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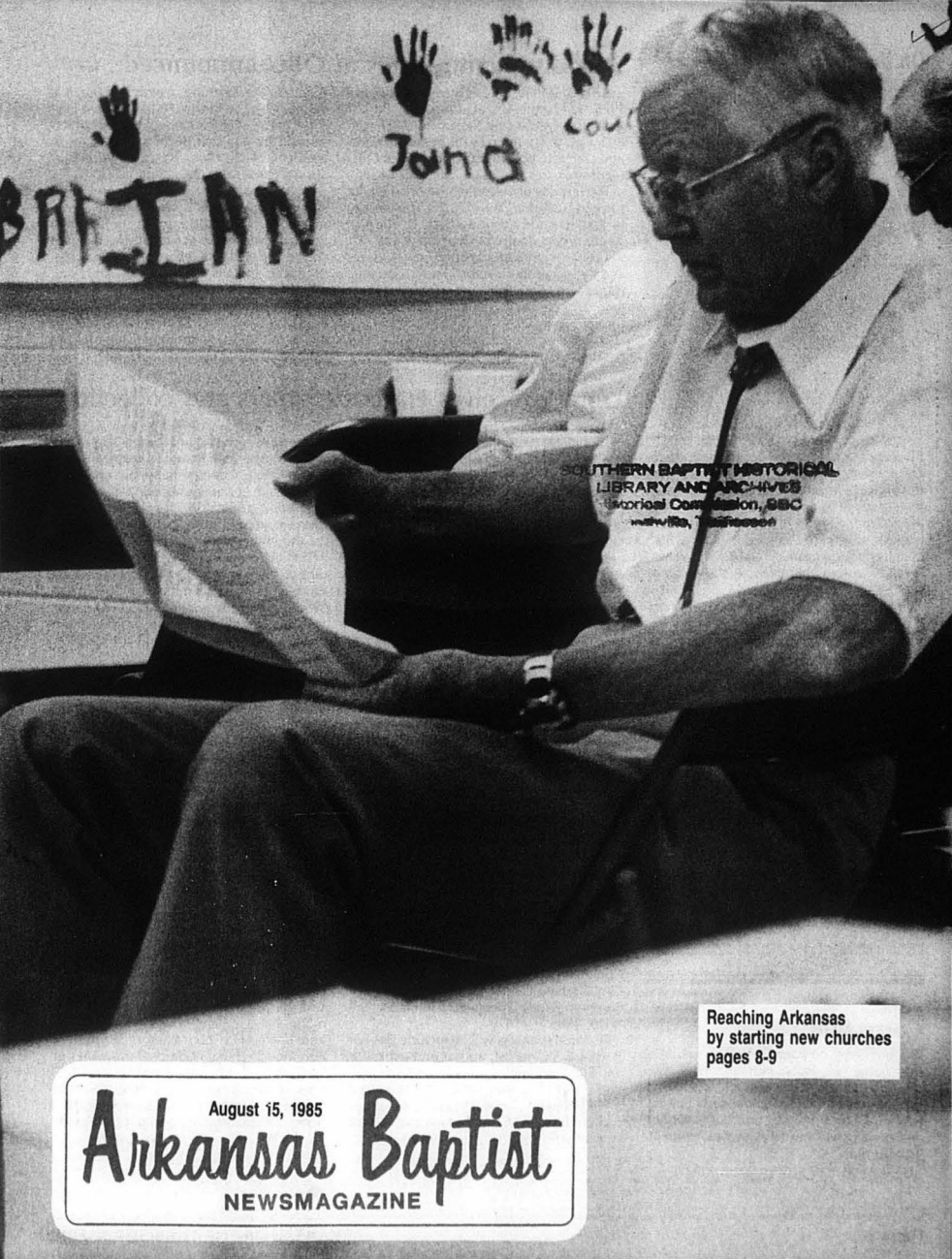
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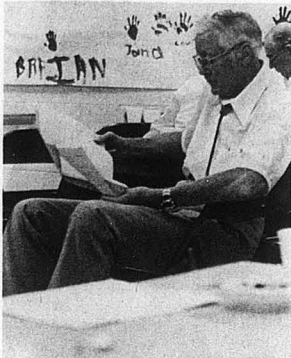
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## On the cover



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Jim Pence, a member of Southside Church, Fort Smith, considers a recommendation from the church's Missions Committee that an effort be made to establish a new church for American Indians in Fort Smith. On pp. 8-9, a series of articles begins this week which sketch efforts being made around the state to reach Arkansans untouched by the gospel by starting new churches.

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### Correction

In a brief item on page 6 of the Aug. 8 ABN the name of Patty Huston, who was recognized by Rosedale Church, Little Rock, for five years perfect attendance in Sunday School, Church Training and both morning and evening worship services, was incorrectly reported.

## School opening dates at OBU announced

ARKADELPHIA — Registration for the 1985 fall semester at Ouachita Baptist University will be held Tuesday, Aug. 27 from 8:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Evans Student Center and Lile Hall, according to Mike Kolb, OBU registrar.

The first day of classes on the Arkadelphia campus is Wednesday, Aug. 28. The last day to register or add a course is Sept. 11. The final day to drop a course at Ouachita is Oct. 17.

The President's Hour for all new students and their parents is set for 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 24, in Mitchell Hall Auditorium. Orientation for the new students will continue through Aug. 26.

Ouachita's annual faculty/staff planning session for the fall semester will be Friday,

Aug. 23. The morning session will begin at 8:30 a.m. in the Recital Hall of Mabee Fine Arts Center. After a noon recess, the final session of the day will begin at 1:30 p.m. in McClellan Hall, room 100, and adjourn at approximately 4 p.m.

A banquet for faculty, staff and their spouses and friends is set for Friday evening, Aug. 23, at 6:30 p.m. in the Banquet Room of Evans Student Center. The banquet will be followed by a reception on the bridge of Evans for all new faculty and staff members and their spouses.

A new faculty orientation session will be held Thursday, Aug. 22, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Board Room of Evans Student Center.

## Library receives Harbuck papers and collection

NASHVILLE — The Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives, operated by the Historical Commission, SBC, acquired the personal papers and book collection of Donald B. Harbuck in April before his death on June 4, 1985. At the time of his death, he was pastor emeritus of First Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., where he had served as pastor until his resignation on January 1, 1985, due to illness.

A native of Louisiana and graduate of Centenary College, Shreveport, and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Harbuck was a former pastor of First Church, El

Dorado.

The papers consist of 30 linear feet of sermons, devotional material, research, correspondence, denominational materials, revival and engagement files and writings. The book collection is a "pastor's well-rounded library," said Pat Brown, librarian for the library and archives.

The significance of the collection, according to Bill Summers, archivist of the Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives, "is more than documenting Harbuck's life and career. It illustrates the similar careers of thousands of other Baptist ministers."

## Newsmagazine board sets new obituary policy

The board of trustees for the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*, in a regular meeting Aug. 2, revised the publication's standing policy on the printing of death notices.

The new policy states: "Notice of deaths in brief form may be carried on active members or members who have been significantly active in Arkansas Baptist churches provided they are received a maximum of 14 days after the death, to the extent that space is available. The editorial staff will

make a judgement on news value which will determine the amount of space to be given. Widely known pastors and denominational workers outside of Arkansas will be covered on the basis of news value."

The old policy specified death notices would be published only on active members of Arkansas Baptist churches. The revision is intended to allow for death notices for former active Arkansans who died while living in another state.

## Evangelism congress planned for February

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — "Proclaiming the Gospel" is the theme of the fourth annual Congress on Evangelism, sponsored by the Billy Graham Center for Evangelism at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Feb. 17-19, 1986.

Featured speakers will include Stephen F. Olford, evangelist, author and expositor, and Franklin Graham, director of Samaritan's Purse and son of evangelist Billy Graham.

The program also will feature small group conferences, music and inspirational worship experiences.

"We believe this is going to be a program of tremendous value to the pastor who wants to preach the gospel more effectively and also the layperson who wants to become a stronger witness," explained Lewis A. Drummond, Billy Graham Professor of Evangelism and conference coordinator. Drummond also indicated that additional program personalities will be announced in the fall.

For more information on the Congress on Evangelism, contact Drummond at Southern Seminary, 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville, KY 40280.



The youth of many churches hold special fund raising projects to raise money for special activities. These fund raising efforts provide money for many worthy causes such as choir trips, Christian youth camps, home and foreign mission offerings and mission projects. Fund raising projects include such things as car washes, slave days and other such activities. Some believe all such mission projects defeat New Testament stewardship. However, we believe these projects can be positive, provided New Testament stewardship principles are presented to the young people.

Clearly, the New Testament teaches the work of the Lord is to be supported through our tithes and offerings. Young people in general do not have a regular income, and it would be impossible for them to pay for these special projects through normal tithes and offerings. It, therefore, becomes imperative each young person recognize he or she is earning money that is being given to the church for a designated project.

It also is vital that each adult purchasing service from the young people recognize he or she has simply employed a young person to carry out a needed task and this in no way should be deducted from the individual's tithes and offerings.

First of all, young people and adults need to understand New Testament stewardship. A steward in the New Testament era was a slave or a free person who had complete control or management of his master's or employer's estate. He had the right to invest, purchase and to sell the assets of his employer. He could invest some of his employer's assets for himself. Of course, he was held accountable for all of his actions by his employer when he was checked periodically. Each Christian needs to recognize God has simply entrusted into his hands certain material possessions. God is the real owner of everything. We are but stewards.

In the New Testament, stewardship is always person centered, that is, attention is never fixed upon money and things as such. The collection of money is never an end in itself. God can get along without any individual's money since "the earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein" (Ps. 24:1). The New Testament emphasizes individual growth in relationship to God and one's fellowman.

Jesus had two basic concerns in reference to man and his possessions. It was Christ's desire for every individual to be free from the tyranny of things and to be actively concerned about the needs of his Christian brother. Jesus warned repeatedly of the danger of being controlled by material possessions. He taught the alternative was for an individual to submit himself to the

sovereignty of God rather than to the control of materialism.

Jesus clearly taught the rich young ruler he must be free from the tyranny of material possessions. At first glance, the dialogue between them is surprising, for the young man had inquired, "Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" (Luke 18:18b).

Jesus replied by saying, "... Sell all thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasures in heaven; come and follow me" (Luke 18:22b). It was necessary for the young ruler to rid himself of his possessions, because this was his god. Second, like everyone else, he must "follow" Christ.

Each person becomes a Christian by making Jesus Christ the Lord and Savior of his life. Nothing else should take the place of supreme God in an individual's life.

Jesus never measured individual stewardship on a quantitative basis. It was always qualitative and personal. The widow who gave two small copper coins (mites) was praised for giving more than had been given by the wealthy. Jesus said, "For all these have of their abundance cast in unto the offerings of God: but she of her penury hath cast in all the living that she had" (Luke 21:4).

Jesus never condemned an individual for having money, provided his attitude toward material possessions was correct. In the story of the rich man and Lazarus, Jesus clearly commended Abraham, who was in heaven. Wealth exercised under the guidelines of Christian stewardship becomes the rich man's opportunity. Money is neither good nor evil. It is when the individual is controlled by money that it becomes evil.

Finally, Jesus validated the tithe. In condemning the Pharisees for their legalistic approach to life, Jesus also validated the tithe (Matt. 23:23). The tithe is the minimum for all individuals, but, unfortunately, we have all too often made it the maximum standard rather than the beginning point. For many middle class Americans, the tithe is stillally unacceptable. Many should be giving much more. When an individual has truly given himself and followed the example of our Lord, he will increase the percentage of giving as his income grows.

Fund raising activities for young people provide a unique opportunity for teaching the principles of New Testament stewardship. Young people need to learn from the beginning they are, first of all, to give themselves to Christ. When they earn money, they are to tithe, since this is the minimum. When they become adults and their incomes increase, they are to increase their percentage of giving. When such teaching is connected with youth fund raising projects, the projects become doubly valuable.

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## One layman's opinion

Daniel R. Grant

### Religious discrimination in choosing a college president

Once upon a time, "discrimination" was not necessarily a dirty word. Even the U. S. Supreme Court consistently ruled that there were cases of reasonable discrimination—perfectly proper under the law—and of unreasonable discrimination, improper and illegal under the law. At one time, maximum hour legislation to protect women was held to be reasonable discrimination based on sex. It assumed that women are physically different from men and therefore need regulations relevant to those differences. Child labor laws are still accepted as reasonable discrimination of the basis of age.

Today, we are apparently growing a breed of people who think that all discrimination is evil, regardless of the reason or the context. The latest horror story along this line that has come to my attention is a complaint about religious discrimination in choosing a college president. Dr. Stephen M. Schneeweiss, now president of Cazenovia

College in New York, has charged that he was turned down for the presidency of Saint Leo College, a Catholic institution in Florida, because he is Jewish. He has filed a complaint with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission saying, "I was clearly the first choice of the committee except for the fact that I was a Jew . . . and certain board members objected to me on this ground."

It cannot be denied that religious discrimination in employment is improper and, illegal in the case of all state and some private colleges and universities, because they have no stated religious purpose for their institution. But all regional and national accrediting agencies and even the U. S. Supreme Court (grudgingly, at times) agree that religious discrimination in employment is reasonable and acceptable if it is important for the accomplishment of the clearly stated purposes of the institution.

What really troubles me about this story

is why a Jewish applicant thought he was qualified to direct a Catholic college. Either the Catholic college in advertising for applicants did not make it clear that it has distinctly Christian purposes and needs a president with a strong personal commitment to these purposes, or the Jewish applicant thought modern church-related colleges have gotten so far away from their early religious purposes that the mission statement is only a superficial veneer that no longer has meaning. Either scenario does not speak well for at least a sizable segment of higher education in 1985.

Church-related colleges and universities, and their presidents, had better make certain they engage in religious discrimination (the reasonable kind) or they cannot expect to remain church-related very long.

**Daniel R. Grant is president of Ouachita Baptist University.**

## missionary notes

**Mr. and Mrs. G. Dean Dickens**, missionaries to the Philippines, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 211 East B, North Little Rock, AR 72116). They are natives of Arkansas. He was born in Little Rock and lived in Clinton and Booneville. The former Karr La Miller, she was born in Texarkana and lived in Eudora, Bauxite and Mena. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1974.

**Mr. and Mrs. Orville Boyd Jenkins**, missionaries to Kenya, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: P. O. Box 52, Limuru, Kenya). He grew up in Texas. She is the former Edith McSwain of Ethel. They were appointed in 1975.

**Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Leagans**, missionaries to Colombia, have completed furlough and

returned to the field (address: Apartado Aereo 1874, Ibague, Tolima, Colombia). He is a native of North Carolina. She is the former Judy Halbert of Star City. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1978.

**Mr. and Mrs. J. Mark Terry**, missionaries to the Philippines, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 2660 Dowdy Ferry Rd., Dallas, TX 75217). He was born in Siloam Springs and also lived in Decatur while growing up. She is the former Barbara Whittle of Dallas, Texas. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1975.

**Mr. and Mrs. Carl R. Hall**, missionaries to Kenya, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: Rt. 2, Box 772, Arkadelphia, AR 71923). They are natives of Arkansas. He was born in Heber Springs and also lived near

Monette and Manila and Paragould while growing up. She is the former Gerry Wright of McCrory. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1970.

**Mr. and Mrs. Ed L. Smith**, missionaries to Botswana, report a change of furlough address (717 N. Hughes, Little Rock, AR 72205). The are natives of Arkansas. He is from DeQueen, and she is the former Charlene Clements of El Dorado. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1971.

**Mr. and Mrs. Roy G. Davidson Jr.**, missionaries to Swaziland, report a change of furlough address (601 S. Hughes, Little Rock, AR 72205). He is a native of Memphis, Tenn., and she is the former Patsy Dadds of Roscoe, Texas. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1965.

## New hunger guide sent to churches by Christian Life Commission

NASHVILLE — Churches throughout the Southern Baptist Convention will soon receive an up-to-date report on their denomination's response to the world hunger crisis.

The 1985-86 *World Hunger Awareness Action Guide* has been sent to pastors and other church staff, associational directors of missions, campus ministry directors and state Brotherhood and WMU leaders in advance of the convention-wide observance of World

Hunger Day on Oct. 13.

The 24-page report was produced by the Christian Life Commission, which coordinates Southern Baptist education and action on global hunger. The guide contains reports on hunger-related ministries by the Foreign and Home Mission Boards, Brotherhood and WMU.

The special resource also includes information about public policy and hunger,

helps for preaching on hunger, practical suggestions for effective hunger response in local churches, associations and state Baptist conventions and a list of resources for use in the local church.

Additional copies of the guide may be ordered at cost from the Christian Life Commission. *Hunger Alert*, a guidebook for youth and youth leaders, along with other hunger-related resources, also is available.

Don Moore

**You'll be glad to know...**

... You can do something wonderful for a friend or family member!

If they are without Christ, the greatest thing you could do is share with them about Jesus and how to receive the gift of eternal life. If they are already saved and attending college or university, the finest thing you can do is help them become active in Baptist Student Union activities on their campus.

Three things will likely accomplish that. First, make it a matter of prayer. Second, urge them to begin visiting the BSU Center. Third, send their name and school address to the local BSU or state BSU office. A fourth thing could help. Send their name and address to a local church where they go to school. The student will likely make some most crucial decisions during college days. They need to be kept in fellowship with the Lord and his people. You can help! Do it now!

... You can get help if your church is floundering! Wamba Church in Texarkana, Texas, was almost ready to fold. They did a "Project Assistance For Churches in Transition" last year. Located in the midst of a growing blue-collar area, they couldn't get going. The study helped them evaluate their programs and ministries, as well as to see the opportunities the changing neighborhood presented. They remodeled their sanctuary, built a fellowship hall and expanded a parking lot. Ministries were begun just for their type area. Sunday School attendance has tripled. Worship attendance has increased to 50. Through this consultation, the church has become a living, creative, vital presence in its community. We have a specialist in this type ministry available to our Arkansas Baptist churches. Call us to get help if your church is floundering.

Oh, have you gotten your evangelistic help for your Good News America revival? Have you set aside money to help on radio, TV and billboard advertising?

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



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## Woman's viewpoint

Mary Maynard Sneed

### Marriage requires mature commitment

Full moons, soft breezes and warm embraces: these are the seedlings of love. But to go beyond the stages of budding romance, a marriage must be carefully nurtured. With continuing devotion and tender care, young love can come into full bloom as a mature and beautiful relationship.

Marriage has the potential for being the most rewarding of all human relationships. But, in bringing together diverse backgrounds, differing values and priorities and establishing innumerable relationships with friends and relatives, it also may be the most difficult. Marriage introduces young lovers to the realities of full garbage pails, tight budgets and warmed-over food. It requires mature commitment.

Leading authorities on marriage advise that in the cultivating of healthy marriages the most important single ingredient is maturity. Since the immaturity of one or both partners is the source of most marital conflicts, let us examine briefly the trait to be desired.

The four kinds of maturity basic to a sound marriage are emotional, intellectual, physical and spiritual. One aspect of emotional maturity includes the ability to understand and evaluate the facts and feelings which make up one's own attitudes and actions.

The marital relationship may be seriously complicated by the childish behavior of either partner. The adult-child marriage simply does not work very well.

Intellectual maturity has much to offer in terms of communication and shared interests. In maintaining the proper attitude toward intellectual growth, one should be alert, curious and continually attaining new knowledge.

Physical maturity is more than the ability to reproduce. Included is the development of proper attitudes toward one's body. Though it is desirable to maintain good health, one should avoid becoming too occupied with one's own physical appearance.

Finally, spiritual maturity is essential. In order to be rightly related to others, we first must be rightly related to God. It is through him that we truly learn to love. When both partners have a relevant and working faith and God is put first in every aspect of life, then they are able to cultivate the marriage into the flower they would have it to be.

Mary Maynard Sneed is a North Little Rock homemaker and an adult Sunday School teacher at Park Hill Church.

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**Arkansas Laity Abroad coordinator**—Arkansas Roy Nix (center) talks with Foreign Mission Board staffers Jim Cecil (left) and Jackie Hollis during a conference for the board's Laity Abroad information coordinators. Nix, who works as a Mission Service Corps volunteer with the Missions Department of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, can provide information about mission opportunities for Arkansas Baptists going overseas to work, study or travel. He may be contacted at 4200 Mt. Vernon Dr., North Little Rock, AR 72116, or through the ABSC at 376-4791.

by Millie Gill / ABN staff writer

## people

**Debbie Smith** will join the staff of Geyer Springs First Church in Little Rock as director of children's ministries, coming there from eight years of service at Spring Church in Spring, Texas. She is a graduate of both Texas Tech University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

**Leon Vandivor** resigned July 29 as pastor of Pleasant Valley Church at Heber Springs, following 12 years of service.

**V. W. Simpson** is serving as pastor of Pleasant Grove III Church at Waldron.

**Billy Maxey** has resigned as pastor of Evening Shade Church to move to Mena, where he will be employed.

**Don Miller** has resigned as minister of education at Gravel Ridge First Church to continue his studies at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

**John Basinger** is serving as interim pastor of Eastside Church in Trumann.

**William Whitlock** of Bay is serving as pastor of Faith Church at Tulot.

**Jim Tillman** of Walnut Ridge is serving as interim pastor of Trumann First Church.

**Jeff Knowlton** is serving as pastor of Blackwater Church at Manila.

**Mike Henderson** is serving as pastor of Whitton Church, coming there from Marion Church where he served as minister of music and youth. Henderson is a second-year student at Mid-America Seminary.

**Johnny Long** of Armored is serving as pastor of Osceola Friendship Church. He also serves as a faculty member in the Armored School District.

**Ray W. McClung** died July 31 in St. Joseph Hospital in Hot Springs following a heart attack. He was a member of Hot Springs Second Church, where he was serving as minister to senior adults. He had served the church as minister of music and education from 1947-1960 and retired in 1977 as director of missions for Pulaski County Association, following nine years of service. McClung, a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, had also served churches in Oklahoma and Colorado. He was a veteran of World War II. His funeral services were

held Aug. 2 at Hot Springs Second Church. Survivors include his wife, Fay; two sons, Lynn R. McClung of Tulsa, Okla., and Robert A. McClung of Kennett Square, Penn.; a daughter, Beth Williams of Texarkana, Texas; a brother, Roy C. McClung of Duncanville, Texas; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

**D.C. McAtee** is serving as interim pastor of Widener Church.

## briefly

**South Side Church** in Fort Smith members voted July 28 to establish a ministry to American Indians in the Fort Smith area.

**Douglasville Church** near Little Rock will observe homecoming Aug. 25 with a morning worship service, potluck luncheon and afternoon musical program featuring the Gospel Tones quartet, according to pastor Glen Smith.

**Greenwood First Church** recently honored pastor Milton James and Mrs. James in recognition of their 10 years of service. The couple will return Aug. 27 from an all-expense paid trip to Europe, an appreciation gift from the congregation. Charlie Jones, chairman of deacons, moderated the recognition service, praising James for his leadership that has resulted in a membership growth from 688 to the present 1,312; a budget increase from \$61,492 to \$405,067; a total offering of over \$3 million; 541 baptisms; 678 additions by letter; increased missions giving and the building of a \$1 million auditorium and educational building.

**Lonoce Church** commissioned Carroll Hallum, Harry Tommey, Brett Bunch, Leo Wilson and Willie Hutchens as yokefellows July 28.

**Fordey First Church** youth recently worked in Prattsville, assisting the Bue Church with the renovation of educational space; backyard Bible clubs and a revival.

**Immanuel Church** in Little Rock youth recently led backyard Bible clubs throughout the city.

**Sherrwood First Church** youth will be in McCloud, Okla., Aug. 17-22 to assist with backyard Bible clubs and a revival.

**Blytheville First Church** men are working in Albia, Iowa, as a summer missions project.

**Woodland Heights Church** in Harrison is providing Woman's Missionary Union curriculum for the WMU of Mountain View Chapel in Modoc, Ind., as a part of the Arkansas-Indiana Linkup.

**Gilmore Mission** near Turrell recently began services with Ronnie Arnold serving as interim pastor. Hal and Susan Saunders of Lepanto First Church are directing music. The mission is a joint effort of Marked Tree Central Church and Trinity Association. Tri-County Association contributed \$225 to cover three months building rent.

**Cockleburr Church** at Ward celebrated its 24th year as a Southern Baptist church with homecoming July 21 in which 127 participated. Pastor Wayne Edwards coordinated activities. Speakers were W. T. Bynum, director of missions for Caroline Association, and Paul Hall, a former pastor. Special music featured the church's children's choir and choirs from Old Austin and Formosa.

**Berryville First Church** youth choir assisted Eastwood Hills Church in Kansas City July 28-Aug. 3 by leading backyard Bible clubs and presenting the musical "Timothy." The summer mission effort resulted in four professions of faith, according to David Manner, Berryville minister of music and youth.

**Henderson First Church** had ground broken July 28 by its 11 remaining charter members for a new sanctuary that will seat approximately 300. Also included in the construction will be an additional 3,600 square feet of classroom and office space, according to pastor Donny Thrasher. Edward Powers, director of missions for White River Association, was guest speaker.

**Fellowship Church** at Huntington is constructing a building that will house a sanctuary, office suite, pastor's study, a nursery and a toddler area, according to pastor Charles Whedbee.

**How Creek Church** at Waldron ordained Johnny Barnett and Jackie Smith as deacons June 30. Leading the ordination were Leran Holmes, Price Neal, pastor Glen Wagner and Johnnie Darr, director of missions for Buckner Association.

# SBC Peace Committee to focus on differences in theology

by Dan Martin

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—The 22-member peace committee charged with resolving the controversy in the Southern Baptist Convention will begin its work by addressing theological issues and differences, according to chairman Charles Fuller.

Fuller, pastor of First Church, Roanoke, Va., told Baptist Press 17 of the 22 persons named to the committee attended an organizational meeting in Nashville Aug. 5-6, aimed at letting committee members get acquainted and setting a future course.

"When we began, we reviewed the assignment given to us by the convention," he said, noting the 1985 annual meeting of the SBC created the committee to "seek to determine the sources of the controversies in our convention and make findings and recommendations regarding these controversies."

"I asked each committee member to share individually the general goals they believe the committee can and should seek to establish, and what they believe this committee can and should seek to accomplish. I also asked each of them to tell why they had agreed to serve," Fuller said. "It was my attempt to try to jell the group into a unit and a fellowship."

Fuller said the committee decided to begin its work by dealing with theological issues and differences. "The committee concluded that political and structural problems invariably related to theological issues. Therefore, that is where the committee wants to begin."

"The agenda for the next meeting (scheduled in Nashville in early October) will begin focusing on an analysis and definition of the theological issues which must be discussed and confronted before we can pursue any other matter," he said.

Fuller added committee members are "not oblivious" to the political and structural dimensions of the controversy, but said they "relate to theological differences. If you say the problem is political, you then stop one step short (of the problem)."

The committee decided, Fuller said, to begin "where the problems lie and work toward a solution," rather than seeking a solution "and working back to the causes."

"The political and structural differences are important," he said. "We judged that the basic problems are theological and the other problems have sprung from that seed."

He said committee members "had difficul-

ty" planning their approach to such a broad area, and told of one member who likened the matter to "picking up an elephant; you don't know where to get hold of it."

But Fuller commented: "We must get 'ahold' of it. Even though we may go about it in several of the wrong ways, we believe eventually we are going to come across the right way."

He said the committee was unanimous in its decision to begin by dealing with theology. "There may have been different degrees of unanimity, but when we finally came to the point where we said the problem is theological, there was not a single protest about it," he said.

He said each committee member has been asked to come to the October meeting "prepared to present their own interpretation of what these theological issues are."

The next meeting also will focus on allowing the five absent members an opportunity "to do some of what we have already done...to allow them to come up to speed," he said, adding the five "were not present because of unavoidable conflicts in schedule."

SBC President Charles Stanley, pastor of First Church of Atlanta, was scheduled to attend, but had to cancel "at the last minute" because of a "family emergency," Fuller said.

Others not present were former SBC President Adrian Rogers, pastor of Bellevue Church, Memphis, Tenn.; Ed Young, pastor of Second Church, Houston; Jim Henry, pastor of First Church, Orlando, Fla.; and Bill Crews, pastor of Magnolia Avenue Church, Riverside, Calif.

All, Fuller said, attempted to resolve schedule conflicts but were unable to do so.

"There is no doubt that the five who did not attend were missed and would have made a very definite contribution to the balance of the group. But even though they would have benefited and we would have benefited had they been here, I do not believe their absence in any way impeded us from what we did accomplish," he said.

The committee met in "executive session," but adopted a policy statement regarding relationship to the media. Fuller said the action which created the committee gave it the privilege to conduct business "in open sessions..." but specified it may hold public hearings or may meet in "executive session."

The policy says it "is the desire of the

Southern Baptist Convention Peace Committee to keep Southern Baptists as informed as possible regarding the committee's action and activity. The committee is also greatly aware of the sensitive and delicate matters with which it must deal."

The policy says "following each meeting...a statement will be issued to Baptist Press through the committee chairman," and adds the committee will announce, "at the conclusion of each meeting, its decision on whether the next meeting, or parts thereof, will be open or will require an executive session."

Fuller explained the "committee feels executive sessions might be more necessary in the early stages. We feel openness is something for which we are responsible but sense executive sessions allow us to be free with ourselves without concern anyone might be there who might cramp any individual's freedom."

In other action the committee:

—Elected Charles Pickering, president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention and a Laurel attorney, vice-chairman. Pickering was one of the state convention presidents who presented the motion calling for creation of the committee.

—Named a three-member subcommittee—Pickering, Daniel Vestal, pastor of First Church, Midland, Texas, and John Sullivan, pastor of Broadmore Church, Shreveport, La.—to study all correspondence and "determine when and where suggestions and recommendations should be placed on the agenda." Fuller also will serve with the subcommittee.

—Decided to adopt "Southern Baptist Convention Peace Committee" as its official name.

Present, in addition to Fuller, Pickering, Sullivan and Vestal, were Harmon Born, Rex, Ga.; Doyle E. Carlton Jr., Wauchula, Fla.; Jodi Chapman, Wichita Falls, Texas; Robert Cutton, Lancaster, S.C.; Christine Gregory, Danville, Va.;

William E. Hull, Shreveport, La.; Herschel Hobbs, Oklahoma City; Albert McClellan, Nashville, Tenn.; William Poe, Charlotte, N.C.; Ray Roberts, Asheville, N.C.; Cecil Sherman, Fort Worth, Texas; Jerry Vines, Jacksonville, Fla., and Winfred Moore, Amarillo, Texas.

Dan Martin is news editor for Baptist Press.

## Conference changed

The annual bible conference held at Southern Baptist College at Walnut Ridge has been changed from December to Oct. 28-30. More information is available from Billy Walker at 886-6185 or from the president's office at 886-6741.

## Carl Hart announces plans to retire

ATLANTA (BP)—Carl Hart, director of the chaplaincy division for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board for the past nine years, announced plans to take early retirement from the board, effective Feb. 28, 1986.

Hart, 57, will have been with the Home Mission Board chaplaincy division for 16 years when he retires next year. His plans

were announced during the July meeting of HMB directors by William G. Tanner, HMB president.

In his letter requesting early retirement, Hart said although he enjoys good health at present, he felt the need to wind down toward retirement by going to a personal chaplaincy ministry where there is less stress.



## 'Facts of life' mandate new church starts

by Mark Kelly

Some of the most obvious facts of life are the hardest to accept.

Take for example the fact that 44 out of 100 people in Arkansas have no relationship whatsoever with a church of any kind. "Most of our people are shocked that 44 percent of our state's population is unchurched," said Floyd Tidsworth, director of church extension for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. "We find it hard to imagine."

Harder still to fathom is the fact that the state's population is growing faster than Arkansas Baptist churches are baptizing new members. In 1970, Southern Baptists had one church for every 1,616 people. By 1980, that had dropped to one for every 1,834. At present growth rates, Southern Baptists would have only one church for every 2,110 people by the turn of the century.

Thus, even if the 1,266 congregations cooperating with the ABSC doubled their baptismal rates, the state's burgeoning population would still outstrip their growth, noted Tidsworth. Even a church that thinks it is "setting the woods on fire" may be losing ground when area population is growing faster, he observed.

But perhaps most difficult of all to grasp is the fact there are groups of people in each community and every area of the state who have chosen not to respond to the ministries of existing Baptist churches, Tidsworth said.

Since Southern Baptists have set themselves the challenge of giving every person in the world an opportunity to hear and respond to the gospel by the year 2000, these three hard facts of life bring us face to face with a nagging question: how can we reach these untouched people?

Certainly, more baptisms in existing churches must form part of the answer, asserted Tidsworth, but new churches reach more people per resident member than existing churches. Without a significant increase in new church starts, catching up with and passing population growth will be very difficult, if not impossible, he explained.

"We must start new churches for the sheer numbers of it," declared Tidsworth. "With 30 new church starts each year, we could baptize 5,000 more persons annually. Combined with an increase in baptisms in existing churches, progress still could be made against population growth."

A Southern Baptist congregation in Arkansas can expect to reach up to 20 percent of the unchurched on its field, Tidsworth explained. But a number of factors keep them from reaching the other 80 percent, among them geography, race or culture, lifestyle, language and occupation.

"People are influenced in their choice of a church by at least four factors: building, leadership, music and programs," Tidsworth said. "Not everyone likes the same music. For the same reason, not everybody can be

reached by the same church."

The people of Arkansas are diverse, Tidsworth observed. They live in different kinds of communities, work at different kinds of jobs, live different kinds of lifestyles and come from different cultural or ethnic backgrounds. As a result, "we can't reach all the people of Arkansas by using the same approach everywhere."

"The key to reaching unreached people is compassion," he explained. "That means feeling their feelings, trying to get inside their skin and look at things from their viewpoint. We have to look at the people we are not reaching, find out who they are and decide what sort of approach will give us the opportunity to present the gospel to them in a manner they can accept."

Sometimes one can identify geographical areas not being reached adequately by any church, Tidsworth noted. New communities, suburban developments and retirement villages are examples of such easily identified areas in need of a new church start.

But other groups needing Christian ministry are not so readily identified, he added. Ethnic groups, for example, may be largely untouched, but, because they are dispersed throughout the community, one may not be aware of their presence.

By the same token, persons whose jobs make it hard to attend traditional church programs also are difficult for churches to "see" as a group needing ministry. And a church ministering to one economic group may not realize another group above or below them has no outreach offered them.

If Arkansas Baptists want to reach the state's unchurched people, a major push to start new churches will have to be made, Tidsworth insisted. But before trying to start those new churches, a long, hard look must be taken at where new churches are needed, who those churches might reach and how the gospel might best be presented.

Careful planning and a good strategy are essential, if previously unreached Arkansans are going to have an opportunity to respond to the gospel. Right now, a dozen Arkansas Baptist churches are in the process of starting new churches by trying to reach untouched groups of people. Identifying their target community, devising a strategy to reach it and following carefully-made plans, they hope to reach people for Christ who might not have been reached otherwise.

Beginning with this issue, the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* will highlight several of these "Missions Models" efforts over the next six weeks. They are offered in the hope they will highlight the range of needs for new churches in our state, outline the elements of good church starting strategy and encourage more churches to take up the challenge of bringing people to Christ through new churches.

## Modeling missions: first in a Careful preparation

"Indian watches don't run; they walk." That's the word of caution shared with Southside Church, Fort Smith, by ABSC language missions director Randy Cash as that congregation discussed the possibility of launching a new church for Fort Smith's sizable American Indian population.

"The Native American culture is different from Anglo (white) culture," Cash explained. "This work will develop slowly, but the need is there."

Arkansas does, in fact, have a substantial Native American population—9,364 according to the 1980 census. But because they are dispersed and somewhat assimilated, their presence as a group is not very obvious, Cash explained.

American Indians also are numerous in Fort Smith, and they are largely untouched by area Baptist churches, the Southside Missions Committee discovered. A survey conducted by Lanny Loe, a consultant with the ABSC Missions Department, revealed at least 900 American Indians from 26 tribes, making them the city's second largest ethnic group, behind the area's Vietnamese.

At a projected growth rate of 23 percent, Fort Smith would have a Native American population of at least 1,282 by the year 2000.

ABN photo / Mark Kelly



series

# lays solid foundation for mission effort

by Mark Kelly

With 80 percent of that group unchurched, the prospects of planting a self-supporting Baptist congregation looked very good, Loe's study concluded.

"I would have been astounded if someone had told me several months ago there were that many Indians in Fort Smith," said Southside pastor Wade Tucker. "I guess you just don't see people until you start looking for them."

Missions Committee chairman Betty Clement told the congregation she had felt a similar skepticism about the need for a

tion for that group. Beginning with the assertion a Baptist church can reach up to 20 percent of the unchurched on its field and the fact no Christian ministry has been specifically targeted at the group, Loe drew up an estimate of the potential for a new church.

Examining Loe's studies and exploring the situation themselves, Southside's Missions Committee decided a nucleus of six American Indian families interested in starting a church would justify launching the mission effort. Working with Danny McDaniel, director of Fort Smith's American Indian Center, the committee located their six-family nucleus pretty readily, and those families in turn led them to other prospects.

The Missions Committee obtained the support of Concord Association's director of missions, Ferrell Morgan, and received a promise of assistance from both the language missions and church extension programs of the state Missions Department.

Then, having located a leader in a neighboring state who was experienced with American Indians and willing to help with the project, the committee prepared a detailed recommendation that the church move to launch the mission effort. A complete presentation of their findings in a church

conference, complete with the endorsement of Southside's deacons and church council, resulted in a vote to bring the recommendation before the full congregation.

On Sunday, July 28, Southside Church voted overwhelmingly to bring the prospective mission leader to the city to share his strategy and meet with the nucleus of families, so that they could discuss a weekly meeting time, secure a place to worship and consider how to advertise their efforts.

"Southside Church provides us with a good example of excellent preparation and research by a knowledgeable consultant," said Floyd Tidsworth, ABCS church extension director. "It also shows us a missions committee doing its homework and making a well-founded recommendation to the church. The result was solid church support for the proposal."

With the further support of the association and the state Missions Department, Southside's project stands a much better chance of succeeding than it would have without such thorough preparation, he added.

But why couldn't Southside have just made an effort to bring Indians into their church fellowship? Doesn't starting an Indian church just segregate people more than they already are?

"We're not trying to segregate anybody," explained Tidsworth. "But the fact of the matter is that, even though we may be open to them, they are not open to us."

"This group of people has chosen not to respond to existing churches," said Tidsworth. "Looking through their eyes, you can see there are barriers between us, social, economic, ethnic and historical barriers."

"We're just trying to overcome these barriers and figure out the best way to reach these people with the gospel."

**Mark Kelly is a staff writer with the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine.**

## Modeling missions



Native American mission. "I wanted to see it for myself," she recalled. "I was shocked when I saw the prospects."

Carefully profiling Fort Smith's American Indian population, Loe detailed growth trends, income, age group breakdowns, educational levels and geographic distribu-



*Members of Southside Church, Fort Smith, consider a proposal from their Missions Committee to launch a mission effort toward the estimated 900 American Indians in the Fort Smith vicinity. Nearly 80 percent of that population is unchurched, creating a good opportunity for a new church start.*

# Your state convention at work

Christian Life Council

## Edleweiss and wine

A delightful contribution from Austria via the movie, *Sound of Music*, is the song "Edleweiss." The melody is used in a chorus occasionally sung in our churches.



Parker

Another more recent Austrian "contribution" has come to our country. A New York Times news service article by Frank J. Priol is entitled, "Poisonous Austrian Wine Discovered in the U.S." It tells of hundreds of thousands of gallons of Austrian wine being doctored with poisonous diethylene-glycol, or automobile anti freeze, to make them taste sweeter, like more expensive Austrian wines.

In response, the U.S. Treasury Department's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms is requiring that all wine from Austria be tested before sale.

The above appreciated news should alert us to the place where serious efforts would be made to require ingredients of all alcoholic beverage products be placed on their containers as is done on other consumer products. We might be surprised to know all the ingredients used. Could it be that's the reason the alcoholic beverage industry had rather these not be listed?

Write your state and national legislators and insist they pass laws to require such listing of ingredients. — **Bob Parker, director**

## Woman's Missionary Union Training is the key

Training is the key to learning one's job and doing it effectively. Church WMU Training Day, Thursday, Sept. 5, 1985, at Immanuel Church, Little Rock will feature conference leaders from Arkansas, Texas, Missouri and Kentucky. Conferences for all WMU and age-level leadership will be offered. Baptist Women and BYW members will have the opportunity to meet several missionaries, hear their needs and engage in a prayertime. Encourage Baptist Women/BYW members to participate in this "Missionary Share and Prayertime."

A nursery will be provided for preschoolers. Begin now to make arrangements for after school care for older children. Those attending will need to bring a sack lunch and leader materials. The Baptist Book Store will have materials for sale.

Information about Church WMU Training Day and Area WMU Training Conferences has been mailed to WMU leadership. If you cannot attend Church WMU

Training Day, plan to attend an Area Training Conference near you.

Decide that you are going to be an effective leader and begin by receiving training at a WMU leadership training conference. For more information, contact WMU Office, P. O. Box 552, Little Rock, AR 72203. — **Pat Glascock, GA/Mission Friends director**

## Missions

### New churches grow

It has been observed over a number of years with hundreds of examples that new churches grow faster than old churches.



Tidsworth

Let's look at some reasons why this is true.

A new church has the fresh zeal of a new born Christian. The enthusiasm of new dreams and challenges have not been dampened. Excitement is contagious.

The new church doesn't know that "it can't be done." So it does it! A positive attitude is an essential for growth.

A new congregation opens new doors for more people to enter the church. Some people develop blocks against existing churches. They may think "I can't dress well enough" or "I would not fit in."

A new church has the opportunity to plug into the "new generation." Perhaps the community has changed. The new people are not being reached by existing churches. The new church can become the "kind" of church that fits "today's" people.

There are more reasons. — **Floyd Tidsworth Jr., church extension director**

## Annuity/Stewardship

### Budget—mission support

What does the average church give to missions? This is a frequent question in Baptist life. Callers inquire about the average and committee members ask their pastors about average gifts.

The answer isn't an easy one because we have no average churches. A guest speaker will never insult a church by implying it is an average church. Pastors commend their great churches.

Should churches try to be average in mission support through associational missions and Cooperative Program ministries? While addition of total gifts and division by total churches will give an average, churches find little or no satisfaction in the average label.

Churches that excel in associational and Cooperative Program gifts have built their superior records over a period of years. A church should inquire, when considering mission support, about their record of giv-

ing 10, 15 and 20 years ago. Has the percentage increased?

Churches should also compare their present gifts with world needs and their potential resources. Can the church immediately increase the percentage for missions?

Goals are essential. Plans give direction. Planned Growth in Giving challenges churches to set 15-year goals for associational missions and Cooperative Program ministries. Who will encourage budget and finance committees to recommend long range goals in mission support?

The missions section of the budget is an accurate indicator of the church's response to our Lord's command. — **James A. Walker, director**

## Evangelism

### Fall CWT seminar

This is the last public call related to the fall National CWT Seminar. This seminar will be in the Life Line Church, Little Rock, Oct. 28-31.



Shell

Gerald Taylor is pastor of this church. Brother Taylor was trained in the first National CWT Seminar that we conducted in Arkansas. He has led his people to be deeply involved in sharing the Good News of Christ. Brother Gerald will be teaching during the national seminar and his people will be leading as speakers.

Our national CWT consultant working with the Home Mission Board will be David Grant. Dr. Grant is pastor emeritus of the Broadmoor Church, Jackson, Miss. This will be the third seminar that Grant has worked with our department in Arkansas. He has an excellent background of practical experience that is shared in the context of wonderful Christian love.

We have a good number of interested pastors and staff registered for this seminar. At the present time, we still have openings for others to register. Remember, you must register through the state Evangelism Department. If you have a definite interest, please call or write soon. The cutoff date for registration is Sept. 27. Many lives have been blessed and many souls have been saved through the CWT process. — **Clarence Shell, director**

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## Family and Child Care

### Potato patch ministry

What a joy it was to watch the dedicated people of Woodland Heights Church harvest spuds Friday, July 19, for the children at Arkansas Baptist Home in Monticello.

For eight years, the faithful people of Woodland Heights and their pastor, Joe Hogan, have been growing potatoes for the 56 children who live at the Home.

The potato patch is located on the property of Paul Dart near Dogpatch. Each spring, the church members cut seed potatoes, plow, harrow, fertilize the patch and plant the seed. Everyone in the church participates, including young children and senior adults. The ministry becomes a time of fun as well as work. The patch is weeded and prayed for as it grows.

In July, the potatoes are picked, sacked and transported 250 miles to their destination. The transportation alone involves 10 hours of travel each year.

Woodland Heights Church has donated over 40,480 pounds of potatoes in the past eight years. This represents much time, money and effort. This ministry of love will yield eternal dividends. Thanks, Woodland Heights. God bless you! — **Clinton Morrison, director, Harrison area office**

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### Couple wanted

Family looking for childless couple, ages 55 to 65, to care for elderly parents. Nursing skills desired, but not required. Responsibilities include presence of one person in home at all times, some cooking, no housekeeping. Benefits include free mobile home and utilities, salary in \$20,000 to \$25,000 range, depending on skills and experience.

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## Grant, Turner selected for posts

ARKADELPHIA—Daniel R. Grant, president of Ouachita Baptist University, and Thomas J. Turner, OBU vice-president for academic affairs, will hold significant positions in two academic and professional organizations during the next year.

Grant has been reappointed as chairman of the Nashville, Tenn., Regional Review Panel for the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation. The foundation is a permanent

education program which provides opportunities for outstanding college and university students to prepare for careers in public service. Grant is chairman of the panel.

Turner was elected president of the Chief Academic Officers Fellowship of the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools. The ASBSC is composed of more than 50 Southern Baptist colleges and universities and six seminaries.

## Don Carter named BSSB consultant

NASHVILLE — Don Carter, son of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Carter of West Fork, Ark., has been named a consultant in the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's church media library department. He will specialize in the administration of BTN (Baptist Telecommunication Network) through the media libraries of Southern Baptist churches.

A native of McAlester, Okla., he was reared in Fayetteville, Ark. He earned the B.A. degree Ouachita Baptist University and

attended Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He earned the M.A. degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Prior to assuming his new position, Carter was director of college relations for Southwestern Seminary. Earlier, he was media intern at First Church, Wichita Falls, Texas. He has served in music and youth staff position for churches in Kansas and Missouri as well as for Arkansas churches in Prescott, Hot Springs and Little Rock.

## Howard Bramlette removed as editor, resigns from Sunday School Board

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—W. Howard Bramlette, editor in national student ministries of the Baptist Sunday School Board, resigned July 30.

Bramlette, 61, whose primary responsibility had been editing *The Student* magazine, was removed as editor and chose to resign, according to Lloyd Elder, BSSB president.

"The policy of the Sunday School Board is not to release detailed information about personnel matters," Elder said. "We will treat Howard Bramlette kindly and will not influence his personal or professional positions. We wish him well in any future professional relationships."

Bramlette's decision to leave the department was unexpected, Elder said, and was accepted with regret.

Elder said in handling personnel matters the administration of the board follows "sound management principles, publications policies of our trustee board and holds employees accountable for assigned tasks. We care about our people and seek to treat them fairly and equitably."

Bramlette had been editor of *The Student* since 1975. Previously, he was in student work with the Baptist General Convention of Texas 1951-56; a consultant with the BSSB

student department (now national student ministries) 1956-66; director of placement and promotion for the Southern Baptist Education Commission, 1966-75, and a consultant in mission education for the Foreign Mission Board for six months before returning to the Sunday School Board.

Bramlette told Baptist Press:

"I regret leaving the Sunday School Board. It is a great institution whose objectives and goals have long been my own. My commitment to college students and to Christian higher education has been my calling.

"Apparently, there has been criticism over the content of a recent issue of *The Student*. Editing a magazine for collegians is an exciting challenge, particularly when the magazine seeks to lead students to Christian maturity and aid them in taking a responsible part in solving the problems of the world.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed my editorial responsibilities and will now focus on other aspects of ministry as I did before assuming this post."

The August issue of the magazine has received criticism for an article on "political religion." Earlier this year, the publication was criticized for an article on women's ordination.

## Church recreation pioneer Agnes Pylant dies

NASHVILLE—Agnes Pylant, the first secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board's church recreation department, died Aug. 5 in Richmond, Va.

Pylant, 85, was a graduate of Texas Christian University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, both in Fort Worth,

and the WMU Training School, Louisville, Ky. She taught dramatics and recreation at Southwestern Seminary and was head of the department of Christian recreation at Wayland College, Plainview, Texas, before joining the board in 1954 as secretary of the church recreation department.

Photo by Glen Ennes



**Star campers**—Todd Brock (left) of Atkins First Church and Terry Walls of Paragould East Side won Star Camper awards at Music Arkansas. Brock was given a 1986 Music Arkansas scholarship. Walls was awarded \$125 for Ridgecrest or Clorieta music weeks or college or private music study.




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## Colorado convention cuts CP giving, staff positions

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (BP)—Reeling from mounting financial woes, the Colorado Baptist General Convention has made drastic, retroactive cuts in its gifts to the Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program and defunded its campus ministers and the editor of the state paper.

A six-months review of the CBGC budget in early July uncovered a potential shortfall of \$200,000 to \$300,000 by the end of 1985 if drastic measures were not taken, according to James Brannon, CBGC executive board chairman.

The convention reportedly also has spent approximately \$110,000 of designated funds—including some of the 28.5 percent of all undesignated gifts to the state budget set aside to send to the national Cooperative Program—for operating expenses instead of for their designated purpose which must be paid back.

In addition to the cuts, the CBGC is seeking to negotiate a \$600,000 loan from the Home Mission Board and a \$100,000-plus increase in the amount of HMB budget support for the convention in 1986.

Messengers to the annual meeting of the CBGC last fall authorized a \$2.6 million budget for the convention. Of that amount \$1.1 million is to come from outside sources (including more than \$800,000 from the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board and more than \$40,000 from the Baptist Sunday School Board). The additional \$1.5 million—an average of \$126,000 a month—was projected to come from contributions from Col-

orado Southern Baptist churches. Instead gifts have averaged only \$98,000 per month.

At the end of June, the convention showed a bank balance of \$11,000, according to a report in the *Rocky Mountain Baptist*, the newjournal of the CBGC. And unpaid was a \$29,000 monthly contribution to the SBC Cooperative Program, the national unified budget which funds Southern Baptist worldwide mission and education programs.

Brannon, pastor of Mississippi Avenue Church in Aurora, Colo., said the committee had no recourse because, "there are only three areas of the budget not heavily subsidized by the Home Mission Board or the Sunday School Board—campus ministries, the *Rocky Mountain Baptist* and the percentage we send to the national Cooperative Program."

The 1985 CBGC budget called for \$122,138 in salaries and benefits for four fulltime campus ministers, \$5,000 in salary support for the campus minister at the United States Air Force Academy and \$34,078 for the editor of the state paper and \$104,000 of the \$138,000 budget of the Rocky Mountain Baptist operating budget.

The operating budget for the paper was pared by cutting the publication schedule from weekly to bi-monthly. Charles Sharp, CBGC executive director, will assume editing duties of the newjournal. Reducing the number of issues is expected to save \$20,000 in 1985 and \$50,000 in 1986. Subscription rates will remain the same.

Salaries will be continued through Oct. 31,

1985 for: Don Turner, Rocky Mountain Baptist editor; Rudy Antle, director of Denver Metro campus ministries and Mission Service Corps coordinator; Robert Stors, campus minister at Colorado State University; John Mark Purdue, campus minister at University of Northern Colorado; Robert Timmons, campus minister at the University of Colorado, and Dwaine Gregory, campus minister at the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Brannon insisted crisis, "has nothing to do with the difficulties and liabilities" of the financially strapped Southern Baptist Foundation of Colorado and the Colorado Southern Baptist Church Loan Corporation but did point out the CBGC faces a deficit of "\$1.3 to \$1.5 million" in those two organization which must be made up within the next five years.

Board members stressed the cuts were made reluctantly and stated in resolution the actions were "an effort to cut budget costs and not... a reflection of the work" of the campus ministers or the editor. The positions will not be funded in 1986 either.

Brannon said the six men affected, "are quality people. It would be easier if they were resigning to take other ministries."

Certificates of deposit, including \$85,000 earmarked to build a motel at Ponderosa Baptist Assembly, will be used to restore "immediately" the designated funds spent for operating expenses. For the rest of the year all designated monies will be placed in a special account, "not...available for any reason other than the designated purpose."

## Trustees adopt response to Job lesson errors

GLORIETA, N.M. (BP)—Trustees of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board adopted a statement expressing regret and concern about errors in a July 7 Sunday school lesson and urging study of editorial processes and care in selecting writers.

In the lesson which appeared in *Adult Bible Study*, a periodical in the Life and Work Series, several statements present incorrect interpretations of Satan in the book of Job.

The recommendation from the Bible teaching committee drew only one negative vote after an amendment proposed by committee chairman Morrine George, Dallas.

"As trustees we have reviewed carefully the lessons regarding the *Adult Bible Study* interpretation of Job, especially July 7. We join with the administration in expressing our concern and regret for the errors included in this lesson;" the amendment says.

The recommendation reaffirms the principles "which have served us in curriculum preparation, and to encourage those in administrative positions as they study, evaluate and make needed changes to exercise special care in determining the doctrinal and biblical commitment of writers by carefully reviewing their published works, their public statements and their personal testimony."

The recommendation was adopted after defeat of a substitute motion by Ned Mathews, pastor of Parkwood Church, Gastonia, N.C., by a vote of 41-27.

The substitute motion would have instructed the trustees to "implement a more discriminating policy for the employment of lesson writers," specifying five criteria: needs of Baptists, consistency with *The Baptist Faith and Message*, reflection of strong evangelical commitment, confidence in the accuracy of Scripture and devotional spirit.

Mathews said he felt his motion was stronger than the committee recommendation. "I sense the administration needs to have its hand strengthened. If the *Baptist Faith and Message* were sufficient, I don't believe this would have happened," he said.

Dean Mathis, pastor of Taylor Memorial Church, Hobbs, N.M., said he did not believe the Mathews motion was any stronger than the committee recommendation.

Winford Hendrix, pastor of Brainerd Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., said, "What has happened has been a human error. We don't have a problem with existing principles or guidelines."

In his report to the trustees, BSSB President Lloyd Elder said the errors in the lesson have

generated 155 letters and telephone calls as of July 31.

In response to trustee questions, Elder said the first Baptist Press story (ABN, July 25, p. 19) noted that errors were mistakes made in the editing process and were not the fault of the writer, John L. Durham, professor of Hebrew and Old Testament at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C. The story was based on a study of the immediate questions raised about the lesson.

"The Baptist Press release was accurate regarding those initial concerns," said Elder.

"However, a more complete review of the entire lesson shows the manuscript by Durham is not unlike what appears in print. However, the Sunday School Board is accountable and responsible for final editing of all manuscripts."

He attributed the mistakes to "human error, human judgment and time factor. These errors were compounded one by the other."

At the time the manuscript was edited, Elder said, the permanent editor had changed jobs, the supervisor was retiring, a temporary editor was enlisted to work within a short time frame and the same person was later mistakenly enlisted to serve as appraisal reader on the manuscript he had edited.



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## Major Centennial Events

### September 6, 1985

- Faculty/Staff Centennial Worship Service, Berry Chapel
- Raising of the Centennial flag

### September 16, 1985

- Birkett Williams Lecture: Dr. Eileen Southern, Harvard University, 8 p.m., Mabee Fine Arts Center Recital Hall.

### September 28, 1985

- OBU Showcase and Community Celebration. Campus-wide exhibits, entertainment, community-campus picnic, 1:30-4:30 p.m.
- Entertainment by Comedian Jerry Clower, 7 p.m.
- Official release of Dr. Mike Arrington's book, "A History of Ouachita Baptist University: The First 100 Years."

### October 22, 1985

- Arkansas Symphony, 7:30 p.m., Mitchell Auditorium

### November 7, 1985

- Birkett Williams Lecture: Dr. Alvin Plantinga, University of Notre Dame, 8 p.m., Mabee Fine Arts Center Recital Hall

### November 18-20, 1985

- Arkansas Baptist State Convention. Main events in arena of the Physical Education Center.

### November 22-23, 1985

#### Centennial Homecoming:

- Reunion Buffet, 6:30 p.m., Friday, November 22
- Alumni Buffet, 11:45 a.m., Saturday, November 23
- Ouachita-Henderson Football Game, 2 p.m., A.U. Williams Field

### December 12, 1985

- Christmas at Ouachita. Special Christmas programs for the campus and community that will utilize the various talents of students, faculty and staff.

### February 1, 1986 [tentative]

- Arkadelphia Chamber of Commerce Banquet honoring Ouachita's contribution to the community throughout the last 100 years.

### March 3-7, 1986

- Global Focus Week. Campus-wide emphasis on missions coordinated with the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.
- Dr. John Jonsson, the W.O. Carver Professor of Missions and World Religion at Southern Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, will be the J.E. Berry lecturer.
- The week's program will also feature a film about Ouachita missionaries.

### April 4-5, 1986

- 70th annual meeting of the Arkansas Academy of Science.

### May 9, 1986

- 50th anniversary of the class of 1936
- Gold Tiger Dinner honoring the class of 1936 and all previous classes, 7 p.m., Evans Student Center.

### May 10, 1986

#### Centennial Commencement

- Baccalaureate, 10:30 a.m., Mitchell Auditorium
- Commencement, 4 p.m., Physical Education Center

### May 15-16, 1986 [tentative]

- Second Century planning: a retreat for faculty, staff, students, alumni and the Board of Trustees to formulate plans for Ouachita's second century of service.

### September 6, 1986

- Founder's Day/Centennial Convocation: address by former President Jimmy Carter.
- Raising of the Second Century flag and presentation of plans for Ouachita's Second Century.
- Burial of a time capsule containing mementos and memorabilia representing Ouachita's first century.

In addition to the major events listed in this centennial calendar, a variety of other activities will be presented throughout the year by students, faculty and staff. Included in these activities will be 100 birthday parties in cities throughout the world and the premiere performance of "The Fifth Trumpeter," a commissioned musical work for band by Dr. W. Francis McBeth, Ouachita's Composer-in-Residence.

For more information on Centennial events please write: Centennial, Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Arkansas 71923

## International

### *Look beyond judgment*

by Gary D. Fulton, West View Church, Paragould

Basic passage: Joel 1-2

Focal passage: Joel 1:14-16; 2:12-13, 26-29

Central truth: God's acts of judgment are designed for repentance and a better life.

Discipline and love go hand in hand. The Scripture teaches us that God will chasten those whom he loves. Hebrews chapter 12 makes it very clear that God's children can expect discipline, and that it will improve our lives. The Lord tells his people in Hebrews 12:11, "Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous; nevertheless, afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them who are exercised by it." God's discipline is designed to be painful and grievous, so we will pay attention and learn our lessons.

At a time when God was administering discipline to Judah, God raised up a prophet, Joel, to preach repentance to his people. The Lord allowed a plague of locusts to come upon the land to teach Judah some important lessons. The primary purpose of God's judgment upon them was to turn their hearts back to him. God's Word teaches us that God doesn't want to be forgotten.

The land of Judah lay desolate before the eyes of the Jews, as a result of God's judgment. In Joel 1:14-16, Joel declares the need for fasting to demonstrate repentance. He calls upon the elders to lead all the people in this time of fasting. Joel declares the "day of the Lord is at hand." This speaks of their present judgment and points to impending judgment when God will finally judge the entire world for it's sin. Joel makes it clear, however, that the outward signs of repentance aren't enough. The tearing of one's garment can't substitute for the tearing of one's heart (2:12-13). God wants his people to be broken-hearted over their sin.

Joel gives very good reasons to the Jews for turning back to God. He tells them God's unmerited favor will be received when genuine repentance occurs (2:26-27). He also prophesied the coming of the Holy Spirit (2:28-29).

This lesson instructs us to respond properly to God's discipline. We must realize that after judgment comes a more obedient and rewarding life. We aren't to concentrate on the discipline but on what benefits we can receive from it. God chastens us because he loves us. We must look beyond the chastening to the promised blessings.

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## Life and Work

### *The Spirit gives life*

by Max W. Deaton, Otter Creek First Church, Little Rock

Basic passage: 2 Corinthians 2:14 to 3:18

Focal passage: 2 Corinthians 2:14 to 3:6

Central truth: Christ is more desirous to give than we are to receive.

Today, I walked among my fruit trees. I ate a few plums, handled a pear or two and wished for a ripe peach and apple. Fruit trees. What is their purpose? To produce. I notice an enemy—the insects. They had done their work and damaged the fruit.

This presents a real picture of the local church. The Spirit gives life and through life comes fruit. But the enemy of the church is always lurking, seeking to inject death.

A few years ago, a dear friend and encourager stated, "Max, never forget the 3 'B's' in Southern Baptist work: baptism, budget and building." Lately, I have noticed another: "bigness" or numerical size. At the 1984 Arkansas Baptist State Convention, Dr. Don Moore told us the world judges us effective by whether we make an impact upon the community. How one may judge depends not upon size of budget, or how many baptisms, or on how many new buildings built, but upon responsibilities and opportunities.

"Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of hosts" (Zech. 4:6 RSV). Charles Spurgeon stated, "Beware of any pretense to a strength arising out of yourselves and maintained by the energy of your own unaided will."

I heard a statement by a brother at the 1982 Southern Baptist Convention that stands to shed light on Zechariah 4:6: "What you get them with is what you must keep get them with." How true. How often have churches relied upon gimmicks, gadgets, buildings and organizations, only to discover the motion does not fulfill and produce fruits. The early church had no gimmicks, no buildings and little organization, but in the words of one critic, "They who have turned the world upside down have come here too."

What was their source and yours today? An infusion of the Holy Spirit's power.

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## Bible Book

### *The false prophets*

by Vester Wolber, Ouachita Baptist University

Basic passage: Jeremiah 26:1-29:32

Focal passage: Jeremiah 26:1-24

Central truth: The first quality for a successful ministry is maturity of character.

(1) One must have courage if he is to minister the word of God effectively. Men sometimes turn against the man of God who will not compromise on the teachings of God's Word, but it is not uncommon for God to raise up laymen who are ready to lend support and give protection to the courageous spokesman for God.

In Jeremiah's case release came because some of the elders of the land were able to recall the words of the prophet Micah, spoken a full century before, and to remember their history, that King Hezekiah had not persecuted the prophet but had called his people to repentance.

Thus, we see that the efficient Word of God is sometimes only that portion of the Word that someone can recall at a given moment when the pressure is on. And in like manner, the lessons of history can instruct us only as we are able to recall them.

(2) One must have deep convictions if he is to be faithful to the Word when its message runs counter to popular beliefs and practices (27:4-11). A true spokesman for God and a true minister unto his flock must have integrity of character if he is to be faithful unto the Word of God while retaining compassionate love for those whose conduct the inspired book condemns.

There must always be a measure of tension in the heart of God's spokesman, tension brought on by his determination to be faithful to Scripture and by his ardent desire to bring comfort and peace to his people. He must not be so committed to Scripture and a bold interpretation of its contents that he fails to make its message relevant to the needs of his people. On the other hand, he must not give such priority to the immediate needs and desires of his people that he will distort the gospel.

(3) One must have abiding faith in God if he is to proclaim God's message. Apparently, God does not see fit to inspire his current spokesmen to make accurate and precise predictions as he did in Moses' day (Deut. 18:22); but he does hold us to account for expounding Scripture faithfully and accurately, while waiting on him to work to accomplish his purposes.

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## Laos asks Baptists to help, balks at missionaries

**VIENTIANE, Laos (BP)**—The government of Laos has invited Southern Baptists to help with long-term development, but stopped short of opening the country to missionaries.

The request came in July to Murphy Terry, Southern Baptist associate area director for south and southeast Asia, who talked in Laos with officials in the offices of planning, health, agriculture and foreign affairs.

"There's enough social need in the country that we don't have to apologize" for agreeing to do just development work, Terry said. "In addition, we feel we can encourage the Lao evangelical church."

Terry, a former Southern Baptist missionary to Laos, will propose to strategists at the Foreign Mission Board a well-defined, three-to-five-year plan. It will fit into a larger development proposal engineered by UNICEF outlining possibilities for international agencies in the country.

"I felt they (government officials) were saying 'We're open to your involvement in the country, but we're open at an arm's length,'" Terry explained. He said the officials showed him the UNICEF project proposal manual and wanted him to say how Southern Baptists would help.

## Gambling opponents score wins in legislatures

**WASHINGTON (BP)**—Anti-gambling leaders came close to scoring a "shut out" this spring as only one state adopted a new form of legalized gambling despite an avalanche of pro-gambling bills introduced in legislative sessions across the country.

Iowa legalized a lottery, joining 22 other states which have adopted state-operated lotteries. In Montana, the legislature voted to submit the issue to the voters in a 1986 statewide referendum.

In other states, however, legislation in support of lotteries, pari-mutuel betting, casino gambling and other forms of gambling was voted down on the floor or killed in committee.

Even so, anti-gambling activists are taking little time to celebrate. Instead, they are gearing up for a new gambling offensive in many states this fall in a continuation of a struggle that has involved many Southern Baptist leaders at local, state and national levels.

"The reward for winning a battle on the gambling issue is the chance to fight again another day," said Larry Braidfoot of the Southern Baptist Convention's Christian Life Commission. Particular "danger points," he said, are special legislative sessions which may be held in several states this fall.

Braidfoot pointed out the efforts of Baptists were especially crucial in the South, where the gambling industry had targeted several states for expansion.

Lottery legislation came up a loser in state after state. Examples include Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Louisiana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Carolina and South Carolina.

In some cases, the vote was close. In Indiana, a bill fell only one vote short in a House committee after pro-lottery legislation had earlier passed the Senate. In North Carolina, a pro-lottery measure died in the Senate on the vote, while the House took no action on the issue.

In Florida, identified last year by gambling industry leaders as the best possibility for successful lottery legislation in 1985, a lottery bill died in committee. Proponents, however, are now pushing for 300,000 signatures required to get the issue on the

November 1986 ballot.

Louisiana faced probably the largest volume of lottery proposals. A total of 15 bills related to a state-operated lottery were introduced. None of the measures, however, made it out of committee.

Anti-gambling strategists also got a lift from Nebraska where a ban on local-option video lotteries was maintained despite intensive lobbying by pro-lottery forces.

On the pari-mutuel front, gambling opponents scored victories in four of the five states identified last year by racing supporters as prime prospects for pari-mutuel legislation in 1985: Georgia, Kansas, Mississippi and Texas. In the fifth state, Tennessee, pari-mutuel legislation was approved by the Senate and lacked only four to six votes for passage in the House before being referred back to committee to wait until 1986.

Anti-gambling forces won dramatic victories in Mississippi and Texas where pari-mutuel bills bit the dust despite confident predictions by supporters. The Mississippi Senate defeated pari-mutuel legislation by six votes after the measure earlier had passed the House. A few days later, the Texas House resoundingly defeated the latest bill.

In Missouri, where a lottery bill was approved last year by the General Assembly, racing promoters will have to wait at least one more year. Legislation to implement pari-mutuel betting on horse racing failed to reach the floor of either house.

Louisiana, which has pari-mutuel betting on horse racing, turned back attempts to legalize pari-mutuel betting on jai alai games and greyhound dog racing. Separate Senate bills to allow casino gambling on cruise ships and in the French Quarter of New Orleans were defeated.

"Some Christians who are opposed to legalized gambling believe it is only a matter of time before the efforts of the well-organized and high-financed gambling industry eventually pay off," said Braidfoot. "I think the successes this year prove that informed Christians can match the gambling proponents' pressure with persistence and their funds with facts."