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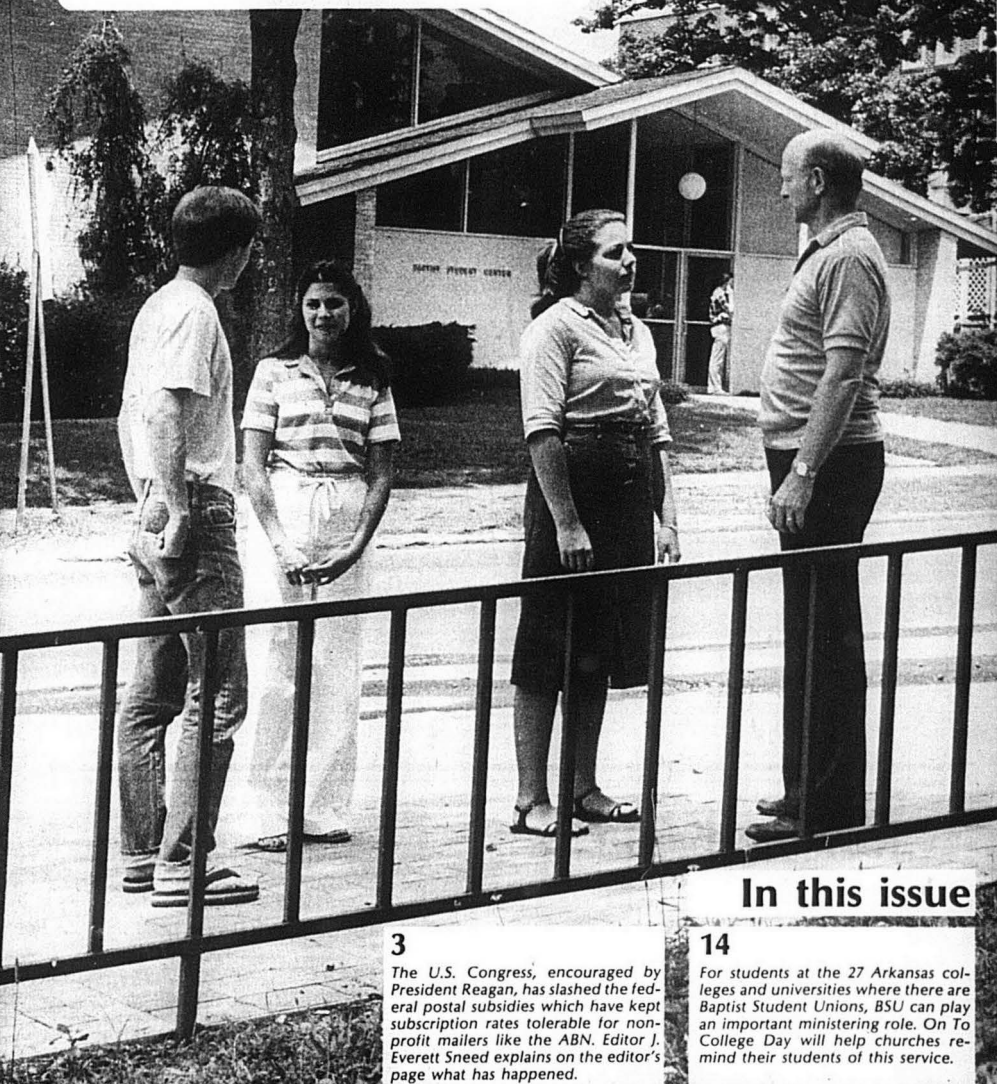
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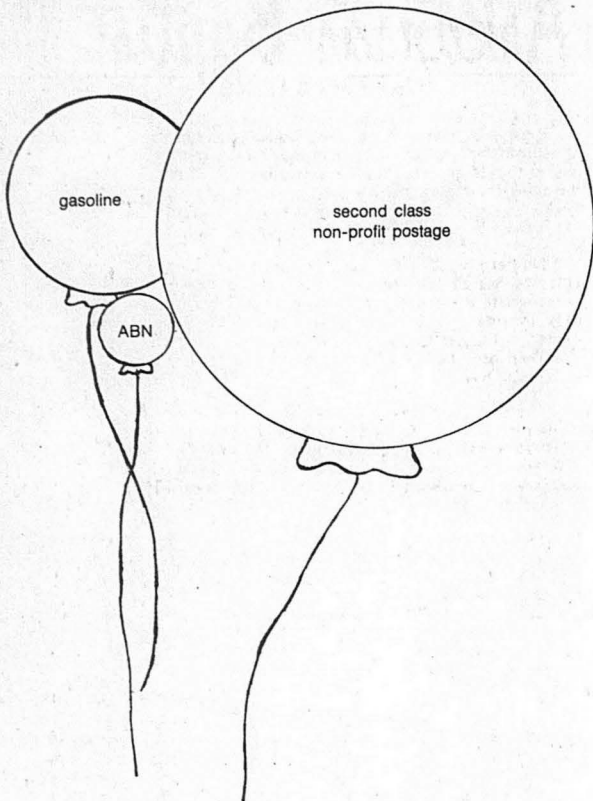
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For students at the 27 Arkansas colleges and universities where there are Baptist Student Unions, BSU can play an important ministering role. On To College Day will help churches remind their students of this service.

## Ballooning costs

Baptists, like all Americans, are familiar with the effects of inflation on the costs of goods and services. Illustrated here is the percent of the 1970 price that consumers now pay for two goods and a service. The current cost of an "every resident family plan" subscription to the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine is 200 percent of the 1970 cost (\$1.92 vs. \$3.84), while gasoline is now approximately 460 percent of that base price (approximately \$.30 vs. \$1.30). While ABN subscription costs have been held down, the present cost (before the Oct. 1 increase) of non-profit second class postage to distribute the ABN is a whopping 1,333 percent of the 1970 cost.

See this week's "editor's page" for a more detailed explanation of how rising costs affect your state paper.



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## Soaring postal rates increase Newsmagazine prices

## The editor's page

J. Everett Sneed



Recent legislation terminating postal subsidies to non-profit mailers will more than double the mailing cost of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*. On Oct. 1, the annual postal rate for this publication will soar from \$105,000 to \$229,075. The resulting increase in our year-ly subscription rate will be \$1.92 per subscriber.

Numerous publications will be affected by the decision of President Reagan and Congress to immediately terminate the postal subsidy to non-profit mailers. This includes second and third class publications mailed by the Red Cross, the Boy Scouts, churches, educational institutions and retired military organizations, to name a few.

The Oct. 1 termination of postal subsidies represents the failure of Congress to keep its promise to non-profit mailers. In 1970, Congress "reformed" the U.S. Postal Service into a "quasi independent" agency which was supposed to operate "without political interference" and in "a business-like manner."

The change of the postal status brought a change in philosophy. Our forefathers strongly believed in the free exchange of ideas. Hence, all publications both profit and non-profit, were subsidized. This made it possible for all groups to express their opinion on subjects of interest. They believed that the free exchange of ideas was essential to democracy. The new status of the postal service resulted in an emphasis on "financial self-sufficiency."

Under the new status the postal service did not downgrade the importance of publications, but it did force the postal service to make all publications pay their own way. To avoid the all-at-once jump in the postal rates, which would have been so heavy that most publications would have gone out of business, Congress provided temporary relief.

Congress passed a law providing for a 10-year "phase-in" of full rates for profit-making second-class publications and a 16-year "phase-in" of full rates for non-profit publications. Non-profit publications were more heavily subsidized. The "phase-in" process for profit-making publications ends this July 6. But the non-profit publications were supposed to have an additional six years to adjust to the full rate.

The Reagan administration has proposed and Congress has adopted the reduction of total postal subsidies by almost \$600 million including \$289 million in "revenue foregone" subsidies. This means that second class non-profit mailers will go from Step 10 to Step 16 on Oct. 1 of this year. Apparently, the only hope of this not occurring would be for Congress to pass special legislation to reinstate all or part of the \$289 million.

Observers feel that this is unlikely.

This will be the death of many non-profit publications. The practical effects of this decision are enormous. Many benevolent and educational institutions will be almost unable to communicate with their constituency. As a result of a lack of communication some benevolent organizations, who are dependent upon mail for the bulk of their donations, will go out of business.

The postal increase has already eliminated many old and established publications. All non-profit publications have felt the sting of what has already occurred. The second class postage of the *Newsmagazine* was less than \$14,000 in 1970. This year it will exceed \$105,000, without the Oct. 1 increase. This represents a 1,333 percent increase in second class postage in a little over a decade.

The options for the ABN are but two. We could eliminate a large number of issues, 40 percent to 50 percent, or we can pass the cost on to our subscribers. We believe that the purpose of the ABN would suffer immeasurably if we cut back our number of issues dramatically.

Fortunately, because of careful management and Cooperative Program money our cost will remain relatively low in spite of the \$124,075 increase in second class postage. The increase of \$1.92 for a church with 400 resident members, about 100 subscribers, would be only \$192 per year. Our new subscription rates effective Jan. 1, 1982, will be \$5.76 for the "every resident family" plan; \$6.36 for the club plan in which 10 or more families in a church receive the ABN; and \$6.72 for the individual subscription. The only hope for lower prices would be the passage of special legislation to restore all or part of the postal subsidy to non-profit mailers. We encourage our readers to write their legislators.

We are working on a plan which hopefully will hold back the subscription price increase until Jan. 1, 1982. Our executive secretary, Huber Drumwright, is assisting us in every way that he possibly can in this effort.

We believe that communication is essential for every Baptist because of our democratic organization. Without Baptist state papers, the sharing of church and denominational news, the free exchange of viewpoints, and the providing of our information about state and SBC programs to a large number of our local church members would be virtually eliminated. We express our appreciation for your help and assistance in providing communication with Arkansas Baptists and we pledge to you our best in providing a quality publication.



## One layman's opinion

Daniel R. Grant

### Watching Russia struggle with its alcohol problem

When the government of the Soviet Union admits it has a problem, it has to be a real whopper. Nearly 75 years have passed since the Russian Revolution, and one would think that is plenty of time for the perfect Communist society to have arrived in full bloom. Such is not the case, however, as a public confession was made recently by the state planning commission (Gosplan) in Moscow, that "alcoholism is one of our most serious problems for the birthrate, death rate, and the economy of the nation in general."

Adding to the irony is the name of the state planning commission spokesman — Alexander I. Smirnov, a name long asso-

ciated with vodka, Russia's national drink. After decades of tolerating drunkenness and even indirectly encouraging it with subsidized low prices for alcoholic beverages, the Soviet government has launched a program of serious restrictions on the use of alcohol. Their studies show that three-fourths of all violent crimes, two-thirds of serious industrial, traffic, and household accidents, and nearly half of the divorces are attributable to alcohol abuse. The studies reported that on a typical Monday morning, 30 to 40 percent of the nation's work force will be either too drunk or "hung over" to put in a good day's work.

Soviet sociologists have tried to ex-

plain the heavy drinking as reflecting a number of problems in Soviet society, including boredom and consumer frustration, especially the lack of consumer goods and poor housing. Isn't it interesting that alcohol abuse is said to be caused by economic factors, and it is also defined as a problem primarily because of its economic effects?

Americans can take little comfort in seeing the Soviet government admit their Communist society is not perfect. I have a feeling of uneasiness when I remember that the United States has no effective national program to attack the problem of increased alcohol consumption. On the contrary, the overpowering thrust of national advertising through television, the print media, and through beer company sponsorships of attractive athletic contests for an increasingly younger group of competitors, is to make more and more young people drink more and more alcoholic beverages. Our nation's number one drug problem grows worse and worse. Surely America can do more in the name of Christian compassion than the Soviet Union can do in the name of Communist economics.

Daniel R. Grant is President of Ouachita Baptist University at Arkadelphia.



## Woman's viewpoint

Mary Lou Heard

### No artificial ingredients

Have you seen the new apple drink at your grocery store? It has a pretty picture of apples on the can, but the small print says: "contains no apples." It takes a selective shopper these days to actually get home with real apple juice instead of a chemical substitute. It is legal to advertise and print a label calling a product "natural" even if the ingredients are 90% artificial.

With a family of five I am responsible for 105 meals a week or 5,475 meals per year. Even if we are not at home it is my responsibility as a mother to know if my family is eating balanced meals including foods from each of the four basic food groups. A steady diet of unbalanced meals can cause unbelievable problems.

To feed a family spiritually there are also four food groups. We need prayer, Bible study, Christian fellowship and witnessing to others. This spiritual diet will help produce mature adults who know what they believe and keep them safe against attacks from the Evil One. What I feed my family physically greatly influences their ability to think clearly and fight off illness. Both kinds of food are important.

Knowing that 21 children starve to death every minute makes me a more

selective shopper at the grocery store. I know that the 13 million Southern Baptists around this world are doing something about world hunger. As a mother I am responsible for teaching physical and spiritual eating habits to my family as we do our part to fight world hunger.

Have you seen me in my new dress at church? I may have a pretty outfit on every time I come, but the small print in my heart may say: "contains no love for Jesus." It takes a selective mother these days to actually get home with a growing Christian family. It is legal to call myself a church member but the ingredients of my heart tell the world what I am really like. I pray that as I feed my family physically and spiritually there will be no artificial ingredients.

Mary Lou Heard has been a pastor's wife for almost 14 years. For the last five, her husband, Cary, has been pastor of North Little Rock Park Hill Church. A mother of three, Mrs. Heard has a degree in home economics and education. She has worked as a nursery school teacher, decorating consultant and in clothing sales, and is past president of the Women's Conference of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

### New bus for Ouachita

ARKADELPHIA — Ouachita Baptist University student organizations will be riding in style this fall when a newly-purchased 46-passenger American Eagle Model 10 motorcoach arrives in mid-September from the assembly plant in Brownsville, Texas.

The bus purchase was made possible through the contributions received from the annual Former Students Association Fund Drive this year and from the budget of the University, according to Ed Coulter, OBU vice president for administration.

The bus will be used extensively for travel for campus groups such as the Baptist Student Union, groups from the Ouachita School of Music, classes and athletic teams.

The vehicle is the most modern produced by American Coach Sales, Inc. of Grand Rapids, Michigan, which is the same company that produces the Continental Trailways buses.

# Letters to the editor

## Commitment needed

It occurred to me today that there is something critically wrong with some of us. I have known it for quite some time, but never have put it into words. The gravity of it is tremendous, its scope huge, its necessity is beyond our comprehension. What am I so concerned about? I am talking about living as our Lord Jesus Christ would have us to.

Too many of us, I am afraid, have it in our heads that living for Christ is just to live the "good" life. You know the story — live morally, don't steal, following the Ten Commandments, and so on. How utterly superficial most Christians are! These things are all manifestations of the

Christian walk — but they are not the Christian walk itself.

The life of a follower of Christ is one of total dedication to the Saviour. Nothing short of that is pleasing unto the Lord. The Christian life is a life of dedication to many things, but the primary goal we must have is to fulfill the Great Commission that our Lord gave to us.

Many times, I am sad to say, Christians seem to expect the pastor and church staff to do the soul winning that they — the church members — should be doing themselves. If it were left up to the staff alone, the work of the Saviour would never be done on this earth as he would have it to.

Thank the Lord, there are those who are reading their Bibles and are learning what their duties to Christ are. Unfortunately, they are small in number in comparison to those who aren't. Isn't it sad that our churches are having to beg for workers so that the message of Christ might be preached? There ought not to be enough jobs for the mass of members who are ready to serve. Christ loved his church enough to die for it. Is there any reason, then, for us to love it any less? — Todd W. White, Fayetteville

## Controversy harms

The controversy that has arisen among Southern Baptists over the question of the errancy or inerrancy of the Bible can do serious harm to the real cause of Christ in a world badly in need of an effective witness of what the Living Christ can and is doing in the lives and hearts of men and women today.

If we see the Bible as a revelation of God and His plan and purpose for man, it becomes an unflinching guide for man's spiritual development. Science may explore the wonders of the physical universe and discover the marvellous forces and natural laws involved, but it can only admire the wonder of God.

The remarkable things about the Bible is that the same Holy Spirit who inspired the thoughts of the writer is present to interpret to the mind of the reader just the message that he needs for that moment. At another time under different circumstances, the same words may convey a different thought, as the Holy Spirit interprets to meet the need of the moment. This is what gives validity and authenticity to the Bible more than all the volumes ever written on inerrancy. — D. B. Mapes, Bella Vista



## The Southern accent

### It's not all that mysterious

by D. Jack Nicholas

In the wake of the assassination attempts on the lives of Pope John Paul II and President Ronald Reagan, there is a general awareness around the world of a rising tidal wave of evil, violence and terrorism. These acts of violence, added to the bombing murder of Britain's Lord Mountbatten, the killing of Italy's Aldo Moro, Ireland's Sir Norman Stronge, and the almost daily eruptions of terrorism around the world, are prompting many people to ask "why?"



Nicholas

The explanations submitted to account for such violence range from the most popular, "people are mad," to the most cerebral by Archibald McLeash who says that the modern generation has become "degraded by clutter of unmeaning pain."

Close examination reveals that few of the explanations explain anything at all. The first, "people are mad," is merely circuitous. After stating that violence is caused by madness, it then becomes necessary to explain madness. The last explanation, "the modern generation has become degraded by clutter of unmeaning pain," while it is sufficiently abstract to please the intellectual, is an "unmeaning explanation." Most of the

explanations given not only do not explain but do ignore the obvious and the conspicuous.

Most of the readers of this magazine will be very familiar with the expression "it's as plain as the nose on your face". It is not uncommon for man to look for answers in every direction except the most obvious one. In the "Snuffy Smith" cartoon series a few weeks ago, "Ma" Smith (Lowezy) was looking everywhere for Tater, the baby. She looked in this room and Tater was not there, she looked in that room and Tater was not here, she looked outside and Tater wasn't there. In every frame Tater was shown hanging from Ma Smith's right arm. He was there all the time.

The reason for the present avalanche of evil and violence in the world is not all that obscure. Mankind has turned his back upon God, repudiated his existence, his authorship of creation, his rules for living, his redemption, and has elected to serve himself and Satan. In this country, the results are seen as this society has progressed from moral consensus to permissiveness, to lawlessness, and is now progressing toward anarchy.

The problem is not that modern man is a victim of "unmeaning pain" but rather that he is perpetrator of willful sin. The problem is not that modern man has lost his sanity. The problem is that modern man has refused to find his Saviour.

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

## CCF director begins 10th year

Edward W. Harris began his tenth year June 1 as Executive Director of the Christian Civic Foundation, a non-profit inter-church organization that promotes a program of civic righteousness in the areas of alcohol, narcotics, gambling and obscenity.

Harris has announced his retirement as a minister of the United Methodist Church.

The Christian Civic Foundation is supported through financial contributions from the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, Arkansas Baptist churches and the Little Rock Conference of the United Methodist Church.

## Vaught selected to aid committee searching for seminary president

W. O. Vaught, pastor of Little Rock's Immanuel Church, has been named to an advisory committee of denominational leaders from over the Southern Baptist Convention to help a search committee from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary's board of trustees to find a new president for the seminary at Louisville, Ky.

Notification of his appointment came in a letter he received from Wayne Dehoney, chairman of the board of trustees of the seminary, pastor of Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, and a former president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The new president will succeed Duke K. McCall, who has headed the institution for 30 years and is stepping down to



Vaught

become the seminary's first chancellor.

McCall, who last year was elected to a five-year term as president of the Baptist World Alliance, announced his retirement from the seminary presidency at the annual meeting of the seminary's national alumni association in Los Angeles, early in June. At the same time, the seminary trustees announced the creation of the new office, in which McCall will serve upon the election of his successor as president.

Vaught, now in his 37th year as pastor of Immanuel, graduated from the seminary in 1935. He is a past first vice president of SBC and was once a close runner-up for the convention presidency. He is a recipient of the seminary's top honorary award, the E. Y. Mullins Denominational Service Award, presented to him in 1975, on the occasion of his delivering the Founder's Day address at the seminary.

Others on the advisory committee include a former Arkansan, Jim Pleitz, a former pastor of Grand Avenue Church

in Fort Smith, who is now pastor of Park Cities Church in Dallas, Tex.

Also asked to serve were James Sullivan, retired president of the Sunday School Board of SBC, Nashville, and a former SBC president; Richard Stephenson, retired executive secretary of the Virginia Baptist Convention; Franklin Paschal, long-time pastor of First Church of Nashville and a former SBC president; Franklin Owen, executive secretary of the Kentucky Baptist Convention; Jess Moody, pastor of First Church of Van Nuys, Calif.; William Hull, former Southern Seminary faculty member who is now pastor of First Church of Shreveport, La.; Pope Duncan, president of Stetson University in DeLand, Fla.; and James Cammack, pastor of Snyder Memorial Church of Fayetteville, N.C.

The search committee itself is headed by William K. Weaver, president of Mobile College in Mobile, Ala. Other members are Joe Stopher, Louisville attorney and long-time Southern Seminary trustee; Floyd Roebuck, pastor of First Church in Rome, Ga.; Ben Murphy, a layman from Dallas, Tex.; John Lawrence, pastor of Forest Hills Church in Raleigh, N.C.; T. T. Crabtree, pastor of First Church of Springfield, Mo.; and Dehoney.

Dehoney has called for a joint meeting of the advisory group with the search committee July 28 in Louisville. He has announced as the purpose of this meeting: "to explore such areas as the current theological conflicts in our convention, the churches and our Baptist constituency; the kind of image we are projecting, how we are perceived, etc.; the kind of students we are attracting, graduating, and placing on the field — what are their skills and weaknesses; and the general image of Southern (Seminary) as perceived by pastors and laity in the churches."

## Gardner-Webb buys community newspaper

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. (BP) — Gardner-Webb College bought a weekly newspaper June 1 that will be a base for the Southern Baptist liberal arts school to begin a journalism major.

Gardner-Webb bought *The Foothills View*, which will operate primarily with a student staff and a full-time editor. A search is being conducted to find a person to serve as editor of the newspaper and to teach journalism.



Independence Day observances by Baptist churches in Arkansas "afforded an opportunity to praise God for a great country," at least one pastor thinks. Booneville First Church pastor Allen Thrasher assessed the three-day observance with music, testimony and slides at his church as a chance to reach out. "We had people here that had not attended church before," he said. "They were patriotic citizens, but not necessarily church folks." Booneville First Church was only one of many marking Independence Day on or about July 4. Other churches whose observances have been reported to the ABN are Mountain Home First, Conway First, Hamburg First, Texarkana Beech Street, Springdale Elmdale Church, Little Rock Olivet, and Little Rock Second Church. Churches in North Pulaski Association joined in a combined service at Northeast High School auditorium (in photo) featuring a 24-piece orchestra, mass choir and speakers who included U.S. Senator Dale Bumpers and former governor Bill Clinton.

ABN photo/Mike Gill

by Millie Gill/ABN staff writer

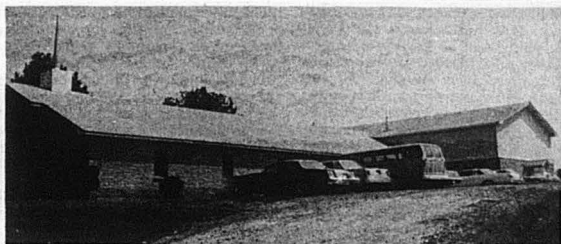
## Batesville Emmanuel Church

The Emmanuel Church, near Batesville, dedicated a 2,800 square foot addition June 23. The new facilities, built as a second floor on the education wings consists of two assembly rooms, and six Sunday School classrooms, and were erected at a cost of \$15,000. The addition is fully carpeted and has central heat and air throughout.

The speaker for the occasion was J. Everett Sneed, editor of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*, who challenged the church to continue to be involved in outreach through proclamation, prayer and praising.

This is the second time that Pastor Billy Goyme has served the congregation. Since his return in August, 1979, the church has had approximately 100 additions. They have also redecorated the lower portion of the educational facilities, installed a new water fountain, insulated the auditorium and classrooms, carpeted the auditorium, installed new lights, and purchased a new Baldwin electric organ.

Pastor Goyme says that the future of the church is bright. There is a large group of people in the community that have never been won to Christ and the church is currently working with several young married couples who should soon make professions of faith or become members of the congregation. — J. Everett Sneed



Emmanuel Church's new education space is the upper portion of the wing at right.



## Family life center completed

Jonesboro Philadelphia Church recently dedicated its new \$150,000 Family Life Center with a special day in the just-completed facility.

The festivities, which were attended by 248 people, included a noon pot luck lunch, the dedication service and a special gospel music singing hour by the Songsmen Quartet of Paragould.

Harold Ray, pastor of the Nettleton Church for the past 17 years and newly-named Director of Missions for the Mount Zion Association, preached the dedication message. Carl Bunch, recently retired Director of Missions for the Association, led in the dedication prayer.

The 60 by 120-foot structure of steel, concrete and brick contains 9,000 square feet of floor space.

Designed as a fellowship, recreational and educational facility, the Family Life Center houses a full-sized gymnasium, an elevated stage (with auditorium seating capacity of 750), a commercial-size kitchen, seven carpeted and air-conditioned classrooms, restrooms and several storage areas.

A large outdoor patio with picnic facilities joins the new structure with the church's educational building.

The gym contains a special vinyl asbestos tile floor which is color coordinated to proper dimensions for basketball, volleyball, shuffleboard, badminton, roller skating and other activities.

The classrooms are already being used by the youth and young adult departments for Sunday School and Church Training, by the various auxiliaries on Wednesday evenings and as headquarters for the recently finished Vacation Bible School.

Pastor Bob Atwood pointed to the recent growth of Philadelphia and the potential for future growth as reasons the church decided last January to expand.

"We actually outgrew our former fellowship hall," he said, mentioning the addition of 65 members during the past 13 months. "Now, we have facilities that are both adequate for our present congregation and which will provide us many more Christian service and fellowship opportunities in the future."

"This was a project of faith by our church," he added, "and it's obvious the Lord has blessed that faith."

Chairman of the building committee for the project was Pete Wiggins.

## people

### Sam Whitlow

began July 5 serving as pastor of the El Dorado Harmony Church. Whitlow attended Ouachita Baptist University and has served churches both in Arkansas and Illinois. He and his wife, Mary Ann, will reside in El Dorado where she will work for the El Dorado School District.

## briefly

### Paris First Church

will lead mission work in the Cassville area July 19-24. There they will conduct a morning Vacation Bible School and evening revival services.

### Jonesboro Strawfloor Church

observed its 30th anniversary July 12. Activities included speakers, special music and fellowship.

### Conway First Church

will sponsor a training clinic Sept. 11-12 for persons interested in leading the Navigator discipleship course in the local church.



## Boyce Center opening Blytheville branch

Boyce Bible School, Little Rock Center, has announced the opening of a branch of the school in Blytheville.

The Blytheville Branch will begin classes Aug. 24 at First Church, said Ralph Davis, director of Boyce. The first term will continue until Oct. 12, with classes meeting on Monday evenings.

Boyce Bible School, a division of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., is designed to provide theological training for pastors and church staff members without college or

university degrees.

Davis said that the branch's first session will consist of two classes: New Testament survey, taught by Ed North, pastor at Blytheville First Church; and biblical backgrounds, taught by Emil Williams, pastor of Jonesboro First Church.

In explaining why the branch was established, Davis said "We had a few students who drove all the way from Blytheville to Little Rock to attend Boyce. That's a round trip of more than 400 miles. Then we discovered more than 20

people who could not come to Little Rock, who were interested in starting a school up there."

"If we can reach 20 or more pastors and laypeople, it will be worth it," he added.

Davis said he hoped the branch would attract students from the northeast district of Arkansas and the southeastern section of Missouri.

He doubted that Boyce would organize any other branches, since "most other sections of Arkansas are close enough to drive (to Little Rock) and we do provide mileage."



## Food and fellowship

Virginia Kirk and Jane Purtle

## Senior citizens

*"For thou art my hope, O Lord God; thou art my trust from my youth"*  
Psalm 71:5.

One of the most active and inspirational groups in many churches is the "over 60" crowd. The senior citizens at Batesville First Church are an example of such a group. In the fall they take a bus trip through the countryside to view the fall foliage. Another bus venture takes them to Little Rock to the Territorial Restoration where they go shopping and have dinner in one of the malls.

Once a month the group leads a devotional program in a local rest home. They minister to many of the people living there. One couple acts as guardian for a patient in the rest home who has no family nearby.

Age is often only a state of mind. Some older people are young, and some young people are old. There is good to be said about being either young or old.

The vitality of youth, and the wisdom of age complement each other. Whether we are young or old, we miss being complete if we don't cultivate age groups other than our own. Sometimes senior citizens can plan activities that include younger people; and younger people, who are more mobile, can make the visits and contacts so desired by seniors. A recent poll in a large church showed that the thing most desired by members over 60 was a "friendly visit."

Planned potlucks are a favorite with our senior citizens. Recently they had a cook-out at a member's home. Each person brought his or her choice of meat to be cooked on the grill along with a covered dish. Couples and singles enjoy this type fellowship and the opportunity to know each other better. The spin-off is that they become a part of each other's lives, and in times of happiness and sorrow can minister to each other.

The recipe we are giving is a good one to take to a potluck. It is especially handy because most of the ingredients are staple items.

### Scalloped potatoes

1 can (10½ oz.) cheddar cheese soup  
½ to ¾ cup milk  
dash of pepper  
4 cups thinly sliced potatoes  
(about 5 medium)

Blend soup, milk and pepper. Layer with potatoes and onion in 1½ quart casserole. Dot with margarine and sprinkle with paprika. Bake, covered, at 375 degrees for one hour. Uncover and bake 15 minutes longer.

Cream of vegetable, celery, chicken or mushroom soup may be substituted for cheese soup. Serves six.

Virginia Kirk, professor emerita at Arkansas College, is a member of Batesville First Baptist. Jane Purtle is on the staff of Christian Counseling and Teaching Center in Syria, Va. They have enjoyed cooking together for several years.

1 small onion, thinly sliced  
1 tablespoon margarine  
paprika

## Evangelism meeting set

Leaders from 150 church bodies have organized the American Festival of Evangelism July 27-30 in Kansas City, Mo.

The three-day Festival will feature workshops and seminars on evangelization, and sermons and Bible studies by prominent preachers.

Speakers include Evangelist Billy Graham; Thomas Zimmerman, superintendent of the Assemblies of God; Harold Carter of New Shiloh Baptist Church in Baltimore; and Latin Evangelist Luis Palau.

Further information may be obtained by calling toll-free 800-821-6606.

## 6th Annual Bus and Children's Church Conference

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## My impressions of the faculty for the Boyce Bible School

by Huber L. Drumwright

Impressions of people differ from impressions of things. Already I have written of the impression that the courses offered in the Boyce Center have made on me. Now I write about my impressions of the faculty. Impressions of people as faculty members come from such personal matters as communication skills, experience in teaching, scholarship, dedication to teaching, interest in students. As I survey the faculty which Ralph Davis has enlisted for the Boyce Bible School, 1981-82, I am impressed.

The maturity of the faculty impresses me. Ralph Davis, with years of experience in the field of church education, is to teach about the pastor's role in the educational program of the church. W. T. Holland, long-time pastor and expositor of God's Word, is to teach Old Testament Survey, as well as a course in preaching. The grapevine has it that his initials "W" and "T" stand for "Weekly Test Holland." Harold Gately, missionary home from Korea, is to teach the course "Principles of Missions." T. K. Rucker is the venerable dean of all those who teach at the Boyce Center. Out of his vast experience he will offer courses in Pastoral Counseling and Field Education.

The present involvement of our teachers in actual ministry impresses me. Cary Heard, who was years ago my student,

and presently pastors Park Hill Church, North Little Rock, will be interpreting Acts. Larry Maddox, who is pastor of the Second Church, Little Rock, and this summer a guest professor at Midwestern Seminary, will teach a course in growing an evangelistic and ministering church. Jamey Smith from Pulaski Heights Church, will teach church recreation.

Many of the teachers are from the staff of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. Everett Sneed, whose credentials would stand the test of the finest academic institution and who serves as editor of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*, will teach the introduction to theology. L. L. Collins, who was on the staff of Southwestern Baptist Seminary for many years, and now serves as associate secretary for our convention, will teach the New Testament Survey. Peggy Pearson of the Church Music Department, will offer Introduction to Church Music. My wife, who has served on the boards of both Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Home Mission Board, will teach The Bible and Missions, and I will offer the Gospel of Luke against the background of 28 years of teaching at Southwestern Baptist Seminary. Gerald Jackson, of the church training department, will address the Marriage and Family Counseling course.

Quachita Baptist University is the

source of some of our most able helpers. Cecil Sutley, who has literally traveled all over the world, will teach World Religions. Raymond Coppenger, our a vast experience in the class room, teaches in the area of contemporary ethical decision making.

Even as I write about the faculty for 1981-82, I am impressed with all those qualities that are identifiable as making up a most competent and dedicated teaching force. This is no exaggeration. One could travel across the whole country and not find a more gifted, better trained or more dedicated faculty. Personally I share the gratitude of the students of the Boyce Center for these who give much of themselves that the Boyce Center may be the bright experience that it is for many. Public relations is an important field and the Boyce Center is the best kind of public relations for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, and would you believe that Jimmie Sheffield of Park Hill Church is to teach a course in public relations from the perspective of the church.

A special "J" term (Jan. 8-23) has two of the most able teachers, C. A. Johnson and Clyde Glazener. Dr. Johnson will offer the most valuable course "How to Understand the Bible" and Dr. Glazener teaches a favorite course in the interpretation of Romans. What a faculty we have at Boyce Center.

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# Prayer was the key to harmonious SBC

by Dan Martin

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Prayer, in the opinion of most Southern Baptist newspaper editors, brought about a conciliatory annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Los Angeles.

Many of the editors went to Los Angeles prepared for a "blood-letting," a "shoot-out," an "angry, knock-down battle" which would produce either a split or further polarization in the 13.6-million member denomination.

Most of the editors came away writing of harmony, reconciliation, unity, peace-making.

One, Elmer Gray of the *California Southern Baptist*, labelled his editorial, "Surprise! Surprise!" but commented that the "surprises were nearly all pleasant."

In the wake of the 124th annual meeting of the 136-year-old denomination, editors came to their conclusions after sorting through mounds of data produced at the increasingly large and complex convention: sermons, prayers, elections, speeches, resolutions, motions, recommendations, press conferences, interviews, reactions, responses, feature stories, personality articles, special presentations, hallway and lobby evaluations and discussions.

From the editorial comments, several strands emerge:

• It was a significant convention. Julian Pentecost of the *Religious Herald* (Virginia) called it "the most memorable one of recent years," and Marse Grant of the *Biblical Recorder* (North Carolina) says, "history may say that Los Angeles was one of the most important conventions of the SBC."

• Prayer was the key. Bob Terry, of the *Word and Way* (Missouri), said: "While God used several human instruments to accomplish this miracle, it was his power alone that brought it about. The worst was feared but it was not to be. In the providence of God, several seemingly isolated cords were woven together to produce a cloak of harmony that surprised and pleased most messengers."

• Al Shackelford, of the *Baptist and Reflector* (Tennessee), said: "Without question, this emphasis on prayer was the most significant factor in (the) meaningful convention. This resulted in a spirit of love and fellowship."

• President Bailey Smith deserves credit.

Lynn P. Clayton, of the *Baptist Message* (Louisiana) said, "Smith exerted strong leadership to keep the convention from lapsing into controversial ways of handling its business. He was fair but forthright."

Theo Sommerkamp, of the *Ohio Bap-*

*tist Messenger*, wrote: "He (Smith) wins high marks for the way he steered the convention through shoals, and how he responded without rancor to the unprecedented effort to oust him from office . . . (he) displayed continuous good humor and spirit throughout."

C. R. Daley of the *Western Recorder* (Kentucky), said most of the credit for the "healing experience" goes to Smith. "He demonstrated denominational statesmanship not only in presiding but in behind-the-scenes efforts for reconciliation. Hardly enough can be said for Smith."

• Registration Secretary Lee Porter was lauded.

Jim Cox, associate editor of the *Western Recorder*, called him an "unsung hero," and credited him most for the decorum in the meeting hall. "His pleas before announcing the outcome of controversial votes obviously thwarted those who, in the two previous conventions, had applauded, cheered, whistled, booed, hissed, hooted, howled and stomped," Cox wrote.

• Neither "side" won; the Convention won.

Edgar Cooper, of the *Florida Baptist Witness*, wrote: "Like two exhausted prize fighters who have slugged it out for round after round, opponents at the annual gathering seemed weary of fighting too. And even as tired boxers clinch more than they throw punches, the messengers decided it was time to put their arms around each other in dependence and concern. One for all and all for one, rather than a free-for-all, was the order of the day."

John Roberts, of the *Baptist Courier* (South Carolina) noted the biggest thing that happened "was the discovery that we are one people after all."

Don McGregor, of the *Baptist Record* (Mississippi), commented: "What happened at Los Angeles was that the 13,594 messengers gently plucked the responsibility for the convention's affairs from the hands of rival factions and served notice that they are still in control."

• Pre-convention press coverage helped.

Hudson Baggett, of the *Alabama Baptist*, editorialized he had heard a comment that it was a good convention "in spite of the press," and said: "As an editor, I felt at times that too much coverage was given in our Baptist state papers to conflicts. In retrospect, however, it seems that the widespread publicity of certain differences had a ventilating effect and diffused some of the heat before we met in annual session."

• The Bible was emphasized but creedalism was rejected.

"Southern Baptists have said they do not wish to be controlled by anyone or any group," wrote Louisiana's Clayton. ". . . they have said they are strong believers in the authority and reliability of the Bible. And, they have said they have no desire to move any closer to creedalism."

Daley wrote that the challenge to Smith's reelection was not a personal attack, but was a "rejection of creedalism. Both the 40 percent vote for (Abner) McCall and the 60 percent vote for Smith have messages."

"The strong McCall vote delivered a message to would be creedalists. The message is Southern Baptists will stand for no creed but the Bible. The 60 percent vote for Smith said that Southern Baptists believe in an infallible Bible and they don't understand why any seminary teacher or denominational leader has to qualify or explain his or her view of infallibility of the Scriptures."

• Southern Baptists have unity in diversity.

Everett Sneed of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*, says the first lesson to be learned from the 1981 convention is "there is far more that unites us than divides us."

Presnell Wood, of the *Baptist Standard* (Texas), says the "glory" of the convention "is that it was a people convention in which God was honored. There was some winning for all, some losing for all and in the end it will be good for all. That is democratic—yes, Baptist. The convention affirmed its genius — unity in diversity."

• The controversy in the denomination is not over although both Arkansas' Sneed and North Carolina's Grant predict a "brighter" future.

Texas' Wood and Georgia's Jack U. Harwell, of the *Christian Index*, are more pessimistic.

Wood said the harmonious convention was a "reprieve. The positive harmonious spirit will be tested in the next few months by some on the edge who would like to control the convention."

Harwell said "smog" still surrounds the convention in which "preachers are polarized into two distinct camps. Clearly Southern Baptists have some smog in their body right now. And we don't like the choking, burning sensation," he comments.

Kentucky's Daley quotes former SBC President Jimmy R. Allen as saying the rhetoric of unity is easier than the reality of unity, and says: "The burden of Southern Baptists' prayers between now and next June should be that the rhetoric of Los Angeles will be a reality in New Orleans."

## Singapore Baptist Home Opens

SINGAPORE — The Baptist Golden Age Home in Singapore is open and ready for business. It is the first such home to be sponsored and supported by the local Baptist convention in Singapore. Furnished for 20 elderly people, the home already has three applications.

## Hebrew hymnal published in Israel

ASHKELON, Israel — A new Hebrew Christian hymnal, the first to contain only indigenous songs, has been published in Israel. The 26 hymns in "Come Before Him" resulted from an on-going series of workshops on Messianic music. Musicians and poets were encouraged to combine talents and write new songs: lyrics of some are original poems while others are Scripture passages. Melodies are arranged for piano, guitar and flute, popular instruments for worship services in Israel. In the past two decades the only hymnals published in Israel were translations from America or Europe. Work has already begun on a second indigenous volume.

## Pusan hospital expands

PUSAN, Korea — Wallace Memorial Baptist Hospital of Pusan, Korea, has purchased a five-story hotel adjacent to hospital facilities, to be used for expansion. The hotel will be remodeled into a 100-bed pediatric and intermediate care unit, bringing the hospital's total capacity to 400 beds. Funds for the purchase were generated by the hospital, which is self-supporting.

## 'Attendance' rules

To reduce the increasing time required to process attendance reports (due to widely differing methods of reporting) the ABN is asking the cooperation of churches. Beginning Aug. 1, 1981, the attendance report will include only those churches who follow these guidelines:

1. One church, one Sunday per card.
2. Complete information (church, town, date of Sunday reported on same side of card).
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## Attendance reports

Church	June 28, 1981			Valley Springs Van Buren, First Vandervoort, First Ward, First Wooster, First	89 40 27 40 128	40		
	Sunday School	Church Trng.	Church attds.					
Church Alexander, First	131	53	1					
Alma, Clear Creek Southern	178	26						
Alpena, First	65	23						
Atkins, First	122	43	1					
Batesville								
First	230	116	2					
West	201	67						
Nursing Home	32							
Bentonville, First	413		2					
Berryville								
First	224	74	3					
Freeman Heights	223	64						
Booneville, South Side	150	115						
Bryant								
First Southern	317	87						
Indian Springs	124	72	2					
Cabot	414	104						
Mt. Carmel	395	134	1					
Camden, Cullendale First	400	148						
Caraway, First	107	80						
Cherokee Village, First	110	18						
Conway	101							
Harlan Park	112		6					
Oak Bowers	197							
Pickles Gap	197							
Second	454	173						
Crossett								
First	416	71	1					
Mount Olive	293	143	2					
Danville, First	140	19						
Nursing Home	32							
Des Arc, First	168	38						
Desha, First	102	65	4					
El Dorado								
Parkview	160	70	2					
Nursing Home	31							
West Side	407	405	2					
Forrest City, First	524	95						
Ft. Smith								
First	2,365		8					
Grand Avenue	1,233	227	6					
Mission	20							
Westside	89	38						
Gentry, First	125	50						
Grandview	64	39						
Green Forest, First	188	82	3					
Hampton, First	124	82						
Hardy, First	149	38						
Harrison								
Eagle Heights	245	97	3					
Northvale	172	28						
Woodland Heights	83	41						
Hot Springs								
Grand Avenue	352	106	5					
Eagle's Chapel	144	102	5					
Leonard Street	172	57	2					
Memorial	71	41						
Park Place	271	89						
Rector Heights	78	30	3					
Hughes, First	138	64						
Jacksonville, First	315	29						
Jessieville	140	66						
Jonesboro								
Friendly Hope	147	116	3					
Nettleton	237	79	1					
Philadelphia	129	56						
Kingston, First Southern	179	80	1					
Lambert	377	128	2					
Magnolia, Central	624	140	1					
Monticello, Second	233	59						
Mulberry, First	198							
North Little Rock, Stanton	83	50						
Paragould								
Calvary	204	154	3					
Center Hill	84	47						
First	415	68						
East Side	306	216	1					
Paris								
First	362	64						
Southside	57		1					
Pea Ridge, First	235	64	3					
Pine Bluff								
Central	98	34						
First	552	32	1					
Lee Memorial	195	32	5					
South Side	533	171						
Sulphur Springs	172	52						
Watson Chapel	438	29						
Prairie Grove, First	135	72	3					
Rogers								
First	521	102	2					
Immanuel	756	5						
Russellville, First	525	106	2					
Sandusky, Okla., Faith	34	23						
Springdale								
Berry Street	53	41						
Caudle Avenue	99	38	1					
Eimdale	288	122						
First	1,738		8					
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Highland Hills	88	59						
Shiloh Memorial	121	68						
Trinity	281	148	6					
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Matthews

## International

July 19, 1981

Deuteronomy 6:20-25; 7:6-11

by John Matthews  
Forrest City First

## When God chooses us

The hymn, "Out of My Bondage, Sorrow and Night", describes the new life in Christ: walking into freedom, gladness and light, leaving sickness for health, want for wealth, and coming from sin to dwell in the Lord.

This song illustrates vividly the contrast of the old life of sin and the new life in Christ. It contrasts the bondage of Egypt with the freedom of Canaan. When God brings us out of darkness and bondage, he always desires that we move on into freedom and light.

As the Israelites of old were in bondage to the nation of Egypt, we too may be in bondage to sin, to habits, and to many other things. But God can free us today as surely as he freed his people from Egypt.

The same mighty hand (v. 21) brings us from our darkness into God's light. Once we are freed from the penalty of sin at salvation we are urged to continually follow closely to the Lord so that we might have power over sin each day. When we have escaped our "spiritual" Egypt, we need to fear our God and do what he commands: (1) for our good always, (2) for our preservation alive, and (3) for our righteousness before God (v. 24-25).

Look at the uniqueness of both the old Israel and the new Israel (Christians) in Deut. 7:6-8. We, like they, are a holy people (v. 6); we are chosen and special (v. 6); we are loved and redeemed (v. 8).

Over and over the Scripture says to us "remember":

- Remember how God led you (Deut. 8:2);
- Remember God's working among you (Psalms 77:11);
- Remember his mercy (Psalms 25:6);
- Remember his provisions (Deut. 8:14-18)

The more we remember his blessings, the easier it is to give thanks. The more we give thanks, the more thankful we become. The more thankful we become, the happier we are.

Why did God choose Israel? Was it because they were strong and mighty? No, he chose them because he loved them. Why does God choose us? Is it because we are strong and self-reliant? No, he chooses us because he loves us. And as we remember his great love, we (like Israel) will know that the Lord is God (Deut. 7:9); and, we will therefore keep his commandments, statutes, and judgments (Deut. 7:11).

If you have not let Jesus bring you out of bondage, sorrow and night, why not do it today? If you have made that important first step, ask God to help you through the "wilderness" and on into his freedom, gladness, and light.

"Jesus, I come to thee".

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## Why public worship?

Psalms 84, a psalm of the sons of Korah, was related to public worship (I Chron. 6:22, 31-33; 25:4ff). It is also one of the pilgrim songs which were sung by travelers enroute to Jerusalem for the three annual feasts (Passover, Pentecost and Tabernacles). It was a companion psalm to Psalms 42 and 43. All three are characterized by the same spirit of enthusiastic devotion to God's service and for worship in the Temple. These psalms show that next to the psalmist's love for the scriptures was his love for God's sanctuary, for in both word and worship he encountered God and experienced God's blessings.



Dodson

### The place of worship (v. 1-4)

With his whole being (soul, heart and flesh) the psalmist longed for the dwelling places, the courts and the house of the Lord, because they provided blessings for those who entered. The emphasis is not upon the edifices themselves, like Tabernacle or Temple, but on the experiences within them. Being the places of encounter with God which occurred in worship they were hallowed to the psalmist, who even envied the birds that nested on their grounds. This first stanza of the three in the psalm accents the blessing that comes to those who can continually be in God's place of worship.

### The pilgrimage to worship (v. 5-8)

The scene for the second stanza is the pilgrimage of the people to Jerusalem to worship at the annual feasts. The dry, desolate and difficult Valley of Baca over which the travelers triumphed through the strength they possessed in their purpose for the pilgrimage is a spiritual symbol for travelers of all time. Today, those who pass through life's "Bacas" on God's way become his channels of blessings as they become springs which give refreshment and strength to others in the valley.

The man who is blessed by God because he has "highways to Zion" in his heart is another spiritual symbol in the second stanza. The "highways to Zion" are the ways into God's presence. Therefore, the person who inwardly is coming to God is blessed along with the one who

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## Life and Work

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Psalm 84

by Dennis M. Dodson  
Monticello First Church

dwells in God's place continually.

**The provisions of worship (v. 9-12)**

In the third stanza the psalmist counted one day in God's presence to be worth more than one thousand elsewhere. For him, standing on the threshold of God's house was better than being in the tents of the wicked. God gives grace and glory and withholds no good things from those who walk uprightly before him. A man who would choose a threshold over a tent is a man who truly trusts God. Blessed is that man!



Kuehn

## Bible Book

July 19, 1981

Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:12-14; 6:4-6, 9, 17-19

by J. A. Kuehn  
Faulkner Association

## Christ's superior priesthood

Compare the faulty priesthood of man whom God appointed. The Levite was born to function as a like-priest; God only expected the priest to point to the truth. Christ, the only begotten Son of God, came and completed all requirements of his father, that all mankind could receive full pardon and complete forgiveness for all sin or transgressions. There is no likeness; Christ was perfect, the Levite was imperfect.

Christ's priesthood is mercy and compassion. As priest he understands our every need. He has the power to effect the assistance we need in temptation.

Christ's priesthood is obedience to his father. Perfection for Christ was his awareness of the total plan of God for man's redemption, thus the author of eternal salvation to all who come unto him.

Christ's priesthood is forever linked to himself — the living Word and the written Word of God. Mature believers are grown by applying the Word. Growth and spiritual maturity come as good and evil are dealt with in relation to Christ and the individual believers.

Christ as our superior priest asks our steadfastness and spiritual progress, not failure. (Heb. 6:1-20) Our writer of Hebrews in his way conveys the truth of basic Christian belief and trust as he asks the readers to make basic evaluations before returning to an old tradition and turning down all that Christ has already given. The very promise of God to redeem mankind rests in the person of God.

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In fact, the first regular BSU program of the fall will feature Coach Larry Laceywell, ASU's head football coach, sharing his testimony of how he committed his life to Jesus Christ just before coming to ASU.

There will be a free lunch just before Coach Laceywell speaks and we are saving a seat for you.

BSU at Arkansas State takes many shapes. There are singing groups, dorm Bible Studies, retreats, worship and most of all other students who care about you and want to help you make it at ASU.

You can only play the Crimson Tide in football one day a year, but you can grow in your knowledge of and relationship to Jesus Christ every day as a part of the Baptist Student Union at Arkansas State University.



Dickerson

Look for us because we are looking for you! — Arliss Dickerson, director at ASU

## Evangelism

### Bold Mission revivals

The aim of the Bold Mission Thrust is to reach every lost person with the Good News of Christ. This should be the deepest desire of every Southern Baptist in Arkansas in the spring of '82. The Simultaneous Revivals is an effort planned and promoted by the evangelism department to reach this dream.

The dates of these revivals are February 28-March 14, East, and March 28-April 11, West. Each association has had the privilege to set the date most suited for their area.

A simultaneous revival is one in which all the churches of like faith and convictions within a given association, city or state enter into a revival at the same time. C. E. Matthews was the human instrument that God used to institute simultaneous revivals in Southern Baptist churches. Dr. Matthews had a deep concern for lost souls and a burning conviction that we must reach them for salvation in Christ. He stated as a leader in Southern Baptist evangelism, "The only method in evangelism we believe that is absolutely adequate for this hour is the simultaneous method."



Shell

## BSU

### On to College Day

Sunday, August 2, is the suggested date for On To College Day 1981 sponsored by Baptist Student Union. Every church that has college and university students can have a part in encouraging them to grow as Christians by recognizing them at this time. There are several things that churches can do for students, whether they will go away to school or remain at home.



Sims

1. Plan a special recognition during a Sunday morning worship service, introducing the students and calling on the church to offer prayer for them.

2. Place their names and addresses on

the church mailing list to receive newsletters and even special material aimed at their needs.

3. Purchase a gift subscription to *The Student* magazine, published by the Sunday School Board and have it mailed to their address.

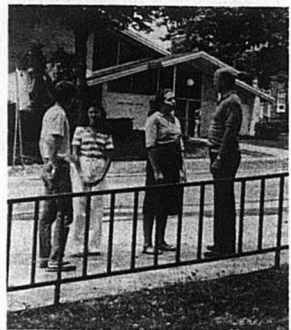
4. Encourage Sunday School and Church Training workers with college young adults to maintain contacts and to involve them in special events during holiday periods and other times when they return home.

5. Send names and addresses of college and university students to the BSU Director at their campus or to the Student Department, P.O. Box 552, Little Rock, Ark. 72203.

6. Pray for students and maintain a concern for their special needs and interests.

On To College Day 1981 can be a first step in revitalizing your church's interest in college students. This ministry comes at a critical time in the life of these young people. — George Sims

As summer ends, college students will return to Arkansas' campuses, where Baptist Student Union directors, such as Jamie Jones (cover, right) at the University of Arkansas, are eager to minister to their needs.



# News about missionaries

History records that the greatest year of blessings in baptism that Arkansas Baptists have experienced was in 1950. There were 16,337 baptized and this still stands as a record. It is more amazing when you realize the 1949 total membership was 218,514. This was a ratio of 13-1 in baptisms. This record is stated here because 1950 was the first statewide Simultaneous Revival in Arkansas.

God has blessed and will continue to bless churches as they cooperate together in evangelistic efforts. Has your church voted to enter this cooperative campaign? We challenge you to make a definite decision to be a part of this evangelistic effort. Our prayer is that 1,240 churches will be a part of this victorious campaign.

In the following weeks, we will be considering important evangelistic principles to help lead our state to Christ. — Clarence Shell Jr.

## Church Training

### Help is coming for CT directors

"Here Comes Help" is a familiar sign frequently seen on service trucks. "Here Comes Help" also describes the recent Pastor-Director Retreat for pastors and Church Training Directors to be held at Camp Paron on Aug. 7-8. Steve Williams,



Williams

Consultant in the Church Training Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, and Robert Holley, State Church Training Director, will direct the retreat.

Practical helps will be offered for enlarging and enriching the total training program of a church. Conference leaders will deal with program objectives, organization, leadership, curriculum, planning and enlistment.

Special features to be highlighted at this year's retreat will include the 1981-82 Church Growth Studies for youth and adults, DiscipleLife, MasterLife, Equipping Centers and the Survival Kits for children, youth and adults.

Although the Pastor-Director Retreat is not limited to new Church Training Directors, it has proven to be an excellent time for new directors to get some much-needed help in this planning for the coming year.

The retreat begins with supper on Friday night, Aug. 7, and will adjourn at noon on Saturday. Reservations should be mailed to the Church Training Department, P.O. Box 552, Little Rock, Ark., 72203. — Robert Holley

Dr. and Mrs. Lester C. Bell, missionaries to Brazil, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Caixa 40002, 20511 Rio de Janeiro, RJ, Brazil). Born in Pittsburg, Texas, he also lived in Grady, Ark., while growing up. She is the former Bessie Giddens of Duncan, Okla. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1950.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hollaway, missionaries to Japan, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: c/o Mrs. Muriel Louton, Rt. 1, Box 297, Pearcy, Ark. 71964). Hollaway, whose parents were Southern Baptist missionaries to Japan, considers Arkadelphia, Ark., his hometown. The former Linda Louton, she was born in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and

grew up in Arkadelphia. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1972, resigned in 1976 and reappointed in 1978.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion G. (Bud) Fray Jr., missionaries, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: P.O. Box 861, Edenville 1610, Republic of South Africa). He is associate to the Foreign Mission Board's area director for Eastern and Southern Africa. He serves as a liaison for the missionaries in Southern Africa and the Foreign Mission Board. He is a native of Kennett, Mo. The former Jane Dawley, she was born in San Antonio, Texas, and grew up in Nashville, Ark. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1957.



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## Arkansans serve in New York

Four students from the University of Arkansas are spending two months this summer working with Calvary Church in Medford, Long Island, N.Y., in a mission project. They are working under the direction of M. R. Haire who has been pastor at Calvary for eight years and has served other churches in the greater New York City area. This mission effort had its beginnings in 1970 when the New Creations, the Collegiate Choir at University Church, Fayetteville, spent a week of ministry with Pastor Haire in New Jersey. University Church has maintained prayer and financial support to the churches in that area where Pastor Haire has been leading in our pioneer mission effort. In March of this year, the New Creations spent another week of ministry with Reverend Haire at Calvary Church in Medford as well as ministering on college and high school campuses on Long Island. The students were deeply burdened with the spiritual need of the area and many expressed a concern to go back and work again in mission ministry. At Pastor Haire's request, four students who were members of the New Creations Choir were selected to return to Medford to work during the months of June and July.

Leah Fry is a senior at the University of Arkansas majoring in music. Leah is formerly from Pine Bluff but her family now lives in Oakbrook, Ill. Leah's main area of ministry will be music.

Cheryl McKnight is a recent graduate from the University of Arkansas with a degree in child development. Cheryl is from Fayetteville. She will be working with children in Medford through Vacation Bible School, puppet ministries and Backyard Bible Schools.

Mike Cross is a native of Dewitt. He graduated from the University of Arkansas with a degree in zoology and is now awaiting entrance into medical school. Mike will be working in Medford as a Bible teacher and recreation leader.

Phil Goff is a recent graduate of the University of Arkansas and has a degree in secondary education. Phil is from Fayetteville and is planning to go into the ministry. His responsibilities in Medford will include recreation, puppets, Bible teaching and visitation.

University Church and interested friends are providing the financial support for these four student missionaries participating in this project. This effort is a part of University's participation in our Bold Mission Thrust.



## Churches help Atlanta's children

by Marv Knox

ATLANTA (BP) — Fearful that summer could bring an increase in the murders of young blacks, Atlanta Christians are offering programs to keep children off the streets.

The city remains besieged by fear which has accompanied the murders of 28 children in 23 months. All the victims have been black, and most of them have been males between the ages of seven and 17. Four have been small adult males and two have been females.

In 70 churches are participating project, started after black

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## Court loses Stewart in retirement

by Stan Haste

WASHINGTON (BP) — Potter Stewart, associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court for the past 23 years, announced his resignation in a move that caught most high court observers by surprise.

In a letter of resignation delivered May 18 but released exactly one month later, Stewart told President Ronald Reagan simply "that it is time to go." Although he offered the president no further word of explanation, Stewart told reporters he decided to leave the bench while he was still healthy and able to enjoy life.

On the cluster of issues before the court in the church-state field, an area of particular interest to Baptists, Stewart was not known as a leader. Rarely did he write a formal opinion for the high court in the field.

While he generally opposed funding of private, sectarian schools with public monies, he joined a majority in making certain exceptions, including approval of transportation, health care and a number of "auxiliary services" for parochial school pupils.

But Stewart was best-known in the church-state arena for his lone dissents

in the two most highly publicized cases during his tenure, the landmark prayer and Bible reading decisions of 1962 and 1963. Stewart alone took exception to the rulings which declared that states may not require prayer and Bible reading as devotional exercises in public schools.

He said that "the mark of a good justice" is not his political or religious identity but his objectivity, conscientiousness and diligence, along with the commitment that "every human being is equal before the law."

On a matter of special concern to proponents of church-state separation, Stewart said he is concerned about efforts in Congress to strip the Supreme Court and other federal courts of jurisdiction in areas where critics of the courts feel judges have abandoned the Constitution.

Saying he is "glad I won't be here to have to struggle" with the constitutional questions such an effort, if successful, would present, the retiring justice urged Congress to follow past tradition and refuse to pass such legislation.

## Hare Krishnas lose solicitation dispute

by Stan Haste

WASHINGTON (BP) — The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that state fair officials may restrict religious and all other groups to booths for the distribution and sale of literature and solicitation of funds.

All nine high court justices agreed that states have sufficient interest in crowd control during annual state fairs to ban the sale of literature and solicitation of funds except in booths. Four of the nine disagreed, however, on the prohibition against distributing literature.

The decision upheld a rule by Minnesota State Fair officials which applies to all persons, groups or commercial firms. Under the regulation, individuals and groups are not prohibited from walking around the fairgrounds and communicating their views in face-to-face encounters.

In earlier decisions in the case, a trial court upheld the regulation but was reversed by the Minnesota Supreme Court, which held that the rule infringed on the free exercise of religion of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness, whose devotees are commonly called Hare Krishnas.

The U.S. Supreme Court agreed to hear the case because of the First Amendment issues and because lower federal and state courts have in recent

years issued conflicting views in similar cases involving the Hare Krishnas.

According to the sect, all its members must participate in the ritual of Sankirtan, or going into public places to distribute and sell religious literature and to solicit donations.

In reaching its decision the high court majority declared that "the First Amendment does not guarantee the right to communicate one's views at all times and places or in any manner that may be desired." The activities of the Hare Krishnas, Justice Byron R. White wrote, "are subject to reasonable time, place and manner restrictions."

White's opinion for the court majority cited previously-stated criteria which require that regulation not be based upon either the content or the subject matter of the message, but that it serves a "significant governmental interest," and that alternative means for disseminating the message be provided. The Minnesota rule met all three guidelines, the court held.

Four of the justices, led by William J. Brennan Jr., issued two separate opinions stating that while the rule was valid insofar as it limited money transactions to booths, but it violated the Hare Krishnas' First Amendment right to distribute their literature freely.

members of the Christian Council told about tensions tearing at Atlanta's black community, said Dorothy Lara-Braud, communications director of the council. At least seven of the churches are Southern Baptist.

An example of the cooperation evident this summer can be found in the Techwood Homes housing project, in the shadow of downtown. Six churches — three Southern Baptist, a National Baptist, a Presbyterian and an Episcopal — are working with Clark Howell-Techwood Baptist Center to help neighborhood kids.

The churches provide a daycare for older children which includes recreation, Bible study, a noon meal and occasional swimming and movies, said Terry Moncrief, director of the Techwood center.