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With a standing-room-only crowd in the sanctuary of First Baptist Church in Cary, N.C., a record attendance of messengers from Raleigh Baptist Association churches voted Pullen Memorial Baptist Church out of its fellowship by an 8-2 margin. The church had voted in March to "bless the union" of two male homosexuals.

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J. EVERETT SNEED

It would be impossible to overemphasize the importance of committed Christian lay people. Unfortunately, some Baptists appear to cling to the Catholic concept of a cleavage between the laity and the clergy. The idea is unscriptural and serves as a practical deterrent to the spread of the gospel. Two principles are set forth in the Scripture regarding this matter: (1) The equality of all persons; and (2) God's calling of some to special service. It is only through the practical application of these principles that the gospel will be properly disseminated.

One can almost hear bystanders in the First Century asking, "Who are these people? Are they all preachers?" A casual observer in the early days of Christianity probably was unable to tell the difference between lay people and full-time ministers. Everyone felt that it was his responsibility to carry the good news of the resurrected Christ everywhere he went.

A New Testament church is composed of *laos*, who are God's people. This includes all Christians—men and women, young and old, ordained and unordained. A study of the Bible indicates that all are servants or messengers of the gospel.

It was during the Third and Fourth Centuries that a non-scriptural cleavage began to develop between the ordained and unordained. The official clergy became regarded as the only ones who could mediate for sinful men. Several additional false concepts developed as a result of this dichotomy between the laity and the clergy. Among these was unscriptural authority being given to pastors and other church and denominational positions. Lay people concluded that all Christian ministry and outreach were to be done by the paid, ordained workers.

The equality of every individual is essential to the doctrine of the priesthood of the believer. Unless everyone is equal and has the right of direct access to God through Christ, there must be an earthly mediator or go between. But, Paul clearly said that Christ "hath broken down the middle wall of the partition between us" (Ep. 2:14). The reference was to the barriers in the temple. There was an area for the Gentiles, one for women, another for men, the Holy Place for the priests, and the Holy of Holies for the High Priest. When Christ died on the cross, the veil between the Holy of Holies and the Holy Place was torn in half. All can



come with boldness before God through Christ.

The Apostle Paul again stated the equality of all Christians as he said,

"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for we are all one in Christ Jesus" (Ga. 3:28).

For all Christians there is equal privilege and responsibility. It is probable that Paul was reflecting on his pre-Christian life when he used the Morning Thanksgiving Prayer in which all Jewish males said, "Thou hast not made me a Gentile, a slave, or a woman." The apostle now reverses this prayer. Old distinctions are gone. There is a unity of purpose and responsibility, for all are one in Christ.

The privilege that comes to every Christian is not received by legalistically keeping the law, but by the act of faith in which all who trust Christ generously and freely receive God's grace.

All Christians are debtors to God's grace, only when we are in Christ are we in union and peace with God. It is not the strength or force of man, but the love of God which can unite and make whole.

God does call some to perform specific tasks in the kingdom's work. Paul said, "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers" (Ep. 4:11).

The apostle clearly indicated, however, that the only difference between the lay person and those with specific callings is that some are to train others. All are equal in responsibility for spreading the gospel. Paul said that the pastor-teacher is to "equip the saints for ministry" (Ep. 4:12).

The words used in the New Testament to describe the under shepherd give us some additional insight into his office. He is called "elder," which by the New Testament era meant "one worthy of respect." A second term used to describe the office is "bishop," which means "overseer," showing that he is to give guidance to the church in all areas of its work. He is also called "pastor," meaning "shepherd," one who leads, feeds, and protects the flock. Thus, the pastor is to preach, teach, lead, and counsel.

Historically, efforts were made by the reformers to break down the dichotomy between the lay people and the clergy. Martin Luther strongly emphasized the high religious significance of the lay person's calling, which he saw as a passive resignation to the will of God. John Calvin maintained that man's vocation is the "chief part of human life" and of primary importance before God.

Both pastors and lay persons are responsible to God. Each is to serve as a witness as he has opportunity. The one who has a special calling is no more dear to God's heart than is the dedicated lay person. Since each is directed by the same Master and each has the same goal, the difference lies more in degree and quantity than in direction or quality of service. As we look at the fields which are white unto harvest, all differences disappear and all are to do the Master's bidding.

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DON MOORE

You'll Be Glad To Know



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It is time for Southern Baptists to wise-up, brighten-up, cheer-up, and look-up. We are a people God has uniquely blessed. Anyone who turns to parachurch groups or other denominations is going to find that in leaving Southern Baptists they will have given up a multitude of things that they have just been taking for granted, and may have never used or appreciated.

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

Letters to the Editor

Honest definition

Arkansas Baptists deserve a more accurate and honest definition and description of Fundamentalism than that given by Grady Cothen as reported in the *ABN* 4/23/92. Quoting Cothen, "A true fundamentalist is filled with negativism, is legalistic, authoritarian, and overtly political."

Dr. Robert Torbet, author of *A History of the Baptists*; Arkansas Press 1950, describes the fundamentalists as follows: "Known as Fundamentalists, from a series of apologetic volumes produced by them in 1910 under the title of 'The Fundamentals,' they emphasized the inerrancy of the Sacred Scriptures, the deity of Jesus Christ, his virgin birth, the substitutionary nature of his atoning death, his bodily resurrection, and the imminent and personal return of Christ to establish his Kingdom on earth" (page 443). Dr. Torbet was a professor at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, an American Baptist Seminary.

Dr. Edgar Young (E.Y.) Mullins, whose name strikes fear in the hearts of today's moderates, was a contributor to "The Fundamentals." Dr. E.Y. Mullins was president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; our oldest 1899-1928; president of the Southern Baptist Convention 1921-23; and president of the Baptist World Alliance in 1928, the year of his death. The 1924 SBC appointed a committee to be chaired by Dr. Mullins to research and report to the next convention those doctrines and beliefs most widely held among Baptist. That report was made and accepted by the SBC meeting in Memphis, Tenn., in 1925. The report is better known as *The Baptist Faith*

and Message, one of the most fundamental statements anyone can find.

I was not born nor saved in a Southern Baptist Church. I chose by God's leadership to be a Southern Baptist. I have been so richly blessed by the loving support of these fundamentalists over the past 24 years. If I were as discontented with Southern Baptists as the moderates are, it would be Selah, so long, good bye. I say with the vast majority of fundamental Southern Baptists; as for me and my house (family), we will serve the Lord in the SBC.—Jim Glover, Heber Springs

A Mason speaks

I have read with interest of late the article in the *NewsMagazine* about the Order of Freemasonry. After reading the letter from Mr. Windson in the last issue, I feel I must make a few comments.

First let me state I am both a Baptist and Mason of many years and am proud to be both. I have met many fine men as well as Baptist ministers who are, like myself, members of both. You may be surprised if you knew how many are such members.

I do agree with Mr. Windson when he says Southern Baptist are majoring on minors when they want to purge all Masons from Baptist church rolls.

Freemasonry does not teach that we are supposed to put our Lodge membership ahead of the church.

We as Southern Baptists do have many problems, but I can assure you that Freemasonry is not one of them.

All good men are not Masons, but I have found that most Masons are pretty good men.—B.A. Weller, Fort Smith

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'The truth shall make you free'

Thirteen-year-old Jonathan opened the First Baptist newsletter and flopped on the sofa. "Hey, Dad, it says this is Religious Liberty Sunday."

"Um-hmm," replied attentive Dad from behind his newspaper.

"It says we're 'celebrating religious pluralism in America.' What's that mean?"

"Sounds like preacher mumbo-jumbo to me," sighed layman Dad. "Just means it's a free country, I guess. There are lots of religions, and people can believe whatever they think is true."

"Is that good?" probed Jonathan.

"Sure, as long as we get to believe what we want," replied fair-minded Dad.

"Oh, I get it. It doesn't matter which religion is true, so long as everybody gets to do their own thing. Right?" Jonathan asked.

Cautious Dad lowered the newspaper. "Good question, son. Better ask your mother. Oops, time for the 10 o'clock news."

Click.

Jesus was explaining how to be free from sin: free from its power, which is bondage (8:34); free from its penalty, which is death (8:21), or spiritual separation from God. Jesus said there is only one way to be free:

"If ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins" (8:24). "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed" (8:36). The price of every person's freedom was the Son of God's death (Ro. 5). Faith in Christ alone will make everyone spiritually free. The root of faith will produce the fruit of obedience to his Word in the life of the disciple (8:31).

Baptists are committed to religious liberty because we are committed to proclaiming the truth. We also are committed to liberty of conscience. No government or church organization must be allowed to interfere with a person's relationship with his or her God. Religious liberty also has biblical roots. When God created man in his own image (Ge. 1:27), that image included the free will to choose right and wrong and to obey God or not. No one can decide for another or force change in another's heart. Each person is responsible for his or her own choices.

But while we believe in religious liberty as a theological concept and social ideal, we do not yield our conviction in the absolute truth of the Bible. Our Father God's ultimate goal is not religious pluralism in America. It is salvation exclusively in Christ. God is "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (2 P. 3:9). We accept religious pluralism as a fact of society and urge governments to accommodate religious freedom by all groups. Religious liberty for all is the best means to the end that truth may be proclaimed, received, and believed by all and that all individuals be free from coercion by any government, church, or individual.

Thank God for religious liberty in America today. Ask God for religious liberty to spread throughout the world! Obey God by exercising your religious liberty to share the Truth who makes us free.

—Michael Whitehead, general counsel and director of Christian citizenship and religious liberty concerns, SBC Christian Life Commission



Southern Baptists: Embracing God's Word

June is Baptist Heritage Month

"Southern Baptists: Embracing God's Word," the June 1992 Baptist Heritage Month theme, focuses on the role of the Bible in Southern Baptist life. Local churches convention-wide can observe this emphasis by using the following suggestions:

—Write the SBC Historical Commission for a free 1992 Baptist Heritage Month packet that includes a theme poster. The packet will also include a catalog of publications and videotapes available through the commission.

—Share in the church newsletter or bulletin highlights from your church's history about ways the Bible has been taught. For example, information about your church's first Sunday School classes, first vacation Bible school, first mission, etc.

—Build one or more worship services around the "Embracing God's Word" theme. For example, use hymns such as "Wonderful Words of Life" and "The Word of God Is Alive;" include responsive reading 692 (*The Baptist Hymnal, 1991 edition*); and place a large family Bible on a table in front of the pulpit as a focal point for the service.

—Display Bibles and Bible study resources in a prominent church area. The display could include Bibles presented to new babies, high school and college graduates, Bibles of former pastors, vacation Bible school materials, etc.

To receive a free Baptist Heritage Month packet, write the SBC Historical Commission, 901 Commerce St., Suite 400, Nashville, TN 37203.



Jesus said it does matter what you believe. It is truth that makes us free. Jesus' words in John 8:32 are often quoted on the subject of freedom, but rarely in context. Reading verse 31 along with verse 32 shows a precondition for freedom: "Then Jesus said to those Jews which believed on him, 'If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.'"

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by Maurice Hurley
Special to the Arkansas Baptist

While doing research in a mental hospital some years ago, I was invited to sit in on the staffing of a patient. The lady had been abused by her parents and married a man without any financial resources who also abused her. After having a psychiatric breakdown, she entered the hospital. When she was brought to staffing, she sat at the head of the table with the staff around the table. With her head hanging forward, she kept repeating, "Please don't hurt me, please don't hurt me." She had been subjected to so much hurt that she was unable to deal with the state of anxiety which existed from her constant fear of being hurt.

Anxiety has been described as "one of the most distressing and intolerable of mental states." Anxiety also can come from a fear of failure. A student may fear poor grades. The athlete may fear poor performance on the athletic field. Some coaches worry about the first contact in football. Even though a certain amount of anxiety may be advantageous for playing the game, too much anxiety may mean that on the first play, a ball may be fumbled or a hand-off missed, which may affect the confidence of the player for a time.

Persistent anxiety can have far-reaching results. It can cause a person to seek power over others. A people may become sick with worry, not because of real danger but because they "transfer their inner insecurity onto the world situation." It can lead to all kinds of physical problems; irregular and over-active heartbeat, chronic fatigue, digestive problems, lowered efficiency, nausea and vomiting, a feeling of suffocation, and a series of other symptoms.

Anxiety is both real and present but can be dealt with by using biblical principles. Jesus was concerned about his disciples. He knew that they would face periods of great stress and trials, and he did not want them to carry the extra baggage of anxiety. In Matthew 6:25-34, Jesus gave some practical instructions concerning dealing with anxiety. First, he admonished, "Do not be anxious." Three times he gave this instruction, in verses 25, 31, and 34. In fact, he gave a two-fold instruction: Do not be covetous (vv. 19-21), and do not be anxious. G. Cambell Morgan once wrote, "It accurately defines the whole attitude of mind which his disciples should maintain toward necessary things. Take no over anxious thought, God will take care of you." As Paul said, "And my God shall supply all

your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Ph. 4:19). He will supply all your needs, not all your luxuries.

Second, he says to keep the mind focused properly. Jesus set the stage for his discussion on anxiety by explaining, "No man can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will hold to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon" (Mt. 6:24). The word for anxiety implies the dividing of the mind. What Jesus was saying was that to avoid anxiety the believer must be focused on the purposes of the kingdom. If he allows his focus to become confused by material things, he will find his mind divided and the result will be anxiety. A divided allegiance not only creates anxiety but also chokes out the Word and its product in life.

Third, he says the believer must have proper vision. "Look at the birds of the air" (v. 26) and the "lilies of the field" (v. 28). God knows how to take care of them, and you are much more important than they. If you want to avoid anxiety about material things, let go and let God take of you. He knows how.

Fourth, anxiety is useless. "And which of you by being anxious can add a single cubit to his life's span?" (v. 27). Authorities have differed about whether the meaning here is to add to one's height or to one's span of life. In either event the meaning is the same; namely, anxiety is useless. It ac-

complishes nothing. In fact, it interferes with the proper function of life and the carrying out of the will of God in one's life.

Fifth, keep your faith in God. "But if God arrays the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, will he not do so for you, O men of little faith?" (v. 30). God does know how to take care of his own.

Sixth, never forget who you are. Believers are children of God. Therefore you do not have to worry about material things "For all these things the Gentiles eagerly seek" (v. 32). The children of God are not as the Gentiles and pagans without faith in the Father, but have a unique relation of sonship.

Seventh, keep your eyes fixed on the true purpose of life. "Seek first the kingdom and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you" (v.33).

Eighth, never pile the cares of tomorrow on today. Someone has said, "Do not worry about yesterday for it is gone, nor tomorrow for it has not arrived, but only today." In the model prayer, Jesus prayed, "Give us this day our daily bread" (v.11). He asked bread just for today, not tomorrow. In other words, live your life one day at a time. This does not mean that we shall not plan for tomorrow, but rather not be anxious about it. Jesus did say that if a man builds a house, he does count the cost before he begins. But objective planning does not imply anxious involvement.

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they sat around the camp fire they asked the minister what he thought about Fox River since he often traveled this way. The minister replied, "Oh, I don't know. I never cross Fox River until I get there." Nor should we cross our "fox rivers" until we get there.

W. Maurice Hurley, former minister of missions and pastoral care at North Little Rock's Park Hill Church, and former chairman of the department of psychology at Ouachita Baptist University, currently teaches at Boyce Bible College, a Little Rock extension of Southern Seminary.

BY ALL MEANS!

"I have become all things to all people that I might by all means save some." —1 Cor. 9:22 NIV

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Arkansas All Over

MILLIE GILL

People

Keith Barnes has joined the staff of Trinity Church in Searcy as minister of music and youth, coming there from Symrna, Ga. He is a graduate of Central Baptist College in Conway.



Barnes

Mark Ferguson has resigned as pastor of Wilmar Church to pastor a church in Prentiss, Miss.

Larry Donaldson has resigned as pastor of Corinth Church at Wilmar to serve as pastor of Jerome Church.

George Waldrup is serving as pastor of Chickasaw Church at McGehee. He previously pastored at Jerome.

Charles Radley has resigned as pastor of Grace Church, Augusta, to pastor Pisgah Church, Forrest Hill, La.

Paul Northcutt has resigned as pastor of Memorial Church, Waldo.

Rod McQuerter, a sophomore guard on the Williams Baptist College Eagles basketball team, was recently named to the 1991-92 All-American Team of the National Christian College Athletic Association. He is the first male athlete from WBC to achieve All-American status.

Dr. and Mrs. Tom Cox of Mountainburg, **Ted Duke** of Fayetteville, **Roy Blawell** of Winslow, and **Kathy Brown** of Van Buren recently returned from participating in "Crossover India." This volunteer mission effort resulted in more than 7,000 professions of faith and 200 baptisms.

Stephen Dumas, a student at Ouachita Baptist University, will join the staff of South Highland Church in Little Rock May 31 as summer youth intern.

Michael Shy began serving May 3 as pastor of East Side Church in Mountain Home, coming there from Poplar Bluff, Mo. He is a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and Luther Rice Seminary. Shy and his wife, **Kathy**, have three children, **Benjamin**, **Jacob**, and **Mallory**.

Sam Adkins has resigned as pastor of West Helena Church, effective May 31 to move to Little Rock where he has accepted a position as a clinical chaplain at the University of Arkansas Medical Center.

Dale Howell has resigned as pastor of Big Fork Church, Mena.

Lewis Newcomb has resigned as pastor of Mount Gillead Church, Norman.

Jesse Whitley of Little Rock is serving as interim pastor of Mount Ida Church.

Homer Shirley of Searcy is serving as interim pastor of First Church, Augusta.

Kim Bryant is serving as interim minister of youth for East Side Church, Paragould.

Tonya Kirkendall of Jonesboro joined the staff of Calvary Church, Corning, May 1 as minister of music and youth.

Tim Hobbs is serving as pastor of Branch Church.

Butch Snow, who has been a member of South Side Church in Fort Smith, began serving April 26 as pastor of Highway 96 Church, Lavaca.

Derwood Bernard Beasley of Ash Flat, a retired Southern Baptist pastor, died May 4 at age 72. His funeral services were held May 7 in First Church of Horseshoe Bend where he was a member. Beasley was a chaplain with the rank of major in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean conflict and then in the Arkansas Army National Guard. He also was a member of the Hardy Lions Club and a member of the Ministerial Alliance. He had pastored in Huttig, El Dorado, Marked Tree, and Horseshoe Bend, as well as churches in Texas, Louisiana, and Alabama. He had served in associational leadership positions, as well as with the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. Survivors are his wife, **Eleanor Lou Helbach Beasley**; and one daughter, **Mandy Beasley Stacey** of Cherokee Village.

Sam Thomas will serve as youth intern for Life Line Church in Little Rock. He is a student at Ouachita Baptist University.

Deborah Lochridge is now serving as minister of education and children at First Church in Clarksville. She is a graduate of Williams Baptist College and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

James R. Rice began serving May 17 as full-time pastor for Concord Southern Chapel in Van Buren, coming there from Bethel Church in Arkoma, Okla.

Edith Holdford Whitecotton of North Little Rock died May 4 at age 88. Her funeral services were held May 6 at Central Church in North Little Rock where she had been a member since 1934, having served there as WMU president, a Sunday School teacher, and in other leadership roles. Survivors include two sons, **Jerry Davis** of Garland, Texas, and **Bill Davis** of San Antonio, Texas; a daughter, **Pat LaRue** of North Little Rock; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Gregg Greenway, who has served for 13 years as minister of music and youth at First Church of Siloam Springs, has resigned to serve as pastor of First Church of Almyra. He and his wife, **Terry**, have two children, **Travis** and **Drew**.

Clemma Adams of Ozark died May 6 at age 80. Her funeral services were held May 8 at First Church of Ozark where she was a member. Survivors include her husband, **Gene Adams**; three daughters, **Sara Lovette** of Fort Smith, **Sherrill Cox** of Springdale, and **Sue Seal** of Ozark; 11 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Briefly

Hardy First Church held a spring revival April 5-10 that resulted in 5 professions of faith. The Ramsey Family from Waco, Texas, were revival leaders.

Cullendale First Church in Camden hosted more than 590 (black and white) Christians April 26 in an area National Southern Baptist Fellowship. **Jack Kwok**, ABCS director of Cooperative Ministries, was convener. Program personnel include **Larry Wilson**, **Shadrach Forchla**, **Gene Jeffress**, **J.T. Harvill**, **David Uth**, **J.H. Hayes**, **Lynn Robertson**, and **George Smith**. Special music featured the choirs from the host church, **Camden First Church**, and **Pilgrim Rest Missionary Church**.

Lakeside Church in Hot Springs has begun the Right Step program. This is a 12-step Christian based recovery program for individuals dealing with chemical dependency and codependency. Further information may be obtained by calling the church at 501-262-2063.

Walnut Street Church in Jonesboro ordained Collin Elder and Gary Gann to the deacon ministry May 3.

Monticello First Church ordained Royce Aston, Randy Brown, Craig McRae, and Gary Tucker to the deacon ministry April 26.

Russellville Second Church broke ground for a new worship center May 3.

East Side Church in Osceola youth recently held a lock-in prior to attending the state youth convention in Little Rock.

Knobel First Church, Peach Orchard, dedicated a new building May 17. Speakers included Max Gregory, director of missions for Current-Gains Association, and Ledell Bailey, a former pastor.

South Side Church in Pine Bluff will celebrate 75 years of service May 23-25 with former members and staff persons as special guests. Speakers will include Bobby Graham and Don Moore, executive director of Arkansas Baptist State Convention. Steve and Susan Boehning will be musicians.

Mansfield First Church recently honored Pastor Joel Faircloth in recognition of nine years of service.

Rosie Church will hold its 85th annual homecoming June 14 with services that begin at 9:50 a.m. Barry Jackson is pastor.

South Highland Church in Little Rock has launched a monthly Parents Night Out with Peggy Bene as coordinator and The Christian Reader as new ministries.

Little Rock First Church held a recognition service May 17 for Girls' in Action. Also recognized were Jason and Carolyn Lee who serve as missionaries to India.

Osceola First Church broke ground April 26 for a new church plant. Participating in the service were Bill Bowie, minister of music; Mike Gibson, chairman of deacons; Dickie Kennemore, mayor of Osceola; Harry Wooten, chairman of the building committee; Pastor Mark Taylor; Marvin Reynolds, director of missions for Mississippi County Association; and Kenneth Sulcer, chairman of the funding committee.

Conway Second Church will hold a senior adult revival May 31-June 3. The May 31 service will be an evening service with the Monday-Wednesday services being conducted from 10:30 a.m. until noon. Wilbur Herring, pastor emeritus of Central Church of Jonesboro, will be evangelist. Bill Canary, pastor of Mount Vernon Church, will direct music. Also scheduled are special music, personal testimonies, and a Wednesday potluck luncheon.



Trinity Church, Mabelvale, conducted a re-dedication of its facilities May 3. In late 1990, a structural problem was discovered. The church received \$42,000 from various sources including \$15,000 from the ABSC Missions Department. By using the church as the general contractor and with the use of volunteer labor, \$70,000 in improvements were completed. The work included a new roof, new trusses, and re-designing and beautifying of the auditorium. Visitors for the dedication service included Pulaski Association Director of Missions Glenn Hickey, who led the prayer, and ABSC Church Extension Director Jack Ramsey, who brought the dedicatory message. Others participating included Orville Castleberry, who gave a history of the re-construction project, and Pastor Matthew Watson, who led in the responsive reading.



DeValls Bluff First Church dedicated an 8,400 square foot structure April 5 that houses a 200-seat auditorium, classrooms, a fellowship hall, kitchen, and office space. The building, located on Highway 70 in the city limits, replaces the historic old First Church that was located downtown and has been purchased by the city to renovate into a new city hall. In addition to local support, the congregation was assisted in its building program by Caroline Association, Church in A Day Builders, and the Texas Christian Builders. The ABSC Missions Department helped finance the project through the revolving church loan program. Participating in the dedication service were Jim Edwards, director of missions for Caroline Association, representatives of the building groups, and Tommy Goode, associate in the ABSC Missions Department. Bob Larsen is pastor.

'Global' search committee

by Donald D. Martin
SBC Foreign Mission Board

RICHMOND, Va.—A new pastor search committee in Arkansas has global ambitions.

Southern Baptist missionary Edwin Pinkston of Crossett, Ark., is in Arkansas urging pastors to consider becoming foreign missionaries.

"We're asking pastors if they're willing to talk to our search committee. A lost world can't ask that question, so we're asking for them," said Bill Morgan, director of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's enlistment department.

Pinkston and his wife, Greta, are missionaries to Ivory Coast. Between now and September he plans to meet with as many Arkansas preachers as possible. Pinkston will ask them if they have ever seriously considered or prayed about an overseas ministry.

Most pastor search committees represent specific church bodies. Yet the nomadic Fulani people of west Africa, the Quechua people of South America and millions of others have no way of voicing their need for Christian leadership. That is why the Foreign Mission Board has formed the Global Search Committee. The committee is the voice and representative of these peoples, and it aims to draw from a wealth of Southern Baptist pastors in the United States.



Pinkston

Each year the need for trained pastors tops the list of personnel requests from overseas. For 1991, missionaries overseas asked for 240 people to join them in reaching people like the Chinese of Macao or the Kanuri people in Nigeria.

"Our greatest need overseas, year after year, is for missionary preachers who will start and develop new churches and work with local pastors and other Christians," Morgan said. "Yet out of each year's requests for preachers only one in four requests is filled."

About 95 percent of Southern Baptist pastors stay in the United States where only 5 percent of the world's 5.1 billion people live, Morgan said. Much of the world has yet to hear the gospel many pastors preach over and over to the same people.

"There are literally hundreds of preachers whom God has gifted for ministry across cultural lines," Morgan said. "It is hard to believe that the Lord of the harvest who has opened so many doors for us would call so few."

Perhaps most have never had a personal challenge to think and pray about their own involvement in foreign missions. Only one seminary graduate out of 20 is ap-

pointed as a missionary, Morgan explained. Pinkston, as one of 15 furloughing missionaries serving as enlistment assistants, plans to encourage local pastors to consider a career in missions.

"If we are to come anywhere close to meeting our Bold Mission goals in evangelism and sharing Christ's gospel with all people, we must have the preachers," Morgan said.

The enlistment department is following a common biblical pattern of challenging those whom God is calling, explained Morgan, who was a general evangelist and missionary preacher for 18 years in Brazil.

"All of us on our staff and these furloughing missionaries stand ready to preach in pastors' conferences, evangelism conferences, conventions — anywhere preachers are — and to sit down with pastors and their families all over this country to ask them to seriously consider foreign missions," Morgan said.

"We are pleading for open mindedness to foreign missions service. We believe if every preacher and every church staff member were open to God's call, there would be a strong response. Surely God is calling more than are going," said Morgan.

Pinkston's furlough address is 211 East B St., North Little Rock, AR 72116. He can be reached by telephone at 501-758-3264.

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Young Musicians—Three Young Musicians Festivals, held on April 11, drew 694 singers, sponsors, and children's choir leaders from 23 Baptist churches across Arkansas. Choirs sang for adjudication comments and ratings, and joined together to rehearse music for the final worship celebration. Festival locations and directors were: Pine Bluff Immanuel Church, Terry Kirkland from Nashville, Tenn.; Texarkana Beech Street First Church, Nan Grantham from Bossier City, La.; and Fayetteville First Church, Lujean Howard from Tulsa, Okla. Five locations are scheduled for 1993. Pictured are the Young Musicians Choir from Immanuel Church, Pine Bluff.

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College Digest

Williams Baptist College

Library receives grant—WBC's Felix Goodson Library recently received a \$10,000 grant from the Union Pacific Foundation to assist in automating the facility, according to the WBC head librarian Martha Nichols. Herschel Friday, general attorney for Union Pacific Corporation in Arkansas, presented the \$10,000 check to Jimmy Millikin, WBC president, and Marilyn Goodwin, assistant librarian.

Cavenaugh Ford scholarship—Cavenaugh Ford in Black Rock has established a \$1,500 scholarship at Williams Baptist College in memory of the late Charles Ray and Ruth Cavenaugh. The scholarship will be awarded annually for three years to a Lawrence County high school graduate as a part of the Lawrence County division of WBC's Golden Anniversary Campaign. Cavenaugh Ford is owned by Donald Cavenaugh of Jonesboro and Ronald Cavenaugh of Walnut Ridge.

Commencement speaker—Mark Copinger, vice president for public relations for the SBC Executive Committee in Nashville, Tenn., was the keynote speaker for Williams Baptist College's 1992 commencement exercises on May 15. WBC awarded 30 bachelor's degrees and 21 associate degrees during the commencement. Other honored guests included Mrs. Betsy Hagan of Little Rock, WBC's 1992

Distinguished Baptist Lady, and Kenneth Sulcer of Osceola, WBC's Distinguished Baptist Layman.

Hosting basketball camp—WBC will host its annual basketball camp June 1-5 for girls and June 8-12 for boys. Both sessions are open to students in grades 4 through 9 as of this fall. For more information, contact Carol Halford at 886-6741, ext. 153.

Arkansas Bank gift—Williams Baptist College recently received a \$2,000 gift from Arkansas Bank in Walnut Ridge. The gift will be used to provide scholarships for area students.

Ouachita Baptist University

Publication heads chosen—Three OBU students have been selected for student publication editors and director of photography operation at the university for the 1992-93 school year. Roy Burroughs of Foster, Ala., a senior art major, will direct the photography operation of the OBU public relations office. Cassandra Sample of Rose Bud, a senior communications major, will be the editor-in-chief of the campus newspaper, the *Signal*. Rachel Ward of Texarkana, a sophomore communications major, has been chosen again to serve as editor of the campus yearbook, the *Ouachitonian*.

Piano winners announced—Cash

awards totaling \$1,150 were given to winners in the 15th annual OBU Piano Competition in Performance and Achievement held recently. Winners included: Cindy Burks, a Bradley sophomore; Steven Cole, a Greenwood freshman; Christy Burleson, a Little Rock senior; Leisa Arnett, a Texarkana senior; Christine Carter, a Fort Smith junior; and Beth Anne Rankin, a Magnolia junior.

Student Senate officers—Jay Heflin of Little Rock, a junior business administration major, has been elected as president of OBU's Student Senate for the 1992-93 academic year. Other new Executive Council officers include: vice-president for internal affairs—Bryan McKinney, a North Little junior; vice-president for external affairs—Chris Maloch, a Little Rock junior; treasurer—Sharon Francis, an Arkadelphia junior; and secretary—Tena Jester, an Ashdown junior.

Computer workshops for ministry—The Center for Christian Ministries (CCM) at Ouachita Baptist University is sponsoring for ministers, denominational leaders and interested laymen a Computer-Assisted Bible Study and Ministry Workshop, June 1-2, on the Arkadelphia campus. For more information, contact Bill Steeger, OBU, P.O. Box 3787, Arkadelphia, AR 71998-0001; telephone 246-4531, ext. 599.

Vining selected—OBU athletic director Bill Vining has been re-elected to the NAAIA Council of District Chairs, which is composed of representatives from colleges and universities across the nation.



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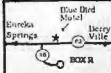
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During the spring semester, students in Arkansas Baptist Student Unions have been on the road in a wide variety of ministry projects. Fourteen campuses were represented in 21 different projects since the beginning of 1992. Thousands of dollars were contributed and thousands of miles were logged in these efforts. Many lives were influenced through these ministries, but none more than the students who went out to serve.

Pictured is a group from Arkansas State University that went to Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Arkansas Tech University sent two teams to Guatemala, Mexico and the Arkansas Boys' Ranch at Harrison. Baptist School of Nursing sent a team to minister in North Carolina. Ouachita and Henderson State



BSU photo / Arlisa Dickerson
Tammy Smith (left) and Kristy Ask, from the Arkansas State University BSU, conducted backyard Bible clubs with Haitian children in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

cooperated in sending teams to Washington D.C., while another OBU team went to Uzbekistan in the former Soviet Union.

Southern Arkansas University and SAU Tech combined to work on projects in New Orleans. The University of Arkansas at Fayetteville also sent a team to New Orleans, while supporting a team in Guatemala and another that assisted in construction at the Boys' Ranch in Harrison. University of Arkansas at Little Rock sponsored a weekend ministry project in New Orleans and combined with the Univer-

sity of Central Arkansas and Westark Community College in sending a team to Chicago.

A medical team from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences performed vital medical services and witnessed in Ecuador in support of our foreign missionaries already on that field. The University of Arkansas at Monticello sent a team to Kansas City. Ministry at one of our own campuses, Arkansas Baptist College, was strengthened by a team from the BSU at University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff.

God leads those who are willing to serve to areas where ministry is needed. Even when financial resources are limited, God leads students to give from their personal resources, their time, and their energy in his service. Pray that God will nourish the seeds of ministry and missions that these projects have planted in students' hearts. —George Sims, associate, ABSC Student Department

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News from Siloam

New Assembly manager

Ted Williams has been named manager of the Arkansas Baptist Assembly in Siloam Springs. Williams came to the Assembly



Williams

from serving an assistant at Camp Copass in Denton, Texas. He is a graduate of Stephen F. Austin State University in Texas and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. He and his wife, Jeni, have two sons, Carey, 10, and Benjamin, 5.

In addition to being responsible for all maintenance and construction work at the Assembly, Williams will also be responsible for booking and supervising all retreat groups using the facilities. Previously, retreats were booked from the Little Rock office. Groups wanting to use the Assembly for retreats, seminars, pool parties, family reunions, or other gatherings should contact Williams at the Assembly at 524-4565. Summer camp reservations will continue to be booked from the Little Rock office.

Registration at record pace

Registrations for the 1992 Arkansas Baptist Assembly at Siloam Springs are coming in at a record pace. More than 8,200 have pre-registered for the six weeks of camp this summer. Freddie Pike, Assembly director, said, "This is ahead of our record pace set just last year. I believe the addition of the new Worship Center and the promise of the dormitory renovations have increased interest in attending the Assembly." The dormitory remodeling project will begin at the conclusion of camps this summer.

Four of the weeks have more than 1,400 registered with only two weeks remaining open for additional reservations. The two weeks still open are both over 1,200 at this time. Those wishing to attend camp this summer need to respond quickly to insure there will be room for their group. The record enrollment is prompting study concerning adding additional weeks to the camp schedule for next summer.

Arkansas natives appointed by HMB

Three couples with Arkansas connections were recently appointed to mission service by the SBC Home Mission Board.

Lawrence and Rachel Hammond will serve in Fort Worth, Texas, where he will serve as a church planter while he continues to work in church extension ministries with Tarrant Baptist Association.

Hammond is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. A native of Winthrop, he served as pastor in Arkansas and Texas.

A native of Foreman, Mrs. Hammond will work in family and church service. She has done volunteer service as a choir member and a Sunday School teacher.

Kurt and Laura Caddy will serve in Springfield, Mo., where he will be a church planter apprentice and she will work in family and church service.

A graduate of Southern Baptist College

in Walnut Ridge and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., Caddy has been a summer missionary in Utah, Idaho, Alaska, and Brazil. He also served as a volunteer missionary in Africa and Mexico. He is a native of Little Rock.

Mrs. Caddy is a native of Batesville. She graduated from Arkansas College in Batesville and served as a summer missionary in Brazil. A former teacher and coach, she has done volunteer service as a youth Bible study leader.

Keith and Barbara Draper will serve in Chicago; he will be director of language and church planter strategist. A graduate of Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., and Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, Ill., Draper is a native of Bauxite. He has been serving as Baptist student minister for the Chicago Metro Baptist Association since 1987.

Mrs. Draper, a native of Illinois, will work in family and church service.



The Hammonds



The Caddys



The Drapers

Photo / Gene Herrington

Quarter of a million gospels—Arkansas Baptist leaders Glendon and Marjorie Grober present a Spanish copy of the Gospel of John to Rocael Alejandro, administrator of the Guatemala Baptist Seminary and pastor of Esmyrnia Church. The copy was one of 272,000 provided by Baptist Men of Arkansas, directed by Grober, for use in crusades and general distribution. Mrs. Grober is president of the state WMU.



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New heart, new zeal

by Gene Herrington
Special to the Arkansas Baptist

Modern surgery techniques gave Dennis L. McCrackin, former music minister at Little Rock's Parkway Place, a new heart and a new zeal.

In May 1990, he became the fourth to receive a heart transplant at Baptist Medical Center. He is looking forward to his second anniversary of "new life" May 23. He had been music minister at Parkway Place for five years before being struck by viral cardiomyopathy, a disease that makes the heart muscle ineffective at pumping blood.

"Just before the transplant, I'd lost 41 pounds in 35 days," McCrackin recalled. "I didn't feel like eating and my blood pressure had dropped to 69 over 58."

The surgery not only gave him new life, it opened a new avenue of service in addition to a part-time return to his previous work.

He is an education volunteer with the Arkansas Regional Organ Recovery Agency (AORA) and serves as chairman of the Arkansas Organ Transplant Support Group in Little Rock. If he is not presenting programs, he spends time visiting with hospitalized heart patients.

"There is no way I could have made it without a 'new heart,'" McCrackin explained. "The doctors had said that I had maybe four or five days when I underwent my surgery. Two weeks later I left the hospital."

The battle continues, he said, since medication is a requirement to prevent rejection of the new organ.

He began a revival as music director on Easter Sunday, April 19, at Mount Zion Church in Paragould. He also does church music supply work.

McCrackin entered the church music ministry field in 1971 at Rosedale. Five years later he graduated from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, with a degree in church music. He served in Kentucky for four years before returning to Arkansas.

*"They (doctors) can put
in the new heart but
only God can put the
beat into the heart."*

Although he has more energy now than three or four years before the surgery, McCrackin realizes that his life expectancy is not that of a normal person.

"Death has become a part of casual conversation," he said.

He is prompted by a real urgency in his AORA work "because friends have died waiting for an organ."

He gives credit to the surgery that provided him with new life but explained, "They can put in the new heart but only God can put the beat into the heart."

Arkansas couple assigned to ISC

An Arkansas couple were among the 23 people recently assigned by the SBC Foreign Mission Board to work overseas through the International Service Corps (ISC).

Tommy and Mary Elizabeth Halsell have been assigned to Germany, where he will serve as an interim pastor for four months.

Halsell is assistant dean/professor at Boyce Bible School of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. A graduate of Ouachita Baptist University and Southern Seminary, he considers Little Rock his hometown.

Mrs. Halsell, a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University and Southern Seminary, also considers Little Rock her hometown.

Third party negotiation training

More help will soon be available for churches experiencing conflict. The Church Leadership Support Department is hosting a special conference at Ouachita Baptist University on June 22-24. The intent of the conference is to train approximately 25 men from various areas of the state, in how to step in and help local churches which are experiencing conflict. Of course, churches in conflict will need to request help before such help can be given.

Norris Smith, consultant for the church administration department, Baptist Sunday School Board, will lead the training event. Smith has created a very usable, successful approach to bringing opposing individuals and groups to sit down together and work through misunderstanding and disagreements.

Those receiving training at the June event will include pastors, DOMS, counselors, professors and retired pastors: These are men with much experience in dealing with the programs and needs of local churches. By providing them this specialized training, we will bring the help available to our churches to a new level.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Doing it differently

by Colleen Backus
Arkansas Baptist

The summer slump. Promoting school-age children six weeks after they have started school. Involving families, not just children, in Bible study. All these difficulties face Southern Baptist churches. At least one Arkansas church has found an innovative way to meet these problems head on, by using a different approach to the timing of vacation Bible school and Sunday School promotion.

BSSB photo / Jim Veneman



Vacation Bible School can make a difference in the life of a church.

Every year, Greg Jackson, minister of education at Central Church in North Little Rock for 11 years, had parents come to him wanting to have Sunday School promotion in the summer, before the children promote in school, rather than after the fact in October. The traditional theory on October promotion is that it is hard to promote in September because of Labor Day; June promotion is difficult because the literature is off. Summer attendance slumps also get in the way of getting Sunday School classes off to a good start.

Then Jackson asked himself a question: "Why not tie the Bible school to promotion?" Deciding to take the chance, Central Church changed its entire church year to July, kicked off by "Vacation Bible School Month." Preschoolers and children start VBS on the first Sunday morning in July in their new classes. On Sunday evening,

adults join the Bible school activities, which continue in the evening for the entire week. "I really like it," Jackson said, "because you can make it a family Bible school instead of just children."

In the summer of 1991, Central Church started the VBS plan on the first Sunday in July, conducted evening VBS for a week, and continued the VBS program during Sunday School for the preschoolers and children throughout July. Also contingent in the plan was using Sunday School teachers in VBS, teaching their own age group. That way, Jackson said, the kick-off for promotion is a really fun time for the children. It worked very well for the preschoolers, children, and their teachers, according to Jackson. "It allowed the teachers to meet and get to know their new pupils really fast, really well, because their introduction to each other was a six-day experience. It was a little more relaxed, a little bit looser than Sunday School."

Certain literature had to be adjusted, Jackson said, especially for four-year-olds and first graders. Promoting in July means four-year-olds are still a year away from kindergarten, and first graders have only just completed kindergarten, not first grade, which is the way the literature is oriented. This year, teachers saved the introductory material from their October curriculum to use in vacation Bible school.

Bible school projects also were timed so that the kids had to return the second Sunday morning to complete them. "A number of kids then converted over to Sunday morning attendance, often with at least one parent," Jackson said.

Attendance figures seem to bear out the success of combining July promotion with vacation Bible school, something about which Central Church Pastor Ron Ford is excited. Average Sunday School attendance for 1990-91 was 468, a figure which church staff thought was artificially high due to the conversion of the church year. Due to the conversion from October to July, attendance figures only reflected a nine-month period, leaving out the traditional "bad weeks" in late summer through Labor Day. However, the average Sunday School attendance figure for this year, reflecting a full 12 months, was 516, a new church record for Central. The average figure for July attendance was 496, with almost a 100 percent attendance in the preschool department.

"We had a big summer," Jackson said. And hopefully another big summer is on the way.

Use VBS to locate prospects

NASHVILLE—Churches may be missing one of the best opportunities to locate prospects by not following up on participants in vacation Bible school, according to a coordinator of Southern Baptist VBS work.

As churches plan for VBS in the coming summer months, they should not overlook the number of prospects possible from vacation Bible school, said Willie Beaty, growth consultant responsible for vacation Bible school in the Sunday School division of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Beaty expressed concern about a decline in the number of prospects discovered during 1991 vacation Bible schools. The VBS report indicates churches located 512,429 prospects in 1992 school for a decline of 14,449 from the 526,878 discovered in 1990 schools.

Reports for mission schools and Backyard Bible Clubs indicated increases in prospects discovered while the decline was in prospects from church schools, Beaty pointed out.

While prospects declined in 1991, Beaty said he hopes the increase in professions of faith, number of schools, and enrollment continue in the 1992 VBS season.

Professions of faith for 1991 were 61,420 for an increase of 5,212 over the 56,208 reported in 1990. The number of schools was up 1,368 from 33,101 for 1990 to 34,469 for 1991. Enrollment increased by 86,722 for a total of 3,620,254 in 1991 compared with 3,533,532 in 1990.

Beaty said prospect files in church vacation Bible schools can be increased if churches train workers well and promote schools in the community.

Many churches provide training during May as they prepare for VBS, Beaty pointed out.

A promotional theme, "Fantastic Journey," is developed with posters, flyers, and other items in a new VBS promotion kit for 1992.

"Fantastic Journey" provides a theme to rally to and use in the community," Beaty said.

This is the first year a unified promotional theme has been provided, Beaty said.

VBS materials and promotional kits are available from Baptist Book Stores or from the customer service center toll-free number, 1-800-458-2772.

1992 INDIANAPOLIS CONVENTION

Quayle will be at Indy SBC

(BP)—A native Hoosier, Dan Quayle, vice president of the United States, has confirmed he will welcome messengers to the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention June 9 in Indianapolis.

Quayle accepted the invitation of the SBC Committee on Order of Business and late last week confirmed his coming through SBC President Morris Chapman, pastor of First Baptist Church in Wichita Falls, Texas.

His welcome, to an expected 20,000-22,000 messengers and guests in Indianapolis' Hoosier Dome, will come at 8:50 Tuesday morning, the first session of the convention.

Resolutions

People seeking to have resolutions considered by Southern Baptist Convention messengers at the annual meeting in Indianapolis June 9-11 are requested to send them in advance to the Resolutions Committee.

Persons who want to submit resolutions should send them as soon as possible to the committee through the SBC Executive Committee, 901 Commerce St., Suite 750, Nashville, TN, 37203. "Attention: Committee on Resolutions."

Child care

Pre-registration for child care during the June 9-11 Southern Baptist Convention remains open, according to the coordinator, Shirley Bearce.

But, she cautioned, "If parents have not pre-registered their children and received their confirmation before arriving at the SBC in Indianapolis, preschool child care space may not be available" when the service opens June 9.

Child care is being offered for bed babies through kindergarten, to a capacity of 75 children, Bearce said. It will be available only during the six scheduled sessions of the SBC June 9-11, not during mealtimes.

Parents needing child care should mail a pre-registration request immediately to Bearce at 164 Congress Court, Mooresville, IN 46158.

Golden Gate

Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary's annual luncheon for alumni and friends will be Wednesday, June 10, at the Embassy Suites Hotel, one block from the annual meeting site across from the state capitol. For tickets, contact the Alum-

ni Relations Office, FFBTS, Strawberry Point, Mill Valley, CA 94941; telephone 415-388-8080, ext. 298, or stop by the seminary's booth in the SBC exhibit area.

Southwestern Seminary

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, will hold its National Alumni and Friends Luncheon at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Indianapolis on June 10. Tickets are available by contacting the Office of Institutional Advancement, P.O. Box 22000, Fort Worth, TX 76122 or by calling (817) 923-1921, ext. 2350.

New Orleans Seminary

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary will hold this year's annual alumni meeting and luncheon on June 10 in the White River Ballroom in the Indiana Convention Center and Hoosier Dome, 100 S. Capitol Ave. Tickets are available from the Office of Alumni, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 3939 Gentilly Blvd., New Orleans, LA, 70126-4858; telephone 504-282-4455, ext. 3291.

Southeastern Seminary

The Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary alumni office will host its annual luncheon in Indianapolis at the Hyatt Regency Mountain Suite, June 10 at 1 p.m. For tickets, contact Alumni Office, Attn: Sherri Carter, P.O. Box 1889, Wake Forest, NC 27588.

Southern Seminary

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary will hold its annual alumni and Friends Reunion June 10 at the Hilton-at-the-Circle in Indianapolis. Tickets for the 1 p.m. luncheon may be obtained by writing Alumni Relations, Southern Seminary, 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville, KY 40280.

Midwestern Seminary

The Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary alumni association will meet June 10 for its annual luncheon at 12:15 p.m. at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 110 W. Washington St., near the Hoosier Dome in Indianapolis. Tickets may be obtained by contacting the Alumni Office, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, 5001 N. Oak Trafficway, Kansas City, MO; telephone 816-453-4600.

Parks to be honored

Foreign Mission Board President R. Keith Parks and his wife, Helen Jean, will be guests of honor during a special reception June 10 at the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting in Indianapolis.

The reception, scheduled for 4-5:30 p.m., will be concurrent with the annual foreign missions reception at the convention meeting. Mission board officials anticipate up to 1,000 people will attend and have reserved the Capitol Ballroom in the Westin Hotel across Maryland Street from the Hoosier Dome and Convention Center.

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COOPERATIVE BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP

Course set for future

by Ken Camp & Orville Scott
Baptist General Convocation of Texas

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP)—At its general assembly in Fort Worth, Texas, the fledgling Cooperative Baptist Fellowship adopted a guiding statement for its own missions program, approved an annual missions offering, welcomed four former Southern Baptist missionaries as the fellowship's first "missioners" and approved a \$2.5 million goal for CBF global missions causes in 1993.

About 6,000 persons attended the largest single session of the CBF general assembly, April 30-May 2 at Fort Worth's Tarrant County Convention Center.

The CBF was organized last year in Atlanta by moderate Southern Baptists who said they have been excluded from significant decision-making roles in the Southern Baptist Convention since conservatives gained control of SBC agencies and institutions.

The fellowship adopted a guiding statement on global missions, stating in part, "Our purpose is to glorify God by leading people to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, sharing Christ's love and mercy, and carrying out the Great Commission through inclusive global missions in which all Baptists can participate."

As part of its missions emphasis, the fellowship welcomed its first four missioners: Charles "T" and Kathie Thomas, former Southern Baptist missionaries to Romania, and John David and Jo Ann Hopper of the Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland.

Hopper, president of the Ruschlikon seminary, announced his resignation as a Southern Baptist missionary at a press conference prior to the opening session of the CBF assembly. Trustees of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board last October

withdrew the board's \$365,000 annual support for the seminary in Ruschlikon.

In the wake of the trustees' action, Foreign Mission Board President Keith Parks, the board's two top administrators for Europe, Isam Ballenger and Keith Parker, and several other missionaries resigned or retired earlier than they had originally planned.

When Parks, who was not a speaker on the CBF assembly program, was recognized in the crowd by moderator John Hewett of Asheville, N.C., the veteran missionary received a lengthy standing ovation.

Thomas expressed thanks to the fellowship for its support, brought formal greetings from Baptists in Europe and underscored the need for an indigenous approach to global missions.

"Genuine partnership means that sharing Jesus Christ is more important than being American," he said. Echoing the Apostle Paul's words about becoming "all things to all men," Thomas said, "Let's do missions the way Paul did missions — the biblical way."

Of a total \$2.5 million CBF missions goal approved for 1993, half is devoted to European Baptist projects, with the remainder devoted to urban ministries, ministry with internationals and evangelization of unreached people groups in areas closed to traditional missions outreach.

The CBF hopes to provide financial support for 20 former Southern Baptist mis-

sionaries serving as CBF missionaries in Europe by the end of 1993, according to Jimmy Allen of Big Canoe, Ga., co-chairman of the fellowship's global ministry group. A portion of that financial support will come from a global missions offering, the details of which have not yet been developed.

The fellowship unanimously affirmed the European Baptist Federation's Dorfwel Statement of Principles, which was sent to trustees of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board but, as yet, has not been affirmed by them.

The statement, drafted last January by leaders of 22 Baptist unions meeting in Dorfwel, Germany, calls for mutual respect, spiritual freedom, moral integrity, genuine consultation and reciprocal sharing in partnerships between European Baptists and missionaries.

Allen called the Dorfwel Statement "a mirror reflection of the spirit of this group," adding, "We come as servants and partners, not as dictators of what you must affirm and believe in order to get our money and support."

The statement is expected to be part of an upcoming consultation between Foreign Mission Board trustees and European Baptists.

The general assembly heard a report from the CBF finance committee that receipts from the fellowship's three giving plans are expected to total more than \$6.5 million in 1992, with about \$5 million directed to traditional SBC programs and the remainder devoted to fellowship operations and causes.

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Pullen Memorial voted out

Homosexual issue results in withdrawn fellowship

by R.G. Puckett

North Carolina Biblical Recorder

CARY, N.C. (BP)—With a standing-room-only crowd in the sanctuary of First Baptist Church here, a record attendance of messengers from Raleigh Baptist Association churches voted Pullen Memorial Baptist Church out of its fellowship by an 8-2 margin.

The Raleigh congregation announced March 1 its members had voted by a 64-36 percent margin to "bless" the "union" of two male homosexuals. The service of union was performed by the church's pastor, Mahan Siler, March 15.

There were 568 votes to remove Pullen from the association's membership and 144 against — a 79.8 to 20.2 percent. Early in the near-two-hour associational meeting, it was announced that 815 messengers had registered though the ballot vote totaled only 720. Also, seven ballots were ruled as improper and one was an abstention. The meeting was closed to the media and no cameras were allowed in the sanctuary.

The motion from the association's executive committee to the called meeting provides for a period in which Pullen can make "the desired change of its beliefs and practices in this matter by (the association's) annual meeting, Oct. 26-27, 1992" and then "the Association will receive said church in good fellowship. If not, the relationship of the Raleigh Baptist Association and Pullen Memorial Baptist Church will be terminated."

Efforts by moderator Jerry Hayner, pastor of Forest Hills Baptist Church, to keep the session calm and deliberative failed at points with shouts of "railroad," "point of order" and "time." Ground rules

were established at the opening of the meeting, with each speaker to be limited to three minutes and speakers on each side of the issue to be recognized on an alternating basis. Also, the session, which started at 7:30 p.m., was to close by 9.

Efforts to give representatives from Pullen an opportunity to present their position failed. Two proposals — one providing them with 10 minutes, another for 15 — were overwhelmingly voted down by the messengers. After the meeting, persons from Pullen expressed their disappointment they were not given ample time to be heard.

After first approving a separate statement on "Human Sexuality" with only one adjustment — the word "relationship" was changed to "marriage" on a suggestion from Joe T. Knott III, a member at Providence Baptist Church — messengers narrowly defeated a motion to cut off debate and vote immediately on the subsequent proposal to remove Pullen from the association's membership.

A ballot vote was used for the motion to cut off debate, and the motion was voted down 398-363. Debate continued until the 9 p.m. adjournment time forced the vote on the primary question. A motion to adjourn without voting was defeated.

Several messengers left while the ballots were being counted but most remained to hear the results.

Hayner closed the session with an appeal to the group that they leave "without celebration but with prayer."

"The consensus of Baptists in the area was expressed," said Charles McMillan, director of missions for the association.

"The fellowship is broken immediately. It's a very painful time for us," he added.

"The termination of a 109-year relationship is painful," Pullen pastor Siler told the Raleigh News & Observer after the associational vote.

"I am not surprised by the outcome," Siler told the newspaper, saying he felt the decision was reached hastily and there should have been more "respectful debate. It took months for our congregation to come to their conclusion."

Siler told the newspaper he did not know what would be the next step for Pullen. "As a church, we'll have to receive what actions happened and do what we think fits our vision of ministry," he said.

April CP, designated gifts fall slightly

NASHVILLE (BP)—The SBC Cooperative Program total received by the Executive Committee for April fell slightly compared to a year ago, according to Harold C. Bennett, Executive Committee president/treasurer.

The April 1992 total was \$11,588,093 compared to the same month a year ago at \$11,756,419 or a 1.43 percent drop. Designated gifts for the month also dropped, \$8,721,696 compared to April 1991 of \$9,254,213 or 5.75 percent.

After seven months of the SBC fiscal year, which is Oct. 1 to Sept. 30, the year-to-date CP total stands at \$81,788,995 compared to the similar period in the 1990-91 fiscal year of \$83,299,773. The shortfall is \$1,510,778 or 1.81 percent.

The monthly CP basic operating budget requirement for the SBC is \$11,725,856 or for the seven-month period would be \$82,080,992.


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This recommendation will not insure nomination, but the committee will consider each recommendation. The committee will not

contact any person recommended until they approve the nominations. The Nominating Committee will hold its first meeting July 23 and needs all recommendations no later than June 25.

Members of the committee: Johnny Ross, Chairman; Bill Bledsoe; Mark Tolbert; Jimmy Wallace; Bill Gunter; Stephen Davis; George O'Neal; David Tate; and Paul Peebles.

June 25 is the deadline for recommendations

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This person's greatest contribution, based on his or her past record, knowledge, and experience, should be in the area of _____

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Give the name and phone number of at least one person, other than his or her pastor or Director of Missions, who knows of the nominee's involvement in Baptist life. _____

On a scale of 1 to 10, how would you rank this person's understanding of and commitment to the way Southern Baptists work together? (Circle) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

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Convention Uniform*The day of judgement*

by Jlm McDaniel, First Church, Brinkley

Basic passage: 2 Peter 3:3-14

Focal passage: 2 Peter 3:10

Central truth: Judgement will determine the eternal destiny of man.

Judgment is assumed throughout the Bible. It is a promise of blessing to the believer and a warning of separation and punishment to the unbeliever. Hebrews 9:27 says, "It is appointed unto men once to die, and then the judgment."

The agent of judgment will be God. The creator, sustainer, deliverer, and consummator of the world order. The holy, righteous, and just almighty God. His judgment will be just without bribery or favoritism.

Judgment will occur on the day of the Lord's appearing. The Bible says it will be a time of dividing wheat from tares. That day is hastening. Israel is God's timeclock. The fact Israel is back in her homeland is a major indicator the return of Christ is near. Never in history has a nation remained intact after being out of its homeland for 200 years, let alone 2,000 years! The fact Israel is back in her homeland is a miracle of God. The fact that Israel is at the forefront of world news is further indication of the soon return of Jesus.

All men will be the object of judgment: rich and poor, slave and free, the living and the dead. The basis shall be man's relationship to Jesus Christ. Jesus promised that he will confess those who confess him and he added the warning that he will deny those who deny him.

God's judgment will be just and right. Those who have been made righteous by their sin cleansed through the blood of Christ shall share in all of heaven's glory. The beauty of heaven is indescribable, but we get a glimpse of it in Revelation 21-22. Its richest reward is that we shall share fellowship with the Lord Jesus and the redeemed of all the ages throughout eternity. I believe if God had revealed much more of its glorious nature to us we could hardly stand the wait to get there.

For those who are outside of Christ, the outcome of judgment is an eternity in the fires of hell. It is madness of madness that any rational thinking individual would not yield their life to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

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Life and Work*She is bad news!*

by David Blase, First Church, Nashville

Basic passage: Revelation 2:18-28

Focal passage: Revelation 2:20-25

Central truth: Jesus considers false doctrine to be unacceptable.

Jesus loves his churches (Ep. 5:25). In all seven letters, this love is evident. His stern rebuke and chastisement is proof of his deep love (He. 12:6). Christ practices "tough love" for the good of his children.

The church in Thyatira had its good points. They were growing in their faith, service, and love (v. 19). Jesus said they were better than they used to be (v. 19). The Lord wants us to grow. There is a need to leave the immature, baby stage (1 Co. 3:1-4).

Many Christians have blind spots in their lives. They do well in most areas of conduct and belief, but are wrong in some others. Christ wants us to be consistent.

The woman, Jezebel, was bad news for the church in Thyatira. When she first joined, the members probably thought they really had someone great! She seemed to have such deep insight (v. 24). She soon had a large following, and the church could not stop her. Her namesake is found in 1 Kings 16:31. She was a hypocrite because she called herself a prophetess, yet at the same time, she taught God's servants to be immoral (v. 20).

The church members in Thyatira probably did not want to hurt anyone's feelings. This woman had a large following. To go against her would cause trouble, maybe even a church split! Jesus did not hesitate for a moment. He gave her a chance to repent (v. 21), and if she refused, he swore he would kill her (v. 23).

The words of Jesus sound harsh to modern ears. Many today are too soft on crime and one of the greatest crimes in the church is to allow false doctrine to be taught. In many congregations, the motto is, "anything goes." The Lord is not pleased with this.

Christians are to be known by their love for one another. They are to reach out to the lost and tell them the good news about Jesus. They are to bring them into the churches and teach them the Word of God. Preachers are to be like shepherds and feed their flock (1 P. 5:2) and protect the flock (Ac. 20:28-29) against predators. We are living in the last days. Paul warned us about this time (1 Ti. 4:1-3) and forewarned us forearmed!

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Bible Book*Principles of giving*

by Dennis M. Dodson, First Church, Monticello

Basic passage: 2 Corinthians 9:3-15

Focal passage: 2 Corinthians 9:3-15

Central truth: There are principles that give meaning and measure to grace-giving.

The principles for grace-giving given by Paul are:

The provocation principle (vv. 1-4). By their actions believers can provoke, and incite to action, other believers in the Christian life (He. 10:24). Some believers are put to shame by the faithfulness of others.

The promise principle (v. 5). It is scriptural to make a financial pledge for the Lord's work. The Corinthians had promised a bountiful gift, which Paul wanted to be exactly that without any reluctance.

The production principle (v. 6). In grace-giving, one reaps according to the measure he has sown. The return may not be material or money, but it is always worth much more than what was given.

The purpose principle (v. 7). Giving is to be a matter of the purpose of the heart to please God and to provide for others. Giving can be "sad;" grudgingly, which means "out of sorrow;" "mad," out of necessity or pressure, or "glad," cheerfully, which God loves.

The preparation principle (v. 8). Grace-giving prepares us for every good deed for which we have the opportunity.

The prosperity principle (vv. 9-11). The grace-giver does not have to worry about how much to give for his own needs and how much to keep for sowing. When the grace-giver sows, he enriches himself as he enriches others.

The priestly principle (v. 12). Grace-giving is a priestly service which not only fully supplies the needs of men, but also overflows to the praise of God (Ph. 4:10-20; He. 13:15-16; 1 P. 2:5).

The proof principle (v. 13). Grace-giving glorifies God when believers not only preach the gospel, they practice it.

The propitiation principle (v. 14). Paul saw grace-giving as a way for the Gentiles to gain the favor of the Jews and bring about unity among the believers.

The praise principle (v. 15). The great grace-giver was God and the great grace-gift was Jesus Christ. Grace-giving calls for its recipients to praise God from whom all blessings flow!

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Convention Uniform

Judgment on persecutors

by Earl Humble, retired, Walnut Ridge
Basic passage: Obadiah 1:1-4,10-11, 15,17,21

Focal passage: Obadiah 1:1-4,10-11, 15,17,21

Central truth: Sinning believers will be chastised; other sinners will be judged.

Edom is identified as the enemy of God's people. The Edomites were descendants of Esau, twin brother of Jacob. They lived in Mount Seir, to the south of Judah. They are remembered, in part, for their idolatry and their enmity toward Israel. In New Testament times, the descendants of Esau were known as Idumeans. The most prominent of these was the Herod family.

Obadiah addresses the particular shortcoming of the Edomites as their behavior in assisting the Chaldeans in their roundup of the Jews in 586 B.C., when the Chaldeans came to conquer Judah. The Edomites hoped to profit from the misfortunes of Judah, by dispossessing them of their property. The arrogance of Edom is seen in verses 3 and 4. From her well-fortified place, Edom felt that even God could not dislodge her and judge her for her mistreatment of her "brother," Jacob. But God says, "I will bring you down."

Verses 10 and 11 show how God would exact judgment on Edom. He would bring Edom to shame and destruction for the way they had looted the Jews and rounded up the stragglers for the Chaldeans. Verses 14 and 15 show how the Edomites had stood at the forks of the roads and cut down the fugitives.

Long before Paul expressed the law of sowing and reaping, Obadiah made use of it. He said, "As you have done, it will be done to you. Your dealings will return on your own head." Esau, or Edom, would be destroyed. Obadiah connects Edom's punishment with the Day of the Lord. Many such days have been identified in Scripture.

There is no known group which identifies with Edom today. We note this to be in line with divine prediction. This lesson shows how a man can be a rebel against God and a worshipper of other gods, and how he will beget a family and a clan of his own likeness. Jacob had his sins, but he turned them over to God. As bad as he was God used him to accomplish his purposes.

Life and Work

Dead or alive?

by David Blase, First Church, Nashville
Basic passage: Revelation 3:1-6
Focal passage: Revelation 3:1-3

Central truth: A church can look alive and be dead.

A man looked into a casket and exclaimed, "All dressed up and no where to go!" Well, the truth was, the fellow could not go anywhere because he was dead.

The church at Sardis had a good reputation. People said she was alive. Jesus, the great physician, diagnosed her as dead. Many churches are like that today. One fellow bragged about his church. He reported no baptisms, no long range plans, no disciples being trained, and no tithes. He boasted, "Brethren, we are holding our own!"

In Sardis, there was a small, believing remnant (v. 4). There was a little life and a faint glimmer of hope. In most churches there are still some faithful ones.

Jesus called upon the church to remember, hold fast, and repent (v. 3). It is instructive that he called for repentance. If the need was prevalent back then, it is more necessary today.

Jesus keeps a record of all his churches. Some people today complain because the association or the convention wants a report. They argue, "What we do is nobody's business!" These folks must remember that what they do is someone's business and his name is Jesus. He is the head of the church (Ep. 1:22).

The Sardis church was to have an unexpected visit from the Lord Jesus (v. 3). The churches today have been informed that he will come again. No one knows the day or the hour (Mt. 24:36), but we know he is coming. The church needs to be ready!

What would happen if Jesus came to your church today? What if he looked over your facilities, record books, membership roll, long range plans and attended services in your church next Sunday? Would you be embarrassed? These are sobering thoughts.

The Lord Jesus does not want his people "playing church." He is involved in world redemption and he is living in the midst of his churches. Jesus intends for his churches to be up to the same kind of work that he is doing. The church is his body and must be totally surrendered to his will.

"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches" (Re. 3:6).

Bible Book

The defense of authority

by Dennis M. Dodson, First Church, Monticello

Basic passage: 2 Corinthians 10:2-5,13-18; 11:12-15

Focal passage: 2 Corinthians 10:2-5,13-18; 11:12-15

Central truth: The defense of true authority is necessary to counteract what is false and fatal in the fellowship of the church.

The church at Corinth was diverted from Paul's leadership by the deceit of leaders, whose motives and measurements for ministry were worldly and wrong when compared to those which determined Paul's ministry. To counteract this false and fatal influence in the fellowship, Paul had to defend his authority.

Paul said that his actions, which appear cowardly by the flesh, are mighty weapons in spiritual warfare. His meekness and gentleness, which were misunderstood as a lack of boldness, are the weapons by which spiritual victories are won (Ep. 6:14-20). By such spiritual weapons, he was destroying the wisdom and highmindedness of men that oppose God and was making them obedient to Christ.

Paul would not measure his ministry by the self-determined standards of his opponents. He had not, as his critics charged, overextended his mission by his ministry at Corinth. Being a missionary to the Gentiles (Ac. 9:15) and the founder of the church at Corinth (Ac. 18:1-11), Paul had every right to exercise authority there.

Paul had every right to be proud about what his pioneer work had accomplished at Corinth. Yet, he would not boast about past nor future accomplishments of his ministry, but would give the credit to God, knowing that his approval comes only upon his commendation.

Paul was proud of his ministry to the Corinthians and praised it, not for personal glory, but to refute the criticisms and the hypocritical conduct of his opponents. His ministry had not been motivated nor could it be measured as theirs. He had not served for personal gain nor glory, but to discipline the nations and develop the churches for the glory of God.

Paul would continue to conduct himself as he had in the past to prevent any opportunity for his foes to accuse him, as well as to silence their boasting. He knew his ministry would be vindicated.

Across the Country

Committee decides charges do not merit Marshall dismissal

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Accusations against Southern Baptist Theological Seminary professor Molly T. Marshall by a Virginia layman do not warrant her dismissal, a seminary trustee committee concluded.

At the April 27-29 trustee meeting, the academic personnel committee told trustees that Marshall had not made controversial statements that had been attributed to her by Austin E. Jones Sr., a retired real estate broker from Blairs, Va. Committee Chairman Richard White of Tennessee said the committee thoroughly examined transcripts of two lectures at Averett College in Danville, Va. and found that Marshall did not say the gospel was "an insult to women," "not good news to many women" or a "deformed image of God" as claimed by Jones.

Stevens honored by RTVC with award bearing his name

FORT WORTH, Texas—Paul M. Stevens was the first recipient of the "Paul M. Stevens Golden Herald Award" given by the Radio and Television Commission to honor outstanding contributions in the field of Christian broadcasting, according to RTVC President Jack Johnson.

Stevens became president of the Radio Commission in 1953, and was instrumental in moving it from Atlanta to Fort Worth in 1955. Stevens, 76, remained in Fort Worth after retiring in 1979 and has stayed active in civic and philanthropic affairs.

Hemphill affirmed to growth post by SSB trustees

NASHVILLE—Ken Hemphill was affirmed April 23 by the trustee executive committee of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board to become director of church growth, a new position jointly funded by the SSB and the Home Mission Board.

Directors of the HMB elected Hemphill, pastor of First Baptist Church of Norfolk, Va., to the post March 10 contingent upon approval by the Sunday School Board. His office will be in Atlanta and he is expected to assume the position Aug. 1.

Griffin elected executive director for Ohio

COLUMBUS, Ohio (BP)—Orville H. Griffin, a pastor and denominational staffer in Ohio since 1954, has been elected executive director-treasurer of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio.

Griffin, 60, has been acting executive director since the death of Tal D. Bonham, the former executive director, last fall. He served under Bonham as associate executive director and handled Cooperative Program, stewardship, annuity, and foundation.

Clendenen nominated to edit commentary

NASHVILLE—Ray Clendenen, chairman of the Old Testament and Hebrew department at Criswell College in Dallas, has been nominated to become general editor of The New American Commentary at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. In addition to naming Clendenen as general editor, the recommendation asks trustees to name current editor David Dockery as associate general editor for New Testament and Ken Mathews, associate professor of divinity at Beeson Divinity School in Birmingham, Ala., as associate general editor for Old Testament.

Chapman names Credentials and Tellers Committees

WICHITA FALLS, Texas—SBC President Morris Chapman announced appointments to the final two key committees for the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, June 9-11, at the Hoosier Dome in Indianapolis.

The Arkansas appointment to the Credentials Committee is Ken Lilly, physician and member of First Baptist Church, Fort Smith.

Historical Commission elects first woman chairman

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—Marlene Rikard, a Samford University history professor, was elected chair of the Southern Baptist Historical Commission recently during the joint annual meeting of the commission and the Southern Baptist Historical Society in Birmingham. Rikard, a member of Shades Crest Baptist Church in Birmingham, is the first woman to hold the position.

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RUSCHLIKON

Hopper resigns as missionary

by Robert O'Brien
SBC Foreign Mission Board

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—John David Hopper has resigned as a Southern Baptist foreign missionary but will remain as president of the controversial Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland.

Hopper and his wife, Jo Ann, will end their active service April 30, according to an announcement by Winston Crawley, the board's interim vice president for Europe, the Middle East and North Africa. Crawley said the Hoppers, 27-year veterans of missions, will be paid through May 31, when their terminal leave ends.

The seminary, founded by Southern Baptists in 1949 and now owned by European Baptists, has been the center of controversy in Europe and the United States since Foreign Mission Board trustees voted to defund it last year.

FMB trustees initiated the defunding action after they learned Glenn Hinson, a professor at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., was teaching there on a four-month sabbatical. Many trustees had long regarded both Hinson and the seminary as "liberal," a charge Hinson and the school dispute.

Crawley's April 28 announcement preceded a press conference the Ruschlikon seminary had scheduled April 30 at the Tarrant County Convention Center in Fort Worth to report on decisions by the seminary's trustees and Hopper's future intentions.

Hopper said in a telephone interview from Fort Worth that seminary trustees, meeting the previous week in Switzerland, "voted officially for me to continue as president and affirmed I should continue to meet my obligation to raise funds for the seminary."

Hopper had been told earlier by FMB officials that, to remain a missionary, he must cease fund-raising activities in the United States for the seminary. Board policy prohibits direct fund-raising by missionaries outside normal channels of the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program unified budget and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

"The board defunded us and we had no access to the Cooperative Program or Lottie Moon, so we have no other alternative but to raise funds," Hopper told Baptist Press. "To be honest in my relationships, I had to do the right thing—continue to raise funds and simultaneously resign as a missionary so as not to violate policy."

"I could walk away from the seminary but that's where my call from God is," Hopper said. "The seminary board affirmed my decision to resign rather than break Foreign Mission Board policy. I understand the policy and why it's there."

In their April 25 joint letter of resignation, the Hoppers also noted they decided to resign as missionaries because they cannot support the FMB trustees' "new direction" toward a "creedal agenda and a reversal of the honored and effective missions principles of partnership and cooperation under which we have worked in Europe."

Trustees deny any agenda but missions and evangelism. Trustee chairman John Jackson of California told Baptist Press the Hoppers have "misconstrued some actions of the board and imply that they reveal a creedal approach to missions, which I disagree with."

"The trustees, to my knowledge, privately or publicly, have never set forth an agenda to make other Baptist bodies conform to a standard of theology in order for us to cooperate in missions," Jackson said.

No changes in news practices

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—A subcommittee examining the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's news philosophy has opted to recommend no changes in current practices.

However, the panel acknowledged that a successor to President R. Keith Parks, who will retire in October, "will want to interact with trustees and staff in shaping his news philosophy," leaving the door open for possible future changes in policy or reinterpretations of current guidelines.

Although trustee scrutiny of FMB press operations is not new, it has increased following the board's elimination last October of budgeted funds for the Baptist Theological Seminary at Ruschlikon, Switzerland, which angered many Southern Baptists.

Some trustees have maintained negative reaction could have been avoided if press reports had included additional information about the Swiss school and its past relationship to the FMB.

In particular, trustees have expressed dissatisfaction with a Jan. 7 news conference held in the board's chapel to announce the resignations of two senior staff members.