Heart" month with activities which include appreciation days honoring Sunday School workers, Woman's Missionary Union and Royal Ambassador members, deacons, sanctuary choir members and music ministry workers. Visitation and a men's cake baking contest will be included in the observance.

Gosnell Church will celebrate the Centennial Celebration of Woman's Missionary Union Feb. 20-21 with activities which include a breakfast hosted by Pastor and Mrs. William P. Oakley; and recognition services for Woman's Missionary Union leaders and members. Girls in Action, Acteens, and Baptist Women members will present a



Alicia Church recently celebrated its debt-free status with a noteburning service. Participating were (left to right) Kemmel Eldridge, a deacon; Novene Rogers, treasurer; Oscar Woodard, Berlin Taylor, and Joe Whaley, deacons; and Ron Berry, interim pastor.

Sunday evening missions emphasis program. Pattye Oakley serves as WMU director, and LuAnn Yeast, BW president; Youth leaders are Lisa Bigland and Trish Jones, Acteens; Brenda Davis, Dorcia Lucius, Michelle Vaught, Shirley Middleton, Michelle Little, Brenda Davis, Melissa Williams, GA; and Gail Kemper, and Grace Haynic, Mission Friends.

Mountain Home First Church began its observance of the Centennial Celebration of Woman's Missionary Union when Marjorie McCullough, president of WMU, Southern Baptist Convention, was speaker Feb. 7.

Beech Street First Church in Texarkana will host a seminar on "Stress and the Christian Woman" Feb. 19-20. Elizabeth Baker of Mount Pleasant, Texas, will be leader.

Monticello Second Church will observe Baptist Men's Day Feb. 28 to launch "Days of Renewal" that will continue until Easter. Carliss Odom of Little Rock will be speaker.

Hamburg First Church will honor Rev. and Mrs. Klois Hargis Feb. 28 at the morning worship service and with a noon luncheon. Hargis, who served as Hamburg pastor from 1965-73, is now pastor of Tillar Church.

Baring Cross Church in North Little Rock

men assisted with construction work at the North Little Rock Union Rescue Mission Feb. 6.

Little Rock Second Church observed its 104th anniversary Feb. 7 by recognizing its Heritage Club members, those with a membership tenure of 50 years or more. New members receiving certificates were E.R. Guthrie, Hilton Pate, and Madge Richardson. Speaking on one of the church's newest outreach ministries was D.M. Lewis, who serves as chaplain for Little Rock Central Fire Station.

Cabot First Church has planned special services Feb. 28-May 22 on "The Sufficiency of the Grace of God." Areas of discussion will deal with overcoming obstacles, today's youth, family crises, marriage, and raising children. Speakers will include B.J. Sams of Little Rock and Larry and Cheryl Linam of Pittsburgh, Texas. The final service on facing the future will include a special recognition of the high school graduating seniors. Del Medlin is pastor.

South Side Chapel, a mission of Alma First Church, began services Feb. 7. Tom Steward is serving as pastor, going there from the sponsoring church, where he served as minister of youth and activities.

North Park Chapel, a mission of Van Buren First, was constituted as a church Jan. 3. Ordained ministers and deacons from churches in Clear Creek Association formed the council. Those on program were Stanley Daniel, pastor of the sponsoring church; George Domerese, director of missions for Clear Creek Association; Lewis Ballard, Pastor Murl Walker; Mike Jones, music director; and Jimmie Sheffield, associate executive director of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

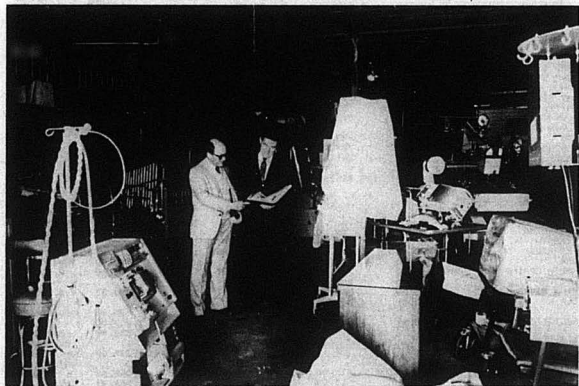
Crystal Hill Church in Little Rock will ordain Gary Almquist, Terry Bryant, Larry Carter, J.R. Dodson, Jeff Haley, Tommy Hammett, Donnie Holdcraft, Jimmy Ramsey, James Rogers, and Monroe Smith to the deacon ministry Feb. 28. Don Hook, a former pastor, will be speaker.

Gum Springs Church at Siloam Springs is sponsoring a Tuesday evening extension Sunday School class in the Robinson Community.

Searcy First Church recently observed the fifth anniversary of Sidney Jackson, minister of education and youth, with an old-fashioned pounding.

Heber Springs First Church sponsored a Christian Awareness and Prevention Conference Feb. 14. Robert Parker, director of the Christian Life Council of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, was leader.

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Arkansas evangelist Jack Hazlewood and Little Rock businessman Shelby Gathright look over \$250,000 worth of medical equipment and supplies shipped to Korea in January for the new Shin Heung Hospital and Retirement Center in Dongbuchon, Korea. The Jack Hazlewood Evangelistic Association collected the equipment, donated by hospitals, doctors, and individuals in Arkansas and Tennessee, for the hospital, which was built with funding from the South Korean government. The hospital, scheduled to open Feb. 1, is reportedly the first retirement facility in the country, which has a strong tradition of families caring for their elderly persons.

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CHURCHES	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM	DESTINATED GIFTS	CHURCHES	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM	DESTINATED GIFTS	CHURCHES	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM	DESTINATED GIFTS
STATE AT LARGE								
INDIVIDUAL RECEIPTS	589.75	8,386.33	CORINTH	1,547.38	159.82	NEW HOPE #2, HARDY	1,565.81	835.73
ARN BAPTIST FNDN	36,373.49	152,727.69	EAGLE LAKE	1,278.94	183.00	NEUMONT 1ST	45,507.76	6,052.27
B CHATHAM, MEM.			EBENEZER	2,425.98	568.80	OLD WALNUT RIDGE	777.74	825.00
MUBER L DRUMRIGHT,			ENON	4,034.17	818.80	PITTS	225.72	42.93
WNU CONTRIBUTIONS	1,104.96	22,410.37	EVANCE	2,778.57	132.00	PRINCE OF PEACE	1,129.00	375.00
WNU CONTRIBUTIONS			HERMITAGE	5,542.37	277.26	SEBOWICK	686.26	417.25
BROTHERHOOD			IMMANUEL, WARREN	27,882.23	8,313.47	SMITHVILLE	3,485.88	836.51
UNITY BAPTIST CHURCH	208.13	22,30.10	MARSHALL	75.00	225.00	SPRING LAKE	2,308.56	1,058.39
CLARKSVILLE 1ST	33,175.10	9,186.88	MACEONIDA	1,404.74	860.00	SWIFTON	3,928.41	962.61
MT OLIVE, DISBANDED			MONTICELLO 1ST	42,634.70	9,264.28	TUCKERMAN 1ST	2,250.00	2,141.00
MT PLEASANT, INACTIV			NO SIDR, MONTICELLO	9,301.54	2,386.92	WALNUT RIDGE 1ST	333.97	100.00
BERIHOOD, INACTIV			ONTELEO 1ST	365.94	25.00	WHITE OAK	350.00	450.00
VANDERBILT AVE, INAC			PLEASANT GROVE	216.42	378.78	WILKINSON, WAL RIDGE	948.17	847.38
ROLLING HILLS	6,893.53	6,267.87	RAEBLE GROVE	2,071.70	350.00	CROSSROADS CHURCH	870.00	504.85
TEMPLE, W. MEMPHIS			SALINE	184.73		WIRTH EVANGELISTICAL		
NEW LIFE	5,681.72	200.00	SELMA	3,463.33	1,000.00	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	126,793.47	41,504.81
CLARKSV. ASHOM-IN			UNION HILL	50,912.67	13,473.71	BUCKNER		
OPEN DOOR MBSN-INAC		50.00	WEST RIDE, WARREN	5,132.45	840.34	BUCKNER ABBN		
THE SUNDAY SCHOOL			WILBARD	2,623.26	3,168.08	BATES	451.24	200.00
NEW LIBERTY SO			SOUTHWEST	1,280.56		CALVARY, BOONEVILLE	546.73	160.85
COMMUNITY CHAPEL		111.00	SOUTHVIEW	224.88		CEDAR CREEK	322.64	125.00
HORACE OR HELEN AEL		500.00	CALVARY SOUTHERN	6,208.00		CLARKS CHAPEL	180.00	
F A DR JOAN CHRONS		1,000.00	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	172,780.81	43,478.25	DAYTON	1,926.00	454.13
2 J CUTNER		700.00	BENTON COUNTY			DEWITT		
TOWN & COUNTRY MOTO		800.00	BENTON ABBN			EVINGEN BRDGE	813.26	25.00
APPLEWOOD BAPTIST C		100.00	BELLA VISTA	56,140.76	21,029.57	FELLOWSHIP	3,145.20	2,347.83
UNITY BAPTIST CHURCH		100.00	BENTONVILLE 1ST	45,647.39	26,019.07	FRIENDSHIP		141.18
MT VERNON FIRST BAPT		100.00	BENTONVILLE 2ND	13,125.32	2,807.07	HARTFORD 1ST	12,779.10	2,302.00
NR & MRS JAMES D. B		4,850.00	CALVARY BAPTIST MIS	1,956.59	78.00	HOM CREEK	680.36	150.00
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	84,026.74	280,849.81	DECATUR 1ST	9,137.71	3,487.33	HUNTINGTON 1ST	499.87	265.01
ARKANSAS VALLEY								
ARKANSAS VALLEY ABBN	176.56		DECATUR 2ND	3,466.78	1,327.88	LONG		
BRINKLEY 1ST	44,162.84	16,965.67	ENTERY 1ST	3,752.78	8,425.79	JAMES FORK	4,381.06	2,210.01
CLARENDON 1ST	7,446.08	2,487.48	GRAVETTE 1ST	3,628.00	2,487.10	LONG RIDGE	1,869.79	1,652.00
ELMINE	16,705.37	1,603.68	SUM SPRINGS	2,043.82	2,043.82	NEW PROVIDENCE	786.60	100.00
FRIENDSHIP	1,670.50	315.00	HARVARD AVE, SILDOM	11,612.71	4,350.01	PEASANT GROVE #1	686.26	350.50
HELENA 1ST	20,035.30	3,652.44	HIGHLIFF 1ST	5,361.25	4,245.26	PEASANT GROVE #2	1,634.44	178.25
HURKES 1ST	11,028.33	8,598.13	IMMANUEL, ROGERS	4,316.64	7,383.86	ROCK CREEK	1,386.10	350.00
LAWBROOK 1ST	154.96	44.60	LAKEVIEW	2,328.84	2,234.69	TEMPLE, WALDRON	1,347.54	150.59
LEAR	4,841.45	3,666.68	LOMELL	838.76	973.24	UNION HOPE	65.00	50.00
MARIANNA 1ST	21,992.54	8,201.70	MASON VALLEY	1,082.42	1,082.42	UNITY	290.94	117.00
MARVELL 1ST	13,785.21	1,300.79	MONTE NE	2,336.47	80.58	UNION 1ST	28,905.33	5,633.89
MORRICE	180.00	280.00	OPEN DOOR	2,600.00	1,301.60	WEST HARTFORD	1,445.66	1,028.19
MORO	3,600.00	1,733.07	PAW STREET, BENTON			WINFIELD	1,301.05	93.00
NORTH SIDE, HELENA	609.53	25.00	PEA RIDGE 1ST	18,231.78	2,651.65	SOUTHWIDE, WALDRON	1,197.12	100.00
PETTY'S CHAPEL	397.63	32.00	PLEASANT HILL	314.71	304.96	BOLES CHURCH	444.20	100.00
ROCK LINE			ROGERS 1ST	92,188.04	12,207.64	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	88,424.49	24,486.99
TURNER	1,699.53	676.11	SILDOM SPRINGS 1ST	62,946.67	30,023.01	BUCKVILLE		
WEST HELENA	6,858.87	8,546.23	SUNNY SIDE	723.75	521.13	BUCKVILLE ABBN		
WEST HELENA END	10,009.93	644.53	TRINITY, ROGERS	909.31	311.00	ROCK SPRINGS	1,381.39	113.45
BROADBOND	4,208.00	2,853.56	TRULVE CORNERS	894.68	517.80	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	1,381.39	113.45
IMMANUEL, ELAINE	1,361.82	137.69	W-DON HILLS	1,696.86	275.60	CADDO RIVER		
HOLLY GROVE 1ST SOU	755.68	58.00	WATKINS	6,290.71	1,794.00	CONCORD		
BETHEL	222.75		LAKESIDE	1,554.60	851.43	CADDO RIVER ABBN	90.00	50.00
WEST ACRES BAPTIST	640.44	90.00	CHARITY SOUTHERN BR			BLACK SPRINGS	312.24	
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	194,217.70	62,444.94	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	424,296.20	139,365.55	CADDO BRP	132.00	100.00
ASHLEY COUNTY								
ASHLEY CO ABBN			BIG CREEK			CADDO RIVER 1ST		
CALVARY, CROSSBET			BIG CREEK ABBN			CLARK RIVER ABBN		
CORINTH	3,130.48	1,299.63	COUNTY LINE	52.00	85.00	BLACK SPRINGS		
CROSSBET 1ST	160,412.62	22,018.59	ELIZABETH	260.00	433.82	CADDO BRP	192.00	100.00
CROSSBET 2ND	945.93	108.00	ENTERPRISE	275.00	125.00	CLARKWOOD 1ST	13,294.48	2,928.85
EZEN	2,634.14	650.21	FLORA	110.00		HILL BAPTIST		
FELLOWSHIP	600.00	70.20	MAMOTH SPRING	282.00	80.00	LIBERTY	4,203.57	8,505.45
FOUNTAIN HILL 1ST	650.00	593.42	MT. ZION	127.50	127.50	LAKESHORE		
GARDNER	4,642.00	1,144.84	SPRING RIVER	585.00	563.79	LITTLE HOPE	435.14	356.00
HAMBURG 1ST	33,326.28	6,686.23	VILDA	1,492.01	1,083.93	MT BILEAD	1,807.00	
JARVIS CHAPEL	1,245.05	126.15	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	3,213.51	2,691.50	MT IDA 1ST	12,052.49	3,863.21
MARION 1A	18,263.72	3,129.50	BLACK RIVER			MURPHY		
MARTINVILLE	2,076.53	35.61	BLACK RIVER ABBN			NORMAN 1ST	1,395.00	756.24
MEDFORD	6,129.00	1,045.00	CLICIA BAPTIST CHUR	857.34	472.00	OK GROVE		
MT OLIVE	37,665.35	4,932.14	AMSON	340.00	1,888.97	OSK 1ST	3,068.56	520.34
MT PLEASANT	2,793.79	765.36	BLACK ROCK 1ST	254.76		PENCIL BLUFF	1,831.34	1,811.39
MONTICELLO 1ST	9,479.66	5,026.50	CAMPBELL STATION	737.71	311.66	REFUGE	225.72	301.21
SHILOH	607.65	860.81	CLARK SPRINGS	60.00		SALUDA SPRINGS		496.30
TERRELL	3,467.53	6,381.63	CLEAR CREEK	615.64	682.83	SIB FORD BAPTIST CH	130.00	85.00
PLEASANT LAKE	824.91	474.17	COLLEGE CITY	2,698.62	488.00	UNITY 2ND BAPT C	276.63	80.00
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	291,144.93	55,310.60	DIAZ	2,698.62	1,032.60	COMMUNITY BIBLE CHU		
BARTHOLDREW								
BARTHOLDREW ABBN			GRUBBS 1ST	1,663.64		ASSOCIATION TOTALS	41,154.07	20,053.99
HARTHOOD	466.82	147.80	HORSHOE	74.50		CALVARY		
CONKINTO	1,322.00		HOXIE 1ST	3,176.05	1,367.43	CALVARY ABBN		
BATHOLMEW								
BATHOLMEW ABBN			IMMORON 1ST	8,972.57	3,438.15	ANTILLO	794.00	1,375.00
JACKSONPORT			IMMANUEL, NEWPORT	4,860.00	2,834.74	DAUBITA 1ST	14,216.09	6,823.29
NEW HOPE #1, SMITHV			JACKSONPORT	2,833.97	518.30			
			MURPHY'S CORNER	800.50	250.00			
			NEW HOPE #1, SMITHV	2,300.72	230.72			

CHURCHES	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM	DESIGNATED GIFTS	CHURCHES	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM	DESIGNATED GIFTS	CHURCHES	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM	DESIGNATED GIFTS
KEENE 1ST	25,777.80	7,228.09	EAST SIDE, DEMITT- SILBETT 1ST	1,795.00	671.14	EAST SIDE, FT SMITH ENTERPRISE, INACTIVE	108,113.19	17,685.22
BETHANY	903.63	62.72	HAGLER	84.80	82.96	EXCELSIOR	2,586.85	326.00
CANTON, BLDG KNOB	25,025.89	14,468.43	ST CHERY MAPLE, STUTTS REYDELL	1,061.47	807.12	FORY SMITH 1ST	135,225.42	69,477.23
CANTON PLANT 1ST	3,239.30	150.00	SOUTH SIDE, STUTTBA GRANDVIEW	8,576.94	633.76	GLENDALE	4,438.57	794.60
CROSSBY	1,186.00		STUTTBART 1ST	65,730.25	27,963.37	GRANDVIEW, FT SMITH	211,823.59	76,462.10
EL PRADO	585.13	768.00	TICHO	60.00	180.00	GREENWOOD 1ST	43,319.09	10,873.24
ELM GROVE	2,000.00	2,443.83	TRINITY	81.18	1,006.27	HACKETT 1ST	1,941.48	140.69
GREGORY	384.42	320.00	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	121,726.33	49,492.34	HARVON	10,000.00	6,261.51
GREENFIELLSVILLE 1ST	1,463.83	705.87	CENTRAL			HIGHWAY 96 1ST	278.39	11.40
HIGGINSON	3,546.70	1,702.87	CENTRAL ARSN BENTON 1ST	82,068.91	33,148.83	IMMUNEL, FT SMITH	29,041.08	5,260.78
HUNTER 1ST	2,321.17	242.00	BUIE	604.47	140.46	JERRY WOOD 1ST	1,214.79	153.30
KENNETT 1ST	3,523.43	11,324.17	CALVARY, BENTON	16,404.47	4,234.96	LAUREL	1,858.83	13,299.22
KENNETT 1ST	4,421.00	1,332.90	CALVARY, MT SPRING	23,631.34	8,946.92	MACGRIFF 1ST	1,428.27	1,033.20
LIBERTY	851.66	456.00	GILEAD	429.74	20.00	MAGNINE 1ST	5,428.27	1,123.50
MCCORMY 1ST	8,211.82	5,296.69	GRANDEL HILL	2,863.49	78.00	MEMORIAL	1,214.79	1,033.20
MICRINE 1ST	4,251.29	1,400.15	HIGHLAND HEIGHTS	26,097.01	9,428.87	NIXON	355.82	79.00
MIDWAY	737.00	128.00	HILLDALE, ALEXANDER MT SPRING FIRST	1,277.00	101.63	MT HARADNY	214.06	214.06
MORROW, DISBANDED			MT SPRING 2ND	109,292.53	26,842.90	MT HARADNY	1,939.79	697.23
MURKIN	3,931.36	536.25	HURRICANE LAKE	5,510.80	1,136.56	NEW HOPE	7,852.81	2,373.92
MURKIN 2ND	5,374.91	710.44	CHURCH HILTON	4,492.05	1,327.83	NORTH SIDE, CHARLEST	1,845.13	369.63
NORTH 1ST	3,239.94	194.17	LAKESHORE HEIGHTS	9,887.07	10,257.96	NORTH SIDE, FT SMITH OK CLIFFS	23,679.63	8,627.34
PLEASANT GROVE	2,119.91	1,068.64	LAKESIDE	10,925.40	4,473.62	PALESTINE	857.90	348.88
PLEASANT VALLEY	751.09	155.18	LAUREL HILL	2,863.49	78.00	PARIS 1ST	20,235.35	8,042.85
PLYMOUTH GROVE	110.00	50.00	LINDSAY	543.74	7,113.36	PHOENIX VILLAGE	2,041.59	1,161.50
ROCKY POINT	1,334.25	410.56	MILVERN SPR	22,306.11	1,118.92	PINE LODGE	78.92	549.28
ROSE BUD	4,739.97	1,927.20	MORROW	1,277.00	101.63	RATLIFF 1ST	2,355.20	752.41
ROSE BUD 2ND	80,251.64	23,249.06	MURKIN	1,277.00	101.63	ROSELVILLE	6,720.00	71.00
SEARCY 2ND	904.43	2,016.57	NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	RYE HILL	20,787.46	3,408.11
TEMPLE, SEARCY	11,191.05	1,320.25	NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	SOUTH SIDE, BOONEVILLE	6,355.61	1,463.15
TEMPLE, SEARCY	4,374.98	4,604.24	NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	SOUTH SIDE, FT SMITH	2,521.45	6,289.72
TULPELO 1ST	3,378.50	1,297.05	NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	SPRINGDALE	9,044.00	2,671.80
UNION VALLEY	1,851.48	535.00	NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	TEMPLE, FT SMITH	1,000.00	1,000.00
WINDY POINT	1,257.57	120.90	NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	TRINITY, FT. SMITH	11,012.13	6,375.34
UNION VALLEY	9,452.54	1,840.58	NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	UNION HALL	100.00	100.00
ROYAL HILL	324.79	90.00	NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	VESTA	20,235.35	8,042.85
SEARCY 1ST	198.50	75.00	NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	WINDSOR PARK	1,211.12	2,325.49
NEW MORROW	198.50	75.00	NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	WOLFEY MISSION	1,158.33	2,404.10
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	253,631.99	96,915.08	NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	WESTSIDE	2,355.20	752.41
CAREY			NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	WINDSOR PARK	1,211.12	2,325.49
CAREY ARSN			NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	WINDSOR PARK	1,211.12	2,325.49
BEARDEN 1ST	8,394.47	2,498.87	NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	WINDSOR PARK	1,211.12	2,325.49
BEARDEN 2ND	673.64	320.49	NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	WINDSOR PARK	1,211.12	2,325.49
CALVARY, CARMEN	15,520.23	3,166.72	NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	WINDSOR PARK	1,211.12	2,325.49
EARLE HILLS	2,321.77	80.00	NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	WINDSOR PARK	1,211.12	2,325.49
ELM GROVE	1,165.94	165.90	NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	WINDSOR PARK	1,211.12	2,325.49
FORDYCE 1ST	4,678.22	21,907.01	NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	WINDSOR PARK	1,211.12	2,325.49
HAMPTON 1ST	11,387.19	2,107.06	NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	WINDSOR PARK	1,211.12	2,325.49
HARDY GROVE	501.95	100.00	NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	WINDSOR PARK	1,211.12	2,325.49
HOLLY SPRINGS	1,249.00	100.00	NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	WINDSOR PARK	1,211.12	2,325.49
MANNING	2,233.05	408.30	NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	WINDSOR PARK	1,211.12	2,325.49
MOUNTAIN VIEW	2,070.89	812.00	NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	WINDSOR PARK	1,211.12	2,325.49
QUICHTA	1,311.00	1,050.00	NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	WINDSOR PARK	1,211.12	2,325.49
PROSPERITY	1,221.67	1,050.00	NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	WINDSOR PARK	1,211.12	2,325.49
SHADY GROVE	335.38	660.24	NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	WINDSOR PARK	1,211.12	2,325.49
SOUTH SIDE, FORDYCE	1,913.81	824.80	NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	WINDSOR PARK	1,211.12	2,325.49
SPRINGHORN 1ST	15,906.12	23,163.00	NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	WINDSOR PARK	1,211.12	2,325.49
SPRINGHORN 1ST	2,508.47	159.66	NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	WINDSOR PARK	1,211.12	2,325.49
TINSPAN 1ST	260.00	380.00	NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	WINDSOR PARK	1,211.12	2,325.49
TULIP MEMORIAL	588.86		NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	WINDSOR PARK	1,211.12	2,325.49
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	115,821.97	57,627.43	NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	WINDSOR PARK	1,211.12	2,325.49
CAROLINE			NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	WINDSOR PARK	1,211.12	2,325.49
CAROLINE ARSN			NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	WINDSOR PARK	1,211.12	2,325.49
AUSTIN STATION	8,595.00	884.21	NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	WINDSOR PARK	1,211.12	2,325.49
BENTON CHAPEL	2,938.72	761.50	NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	WINDSOR PARK	1,211.12	2,325.49
BISCONE 1ST	4,258.32	1,156.59	NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	WINDSOR PARK	1,211.12	2,325.49
BROWNVILLE 1ST	1,503.39	247.64	NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	WINDSOR PARK	1,211.12	2,325.49
CADOT 1ST	420.90	1,664.87	NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	WINDSOR PARK	1,211.12	2,325.49
CADOT 2ND	1,425.00	676.60	NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	WINDSOR PARK	1,211.12	2,325.49
CARNEY CREEK	1,060.14	401.01	NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	WINDSOR PARK	1,211.12	2,325.49
CHAMBERS, DISBANDED	28.00	3,239.89	NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	WINDSOR PARK	1,211.12	2,325.49
COCKLEBUR	1,821.20	165.00	NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	WINDSOR PARK	1,211.12	2,325.49
CY	1,169.69	950.21	NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	WINDSOR PARK	1,211.12	2,325.49
CROSS RDS	27,074.51	5,859.40	NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	WINDSOR PARK	1,211.12	2,325.49
DEB ARC 1ST	2,788.64	560.32	NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	WINDSOR PARK	1,211.12	2,325.49
DELLS BLUFF 1ST	2,788.64	560.32	NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	WINDSOR PARK	1,211.12	2,325.49
ENGLAND 1ST	25,126.79	5,017.49	NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	WINDSOR PARK	1,211.12	2,325.49
HIGHLIN 1ST	17,683.10	4,160.84	NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	WINDSOR PARK	1,211.12	2,325.49
HIGHLIN 1ST	763.33		NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	WINDSOR PARK	1,211.12	2,325.49
IMMUNEL, CARLISLE	3,197.70	1,198.46	NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	WINDSOR PARK	1,211.12	2,325.49
KED	3,991.58	30,975.56	NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	WINDSOR PARK	1,211.12	2,325.49
LONKOE	2,938.72	5,633.25	NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	WINDSOR PARK	1,211.12	2,325.49
MT CARPEL	2,736.68	9,338.18	NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	WINDSOR PARK	1,211.12	2,325.49
MTN SPRINGS	6,016.06	6,530.00	NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	WINDSOR PARK	1,211.12	2,325.49
NEW HOPE	2,003.35	13.70	NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	WINDSOR PARK	1,211.12	2,325.49
OK GROVE	1,006.41	308.80	NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	WINDSOR PARK	1,211.12	2,325.49
OK GROVE	7,545.22	1,105.86	NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	WINDSOR PARK	1,211.12	2,325.49
OLD AUSTIN	3,701.69	973.31	NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	WINDSOR PARK	1,211.12	2,325.49
PLEASANT HILL	1,533.21	1,675.00	NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	WINDSOR PARK	1,211.12	2,325.49
STEEL BRIDGE	3,513.71	30,949.49	NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	WINDSOR PARK	1,211.12	2,325.49
WARD 1ST	15,089.71	8,203.42	NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	WINDSOR PARK	1,211.12	2,325.49
WATTENBACH	4,403.23	156.00	NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	WINDSOR PARK	1,211.12	2,325.49
SOUTH BEND	1,487.45	82.56	NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	WINDSOR PARK	1,211.12	2,325.49
CALVARY, WARD	3,070.73	360.39	NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	WINDSOR PARK	1,211.12	2,325.49
ROBERTSON MEM BAPTIS	356.36		NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	WINDSOR PARK	1,211.12	2,325.49
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	270,612.25	96,532.85	NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	WINDSOR PARK	1,211.12	2,325.49
CENTENIAL			NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	WINDSOR PARK	1,211.12	2,325.49
CENTENIAL ARSN			NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	WINDSOR PARK	1,211.12	2,325.49
BENTON 1ST	2,232.52	1,292.41	NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	WINDSOR PARK	1,211.12	2,325.49
ALMA 1ST	20,023.00	5,847.25	NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	WINDSOR PARK	1,211.12	2,325.49
DEWITT 1ST	15,902.34	9,442.41	NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	WINDSOR PARK	1,211.12	2,325.49
EAST SIDE, DEMITT- SILBETT 1ST	1,795.00	671.14	NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	WINDSOR PARK	1,211.12	2,325.49
HAGLER	84.80	82.96	NEW HOPE	9,887.07	10,257.96	WINDSOR PARK	1,211.12	2,325.49
ST CHERY MAPLE, STUTTS REYDELL	1,061.47	807.12	NEW HOPE	9,887.				

CHURCHES	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM	DESIGNATED GIFTS	CHURCHES	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM	DESIGNATED GIFTS	CHURCHES	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM	DESIGNATED GIFTS
DARDANELLE-RUSSELLVILLE			GREENE COUNTY			BLAND		
RUSSELLVILLE 1ST	94,172.43	24,507.73	GREENE ABBY			BLAND	995.00	764.00
SCRANTON 1ST	3,402.84	686.12	ALEXANDER	5,310.69	354.00	BLACK R. ROCK	1,839.19	1,077.85
W. SHARME	4,032.44	750.00	SECOYIA GROVE			WEST, BATESVILLE	33,995.07	9,845.71
ARK RIVER VALLEY AB		1,260.46	BETH STATION			WHITE RIVER	1,860.15	486.40
ATKINS 1ST	6,417.84	1,268.00	BIG CREEK	110.00	380.00	REARBY	1,496.44	1,059.13
BAKING CREEK	840.00	261.00	BIRCH CREEK, DISBANED			NEMARK SOUTHERN	4,981.07	962.75
BLUFFTON	570.23	21.00	BROWN'S CHAPEL	8,393.97	7,103.41	FELLSHOP	2,139.68	885.00
CENTREVILLE	450.30	43.90	BROWN'S PARROQUO	5,009.84	1,933.00	STRADWAY 50	1,632.50	
DRAWVILLE 1ST	18,154.86	10,514.86	BUCKINGHAM 1ST	1,400.00	1,477.95	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	175,408.99	56,141.70
DARDANELLE 1ST	28,489.89	4,241.78	CLARKS CHAPEL	940.00	1,238.13			
DOVER	9,778.21	4,036.32	DELAPOINE	663.38	1,288.92			
ERST POINT	1,874.68	614.63	DEWITT, PARROQUO	24,387.84	7,051.85			
FIRM PARK	352.47	158.00	FAIRVIEW	169.03	35.00			
GRACE MEMORIAL	335.32	109.01	FINCH	2,397.45	413.90			
HAVANA	2,563.70	3,484.09	FORTUNE	1,237.00				
HECTOR 1ST	704.35	221.47	IMMANUEL, PARROQUO	11,171.19	1,354.78			
IMMANUEL, RUSSELV-1918	2,255.50	681.50	LAKE ST, PARROQUO	160.00	100.00			
JACKSON	2,499.76	613.00	LAKE ST, PARROQUO	2,901.45	300.00			
KNOXVILLE	1,852.85	606.00	LIGHT	1,794.58	1,143.80			
KNOXLAND 1ST	460.00	300.00	MARSHDAKE 1ST	11,307.60	1,762.82			
LONDON 1ST	1,610.44	326.48	NEW FRIENDSHIP	1,030.00	736.70			
OLA 1ST	7,505.76	2,689.41	NEW LIFE	327.38	98.50			
PLANTVIEW 1ST	1,883.99	1,689.00	NUTTS CHAPEL	580.09	365.00			
PLEASANT VIEW	333.82	22.75	OK GROVE	1,534.25	305.39			
POTTSVILLE	1,978.85	920.60	PARROQUO 1ST	61,166.66	15,902.35			
ROVER	976.70	283.00	PLEASANT VALLEY	476.41	696.86			
RUSSELLVILLE END	32,434.47	7,506.56	ROBBS CHAPEL	440.00	390.00			
STONEMILL, DRAWVILLE-C	850.07	372.53	ROSEBANK	2,069.89	310.28			
CALWAY, DARDANELLE			STANFORD	1,535.76	495.14			
DARDANELLE 2ND BAPT	1,619.97		STONEWALL, DISBANED					
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	229,516.03	78,979.86	THURGOOD, PARROQUO	510.00	745.52			
DELTA			HARMONY			LIBERTY		
DELTA ABBY		75.19	HARMONY ABBY			LIBERTY ABBY		
ARKANSAS CITY	8,350.10	2,877.91	ALTHEIMER 1ST	3,345.23	2,367.09	FAIRVIEW, CLONDIS	333.00	52.00
ALBANY			ANDERSON CHAPEL	6,109.00		CLAYTON 1ST	250.00	1,236.84
BEYOND WAGON	3,570.22	1,307.47	BETHEL	130.54		CLAYTON 2ND	5,068.99	879.15
BELLAREE	10,791.47	4,709.56	CENTENNIAL			CHAMEN 2ND	56,532.35	22,357.33
BOYDELL			CENTRAL PINE BLUFF	6,948.66	1,347.49	CHIDESTER	645.83	2,025.00
CHICKSBORN	574.17	184.00	DOLLARAY	7,850.69	1,442.94	CHIDE RAINS		
COLLINS	2,622.32	500.00	DOUGLAS	331.00	300.00	CHILLENWALD 1ST	41,955.56	10,644.28
DRAWELL CHAPEL	75.00	75.00	DUMPS	32,990.00	1,767.00	ERST MORN, EL DORADO	31,103.78	9,378.48
DEWITT	1,020.33	2,785.38	EAST SIDE, PINE BLUFF	6,772.46	1,983.95	EBENEZER	10,284.01	6,280.50
EDDORA	22,747.00	4,087.29	EVERGREEN	330.00		EL DORADO END	51,778.20	16,053.20
GRIMES	336.70	349.70	FARROW PARK	11,215.61	5,678.67	ELLIOTT	11,063.40	1,480.14
JACKSON	739.40	40.70	GALD 1ST	3,207.29	1,148.00	FELLSHOP	1,165.00	
JEROME	2,650.29	1,699.90	GRAND ISL	727.89	1,495.80	GALILEE	1,417.19	797.01
LAKE VILLAGE	5,694.68	3,479.02	GREENHEADS	13,906.63	3,869.28	GRACE	6,789.65	3,309.30
MARTIN			HARDIN	12,309.30	4,855.09	HARNEY	3,498.03	4,700.00
MCCHEE 1ST	36,498.90	7,937.68	HICKORY GROVE	1,000.00	100.00	EL DORADO 2ND	108,395.08	86,896.70
MONTROSE	3,429.60	910.16	HUMPHREY	3,008.86	797.06	EL DORADO 3RD	51,778.20	16,053.20
NEW HOPE	4,953.39	973.57	IMMANUEL, PINE BLUFF	47,891.27	21,158.56	EL DORADO 4TH	10,284.01	6,280.50
NORTH SIDE, EDDORA	1,384.80	815.00	KINGSBOND	1,618.10	1,618.10	EL DORADO 5TH	83,512.03	4,517.00
ONONA	1,160.00	150.00	LEINWOOD	2,200.83	6,778.73	EL DORADO 6TH	12,275.64	872.46
PARADISE	175.00		MATTHEWS MEMORIAL	27,436.25	6,806.10	JUNCTION CITY 1ST	5,934.09	3,109.88
PORTLAND	6,444.29	2,334.80	NORTHSIDE, STAR CITY	373.00	25.00	KNOXVILLE	1,545.00	1,545.00
PRINCHARD	329.32	476.63	OK GROVE	1,797.53	185.00	LAPILE	1,013.16	100.00
SHILOH	298.11	1,161.96	CLARD ROAD CHAPEL	3,916.12	569.48	LAWSON	4,005.76	732.66
SOUTH MCCHEE	4,822.96	333.00	PINE BLUFF 1ST	91,887.76	20,276.31	LIBERTY	1,192.40	1,192.40
TEMPLE, DEWITT	4,225.00	695.00	PINE BLUFF 2ND	6,548.24	4,384.85	LOURAIN	2,392.17	318.62
TILLAR 1ST	2,836.88	695.00	PLAIN BAR	850.43	351.17	MAPLE AVE, SHACKLE	17,274.21	2,347.96
WATSON	2,291.41	223.10	RISON	7,057.03	6,383.53	MARSHALL HILL	15,082.45	2,885.00
WILMOT	7,485.24	3,002.67	SHANNON ROAD	3,546.02	1,275.00	MIDWAY	1,409.00	
HALLEY	1,429.12	150.00	STAR CITY 1ST	28,336.14	10,509.47	NEW LONDON	2,507.62	
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	149,423.42	42,568.08	WABBEKA, INACTIVE	61,535.32	7,786.57	NOBLES 1ST	15,082.45	7,249.06
FALKNER COUNTY			INDEPENDENCE			NORTH LONDON		
FALKNER CO ABBY			INDEPENDENCE ABBY			PHILADELPHIA	8,837.00	1,925.00
BERYL	6,693.57	2,040.34	BATEVILLE 1ST	48,805.20	13,235.68	SALEN	2,858.00	1,562.35
BOND	585.52	110.00	CLAYTON, BATESVILLE	30,725.49	9,719.39	SHACKNOR 1ST	40,948.40	10,329.48
BURLEY	2,373.78	1,036.28	CALWAY, TIMBO	1,695.97	1,122.88	SOUTH SIDE, EL DORADO	3,472.99	879.77
CADRON RIDGE	4,172.91	2,289.86	CARD	6,709.73	2,776.00	STEPHENSON 1ST	20,512.03	4,517.00
CADRON 1ST	79,276.08	37,936.48	CHICKSBORN	149.00		STRONG 1ST	19,251.23	6,666.76
CONARY END	37,297.10	5,450.07	DESHA 1ST	3,811.67	685.28	SYLVAN HILLS	960.00	50.00
CONARY 2ND, CONARY	1,607.30	170.00	DEWITT, CRVE CITY	3,054.74	3,377.55	TEMPLE, CONCORD	6,629.03	
MT ZION	547.87	337.00	EMERALD, BATESVILLE	3,164.95	2,352.62	TEMPLE, EL DORADO	1,584.77	425.47
FRIENDSHIP	5,762.39	179.73	FLORAL	3,026.95	2,375.52	THREE CREEKS	8,897.71	3,760.78
HARLAN HOLLOW	27,091.16	2,588.22	MARCELLA	845.18	300.00	TRINITY, EL DORADO	10,604.21	3,245.88
HARLAN PARK	20,486.57	3,668.05	MCALPIN VIEW 1ST	1,170.27	1,170.27	UNION GROVE	10,948.00	3,676.00
HARMONY	1,921.13	222.74	MT ZION	3,352.17	3,352.17	URBANA 1ST	1,146.15	499.00
HAYLAND	3,239.89	588.00	NORTHSIDE, BATEVILLE	1,993.12	329.85	VICTORY	2,685.21	464.41
MYFLOWER 1ST	5,284.78	1,387.77	OK GROVE	1,237.00	79.00	WILLIAMSBURG	4,133.63	4,133.63
MT VERNON	3,411.81	1,243.69	PINE BLUFF 1ST	91,887.76	20,276.31	WEST SIDE, EL DORADO	18,463.96	5,166.06
NEW BETHEL	997.11	100.00	PLAIN BAR	850.43	351.17	WHITE CITY	160.00	127.95
OK BOMBAY	4,681.87	537.43	RISON	7,057.03	6,383.53	READER 1ST		
PLEASANT GROVE	27,091.17	7,265.03	SHANNON ROAD	3,546.02	1,275.00	TRINITY NO BAPTIST		
SOUTH SIDE, SHARCBUS	5,395.66	4,414.86	STAR CITY 1ST	28,336.14	10,509.47	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	669,957.07	291,690.65
WATERBURY 1ST	2,342.98	2,342.98	WABBEKA, INACTIVE	61,535.32	7,786.57			
SALTILLO HEIGHTS	1,142.77	416.76	WABBEKA SPRINGS	5,875.00	1,681.00			
WATERBURY FIRST	288.00	288.00	YORKTOWN 1ST	2,383.92	604.00			
NEW HOPE BAPTIST CH	3,825.33	335.60	YORKTOWN FIRST SOUT	3,157.16	1,000.00			
WELNEY HILL BAPTIST	954.57	235.60	SHEPHERD HILL	4,669.69	1,833.00			
WATERBURY	935.64	1,348.40	TEMPLE	2,383.92	604.00			
WOOLINDR HEIGHTS BA	15,408.37	273.75	TRINITY BAPTIST CHU	82.67				
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	251,124.65	81,334.64	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	494,971.66	141,089.06			
			LITTLE RED RIVER			BRONXVILLE		
						BRONXVILLE	944.82	493.90
						SUGAR CREEK	9,992.82	2,933.50
						CONCORD 1ST	1,662.33	845.33
						HARRIS CHAPEL	188.61	
						HELENE SPRINGS 1ST	62,378.51	10,825.75
						LITTLE BELLE	1,168.25	
						LONE STAR	110.00	426.00
						MT ZION	150.00	62.90
						NEW BETHEL	1,168.25	426.49
						PLEASANT	1,737.10	403.00
						PINEBLOOM	1,673.37	1,704.00
						PLEASANT RIDGE	1,118.00	
						PLEASANT VALLEY	1,848.51	652.12
						POST OAK	163.16	253.83
						QUINTANN	4,606.24	1,313.44
						SOUTH SIDE, HEBER SP	2,436.37	1,238.41
						WOODSIDE 1ST	5,691.92	3,778.88
						BREMER MTN HSN, IN	1,016.30	
						ASSOCIATION TOTALS	94,409.47	25,960.30
						LITTLE RIVER		
						LITTLE RIVER ABBY		
						ABDOWD 1ST	45,501.18	13,956.67
						BEN LONOND 1ST	391.29	271.00
						BEN LONOND 2ND	1,353.01	1,270.00
						BINGHAMTON		
						CENTRAL, MINERAL SPR	4,999.92	2,370.00
						CLAYTON, REST	1,476.25	1,476.25
						DIKERS 1ST	1,441.71	1,824.70
						FORBANK 1ST	4,072.76	2,192.69
						LITTLE RIVER	3,736.76	3,736.76
						HORRATIO 1ST	4,213.40	35,570.37</

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KEAR HEIGHTS	2,729.77	1,951.00	NORTH ARKANSAS	5,072.15	2,938.99	BRANNIS	1,583.43	209.93
LIBERTY			BLUE EYE	1,870.14	1,200.00	HATFIELD 1ST	6,873.44	1,831.90
LOCKSBURG 1ST	5,598.73	2,231.86	EUREKA SPRINGS 1ST	1,669.84	1,200.00	HENNA	1,719.00	
LONG CROOK	344.50	500.00	NORTH ARKANSAS ASSN	500.00	2,000.00	LOWME BIBLE FARM	17,903.43	14,456.17
MT MORIAH			ALPENA	3,009.55	2,632.33	NEW HOPE	524.27	
MURFREESBORO 1ST	10,696.47	5,943.64	BELLEVILLE	903.40	903.40	SALEM	1,328.47	752.49
NASHVILLE 1ST	44,508.40	14,575.82	BEAR CREEK SPRINGS	1,956.00	1,144.00	THE WILE	3,845.66	3,555.52
ORANGE GROVE	2,951.03	322.32	BELLEFONTAINE	38,789.29	7,583.47	WICKER 1ST	1,739.35	865.51
ODDEN	1,608.45	705.80	BENTONVILLE	1,132.85	1,433.51	YOCUM	351.50	
OKEMUN	6,692.18	1,351.48	BIRSWILLING	2,258.81	1,629.00	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	183,813.81	41,986.40
ROCK HILL	795.64	127.60	BIRSWILLING	855.75	1,629.00			
STATE LINE	344.12	500.00	DEER	1,028.78	5,071.11			
WHEATON	440.00	500.00	EMMEL	1,458.24	5,071.11			
WILTON 1ST	2,022.20	831.82	ENGLE HEIGHTS	42,066.19	1,236.61			
LAKESIDE	1,547.57	572.85	ELMWOOD	1,458.24	5,071.11			
CROSS ROADS 1ST	2,300.97	599.25	EMMEL HARRISON	1,132.25	1,236.61			
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	146,397.79	89,937.27	EVERTON	1,683.61	561.46			
			FREEMAN HEIGHTS	3,535.41	1,801.50			
			JAGER 1ST	6,753.98	367.96			
			GRANDVIEW 1ST	6,752.81	1,864.18			
			GREEN FOREST 1ST	154,546.61	2,849.37			
			GRUBB SPRINGS	1,132.25	568.03			
			HARRISON 1ST	73,112.77	17,404.37			
			HOPEWELL	593.93	145.33			
			JONES 1ST	9,209.61	2,585.69			
			LEAD HILL 1ST	3,297.75	2,855.69			
			LEWISVILLE 1ST	87,272.67	3,233.03			
			NEW HOPE	2,005.00	654.00			
			NORTHVALE	21,489.04	5,234.25			
			OPAHA	890.85	75.79			
			OREGON FLAT	4,687.28	4,687.28			
			OSAGE	2,807.42	2,849.54			
			PARTHENON	628.25	1,247.84			
			ROCK SPRINGS	1,570.65	1,570.65			
			RUID	2,309.64	230.00			
			ST. JOE 1ST	120.00	60.00			
			SOUTH SIDE, LEAD HILL	1,125.43	1,125.43			
			TRINITY	424.41	238.63			
			UNION	6,319.33	3,412.53			
			WOODLAND SPRINGS	4,052.45	4,052.45			
			WOODS END HEIGHTS	14,464.40	1,489.40			
			WALLE FALLS	292.25	225.85			
			WESTERN GRAVE CHURCH	348.99	300.00			
			WENONA	6,000.00	805.00			
			LAKELAND	598.30	374.00			
			BEVER LAKE					
			ELIXIR BAPTIST CHUR					
			ASSOCIATION TOTALS	298,062.63	85,924.03			
			NORTH PULASKI					
			NORTH PULASKI ASSN	11,785.92	6,231.59			
			ARNOY	56,306.75	5,606.75			
			BAYOU CROSS	20,290.56	3,888.00			
			BEREA	143.94	152.95			
			BETHANY	3,500.25	2,960.20			
			CALVARY, NLR	40,459.14	6,934.33			
			CEDAR HEIGHTS	11,448.00	1,063.29			
			CHERRY LAKE	1,250.87	1,677.66			
			CHapel Hill	11,332.40	3,677.89			
			CRYSTAL VALLEY	8,278.00	3,466.50			
			SEVENTH ST	7,352.60	1,823.63			
			GRAVEL RIDGE 1ST	21,497.28	1,791.72			
			GRAVEL RIDGE MEMORIAL	4,562.66	2,239.29			
			HIGHWAY	27,921.00	26,424.01			
			HILLTOP	47,107.17	10.25			
			INDIAN HILLS	6,143.36	693.25			
			JACKSONVILLE 1ST	63,572.85	14,974.02			
			JACKSONVILLE 2ND	29,871.51	5,572.81			
			LEAVY	59,291.93	8,340.16			
			MARSHALL RD, JVILLE	13,214.68	10,828.51			
			MORRISON CHAPEL	988.99	192.00			
			MOUNTAIN ROCK, 1ST	16,469.46	4,238.10			
			OKWOOD	500.00	85,740.52			
			PIKE AVENUE, NLR	199,159.13	5,371.78			
			REHOBOTH	9,131.00	950.50			
			RYAN 1ST	3,998.89	1,059.81			
			SHERWOOD 1ST	43,745.01	9,977.09			
			SIXTEENTH ST, NLR	2,545.36	55.00			
			STAN HILL	11,099.20	20,513.91			
			STAN HILLS 1ST	11,765.79	5,506.31			
			STAN HILLS 2ND	2,963.97	1,617.08			
			STAN HILLS 3RD	8,754.42	4,929.09			
			GETHSEMANE	7,800.00	1,224.90			
			VICTORY	1,588.00	717.18			
			RIVERSIDE	7,432.25	2,199.23			
			ROYAL OAKS MISSION	744.48				
			PINE MEADOW MSN-DIS					
			ASSOCIATION TOTALS	816,862.44	328,998.94			
			QUANCHITA					
			CHapel Hill	1,011.16	1,365.50			
			QUANCHITA ASSN					
			ACORN	371.40	225.00			
			ANDREW	34.25				
			BOARD CAMP	3,053.75	1,364.00			
			WALCAMP, MENA	2,844.06	1,998.62			
			CHESTER HILL	248.13	108.13			
			CONCORD	8,070.80	271.37			
			COVE 1ST	997.99	163.40			
			DEER LAKE AVENUE, MENA	3,644.88	3,085.63			
			DEQUEEN 1ST	42,477.54	13,371.73			
			GILHAM	2,355.00	271.00			
			BRYANT 1ST SOUTHERN	29,901.27	4,440.62			
			INDIAN SPRINGS	8,909.85	4,138.81			
			PALMER ASSN					
			ALEXANDER 1ST	8,519.50	1,255.02			
			ARCHVIEW	17,903.43	4,588.00			
			PARKWAY PLACE	13,826.43	6,416.03			
			BRANNON MEMORIAL	6,836.35	858.02			
			BINHAM ROAD	2,678.06	2,158.00			
			CROOKWOOD 1ST	6,371.90	1,241.92			
			CALVARY, LITTLE ROCK	140,882.46	40,954.23			
			CHICOT ROAD, MARBLEV	75.00	431.00			
			CROSSBARS	2,982.08	2,087.36			
			CRYSTAL HILL	21,019.43	5,479.28			
			DOUGLASSVILLE 1ST	1,204.86	266.81			
			EAST FLETCH, NEWBLEY	152,143.20	6,820.47			
			FOREST HIGHLANDS	23,097.87	16,584.41			
			FOREST TOWNS	5,411.96	1,397.58			
			GEYER SPRINGS 1ST	269,847.70	70,235.37			
			GREEN MEMORIAL 1ST	11,035.76	3,303.60			
			HEBON	5,789.97	1,779.78			
			HOLLY SPRINGS	2,161.70	560.00			
			IMMUNEL LK	408,782.99	156,425.43			
			IRONTON	1,046.00	3,107.92			
			LAKESHORE DRIVE	7,067.26	5,147.64			
			LIFE LINE	45,719.79	13,889.99			
			LITTLE ROCK 1ST	328,427.64	95,987.14			
			LITTLE ROCK 2ND	56,968.69	17,995.55			
			MARSHAR STREET, LR	43,902.17	14,688.37			
			MARTIN LUTHER KING	12,948.65	3,660.80			
			NILLS MEMORIAL	6,226.69	3,026.93			
			NATURAL STEPS	7,062.30	2,762.25			
			NORTH POINT	6,811.33	660.80			
			OLIVE	41,596.51	15,817.21			
			OLIVET	3,273.84	1,010.11			
			PLAINVIEW	1,875.10	1,875.10			
			PLEASANT GROVE	3,207.31	616.00			
			PULASKI HEIGHTS	97,183.47	16,991.91			
			REHOBOTH MEMORIAL	1,875.10	2,921.75			
			ROLAND	2,540.00	1,280.31			
			ROSELDA	8,024.27	1,920.02			
			SHADY GROVE, DISBAND					
			SHANNON HILLS 1ST	1,881.32	304.42			
			SHERIDAN 1ST	19,056.80	7,352.75			
			SHERIDAN 2ND	1,875.10	1,875.10			
			SUNSET LAKE	15,137.42	5,653.75			
			TYLER STREET, LR	6,532.39	3,986.00			
			VIMY ROAD, IMMUNEL	2,435.71	2,435.71			
			LANCASTER ROAD	3,260.25	123.00			
			WEST SIDE, LR	2,126.00	1,274.14			
			WOODLAND	16,209.88	2,305.51			
			WOODSON	1,004.09	3,706.07			
			SPANISH MISSION	492.52	253.13			
			TRINITY	12,959.37	3,788.44			
			OTTER CREEK	1,087.31	264.44			
			NEW LIFE					
			WHISPERING HILLS CH					
			GREATER GRAVE BAPT					
			CHARITY BAPTIST MIS					50.00
			ASSOCIATION					

CHURCHES	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM	DESIGNATED GIFTS	CHURCHES	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM	DESIGNATED GIFTS	CHURCHES	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM	DESIGNATED GIFTS
BHILDA	1,124.00	1,285.77	EARLE	21,447.88	11,412.25	WASHINGTON-MADISON		
SOUTH FORK	1,532.34	708.22	EMMANUEL, FOR CITY	7,800.96	1,206.00	WASH. ST. STREET, MADISON		
SYCAMORE BAPT		110.00	FAIR DRMS	4,072.90	565.03	BLACK OAK	4,829.99	2,373.20
TRINITY ST, ARKADDELPHI	1,800.00	1,305.45	FELIX	1,049.80	91.15	BRUSH CREEK	4,333.16	1,094.92
UNITY	1,130.00	3,231.00	FITZGERALD	2,133.22	1,090.15	CLARYVILLE	3,295.25	881.19
WHELEN SPRINGS	865.00	100.00	FOREST CITY 1ST	27,118.96	15,177.89	CRADLE AVE, SPEDDLE	6,076.85	2,376.31
WINDYBUSH	1,254.48	365.00	FOREST CITY 2ND	8,966.99	860.00	COMBS	181.65	829.65
DISLARK MISSION		109.00	GLADDEN	609.94	250.00	ELKINS	280.00	328.62
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	194,938.51	83,104.16	GOODWIN	1,792.64	110.00	ELKINS 1ST	54,679.34	20,319.34
			HARRIS CHAPEL	921.61	150.00	FARMINGTON 1ST	5,238.71	88.71
ROCKY BRAVO			HYDRICK	922.71		FAYETTEVILLE 1ST	93,872.46	33,370.76
			IMMORR BOLLIVARD	11,544.77	1,526.59	COLLEGE AVENUE 3	780.00	789.18
FRITH, BATEVILLE		1,267.12	MADISON 1ST	2,420.10	842.30	GREENLAND 1ST	1,618.03	1,505.24
SIBLEY 1ST	5,117.39	1,246.42	KIDWAY	1,484.28	2,446.50	HINDSVILLE	2,241.58	588.41
CHEROKEE VILLAGE	8,118.01	1,308.45	KIMBERLIN	90.13	446.50	HUNTSVILLE 1ST	2,569.07	1,958.98
SADDLE 1ST	120.00	60.27	PARKIN 1ST	6,016.23	2,466.45	IMMANUEL, FAYETTEVIL	5,251.57	2,084.95
ROCKY BRAVO ASN	600.00	60.27	PINE TREE	321.44	507.10	JOHNSON	1,860.73	464.00
ASN FLAT		276.40	SMELL LAKE	1,352.50	616.80	KUMSTON 1ST SOU	1,382.46	303.18
BELLEVILLE	1,485.63	120.00	TILTON	490.00	117.86	LIBERTY	3,237.90	1,156.25
BOWEN	65.00		TORD	1,897.50	501.50	LINCOLN 1ST	12,118.91	2,147.79
CHILDO ROCK 1ST	3,400.89	1,290.05	TURRELL	8,192.84	811.68	NEW HOPE, INACTIVE		
DOLPH	618.39	1,474.45	UNION AVENUE, WYHNE	14,605.67	520.23	OK GROVE	3,234.06	600.00
EVINGSHADE 1ST	80.00	761.95	VANDHOE	1,921.80	45,073.43	PRAIRIE GROVE 1ST	17,464.41	3,444.54
FRANKLIN	714.41	544.00	WEST MEMPHIS 2ND	65.92	92.45	PROVIDENCE	1,976.33	911.75
GRAND 1ST	8,312.49	120.00	WHEATLEY	3,676.00	3,167.00	RIDGEVIEW	9,886.12	2,282.00
MELBOURNE 1ST	7,031.00	2,025.00	WIDENER	1,972.34	2,807.82	SILENT GROVE	1,748.51	3,900.00
MYRARD	1,386.53	35.00	WYHNE	63,239.70	605.58	SOMERS	1,976.33	79.20
OSBORN	1,989.47	365.00	EAST BAPTIST CHURCH	990.63	85.58	SOUTHSIDE, FAYETTEVIL	152,414.16	72,168.00
SAGE	3,108.85	656.38	IMMANUEL	1,668.29	303.50	SPRINGDALE 1ST	1,412.71	1,023.00
SIDNEY	3,658.67	3,304.00	LIBERTY DISBANDED			SULPHUR CITY	36,499.98	10,846.95
SPRINGDALE 1ST	575.50	120.00	LOCK HIDE	1,134.00	910.05	WEST BAPTIST	7,810.53	913.00
WISSEMAN	564.70	150.00	RICHLAND	107.00	800.00	WINDOL 1ST	4,038.08	2,101.48
ZION HILL	897.14	398.28	LARGESIDE ESTATES B	990.80	375.50	SAND AVENUE	454.49	2,876.64
HORSESHOE BEND	5,174.33	4,174.95	LAUREL ESTATES B	484.37		NORTHEAST 2ND BAPT	3,373.00	
KIDWAY	2,721.11	1,981.56	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	426,985.25	128,166.40	WEDDINGTON WOODS FIR	22.45	60.37
MT LEBANON	682.21	109.00				GOSHEN BAPTIST MISS		
W. LEONARD 3RD	1,493.00	592.30	TRINITY			ASSOCIATION TOTALS	456,687.40	176,664.57
NORTHSIDE BAPTIST C	4,607.91	1,110.50	CALVARY, LEPRANTO	839.07	279.97			
IMMANUEL	430.82	45.00	TRINITY AGRISH			WHITE RIVER		
UNION HILL			ANDERSON TALLEY	713.97	32.23	MORNING STAR	420.00	315.00
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	64,117.72	31,786.98	BETHEL, INACTIVE			WHITE RIVER ASN	1,359.90	24.62
			ELKAC 2ND	1,022.02		ANTIOCH	1,262.00	219.25
SOUTHWEST ARKANSAS			CALVARY, HARRISBURG	6,604.39	1,541.07	BULL SHOALS 1ST	3,869.03	282.53
SOUTHWEST ASN	3,137.00	619.60	CORNER CHAPEL	2,438.89	1,447.52	BRUSH	6,421.18	3,231.18
ARABON	4,015.09	840.95	EASTSIDE, TRUMBURG	2,111.00	2,405.68	EARSTIDE, MTN HOME	13,010.60	3,284.16
ARBELLA HEIGHTS	126,541.63	36,490.64	FAITH	1,030.00	1,225.00	FILIPPIN 1ST	14,008.08	4,827.21
BECH STREET 1ST	1,014.07	2,614.14	FATHER ISST	2,478.15	1,989.33	GOSNELL	6,089.16	1,681.41
BONNAY HEIGHTS	420.81	280.35	FINCH	1,040.22	2,589.42	HENDERSON 1ST	3,829.50	995.68
CALVARY, HOPE	20,223.79	7,302.49	GREENFIELD	2,589.42	1,017.77	HOPKINELL	841.44	365.52
CLAYTON TEXARKANA	8,844.29	4,504.70	HARRISBURG 1ST	9,457.28	895.00	LOME ROCK	1,106.33	159.40
CANFIELD	1,684.05	1,594.22	HEMPSTEAD	7,803.87	3,099.38	MIDWAY	2,939.47	1,225.00
CENTRAL, MAGNOLIA	186,179.41	56,363.47	HIGHLAND 1ST	1,025.51	150.00	MOUNTAIN HOME 1ST	74,197.39	31,889.59
FALCON	1,721.90	1,869.70	HOPE 1ST	8,466.08	827.84	NEW HOPE		300.00
FULTON	1,975.00	325.00	MCCORMICK	160.00	875.00	NOFORK 1ST		
GARLAND	1,625.00	200.00	MAPLE GROVE	598.48	270.00	OK GROVE, INACTIVE	550.00	352.12
GRAND 1ST	5,439.40	1,066.00	NEAL'S CHAPEL	800.00	2,000.00	PILGRIMS REST	2,253.53	1,340.55
GUENNEY	2,406.00	106.50	PLEASANT VALLEY	12,610.65	400.28	REAL VALLEY	617.82	638.09
HARLEY LAKE	217.28		PLEASANT HILL	1,921.00	185.17	TOMAHAWK	1,429.24	432.44
HARROWY GROVE	162.50		PLEASANT VALLEY	1,267.70	527.84	WHITEVILLE	1,077.87	873.09
HICKORY ST, TEXARKANA	6,453.22	2,665.38	PROVIDENCE	788.50	192.31	YELLEVILLE	11,237.64	3,261.62
HIGHLAND HILLS	5,625.58	1,407.32	RED OAK	300.90	1,538.11	BIG FLAT MISSION	376.05	152.25
HIDE 1ST	94,413.35	17,666.95	RIVERVIEW	1,488.46	218.87	HILL TOP	462.70	145.87
IMMANUEL, MAGNOLIA	1,137.23	405.00	TRINITY	2,053.88	112.25	SHILOH	1,624.67	928.86
IMMANUEL, TEXARKANA	13,749.06	1,177.00	TRUMBURG 1ST	25,433.24	4,396.20	WALDENBURG	6,486.30	2,102.81
LEFLOVILLE 1ST	9,747.82	1,963.23	TRUMBURG 2ND	2,496.08	512.32	WALDENBURG BAPTIST CHU	155.73	30.00
MACEDONIA #1	1,323.23		VALLEY VIEW	4,751.04	180.00	WILLOW CHAPEL	6,486.30	2,102.81
MACEDONIA #2	900.00		WEINER 1ST	1,881.88	43.00	GRANKLE	1,057.79	
MADONVILLE	2,081.82		WEST RIDGE			ASSOCIATION TOTALS	155,710.76	59,101.25
MEMORIAL	12,389.25	2,346.70	SHILOH					
MICHELL ST, TEXARKANA	110.00	10.00	WALDENBURG	89.57	74.25	BARLAND COUNTY		
MOUNTAIN 1ST	660.00	1,985.00	WALDENBURG BAPTIST CHU	2,745.26	620.00	CEDAR GLADES	574.76	2,815.28
PINSON PARK BAPT CH	640.81	616.38	WILLOW CHAPEL	945.89		MT. TABOR	506.96	1,000.00
PINEY GROVE	2,980.14	726.09	GILMORE CHAPEL			ANTIOCH	4,371.21	1,505.76
PISGAH	1,656.73		FELTHROP BAPTIST			EMMANUEL, HOT SPRING	586.65	485.97
RED RIVER	165.00		ASSOCIATION TOTALS	104,882.56	26,248.99	GRAND AVE, HOT SPGS	14,834.74	3,172.00
ROCKY MOUND	582.01	1,059.05				HARVEYS CHAPEL	8,374.48	3,924.09
SHILOH MEMORIAL	1,856.47		NORTH CENTRAL ASSOCIATION			JESSIEVILLE	10,845.44	1,318.05
SOUTH TEXARKANA	2,169.00					LEONARD ST, HOT SPGS	3,002.32	2,211.83
SPRINGHILL	19,124.00	6,581.26	CLINTON 1ST	15,236.00	7,967.27	LINN CREEK	2,293.58	1,106.67
STAMPA 1ST	5,189.20	2,765.32	HALFPOND	65.00		MOUNTAIN PINE 1ST	401.41	40.00
SYLVANO	5,189.20	895.80	HOPE	187.00		PARK PLACE	36,897.05	8,394.52
TENNESSEE	2,321.07	7,501.93	IMMANUEL, CLINTON	564.12	467.36	PEARSON	1,391.12	183.52
TRINITY, TEXARKANA	484.36	238.02	LESLIE 1ST	6,256.29	2,824.10	RECTOR HEIGHTS	3,897.15	50.00
WESTSIDE, MAGNOLIA	1,526.67	185.62	NEW HOPKINELL	185.62	30.00	VISTA HEIGHTS	540.76	50.00
WALTON, TEXARKANA	1,232.61	194.65	NORTH CENTRAL ASN			ASSOCIATION TOTALS	96,750.04	26,574.66
FALCON 1ST BAPT CHU	1,832.68	763.00	SEE BRANCH	1,908.64	541.50			
MCKEL SECOND BAPT	80.00	112.85	NOTHINGBURG	240.00	151.84	MISCELLANEOUS	1,454.05	66,145.17
VICTORY, TEXARK-DIB			CORINTH	4,314.85	1,653.16			
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	541,366.74	166,157.01	FORMOSA	4,314.85	1,653.16			
			KENSINGTON	4,929.01	805.88			
TRI-COUNTY			LEXINGTON	1,477.80	850.00			
BRICKEYS	475.21	62.50	PEE DEE	1,440.00	457.57			
NORTON	1,974.52	366.09	PLEASANT VALLEY	2,044.56	1,87.65			
PLEASANT HILL	1,139.23	150.00	RUPERT	1,251.74	803.98			
TRI-COUNTY ASN			SCOTLAND	1,475.04				
ANTIOCH	300.00	209.00	SHAW GROVE	1,850.29				
BARTON CHAPEL	1,323.12	192.50	SHIRLEY	843.69	146.37			
REDFORD	6,300.16	6,300.16	WALDENBURG RIDGE	2,400.00	30.00			
SURF CANE	6,743.95	1,152.13	ZION	840.00				
CLARYVILLE	9,056.38	3,139.00	FAIRFIELD BAY	12,044.56	3,353.68			
COLT	600.00	300.00	MCCONDON MBBN-DIBB	12.00				
CHAMFORDSVILLE 1ST	4,558.82	422.29	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	56,826.87	24,057.30	GRAND TOTALS	12,008,823.85	4,385,935.92

SBC Standstill

by Jim Lowry

Baptist Sunday School Board

NASHVILLE (BP)—Southern Baptist growth virtually ground to a halt in 1986-87 when denominational programs reported small changes and some conventionwide statistical areas had gains or totals smaller than have been seen in decades.

The denomination's missions organizations, Woman's Missionary Union and Brotherhood, are the brightest spots, with increases of 1.4 and 0.7 percent, respectively, over the previous year's totals. The Southern Baptist Convention fiscal year runs from Oct. 1 to the following Sept. 30; the new statistics reflect the year ending Sept. 30, 1987.

Church membership, which has shown annual increases since 1926, recorded a gain of 109,203, or 0.7 percent, to reach a new total of 14,727,770, as compared to the 1986 total of 14,618,567.

The increase in church membership, however, is the lowest number by which Southern Baptists have grown since 1936, when the denomination gained almost 93,000 new members.

The number of churches in the convention increased by 170, or 0.5 percent, to a new total of 37,286. Except for 1985-86's smaller increase because of the loss of 40 Southern Baptist-affiliated churches in Canada, the 1986-87 total was the smallest increase in nine years.

Baptisms in Southern Baptist churches, down by 6.8 percent, or 24,629, totaled 338,495. Except for the baptisms total of 336,050 in 1977-78, the new baptisms total is the lowest for the convention since 1949. The all-time high for baptisms in the SBC was 445,725 in 1972.

The 1985-86 baptism total registered an increase over the previous total, but it had been preceded by three consecutive decreases. More than 7,000 churches did not report a baptism on their Uniform Church Letter survey forms for the 1986-87 church year.

The denomination's church music enrollment reflected the 22nd consecutive increase, with a gain of 0.8 percent, or 14,202, to a new total of 1,738,294. It followed an increase of 2.8 percent, or more than 46,000 participants.

The enrollment increase for Woman's Missionary Union of 1.4 percent, or 16,512, is the second consecutive increase, bringing that program's ongoing enrollment to 1,197,479. WMU enrollment has gone up more than 30,000 in the last two years.

Brotherhood, with an increase of 3,783, or 0.7 percent, reached a new total of 572,987. This increase follows an 0.8 percent loss.

Sunday school, the denomination's largest program, registered a change of 0.0 percent, with a small actual loss in ongoing enrollment of 1,867, bringing the total enrollment to 7,942,106. It marks the second consecutive loss for the denomination's Bible study program, after posting annual gains from 1980 through 1985.

Enrollment in church training also registered a change of 0.0 percent, because of a small actual loss of 408, bringing the total enrollment to 1,953,937. This follows three years of small declines, which were preceded by four consecutive increases.

According to Martin Bradley, director of the research services department at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board:

January CP Reverses Trend

NASHVILLE (BP)—Southern Baptists contributed a record \$15.5 million to their national Cooperative Program budget in January.

The big January total reversed a two-month downward trend in the Cooperative Program and brought the budget back ahead of the pace for the same period last year, announced Harold C. Bennett, president and treasurer of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee.


The \$15,514,367 January receipts topped the previous monthly total — about \$13.1 million in January 1987 — by 18.63

percent. Bennett said. It brought total receipts for the 1987-88 fiscal year to \$45,630,004, or 3.55 percent ahead of the total for the first four months of last year's budget.

Cooperative Program total receipts had fallen to 2.81 percent behind the 1986-87 budget by the end of December. However, the strong January lifted the year-to-date total to within one percentage point of the current inflation rate, which is about 4.5 percent, said Tim A. Hedquist, Executive Committee vice president for business and finance.

Mission expenditures, which are included as part of total receipts, went up by 4.3 percent, or \$27,313,943, to a new high of \$662,691,289. The increase is almost one-half of a percentage point more than the previous gain of 4.0 percent.

The report was based on Uniform Church Letters from 36,674 churches.



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HOME MISSIONS EMPHASIS

Easier To Pay Than Go

by Susan Todd

Woman's Missionary Union

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—All Southern Baptists agree that everyone needs Jesus. Southern Baptists also agree that everyone needs a church in which to worship.

But Southern Baptists aren't providing a church for everyone.

That's a problem that concerns home missionary Tom Blase. "Everyone believes we should be involved in missions. But it is easier to pull out a check for a missions offering than to go personally and be involved," he said. "Some churches lack the priorities. It takes a deeper commitment."

Jesus gave the mandate for personal involvement in the Great Commission, he said. The responsibility of sharing Christ and starting churches lies with every church, not a select few, he asserts.

Helping Southern Baptist churches see and accept this responsibility is what Tom Blase is all about.

While Blase was a seminary student at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

in Kansas City, Mo., he pastored an inner-city church. "It was during that time, seeing the needs of the inner city, that I saw the differences in people," he said. He realized that, despite their differences, they each needed Jesus.

"How we introduce people to Jesus is to meet them where they are," Blase said. But that inner-city church was not meeting people where they were. The members weren't reaching into all of the groups of people within their neighborhood. As the needs more sharply came into focus, Blase developed a desire to provide a church for everyone—from the down-and-outs to the well-to-do.

The inner city of Kansas City became, for Blase, a church starting training ground. That training has equipped him to do what he does today. He is church extension and language missions director for the St. Louis Metro Baptist Association.

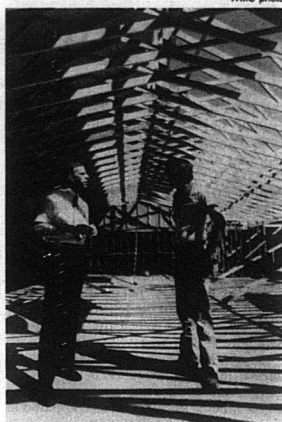
"My role is one of a catalyst, a coordinator of beginning new work. I help to determine where new work is needed (in the St. Louis area) and then work with sponsoring churches to help them catch the vision. Some already have the vision but just need someone to help it become reality."

Making visions become reality is Blase's specialty. He has personally had a part in starting 10 new works in St. Louis during his four years with the association. Each group is in varying stages of development, from Bible studies to chapels to full-fledged churches.

Each new work begins as a Bible study. As its members grow and mature in the Christian faith, many of these groups eventually become churches.

Even though Blase speaks only English, he has worked with groups of Chinese, Koreans, Laotians, Spanish, Vietnamese, Cambodians, Japanese, American Indians, Arabs and the deaf.

According to Blase, language is not the only barrier which must be overcome.



Planning for outreach.

Many times, a need is identified, but he is unable to find a church willing to sponsor a mission.

But frustrations reach beyond finding sponsoring churches, according to Blase. "One of the biggest (frustrations) is (knowing) God's timing. We can strategize on paper, but if it is not in God's time, it is not going to work."

Starting churches can be draining when things don't fall into place easily, Blase said. But as the responsibilities are spread among several people, the job becomes easier. "The key is getting the laity involved."

Those efforts work more smoothly when partnerships are established, Blase said. "The idea is that we don't start new churches at the expense of existing works." Churches working together can accomplish the task, he said.

"My prayer is that more churches would catch a vision to start new congregations — be it Anglo, black, whatever. I believe that just as we as Christians are called to multiply, churches are called to multiply."

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Missions Tug-of-War

by **Marv Knox**
Baptist Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—Competing forces yank Southern Baptists' pocketbooks back and forth in a tug-of-war over money for missions.

Their prize is the lifeline of Southern Baptist endeavor: the conventionwide Cooperative Program budget, which supports evangelistic, missionary and educational ministries around the globe; and the special offerings, which supplement state, national and foreign missions efforts.

Observers describe a full roster of forces on either side of the struggle. Positive influences have brought missions giving to record lengths. But negative factors have kept it from advancing further and threaten to pull it back.

Southern Baptists contributed a record \$130.3 million to the Cooperative Program during the past fiscal year. The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for home missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions also set records in the past year. Obviously, Baptists are doing some things right.

Among factors that positively affect missions giving are:

—Missions priority. "There is the prevailing desire for us to find renewal of our missions priority and get on with it," says Cecil A. Ray, national director of Planned Growth in Giving, the denomination's stewardship and discipleship campaign.

—Evangelistic emphasis. "Southern Baptists always are anxious to support any effort to reach people for Christ and to establish churches. People see the need of establishing churches as a priority," reports Larry L. Lewis, president of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. "Everywhere I've gone and talked to people about church planting—our goal is 50,000 churches (an increase of 13,000) by the year 2000—they're excited and want to be a part of that."

—Cooperative attitude. Southern Baptists embrace "a total concept of missions," explains Dan C. Stringer, executive director-treasurer of the Florida Baptist Convention. "Baptists are committed to giving to ministries in their church, association, state, the nation and around the world, all at the same time. We know we can accomplish things together we could not do singly."

—Personal involvement. "Recently, a whole slew of people have been involved in volunteer missions—about 52,000 last year," notes James H. Smith, president of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Com-

mission. "When people go away and participate in missions situations, they come back with a whole different perspective, and it is their churches that support missions. This crest of the wave today has done more positively for us than anything else."

—Sacrificial spirit. "Southern Baptists are willing to make major sacrifices if they know the money is going to be used to reach people for Christ in a meaningful and effective way," adds Lewis. "If they know we're going to give every attention we can to establishing 1,500 new church starts every year, they will give sacrificially."

—Supportive programs. Woman's Missionary Union and Brotherhood, Southern Baptists' missions education and action programs for women and men, have kept Baptists informed and inspired about missions, motivating them to support the cause, Lewis says.

Nevertheless, the boundaries of mission support are not limitless. The Cooperative Program and the Annie Armstrong and Lottie Moon offerings have not met their goals in recent years. Some state Baptist conventions are holding the line on their budgets. Scores of domestic and overseas missions priorities go unmet.

Among factors that negatively affect missions giving are:

—Economic crisis. "The economy definitely has had an impact on mission support the past few years. You can't deny that," Smith reflects. Reports from state Baptist conventions support that claim.

—State spending. Although some state conventions have sought to increase the percentage of their receipts that go to national and worldwide mission causes, others have had to freeze or cut back their SBC Cooperative Program allocations.

"I regret that because of the financial crisis some states have had to go backward," says Lewis. "Every state should have a goal of moving to at least a 50-50 percentage distribution (between state and conventionwide causes). When the Cooperative Program was first implemented, that was the thought, that funds would be divided evenly between state and worldwide causes."

Stringer agrees, noting strong state support of the Cooperative Program "is keeping faith with the people. Most Southern Baptists think of missionaries when they think of missions giving. If we do not keep faith with them, we have violated their trust."

—Church priorities. The state conventions' commitment to missions giving is insufficient if churches do not also support

missions giving, Stringer adds, citing a "steady decline in the percentage of the church dollar going to mission needs."

"Missions giving always has competitors in the church budget: larger staffs, larger buildings, more expensive programming," he says.

That's what Ray calls "church localism versus church globalism," or the tendency to "build a local empire without a global emphasis and responsibility."

And while local needs are vital, churches have a mandate to look beyond themselves, Lewis says. He thinks each Southern Baptist church should give a minimum of 10 percent of its budget to the Cooperative Program, promote the missions offerings and "think in terms of reproducing itself" by helping to start another church.

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AT RIDGECREST

Focus on Interpretation

by David R. Wilkinson
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP)—After a decade of controversy that often has focused on what the Bible is, Southern Baptists will gather in North Carolina in April to discuss what the Bible says.

The Conference on Biblical Interpretation, to be held April 25-27 at Ridgcrest (N.C.) Baptist Conference Center, is the second of three national conferences convened by the presidents of the Southern Baptist Convention's six seminaries. Last year's Conference on Biblical Inerrancy, also held at Ridgcrest, attracted a capacity crowd of more than 1,000 participants.

The conferences were proposed by the seminary presidents in their 1986 "Glorieta Statement" to the SBC Peace Committee as one means to help resolve the denomination's ongoing political and theological controversies.

Dates for the 1988 meeting, originally scheduled for May, were moved to April to provide for more accommodations at the conference center. Sessions begin Monday evening and conclude Wednesday night.

As with the 1987 conference, the seminary presidents have gone outside the denomination to invite as major speakers scholars from the nation's conservative evangelical community.

J.I. Packer, professor of historical and systematic theology at Regent College in Vancouver, Canada, will deliver three ad-

resses. Packer, a keynote speaker at last year's conference, will deal with issues of biblical interpretation in three areas — creation, women in ministry and eschatology. Two of his addresses will be followed by responses from two Southern Baptist leaders representing differing perspectives on the subject.

Joining Packer as major speakers will be Robert Johnston, dean, North Park College and Theological Seminary, Chicago; Walter Kaiser, dean and professor of Old Testament, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, Ill.; and Grant Osborne, professor of New Testament, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School.

In the conference's final session, all four speakers will participate in a panel discussion moderated by John Newport, vice president for academic affairs at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

One of the six seminary presidents will preside at each session.

Conference rates per person are \$154/single, \$114.25/double, \$106/triple and \$101.95/four. Cost includes three night's lodging, all meals and conference fees.

A deposit of \$38.50 should be sent to Conference on Biblical Interpretation; Ridgcrest Baptist Conference Center, Box 128, Ridgcrest, NC 28770.

The final conference in 1989 will deal with the theme of biblical imperatives.

Tug-of-War

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— Yuppie decision-makers. "Bottom-line people who make quick decisions" hurt missions giving, Stringer claims. "They want an immediate response, an immediate return on their investment" and are blinded by dollar signs, unable to see the spiritual rewards of missions.

— Provincial pastors. "I'm a preacher by calling and profession, but the major obstacle we have in supporting missions is our pastors," Smith says. "They can talk about being missions-minded, but most of them are not, and this is reflected in the way their churches give to missions."

— Blind ignorance. Southern Baptists have an "uninformed and uneducated constituency," Ray says. "That ignorance level is catching up with us. What Baptists don't know about missions is hurting us."

A major factor in this is "the diminishing role allowed to Woman's Missionary Union in most of our churches," he suggests. "They have been the best voice in support of missions. Most missionaries grew out of our missions program. But increasingly we're giving this group a secondary role, and that is ominous."

A corollary of this idea is that Southern Baptists now have a generation of church leaders who "have not been trained about cooperative missions," Stringer adds. "We have failed to communicate the evangelistic aspect of the Cooperative Program," he concedes.

Translated into raw figures, that means only about 16 percent of Southern Baptist churches have organized, planned programs for stewardship enlistment, or the commitment of financial resources to missions causes, Ray reports. That leaves more than 80 percent of churches casting about with no plan for training their members and equipping them to support missions.

Regardless of the obstacles, the missions endeavor is worth Southern Baptists' continued support, missions leaders say.

"Meeting the challenge of Bold Mission Thrust is a costly goal," admits Carolyn Weatherford, national executive director of Woman's Missionary Union. "Yet Southern Baptist sights must remain on its missions purpose. We can't afford to be sidetracked from missions. Nothing can take precedence if we are to reach every person with the gospel message."

Lewis agrees, noting he has found Southern Baptists to be excited about the emphasis on starting new churches and telling people about Jesus. "Now, if we can put all this other behind us and concentrate on reaching this nation for Christ, we'll have the greatest days we've ever enjoyed in Baptist life."



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Another Option

by Kathy Palen

Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (BP)—It's Tuesday afternoon and 12 third graders leave their public school classroom. They scurry across the school playground, cross a side street and climb the steps of a van that has been converted into a mobile classroom.

There they greet their teacher and spend the rest of the allotted school period studying a unit on caring for God's world. When the period is over, the children return to their regular classroom and resume their studies.

Those third graders, like other public school students throughout the nation, receive religious instruction each week through a program known as released time.

The constitutionality of such programs was upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1952, when it held in *Zorach v. Clauson* that schools may release students for off-campus religious instruction. In an earlier decision, the high court had held such religious instruction could not be held on public school property. Although the *Zorach* decision allows school administrations to grant released time, it does not require them to do so.

While no exact figures are available, it is estimated released time classes are held in about 3,000 of the 16,000 school districts in the United States. Although some states have laws requiring public schools to allow students to participate in released time programs, most states leave the decision up to the local school administration.

Organizations sponsoring released time programs ask schools to allow students who present signed parental permission forms to be released for a short period of time on a regular basis to receive religious instruction at an off-campus site. The sponsors are responsible for obtaining parental permission, transporting students to and from off-campus sites, selecting curriculum, and providing teachers and needed supplies.

A sponsoring organization may not ask the school to pass out permission forms, announce or otherwise promote the program, or give credits for the classes. Legally, a school's only role is to allow the students to leave campus without penalty and to ar-

range classwork schedules so as to accommodate the release.

According to a report by Ruth Correll, who conducted a study of released time programs in conjunction with doctoral work at New York University:

— Most released time classes were begun by a group of pastors and/or laypersons. Programs are sponsored by Protestant, Catholic and Jewish groups.

— Funding for released time programs comes from church budgets, individual donations, fund drives, and tuition and

anniversary.

The Evansville weekday program conducts released time classes for third and fourth graders at 20 elementary schools. It uses three mobile classrooms and four local churches to house classes that are held during the regular school day for one class period each week throughout the school year.

Terry Heck, secretary of the National Association for Released Time Christian Education, pointed to three major advantages of released time programs.

First, she said, about one-half of all students participating in released time programs never set foot inside a church. "For these children," Heck said, "God is the released time teacher. We recognize a real hunger in them to learn about God."

Second, released time programs undergird the morals, values and discipline students learn in public schools, said Heck, who directs released time programs for the Cincinnati Council of Christian Communion.

Third, she explained, such programs give students the opportunity to talk about God with their schoolmates, who are usually their best friends.

Although Heck said the advantages of released time programs outweigh the disadvantages, she did



Released time provides an avenue for religious instruction.

registration fees.

— Although some programs use pre-packaged curricula, most programs develop their own curricula.

— Most released time classes are held for children at the elementary school level, with grades three through five the most popular.

— Parents usually have no relationship with the programs except to give permission for their children to attend.

— Released time teachers and staff members range from part-time volunteers to full-time professionals.

— The most frequently mentioned advantage of released time is the availability of large numbers of children on a regular basis for religious education; the main disadvantages are related to scheduling adequate periods of time and arranging transportation.

Many of the released time programs in operation today began before the Supreme Court's 1952 *Zorach* decision. An example is the Evansville, Ind., Area Council of Churches' Weekday Christian Education program, which is celebrating its 45th

registration fees. mention such drawbacks as problems with discipline, inadequate time for instruction, and lack of follow-up in homes and communities.

Heck offered advice for interested churches or other organizations:

— Make sure the program is legal. Remember that the sponsor, not the school, has to do the work.

— Build relationships with the schools and school boards. Few states require schools to release students.

— Develop a broad-based support group for the program. Programs that appeal to a wide range of church affiliations are preferable.

— Do not make students who do not participate in the program feel ostracized.

Echoing many of the same recommendations and warnings already cited by others, Correll concluded her report on released time by stating: "The viability of released time depends on a three-legged support system of home, church and school. If respect and acceptance of any one is lacking, released time is bound to be slanted or topple."

New Plans Proposed

DALLAS (BP)—Annuity Board trustees unanimously voted in their Feb. 1-2 meeting to ask the Southern Baptist Convention and its Executive Committee for approval to develop new property and casualty insurance programs and new retirement plans.

If the proposals are approved, the Annuity Board expects to begin offering new insurance programs including church-owned property coverage, general liability, workers' compensation, bus liability, day-care liability and minister's malpractice insurance.

Also, if approved, the proposals would allow the Annuity Board to offer retirement plans under "tax-qualified" plans rather than "not for profit" plans.

The insurance recommendation requires Southern Baptist Convention approval since it requires a change in the board's program statement. The proposal is expected to be acted on during the SBC Executive Committee's Feb. 22-24 meeting in Nashville.

David H. Morgan, Annuity Board president, told trustees he does not anticipate any problem with amending the program statement since the SBC Executive Committee had requested the Annuity Board to study the program.

In the retirement plan proposal, the Annuity Board is seeking approval to charter

subsidiary corporations which would offer "tax qualified" retirement plans to SBC institutions. The charter and bylaws currently permit the board to offer only 403(b) plans, which are specifically for not-for-profit organizations.

Despite the stock market collapse in October 1987, Treasurer Harold Richardson reported that all Annuity Board funds ended the year with positive performance.

Investment income totaled \$112 million. The year saw assets rise above \$2 billion for the first time, and \$55.8 million in retirement and relief benefits were paid.

Contributions to member accounts rose from \$125.6 million in 1986 to \$132.2 million last year.

Swinford Elected

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (BP)—Maurice Swinford has been named the seventh executive director of the Illinois Baptist State Association.

Swinford, who has been Illinois church development division director for nearly 10 years, was elected unanimously Feb. 8 during a special called meeting of the Illinois association's board of directors.

The new leader succeeds Ernest E. Mosley, who resigned March 31, 1987, to become executive vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee.

He and his wife, Charlotte, are the parents of three adult daughters.

NRB HONOR

Stanley Named To Hall of Fame

by Stan Hastey
Baptist Press

WASHINGTON (BP)—Former Southern Baptist Convention President Charles F. Stanley was inducted into the National Religious Broadcasters Hall of Fame during the organization's annual meeting in February.

The 55-year-old pastor of the 11,000-member First Baptist Church of Atlanta joins earlier honorees Billy Graham, Pat Robertson, Jerry Falwell, Charles E. Fuller and Walter A. Maier as recipients of NRB's highest honor. Presentation of the award was made by NRB Executive Director Ben Armstrong.

Stanley's extensive radio and television outreach, known as In Touch Ministries, includes daily radio broadcasts and weekly telecasts. His "In Touch" programs are heard on 450 radio stations, while the weekly telecast of the Sunday morning worship service of First Baptist, Atlanta, is seen on more than 125 television stations. The telecast also is beamed worldwide through the Armed Forces Radio and Television Network to all U.S. military bases abroad, U.S. embassies around the world and American ships at sea.

Additionally, in the United States, the weekly service is picked up by six cable satellite networks, making it available to thousands of communities across the country.

Reagan Invited To San Antonio

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (BP)—President Ronald Reagan has been invited to address messengers to the 1988 annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention June 14-16 in San Antonio, Texas.

The invitation has been issued by SBC President Adrian P. Rogers of Memphis, Tenn., but the White House is not expected to respond for several months. If Reagan does accept the invitation, he is scheduled to speak at noon Thursday, June 16.

If the president accepts, the June meeting will mark the first time since 1976 that a sitting president of the United States has addressed the SBC. At the 1976 annual meeting in Norfolk, Va., then-President Gerald R. Ford addressed messengers. In 1982, Vice President George Bush addressed the annual meeting of the SBC Pastors' Conference in New Orleans.

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Restoration

by Don Miller, First Church, Trumann

Basic passage: Matthew 18:10-22

Focal passage: Matthew 18:10-22

Central truth: Living in harmony with God and man is of utmost importance.

At first glance one might see three unrelated passages in today's Scripture. But their association is more than just casual. Each passage relates to an aspect of restoration and righteousness.

Matthew 18:10-14 is a parable of the restoration of a lost sheep. Argument could be made both directions whether this is an unsaved person or one who is in a straying or backslidden state. The real focus is God's love and longing for the one who is separated from him and his joy at their restoration. He goes to the fullest extent and effort to bring about or restore a righteous condition.

Matthew 18:15-20 centers on the restoration of broken/damaged relationships. The emphasis is on the salvaging and strengthening of a relationship not exposing the wrong or assigning the fault. The burden of seeking restoration is given to the offended not the offender. If this fails then a small group is to seek the restoration. This "committee" should be composed of wise, respected, and mature believers. If the wrongdoer still refuses reconciliation, then the matter is brought to the church. Then, as a whole, they urge reconciliation.

If the offender remains hardhearted at this point he is to be treated as a lost person. He acts like one, so treat him like one. But how should we treat the lost? With a Christlike love and a seeking to help them to hear and respond to the gospel. This process is never to be done hastily or with eagerness. A broken heart and much time in prayer are vital pre-requisites. Restoration, not punishment or the satisfaction of the wronged, is the goal.

In verse 21-22 Peter poses a question. How often should one seek restoration and grant forgiveness? Jesus answers, "Continually."

How often we allow little problems to get out of hand. Our relationship to God can be measured by our relationship to one another. If we are not right or seeking to be right with one another, then we are not right with God. If you have a problem with someone, forgive him, and then seek reconciliation with him and God.

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Life and Work

Sexual Purity

by Earl Humble, First Church, Osceola

Basic passage: Exodus 20:14; Matthew 5:27-32; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; 1 Corinthians 7:1-6

Focal passage: Exodus 20:14; Matthew 5:27-28; 1 Thessalonians 4:3-7; 1 Corinthians 7:3-5.

Central truth: God's Word takes seriously the demands of God for a responsible stewardship of the sex life.

Those who place all Scripture on the same level of authority for Christian living have a real problem with sexual purity in reconciling certain passages in the Old Testament. Generally speaking, adultery in both Testaments means violation of marriage vows through illicit sexual activity. Sex between the unmarried is called fornication.

(1) The sex life calls for rigid discipline. In the Old Testament if adultery could be proved, both parties were to be stoned (Dt. 22:23-29). If fornication could be proved, the father might require the offending male to marry his daughter, or he might demand money from the offender (Ex. 22:16-17). Multiple wives were allowed and divorce was relatively easy for the man (Dt. 24:1-4).

When we come to the New Testament, the climate of sexual purity is changed. Here adultery begins with lust rather than with the overt act. Both premarital and extramarital usage of sex is condemned (1 Th. 4:3; 1 Co. 7:2).

(2) Sex is one of God's gifts. It is not only to secure the perpetuation of the of the race, but also to express and foster love within marriage (1 Co. 7:1-5). Note that from Genesis the use of sex was blessed by God before sin entered the human race. God is creator, but he has given to men and women the precious seeds of life. They become creators in a secondary sense when their children are born.

(3) Here are some practical guidelines for Christians. First, in the choice of a mate for our children, parents have a great responsibility. It is not that we choose who our children will marry. It is rather that we should guide our children from childhood onward in the true appreciation of friendships. We should also guide them when they begin their dating life. Children should always be brought into family counseling in male-female relationships. We must teach our children the value of prayer in finding God's will in this matter.

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Bible Book

When a Family Hurts

by Eddie L. McCord, Independence Association DOM

Basic passage: Genesis 37:1-36

Focal passage: Genesis 37:3-8, 13-14, 23-27

Central truth: The family must constantly be on guard against disruptive influences.

Is your family hurting? If so, it is no exception. Many families are hurting.

There was trouble in Jacob's family and every member contributed to the hurt. There comes a time when parent and child must answer the question, "Am I a part of the problem?"

Some of the nastiest of human passions were festering in Jacob's family. What havoc they wrought! How disruptive they are in our homes today! They are very easily detected in today's Scripture passage.

(1) Tale-bearing (v.2). Joseph is the guilty party here. While it is true that Joseph was reporting on the undisciplined behavior of the sons of Bilhah, it is also true that there are times when it is best for even the truth to remain unsaid.

(2) Favoritism (v. 3). The favoritism is Jacob's. It seems that he has learned nothing from his experiences as a youth, when he was his mother's favorite and Esau his father's.

(3) Envy (vv. 4,8,11). The brothers are guilty at this point. Jacob's home was a bitter and unhappy place. His action was most unwise at this time.

(4) Pride (vv. 5-7, 9). The first reason for the brother's hatred and envy was Joseph's evil report, the second reason was the coat, and now the third reason was his pride.

(5) Revenge (vv. 23-27). Jacob became uneasy about the safety of his other sons and sends Joseph to find them.

Had Jacob known all the details concerning Joseph's absence, he should not have been surprised. All the ingredients were present for severe conflict in his home.

Many homes are about to crumble because of the presence of disintegrating influences.

Are your emotions all mixed up? Do you find yourself reacting outside your faith? Do you find yourself doing things you do not want to do and failing to do things you really desire to do? When the home hurts God understands. We must bring our difficulties to him.

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A Struggle for Identity

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JERUSALEM (BP)—Messianic Jews are battling for their Jewishness.

No longer are they truly Jewish, their critics claim. The issue is their belief in Jesus, or Yeshua (ye-SHU-uh), as they call him in Hebrew.

"Any rabbi will tell you there is no room within traditional Judaism for any such belief," says Pinhas Peli, a Jerusalem Post columnist and professor of Jewish thought and literature at Ben Gurion University in Be'er Sheva. "Claiming to be both a Jew and a Messianic believer is a contradiction in terms and an aberration of Judaism. Once you leave the Jewish religion or add to it something which is not genuine, you stop being a Jew."

But this small minority—about 3,000 in a nation of 4.4 million people—is intent on "remaining Jewish in a meaningful sense," says Baruch Maoz, leader of a Messianic congregation in the Tel Aviv area. And they are unwavering in their conviction that Jewish Scriptures, in Maoz's words, "find fulfillment nowhere else but in Christ as described in the New Testament."

"We live our lives as Jews in every sense, except those that deny Christ," Maoz says. He and his family observe Passover, for example, because "it's part of our history. I'm glad that my forefathers left Egypt. God brought them out, and that is something to celebrate."

Jewish believers "cannot, in the end, turn to the rabbis to

find the ultimate definition of being Jewish," says Avner Boskey, one of the leaders of a Jerusalem congregation. "Rather, we need to turn to Yeshua the Messiah to do that. The leaven of the Pharisees that Yeshua talked about is the same leaven which refused to accept his divinity and Messiahship, and these people ended up writing the Talmud," ancient writings interpreting the Jewish Bible.

At least a dozen organizations in Israel are devoted to assailing Messianic Jews. Several leaders in the best-known group, Yad L'achim, refused to be interviewed for this story. Believers say Yad L'achim periodically harasses congregational leaders by gathering information about

them, often meshing it with falsehoods, and disseminating the mishmash in neighborhoods and to municipal and national officials.

A poster with a photo of one Messianic couple and their toddler son warned: "Watch out for these people. They love you because they want you to love Jesus." Yad L'achim's tactics also include demonstrations. And some believers claim the group bugs telephones, opens mail and breaks into homes.

Another antagonist is Shmuel Golding, known for various booklets, cassette tapes and weekly debates at his Jerusalem Institute of Biblical Polemics that target some 180 New Testament fulfillments of Old Testament prophecy. Golding's skepticism, believers counter, could be equally destructive if applied to Jewish Scriptures.

Golding also offers training for dissuading young Messianic Jews, and "counselors" now are in place in several countries. In his own counseling, Golding claims a 75-percent rate of Messianic Jews "coming back to their Jewish roots."

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Messianic Jews: being Jewish, believing in Jesus.

Antagonists often label Messianics as the missionaries, which in Israel is "only slightly more positive than being called a child molester," one believer says. The term has been twisted to mean "a soul robber," one seeking to "steal Jews away from their heritage" or "make Jews into Gentiles," believers say.

Messianic Jews face an even more intense challenge from ultra-Orthodox or Hasidic Jews, also known as blacks because of the black hats and coats the men wear. They comprise only 5 percent to 7 percent of the population, yet wield a disproportionate amount of clout because they are wooed by Israel's two major political parties. Far more vehemently than mainline Ortho-

doxy, they oppose the Messianic movement—and any other departure from rigorous Judaism.

Ultra-Orthodox Jews hurled stones into a Tiberias congregation's worship services during a six-month period in 1985. On several occasions, believers have been roughed up. Newspapers, fearing Hasidic protests, will not accept Messianic advertisements, a congregational leader says.

And Ultra-Orthodox Jews often pressure local officials to use zoning regulations against Messianic congregations. A congregation near Tel Aviv struggled more than two years to reverse a municipal injunction against meetings in a building they were renting. No injunctions were placed against nearby synagogues.

The blacks especially are hostile toward Messianics because believers do not give the credence to their religious authority that many other Jews do, Sorko-Ram believes. "That's the same problem as in the first century," he adds, when believers chose Yeshua as their authority.

Despite broad guarantees of religious freedoms, the evangelism is another matter, Peli says. Evangelizing Jews is "chutzpah... something which is not acceptable in any way." To anyone wanting to carry the gospel to the Jews, he admonishes: "Hands off. Not now. You want to talk to us, give us another hundred years, another 50 years. Let's heal the wounds still bleeding from the Holocaust. We lost a third of our people; 6 million Jews to Nazi exterminators. "Every Jew is important to us."

Peli acknowledges a religious void in Israel, but urges, "If you want to be a true friend of Israel... if you want to help people who are looking for spirituality, help them find it within their own religion."

Nor are Messianic Jews open-minded when it comes to pleas to refrain from evangelizing. "We do not have the right to compromise on... the Great Commission which the Jewish Messiah gave to us in Matthew 28," Boskey says. The Apostle Paul in Romans 1 said the gospel should go "to the Jew first," he says. And the Apostle Peter in Acts 4 told Jews "there is no other name under heaven" for salvation. To fail to take the gospel to the Jews would be the "Great Omission," Boskey says.

Some Messianic believers have begun moving beyond one-on-one evangelism in recent years. "We're no longer satisfied with one here and one there," says Ya'akov Damkani of Jaffa, one of three full-time evangelists spearheading the use of tracts to reach the masses. "The prophets were never satisfied with one here and one there," nor were the apostles, he says. "All the nation is familiar with the Christianity of the pope, the crusaders, the inquisitions. We just need to plow the heart of the nation."



Miquel Paiva reads a Scripture passage to some interested neighborhood women.

A Thriving Church

Brazilian Pastor Cites Sacrifice, Commitment

by Frank Wm. White
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BARRA DO CORDA, Brazil (BP)—Although a Baptist missionary first gave access to a Bible to the people of Barra Do Corda about 100 years ago, the city was without a Baptist church until two years ago.

Now a church on a busy street corner in the Equatorial Brazil city of 50,000 is thriving with a Baptist pastor and a layman who have made personal sacrifices to reach the community.

Miquel Paiva became pastor of the church in December 1987 but already has goals to more than double the membership of 30 and develop a trained evangelistic force with the Sunday school.

He baptized 10 new members during his first month as pastor and hopes to have 40 new members within a year. Training sessions in the coming year for Sunday school workers will be a priority "because I feel Sunday school is the basis of the evangelism work we will do," Paiva said.

His previous church, about 150 miles from Barra Do Corda, had eight members when he arrived two years ago and had grown to 60 members when he left.

Paiva's involvement with evangelism and missions began years ago. Instead of a honeymoon, he and his wife, Annarita, spent 28 days on an evangelism tour of remote interior areas.

Annarita's involvement in Barra Do Corda includes plans of filling the church on weekdays with 30 to 40 students learning

"basic alphabet." The school will provide basic reading skills for children and outreach possibilities for the church, she said.

The pastor and his family live in the back of the church which originally was a spiritist hospital. The hospital building was purchased for \$5,200, a bargain that has allowed the church to establish a work much more rapidly than would have been possible otherwise, said Warren Rose, a Southern Baptist missionary who has assisted the church.

The church also has played a role in bringing a much-needed addition to professional medical services for Barra Do Corda. Jarbas Moraes, a Baptist layman and physician, moved his medical practice to the city from Sao Luis because he felt God wanted him to serve there.

Although he earned more money in Sao Luis, "leaving the comfort of the city to go to the interior was a step I was willing to take," he said. "The medical need and the Baptist work were things God had put together for me to be involved in here."

Moraes plans to start a Sunday school class for young people and has involved the pastor as a chaplain at the hospital.

"He'll attend to their physical needs and I'll attend to their spiritual needs," Paiva said.

The church's leadership has the benefit of groundwork laid by Brazilian and Southern Baptist mission efforts.

Baptists from Sao Luis, the state capital about 250 miles away, did a survey of Barra

Do Corda in 1985. Six months later, the state convention, the Brazilian Home Mission Board and First Baptist Church in Imperatriz, a city across the state, purchased the building and a Brazilian home missionary moved to the town to begin the work.

The missionary had nine converts when an Arkansas partnership mission team arrived three months later. There were 25 new Baptists in the community when the Arkansas group left.

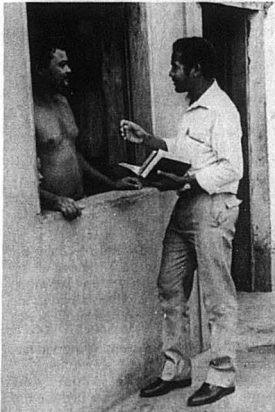
Students from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, and other Arkansas mission teams have returned to Barra Do Corda several times, according to Rose.

The team visits were part of an effort by Rose and Don McNeil, a Southern Baptist missionary who is state convention executive director, to target Barra Do Corda for priority work.

As an evangelist pilot, Rose is a crucial link with Barra Do Corda. With his single-engine, seven-passenger plane, he takes mission teams and others to the community on the eastern rim of the Amazon basin in less than an hour rather than the 12-hour trip by road from Sao Luis.

The Baptists who helped establish the church apparently were received more warmly than the first missionary 100 years ago. Residents say that missionary fled the town after Catholic leaders threatened his life. Now, it seems Baptists are accepted and are in the 150-year-old city to stay.

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Pastor Miquel Paiva talks with Nadir Rodrigues, who earlier had visited the Baptist church in Barra Do Corda.

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'Miracle Child'

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RECIFE, Brazil (BP)—Brazilians' reactions to a Southern Baptist missionary child with no hands or feet have ranged from fear to fascination. But often the encounters allow his parents to present Christ's message of love.

Philip Newberry, 3, the son of missionaries Randy and Jan Newberry, has been called the "miracle child." After much prayer, he recovered from severe meningitis that had caused portions of his arms and legs to be amputated after gangrene set in. Later, he was fitted with prostheses.

The Newberry family was on furlough when Philip got sick in April 1986. Philip, his parents, and their other children, Joey and Amy, returned to Brazil about a year ago.

"It's quite an experience to be on the streets with Philip because people rarely stare," his father says. "Everywhere we go, people say, 'Was he born that way or did he have an accident?'"

The Newberrys were walking through a market in Sao Paulo, Brazil, one day when Philip noticed a beggar with a tin can.

"All of a sudden, Philip said, 'Daddy, look, that man doesn't have any feet!' It didn't dawn on Philip that he didn't either," Newberry says.

Philip walked over and talked to the beggar, who was sitting in the street. "It was like there was a bond there," says his mother. The beggar asked how Philip had lost his legs. He was "very excited to see that Philip could walk with his prostheses because this man didn't have any."

They talked with the beggar a few times, telling him how God had spared Philip and that "God has a plan for Philip's life and for every life, this man's life too," Mrs. Newberry says.

With Brazilians "always asking" about Philip, the Newberrys have encountered others with problems. "We were able to minister to one lady who had a little boy who had some mental problems," Mrs. Newberry says. "Her husband had separated (left her) because of the problems with the child."

In another case, a woman begging on the street approached the Newberrys with her hand extended. When she discovered Philip's lack of hands, she was ashamed of herself and turned away.

Philip's preschool classmates have mixed reactions to him. "Sometimes they are afraid of him; he looks different," says his mother.

Other children want to help him all the time, she adds. They bring toys to him. A

girl had a piece of candy for him, and instead of handing it to him, she put it in his mouth. However, Philip is able to play with toys and eat with no assistance.

"There are some who see absolutely no difference in Philip," Mrs. Newberry explains. "One little boy told him one day, 'I can run faster than you can.' The child spoke to him like he would anybody else."

Philip had a slight setback when the Newberrys first returned to Brazil. He fractured a leg while kicking a soccer ball with his father.

He still was wearing a cast when the Newberrys transferred from Sao Paulo to Recife so that Newberry could teach in Baptist Theological Seminary. The preschool administrator would not allow Philip to enroll in the school at first. She assumed meningitis had caused brain damage and Philip would be too uncoordinated to function well and wouldn't fit in because he didn't speak Portuguese.

But when she learned he'd been playing soccer and found him to be outgoing, she was willing to give him a try.

"She wanted to give Philip the chance to prove that he could function with other children in a regular school situation," Mrs. Newberry says. "She also wanted her students to realize that just because someone is different, he is no less a person—that someone with physical difficulties can still lead a normal life."

Flood Relief

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—About 600 families who were left homeless by a flood in Brazil's Rio de Janeiro state will receive food and supplies from Southern Baptist missionaries.

The Foreign Mission Board sent about \$60,000 in hunger and general relief funds Feb. 8 to missionary Gregory Deering, who is coordinating relief efforts, said Bill Damon, associate area director for Brazil. With the \$60,000, missionaries will buy and distribute a one-month supply of food, as well as blankets, mattresses, cleaning supplies and health kits to ward off diseases.

They also will be looking for ways to comfort the people and present the gospel of Christ.

Five days of heavy rains in early February caused floods and mud slides that killed at least 85, injured 200 and left 4,800 homeless, according to wire reports. Forty buildings collapsed in Petropolis, a mountain resort north of Rio de Janeiro city.

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