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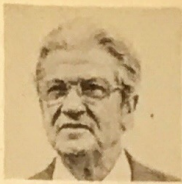


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I must say it

Charles H. Ashcraft / Executive Secretary

Courage has no substitute

There are times when circumstances are so arranged that courage alone becomes the decisive factor in victory. When affairs reach this point there is no substitute for courage. Raw courage then is the absolute difference between irreversible failure and compounded victory. Among the many such occasions recorded in the Bible which demand singular courage are these. When the resources of the enemy are preponderant and the bewildered attackers are in panic, raw courage on the part of Joshua and Caleb became decisive (Num. 14:1-10). When all the resources of evil are pitted against the basic intent of the kingdom of God and only one representative of God comes to the hearing, Elijah's courage was decisive (I Kings 18:1-46). When the giant of the enemy challenged the whole army of God to a duel, there was no substitute for courage on David's part as he rose to the challenge. When God demands devotion beyond the understanding of his servants and requires sacrifice in its ultimate dimension, nothing but courage on the part of Abraham could have caused him to raise the knife to slay his son (Gen. 22:1-19).

There are occasions in our time when circumstances are so arranged that courage alone becomes the decisive factor. In our time irreversible failure is invited by the absence of such courage. It shows itself in the political arena when maneuvering begins to contravene existing laws by allowing wet clubs in dry counties. It comes out of the woodwork in religious circles when political methods are inserted into spiritual processes which destroys the witness of true evangelicals. It surfaces often in personal problems when a person of great public responsibility becomes the victim of God's enemies. It rears its ugly head in the solemn assemblies of the family of God causing discord among the brethren. It is not divorced from wickedness in high places (Eph. 6:10-20) and within the everyday lives of all.

The courage of Abraham, Joshua and Caleb, Elijah and David can be ours in our day because our God is the same, our cause is the same, our reason is the same and our resources are the same. General MacArthur said, "In war there is no substitute for victory", and I say "In impossible situations there is no substitute for courage." Real courage is always, yes always, rewarded by irreversible victory, and the lack of it by compounded defeat.

Perhaps today could become the day you would rise to the challenge of many occasions around you which demand courage. You could begin this new day with the determination to be done with whimpering, complaining, crying, and fretting by the courage God will supply (Num. 14:6-10). The difference between irreversible defeat and compounded victory is courage.

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The 1978 annual meeting of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention has been moved from Texarkana to Little Rock, according to an announcement by Johnny Jackson, convention president.

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Churches and associations holding simultaneous revivals can now get some help in preparing for their crusades because the state Evangelism Department has produced a manual for pastors and directors of missions.

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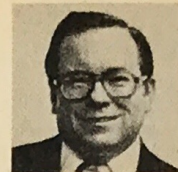
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A declaration of equality

The editor's page

J. Everett Sneed



Slightly more than a year after the showing of *Roots*, we are still able to measure its impact. The feature viewed by an estimated 80 million people produced a variety of responses. Some have argued over details of the drama. Others have become angry toward their contemporaries, and some have tried to forget or ignore its message. It forcefully declared, however, that oppression is a sin, whether practiced individually or as a nation.

Oppression has taken many forms. It has expressed itself as abuse of a person because he belongs to another race, sex, or social position, as a group of workers who fail to give an adequate day's work, as an employer who fails to pay his workers adequately, or as one nation taking advantage of another because of strength or position.

The basis for oppression is found in a concept of inequality. The Bible, however, stresses the equal value of all persons. Paul said, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus" (Gal. 3:28).

Some religions sometimes have been used to propagate a philosophy of inequality. Before his conversion Paul, himself, undoubtedly prayed the Jewish morning prayer in which a thanksgiving was offered to God that, "Thou has not made me a Gentile, a slave, or a woman." As a Christian Paul reversed his thinking on this matter. He said that old distinctions are gone. All people are of equal value and worth in the sight of God.

The social implications of the total equality of all

people is far-reaching. First, it declares that each of us must look at our own dealings with others. If, by position, money, or race, we are taking advantage of another, we are, to a degree, guilty of the sin of oppression.

In America we are proud of the fact that we have the greatest freedom and equality in the world. Beyond question this is true, but sadly, special interests have led to the oppression of some for the benefit of others. To eliminate such oppression there must be total equality of education, housing, and employment. It not only demands that the employer fairly pay the employee, but it also requires that the employee do an honest and full day's work.

A Biblical concept of equality will also affect our nation's dealings with other countries. It requires that we never use our power, strength, or money to manipulate another nation. It also demands that we do what we can to influence other governments to recognize the dignity and human rights of everyone.

Jesus, himself, gave the best formula for dealing with others individually or collectively as he said, "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets" (Matt. 7:12). The ethic set forth in this brief statement not only totally eliminates oppression of all people but requires our positive efforts to assist them in reaching their highest potential. Our Master called this a summary of the law and prophets. As Christians, it is our responsibility to continually work toward this objective.

Guest editorial

Commandments for broadcasters

Robert E. Lee of Washington, a member of the Federal Communications Commission since his appointment in 1953 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower, is a long-time friend of responsible broadcasters.

Although not a Baptist, this Christian man has strongly supported the religious community in general and the work of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission in particular. He is one of the three founders of the annual national Abe Lincoln Awards program which the Commission sponsors for broadcasters.

Before coming to Ft. Worth in February to attend the Abe Lincoln Awards program, Lee addressed the annual convention of the National Religious Broadcasters in Washington.

He gave them 10 Commandments for Responsible Broadcasting. Like the 10 Commandments Moses brought down from Sinai, Lee's suggestions are milestones. If the radio and television industry, so often under fire from concerned citizens, will adhere to these 10 Commandments for Broadcasting, many of the problems the industry faces should be eased.

Here are Lee's suggestions. If you like them, clip them

and send them to your favorite local station. If you think the station is doing a good job, write a note and thank them. If you think the station needs to give attention to some of these commandments, tell them so. Station managers are always interested in knowing what the public thinks.

Here are Lee's "commandments".

1. Know thy community as thyself.
2. Serve thy community as it deserves.
3. Keep faith with the Commission (FCC) and the FCC will place its faith in thee.
4. Practice the use of discretion, judgment and good taste.
5. Foul not the airwaves.
6. Place not your faith in ratings — thou art a better judge.
7. Turn away from payola.
8. Remember the sanctity of the Fairness Doctrine.
9. Minimize contests and promotions — they reflect thy character.

10. Remember to keep holy the NAB Codes. — **Paul M. Stevens, President, Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, Ft. Worth, Tex.**



One layman's opinion

Daniel R. Grant / President, OBU

Is education memorizing facts?

When I was a student at Ouachita in the olden days, nothing was more discouraging than to realize how quickly I forgot the mass of facts I memorized for Dr. R. C. Daily's history tests. When the semester was over I always heaved a sigh of relief and felt a kind of satisfaction that no one would ever conceivably ask me again to discuss the Treaty of Vienna, the Battle of Hastings, or the Magna Charta. But I had that uneasy feeling that, as I quickly forgot those facts, my college education was going down the drain.

"What doth it profit man," I said to myself, "if he learns the whole world of facts about world history in the fall semester, but forgets them in the spring semester?" The same sense of distress at my short memory applied to my literature courses, all of those formulae and equations in chemistry and math, the once large vocabulary in Latin, French, and German, and the great wisdom I absorbed ever so briefly from Plato and Aristotle. "Just who am I kid-

ding," I often thought, "when I claim to be an educated man but I left my education on those sheets of paper in the exam books?"

I did worry about whether an education really is what it is cracked up to be, until I heard an interesting definition of an education. Someone once said that an education is the residue of changes that remain in the human personality after the facts learned have long since been forgotten. The idea is that the very process of studying the Treaty of Vienna, the Battle of Hastings, and the Magna Charta actually has an impact on the personality and character of the learner. Learning those facts, even if only temporarily, often changes attitudes toward the world we live in, human needs, our own purpose in the world, and the way God works through human instrumentalities. These changes are frequently permanent, remaining as a residue of education after the facts are long forgotten.

A nationally distinguished educator, Dr. Howard R. Bowen has recently reaffirmed this value of a college education in a landmark book entitled *Investment in Learning: The Individual and Social Value of American Higher Education*. He warns against judging the results of a college education on the basis simply of facts remembered. He agrees that these facts will soon be forgotten unless they are used frequently. But he concludes that the important "residue of academic learning" includes attitudes, habits, the ability to learn and solve problems, verbal facility, and ways of looking at the world and at oneself.

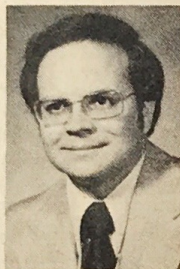
His testimony on the value of a college education would have been more complete if he had added a word about the value of a Christian college education. Even after the specific facts are forgotten, it is good to remember how all kinds of secular truths relate to the one overriding truth of God in Christ. On that particular point I believe in the doctrine of once learned always learned.

Looking at the Lord's Prayer

'Lead us not into temptation'

by Jon M. Stubblefield
(Tenth in a series)

The sixth and final petition of the Lord's Prayer asks, "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil" (Matt. 6:13). Here we have not two petitions (as some have suggested) but one. Luke's version of the prayer contains only the first half of the sentence (11:4). In structure the petition may be an example of parallelism where a positive statement is joined with its negative counterpart for emphasis.



Dr. Stubblefield

no one" (RSV). How do we reconcile the two statements?

It is instructive to understand the meaning of the Greek word (*peirasmos*) which is rendered "temptation." In the New Testament it can mean "test" or "trial" (clearly so in James 1:2-3) or "temptation" (the enticement to sin). Perhaps both ideas are present in this petition. But one thing is clear: Although God may send or allow trials to come upon us to strengthen our faith (Rom. 5:1-5; Heb. 11:17), he does not tempt us to sin. It would be against his nature to do so. Moreover, the verb "lead" is what grammarians call a "permissive imperative." The thrust of the petition would be: "Do not permit us to be led into temptation." An ancient Jewish evening prayer, which Jesus may have known, says, "Bring me not into the power of sin, iniquity, temptation or

contempt." Trials and temptations are an inescapable part of the human situation. Perhaps this petition then focuses not so much on avoiding them as on the help needed when they arise.

The second half of the petition urges us to pray, "Deliver us from evil." The Greek construction allows two possible translations: "evil" or "the Evil One." In the second case, it is a reference to the personification of evil, the Devil. At any rate, the New Testament affirms that God gives us the resources to face and overcome every temptation or trial. The Apostle Paul wrote, "God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your strength, but with the temptation will also provide a way of escape, that you may be able to bear it" (I Corin. 10:13, RSV).

Jon M. Stubblefield is pastor of Central Church, Magnolia.

Letters to the editor

Against 'Information Services'

Dr. Ashcraft in his article on "Criminal Negligence" has reopened the case for an "Information Services Office" in our Arkansas Baptist State Convention. He says the lack of such an office in our state convention is the "closest thing to criminal negligence". I surely disagree for several reasons:

1. It is not negligence when an overwhelming majority vote to continue a Baptist heritage and use their historic procedures. It is rather Christian Intelligence.

2. There are no places of service whose committees do not already have access to the seminary or college files for graduates. Our convention leaders have long been a source of contact and reference for incoming ministers and pastorless churches.

3. The problem of lack of persons to fill the posts or an abundance of names to choose from is never a problem. The difficulty lies in knowing the choice of the Holy Spirit among the many persons available for the position.

4. The "nickel" from each Arkansas Baptist that Dr. Ashcraft says would be required translates to well over \$20,000 per year to perform a new and possibly divisive ministry.

5. As to the leadership of older conventions, I have had contact from one "placement office" from another con-

vention. I found it very different from my contacts with pulpit committees and find it to be of man rather than of God.

6. The only real difference this office would create in the placing of these wonderful, trained people, it seems, is the centralization of the process in the state conventions. In Arkansas that means it would be under the control of one person.

It is not criminal negligence we are practicing in Arkansas. It is Christian Intelligence. It seems to be the will of God as expressed by a large majority of His people. Often God's will conflicts with what the "leaders" are doing or want to be doing. I, too, must say it! — Wayne B. Davis, Pastor, Oak Grove Church, Van Buren

Support ministry

Dr. Ashcraft's article, "Criminal Negligence," was top notch. Arkansas Baptists need the "Information Services" ministry desperately. He presented the case well (even expertly) and I, for one, certainly am praying this proposal will "catch on" this time and we can have this needed help available to those who desire to use it. — Conway H. Sawyers, El Dorado

Just want to express my appreciation

for Dr. Ashcraft's articles each week in the *Newsmagazine*, and especially for the one in the current issue (Feb. 16).

I agree with what he said wholeheartedly and hope that we, here in Arkansas, will proceed at once to correct this serious negligence. Other states have done something and we can also.

Hardly a week goes by but that I want to write and express my gratitude for the thoughts as expressed in, "I Must Say It!" I look forward to Dr. Ashcraft's articles for they give me much spiritual and mental stimulation. — D. Bernard Beasley, Marked Tree

Dr. Ashcraft's columns in the state paper are always enlightening and stimulating. I appreciate the insight he puts into these columns. I was especially impressed with his column on Feb. 16, regarding "Criminal Negligence" in regard to people that are coming out of our seminaries and those that have reached an older age and not being able to locate in a church. I feel we must do something about this, and am prayerfully joining with Dr. Ashcraft that our Executive Board will consider putting in this service in our state. What a great help this would be to our pulpit committees, as well as our people who are wanting to get into service in a local church. — Joe W. Atchison, Pine Bluff



Woman's viewpoint

Helene Stallcup

In love with the family

While I have enjoyed being a Baptist, and fellowshiping in Baptist churches around the world, I have also found that God's love knows no limitations. It is not bound by denominational, racial, social nor national barriers. Looking back, I don't see churches so much as fellowships. Sometimes there were no churches, but there was always that gathering of the Christian family; that group which meant so much to the believer in a strange land.

Sometimes these fellowships were hard to find. Members had to be sure you were serious before they revealed themselves in persecuted countries. But here, the fellowship was sweetest, and Christian growth the greatest. When we see what brothers risk for Christ, when we have been a small part of that risk, then we are even more in love with the

Family of God.

It is in the sweetness of such relationships that Jesus planned for the lost to be reborn as Christian babies; for the hurt to be healed; for the harrassed to be helped. There, the lonely are to be loved, and useless needed. Outside the family there may be those who would hate and harm, but within that holy circle there must be acceptance and blessing.

God instituted the goodness of the human family in Genesis, but he instituted the greatness of the spiritual family in the New Testament. Paul reminds us in Galatians 6:10, "Let us do good to all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."

There are rumors, even evidence, among the churches that this sense of family is not being felt, that brother is

not always accepted with open arms, and not all are busy doing good to them who are of the household of faith. Christians are looking for the answer to their needs. They are actively seeking fellowship.

But fellowship, like love and happiness, can not be found. It is also a gift, the by product of obedience. As we take up our cross and follow Jesus we become part of a great family, and as we draw closer to Christ, we will surely move closer together.

We must not be concerned that we are not receiving the love and support we need, but rather, that we are giving it. Paul did not say, "Let us receive good from all men" but, "Let us do!" If we can ever learn to imitate the selfless giving of Jesus, then the church will be wallowing in an overflow of love.

First Church, Mena, will have a Spring Youth Retreat March 30-April 1 at the Ouachita Association camp grounds. David Uth, a student at Ouachita University, will lead the retreat. He will also preach at the church on March 2 when Youth Day is observed.

First Church, El Dorado, will have its spring revival April 30-May 3. Larry Baker, pastor of First Church, Fayetteville, will be evangelist. Don B. Harbuck is pastor.

First Church, Stephens, will be in revival March 12-19. Doyme Robertson of West Monroe, La., will be evangelist. Ron Markham of Norphlet will direct music. Robbie L. Hobbs is pastor.

First Church, Walnut Ridge, held a laymen's weekend revival March 3-5 with the theme, "Christ, the Answer to the Family." Wendell Ross, a medical doctor from Ft. Smith, was lay speaker. Daniel Humble, a student at Ouachita University, directed music. Frank Shell is pastor.

First Church, Blytheville, has planned a "Bold Mission Revival" to be held April 2-7 at which Larry Baker, pastor of First Church, Fayetteville, will be evangelist. Leroy Summers, minister of music at Union Avenue Church, Memphis, will direct music. Alvis Carpenter is pastor.

First Church, Ashdown, is in revival March 5-10 with Paul Jackson as evangelist. Bob Little is pastor.

Holly Springs Church, Little Rock, ordained their pastor, Leon Murray, to the gospel ministry on Sunday, Feb. 19. Don Hook served as moderator of the ordaining council, and also preached the ordination sermon. Joel Moody, pastor of Martindale Church, led the ex-amination.

The charge was delivered by Ray Branscum, pastor of First Southern Church, Bryant, and Gene Calvert, a deacon from Crystal Hill Church, led the ordination prayer. Others on the council were Winston Williams, Jim Boyd, Carroll Posey, Leon Ross, Carlos Carter, James F. Johnson and Richard Bailey.

Calvary Church, Little Rock, will be host to the Bisonette Glee Club from Oklahoma Baptist University when they present a concert at the church on March 17.

Members of **Park Place Church, Hot Springs**, have organized an outreach program to be held each Thursday at 9:30 a.m. Bible study in the Book of John will precede the visitation program. On March 5, the church established a pastor's Sunday School class. Neal Raborn is pastor.

Toltec Church will be in revival March 19-26. Bill Kreis, pastor of First Church, Paris, will be evangelist. Music will be directed by Louis Criswell, minister of music at Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock. Billy Kimbrough is pastor.

Northeast Church, Texarkana, will celebrate its fourth year as a church and also observe homecoming on March 12. R. H. Dorris, Director of Missions for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, will be guest speaker.

Deacons of **Arkadelphia First Church** were featured speakers when First Church, England, Ark., and First Church of Ruston, La., held a joint deacons retreat at DeGray Lodge, Arkadelphia, March 3-4.

Pulaski County Association sponsored a conference on "Mormonism" at Geyer Springs First Church, Little Rock, March 7-8. Bill McLin, Inter-Faith Witness Consultant with the Home Mission Board, led discussions on the beliefs of Mormons and how Baptists can witness to them.

First Church, Dardanelle, will be in revival March 19-24. Damon Shook will be evangelist. Tony Berry is pastor.

First Church, Morrilton, has begun two new ministries as part of its continuing outreach emphasis. The Brotherhood is sponsoring a ministry to assist home-bound people. They will be available to do minor repair work, run errands, or provide other assistance needed by the homebound. The second ministry is the taping of Sunday morning worship services.

Mt. Olive Church, Crossett, was in revival Feb. 26-March 3. Clarence Shell, associate/evangelist of the Evangelism Department, Arkansas Baptist State Convention, was evangelist. Music was directed by Ervin Keathley, state music secretary.

Liberty Association has planned a Family Enrichment Conference to be held at First Church, Smackover, May 8-10. Wallace Denton, head of the Department of Psychology and Family Life at Perdue University, will be the featured speaker.

Other features of the conference will be small group sessions that will include classes for preschoolers, children, youth, and adults. There will also be classes for special interest and needs, of engaged couples, formerly marrieds, singles and senior adults.

Daytime workshops will be held Monday through Wednesday for church staff and other interested persons led by Dr. Denton.

First Church, Hoxie, will be in revival March 6-12. Bill Lewis, pastor of North Main Church, Jonesboro, will be evangelist. Larry Plummer will be music director. Homer Haltom is pastor.

Delta Association senior high youth retreat will be held at Wolf Creek Camp April 21-22. Program personalities will include Kim Russell of Duncan, Okla., and Dennis Baw, pastor of First Church, Dumas. Ricky Lochala is youth director.

Delta Association will sponsor a marriage enrichment mini-retreat at Eudora Church on March 11. Gerald Jackson, associate director of the Church Training Department, Arkansas Baptist State Convention, will lead the retreat.

Immanuel Church, Fayetteville, was in revival Feb. 26-March 3. Jerry Brock was evangelist. Ron and Vickie Malott led music. Gary Urch is pastor.

Horatio Church, on Feb. 18, held an awards presentation program for participation in a Woman's Missionary Union readathon that began as a part of the 1977 WMU Focus Week. A total of 478 books, mission magazines, and the Bible were read by the 48 participants. "Teach Missions," was the special emphasis for the readathon that concluded with the 1978 WMU Focus Week. Mrs. Nancy Stafford, Mrs. C. J. Colp and Rev. and Mrs. E. R. Armer received awards. Mrs. Nell Brinkley, WMU Director, assisted by Rev. and Mrs. Armer, led the program.

Dallas Avenue Church, Mena, ordained W. H. Underwood and Ray Overturf as deacons on Sunday, Feb. 12. A. G. Escott was moderator and also questioned the candidates. C. G. Barrow led the prayer of dedication. Max W. Deaton, pastor, delivered the ordination message. Others participating were Phil Ayres, who led singing, and Larry Sherman, associate pastor.

First Church, Bentonville, is ministering to 33 homebound members through a new outreach program. There are eight members teaching their Sunday School lesson weekly. Winfred P. Bridges is pastor.

Correction

News items in the Feb. 9 and Feb. 23 issues of the News-magazine incorrectly listed a Batesville Church where Don Nall is pastor. The items told about a conference and a revival which were being held at First Church, Batesville, but used the name of another church at Batesville.

Subcommittees for finance named

Ray Wells, chairman of the Operating Committee's Finance Committee, has appointed Arkansas Baptists to subcommittees. All subcommittee members are members of the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, elected by the messengers in annual session. The Operating Committee is a part of the Executive Board.

The following were appointed:

Budget Liasion Committee: Chairman, Mason E. Bondurant, 101 North Elm, Jacksonville 72076; Mrs. Clifford Palmer, Springdale; John Maddox, Wynne; Auby Rowe, Texarkana; and Ernie Perkins, Ft. Smith.

1978 Budget Overage Distribution: Chairman, James E. Hill, Central and Orange, Hot Springs 71901; Bill Roach, Mt. Ida; Mrs. C. S. Williams, Mena; Terrel Gordon, Fayetteville; and Mrs. R. E. Haygood, Dumas.

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Arkansas Baptist Family and Child Care Services: Chairman, Oatis Vester Jr., 1007 Royal, Paragould 72457; William L. Probasco, Conway; Dean Newberry, Rogers; Milton Wilson, West Memphis; and C. J. Holiman, Crossett.

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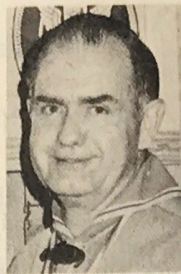
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Boyce Bible School: Chairman, Bill Lewis, 815 North Main, Jonesboro; and Richard Johnson, Lake Hamilton.

Arkansas all over

Fred B. Hyatt, on Feb. 12, was presented "The Good Shepherd Award," by First Church, Pine Bluff. The award, given by the Southern Baptist Association for Scouting, Nashville, Tenn., was presented by John H. McClanahan, pastor. It is an award presented only to men who have been active both in scouting and in other services to their local church.

Hyatt for 32 years has served as Scoutmaster of Troop 106 sponsored by First Church. He has also served the church as a Sunday School nursery worker; a Church Training group leader; and a



Hyatt

deacon, serving as chairman of the deacons for two consecutive years. During his tenure as a Scoutmaster 17 young men have earned the rank of Eagle Scout and four are in the final phases of completing their Eagle requirements.

Steve Perdue has been called to serve as music director of Graves Memorial Church, North Little Rock. He also has served the Salem, Indian Springs and Runyan Churches. Perdue, a graduate of Ouachita University, is a faculty member at Ridge Road Junior High School in North Little Rock.

Benny Grant has been called to serve as pastor of First Church, McRae, Calvary Association. He formerly served as pastor of Shiloh Church, Red River Association.

John Staggs has resigned as pastor of Concord Church near Mena.

OBU adds director of planned giving

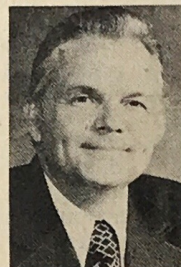
Lloyd Cloud, former pastor of First Church, Hot Springs, has joined the administrative staff of Ouachita Baptist University, according to Ben M. Elrod, senior vice president and director of development at OBU.

Cloud holds a law degree from the University of Memphis Law School and was formerly vice president for development at Dallas Baptist College. At Ouachita, Cloud will work out of the development office on a part-time basis as director of planned giving, Dr. Elrod said.

The major part of his responsibilities will include making personal contacts with people in the state interested in including Ouachita in their wills or in establishing trust funds for the University.

Cloud will also direct the publication of "The Investor," a quarterly brochure sent to OBU contributors informing them of the current status of various trusts and other forms of planned giving to Ouachita.

A third area of involvement for Cloud will be the overseeing of the "Ouachita in Your Will Year — 1978" program, which is a one-year emphasis designed to inform OBU graduates and friends of the need to provide for the future of the institution and various options for



Cloud

making such provisions.

Cloud has a law degree and was admitted to the Tennessee State Bar. He has a degree from Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

He has pastored in Kentucky, Texas and Arkansas, including Grand Avenue Church, Ft. Smith (1951-55), and First Church, Hot Springs (1971-78).

Active in denominational service, Cloud has served as chairman of the Board of Trustees of Dallas Baptist College, chairman of the Dallas Baptist College Coordinating Committee, chairman of the Stewardship Committee of the Dallas Baptist Association and as a member of the Executive Board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Other activities have included serving as a member of the Board of Trustees of Ouachita, and as District Chairman of the OBU and Southern Baptist College Advancement Campaign. He is also on the Executive Committee of Ouachita Baptist University, and is listed in the Marquis *Who's Who in American Religion*.

Cloud has visited and preached on Baptist mission fields in South America, Africa, the Philippines, Jamaica, Japan and the Orient. He has also traveled to India, Scandanavia, Europe, Greece, England and the Holy Lands.

He is married to the former Maxine Turner, and they have five children, one of which graduated from OBU and another who will graduate in May of this year.



Food and fellowship

Virginia Kirk and Jane Purtle

Ye visited me

"I was sick and ye visited me:" (Matt. 25:36)

When visitation is mentioned, the emphasis is on witnessing to the lost or visiting newcomers to invite them to services. However, another important part of visitation is ministering to the sick and invalids, as Jesus pointedly suggested in the Olivet discourse, "I was sick, and ye visited me."

Friends in nursing homes or shut-ins with health problems long for fellowship with others. When you go to visit these people, be prepared to have a happy experience because many of them, like Paul, "have learned in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." Take a small present such as a new magazine, hand lotion, flowers from your yard, or a bit of home cooked food — always being sure of the person's diet.

Patients in the hospital need attention too, as well as their families. Offer to sit with the sick one or to come by at mealtime and feed the patient. In times of crisis, it strengthens the family to have a good friend near. This friend can sit at the bedside or wait with them for news from intensive care or the operating room. Families having children may need assistance at home. Suggest that you can have the children come to your house after school or that you can keep them overnight.

Always there is the welcome gift of food for the family of the one who is ill. When the patient comes home, a group or class can organize complete meals for the family. This recipe for chicken pie is rather involved but it is well worth the effort.

Chicken Pie

Biscuit topping:

- 1½ cups flour
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon cayenne pepper (or less)
- ½ cup milk
- 3 tablespoons shortening
- ¾ cup grated cheese
- 2 tablespoons chopped pimento (approximate)

Filling:

- 1 fryer, cooked and diced
- 3 tablespoons margarine
- 4 tablespoons flour
- 2 cups chicken stock
- ¾ cup green pepper, chopped fine
- 1 small onion, chopped fine
- ½ teaspoon salt (or to taste)
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 cup milk

Biscuit topping: Sift together dry ingredients. Cut in shortening. Add milk. Knead lightly on floured board. Roll or pat out into 9 by 12 rectangle. Sprinkle cheese and pimento over dough and roll up, beginning at wide end as for jelly roll. Place in refrigerator to chill for a few hours or overnight.

Filling: Melt margarine in sauce pan over medium heat. Add flour and stir well. Gradually add stock, stirring to prevent lumps. Add onion, pepper, salt, and lemon juice. Cook for 20-30 minutes. Add milk and chicken. Pour into 9 by 12 dish or large casserole. Slice biscuit roll into ½-¾ inch biscuits. Arrange on top of chicken mixture. Bake 30 minutes or until brown at 375 degrees.

Christian Civic Foundation to meet

The Arkansas Christian Civic Foundation will hold their annual meeting for their board of directors and other interested persons, Monday, March 20 at First United Methodist Church, Little Rock.



Sparks

Ronnie P. Sparks, CCF Educational Assistant, will be the speaker. Sparks, 30, is a native of Warren. He completed work on a B.A. degree at Ouachita University in January, 1976. He is an ordained Baptist minister who has been pastor of Acorn Church, Mena, which ordained him.

He has worked with children and youth in local churches, as teacher, bus ministries director, and Royal Ambassador counselor.

Sparks takes the Foundation's Alcohol-Narcotics Education Program into the Arkansas public schools. He also speaks in churches, P.T.A.'s, civic clubs and other organizations.

Reservations for the luncheon meeting must be made by March 16 by calling 372-0318 or writing the CCF at 1007 Donaghey Building, Little Rock.

Southern BSU sponsors banquet

The Southern Baptist College Baptist Student Union sponsored its annual Sweetheart Banquet on Valentine's Day. Crowned 1978 BSU Sweetheart was Miss Peggy Garner from Caruthersville, Mo., a sophomore music major.

More than 100 guests enjoyed a variety program based on the Religious Emphasis Week theme, "And the Greatest of These is Love". Malvie Lee Giles of Magnolia was soloist, and Ernest Perkins, Director of Missions for the Concord Baptist Association in Ft. Smith.



Ruddell Hill Church, Batesville, celebrated freedom from debt on their building additions when they burned the note Feb. 19. The church has added education space, remodeled their auditorium, and built a three-bedroom parsonage. Members of the building committee were Harold McKinney, Bobby Davis, Arvil Wood, Butch Jackson, and Norman Martin. Burning the note were Bobby Davis (left) and Arvil Wood. Fred Westmoreland is pastor.

Your state convention at work

Looking ahead: Arkansas events

March 1978

5-12	Week of Prayer for Home Missions & Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
9	North Central District Bible Drills & Speakers' Tournament, Melbourne, First
10	Central District Bible Drills & Speakers' Tournament, Benton, First
10-11	Baptist Men's Meeting, Little Rock
12	Home Missions Day in Sunday School
12-19	Youth Week
13	Southwest District Bible Drills & Speakers' Tournament, Hope, First
14	Southeast District Bible Drills & Speakers' Tournament, Warren, First
16	Northeast District Bible Drills & Speakers' Tournament, Central, Jonesboro
17	East Central District Bible Drills & Speakers' Tournament, Forrest City, First
17-18	Interpreters for the Deaf Workshop
18	Associational Baptist Youth Night
21-22	WMU Annual Meeting, Park Hill, North Little Rock
24	Youth Convention, Robinson Auditorium, Little Rock (Church Training)
27-30	Acteens Leaders Mission Tour
27-31	Church Architecture Consultations (Sunday School)
30-April 1	Marriage Enrichment Retreat (Church Training)

April 1978

1	Young Musicians Choir Festivals, Elmdale, Springdale; Central, Jonesboro; Calvary, Little Rock; Cullendale, Camden; and Pine Bluff, First
2	New Day for Training (Church Training)
10	Area library conference, Hope, First (Church Training)
11	Area library conference, East Side, Pine Bluff
12	Weekly planning meeting workshop, Olivet, Little Rock (Sunday School)
13	Area library conference, East Side, Ft. Smith
13	Area library conference, Newport, First
13-14	State Stewardship/Foundation Clinic, Camp Paron
14	Area library conference, El Dorado, Second (Church Training)
14-15	Tiger Tracks, Ouachita University
16	Cooperative Program Day
17-21	Baptist Doctrine Study
17-21	Interfaith Witness Conference, El Dorado and Texarkana (Missions)
20-23	Southwest Regional Renewal Conference, Lake Texoma

Brotherhood

RA Congress to have new activities

May 5-6, is the date for the Annual Royal Ambassador Congress. It is difficult to believe that it is less than two months away.

A new feature for this year will be Royal Ambassador miniature car racing for 4-5-6 grade Crusaders. These are the little cars that boys can design themselves with a specially prepared kit. The kits are available from the Brotherhood Department. Special information has been mailed to all Crusader Counselors and Royal Ambassador Leaders. Information may be obtained by contacting the Brotherhood Department.

The Speaker's Contest will be another feature for Crusaders, grades 4-5-6, and Pioneers, grades 7-9, and Pioneers in Ambassador Service. Speeches will be based on advancement work projects for each group.

The prizes for winners in each group will be awarded the same as in past years. First-place winners will be awarded a free week at Royal Ambassador Camp. Second-place winners will receive one-half of the cost of camp for a week, and third-place winners will receive one-third of the cost for one week of camp.

Prizes will also be given for the boys bringing the best display of advancement work projects in each division — Crusaders, Pioneers, and Ambassador Service. A prize will be awarded for the best craft project on display, the best chapter camping display, and mission activity display.

If your chapter has been involved in mission activities, prepare a display and share it with others.

The Congress will be held at the First Church, Little Rock. More information will be mailed to all counselors, leaders, pastors, and ministers of education. — C. H. Seaton, Director

Convention meeting place changed

Johnny Jackson, president of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, has announced that the 1978 State Convention previously scheduled to meet in Beech Street Church in Texarkana has been changed to meet in First Church of Little Rock. "The State Executive Board has voted this change in accordance with the provisions of our state constitution at the unanimous request of the convention officers and Program

Committee," Jackson said. The convention meeting date of Nov. 7-9, 1978, remains the same as previously announced. All convention auxiliary meetings will also be moved to the Little Rock area.

Jackson explains the action with the following statement: "Due to the continuing growth of our convention, larger facilities are needed this year for

the Bold Mission programs that are being planned. The convention officers and the Program Committee are deeply grateful to Beech Street congregation and pastor Jim Adams for their gracious willingness to allow this change. We are hopeful of rescheduling a convention meeting in Texarkana at a later date. We further commend pastor John Wright and First Church in Little Rock for offering their facilities to us this year."

Child care ministry has its rewards

Child care, like any other profession, has many ups and downs. Those of us who have committed our lives, or a portion of our life to care for the children of other people have a unique and sometimes difficult responsibility. Most of us are here because we care and caring within itself can become a heavy load to carry.

Rewards come slowly sometimes, and we begin to question whether or not the rewards outweigh the load. However, there are things that happen that make this ministry vital and necessary.

A 10-year old girl comes into the office asking if she can be baptized. When asked why, she shyly dropped her head and answered, "because I want God to come into my heart". What a joy to search the scriptures with her and follow the Roman road plan of salvation.

To have a teen-ager who attended Siloam last year, but never made a profession of faith, offer to do vespers, study for an hour and do a very good program on "Christ, the Savior". To share a moment of communication from across the room as she said, "When you do wrong, it always comes out, or so I've been told many times".

To total the receipts of the sponsorship program for a year and realize anew that God is blessing through your life as his people respond to the needs of the children through prayers, support and concern.

To know that the values we hold dear are being caught rather than taught and that the care we give today will bring dividends tomorrow.

These are the rewards of Christian Child Care. — Eula Armstrong, Child Care Worker, Arkansas Baptist Home for Children.

Cooperative Program

What rate of return?

One thousand dollars was the initial investment in Lincoln Avenue Baptist Church. This much in Cooperative Program funds was supplied by the Home Mission Board to start this church in Endicott, N.Y., as part of the 30,000 movement.

Southern Baptists have earned a phenomenal rate of return on that initial investment. In the 15 years since that launching, the church has given \$40,000 through the Cooperative Program, and another \$30,000 through foreign, home, and state mission offerings. Seventy to

one in 15 years! That's enough to make any corporate executive turn green with envy. That's not to mention the souls that have been won, the lives that have been changed, and the Christian people who have been blessed because of this ministry.

And the multiplication goes on. This church now has two missions, and each one gives from 10 to 13 percent through the Cooperative Program. At this rate of growth and commitment there soon will be other missions. — James O. Teel Jr., Stewardship Commission, SBC

Youth . . .

Experiencing Discipleship

at the

State Youth Convention

Friday, March 24, 1978

Robinson Auditorium Little Rock

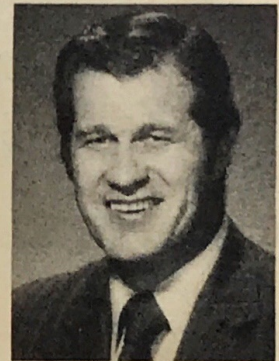
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Younger youth (grades 7-9)

meet in the Exhibition Hall

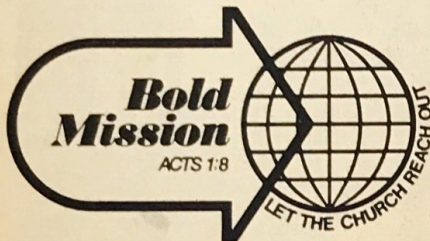
Older youth (grades 10 and above)

meet in the Music Hall



- Program highlights •
- Inspirational messages by Bob Norman, pastor, Belmont Heights Church, Nashville, Tenn.
- "Experiencing Discipleship" — A multi-media presentation
- The Southern Singers — Southern Baptist College
- "Youth and Discipleship" — featuring ventriloquist Clyde Spurgin and Archie
- "The Psalms" — Ouachita Baptist University

Don't miss it!



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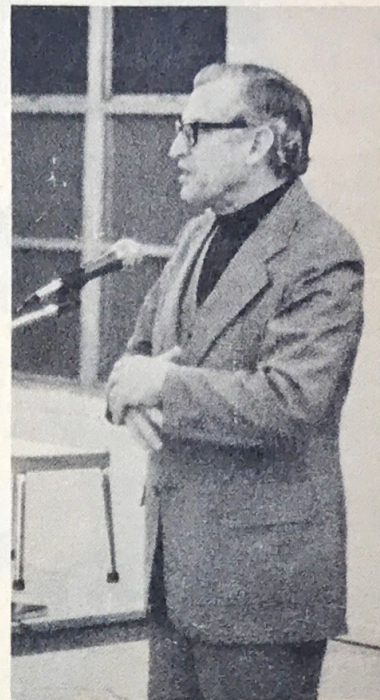
Used copies of **A Practical Primer on Prayer** by Dorothy C. Haskin, to be used in Mountain Mission work. Mail to:

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BSU leaders brave snow for training retreat

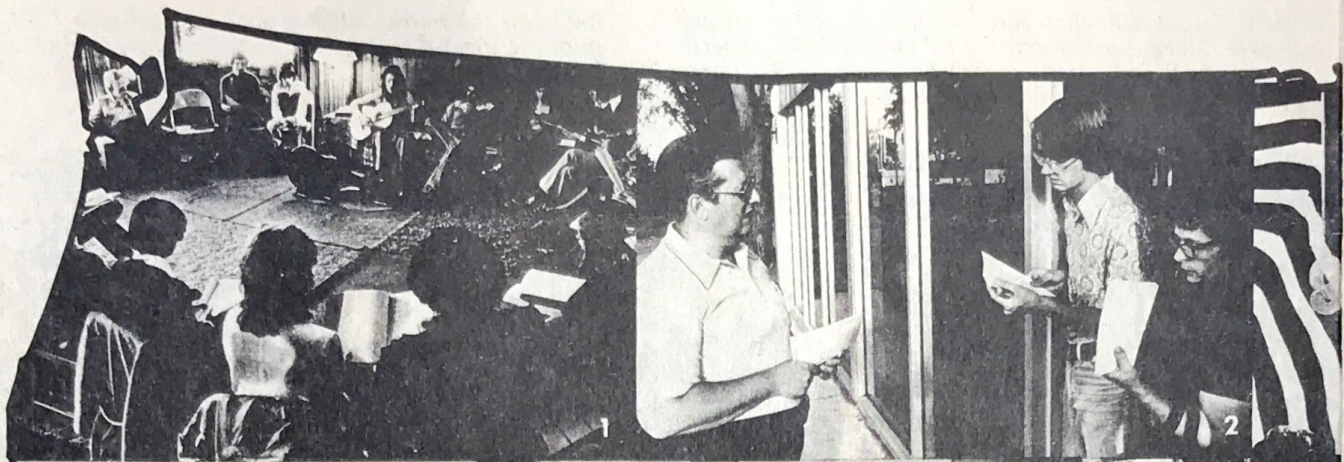
LEFT: Carol Washington and Rose Mary Austin of Arkansas Baptist College were among the 120 students who braved the heavy snow and hazardous driving to attend the retreat. CENTER: Bill and Linda Cates of Nashville, Tenn., led the

music for the retreat. RIGHT: Seminary Professor Cal Guy, principle speaker, addressed the Saturday night installation banquet.



LEFT: Coy Theobault, Associate BSU Director at OBU, shares his thoughts on the importance of students having a quiet time. ABOVE: Mark Weaver of UA Monticello was elected state BSU president and Karen Brandon of HSU was named state secretary. Also elected was Terry Proffitt of ASU, who will serve as vice president.

Bold Mission



Annie Arms

ARKANSAS BAPTIST NEWSMAGAZINE

America



Here's how we can preach the gospel to every American creature.

1. Strategy 1—Evangelize: Door to door visitation by Christian Service Corps volunteer Andrew Higgins (l) who served this past summer in Great Bend, Kansas. The door-to-door survey is one means of evangelizing.

2. Strategy 2—Congregationalize: A Bible study group led by a missionary in Tahoe, California, is a first step in congregationalizing.

3. A Good Time Wagon, sponsored by summer missionaries in Baltimore, presents puppet shows for the children in a transitional community recreation program.

4. Claudio Iglesias, pastor of the Indian Baptist Mission in Albuquerque enjoys a powwow with Willis Cermio.

5. Elias Assi (r) Arabian missionary, prepares for a city survey with Rev. Lazarus Benjamin, pastor of the Bible Arabic Church in Los Angeles.

6. Vacation Bible School and Backyard Bible Club volunteers enlist children in the many counties now without any evangelical witness.

7. The largely black congregation of Palma Ceia Baptist Church in Oakland pastored by Charles Bennett, is considered the fastest growing Southern Baptist Church in California.

8. Visiting Munja Wallace in her pottery factory is Henry Mu, pastor of the Berendo Street Baptist Church, a Korean congregation.

\$13,000,000
from 13,000,000
Southern Baptists.

Long Easter Offering for Home Missions.

Evangelism

A W.O.W. retreat in Michigan

by Neal Guthrie

Director of Pre-college Evangelism

It was an exciting weekend Feb. 10-12 as 200 plus youth from Detroit, Mich., Association gathered for their first W.O.W. School experience. I led the school at the invitation of Dwight Wymer, Associational Youth Director.

The experience drew many comments from the youth and their leaders as to how they could return and put what they had learned into practice. It was a new challenge for me as never before have so many been enrolled in a single school. However, everything went beautifully.

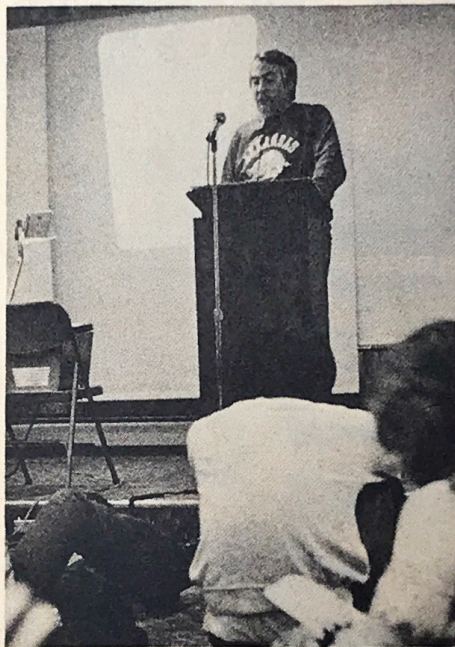
The retreat was held at Michigan Baptist Assembly at Bambi Lake. The surrounding scene of God's handiwork and the fun and fellowship of the winter olympics was also enjoyed by all including Arkie Guthrie as I tried out the ski slope for the first time.

Many commitments to God were made that weekend as once again we saw what W.O.W. can do to inspire youth to share their faith effectively. Many will return to their respective communities and junior and senior high schools and witness to their lost friends.

W.O.W. Schools are big in Arkansas. There are more than 250 trained teachers in the state and thousands of youth have been through the training. Wouldn't you like your young people to learn how to share their faith more effectively in your community? Contact me at P.O. Box 552, Little Rock, Ark. 72203.



Michigan snow was the perfect element for a special kind of fun and fellowship — a kind of winter olympic games.



Arkansan Neal Guthrie (his shirt gives it away) leads a session of the W.O.W. School for Michigan young people.

Five-day conference planned for annuitants

DALLAS, Tex. — Christian growth experiences, special interest conferences, creative activities, a talent show, a concert and a banquet characterize the Southern Baptist Annuity Board's 1978 Annuitants' Conference May 1-5 in Ridgecrest, N.C.

To be held in the Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, the five-day event will focus on the theme, "As I Go."

Frank G. Schwall Jr., conference director and assistant to the Annuity Board president, says the conference will give special attention to the subject of active service for Christ during retirement years.

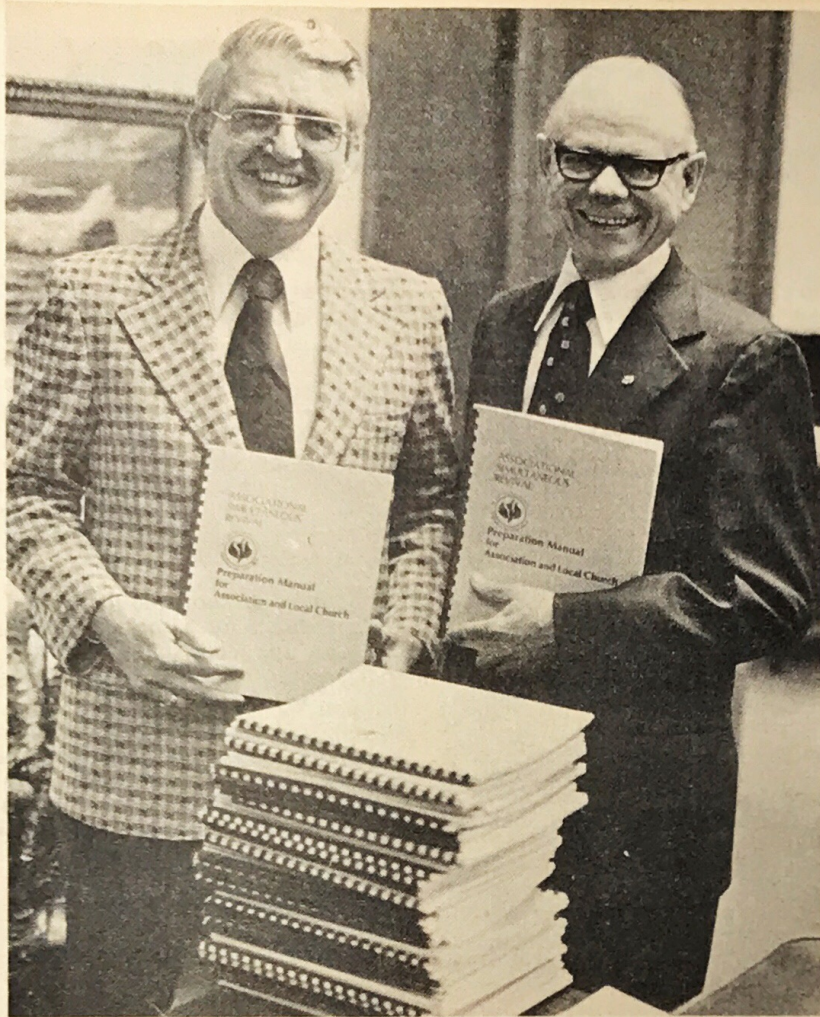
Donald F. Ackland Southern Baptist writer and teacher, will serve as conference Bible leader. Speakers include Perry Crouch, former executive secretary of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, and Clovis Brantley, a Home Mission Board retiree from Atlanta. Charley Pryor of Booneville, Mo. will lead the music and Larry Keesler of Kernersville, N.C. will serve as pianist.

Others on the program include John Blosskas, Helen Rolland and Kermit Whiteaker, all of Dallas. Whiteaker, recently retired senior vice president of operations at the Annuity Board, will

discuss "Opportunities for Retirees" at 10:45 a.m. Tuesday (May 2) and "Annuitant Tours" at 10:45 a.m. Wednesday (May 3). Whiteaker also will serve as keynote speaker of a banquet at 6 p.m. Thursday (May 4).

Blosskas, Annuity Board vice president of public relations, will lead a seminar on money management for retirees. He recently wrote a book entitled "Staying in the Black Financially."

More conference information may be obtained from Schwall by writing the Annuity Board, 511 North Akard Building, Dallas, Tex. 75201.



Revival aid

The Evangelism Department of the state convention has produced a first-of-its-kind preparation help for associations who hold simultaneous revivals. The manual for the association and the local church was compiled by Clarence Shell Jr. (left), who is associate in the department and state evangelist. Shell and Jesse Reed, department director, had some of the first copies off the Baptist Building presses at the end of February. Reed said 525 copies were printed for distribution to pastors and directors of missions for Arkansas associations. Some already have been distributed at conferences, but they are available at no cost from the Evangelism Department, P.O. Box 552, Little Rock 72203. (ABN photo)



Church Training Youth convention speaker changed

Bob Norman, pastor of the Belmont Heights Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., will be the speaker at this year's State Youth Convention Friday, March 24. Norman, a native of Alabama and a graduate of Samford University and Southwestern Seminary, has been pastor at Belmont Heights since 1964. He is a writer, trumpet soloist and world traveler. He has participated in evangelistic crusades in Europe, England and Scotland, and has been a popular youth speaker at youth conferences at Ridgecrest and Glorieta.



Norman

The speaker announced previously will not be able to speak at this year's Youth Convention. We are very fortunate and pleased to have Bob Norman fill this important spot on the program.

The Youth Convention will begin at 10 a.m. and will adjourn at 7:15. The program will be built around the theme, "Youth Experiencing Discipleship." — Robert Holley

Share!

Week of Prayer
March 5-12, 1978
Annie Armstrong
Easter Offering
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\$13,000,000

Campaign reaches half way

The Arkansas BSU Third Century Endowment Campaign last month reached the half way point toward raising \$1 million in two years, and a few days later the opportunity to announce it came. A meeting of regional and associational directors for the campaign was held Feb. 23 in Little Rock, so Arliss Dickerson, publicity chairman, notified news organizations that Director Jamie Jones would have an announcement at the meeting luncheon. Dickerson is the man in the floodlights here. (ABN photo)

SBC membership 13 million, but program enrollments drop

NASHVILLE (BP) — Southern Baptist Convention church membership topped 13 million for the first time in the denomination's history in the 1976-77 year, but losses were recorded in the number of baptisms and in enrollment for Sunday School, Church Training, Woman's Missionary Union and Brotherhood.

The latest statistical reports show that church music was the only church program organization to experience a gain during 1976-77 and that total membership, number of SBC churches, mission gifts and total receipts also increased. SBC foreign mission work, not counted in SBC statistics, reported increases in membership, baptisms and churches.

The annual statistical report, compiled by the research services department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, was taken from the reports of 34,849 Southern Baptist churches.

The total number of churches in the SBC increased by 0.5 percent, to 35,255, an increase of 182. The total includes 406 nonreporting churches.

Church membership in the SBC went up 1.2 percent, 160,594, to 13,083,199. Resident membership was reported to us 9,443,431.

Baptisms drop 10 percent

Baptisms in the SBC dropped by 10.1 percent, a decrease of 38,806. The 345,690 baptisms was the lowest number in the SBC since 1949, but not as low as the 342,201 projected for 1976-77 in a recent report.

Total receipts for the convention increased by 9.2 percent, more than \$151 million, to a total of \$1.8 billion. Mission gifts went up by 10.3 percent, almost \$27

million, to a total of nearly \$290 million.

Porter W. Routh, executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee, said he was "encouraged by the continued climb in churches and the gain in membership but disturbed over the 10 percent drop in baptisms for the year."

Routh said "concern for Bold Mission Thrust is demonstrated by total missions gifts of \$290 million, with the percent of the collection plate dollar for missions climbing from 17.0 in 1976 to 17.1 in 1977." Bold Mission Thrust is the SBC emphasis to evangelize the world by the year 2000.

A separate report from the Foreign Mission Board revealed that membership in overseas churches related to Southern Baptist mission work topped the 1 million mark with 1,071,922 members, a growth of 165,380. Southern Baptist missions related work also recorded 98,715 baptisms, an increase of 14,266. Overseas churches increased by 516, bringing the total to 8,533. (Baptists overseas retain their national identity instead of becoming "Southern Baptists".)

Sunday School drop slightly

The drop in Sunday School enrollment follows five consecutive years of gains, and directly follows an enrollment increase of 177,000 in 1975-76, the largest increase for Sunday School in 17 years.

The decrease in Sunday School enrollment of 0.4 percent represented a loss of more than 27,000 members, resulting in a total enrollment of 7,430,931.

Robert G. Fulbright, director of the Bible teaching division at the Sunday School Board, was "concerned over the

loss, especially after the gain in 1975-76. A five year Sunday School growth strategy is now under development," Fulbright said, "by personnel in state Baptist conventions and Sunday School departments and the board's Sunday School department to show a gain in Sunday School enrollment."

Church Training enrollment was off 3.9 percent from the 1975-76 total, to an enrollment of slightly less than 1.8 million, reflecting a loss of 72,227.

Sees Church Training trend up

Roy T. Edgemon, newly elected director of the Church Training department at the Sunday School Board, said he believed "last year's decline in Church Training marked the beginning of the end of a downward trend in enrollment. I feel that pastors are now recognizing that the failure to train our people in Bible doctrine, discipleship and ministry is the cause of an erosion in all of Baptist life," Edgemon said. "I also believe that pastors are now ready to move aggressively to equip, build-up and grow their people in the Lord."

Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) enrollment dropped by 1.8 percent in 1976-77, a loss of 20,949 to a total of 1,118,085, while Brotherhood enrollment dropped 1.2 percent, or 5,672, to a total of 473,309.

Carolyn Weatherford, executive director of the WMU, said, "We are heart sick at the membership loss of more than 10,000 girls and 1,000 Girls in Action (GA) organizations. How can we talk about a Bold Mission Thrust and fail to provide missions training for children? I would like to ask every pastor whose church lacks GA or any

Summary of the 1977 Southern Baptist Convention statistics:

	1976-77	1975-76	Gain or Loss	Percent Gain or loss
Churches	35,255	35,073	182	0.5
Total membership	13,083,199	12,922,605	160,594	1.2
Baptisms	345,690	384,496	-38,806	-10.1
Sunday School enroll.	7,430,931	7,458,375	-27,444	-0.4
CT enrollment	1,778,179	1,850,406	-72,227	-3.9
WMU enrollment	1,118,085	1,139,034	-20,949	-1.8
Brotherhood enrollment	473,309	478,981	-5,672	-1.2
Church music enrollment	1,382,104	1,372,598	9,506	0.7
Total receipts	\$1,797,139,698	\$1,645,959,837	\$151,179,861	9.2
Total mission gifts	\$289,372,474	\$262,373,823	\$26,998,651	10.3

Medical missions changes approved by foreign board

RICHMOND (BP) — Major changes in medical missions ministries in the Middle East and India were approved by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, along with evangelism plans and funds during its Feb. 14 meeting here.

The recommendations included a shift of emphasis in two ministries, the closing of a school of nursing, and changes in administration and financing. The actions came as a result of the work of an evaluation team that toured the area in October 1977. The team has been asked to continue to function through 1979 when members will tour the same hospitals again.

Recommendations dealt with specific problems and concerns found by the team and with medical ministries in the area. The first non-missionary team to evaluate medical missions institutions included a hospital administrator, a medical school professor, a nursing school curriculum coordinator, plus two members of the board staff.

"These changes are effective only in the area of the Middle East and India, growing out of a specialized study recommended by the area secretary," said Baker J. Cauthen, the board's executive director. "They are designed to strengthen medical work in light of circumstances prevailing in that area."

Closing the professional nursing school in Jordan is a result of the lack of qualified nursing students, the team said. A program for training nurses' aides will be continued. The Baptist Hospital, Ajloun, Jordan, has also been asked to reduce the number of beds and increase outpatient care in clinics. Dorcas (Mrs. Franklin T.) Fowler, curriculum coordinator for Johnston-Willis Hospital School of Nursing here, evaluated nursing care for the team.

The changes in the ministry of Jordan hospital are necessary in part because of two new, ultra-modern government hospitals a short distance away. The Jordan hospital was asked to study the possibility of referring patients to these hospitals for a two-year trial period.

The Gaza Baptist Hospital was asked to shift from a surgical unit to a general medical care unit as soon as staff arrangements can be made.

J. Cecil Hamiter, president and director of the Baptist Memorial Hospital, Gadsden, Ala., evaluated hospital administration and financing, and Dr. Timothy Pennell, professor of surgery at Bowman Gray School of Medicine, Wake Forest (N.C.) University, served on

the team to evaluate professional standards.

Many recommendations applied to all four hospitals visited by the team — Jordan hospital, Gaza hospital, Jibla (Yemen) Baptist Hospital and Bangalore (India) Baptist Hospital.

At the top of the list of the 15 recommendations brought by the team was a reminder of the evangelistic task of the hospitals and a request that each hospital which does not have a full-time, qualified chaplain on the staff now seek one.

J. D. Hughey, the board's secretary for Europe, the Middle East and South Asia, and Dr. Franklin T. Fowler, the board's medical consultant and former medical missionary, accepted the responsibility for evaluating the spiritual witness effectiveness, both nationwide and local, of the hospitals.

An area-wide board of directors will be formed for the four hospitals, with each organization of missionaries electing three representatives to attend meetings.

A model constitution and by-laws are to be developed with minor local modifications and common criteria of philosophy, standards and policy are to be written.

Each hospital is asked to employ a cost accounting system and develop a method to charge patients capable of paying for their medical care. The team and board emphasized that this recommendation is not meant to stop charity care and that no patient should be turned away from a Baptist hospital because of inability to pay.

A local committee of advisors made up of persons "who will further the principles, operation and influence" of the hospital is called for at each institution.

Other recommendations dealt with the need for continuing education and further emphasis on language study for medical missionaries.

Team members noted the urgent need for medical mission personnel and challenged the board "to call out the called," said Pennell.

In view of "rising medical costs and rapidly improving medical standards" the team also called on the board to focus attention on the need for larger amounts of money for hospital capital expenditures and possible increases in operational subsidies.

The next meeting of trustees will be during April in Ft. Worth, Tex.

other WMU organization to get in touch with us, so that we can correct the problem."

In church music, the 0.7 percent increase of 9,506 brought the total enrollment to 1,382,104.

William J. Reynolds, secretary of the church music department, said he was "grateful for the enrollment gains in church music." He added that "major contributing factors to the gain were recognition by church leadership of the significance of the church music program and the excellent work of state music departments."

Sunday School continued to lead in the number of churches reporting an ongoing program, with a total of 34,363. Church music was reported in the second highest number of churches, with 23,428, followed closely by WMU with 23,047. Church Training was reported in 21,265 churches and Brotherhood in 15,359 churches.

The uniform church letters also reported 756 church type missions and 612 other type missions started during the 1976-77 year. More than 1,000 churches reported some kind of ministry to mentally retarded persons, with a total enrollment of almost 9,000. Deaf classes have an enrollment of more than 10,000 persons in 681 SBC churches, and church libraries were reported in 18,000 churches.

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Questions and answers about Mission Service Corps

Mission Service Corps — the Southern Baptist Convention's plan to recruit and send 5,000 volunteers to mission fields at home and abroad by 1982 — is rapidly taking shape after six months of life.

But, as with most new things, questions abound about MSC, its function, organization and operation.

Dan Martin, news director of the Home Mission Board, conducted an interview with the three men given responsibility for developing and operating MSC: Ralph L. West, SBC process coordinator for applications and inquiries about MSC; David Bunch, Home Mission Board director of MSC coordination; and Lewis I. Myers Jr., coordinator of MSC for the Foreign Mission Board.

Here are the questions and answers about MSC:

What is Mission Service Corps?

It is a plan for enlisting and using Southern Baptists to give full time for one or two years in mission work under direction of the FMB, HMB, state mission boards and district associations.

How did MSC originate?

It grew out of a luncheon meeting between President Jimmy Carter and heads of SBC agencies. After the luncheon, the SBC leaders asked President Carter to make a videotape to be presented at the SBC annual meeting in Kansas City. Following the presentation, messengers to the 1977 meeting approved a recommendation that the Convention, by 1982, enlist 5,000 persons, groups of churches or churches who would agree to provide and fund 5,000 mission volunteers to serve for one or two years at home or abroad in an effort to reach the world for Christ.

How will MSC volunteers be supported?

The volunteers may support themselves financially, or may be sponsored by individuals, groups of individuals, churches, groups of churches and others. Support should be made as designated gifts and be above and beyond giving to the Cooperative Program and the special missions offerings.

Who can participate as an MSC volunteer?

Anyone who is a member of a Southern Baptist church, with good

health and the expertise to do the needed work. "We are looking for persons active in their local Southern Baptist church . . . who have made a contribution where they are and want to make a similar contribution in mission work at home or overseas," Myers said.

How can Southern Baptists volunteer for MSC?

Application forms and other information are available by writing West at P.O. Box 7203, Atlanta, Ga. 30309. Persons specifically interested in home or foreign service may contact Bunch or Myers directly.

How can Southern Baptists sponsor volunteers?

By contributing designated funds, through channels to the mission agency. Information also may be obtained by writing West at the post office box above.

What sort of work will volunteers do?

"Almost anything that is supportive and religiously oriented," Bunch said. "We need administrators, teachers, carpenters, secretaries, pastors, visitors. The whole gamut."

Myers added: "We have filed requests for a variety of things, like agriculturalists, secretaries, people to work in evangelism, teachers, bookkeepers, interim pastors for English language churches, dorm parents . . ."

West says, however, that not everyone who volunteers will be a missionary evangelist, or even be doing religious work primarily. "Those who volunteer will have an opportunity to fulfill their own religious commitment, even if they work in other duties. They will have an opportunity to share their faith in many ways."

How will the volunteers be trained?

Those going abroad will receive a more intensive orientation than will those who serve in the United States.

"We have set up a flexible orientation because some volunteers may have more specific experience than others," said Myers. "We plan about a week of training in the States, to be followed by specific orientation on the field. We will deal with personal spiritual growth, because volunteers will be detached from the organizational mechanism that has fed them spiritually. We also will deal with FMB procedures that relate to

their work, the country and area in which they will serve, cross cultural communications, major world religions and their specific responsibilities."

Bunch said: "Orientation for HMB volunteers primarily will be done in the field. However, if numbers and job assignment warrant, we will establish a central orientation program."

Will language courses be taught to FMB volunteers who go to countries where English is not the primary language?

No. All of the job assignments to foreign fields will be English language assignments. "Some basic training in marketplace communication will be offered on the field so that volunteers will be able to converse on a day-to-day basis," Myers said.

Myers added, however, that volunteers who are bi-lingual may be used in such a way to take advantage of the linguistic ability.

Will some applicants be rejected?

Each applicant must have the endorsement of his or her home church, as well as references which will be checked.

"Persons who do not have a compatible theology with Southern Baptists, who are moral deviants, who are little messiahs or who want to reform the whole mission structure likely would be liabilities. However, I do not see this type of person coming out in large numbers," Bunch said.

Other possible reasons for rejection would be lack of qualifications for the job assignment, poor health or those who would need missionaries to "baby-sit" them on the field.

Who will supervise the work of the volunteers?

"Before a service opportunity if approved, a supervisor will have to be named," Bunch said.

"We are preparing material telling the supervisor what is expected. He also will be required to periodically make reports on the work the volunteer is doing," Bunch said.

West added: "On the foreign field, an orientation committee will be named by the mission. The committee will help and guide the volunteer. This is the same process used for new missionaries."

How will funds to support the volunteers be handled?

Bunch explained: "Sponsorship funds may flow in several directions. If the volunteer supports himself, we would not be involved at all. If persons or churches wish to contribute, we encourage them to do so through regular channels, designating the offering to MSC.

How much will it cost to support a volunteer?

The Mission Service Corps Steering Committee has established minimum levels of support: At home, \$6,000 a year for a single person and \$9,000 for a couple; abroad, \$7,500 for a single person and \$12,500 for a couple.

Will funds be solicited from individuals, churches and associations?

"No," says Bunch. "My job description does not call for me to solicit funds. We will distribute the information, and let those who wish to contribute do so. We are not involved in a money race, nor are we competing with the Cooperative Program or the special missions offerings."

Will volunteers be expected to raise their own funds?

No. The program will not require volunteers to drum up their own support.

West said: "We are not establishing an independent missionary system. We see it as an additional opportunity for those who wish to give over and above what they already are giving through the Cooperative Program. We think it will be compatible both with the Cooperative Program and the special missions offerings."

Should volunteers apply for MSC even though they don't have support?

Yes, says Myers. "We tell people who inquire to fill out the application even if they cannot support themselves or have no sponsors. We believe funding will come when the program gets underway."

How will volunteers be assigned?

West said some missionaries expressed fears MSC will be "sending volunteers to them" rather than responding to requests from the field. That is not the case, he said.

Bunch added: "We are not just sending out people ad hoc. We plan to respond to requests from the field, fitting the talents and abilities of the volunteers to the needs."

When will volunteers be assigned?

Bunch anticipates letting a potential volunteer know within a week after receiving the application whether the volunteer is acceptable. Within a month, he plans to make assignment of the accepted volunteers when funds are available.

Myers said the process may take a bit longer, because of the overseas requirement, but anticipates quick processing and assignment.

How is MSC different from other volunteer programs?

"The basic difference," Bunch said, "is that MSC people are going out full time for a year or two. In other volunteer programs, the person may or may not be full time, may be bivocational, or may be spending a vacation on the mission field. The definite time frame and the fact they will be full time, financially supported volunteers, makes it different."

Will MSC siphon off effectiveness and strength of other volunteer programs?

The leaders say no. "I anticipate the other volunteer programs will continue, with people devoting varying lengths of time to mission service through those organizations," West said.

How are Southern Baptists responding to MSC?

Slowly, say the three men. So far, only three FMB and four HMB volunteers have been assigned. Sponsorship response also is slow. West, however, is doing a lively business answering inquiries. He estimates writing 2,000 letters in the past two months about MSC.

"We are seeing the beginning of a grassroots response to the vision of a few people," says Myers. "Southern Baptists are responding to the dream of a few persons who have the winning of the world in our time on their hearts and are in a position to share their dream."

Writer resents Catholic gift to Baptist church

OKLAHOMA CITY — An Illinois church that accepted \$1,500 from the Knights of Columbus has been criticized in a letter to the editor of *The Baptist Messenger*, published here.

Michael B. Clark of Drumwright, Okla. wrote editor Jack L. Gritz about an article in his Feb. 2 issue which described the First Baptist Church in Dongola, Ill. That congregation, whose building was destroyed by fire, accepted \$1,500 from the disaster fund of the Illinois Knights of Columbus.

Clark said, "How far into the pit must we as Christians reach to do the business of the Lord? The very idea of taking money from Catholics ought to put those of the household of faith into shouts of 'be ye separate.'"

Clark continued, "Does the Lord need the money of infidels? The Lord Jesus has no grand knights, just suffering saints . . . When the Lord's people become so carnal as to think that we share mutual faith or that we can get along with Catholics, before long we will be holding our blessed little puppet shows and sharing our hot dog suppers with them. We are to most assuredly love them, but not to the extent that we don't recognize their infidelity and heretical teachings."

In more recent weeks, a second Illinois church has also received a check for \$1,500 from the Knights of Columbus. The Grace Baptist Church at Virden received the money after its building, too, was destroyed by fire.

Robert J. Hastings, editor of the *Illinois Baptist*, which first reported the gifts, said, "It is lamentable that anyone could so openly criticize the generosity of another denomination, regardless of how wide our differences."

Editor Gritz said that he has since received letters from other readers, disagreeing with Clark's position, and upholding the propriety of one faith accepting funds from another.



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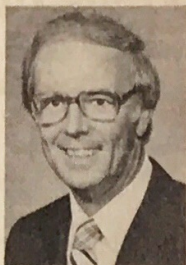


Promise fulfilled

March 12, 1978

Acts 2:1-4, 36-42

The promise of Jesus that the Holy Spirit would come upon the disciples was fulfilled at a very strategic time. Jewish pilgrims from many countries of the world had gathered in Jerusalem for the celebration of the Feast of Pentecost.



Dr. Porter

In a true sense, people from the "ends of the world" had come into the presence of the disciples. When the Holy Spirit came upon them, they literally became witnesses to the ends of the world. The promise given in Acts 1:8 was fulfilled in one sweep of God's grace: they were filled with power and they became his witnesses to people from many countries of the world.

Some scholars believe that Acts 4:31 is the earliest account of what happened in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost: "And when they prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak the word of God with boldness."

The author of the book of Acts presents the coming of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost in a very dramatic way. He sees this experience as the inauguration of the witnessing ministry of the church. In no way should we think that he waited until that day to make his presence and work known in the world. He was in possession of prophets, priests, and kings in the Old Testament. John the Baptist was "filled with the Holy Spirit, while yet in his mother's womb" (Luke 1:15). On the day of Pentecost, the disciples were "filled with the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:4) but this same expression is used of John the Baptist, Elizabeth (Luke 1:4) and Zacharias (Luke 1:67).

The experience in Acts 2 is uniquely significant indeed! The Holy Spirit came on all believers in the church. This experience at Pentecost inaugurated the mission and evangelistic work of the church which was to break all language,

social, racial, national, and geographical boundaries.

The promise come true

It is a safe assumption that the 120 disciples were included in this experience and not only the twelve. It appears that immediately they were involved in talking to all the people gathered for the Feast of Pentecost from many countries of the world; we assume also that it occurred in the Temple area.

There were certain dramatic audio and visual signs in Acts 2 given to describe the coming of the Holy Spirit. There came "a noise like a violent, rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting" (Acts 2:2). The visual sign was "tongues of fire" (verse 3) which rested on each disciple. The disciples "began to speak with other tongues" (verse 4) so that people from many different nations "were each one hearing them speak in his own language" (verse 6).

Apparently the noise and the tongues of fire attracted the people. The disciples were endowed with a supernatural gift: they were able to speak in foreign languages that they had not known before. The Jews from these other nations were amazed to hear the home folk talking in their own languages and dialects. Some questioned the whole thing and accused them of being drunk.

Peter explains what happened

Beginning with verse 14, we have Peter declaring that what everyone had seen was the fulfillment of what the prophet Joel had spoken. It was fulfillment of promise which had predicted the outpouring of the Spirit and inspired preaching! Peter saw this as witness to the Christ (Messiah) for the purpose of leading to salvation those who heard the witness. Peter preached to the crowd "this Jesus God raised up again" (Acts 2:32) and then he called for repentance and obedience to him as Lord.

The response to the witness of the dis-

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ciples and the preaching of Peter was that "those who received his word were baptized; and there were added that day three thousand souls" (Acts 2:41).

Frank Stagg states that more important than the outward signs and temporary means employed at Pentecost was the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit upon the church. The Spirit gave them power, united them, and brought to them a beautiful fellowship in worship, preaching, teaching, sharing, and joy! They continued to give themselves "to teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." (Acts 2:42).

The promise fulfilled today

Jesus' promise of the coming of the Holy Spirit can be claimed by the church today! We too can be filled with the Holy Spirit and speak with boldness the word of God. We too can share the joy, the unity, the fellowship, worship and prayer which comes with the presence of the Holy Spirit. To insist on the same outward symbols of the noise of wind and the picture of tongues of fire, and the ability to speak in a language we have not learned is to miss the experience of Pentecost altogether. The reality of his coming is not in the signs but in the result of bold witnessing and quality of church fellowship!

Some time ago I was talking to a young lady of another denomination. She told me how she had come to accept Jesus as Lord and Savior of her life. She also shared the joy of the reality of the presence of the Holy Spirit in her life. She seemed to be surprised that I as a Baptist felt as ease and comfortable talking to her about the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. She told me about her neighbors. They were Baptists and went to church Sunday mornings, Sunday nights and on Wednesdays. She said, "they go to church all the time but they are afraid of the Holy Spirit."

Jesus said, "You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you" (Acts 1:8). In faith, let us surrender our lives to Jesus as Lord and trust him to fulfill his promise and to send the Holy Spirit upon us.

Victim or victor?

March 12, 1978

John 19:19-30

"You ask me why Jesus came from on high, to die on the old rugged cross . . ."

These are the beginning lines of a touching song written by Gale Dunn, and used for several years by Dr. O. L. Bayless, then pastor of Second Church, Hot Springs, as the opening and closing of a daily radio devotional.

Dunn said he got the inspiration for the song from a question asked him by his nine year old son. "Daddy, why did Jesus have to die?"

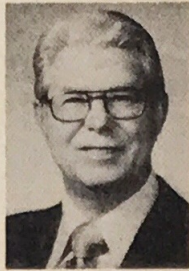
The words and melody of this song still linger in my memory though it has been 20 years since I last heard it. The answer to the question of the little boy continues to make me ponder the depths of the fathomless love of God, though it has been many years since I first experienced it.

The title on the cross (19:19-22)

"It was that death, the most dreaded in the ancient world, the death of slaves and criminals, that Jesus died," so writes Barclay of crucifixion. Jesus had been led away. He had been scourged. The cross was placed upon him and he was paraded to Golgatha, the place of the skull. The custom was to write an inscription to be placed on the cross which indicated the crime for which the condemned was being crucified.

Pilate had ordered that Jesus' inscription read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." The Jews protested asking that it be changed to indicate that Jesus said he was king of the Jews. Some writers think Pilate chose this inscription to taunt the Jewish leaders for their sorry sense of values in rejecting their king. Obviously, they were irritated by it. Pilate, however, had adequately examined Jesus and affirmed that he could find no fault in the Lord. He certainly had opportunity to be influenced by the person of Jesus.

Let us observe also that the inscription was written in three languages, Greek,



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Latin and Hebrew, the languages of the three great nations of that time. Greek culture had a strong emphasis on beauty. The Romans were known for strong law and good government, while the Hebrews were known for their worship of the true God.

Barclay sees in Jesus these three qualities as the supreme beauty and the highest thought of God, the law of God and of the kingdom of God, the very image of God. It is symbolic he be called king in the three great languages of the world and be proclaimed the Savior to all nations in every language.

The parting of Jesus' Garments (vv. 23-25)

In these verses the soldiers gambled for Jesus' tunic. The normal attire of a Jewish male consisted of five articles of clothing: shoes, turban, girdle, tunic and an outer robe. It was customary for the soldiers to receive the clothing of the condemned. They agreed to cast lots (gamble) for Jesus' tunic, which was seamless and all one piece. To have divided it would have rendered it useless. It is to be noted that this was prophesied in the scriptures (Psalm 22:18, John 19:24).

While Jesus hung on the cross the soldiers gambled for his clothing. So, as Jesus staked everything on his utter fidelity to God, even the death of the cross, am I not staking my eternal destiny on his sacrifice for me? Are you?

Jesus speaks from the cross (vv. 26-30)

There is a familiar cantata entitled "The Seven Last Words of Christ." The apostle John in his gospel relates four of these words in this passage. The others are in the synoptics, Matthew, Mark and Luke. They reflect the thought and action of the Savior in his last hours. People treasure the words of their loved ones in their last hours on earth. Each word of Jesus in his last hours is significant in relation to his work climaxed in his going to the cross. We

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need to treasure his words, too.

Only John of the eleven was present when Jesus died. There were four women there. Jesus' mother could not understand, but she could love. The eternal love of motherhood was in Mary there at the cross. Jesus' mother's sister, Salome, the mother of James and John, stood by. Remember her as the one Jesus had rebuked because she asked favored places for her sons when Jesus would come into his kingdom. The Lord could rebuke in love. Then there was Mary, wife of Clophas, of whom we know nothing else. Finally, Mary Magdelene, out of whom Jesus cast seven devils, came to the scene. She could not forget.

It is significant that the Lord, even while hanging on the cross, was not unmindful of his family obligations. Possibly no other of his family was present. Seeing his mother, he said, "Woman, behold thy son!" Then he said to John, his cousin, a believer, and the disciple whom Jesus loved, "Behold thy mother" (v. 27). Thus he observed the law with promise, the fifth commandment. John took Mary to his own home.

Finally, Jesus uttered the triumphant words, "It is finished." Malice and envy of his persecutors had done its worst. The counsel and commandment of his Father concerning his sufferings had been fulfilled. All the types of prophecies of the Old Testament were accomplished. Ceremonial law was abolished. All the shadows were erased and sin was finished. An end was made of transgression. The Lamb of God was sacrificed to take away the sin of the world. His sufferings were not finished. His life on earth was over. The work of man's redemption and salvation was completed. So, "he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost." He freely resigned. He paid down the price of pardon at his Father's hand.

Was Jesus the "victim or victor?" Surely the heavenly hosts are continually singing the songs of Moses and the Lamb. No earthly doxology will adequately express the praise of his redeemed ones. Are you in that throng?

"You ask me why Jesus came from on high, to die on the old rugged cross. . ."

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PARAGOULD	KDRS	1490	K	SU	1000AM
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HEW Secretary defends Carter on parochial aid

by W. Barry Garrett

WASHINGTON (BP) — Joseph A. Califano Jr. defended President Jimmy Carter against charges that he lied to the Catholics during the 1976 campaign when he said that he, if elected, would work for federal funds for parochial schools.

The secretary of U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, who is a Roman Catholic, said that candidate Carter carefully chose his words relating to education aids to parochial schools. He said that Carter's pledge was limited by the restrictions placed on him by the U.S. Constitution.

The Carter campaign pledge relating to constitutional aid to parochial schools

aid programs. The Moynihan-Packwood proposal for tax credits is estimated to cost the government a minimum of \$4.7 billion.

The views of the Carter administration on aid to parochial schools were explained at a joint hearing before the Senate Committee on Human Resources, chaired by Sen. Harrison A. Williams, D.-N.J., and the House Committee on Education and Labor, chaired by Rep. Carl D. Perkins, D.-Ky.

The hearing contrasted with one held by Moynihan and Sen. Bob Packwood, R.-Ore., in January. The earlier hearing was virtually boycotted by other members of the Senate and treated mildly in the media.

On the other hand, the administration's proposal and attack on the Moynihan-Packwood plan was launched by a press conference in the White House with the president himself

present. This was followed by the joint hearing by committees from both houses of Congress, with bi-partisan support the next day. It was heavily covered by the media.

Hearings on the administration's proposal will be continued both in the Senate and House in a whirlwind effort to enact it into law before overwhelming support can be mustered for the Moynihan-Packwood tax credit proposal. The administration, however, has heavy odds to overcome because six times before the Senate has passed some form of tax credit legislation, and strong support exists in the House for a Moynihan-Packwood type of bill.

The administration's proposal is designed to aid higher education only, while the Moynihan-Packwood Bill also includes elementary and secondary schools in an attempt at a breakthrough to aid parochial schools.

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Sunday School plan for growth outlined

NASHVILLE (BP) — Calling for an increased "growth consciousness," Robert G. Fulbright, director of the Sunday School Board's Bible teaching division, recently presented to employees a five-year plan for increasing Sunday School enrollment across the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC).

The five-year plan calls for an increase in Sunday School enrollment of 12 percent, to 8.3 million, by 1982. To achieve this, enrollment must average a gain of 178,106 each year. Enrollment now stands at 7.4 million.

Fulbright said that to achieve the goals would require Sunday School department employees to make a "personal commitment to growth consciousness." He also said growth would have a high visibility in Sunday School periodicals and field services.

Introduction of the growth plan was stimulated by the fact that Sunday School enrollment declined last year for the first time in three years. The plan also is part of the Sunday School Board's commitment to the SBC Bold Mission Thrust emphasis.

Fulbright speculated that one reason for last year's Sunday School decline was that baptisms

decreased 10.2 percent. "The years we have increased enrollment are the years the denomination has increased in baptisms. Our objective is to reach lost people for Christ and meaningful church membership," he said.

Fulbright said growth will be achieved by continued emphasis on Bible study that changes lives and the use of varied growth approaches.

He noted that 34,000 persons were reached last year through 561 new Sunday schools. He cited the cradle roll plan for ministering to expectant parents and families of infants as having great potential for reaching people.

"One problem in the past has been that too many of our enlargement efforts have been aimed at the same target group," he said. Ministry to ethnic and language groups, bus outreach and fellowship Bible classes were among the other growth approaches he identified.

Fulbright said state convention personnel had been fully involved in developing the five-year plan and are committed to working with the board in leading Sunday Schools to grow.

has been widely cited by Catholics as an endorsement of tax credits for those paying tuition in such schools. Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D.-N.Y., himself a Roman Catholic, went so far as to say that the president lied to the American people when he came out against tax credit proposals.

The Califano defense of the president came during hearings on the administration's alternative proposal for aid to middle class Americans with children in college. Specifically attacking tax credit aid to education, the Carter plan proposes a \$1.4 billion package of grants, work study and loans in fiscal 1979 to increase existing student