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## Presidential election highlights 1994 SBC



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Pastor, Cottage Hill Baptist Church  
Mobile, Ala.

## 'Gay Day' at Disney prompts Arkansas pastor to urge boycott

First it was "NYPD Blue" and now it's "Gay Day." Visiting Disney may create a world of concern for many Southern Baptist Convention messengers, including Jim Oliver, pastor of First Church, Cove.

Oliver recently heard on a Christian radio talk show that "Gay Day" is scheduled for June 4 at Disneyworld. After calling Disney to confirm the report, Oliver wrote letters to Arkansas Baptist State Convention president Ronnie Rogers and executive director Don Moore, encouraging them to urge Southern Baptists to boycott Disneyworld.

According to a Disney spokesman, the fourth annual Gay and Lesbian Gathering at the Magic Kingdom June 4 "is not an official Walt Disney World event."

"We are not sponsoring or promoting it," she explained. "This is a private group of individuals who have informed us of their plans to visit the Magic Kingdom."

Emphasizing that "Walt Disney World is open to everyone," the spokesman added, "We do not discriminate on any basis."

Although Gay Day is not an official Disney event, Oliver voiced concern that Disney officials have not sought to stop it.

He introduced a motion to the Ouachita Association executive board May 23 which called for director of missions Dillard Miller to "telegram president Ed Young of SBC to telegram all state presidents to telegram all churches to have all messengers boycott Disneyworld, Epcot Center and MGM Studios during the convention and to ask all delegates (messengers) to the convention to call Disneyworld and tell Disneyworld they will boycott them from now on because of Disneyworld allowing

Gay Day to happen." Miller, who said the motion passed with little discussion, forwarded the motion to Young for his consideration.

Emphasizing that "the pocketbook is all that some people understand," Oliver added, "I felt like we need to at least let our voice be heard."

Late last year, Young and SBC Executive Committee president Morris Chapman wrote to Disney officials about the corporation's sponsorship of the controversial "NYPD Blue" television program. The two SBC leaders threatened at that time to "reconsider our immediate plans for promoting outreach at your Orlando venues."

A Disney official responded that Touchstone Films, a subsidiary of Disney, was advertising a movie during "NYPD" but that "Disney World will not advertise on 'NYPD Blue.'"

Chapman reported later that convention officials had decided to work with Disney to provide discount tickets for SBC participants. Despite concerns over the "NYPD" advertising, Chapman said many Southern Baptists would be going to Orlando for vacations and would want to visit the popular tourist attractions.

In addition to the motion opposing Gay Day, Ouachita Association executive board members approved a second motion by Oliver concerning the 1994 Gay Games in New York.

Oliver said the final day of the event is scheduled to take place in Yankee Stadium. The motion called on convention leaders to urge all Southern Baptists to permanently boycott New York City, New York state and all Yankee baseball games.

## Cover Story

*I know  
HE IS ABLE*

2 Timothy 1:12

1994 SBC  
annual meeting

June 14-16  
Orlando, Fla.

## Presidential race 8-9

The election of a new SBC president will be a key focus of the 1994 SBC annual meeting June 14-16 in Orlando, Fla. Information about presidential candidates Fred Wolfe and Jim Henry can be found in this week's editorial on page 5 and in feature articles on pages 8-9.

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# Conference urges churches to 'break out'

By Russell N. Dilday

Associate Editor, Arkansas Baptist

Participants at the "Church Breaking Out" Conference May 23-25 at First Church, Benton, gained training and inspiration about implementing innovative ministry models in local settings. The conference was sponsored by the Arkansas Baptist State Convention missions department and the Home Mission Board.

"We're really trying to mobilize the church for ministry," explained Tommy Goode, an associate in the ABSC missions department. He said the program was intended to be "inspirational in presenting models. We shared urban and rural models and how ministry is being done in different settings."

He said each participant also received practical training in ministry. "Everyone was in a planning group and worked with materials helping them to plan a mission statement, goals and action plan," he noted, adding that the program personnel "were teaching and equipping them to implement their ministry dreams."

Many participants agreed that ministry model testimonies at the conference inspired them to conduct their own ministries.

Terry Moncrief, director of Techwood Baptist Center in Atlanta, challenged urban participants to lead in "The Church Breaking Out in the City." He encouraged them to "earn the right" to minister.

"It is my conviction that the church should earn the right of sharing the gospel by reaching out to the community," he said, "and discovering the hunger of people in your area who want to be touched and ministered to."

Moncrief, a former atheist, ministers in Atlanta's predominantly black Techwood area, the nation's first public housing system. Techwood houses more than 6,000 residents and the center serves more than 1,000 people weekly. He said more than 4,000 people had received Christ since the center opened in 1962.

Participants also heard ministry models from North Pulaski Association.

Darlene Savell, coordinator of the association's caring centers and multihousing ministries, said the centers, located in Jacksonville and North Little Rock, are used by God "to minister to the lost, hurting, homeless and atheists. These are the people who come to the caring center and leave with Christ."

Savell said the centers ministered to more than 3,000 people last year with 21 professions of faith. "Each time these people come into our doors, we provide



Participants gained practical ministry training during Arkansas Baptists' "Church Breaking Out" conference held May 23-25 at First Church, Benton.

them with food and clothing to help meet immediate needs. Our goal is to help each client and to share the gospel."

Self-proclaimed "blue jeans and T-shirt ministers" Cedric Hayes, J.C. Talbert and Dale Sykes shared ministry testimonies. Hayes and Talbert are pastors of black Southern Baptist congregations.

## 'Radical Christians'

Hayes, pastor of Glory Land Church in North Little Rock, told participants to "hang on to your seats" as he told them of the church's ministries. "God set my heart to reach those that did not go to church. My members are some the most radical Christians. A lot of them were on drugs, were alcoholics, prostitutes and gang members. Now they are all ex-s."

He said the church started in 1993 with five members, "including me and my wife," in a former auto parts warehouse. "It was one of the worst neighborhoods in North Little Rock. God wanted to put the church there to deal with the neighborhood and its problems.

"It was called Crack Corner," Hayes recalled. "My office was an old cocaine manufacturing place." He said the church has 250 members "and we are speedily growing with five to 15 members coming each Sunday. We reach some very different kinds of people. The church was targeting that set of people." The church baptized about 55 people last year and 65 percent of the congregation are men, he said.

Hayes said the keys to his church's growth success are: personal witnessing, personal follow-up, late night fellowship and all-night lock-ins for youth.

Talbert, pastor of Saintsville Church in

North Little Rock, said the church started in 1992 in his living room with his wife and four sons.

"It is astounding to find out why people are not in church," he said. "We must go beyond the four walls and begin to do evangelistic work in the community. Many people say, 'My pastor didn't have time for me,' or 'I lost my job and nobody called,' or 'My son went to jail and nobody from the church came.'"

Sykes, minister of education at Second Church, Jacksonville, noted that "the real excitement is the opportunity we have to minister. Each of us has to answer a question given by Jesus in the Great Commission—what are we going to do go?"

He told of Second Church's three ministry locations in the Jacksonville area. "The Lighthouse Community Church is in a gas station and game room. We put plywood on top of the pool tables for our classes." He said the Hallelujah Family Fellowship ministers to a mobile home community and a third location has just begun in a hospital, working with stroke patients.

Harold Wilcox, director of the HMB church and communities department, said ministry training is important for Arkansas Baptists. "The old ministries we are doing, such as youth and family services and migrant ministries, we're going to have to make some changes in how we do those to deal with things such as gangs and violence."

"One of the things we have learned is that, basically, every state has similar needs," Wilcox said. "They all have poor people and churches that need to get out into the community."

## YOU'LL BE GLAD TO KNOW



By DON MOORE  
ABS-C Executive Director

Allow me to direct our thoughts toward several concerns at this time.

■ The Southern Baptist Convention and its related meetings in Orlando, Fla., should hold a high place in our prayers. The fact remains that we are a major missions force in the world. We need to be gripped by the responsibility that places upon us. A new vision, dream or burden needs to absorb us at this point. God will be at work to do that. A Foreign Mission Board appointment service will be held during the Pastors' Conference. Pray!

■ Siloam Assembly, music camps, Super Summer, mission camps and associational camps are just around the corner. The potential for God to touch young lives with the call to salvation and the call to ministry is tremendous. Pray for all of our leaders of these ministries as well as for the children and youth who attend.

■ Gambling interests will stop at nothing to further their financial empires. We need to pray and be aggressive in getting our people to refuse to sign the petitions being circulated. Everybody is a loser with any form of gambling.

■ Did you know that \$100 placed with the Annuity Board in a retirement account for a pastor in 1984 is worth between \$250 and \$300 today? The number of older pastors and their spouses who are living in poverty is shameful. Could you adopt one of these couples and help? Could you put your pastor in the retirement program? Even a little bit would be matched with funds from the convention and some of this tragedy could be avoided. It would be great if someone in the church would call James Walker (376-4791) in our offices and explore what your church might be able to do in this area.

■ Some are suggesting that if businesses can do away with smoking, that the churches might ought to make a move in that direction and encourage their people not to smoke in or around their facilities. It makes sense to me.

■ Why should God send a spiritual awakening if His people are not praying for one?

BEVERLY ROBERTSON

## Woman's Viewpoint

### Tough times call for the Lord



There I was in all new surroundings: a new graduate from nursing school, I had been out of school only a few weeks as I began a new job at a new hospital in a new town.

The doctor walked into the room where I was waiting with a patient. He checked her and said, "Yes, she's gone. Will you tell the family? I'm late for surgery." And he was gone. Just left me standing there! What do I say? I don't know these people. This was my first day to work in this area and I had not met this family. The family was kind; they knew what had happened and were not surprised when I told them. I have no idea now what I said, but they were understanding and probably helped me a lot more than I helped them.

I have recently retired. In all these years of working in hospitals, the previous scene has been repeated over and over with only one difference —

the doctor almost always is the one to talk with the family.

There have been times when there was no family to sit at the bedside and hold a hand of one dying, then to see the peaceful expression when the pain is gone, then to go to the phone and call the only relative who is 500 to 1,000 miles away. How does anyone get through a time like this without our Lord, without His love and Scripture?

Psalms 23:4, 6: "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for you are with me... Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

Beverly Robertson is a member of Parkers Chapel First Church in El Dorado. She and her husband, Tommy, have two daughters and one grandchild. She is active in her church and Liberty Association.

## Personal perspectives

"The church should earn the right of sharing the gospel by reaching out to the community."

—Terry Moncrief, director of Techwood Baptist Center, Atlanta

"We have been called to be heralds and apostles today to reach the 1.2 billion people in the world who have not heard the gospel."

—Jimmie Sheffield, ABS-C associate executive director

"Every great spiritual thing that has happened in the church resulted from our prayer ministry."

—Stephen Martin, pastor of First Church, Flippin

"The biggest non-biblical aspect of American praying today is lack of intercession or praying for others."

—T.W. Hunt, Baptist Sunday School Board prayer specialist

# Wolfe and Henry: What's the difference?

Alabama pastor Fred Wolfe and Florida pastor Jim Henry have both announced plans to be nominated for the presidency of the Southern Baptist Convention later this month in Orlando, Fla. Both men are age 56; both are longtime pastors of Southern Baptist "mega-churches"; both have strong conservative credentials and years of denominational service—and they are personal friends. So what's the difference?

The key difference is their respective views about the future of Southern Baptist life. Feature articles on pages 8-9 help detail those views. This week's News-magazine cover features representative quotes from each candidate.

According to Wolfe, "The conservative leadership now feels that what we have prayed and hoped for is now a reality.... I am thankful for the conservative resurgence." Henry's perspective of convention life is: "I'm hearing a real deep desire for reconciliation, for getting together and moving ahead. I hear a hunger for that."

Another difference between the two is found in the individuals and groups who have affirmed and questioned their decisions to seek the presidency.

Wolfe, who currently is chairman of the SBC Executive Committee, has the support of conservative leaders who have played prominent roles in convention politics in recent years. In addition to receiving the backing of an informal group of 60 to 70 conservative leaders who meet periodically, Wolfe has gained the endorsement of recent past SBC presidents.

According to former SBC president Jerry Vines, Wolfe "can best serve at this time

## STRAIGHT FROM THE EDITOR



By TRENNIS HENDERSON

to help us continue the conservative resurgence begun in 1979."

Former president Bailey Smith voiced disappointment that Henry entered the presidential race after Wolfe announced his candidacy. And despite Henry's clear conservative convictions, Smith claimed that some conservatives fear Henry would "appoint the wrong people" if elected president.

Despite such charges, Henry said he would "not have a structured campaign effort" and has emphasized that his candidacy is strictly his own decision. One unsolicited endorsement he has received is from Russell Dilday, the recently fired president of Southwestern Seminary.

Dilday, who declined encouragement to seek the SBC presidency, said Henry's candidacy represents "a strong wave that is calling the convention back to a constructive conservatism." He voiced "great confidence in Jim Henry's willingness to be the leader" of that effort.

A measurable difference between the two candidates is their churches' history of Cooperative Program support. Henry's

congregation, First Baptist Church of Orlando, has led all SBC churches in total CP giving for the past three years. In 1993, the church channeled 14 percent of its undesignated receipts through the Cooperative Program, for a total of \$894,805. During the same time, Wolfe's church, Cottage Hill Baptist in Mobile, gave less than 5 percent of its gifts through CP. In '93, Cottage Hill gave 4.7 percent of undesignated gifts through CP, for a total of \$199,681.

Wolfe, who affirms the CP leadership role of Henry's congregation, said he has made a commitment to lead Cottage Hill to increase CP giving by one-half percent each year.

Who should you support for the SBC presidency? The key is to determine your own perspective about convention life. Individuals who favor the results of the 15-year "conservative resurgence" in the SBC may be most comfortable supporting Wolfe. Those who favor a move toward more inclusive "constructive conservatism" and proven CP leadership may find camaraderie in Henry's camp.

Remember that participants at SBC annual meetings are messengers, not delegates. They are elected by their local churches to vote their individual consciences, not to follow predetermined voting instructions. There is a significant difference.

Before you vote, take time to read the accompanying articles, pray about your decision and seek God's will for the future of Southern Baptists. Regardless of individual views, the best Baptist is an informed Baptist earnestly seeking God's guidance.

## An uncompromised gospel

Over 100 years ago Charles Spurgeon warned that the Church of Jesus Christ was in danger of compromising the gospel to the point that it would destroy the effectiveness of its influence through inner-decay. Today we see more than ever the possible fulfillment of that statement. Churches are operating today under the philosophy that success is measured by attendance figures. The goal has become numbers rather than a holy life. We are compromising the gospel to avoid offending anyone in order to gain and maintain those numbers. Churches are fearful of driving people (and their money) away. They want to create a friendly, safe, comfortable environment. We are attempting to win people to Christ by making Him less offensive to the world.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

This type of soft-peddled, feel-good, non-confrontational, non-convicting gospel is contradictory to the mission of the Body of Christ.

The numbers and growth game being played out today is not a fulfillment of the Great Commission. Jesus never said to "go into all the world and save people." Under that false interpretation, our churches are operating under the "save 'em, dunk 'em, and count 'em" efforts of institutionalized, world-marketing strategy evangelism. Jesus Christ commanded His church to "go into all the world making disciples of all men."

By doing less we are both selling people short in their salvation and destroying the effective witness of the Body.

By making numbers and growth more important than making disciples, we have filled our pews with saved people who are so full of the world, the Body of Christ is no different than the world. That is the result of welcoming anyone into the Body without calling them to commitment and obedience to God. By using world-based marketing strategies and candy-coating the gospel to reach people, we leave out the sovereignty of God and power of the Holy Spirit. God expects the glory of His grace shown through the holy lives of His people to draw the lost. Anything less than an uncompromised gospel that is proclaimed to make that happen is a tragic mistake.

Robert Gunnels  
Magnolia, AR

# Prayer ministries growing in Arkansas

By Russell N. Dilday

Associate Editor, Arkansas Baptist

Organized prayer ministries are a growing ministry effort, according to Jimmie Sheffield, associate executive director of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. He said many Arkansas Baptist churches are conducting organized prayer ministries in innovative ways, adding that Bold Mission Prayer Thrust (BMPT) is a good way to focus church and association prayer.



Explaining the purpose of BMPT and its role in Southern Baptists' effort to evangelize the world by the year 2000, Sheffield noted, "Paul says God's desire is that all men be saved; to reach out and draw all men to Him. We as Southern Baptists have accepted the challenge to reach out to all the people of the world."

He said there are 1 million people in Arkansas, "40 percent in your community," who are unsaved. "We have been called to be heralds and apostles today to reach the 1.2 billion people in world who have not heard the gospel."

Sheffield, state coordinator for BMPT, described it as "an emphasis to help your church in praying for God's purposes in your church and His kingdom."

"It has two goals—that every association in Arkansas and the Southern Baptist Convention will have a prayer network and an intercessory prayer ministry."

Sheffield said 30 of the state convention's 42 associations have elected BMPT coordinators and 417 of the 1,313 churches, "only 32 percent," have indicated that they have a prayer ministry.

Sheffield encouraged congregations considering the start of an organized prayer ministry to designate a prayer room, add prayer studies and enlist prayer leaders.

"A prayer room is a like a worship center in that it magnifies the importance of prayer and gives people a place to centralize prayer requests and prayer materials," he explained.

First Church, Flippin, which has an average Sunday School attendance of 175, felt it needed a stronger prayer ministry in 1991. "So we made a prayer room as an intercessory ministry," explained pastor Stephen Martin. "We have about 50 people in the church who come during the day and we keep a book of prayer needs and requests in the room. It's a seven-day-a-

week prayer ministry."

Martin credits prayer for the large number of baptisms in the church in the last two years. "We believe one of the main reasons that happened is the beginning of the prayer ministry," he said. "We built the prayer room in the fall of 1991 and our members began to pray for lost people. We had home prayer meetings before our 1992 revival and had 95 professions of faith and... baptized 50 people." The church baptized 46 people in 1993.

"We've seen that every great spiritual thing that has happened in the church resulted from our prayer ministry," Martin declared, noting that the church's prayer strategy includes combining the "ongoing prayer ministry with home prayer meetings, usually praying for lost people."

Concerning prayer studies, Sheffield explained, "Many churches are developing prayer ministries because of the impact of the church conducting Experiencing God or Disciple PrayerLife."

## Exciting results

David Welch, associate pastor of Geyer Springs Church in Little Rock, reported that "these are some of the most exciting days at Geyer Springs because of the fervency created by Experiencing God, the Watchman on the Wall (prayer ministry) and 'Prayer Triplets.'"

Welch said the church started a "Watchman" ministry "because it is flexible. Anyone can sign up for an hour. There is no prayer room." He said a "Wall" equals 168 hours of non-stop prayer in a week. "Two walls opened up immediately from word of mouth," he said.

He explained that the telephone is the link in the Watchman ministry: "Our members pray for an hour and call the next watch, who prays for an hour. They also use the phone for requests and our prayer warriors can call and get current information on prayer needs."

Geyer Springs Church also launched a temporary prayer ministry in preparation for its revival May 15-18. "We wanted folks to be concerned about lost people," said Welch. "The best way to do that was to join together to pray for them. He said 85



Organized prayer ministries are a growing part of many church programs in Arkansas Baptist congregations.

to 90 "Triplets" (groups of three members) prayed for unsaved people.

As a result, "this has been the most fruitful revival in the church in a decade," he said. "There were 88 professions of faith, about 30 rededications and we probably had 15 join by letter."

He said focused prayer was the key to the Triplets concept. "We prayed for specific things with a focus specifically for lost people we knew. We know the gospel communicates most effectively through the line of relationships, so we starting by praying God would draw people to us."

Welch reported one prayer triplet included a girls' class Sunday School teacher who prayed for three girls in the class. "After the week was over, six girls in the class, including the three she had been praying for, were saved."

Sheffield said selecting a prayer ministry leader "who coordinates the total church prayer emphasis year-round" also is key.

Dollie Havens coordinates the Warriors on the Wall prayer ministry of First Church, Springdale. The ministry, which she said is like Watchman on the Wall "Springdale style," also uses a format of members praying one hour a week for all 168 hours of the week.

"I do the physical part; the operational work and the maintenance of it," Havens said. "This ministry is going to expand and change as people are added, need information and need to change times. I keep track of hours filled and for physically getting the prayer guide printed monthly."

## Hunt: Intercessory prayer lacking for most Americans

By Terri Lackey

Baptist Sunday School Board

NASHVILLE, TN (BP)—Most Americans say they regularly send messages to God. But 20th-century prayers and those offered up 2,000 years ago seem to reveal a different agenda, according to an expert on biblical prayers.

A recently published Gallup poll reveals nine out of 10 American adults pray, and 36 percent of those pray daily.

And while the standard of praying for spiritual needs versus material needs hasn't changed much since Jesus walked the earth, praying for others as opposed to praying for self has taken a nosedive, said T.W. Hunt, prayer specialist for the Baptist Sunday School Board.

"The biggest non-biblical aspect of American praying today is lack of intercession or praying for others," Hunt said.

"But according to the survey, people tend to pray more often for spiritual things (94 percent) than for material things (18 percent). That is also true in the Bible. In fact, that kind of surprised me," he added.

The six types of prayers listed in the Bible include confession, worship, praise, thanksgiving, personal petition (praying for self) and intercession (praying for others), said Hunt.

"A preponderance of prayers in the Bible are either praise or intercession. The majority of teachings in the Bible are for intercession. The Bible tells you to pray for other people, and this is where Americans fall most dismally," he said.

"I found in the Bible that God primarily did His great work through intercessory prayer," he added.

For example, Moses' prayers delivered the children of Israel from Egypt; Esther's prayers delivered her people from the murderous plot of Haman; the prayers of Nehemiah rebuilt the Jerusalem wall; and the prayers of the church of Antioch started a missionary movement.

"To achieve a mature prayer life, a person must follow the biblical example of making praise and intercession their primary prayers as opposed to spending so much time in petition," Hunt said. "But petition is good because the Bible has many cases of it.

"It is a legitimate and valid form of prayer. In fact, some great things came from personal petition too," Hunt said. "Abraham prayed for a son; Hannah prayed for a baby; Hezekiah prayed to live. And there are 40 petitions by David recorded in the Bible."

According to the Gallup survey, people pray most often in thanksgiving (94 percent) and the well-being of their families (98 percent), for strength or guidance during life's challenges (92 percent), for forgiveness for oneself (92 percent), for personal peace (87 percent) and health (82 percent), to forgive others (86 percent), for world peace (83 percent), for safe passage on a trip (81 percent) and for deliverance from a burden (80 percent).

Hunt said people pray "because they realize God can do something they can't do. That's why they prayed in the Bible, too. Because in their helplessness, they realized God could do something they couldn't."

Prayer has two purposes, Hunt said - "to make us more like God and to make us participate in His work."

She said the Warriors on the Wall ministry has grown since it began in 1991. "We recently added two walls involving nearly 700 people."

Havens said the prayer ministry has been essential to the overall ministry of the church. "We are grateful for what we have seen God do since the inception of the ministry," she said. "We prayed for 1,000 people to be saved in February 1993 when we had the Power Team (evangelistic group). We had 30,000 people come...and saw 2,625 people saved."

"Our growth is 12 to 14 percent a year," Havens said. "When a church in a town of 30,000 people is running 2,700, that's not man's effort. It's a blessing for those who are a part of it (the prayer ministry) when they see God answering prayer right in their midst."

Bert Self, pastor of Grace Church in Augusta and Bold Mission Prayer Thrust coordinator for Calvary Association, emphasized that "you can pray and grow a church." His advice to other associational prayer leaders is, "What works in a church, apply in an association.

"I found that pastors need to discipline themselves and make prayer a priority in their lives," he commented. "What I have done to discipline myself is to go down through the roll and each week pray for one family per day Tuesday through Friday."

"Then I thought, 'Why can't we do this on an associational level?'" he said. "So we took one church each week in the associational prayer bulletin and pray for them on Sunday and Wednesday." He said each of the 40 churches in the association receives a prayer bulletin, adding that congregations "take it seriously and do it. We've got miracles going on here."

Self, whose congregation numbers about 55, shared a prayer idea from Peter Wagner's book, *Churches That Pray*. "Wagner says in churches of about 100, you may have five or six people who will have the gift of intercession and you need to find them and enlist them to pray."

In addition to organized prayer ministries, many churches have effective prayer ministries with no formal structure. Stephen Martin said that in addition to the church's prayer room, "We also have a group of six men who have been praying every morning in the sanctuary for intercession. They just felt like they needed to do it and some have never missed a day in a year and a half. They say it's the best way to start their day."

For more information about beginning a local or associational prayer ministry, contact the ABSC discipleship and family ministry department; phone 376-4791, ext. 5160. For more information about Bold Mission Prayer Thrust, contact Sheffield at ext. 5103.

### SBC messengers to pray for Clinton, others

ORLANDO, FL (BP)—For 20 minutes on the opening day of the annual Southern Baptist Convention, thousands of Southern Baptists will pray for President Clinton, Vice President Al Gore, members of the U.S. Congress and U.S. Supreme Court justices.

The mass prayer rally, scheduled for 7:20 to 7:40 p.m. on June 14 in the Orange County Convention Center, will be sponsored by the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission and Brotherhood Commission.

The basis for the prayer meeting is Romans 13, which urges Christians to

pray for their government leaders.

During the prayer time, messengers and guests will be asked to form small prayer groups of no more than 10 people and pray for Clinton, Gore and other leaders by name. They also will pray for Southern Baptist denominational leaders, pastors and churches as well as specific needs, such as those of the homeless, the hungry, the unborn, the elderly and the sick.

Wherever they are at that time, other Southern Baptists not attending the convention are being asked to join in the prayer time.



# Convention reconciliation possible, Jim Henry believes

By Jack Brymer

Florida Baptist Witness

ORLANDO, FL (BP)—Setting forth four "presidential principles" that would guide his efforts, Jim Henry, pastor of First Baptist Church in Orlando, Fla., has offered himself as a candidate for Southern Baptist Convention president.

Asked in a recent interview if he felt there is hope for reconciliation in the SBC, Henry declared, "If I didn't, I certainly would not be available and doing everything I can to help us move ahead."

In his March 27 announcement that he would be a nominee for president of the SBC, he said he would not have a structured campaign but would "trust the Holy Spirit to speak to the hearts and minds of my brothers and sisters in Christ as they choose their leadership for the near future."

Since that time, he said he has refused all speaking engagements which might promote his candidacy and is adamant that the decision to be a presidential candidate is strictly his own and not the result of any group.

Henry has been mentioned for several years as a potential presidential candidate and for good reasons. His church has led the SBC in Cooperative Program giving the last three years. Last year, the church forwarded 14 percent (\$894,805) of its undesignated gifts of \$6.85 million through the Cooperative Program.

A former trustee of the Foreign Mission Board (1978-88), Henry also has promoted personal involvement in missions. During the last 10 years, the Orlando church has sent out 12 career missionaries, another eight in full-time Christian service and eight more as journeymen or International Service Corps volunteers.

Henry said several factors entered into his decision to allow his name to be presented this year.

Most important, he said, "The Lord confirmed to me in my heart and in my walk with Him that I should be nominated." Since then, he said he has been affirmed by his church and received "nearly unanimous" support from the people who encouraged him to seek the office.

After his announcement, Henry said he received some calls requesting him to reconsider or run later. When asked if there was pressure not to run, he replied: "Not very much. Again I say, they were very gracious and gentle and no threat at all. They just asked me to prayerfully consider delaying it."

In the first of four "presidential

principles," Henry said he would be "uncompromising on the high view of Scripture as stated in our Baptist Faith and Message Statement and Peace Committee Report...and as established in our Baptist heritage."

Asked if that means inerrancy, Henry replied "yes," but said other words could be used as well.

"For some, inerrancy has become a bad word, so to speak, but I don't necessarily think it is," he said. "I think what we are looking for and have said we want to continue is our historic Baptist commitment to Scripture as fully trustworthy and authoritative. You can use the words infallible, inerrant or high view of Scripture—however you want to say it."



Jim Henry

Henry said his second "presidential principle" is to be "unapologetic of our historic focus on missions and evangelism and its strong support through the Cooperative Program."

Asked if that excludes the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, Henry responded: "If the CBF wants to give money to SBC causes without any strings attached, to me that's no problem. Now, if it has strings attached, then I would have a problem). I would not receive them."

In his third "presidential principle" Henry said he would be "unselfish in including all whose hearts beat with our denomination in expanding the window of opportunity for service and input."

Asked if that would include "moderates" and members of the CBF, Henry said it would under certain conditions.

"Well, I think there's a heartbeat with us which would go back to my first principle," he said. He defined the "heartbeat" as the direction the convention took in 1979 toward a high view of Scripture. "If their heart beats with us in that, then the window of opportunity is open," he said. "That's our family. There's a union and a unity in that."

Henry's fourth "presidential principle" is to be "uniting in our effort to build trust and love in our family of faith." During the last 14 or 15 years, he said, some people—both moderates and conservatives—have labeled other people and this has led to misunderstandings and distrust. As a result, many have been pushed aside or ignored.

"Really, when you talk and listen and get to hearing each other, you find you're on the same page," he said. "Let's see if we cannot do some healing and some talking and focus on what our main business, on what God's program is through Southern Baptists. That's the feeling I'm getting."

Henry rejected claims that his election would impede or change the direction of the "conservative resurgence."

"If people are saying that, it's a surprise to me because I had not been considered an enemy (to the conservative cause) for 34 years," he said. "I'm a conservative and have been that ever since I've been in the ministry and so I haven't changed."

Henry, who served as a member of the SBC Peace Committee, said he felt the work of the committee was worthwhile for identifying and addressing some problems and concerns.

He acknowledged, however, that while the theological problems identified by the Peace Committee have been addressed, some of the political problems linger. Suggesting some of the political things had to be done to correct the convention's course, Henry said what he is hearing from Southern Baptists is that this is past and there is a hunger to see the SBC now move ahead.

"I know there are some serious divisions and you can't gloss over that," he said. Yet, "I'm hearing a real deep desire for reconciliation, for getting together and moving ahead. I hear a hunger for that. I may be misreading it, but I hear that hunger and to me that's a sign of hope. There's discouragement, but not despair."

Concerning the future, Henry said he sees the SBC on the verge of either a slow disintegration or on the edge of a fresh, bold new reach into the future.

"I think God has used us," he said, describing the SBC as the strongest denomination in the country. "The talent and resources of our laypeople and in our institutions is unbelievable. If it can be recaptured, I think it (SBC) will live. If not, then I think we will die a slow death."

In addition to his service on the Foreign Mission Board and SBC Peace Committee, he has been president of the SBC Pastors' Conference (1981), trustee of the Baptist Sunday School Board (1969-75), chairman of the SBC Spiritual Awakening Task Force (1991) and co-chairman of the Reach the World SBC Task Force Committee (1993).

A popular preacher, he has spoken on numerous campuses as well as state and national conventions. His writings include two books: *Heartwarmers and The Pastor's Wedding Manual*.

Average Sunday School attendance during the last five years at the Orlando church is 3,800. During the same period, baptisms have averaged 333 each year.

# Fred Wolfe affirms SBC's 'conservative resurgence'

By Mark Baggett

Alabamian Baptist

MOBILE, AL (BP)— "I am called to be a pastor," emphasized Fred Wolfe, pastor of Cottage Hill Baptist Church in Mobile, Ala. "I see my role to equip the saints, and I devote my energies to disciplining and enabling Christians."

Wolfe's attitude and his loyalty to the conservative resurgence in the Southern Baptist Convention have gained him the support of recent past SBC presidents and other conservative leaders in his candidacy for the convention presidency.

Certainly, Wolfe, 56, has paid his dues. Since 1987, he has been an influential member of the SBC Executive Committee, this year becoming its chairman. At the same time, his congregation has grown dramatically since he came as pastor in 1972, to a membership of 9,000, an average worship attendance of 2,600 and a budget of \$4.27 million.

Although Wolfe was a predictable choice in February, when he announced that friends had convinced him to let his name be nominated, another conservative pastor and friend, Jim Henry, pastor of First Baptist in Orlando, announced his candidacy on Palm Sunday.

Does Henry's candidacy signal a division within the ranks of SBC leaders?

"I don't think there's any split," Wolfe responded. "In Indianapolis (at the 1992 SBC annual meeting), Nelson Price, a high-profile conservative pastor, ran against (current SBC president) Ed Young. It's happened before. Here's a man, Jim Henry, who feels compelled to run."

"His candidacy wasn't a surprise. I knew he was considering it and praying about it. In fact, about a month before he announced, we had lunch in Atlanta. I told him I was praying for him and for him to find God's will."

Whatever the election results, Wolfe said he is "at peace" about his decision to run, which came after many years of being a "possible candidate" and after conservative leaders across the convention told him they were excited about the possibility that he would run.

The two men are similar theologically and their churches have been models of church growth, but Wolfe acknowledges a difference in Cooperative Program giving. Henry's church gives approximately 14 percent of its undesignated receipts through the Cooperative Program. Wolfe's church currently gives approximately 5 percent. According to the most recent

Uniform Church Letter statistics, Cottage Hill gave \$199,681 of its undesignated gifts of \$4.217 million, or 4.7 percent, through the Cooperative Program last year, up from 4.5 percent the previous year and 4.2 percent the year before that.

"Before I was ever a candidate, Morris Chapman (SBC Executive Committee president) had challenged all of us to increase our Cooperative Program gifts," Wolfe recounted. "I made a commitment to increase our giving by one-half percent per year."

"And I would say this by way of explanation and not as an excuse: We went into a new worship center in 1989 and paid \$9 million cash for it. For the next three years, we have held our budget the same, but we have doubled our Cooperative Program gifts in the last three years."

Wolfe said he is satisfied with the progress of the conservative movement, believing a theological course change has taken place.

"I think that while certain people disagreed with this, the issue has always been the inerrancy of Scripture, although a lot of issues have gathered around that one," he noted.

"The conservative leadership now feels that what we have prayed and hoped for is now a reality. Southeastern Seminary, for example, has turned to conservative leadership; Southern Seminary, under Al Mohler, will certainly take a conservative direction. The Christian Life Commission, as another example, has taken conservative political positions, especially on the abortion issue. We have upheld and affirmed the high view of Scripture."

Wolfe admits, however, that the firing of Russell Dilday at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary has done some damage to SBC leadership.

"I have nothing whatsoever to say critically about Russell Dilday," said Wolfe, a 1967 Southwestern master of divinity graduate. "He did a fine job in many areas. But having been in a position where I have made decisions on the basis of information not known to the general public and then was criticized for those decisions, I can't criticize the trustees. I just have to trust them to have made the right decision."

"I do believe his firing has caused some

people to ask why it was done and why it was done the way it was done, and to some degree, it will hurt us in the sense that it may produce a backlash."

But Wolfe said he doesn't think Dilday's firing will be a significant factor in the election, nor does he believe SBC leaders have overreacted to the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, which some Southwestern trustees named as a factor in the firing.

"I am in touch with the conservative leadership and I know that they do not feel that the CBF is a serious threat to the SBC," Wolfe said. "I believe that the people in the CBF are people who are going in that direction out of conviction. I don't judge them. But while I do not agree with that direction, I respect their rights as Christians to do that. However, I do not see CBF as a major threat. This year, our Cooperative Program is up 1.5 percent from last year, Lottie Moon offering is up, for the first time we will have more than 4,000 foreign missionaries. While we are aware of the CBF, there is no paranoia about it."

Wolfe said his greatest spiritual influence was his mother, Margaret Wolfe, who died in 1993, "a real saint of the Lord" to Wolfe and his five sisters and one brother.

He also names Bertha Smith, a former missionary to China and Taiwan who died in 1988, just a few months short of her 100th birthday, as an influence. He particularly affirmed her focus "on total surrender to Christ and on the fullness and power of the Holy Spirit."

Another influence was a sermon by Stephen Olford that gave Wolfe "a new understanding of what it means to be a Christian."

While almost all of his siblings were going into teaching, Wolfe prepared for the ministry, studying at Southeastern Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C., at a time when Wolfe says "it had a liberal bent. It was Bultmannian in philosophy and the students were reading Paul Tillich primarily. It was not a good experience." So, after dropping out of Southeastern and pastoring for three years, Wolfe entered Southwestern Seminary.

Wolfe's disposition sometimes hides his passion for the conservative cause. Preaching during last year's SBC Pastors' Conference, he warned pastors of "lukewarmness." The answer, he said, is the preeminence of Christ.

"I am thankful for the conservative resurgence," he said in his sermon. "I make no apologies as one who is privileged to be on the inside with the leaders God has used to bring God back to this denomination. And I can tell you that they know who the head is. The desire of our hearts these days is not to please the press, but it is the desire to please Him."



Fred Wolfe

# SEMINARY GRADUATES



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**ALBERT HODGES**  
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**WESLEY HODGES**  
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**STEVEN MURDOCK**  
Master of Divinity  
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Blytheville



**STEVEN THOMPSON**  
Doctor of Ministry  
Camden



**DENNY WRIGHT**  
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Master of Divinity  
Paragould



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**REX GRIFFIN**  
Master of Divinity  
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**MARK GROVES**  
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Maumelle



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Master of Music  
Barling



**SCOTT HAMILTON**  
Master of Divinity  
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Hot Springs



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Master of Divinity  
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Siloam Springs



**SPENCER RAY**  
Master of Divinity  
Salem



**KEITH REAVES**  
Master of Music  
Wilmar



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Little Rock



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MDiv/Christian Ed.  
Little Rock



**BLAKE MCKINNEY**  
Master of Divinity  
North Little Rock



**JOE SILVA**  
Master of Divinity  
Fort Smith



**TOM WILLCOCKSON**  
Master of Divinity  
Benton

# 'Hope' projects: It's not too late to start

It's not too late to start a Hope for Hurting Humanity project, said Sandy Wisdom-Martin, an associate in the Arkansas Baptist Woman's Missionary Union department. "And there is a variety of projects a church can do," she added.

Hope for Hurting Humanity is the Southern Baptist Convention's simultaneous ministry outreach emphasis set for June 19 through July 31. Southern Baptist churches are encouraged to sponsor outreach ministries in their local areas during that time.

Wisdom-Martin, state coordinator for the emphasis, said churches still have time to prepare for projects and offered suggestions for planning a project.

One key to the success of any HHH project is the pastor, she said. "The pastor can guide the process through motivation and inspire people to do projects through ministry sermons and announcements.

"Churches first need to form an HHH task force," she said. "It might consist of the church WMU director, Brotherhood director, program area representatives, and key leadership."

She said the task force should be a "manageable size" whose role is to assess community needs and church resources, then match the resources to a project idea.

At this late date, she said, assessing needs can be done through informal interviews with church and community leaders. "After assessing the needs, select one or more high priorities," she said. "List possible actions that can be taken to meet the needs and recommend objectives for your ministry and witness projects."

She said in planning the project and establishing priorities, "look at the church's resources. There is no use in planning a project if there are no resources in the church to match the needs."

She said resources to be considered by a church include supplies or materials needed for the project, work to be completed, opportunities for Christian witnessing, transportation and budget needs.

After suggesting a project, the local church task force should lead the rest of the congregation to commit to the project. "The church should affirm the use of its buildings and any additional expense," she said.

The next step is planning the project, she said. "Churches should have different projects that everyone at different levels can be included." She suggested several ideas churches might consider when developing a project.

■ A food drive for a local food closet, "because every community has hungry

people and the project is easy to conduct and can involve anyone," she said.

■ A "Volunteer Day," in which "church volunteers fill in for caregivers such as those of Alzheimer's patients. These people need free time to relax or go to the doctor."

■ Backyard Bible Clubs or day camps "that are good for youth working with adults. Anyone can buy BBC materials at the Baptist Book Store and the teaching outline is provided," Wisdom-Martin said.

■ One-day projects such as an automobile maintenance clinic or volunteering to paint or clean at a community agency. "And you're not restricted to church ministries," she said. "You can help at an associational ministry, ecumenical agencies or other community service agencies."

Wisdom-Martin said ABSC employees will be setting the pace for churches when they conduct several HHH projects in or near Little Rock. She said Baptist Building personnel will participate in a variety of projects such as feeding the hungry at First Presbyterian Church, working on the Heifer Project International farm, writing letters of encouragement to community servants and collecting supplies for the North Pulaski Association Caring Center.

First Church, Warren, is planning to conduct a free women's cancer clinic in July at the church as an HHH project. It

will be co-sponsored by the church's Baptist Women and Bradley County Memorial Hospital.

Member Sharon Stanley explained that "I had a family member and friends who have been affected by cancer and felt the need for a clinic. We had one in March for our Baptist Women and it was successful. Many women are intimidated by going for exams and we decided that this is what we needed in our church to minister."

Immanuel Church, Fort Smith, already is conducting HHH projects in a neighboring apartment complex. Mission Action leader Anita Hammack said the church's WMU is conducting several outreach ministries in the complex.

"When a family has a new baby we take the family a meal, a Bible for the baby and some gifts and try to follow up on the families," she said, adding that members also visit new families who move into the apartments. They take the residents home-baked cookies and provide information about the city and the church.

She said the church is planning several new ministries in the complex, including a Big A Club, a Bible study and a reading club at Immanuel's library.

The women also have a foot-care ministry for older people in Fort Smith. "We soak their feet, trim their nails, file callouses and trim toenails," she said. "We do for them what they cannot do for themselves."

For more information about conducting an HHH project, contact Sandy Wisdom-Martin; phone 376-4791, ext. 5137.



HOPE FOR HURTING HUMANITY

## Second Church reaches out to neighborhood

Second Church, Little Rock, served up free hot dogs, entertainment and Christian ministry when it hosted a neighborhood block party May 15 in the church's downtown parking lot. The party, sponsored by Second's music and singles ministries, drew participants of all ages.

Minister of music Tom Wideman said the party was "an event to reach out to the neighborhood. We have lots of apartments around the area and homeless and street people and we felt the need to become better neighbors."

Explaining the church's motivation, he noted, "We spend a lot of time running back and forth from the suburbs and locking the door behind us. The church was not doing what it could to be a good neighbor." He said the community is mostly unchurched.

Bands provided entertainment as children were treated to face paint, balloons and an invitation to Vacation Bible School. Members served more than 500 hot dogs donated by Sysco Food Services of Arkansas and other food donated by area merchants.

Participants spray painted graffiti on large boards which will be a centerpiece for Solar Clips, a follow-up concert to be held at the church June 4-6.

Wideman reported that members also helped three homeless men find housing. "One had been sleeping on a park bench for a week," he commented.

He said one outcome of the party "was the members who came received the benefit of serving others. We realized that these people we were frightened of were more afraid of us than we were of them."

## Staff changes

**James K. Morris** began serving May 1 as pastor of Clear Lake Church near Blytheville, coming there from Lindrith Church in Lindrith, N. M. He previously has been a pastor in Texas, Mississippi, Tennessee, Michigan, Maine and Wyoming. Morris is a graduate of Clarke Memorial College in Newton, Miss.; Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, Texas; Bemidji State University in Bemidji, Maine; and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. In addition, he has served with the U.S. Navy. Morris and his wife, Amy, have three adult children.

**Joel Moody** began serving May 25 as pastor of Southside Church in Stuttgart, going there from Piney Church of Hot Springs. In his 43 years as Baptist minister, Moody has been pastor of other Arkansas and Texas churches. He is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University and also attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He and his wife, Joyce, are parents of three sons, Trent, Robert and Tony.

**Barry Morgan** is serving as pastor of Calvary Church in Osceola. He is a graduate of Creighton College in Omaha, Neb., and Mid-America Seminary. Morgan and his wife, Kimberly, have three children.

**Billy Edge** is serving as pastor of Emmanuel Church near Blytheville, coming there from Southaven, Miss. He and his wife, Jerri, have one child, Erin.

**John M. Ambro** has accepted the call to join the staff of First Church in Augusta as minister of youth and education. He will move to Augusta from Independence, Mo. Ambro and his wife, Donna, have two daughters, Amber and Ashley.

**David Burris** of Flippin is serving as summer youth intern for First Church in Searcy. He has completed his freshman year at Ouachita Baptist University.

**Michael Smith** is pastor of Shady Grove Church in Curtis. A native of Hot Springs, he is a graduate of Quapaw Vo-Tech School and Garland County Community College. He previously served with the Hot Springs Police Department and has served as chaplain for the Fraternal Order of Police. Smith and his wife, Betty, have two children, Nicholas and Lillian.

**Larry D. Beatty** is serving as staff evangelist for Victory Church in Dumas, going there from Hermitage where he was pastor of Saline Church. He and his wife, Mary, have a son, Matthew. Beatty, who has entered the field of revival evangelism,



## ARKANSAS ALL OVER

By MILLIE GILL

may be contacted at 7618 Old Warren Road, Pine Bluff, AR 71603; phone 879-4478.

**Mark Cox** of Fayetteville is serving as youth director for Bakers Creek Church in Russellville. He is a psychology major at Arkansas Tech University.

**J.D. Dudley** of Fayetteville is summer youth director for Rye Hill Church in Fort Smith. He is a student at the University of Arkansas.

**Dave Jackson** has joined the staff of First Church in Paris as music and youth director. He and his wife, Chris, moved there from Concord Church in Van Buren.

**Mike McClure** is pastor of Glendale Church of Booneville, coming there from Caddo Mills, Texas. A native of Fort Smith, he is a graduate of the University of the Ozarks and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

**Howard Mauldin** has accepted the call to serve as minister of education for Cornerstone Church in Texarkana. He is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University

and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Mauldin and his wife, Jane, moved to Texarkana from the Fort Worth, Texas, area.

**Sim Flora** has resigned as minister of music at Malvern Third Church, following more than two years of service. He is a professor of music at Ouachita Baptist University.

**Neil Franks** is serving as interim minister of music for Malvern Third Church where he serves as minister of youth and children.

**Ron Kimbell** has resigned as pastor of Louann Church. He serves as a houseparent for Arkansas Baptist Children's Homes and Family Ministries emergency receiving home in Camden.

**Kenny Blackwell** is pastor of Calion Church in Liberty Association. Blackwell previously served Junction City Church.

**Clyde Morris** has resigned as pastor of Light Church in Greene County Association.

**Kenny Smith** has joined the staff of Calvary Church in Paragould as youth director, coming there from New York. He and his wife, Sally, have seven children, Amanda, Laura, Andrew, Daniel, Jonathan, Christina and James David.

**Kevin Hawley** has joined the staff of Walcott Church as youth director. He came there from Jonesboro where he served Brookland Church as youth director for



*Strawfloor Church in Jonesboro observed its 43rd anniversary of ministry with homecoming and a noteburning service, celebrating payment of indebtedness on church facilities. Participating in the service were (left to right) pastor Mark Sadler, chairman of deacons Dennis Russell and charter members Grace Elam, Maxine Hardin, Tood Lawson and Vernia Tomlinson.*

more than six years. Hawley and his wife, Loretta, have three children, Meagan, Logan and Morgan.

**David Hays** resigned May 25 as minister of music for South Side Church in Fort Smith to join the staff of First Presbyterian Church of Fort Smith.

**Les Stanley** of Hot Springs is interim pastor of Piney Church in Hot Springs where he has been serving as minister of music. He previously served Central Church in Jonesboro and Second Church in Hot Springs. He and his wife, *Lea*, moved to Hot Springs from Florida where he was vice president of public affairs for Luther Rice Seminary. He is a graduate of the University of Houston and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

**Bill Fleming** completed his service May 29 as interim pastor of Keo Church.

**Roy Remont** is serving as interim pastor of Lee Chapel Church in Pearcy. He also is chaplain at Arkansas Rehabilitation Hospital in Hot Springs.



*Three Arkansas Baptist chaplains were commissioned recently by the Home Mission Board following a three-day orientation session. The chaplains and their wives are (left to right) Kathy and Chuck Gladden, Dell and Alan Tyson and Karen and Ron Clark. Gladden is an institutional chaplain in Dermott, Tyson is a business-industrial chaplain at Hudson Foods in Rogers and Clark is an institutional chaplain at the Job Corps Center in Ozark.*

## Obituaries

**Virgil Tarvin** of Fayetteville died May 20 at age 76. He was a retired Baptist minister who had served Tolttec Church of Scott, Palestine Church of Quitman and Viola Church.

**O. Hoyle Haire** of Booneville died May 20 at age 84. His funeral services were held May 23 at First Church of Booneville where he was pastor emeritus. Haire, who was ordained as a Southern Baptist minister in 1933, had been pastor of churches in Arkansas and Louisiana, as well as serving as a Southern Baptist foreign missionary to Guam. He had served as a member of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention Executive Board and of numerous civic organizations, including the Booneville Ministerial Alliance. Survivors are his wife, Mary D. Haire of Booneville; six daughters, Ann Bowman of Los Angeles, Susan Crane of Brentwood, Tenn., Jane Felps of Clinton, La., and Judy Cobb of Little Rock; a sister; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Memorials may be made to First Church in Booneville.

## Church news

**Centerton First Church** mission team has returned from a 15-day trip to Brazil where they assisted Southern Baptist missionary Ken Loukes with medical work and evangelism outreach along the Anesa

River in the Amazon interior. The mission effort resulted in 18 professions of faith. Centerton team members were Roger Ried, Bill Feast, Jackie Clark, Sherman E. Kinyon and pastor Bryan Webb. They were accompanied by Barry Allen and Sharon Rose of Rogers, Ann Bolyard of Cave Springs and Larry Jordan and Wayne Immanuel of Noel, Mo.

**Trinity Church** of Searcy dedicated an 8,000-square-foot addition to its educational facilities May 8. The two-story addition houses 10 classrooms, a library and church offices. Mike Hulsey is pastor.

**Malvern Third Church** deacons hosted their second annual "Widows Banquet" May 21. The church also currently has 57 enrolled in the study of "Experiencing God," according to pastor Rick Hyde.

**Hamburg First Church** will celebrate completion of sanctuary renovation June 5 with 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. services for all members, former members and friends. The \$245,000 renovation program, for which more than 70 percent has been paid, includes a total renovation of the sanctuary interior and features the addition of new pews and stained glass windows. Bobby Pennington is pastor.

**Marianna First Church** youth took part in a summer missions choir tour May 21-25 that included presentations at Memorial Church in Jefferson City, Mo., First Church of Dixon, Mo., and Levy Church of North Little Rock.

## Ordinations

**Old Union Church** at Benton ordained Allen Thomas, Charles McElroy and Carl Taylor to the deacon ministry April 17.

**Melbourne First Church** ordained James Loggains and Fred Rush to the deacon ministry April 24.

**Hindsville Church** ordained Mitchell Martin to the preaching ministry April 24. Martin is preaching and providing other pastoral duties while pastor J.B. Kyger is recuperating from a stroke.

**Fine Bluff Second Church** ordained Jimmy Williams and Charles Moore as deacons May 1.

## Revivals

**Warren First Church** held a revival May 1-6 that resulted in 20 professions of faith, 11 baptisms and numerous rededications in every service, according to pastor Greg Stanley. Alan Celoria was the evangelist and his family provided special music.

**Temple Church** in Crossett held a recent four-day spring revival which focused on the church family seeking a fresh relationship with God, according to pastor Dennis Davis. The services began with an area-wide youth rally. Tierce Green, a singer, songwriter and youth communicator from Arlington, Texas, led the effort.

# Leadership Profile for ABSC Nominating Committee

Members of the Nominating Committee for the 1994 Arkansas Baptist State Convention invite Arkansas Baptists to submit names of persons to that committee for consideration when they bring the convention nominations for state committees and boards.

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 28 and needs all recommendations no later than July 1.

Members of the committee: Jimmy Wallace, chairman; Bill Gunter, Paul Peeples, Bill Bowen, Dennis Dodson, Wallace Williams, Van Harness, Barry King and Tony Preston.

## July 1 is the deadline for recommendations

Nominee \_\_\_\_\_  Layperson  Minister Age \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Member of what church? \_\_\_\_\_ Association \_\_\_\_\_

### Current leadership responsibilities

Professional \_\_\_\_\_

Civic \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_

Association \_\_\_\_\_

State or SBC Boards \_\_\_\_\_

### Past leadership experience (within last five years)

State or SBC Boards \_\_\_\_\_

Association \_\_\_\_\_

Local Church \_\_\_\_\_

### Personal

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

Is this person currently active in a local church? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Motion seeks to dismiss Southwestern officers

NASHVILLE, TN (BP)—The executive director of the Northwest Baptist Convention has notified Southern Baptist Convention officials he will make a motion at the annual meeting in Orlando to remove the three trustee officers of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Cecil Sims wrote to H. Edwin Young, SBC president, in a May 23 letter that he will make a motion to "request the resignation of the three officers of the trustees...chairman Ralph Pulley, Texas, vice chairman Lee Weaver, Texas, and secretary T. Bob Davis, Texas."

Sims told Young he was writing him to "please allow the motion to be presented to the floor and please do not rule me out of order."

"I have carefully researched the SBC constitution and bylaws and the charter documents of Southwestern Seminary. I can find nothing which would suggest the motion would be out of order," Sims wrote Young and copied the letter to Morris H. Chapman, president of the SBC Executive Committee, and Fred Powell of Moore, Okla., who is chairman of the SBC order of business committee.

Sims told Young it is not his "hope or intent" to restore fired seminary president Russell Dilday who was fired by the trustees March 9.

"My motive is two-fold. First, I honestly believe the actions and judgment of the trustee leaders is such that they have betrayed the trust given them by the

convention to serve in the best interest of the convention and the seminary," Sims wrote.

Secondly, "the voice of dissent must be respected and given an opportunity to express itself in public forum."

## Trustee urges SBC leaders to support Dilday firing

WATAUGA, TX (ABP/BP) — A trustee of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary says he and fellow trustees were carrying out the wishes of the Southern Baptist Convention's conservative leaders when they fired the seminary's president but were abandoned by those leaders.

In a letter to eight SBC leaders, including six former SBC presidents, Texas trustee Ollin Collins objected to their "strange silence" since the March 9 firing of president Russell Dilday.

"I say strange silence because it just seems strange that when we finally did what you men had been leading us to do, and saying needed to be done for some 10 years now, and yet once it was done it was as though we had leprosy and nobody wanted to touch us or be associated with us," wrote Collins, acting chairman of the committee seeking Dilday's replacement.

"We really feel like we have been hung out and left by our self and nobody that we have respected has stepped forward" to show support, he wrote.

The May 9 letter was sent to former SBC presidents Jimmy Draper, Adrian Rogers, Bailey Smith, Charles Stanley and Jerry Vines, current president Ed Young, and

prominent pastors Homer Lindsay of Jacksonville, Fla., and James Merritt of Snellville, Ga. Copies were sent to trustees.

Collins urged the leaders to speak out in defense of the trustee action, voicing concern that "our conservative constituency is fragmenting."

Six days later, Vines declared his support for the firing, saying trustees "made a decision which, in my personal judgment, was long overdue." Vines also spoke for Rogers, Smith and Stanley, who had authorized him to say so. The announcement was made in Vines' church newsletter, which was mailed to 8,000 pastors.

## BSSB eliminates church recreation department

NASHVILLE, TN (ABP) — Continuing an effort to economize in non-revenue-producing areas, the Baptist Sunday School Board has eliminated its church recreation program area.

The BSSB will continue to offer church recreation resources on a limited scale, transferring those duties to two consultants who will operate within the board's church leadership department.

Ten of the board's 13 church recreation positions reportedly are being eliminated over the next five months. The cuts are a first step in a reorganization of the Church Leadership, Worship and Ministry Division.

None of the 10 positions being eliminated is currently vacant. The affected employees — eight professional and two support staff — will receive career transition and outplacement assistance in addition to a severance package based on their years of service at the board.

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## Summer Iowa partnership projects still available

Arkansas Baptists can still plan for a summer missions project in Iowa, said Jimmy Barrentine, director of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention missions department. He said there are two new resources to help Arkansas Baptists become involved in the Iowa-Arkansas partnership.

The first, he said, is the manual, "Partners for Kingdom Growth," a project request directory highlighting specific Iowa needs.

"We don't have large numbers of project requests, but the needs are large," Barrentine explained. He said several projects listed in the manual include leadership training, community surveying and prospect cultivation, Backyard Bible Club leadership and construction projects.

Andrea Ramage, a US-2 home missionary serving in Arkansas, said the requests are "mostly for Vacation Bible School and Backyard Bible Club leaders, combined with a community survey. It is a way for Baptists to go into the communities without Southern Baptist churches."

She said the requests included more than manpower. "One church needs a piano, another one a baptistry and another needs an Arkansas pastor who can serve as a divorce ministry consultant by phone."

Barrentine said the second outlet for Arkansas Baptists is "Project 15, an attempt to link Arkansas churches and associations with counties in Iowa where there are no Southern Baptist churches."

"We are asking churches to commit, until the end of the partnership (Dec. 31, 1996) to go into a community and do survey work, county fair ministries and lead local residents to establish a new church in that county."

He said about 50 counties in Iowa have no Southern Baptist church. "We are working toward a linkup for 15 Iowa counties with Arkansas Baptist churches or associations," he said. "We have only two to date."

Barrentine said Project 15 calls for "people who have good social skills who are bold without being aggressive, who

are committed to sharing the gospel and who can do it naturally. It is helpful to have experience in mission work or Backyard Bible Clubs.

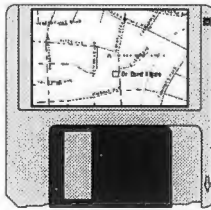
"This is not for the neophyte church," he cautioned. "We need churches who have some experience and some financial strength because of the travel expenses."

Barrentine said another "pressing partnership need is for a corps of retired Arkansas pastors willing to make a three- to six-month commitment as interim pastors in Iowa. We need 10 to be on call."

He said the "corps" will need to provide all of their transportation expenses, "but most of the churches will be able to provide financial support once they get there."

The partnership began in January 1992 and will conclude in December 1996. It seeks to strengthen Southern Baptist work in Iowa through the partnership priorities of church starting and development, student ministries, evangelism, construction and leadership training. Iowa, with a population of more than 2.8 million, has only 79 Southern Baptist churches and missions.

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Junior high school students will be challenged in a "Quest for the Crown" August 4-6 at Williams Baptist College. The Junior High Jamboree is a high-energy, fun way for students who have completed grades six through nine to end their summer, said coordinator Randy Brantley. The jamboree is sponsored by the Arkansas Baptist State Convention's evangelism department.

Brantley said a draw of the jamboree is that "it is the first state event a sixth grader can attend as a youth." He said it is designed "with the junior high mindset" as a "high-energy meeting that presents the gospel on a level that younger students can understand. And that's important because junior high students are potential youth leaders."

He said the program will feature rallies, classroom instruction, "adventure recreation" and an active learning format.

The active learning format, he said, will take place in the Spiritual Adventure Workshop and engage participants in "encountering hypothetical situations roleplayed by their leaders. They will talk as a group about how to react. It's like a big board game on how God's Word fits into their lives."

"The workshops," he continued, "will help them learn the importance of Scripture memory, prayer and Bible study and the fellowship of the local church in

the life of the individual believer."

The rallies will feature the Bible study Christian comedy team of Phil and Tracy Hubbard and worship leaders Doug and Nancy Pruitt.

Brantley encouraged churches to send one adult sponsor for every five students of each sex. Sponsors must be at least 20 years old.

The cost for the Jamboree is \$45 per person, which includes five meals, lodging and T-shirt. Registration is limited to 350 participants because of housing limitations.

Brantley said registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, with no registrations accepted after July 22.

For more information or to request a registration form, contact Brantley at the ABCS evangelism department; phone 376-4791, ext. 5222.

## Southern, National Baptists celebrate unity

More than 1,200 Arkansas Southern Baptists and National Baptists have gathered in regional fellowship meetings so far this year, according to Jack Kwok, Arkansas Baptists' director of cooperative ministries with National and Southern Baptists.

The regional fellowships, scheduled throughout the year, encourage participants to "take a personal role in confronting the heresy and sin of racism,"

Kwok explained. Noting that "differences in style of worship and expression are appreciated while unity in Christ is affirmed," he said participants "celebrate their unity and diversity in Christ."

The Gurdon area fellowship was held May 15 at Mt. Canaan Missionary Baptist Church in Gurdon. Featured speaker Jimmy Barrentine, director of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention's missions department, urged individuals to repent of racism and replace hatred with God's love.

Kwok noted that one Southern Baptist participant said, "I am 70 years old and this is the first time I have ever been in a black church. This was great."

An April 24 Camden area fellowship at Greater St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church attracted more than 350 people. Larry Wilson, pastor of First Church, Cullendale, emphasized that God can change the world for righteousness. Preaching from II Chronicles 7:14, he said God will bring healing to His people and their world as they trust Him and faithfully follow His instructions.

Fellowship meetings held earlier in the year include the Ashley County fellowship with keynote speaker B.J. Jackson, pastor of New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in Crossett; the Monticello area fellowship with speaker H.F. Richardson, pastor of First Missionary Baptist Church of Monticello; and the Arkadelphia area fellowship with evangelist Bobby Cook. Kwok said the Arkadelphia meeting, the largest so far this year, attracted more than 400 participants.

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# Ouachita, Williams award degrees to 280 graduates

Ouachita Baptist University and Williams Baptist College held recent commencement ceremonies, with a total of 280 graduates earning degrees from the two institutions.

Ouachita officials awarded degrees to 224 graduates on May 7. Senior class president Julie Ann Shambarger of Wake Village, Texas, delivered the invocation. Frank D. Hickingbotham, chief executive officer of TCBY Enterprises, gave the commencement address and Greg Kirksey, pastor of Benton First Church delivered the baccalaureate address.

During the commencement ceremonies, Betty Ellett Lile of Little Rock was presented an honorary doctorate of humanities degree. Don Orr of Midland, Texas, was recognized as a distinguished alumnus of the university.

Seventy OBU students graduated with special academic honors. Eight students awarded summa cum laude honors included Jeffrey William Brawner of Wynne; Ronald Steven Bryant of North Little Rock; Cynthia Joy Burks of Bradley; Jennifer Nicole Daniell of Arkadelphia; Kandice Michelle Knod of DeQueen; Jon Tate Self of Hope; Stacy Leigh Slaten of Ashdown; and Kiri Ker Liang of Singapore.

Prior to graduation, the Student Senate named Lovell Cole, associate professor of history, as Outstanding Faculty Member for the 1993-94 year. It marked the second time that Cole has won the award.

The faculty selected the Senior Ouachitanian Man and Woman, honoring individuals who best signify exemplary traits in academics, character, involvement in extracurricular activities, leadership and Christian service. John Self, a senior chemistry major from Hope, was selected

Senior Ouachitanian Man and Allison Alfred, a senior English/political science major from Cabot, was selected Senior Ouachitanian Woman.

Williams Baptist College awarded bachelor's degrees to 52 graduates during commencement exercises on May 14. Another four graduates received associate's degrees in absentia.

The graduation speaker was Stephen P. Carleton, executive director of the Southern Baptist Education Commission. The baccalaureate sermon was delivered by Harry Trulove, honored as Williams' 1994 Distinguished Baptist Minister. Trulove is the recently retired president of the Arkansas Baptist Foundation.

Three people honored as summa cum laude graduates at Williams are Christian Conway of Corning; Elizabeth Goodman of West Memphis; and Charlotte Wheeless of Walnut Ridge. Goodman graduated with highest honors.

Williams officials awarded an honorary doctorate to Daniel Harrison of Clarksville. Harrison served nearly 25 years on the WBC faculty as a religion professor.

Grant DeParow of Dexter, Mo., and Kelly Fletcher of Paragould, were selected by the faculty as Mr. and Miss Williams Baptist College.

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## Williams Baptist College

**Student development VP to retire** - Dorothy Jackson, vice president for student development, announced her retirement effective June 30. Jackson has worked for Williams for 25 years and has served as vice president since 1979. She plans to spend more time with Campers on Mission with her husband, Lendol, the group's volunteer coordinator.

**Two faculty members promoted** - Two instructors have been promoted from assistant professor to associate professor. Rose Mary Weaver, who chairs the college's elementary education department, and Gaye Holmes Spears, who teaches in the music department, were both recently elected associate professors by the board of trustees.

**Two make all-region team** - Williams Baptist College basketball players Shayla Williams and Kelly Fletcher have been named to the NAIA All-Southwest Region Team and Williams went on to earn an honorable mention on the NAIA Division One All-America Team. She averaged 19.8 points and 7.4 rebounds per game for the Lady Eagles this season and Fletcher averaged 18.6 points and 5.9 rebounds.

## Ouachita Baptist University

**Out-going faculty, staff honored** - Four OBU faculty and staff members were honored recently with a reception. Charles Kenneth Sandifer, associate professor of biology, and chairman of the department of biology and faculty member since 1961,

is retiring. William Trantham, chairman of the department of applied music and faculty member since 1960, also is retiring. Joe Nix, professor of chemistry and pre-med studies, is leaving the school to join an area business. He joined the OBU faculty in 1966. Harold Johnson is retiring as director of student financial aid, a position he has held since 1979.

**Faculty member promoted** - Jenny B. Petty has been promoted to assistant professor and periodicals librarian by re-election of the OBU board of trustees. She is a graduate of Ouachita, the University of Missouri, Columbia, and Texas Woman's University. She joined the OBU faculty in 1988.

**Scholar-athletes recognized** - Baldor Electric Co. and the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics honored several OBU students May 4 with the Outstanding Senior-Athlete Award. They are: Almee Watson, basketball; Ryan Welch, baseball; Bentley Blackmon, golf; Ted Jolley, swimming and diving; Torbjorn "Toby" Enqvist, tennis; and Dwayne Whitten, track and field.

**Publications earn awards** - The *Ouachitontan* yearbook received first place in yearbook general excellence and the university's newspaper, the *Signal*, won second place in newspaper general excellence at the awards ceremony of the Arkansas College Media convention. The *Ouachitontan* staff also received 21 individual awards.

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Moses' response to God's call is very interesting indeed. Moses responds first by saying, "Who am I?" God's response was, "I will be with you." Moses' second response was, "Who are you?" God's response: "I am who I am." God met every objection of Moses with the assurance that He would enable him for the task. God never calls a person without giving the power to do the task.

Moses' third objection was that people would not believe him. God responded by showing that He can take our meager resources and make them major assets.

Moses' fourth objection was that he was not a man of words. God's response reminded Moses that it was He who had made man's mouth. We must all learn that God does not wait upon our ability, but upon our availability.

Moses had just about run out of excuses as he told God to get someone else to do the job. God's response was that of anger. God let Moses know that Aaron would share the responsibility.

The bottom line is that God is always adequate and makes up for what we lack.

We can resist the call of God for our lives. Moses is a prime example of this truth. We can make excuses and even ask God to get someone else in our place. But experience tells us that the sanest thing to do is God's will. The safest place on earth for our lives is to be in God's will.

## Life and Work

### Supplied by Christ

By Mark Baber, pastor,  
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Basic Passage: Philippians 4:10-21

Focal Passage: Philippians 4:10-19

Central truth: The abundant Christian life is supplied by the riches of Christ.

In this closing passage of the letter to Philippi, Paul painted a beautiful picture of the Christian life. It is a life abundantly supplied with every need by the riches of Jesus Christ. In the picture, we can see at least four elements of the abundant Christian life: contentment (vv. 10-12); confidence (v. 13); cooperation (vv. 14-18); and conviction (v. 19).

In verses 10-12 he expresses his heartfelt thanks to the Philippian Christians for their tangibly expressed concern for him. He adds, however, that he had learned to be content no matter his circumstances. Paul had known both times of difficulty and times of great blessing. His secret of contentment, a secret that can be ours, was found in his relationship with Christ the Lord. Circumstances often change. He does not. It is in the unchanging Christ that we must find our contentment in life.

A second element of Paul's picture was confidence (v. 13). Paul was not full of self confidence. He was optimistic and energetic in the cause of the gospel because of the indwelling Christ who gave him strength. In a world of seemingly insurmountable challenges, we must develop a confident, "can do" attitude that the indwelling Christ will give to us all.

In verses 14-18, Paul spoke of the cooperation he had experienced from the generosity of the Philippian believers. Few things please God more (v. 18) than when His followers cooperate to spread the gospel. When all of our faith expressions are focused on enlarging our own spiritual life, we are the ones who suffer. Our growth is stimulated when we learn the joy of cooperation. These verses should speak volumes to Southern Baptists about our calling to cooperate.

Verse 19 is one of the most well loved promises in all of the Bible. It serves to inspire a deep and needed conviction. God will supply our every need. He does so in the glorious riches that are in Christ Jesus. In our desire to be faithful to the Christian calling, we need to serve and grow with the conviction that God, in Christ, will bountifully supply our every need.

## Bible Book

### Crucify Him

By Ed Harrison Jr., pastor,  
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Basic passage: John 18:28-19:16

Focal passage: John 18:28-19:16

Central truth: We need to believe and share the truth of who Jesus is and what He did for a lost world.

Jesus was led to the hall of judgment early in the morning. His accusers would not go into the judgment hall for fear of being defiled, for it was the time of Passover.

Pilate went out to meet with them to find out what bad thing this man had done. They said that He was a "malefactor" (a bad man) and that is why they had delivered Him to Pilate. Pilate wanted them to judge Him, but they wanted Pilate to kill Jesus. Little did they know that by having Him crucified they were helping Jesus to fulfill His prophecy about how He would die.

Then Pilate began his search to identify Jesus. He asked, "Who is this man?" He may have heard of His triumphant entry, or he may have heard of His ministry among the people. We know that he had been warned by his wife about this man (Matt. 27:19). He continues his inquiry of Jesus: "Who are you? What have you done? What is your occupation? What is truth? The man before him didn't sound like a bad man and had done nothing worthy of death.

Pilate sought to release Jesus by asking about the Jewish custom of releasing a criminal during Passover. "Do you want Jesus?" Pilate asked. "No," the crowd replied, "give us Barabbas."

His second attempt was to have Jesus scourged, a harsh act of stripping one to the waist and beating the person with leather strips that were weighted with lumps of lead and bone at the tips that would tear the flesh with each blow.

The soldiers placed a crown of thorns on His head and put a purple robe on His back before bringing Him before the chief priest and His accusers who cried, "Crucify Him. Crucify Him."

Pilate tried again to get the people to let Jesus go by saying, "I find no fault in Him," but His accusers said, "We have no king but Caesar, away with Him!"

Many today do not know who Jesus is. He is the king of kings. He came to declare His spiritual kingdom, that through His death we may become a part. Let us believe and share the truths that Pilate and the accusers of Jesus rejected.

## Convention Uniform

### God redeems Israel

By Ledell Bailey, DOM,  
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Basic passage: Exodus 6:2-9; 11:1-3;  
12:21-36

Focal passage: Exodus 6:5-7; 11:1-3;  
12:29-33

Central truth: God redeems His  
people by His power.

Many times we expect quick results in life. We feel sometimes that God is not moving fast enough. This was true in Moses' day as he sought to deliver Israel from their bondage. We can know for a certainty that God is working. It is always best for us to wait upon the Lord.

In Exodus 6:5-7, we have God's assurance, or reassurance, that He heard the Israelites' groanings and remembered His covenant. He assured His people that He would act in their behalf and that they would be able to rejoice in seeing His mighty hand at work. He also spoke to them the glad reality that they are His people and He would break the bonds and give deliverance.

In Exodus 11:1, God told Israel that He would bring one more plague. After this, Pharaoh and all the people of Egypt would desire for them to leave. In Chapter 12, the plague has visited Egypt. God always acts at the appropriate time.

The tenth plague finally fell upon the Egyptians. All of the firstborn of the Egyptians, including the firstborn of the cattle, were smitten. Only those of the Israelites who were obedient to God in applying the blood of the lamb to their doorposts escaped the plague.

In the night, the plea came to Moses and Aaron to take their people and leave the land of Egypt. The death of the firstborn was the final stroke of God that brought deliverance to the people of Israel. Sometimes it takes extreme circumstances for God's will to be perfected.

The final outcome of God's redemption of Israel was to demonstrate to Moses and all the people that He was able to do more than they ever dared to believe.

God is always concerned that men be redeemed from their spiritual bondage. His Son came that we might be set free from the shackles of sin. He is still redeeming people today.

## Life and Work

### Faith for uncertain times

By Mark Baber, pastor,  
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Basic Passage: Habakkuk 1:1-2:17  
Focal passage: Habakkuk 1:2-4; 2:4  
Central truth: The righteous shall  
live by faith.

It is not uncommon to hear the well-meant but misguided advice, "Never question God." Habakkuk disputes that kind of advice. A great lesson from this prophet of God is that people of faith can come to God with their most perplexing questions about life (vv. 1:2-3; 12:13).

Habakkuk is unique among Old Testament prophets. He spoke to God about people and about God. All other prophets spoke to people about God. As he ministered before the Babylonian captivity, Habakkuk gave expression to questions that troubled the minds and hearts of righteous people. The prophet was deeply disturbed about what he saw and felt. He saw violence, injustice and wrong. He felt that the righteous God had been ignoring his prayers. In spite of his persistent cries to the Almighty, the situation in Judah was speedily going from bad to worse.

Sensitive and alert Christians in our world can identify with Habakkuk's dilemma. There is abundant evidence that evil and injustice is on the increase. How long, we wonder, can evil go unpunished?

God did have an answer to the cry of His prophet (vv. 1:5-11). Judgment on the evils of the nation would come in the form of the invading armies of Babylon. This speaks of God's sovereign control of all people and all situations in life.

After registering his questions with God, the prophet affirmed that he would wait patiently for God's answer and for what he should say to the people (vv. 2:1-2). God's answer to Habakkuk's cry was that in the end righteousness would prevail. Even the evil Babylonians would come to an end. But the righteous ones would live by their faith (v. 2:5). God's eternal message through this prophet was that all the righteous who suffer oppression will live by faith and faithfulness. Faith, in both the Old and New Testaments, involves more than righteous conduct. It speaks of a deep and active inner belief in God.

Questions about the flourishing of evil will always trouble the people of faith. But those who place active inner faith in God alone will certainly know and experience life and deliverance in the purest sense of both terms.

## Bible Book

### King Jesus

By Ed Harrison Jr., pastor,  
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Basic passage: John 19:17-42  
Focal passage: John 19:17-42  
Central truth: The world can be  
insensitive at times when people are  
desperate and hurting the most.

Jesus carried His cross to Golgotha to be crucified. The place of the crucifixion was near to the city along the well traveled route to Jerusalem.

Pilate had a plaque with the accusation, "Jesus of Nazareth the king of the Jews" nailed to Jesus' cross. He had it written in Hebrew, the language of religion; Greek, the language of culture and education; and Latin, the language of law and order.

The chief priest tried to have the title changed, but could not change Pilate's mind. When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they divided His belongings among themselves and gambled for His robe. How insensitive the world can be at times when people are desperate and hurting the most.

Mary, Jesus' mother, stood and watched as Jesus died for the world's sins. Can you imagine what she thought? Her heart was breaking while her son died.

When Jesus saw John, He gave His mother into his keeping, and from that hour she went to his home. Jesus was concerned for the well-being of His mother.

Jesus knew that death was approaching and cried out that He was thirsty. After the soldiers gave Him vinegar to drink, He said, "It is finished," bowed His head and gave up the ghost. The price for sin had been paid and the way of salvation had been made. God's plan was complete.

If we had been there that day, we would have seen Jesus crucified, read what Pilate had written, heard what Jesus had said and saw what the people did. We may wonder if it would have made any difference in our lives.

It seemed to be an insensitive time in the days of Jesus. People were not aware of God's plan nor knew His son, but went about doing their own thing, like today.

We need to help people see what Jesus did in overcoming the cross. He paid the sin debt with His own blood. He gives life in His own name and guides His people by His own Spirit. They crucified the King of the Jews, but He came back the Savior of the world. The only hope for the people in this world is to hear the message of Jesus. So let us preach it, print it and pass it on that Jesus died for the sins of the world.



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### Colson seeks to meet with Catholic document's critics

NASHVILLE, TN (BP)—Chuck Colson, the Southern Baptist who helped spearhead the recent document on evangelical and Roman Catholic relations, says he would like to meet with Southern Baptist Convention leaders, including representatives of the Foreign Mission Board, who have voiced concerns about certain parts of the statement.

Colson said he erred by not circulating the document, titled "Evangelicals and Catholics Together: The Christian Mission in the Third Millennium," more widely before it was released in March.

In a face-to-face meeting with the document's critics, Colson said he believes he could lay to rest any lingering concerns about the document's intent and wording. He said it has been misrepresented as restricting evangelicals from witnessing to all people.

Don Kammerdiener, FMB executive vice president and one of the first to voice concerns about certain passages in the document, said he "would be delighted to meet with Mr. Colson."

### Baylor votes to expand Truett; Dilday weighs options

DALLAS (BP)—Baylor University's board of regents have voted to increase enrollment and add satellite centers for its new George W. Truett Theological Seminary, which begins classes in August in Waco's First Baptist Church.

The regents voted to increase the enrollment cap at Truett from 150 to 300 students in Waco and to explore setting up satellite campuses this year at Baptist churches in the Dallas, Fort Worth, San Antonio and Houston metropolitan areas, all with 50-student enrollment minimums and 300-student ceilings.

A key factor in the move, according to Baylor president Herbert H. Reynolds, is the March 9 firing of Russell H. Dilday Jr. as president of Southwestern Seminary.

Dilday reportedly is considering joining the venture. "We have had some substantive talks," he told the *Waco Herald-Tribune*. "I'm having to consider my position here and what my best options are." Dilday currently is seeking to negotiate with Southwestern trustee leaders about the terms of his severance benefits. Trustees reportedly can cancel the benefits if Dilday makes statements or engages in activities they perceive as harmful to the seminary.

### Dan Quayle to autograph new book at SBC bookstore

NASHVILLE, TN (BP)—Former Vice President Dan Quayle will autograph his newly published book, *Standing Firm*, at the Southern Baptist Convention bookstore June 14. The visit is among the stops on Quayle's national tour to promote his vice presidential memoirs, published by Zondervan.

He will sign books in the bookstore, following an 11 a.m. news conference, during the first day of the SBC meeting in Orlando, Fla.

### California court allows murder charge for killing of fetus

SAN FRANCISCO (ABP)—The California Supreme Court has held that a person can be convicted of murder for causing the death of a fetus, even though the fetus could have been legally aborted.

The May 16 ruling, by a 6-1 majority, will allow prosecutors to charge a defendant with murder for causing a pregnant woman to miscarry, even if her fetus is incapable of surviving outside the womb.

The ruling will not directly affect abortion rights, which are protected under the U.S. Supreme Court's 1973 *Roe vs. Wade* ruling. However, both pro-life and pro-choice groups monitored the case for its ruling on a legal definition of when life begins.

### CLC enlists letter-writing service to fight abortion

WASHINGTON (BP)—The Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission has enlisted a letter-writing service to help individual Southern Baptists campaign against inclusion of abortion in health care reform.

Under its arrangement with the Christian Life Commission, USA Letters, a Washington-based company, provides personalized letters addressed to President Bill Clinton and members of Congress expressing opposition to abortion coverage in health care proposals.

The letters, with envelopes, are pre-addressed to each person's United States representative and two United States senators, as well as the president. The cost for the service is \$5.95.

James A. Smith, the commission's director of government relations, said the CLC is seeking to help Southern Baptists who want to participate but are too busy to write or feel intimidated by the idea of communicating with elected officials.