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# Arkansas Baptist

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# Confessions about Lottie Moon



Dr. Grant

It's Lottie Moon's time of the year again.

For those who were reared by a mother who made the Woman's Missionary Union almost a full-time occupation, there is no misunderstanding or mystery about Lottie Moon. Lottie Moon is as Baptist as apple pie is American, and the annual Lottie Moon Christmas

Southern Baptist homes as is Santa Claus himself. In addition to this kind of upbringing, I have had the special privilege of seeing firsthand many of the truly great results on our mission fields around the world, all because of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. In short, I have always been a strong believer in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, and feel that we owe a real debt of gratitude to Baptist women for their vision and work through the years in establishing this strong pipeline for financial resources to Southern Baptist mission fields.

I do have one confession to make about Lottie Moon, however. It may be treasonable — I am sure my mother would think so — but I have always had a nagging feeling that Lottie Moon's name turns off a lot of people and may make it more difficult to reach them for the world missions offering at Christmas. As a child I can remember hearing mischievous men in the halls of the church poke fun at the name Lottie Moon, and someone would always ask the question when the offering was mentioned, "Haven't we gotten Lottie through college yet?" I can even remember asking what would now be branded as a "male chauvinist" question, "Why not call it the Bill Wallace Christmas Offering for world missions, in honor of the Southern Baptist missionary who died a martyr's death in a prison in Communist China?" I suspected that, although some men were negative to the name, "Lottie Moon," women were not negative to the name, "Bill Wallace."

I long ago stopped worrying about the name and decided it is what's inside that really counts. Furthermore, it is hard to beat success, and that is certainly what the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering has had, and increasingly so, with each passing year. I have also decided that prayer, hard work, and sacrificial giving, are considerably more important than the name you give a particular cause. — Daniel R. Grant, President, Ouachita Baptist University

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## Lottie Moon Christmas offering is important



Editor Sneed

"Our church supports 11 foreign missionaries," the man announced to the Southern Baptist preacher. "How many does your church have?"

Without hesitation the pastor replied "A little over 2,500."

We, as Southern Baptists, can justly rejoice over our foreign mission program. We have the greatest non-Catholic thrust in the world. Yet, we really haven't begun in

comparison with the world's needs.

We, also, should be grateful for the efficiency of our Foreign Mission Board leadership. The current cost for supporting a foreign missionary for one year is only \$7,545.96. This includes salary, language study, school allowances, rent, travel and other items directly related to the missionary's expense. This amount, of course, will vary according to each country's economy.

The cost for our world mission program was \$35,826,693 last year. There are many sources from which our Foreign Mission Board receives support. The main line of support comes from the Cooperative Program which furnished \$16,319,959 last year. Thus, the importance of the support of each church to the Cooperative Program becomes clear.

The FMB, also, received approximately \$2 million from designated gifts last year and \$964,000 from miscellaneous income. The miscellaneous income is from permanent and temporary investments, sales of the *Commission*, book royalties, and income from Baptist

Foundation.

The Lottie Moon Christmas offering accounts for at least \$12,500,000. It should be remembered that all the Lottie Moon gifts go directly to the mission work. None of this is used in administration. Furthermore, of all the money received by the FMB from all sources, 90 percent is actually spent for work on the mission field. Funds for needed mission buildings and properties come from this source.

There are several ways in which we can support our world-wide mission thrust. Some are called by God to give their lives to mission work. Others with particular needed skills may go for a short period.

Several capable Arkansans have served for a short time. Programs sometimes allow a person to go for a month, six weeks or a year. Among the professions that have gone are medical doctors, dentists, nurses and architects.

Although it is true that God has not called all of us to go in person to a foreign country, all of us have a responsibility to witness around the world. There are two ways in which each of us can be involved — prayer and giving of money.

Missionaries frequently tell us that they know when they are receiving prayer support. Many areas are extremely volatile today. We should pray for our missionaries daily.

As we approach the time set aside to remember the greatest gift — the Christ, let's give to others the message which means life eternal. We do so as we support the Lottie Moon offering.

## Procrastination — weapon against evangelism

An old story tells of a preacher who attended a conference in which he heard a new word — "procrastination." He liked the sound of the word so well that the very next Sunday he used it in his message several times, even though he had not bothered to consult a dictionary for its meaning.

"Pastor, I really enjoyed your message," one of the deacons commented, afterwards, "but what does that word 'procrastination' mean?, he asked.

The pastor looked at him seriously for a moment. Then with a sudden flash of inspiration responded "You should know that, as it is our most basic doctrine."

It certainly is not anyone's desire that we put important matters off indefinitely. But it might very well have become a way of living for most of us. It is especially sad when we put off some of the most important events of life.

In the mad rush of today's world Christians become so engrossed in personal activities that we forget to witness.

Someone has said that the most embarrassing question which can be asked a Christian is "How long

has it been since you witnessed to someone?"

Most of us believe that each person's eternal destiny depends on his acceptance or rejection of Christ. Yet, many of us lack the impelling desire which the early Christians possessed.

One could hardly imagine the apostle Paul procrastinating. Even when God had him to return to Jerusalem, where his own people sought to kill him, he responded without delay. The apostle so desired to see his people have right standing with God that he wrote "For I could wish that myself were accursed (cut off) from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh." (Rom. 9:3.)

Perhaps it might be well for each of us to occasionally review some of the things which motivate Christians:

- God's intention is that every Christian should witness. Every redeemed person should react with concern for the lost. As Augustine put it, "God has made us for himself so that our hearts are restless until they rest in him."

- Christ commanded that we should witness.

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Repeatedly, our Master encouraged his followers to make others disciples.

• We need to recognize the destiny of those who are without Christ. When we realize that our family, neighbors and friends, will be eternally sepa-

**I must say it!**

## The whole counsel — an instrument of unity

(Last in the series)



Dr. Ashcraft

"Get right with God" is the gospel but not all of it. The whole counsel of God includes the right relationship with God, self, other Christians, the lost fraternity and even ecology. God's purpose of grace makes for a new person, a new family, a new economy and a new redemptive relationship to all human needs. Evangelism is not completed when a person is born anew, nor is disciple-making finished in the delivery room. The gospel is not one note but a harmonious chord of many dominant notes.

All of the divisions within the body of Christ have not occurred over heresy. Many arise over the matter of emphasis. Great unity could result if the whole counsel of God was preached. Those who preach one emphasis to the exclusion of all others polarize themselves from all the rest. Those who sound all the notes of the chord are brought closer to the brethren of

rated from God unless they trust Christ, we will witness.

Each day we are confronted with many choices. It is important that we choose the best — reaching out to those who need Christ. Let's not procrastinate but let's realize that it very well could be now or never!

like emphasis. The issue is not heresy but emphasis. Some ardent devotees of certain aspects of the gospel have assumed themselves to be a fading breed of the only true prophets left on the earth. This makes for a low level of cooperation and unity because these self styled true prophets withdraw from the others who may prefer a richer chord to a single note. This obscures even the bright vision of the one-note prophet and dims his usefulness among all the others. When a limited gospel is preached everyone loses, but most of all the lost people. "But if our gospel be hid it is hid to them that are lost." (II Cor. 4:3).

When more preachers preach more of the gospel, more of God's people will do more of the gospel. The fullness or emptiness of any church is determined directly by the fullness or emptiness of the sermons. "Get right with God" is good preaching, but it is only twenty-five percent of the gospel and will yield only a 25 percent harvest.

*I must say it!* — Charles H. Ashcraft, Executive Secretary

## Letters to the editor

Here are the facts regarding our first WIN Conference.

We had an enrollment of eighty-five (85) with an average attendance of seventy-two (72). We had an average attendance of thirty-five (35) for the twelve weeks of follow-through.

The WIN involvement has brought many for baptism and for church membership. But a most important facet is the boldness in personal witnessing that has been personally gained.

We are at this time in the fourth week of follow-through of our second Conference. We enrolled thirty (30), and had an average attendance of fifteen (15) for the follow-through. Our people are tremendously excited about the results of our WIN Conference.

In Cross-ties,  
Millard Bennett

## Utah-Idaho convention needs pastoral aid

Dear Arkansas Baptists:

The Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist Convention is approaching 10 years since it was organized. Ninety-five percent of our budget is received from the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The churches and missions in this area are in great need at this time for pastors who feel led by the Lord to come to this area of service and spread the Gospel where Mormonism has such a stronghold.

Financial support is greatly needed in this area where churches are so indebted, and in some cases, the interest alone is more than the church payments.

Pastoral aid has been a great help to many churches and is a must for some to survive.

There are 62 churches and 17 missions in this large two state area and approximately 17 are self-supporting with the balance receiving aid or assistance from some other source.

Any help financially in this area that could be received from any church or individual or association is greatly needed.

The Utah-Idaho Baptist State Convention is grateful for the financial support from the Summer Mission Fund of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention for BSU work in this area over the past two years.

Sincerely,  
Carroll Reynolds

(Editor's note: Carroll Reynolds is a native of Atkins, Ark. and a member and deacon of Calvary Church, Boise, treasurer of the Boise Valley Baptist Association, and a member of the Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist Executive Board. His address is Box 1313, Boise, Idaho 83701.)

**MISSIONARIES**  
depend on you

**COOPERATIVE PROGRAM**



## Dr. Lera Kelly, division chairman at Ouachita University, dies

Dr. Lera R. Kelly, 44, chairman of the division of business and economics at Ouachita Baptist University, died Wednesday, Nov. 28, at a Little Rock hospital.

A member of the Ouachita faculty since 1965, Dr. Kelly was president of the Arkansas College Teachers of Economics and Business. She was a member of the Clark County Bar Association, a regent of the D.A.R., and a member of Delta Kappa Gamma. Dr. Kelly also taught an adult Sunday School class at the First Baptist Church of Arkadelphia.

Dr. Daniel R. Grant, president of OBU, said, "This is a great personal as well as institutional loss. Her classes in business law and personal finance were among the favorites in the entire student body. Dr. Kelly had provided great leadership in the planning and construction of Lile Hall which houses the division of business and economics."

Dr. Kelly was also a member of the National Association of Women Lawyers, the Arkansas Association of Women Lawyers and the Arkansas Bar Association. She was a member of the Arkansas Legislature from 1952 until 1954 as a representative from Miller County.

Born in Soper, Okla., June 20, 1929, Dr. Kelly attended Texarkana (Ark.)

High School and did her undergraduate work at Texarkana College and the University of Arkansas where she majored in pre-law and drama.

She received her doctor of jurisprudence degree from the University of Arkansas in 1951, her master of education degree in 1957 from East Texas State University and had done work toward the doctor of philosophy degree at Louisiana State University.

In addition to her faculty duties at Ouachita, Dr. Kelly had been in private law practice since 1951. Before joining the Ouachita faculty in 1965, she had served as a graduate assistant at East Texas State and as chairman of the speech department of Nicholls State College from 1957 until 1963.

Survivors include her husband, Jonathan M. Kelly; a son, Jonathan Gene; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gene E. Rowlette of Arkadelphia; and a brother, Gene Rowlette Jr., of Louisville, Ky.

Funeral services were held Friday, Nov. 30, at First Baptist Church of Arkadelphia. Francis L. Kelly, pastor, First Church, Bienville, La.; Dr. Nathan Porter, pastor, First Church, Arkadelphia; and the Rev. James R. Horton, pastor St. Michael's Episcopal Church.

Active pallbearers were Doyle Frazier, Jerry Kinnaird, Dr. Victor L. Oliver, John



Dr. Lera Kelly

T. Berry Jr., Martin Gonzalez and Jim West.

Honorary pallbearers included the Ouachita Baptist University faculty and the Clark County Bar Association.

Burial was at Rest Haven Memorial Gardens by Murry-Ruggles Funeral Home.

Contributions may be made to the Lera Kelly Memorial Scholarship Fund for Business Students in care of Ouachita Baptist University.

## Cooper addresses Southern senators



Cooper

A large and enthusiastic number of Southern Senators were guests of the college at a banquet on the Southern College campus Friday, Dec. 7. Billy Rogers, long-time friend and trustee from Earle, served as toastmaster. Co-

sponsors of the banquet were Dr. Padgett Cope of Little Rock and J. K. Southerland of Batesville. Music was provided by the Southernares and the Southern Belles, two of the excellent singing groups trained on campus by Marty Sewald, professor of vocal music.

One segment of the program, "How Southern Senators Can Help," included brief talks by Jim Vickery, director of Admissions, Dr. H. E. Williams, President-emeritus, and L. A. Tucker, assistant to the president for Public

Relations and Development.

The speaker of the evening, Owen Cooper, was introduced by Dr. D. Jack Nicholas, Southern's President.

A native of Yazoo, City, Miss., Cooper holds degrees from Mississippi College and the University of Mississippi. Prominent in lay activities, Cooper is in his second term as president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

A director of many prominent corporations, Cooper was for many years the president of the Mississippi Chemical Corporation. In addition to serving the Southern Baptist Convention as president, this distinguished layman is also vice president of the Baptist World Alliance, and president of the Pan American Union of Baptist Men.

The Southern Senators' banquet is an annual highlight of campus life. The enthusiasm of this year's gathering promises much good for the life and work of Southern Baptist College in the years ahead.

## Endowment established for OBU chapel programs

ARKADELPHIA — The Cordell Endowment, created by the contributions of Mr. and Mrs. "Cotton" Cordell of Hot Springs and other donors, has been established for the Ouachita University chapel programs, according to Dr. Ben Elrod, vice-president for development.

The funds cover travel, honorarium and other expenses related to the chapel programs. Required chapel attendance once a week is one of the extra-classroom activities at Ouachita.

A variety of chapel programs is offered at OBU. They are designed to make the student aware of his world and his responsibility to make a Christian contribution to the lives of others.

The funds help to maintain a high quality in the selection of speakers and other types of presentations. Ultimately the donors hope that the chapel programs will serve as a positive Christian influence on the lives of the students. The university strives to acquire programs and speakers of high quality that will affect the lives of students.



## Woman's viewpoint

# Children can dream, can't they?

By Iris O'Neal Bowen



Mrs. Bowen

late her dream.

"I dreamed," she said, "that we went somewhere and when we got back, we had left Sissy at home all by herself!"

Well, Sissy, who must have taken play-pen drama lessons, she is so good at emoting, took the cue like an old pro; cried at top lung capacity and produced rivers of tears.

"I don't have anybody to live with me!" she screamed.

— Which reminded me of the time younger son, who was then about four, was relating an exciting dream he had had. As he paused to draw extra oxygen,

A little kindergarten girl I know and her three-year old sister she calls Sissy were involved in a terrible dream the other night, and Chi-Chi, the kindergarten, would not even talk about it for several days. Finally, her mother persuaded her to re-

I asked him (to let him know I was really interested), "... and what happened then?"

"Aw, you ought to know that, mother," he said. "You were in the dream, too!"

I could write reams about childhood dreams — I have barefooted through a lot of them, myself. The first dream I remember having, I was a little leaf that fell off a tree, landed on the river's bosom and floated gently to the bottom.

Later on I suffered re-occurring dreams of falling into White River. Fortunately, I always awoke before I drowned!

I discovered, when I was about 12, that my dreams were more exciting when I had eaten a good hefty nighttime snack of peanut butter and crackers. Later, writers and psychologists seemed to agree that dreams were an outgrowth of fearful experiences or the effort of the sleeper to fulfill his or her unfulfilled desires. I threatened to reveal the real cause of exciting dreams — peanut butter, but never got around to it.

After all, they are experts. I am only a dreamer.

## Arkansas trustee to attend Annuity Board meeting

Speakers from the investment field and from a denominational seminary will highlight the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention Annuity Board in Dallas Feb. 4-6.

Board President Darold H. Morgan identified the speakers as Henry W. Grady Jr., New York City, vice president of United States Trust Co. of New York, and, William M. Pinson Jr., Fort Worth, associate professor of Christian Ethics at Southwestern Seminary.

Grady will describe developments in economics and Pinson will talk on ministering to the aging.

Trustees will hear reports and 1973 statistics of the Board's work in maintaining retirement plans for more than 36,000 pastors, and church and denominational workers, and paying benefits to more than 7,000 disabled or retired church-related vocational workers or their widows and families.

The effect of new legislation on Social Security, the government-administered retirement program, on private pension agencies, such as the Annuity Board, will be discussed also during the annual meeting.

Among trustees expected to be present at the annual meeting from Arkansas is Wilson C. Deese of Little Rock.

## The empty nest on Christmas Day

W. H. Heard, Chaplain

Arkansas Children's Colony, Booneville



Chaplain Heard

one and her husband came by for a pre-Christmas visit.

Christmas day came bringing with it an unusual quietness. Even the decision to sleep late didn't work out, so we arose early and had our breakfast and devotional. Shortly thereafter the phone rang and from a distant state came the sound of a jolly "Ho, Ho, Ho" followed by laughter when we failed to recognize the voice of our only son. We talked to him, our "daughter-in-love," and the oldest grandchild. Then

the quiet settled around us once more.

I gazed out of the window and in the brightness of the winter sun spotted an empty bird nest. Throughout the spring and summer this nest had been hidden by the leaves of the tree in which it was located. However, the activity of the mocking birds had been very visible as they went in and out in the busy pursuit of caring for the wee ones in the nest. We had watched as they had brought food in an unending cycle. Later we watched as the parents taught the young ones to fly, to dodge a stray cat, and to learn to care for themselves. Then the nest became empty. Empty that there might be a wider area of songs; empty that there might be new courtships followed by new nest and new lives. An empty nest ... not a sight of pity and forlornness, but a symbol of a job completed ... and a new task ahead.

Christmas day began its activity. There was a visit with a neighbor followed by

a visit with a shut-in. Then we began the arrangements for a party in the evening. It would not be a party for family or even friends of the usual variety for into our home we were bringing those from the Children's Colony who could not go home or in some instances those who had no homes to which they could go. The only home some knew was the Arkansas Children's Colony. Those in our Booneville Unit though they were adults in age continued to function as children. The supper and gifts were simple but the true spirit of Christmas was there in a most unusual way. There was a warmth and a glow within our hearts that lingered long after the last guest had departed. Now as we come to another Christmas season we look forward to the joy of sharing our home and our Christmas with these who will be remaining on the campus at Christmas time.

Thank God our own young ones grew into healthy and normal adults who were able to leave the first nest and go out to build their own. Thank God our nest need not remain empty for we can in love and concern reach out and bring in others with whom we can share the warmth of our nest and the love of our Christ.



**Purl Austin (Uncle Purl) Stockton Sr.**, 85, Little Rock, founder of the Union Rescue Mission at 300 Confederate Boulevard, Little Rock, and its superintendent until 1970, died Dec. 3. Uncle Purl had served numerous churches in Arkansas and other states as an evangelistic singer and preacher. He was a member of Second Church, Little Rock.



Dr. Daniel R. Grant (l), Ouachita University president, presents the "Superintendent of Missions of the Year" award to Carl Overton of Hamburg, superintendent of missions for the Ashley County Association of the Baptist State Convention.

## Overton is presented top award for Superintendents of Missions

ARKADELPHIA — Carl M. Overton, superintendent of missions for the Ashley County Association, was presented with Ouachita University's "Superintendent of Missions of the Year" award Nov. 27.

The presentation was made at OBU that evening at a banquet honoring superintendents of missions from throughout the state.

Overton has worked in his present position in Ashley County since 1966. The Association's accomplishments since that time include the purchasing of a missionary's home, assistance in the remodeling of the BSU Center at the University of Arkansas at Monticello, and pledging more than 80 percent of the goal suggested for Ashley County's

participation in the Ouachita-Southern Advancement Campaign.

Most recently, the association conducted and approved an in-depth study of the needs in its area and a list of proposed projects to help meet these needs.

Prior to his work with the Ashley County Association, Overton pastored the First Church, Star City, the Tyler Street Church, Little Rock, the First Church, Clinton, the First Church, Berryville and the Trinity Church, Benton.

A native of Tennessee, he holds a B.A. degree from Ouachita and a B.D. degree from the Southern Seminary. He is married to the former Clara Lou Hollon and they have three children.

Since requests to attend were to have been turned in the day before, Stewart didn't allow Muya to attend. On Sunday afternoon Muya found Stewart, thanked him, and explained that instead of attending, he had talked with a friend and the friend accepted Christ as his Savior. The school's teaching staff recently named Muya as the outstanding student in the graduating class.

## Refusal leads student to help his friend

NYERI, Kenya — Joshua Muya, a student at Nyeri Baptist High School, recently thanked his headmaster, missionary Jay Stewart, for refusing him permission to attend a Sunday afternoon meeting of the Christian Union, an interdenominational organization for Christian students.

## OBU alumnae to meet

The December meeting of the Greater Little Rock Ouachita University Club will be held Friday, Dec. 14, at 12:30 p.m. The home of Mrs. Lance Hanshaw, 901 North Pine, Little Rock, will be the meeting place. A Ouachita-oriented program will be presented.

All former students and alumnae of O.B.U. are invited to attend; please call Mary Ann McKinney at 753-8162 for reservations.

## Richardson scholarships available for next year

The Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Richardson Ministerial Scholarship Committee, First Church, Nevada, Mo. announces that six scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each will be available for the 1974-75 school year. Applications will be received between Jan. 1 and March 1. The recipients will be announced by May 1.

The six scholarships will be awarded upon the basis of the following information:

- (1) A commitment to a church-related vocation (the preaching ministry, mission work, etc.).
- (2) Plans to attend a Southern Baptist school.
- (3) Academic records indicating average or above in previous school work.
- (4) Membership in good standing of a Southern Baptist church.
- (5) Good recommendations from at least three sources.
- (6) Biographical summary indicating Christian experience and dedication.
- (7) Evidence of financial need.

Any interested persons should write Scholarship Committee, First Baptist Church, 300 North Main Street, Nevada, Missouri 64772, for further information and application form.





Dr. Nathan Porter (extreme left) is greeted in Leavell Chapel on the New Orleans Seminary campus after delivering the first of four lectures in the annual Gurney Evangelism Lecture series. Greeting Dr. Porter is Dr. Russell McIntire, director of development at the seminary. In line (left to right) are Dr. George Herndon, registrar; Dr. Paul Stevens, dean of student affairs, and Dr. Ed Glaze, professor of New Testament and Greek. Dr. Porter is pastor of First Church, Arkadelphia.

## Arkansas pastor delivers lecture to students at New Orleans Seminary

Dr. Nathan Johnson Porter, pastor of First Church, Arkadelphia, was on the campus of New Orleans Seminary Nov. 27-30 to deliver the annual Evangelism Lectures to the seminary community.

Porter, who has been at Arkadelphia since August, is a native of Campinas, Brazil, South America, where he graduated from high school. He is a graduate of Baylor University and of Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., where he earned the doctor of ministries degree.

The son of missionary parents, Porter has a wide background in evangelism. In addition to pastoring churches in Arkansas, Kentucky and Oklahoma, he has served as associate secretary for personnel and later as associate director of the division of evangelism with the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. He has written a number of articles, manuals and guidebooks on evangelism.

According to the Arkansas pastor, evangelism involves an encounter with Christ, but it is a continuing process by which Christ continues to save and work through the life of an individual. He emphasized that unity within the local church is essential before effective evangelism can take place, and pointed

out that evangelism needs to be Christ-centered and church-centered.

Churches need to see their role in the world as that of a servant, Porter stressed, adding that the church must be aware too of its community, both of social and spiritual needs.

Finally, he said, the motivation for evangelism must be love. That kind of evangelism is unselfish, is not based on merits or return, is expressed through genuine acts of love, and is based upon God's love for mankind.

The Evangelism lectures were established at the New Orleans Seminary in 1960 by J. Thomas Gurney of Orlando, Fla. New Orleans Seminary is a fully accredited educational institution offering graduate level training in Biblical studies, historical and theological studies, pastoral ministries, religious education and church music.

### Bulletin

The 1973 Dixie Jackson Offering for State Missions has now reached \$100,087.52. This sets a new record and tops the goal of \$99,999.

## Choir draws big crowd despite rain, sports event

MADRID, Spain — Despite heavy rain and competition with a major televised athletic event, the Centurymen, a 42-voice male choir composed of music directors of Southern Baptist churches from 22 states, drew a large crowd at a recent concert at the University of Madrid.

Directed by Buryl Red, the group has performed throughout the United States and in many foreign countries. The Madrid concert was sponsored jointly by the Baptist churches of Madrid and the Association of Music Lovers of the University of Madrid.

According to Southern Baptist missionary Mrs. Charles W. Whitten, this program was a major step for religion in Spain.

## Bob Banks is elected to post in Oklahoma



Banks

DALLAS, Tex. — Bob Banks, director of the Brotherhood Department for Oklahoma Baptists, was recently elected an executive assistant at the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

In a special meeting here, the board of directors of the Memphis-based agency selected Banks, 42, to direct Brotherhood planning and promotional efforts for the United States.

Agency Executive Director Glendon McCullough said Banks, a professional Brotherhood field worker for 23 years, will concentrate on working with state Brotherhood leaders to start Brotherhood units in Southern Baptist churches.

Currently more than 454,000 men and boys are enrolled in Baptist Men and Royal Ambassador units in 14,000 Southern Baptist churches in 50 states.

The Commission has the Southern Baptist denominational assignment of providing for Baptist men and boys a program of mission education, including a supporting curriculum.

Under Banks' leadership Oklahoma Baptists showed a 14.5 percent increase in Brotherhood enrollment during the last enrollment survey. It was the largest increase among states in the Baptist denomination.

Born and reared in Griffin, Ga., Banks holds a bachelor of arts degree from Baylor University and a master's degree in religious education from Southwestern Seminary at Ft. Worth, Tex.



## Our Children Write:

# Dear Mr. and Mrs. Missionary

In the past eight months, Betty and I have heard from more than eight hundred American boys and girls. Every Southern Baptist missionary expects to receive occasional letters from Royal Ambassadors, Girls in Action, and other youngsters. But our names happen to have been mentioned recently in several periodicals besides the usual birthday prayer calendar. That's why our incoming mail has been so heavy.

Who are these youngsters whose scrawled and block-lettered epistles have been arriving daily in such piles? They are children in your church family — maybe in your own family. They are mostly preadolescents — some even preschoolers who dictated their notes.

The mechanics of writing a missionary were rather awesome to some of our young friends. We got letters beginning "Dear Mr. and Mrs. William" and "Dear Mr. and Mrs. Bandung Indonesia." Some hurdled that problem by being short and sweet; the following letters are here quoted in their entirety:

Kelli: Thank you

Rhonda Kay: I like you.

Todd: Thank you for being a missionary for us.

### The questions they can ask!

Joye Lynn: Are you having fun? Bandung, Indonesia is a long way from Ohio. I live in Ohio.

Lezlie: I want to know how many people have started believing in Jesus?

Kathleen: I am writing to thank you for the work you are doing. What is your work? Thank you again for the work you are doing.

Deena: I don't want you to think I'm knowse. But how many children do you have.

### What do missionaries do, anyway?

Robin: I bet you meet so many interesting people. I watched the Miss Universe pageant last night, I never realized there was so many different people.

Many of them put their small fingers precisely on the main reason behind all valid missions methods.

Deborah: Thank you for telling God to people.

### We all like to be liked

A main theme in the letters was, "I appreciate — appreciate, appreciate, appreciate"

appreciate, appreciate — what you are doing." The youngsters' love, praise, and appreciation overwhelmed us sometimes — but what a nice way to be overwhelmed!

Bruce: You are doing what God wants you to, and I like that.

Amy: If it wasn't for you and Saul we might not be saved.

Marla: I have seen two missionaries before. I forgot their names. I know you as good as they are.

### Promises of support, words of advice

Lisa: We will be spraying for you every day to teach children.

Kathy: I'll pray for you every week. Pray for me to I need it too.

Denise: Thank you so very much for being a missionary in Bandung, Indonesia. Tell the people in Bandung I love and are praying for them. Tell them I said God is great.

Becky: I'm glad you're a missionary. It takes courage and faith. You are a lucky person to have God love you. But he loves every body. But when you feel down remember God won't put more on you than you can take.

Even slips of the pencil that plagued our young correspondents sometimes came out sounding pretty encouraging.

Jenny: may God Bless you as our prayer

Mark: thank you for praying all over the world love

Maria: I've been studying about missionaries.

And we've been sending envelopes with money to the missionaries to help the missionaries as best I can.

Traci: Our church is very conscious minded of foreign missions.

Patricia: I want to tell you about my Mission and special offering box. Every time I get change under a quarter, I put it in the box. And every time a special offering comes up I give to it.

Many of these letters clearly suggest why we think these notes were important enough to be read and responded to. About seven percent said something like this:

Ralph: When I grow up I want to be a missionary like you.

Tammie: Some day I might want to be a missionary myself I think if Jesus wanted me to be a missionary I would.

Yvette: I have just become a Christian. It isn't easy, I am so glad people like you want to tell about Jesus. You must be very brave. I am going to be a missionary. I think it would be exciting.

Betty and I can't help recalling that we ourselves were once the kind of youngsters who write letters to "Dear Mr. and Mrs. Missionary."



Jamie Jones, BSU Director at the University of Arkansas, and Jack Kimbrell, who is directing Project '76, were recently helped by U of A students and Don Johnson, pastor of Southside Church, Fayetteville, in the roofing of the Baptist Student Center. The Student Department shared in last year's overage and much needed repairs have been made possible at the 13 Baptist Student Centers in the state. In many cases directors and students have "stretched" their share in the overage by doing the work themselves. Many of the centers have not been repaired in 15 years.

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## Two seminary professors author book on 'tongues'

Two professors at New Orleans Seminary, Dr. Malcolm Tolbert and Dr. Fisher Humphreys, have co-authored *Speaking In Tongues*, an analysis of the current Pentecostal phenomenon. Tolbert is professor of New Testament and Greek, and Humphreys is assistant professor of theology.

Written clearly and concisely from the practical standpoint, the book is intended to shed light on recent turmoil concerning "Glossalia." The work begins with a description of the Pentecostals and their experience and goes on to present a theology of the Holy Spirit and of "baptism in the Spirit" from the Pentecostal perspective.

The book provides the non-Pentecostal with a better understanding of the movement, presents the Biblical basis for a non-Pentecostal stance, provides practical advice on how Pentecostals and non-Pentecostals can better relate and cooperate with each other, and concludes by suggesting some alternative ways in which the presence of God may be confirmed in the life of a person or a church.

Written in short chapters, each answering a specific question, the book is ideally suited for use as a textbook for youth groups, in prayer meetings, or in other study groups.

Both men hold the doctor of theology degree from New Orleans Seminary. Tolbert has taught in the school since 1961 and is also author of the commentary on Luke for the *Broadman Bible Commentary* and *Walking With The Lord*, an inspirational commentary on I John. Humphreys, who came to the seminary faculty in 1970, holds the bachelor of letters degree from Oxford University in England.

## News briefs

Webb City Church, Ozark, is honored to have six families of four generations each. They are the families of: Wilbray Bearden, Charles Tiffin, Lonnie Dicks and Ted Acord.

## Hospital opens building

PUSAN, Korea — The Bill Wallace Memorial Hospital here, observing its 18th anniversary recently, opened a new out-patient clinic building, a facility which will increase the daily out-patient visits from the present average of 270 to 400 visits a day. The new clinic connects to the main building of the 155-bed hospital which employs 10 Southern Baptist missionaries and 249 Koreans.

(From Missionary News Briefs)



Dr. Fisher Humphreys (left) and Dr. Malcolm Tolbert, (right) both professors at New Orleans Seminary, autograph copies of their new book, "Speaking in Tongues," during an autograph party in their honor at the seminary. The book, an excellent treatment of the Pentecostal phenomenon which may be used by group or individuals, was enthusiastically received by the seminary community, selling over 200 copies at its debut.

## I. B. Hall to represent southeast district for Radio and Television Commission

I. B. Hall of Miami, Fla., has been named southeastern representative for financial resources for the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission in Fort Worth. He will be based in Atlanta.

Hall, who has been pastor of University Church, Coral Gables, Fla., since 1965, assumed his new duties Nov. 19, according to Robert L. Cargill, director of the Radio-TV Commission's financial resources department.

"We feel very fortunate to have a man like Hall added to the staff of the Baptist Radio and Television Commission," said Cargill. "Hall has a rich and varied background of leadership in the pastorate and with various Southern Baptist Convention agencies.

"His sense of dedication and his talents will expand the ministry of the Radio and Television Commission by securing a broader base of financial support from those who have a special interest in Christian broadcasting."

"When I considered joining the Radio-TV Commission I couldn't think of a more effective ministry than the Commission's and I'm delighted to be a

part of it," observed Hall. "I've always admired Paul M. Stevens, the Commission's president, and I'm looking forward to my association with Cargill."

Hall served the denomination for 14 years as a member of the Home Mission Board's board of directors. He also has served as a member of the boards of trustees of Bluefield (Va.) College, Shorter College in Rome, Ga., and the Baptist Hospital in Miami. He was president of the Miami Baptist Pastors Conference in 1970-71.

Former pastorates include First Churches in Warrenton and Marietta, Ga.; University Church, Charlottesville, Va., and First Church, Petersburg, Va. For two years he was director of Baptist Student Union work in Atlanta colleges.

In Miami Hall was active in Kiwanis Club and Family Counseling Service, was chairman of the Coral Gables Youth Advisory Committee, and president of the Metropolitan Fellowship of Churches, 1970-72. He is listed in "Who's Who in the South and Southeast."

He and Mrs. Hall, the former Mae Whitley of Franklin, Va., have a son and two daughters.



## Mission Board Honors Miss Alma Hunt for 25 years service as WMU leader

ATLANTA (BP) — "This has been a beautiful and joyful experience," Alma Hunt, executive secretary of Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union said. "And seeing yourself on the screen is far better than going to your own funeral."

Miss Hunt made the comment after seeing the multimedia presentation on her life at the Alma Hunt Appreciation Day Luncheon given by the Southern Baptist Convention's Home Mission Board during its annual fall meeting here.

The agency's board of directors, who gave Miss Hunt a standing ovation, honored her for 25 years service to the WMU and her support of the board.

Miss Hunt became WMU executive secretary in 1948. Since then she has worked together with the Home Mission Board to form a partnership which has resulted in printing and distribution of more than four million copies of some 100 books, delving into every facet of home missions.

One of Miss Hunt's most beneficial projects, a board spokesman said, has been the special offering to home missions. Since she took office, the offering has grown from \$600,000 in 1948 to more than \$6.8 million in 1973.

The offering undergirds every home missions program and ministry in the land, supplementing the Southern

Baptist Convention's Cooperative Program unified budget.

Miss Hunt, the Southern Baptist leader with the longest years of service, has worked with three Home Mission Board executive secretaries: J. B. Lawrence, Courts Redford and Arthur B. Rutledge.

"It has been my privilege to work closely with Alma Hunt since 1965," Rutledge said at the presentation. "Those of us who know her as a person know that she lives missions — missions overseas and missions at home.

Jack Lowndes, president of the mission agency's board of directors, presented Miss Hunt with a resolution of appreciation.

Porter W. Routh, executive secretary-treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee, said of Miss Hunt, "She has acted as a key leader since becoming the WMU executive secretary and has sought, in an effective way, to get women involved in missions at the local, state and world levels."

Miss Hunt spoke of the relationship that has and will continue to exist between the WMU and the Home Mission Board.

She turned to Rutledge and said, "Here is a check for \$400 from my printer for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Take it and know that I am still at work."

## Miss Snider is member of Baylor Foundation



Miss Snider

WACO, Tex. — Cathy Snider of Little Rock is one of 60 new members of Baylor University's Student Foundation.

Miss Snider currently is serving on the Financial Affairs Committee of the foundation, which is an organization of outstanding Baylor

junior and senior students. The students work primarily in the areas of university public relations, student recruitment and student scholarships.

The foundation is best known for its sponsorship of Bear Downs, a 50-mile bicycle race conducted each spring to raise money for student scholarships.

Miss Snider is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted L. Snider of 571 Valley Club Circle, Little Rock. A 1971 graduate of Hall High School in Little Rock, she is a junior business administration major at the university.

Miss Snider and the other new members of the foundation were honored at a campus banquet earlier this fall. Banquet speakers were Thomas E. Turner, assistant to Baylor President Abner V. McCall, and Tom Z. Parrish, Baylor vice president for development.

## Edge to hold conference at Arkadelphia church

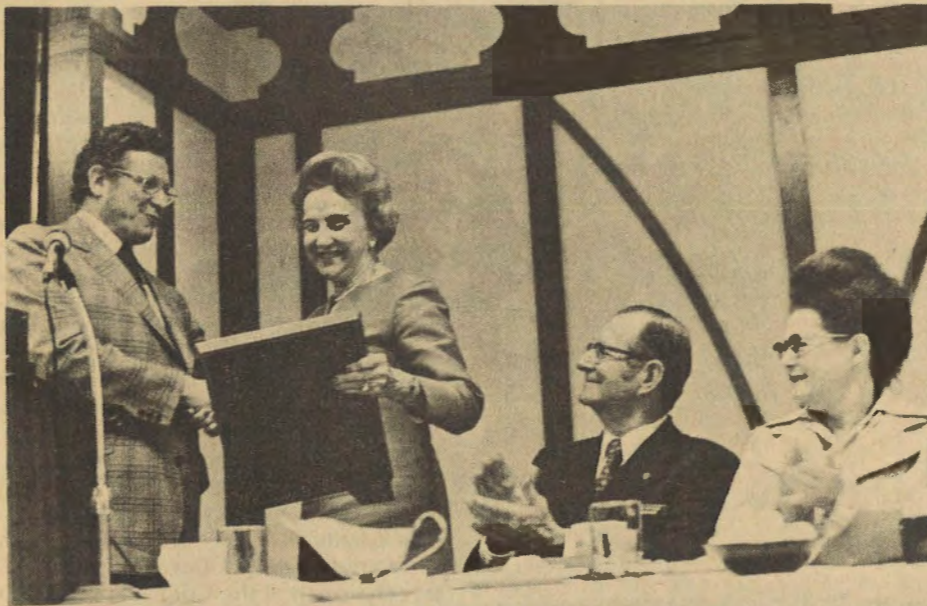
One of Southern Baptist's foremost educators will hold a conference at First Church, Arkadelphia, Jan. 15-17.

Dr. Finley Edge, a pioneer in the area of teaching for results and church renewal, will challenge the Sunday School leaders of First Church to a new involvement and dedication to the cause of Christ in the local church.

Listed in *Who's Who in America*, Edge has received degrees from Stetson University, Southern Seminary and Yale University. He also has lead conferences in Canada, England, Germany, Switzerland, Spain, Turkey, Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Columbia, Hawaii, the Phillippines, Okinawa, Guam, and Japan.

Edge is extensively read both by fellow educators and laymen as he has written *Teaching for Results*, *Helping the Teacher*, *A Quests for Vitality in Religion* and *The Greening of the Church*.

The registration fee for this conference will be \$5.



Alma Hunt, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, receives a resolution of appreciation from Jack Lowndes, president of the Home Mission Board of Directors. The presentation was part of "Alma Hunt Appreciation Day" given by the Home Mission Board for her 25 years service to the WMU and her support of home missions. Arthur B. Rutledge, HMB executive director, and his wife Vesta, applaud the presentation.

(Photo by Don Rutledge)



# Mischievous child became famous Baptist missionary

By Teena Andrews  
For Baptist Press

Lottie Moon was not a particularly pious youngster. On the contrary, she had a rather mischievous streak, especially when it came to religion.

People who knew her as a child wouldn't have dreamed that in 1973, the centennial year of her departure as a missionary to China, Southern Baptists would commemorate her name in their annual Christmas offering for foreign missions and Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, Dec. 2-9.

For example, when Lottie was a student at a private school for young women, a new, rather "green" girl came to the school. Lottie immediately took the newcomer under her care.

"Mr. H. is a Baptist, you know, and this is a Baptist school," Lottie told the girl. "Every girl that comes here has to be baptized at the Baptist church the Sunday after arrival."

The girl protested, but Lottie insisted, "It is a rule of the school and Mr. H. will be awful mad if you make any fuss about it. There's no time to lose.

"You will be baptized day after tomorrow, and you had better go see Mrs. H. about what dress you must wear."

The girl went off to find Mrs. H., where she discovered that no such rule existed. Lottie had merely played a joke on her, according to a reference in The Foreign Missions of the Southern Baptist Convention, in 1880, seven years after Miss Moon's departure for China.

Later, when she was a master of arts candidate at Albemarle Female Seminary in Charlottesville, Lottie's thoughts turned to a more serious vein. She declared her faith in Christ during a Baptist revival in Charlottesville and was baptized.

The "call" to foreign missions for Lottie Moon came while she was teaching at a girls' high school in Cartersville, Ga.

In 1873, she was appointed as a missionary to China by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. She arrived just before Christmas 1873 and began a selfless ministry that was to last 40 years.

Miss Moon first tried to organize a girls' school in the city of Tengchow, China, but soon moved into the small country villages where missionaries had not previously taken the Christian message.

Though the work in the villages required traveling and enduring adverse conditions, Miss Moon labored to help the people and teach the Christian message.

Difficulties encountered in the villages weren't the only problems for Southern Baptists' most famous foreign missionary. A few years after Miss Moon arrived in China, her sister, Edmonia, also a missionary in China, became ill. Lottie Moon accompanied her sister home.

When Lottie Moon returned to China, a young professor whom she had dated while in school in the USA rekindled the relationship. At first, Miss Moon considered returning to the United States to marry him, but she changed her mind.

"God has first claim on my life and, since the two conflicted, there could be no question about the result," she said later.

She begged for volunteers to reinforce her work, in correspondence with family, friends and the Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

The December, 1887, issue of the Foreign Mission Journal carried an open letter from Lottie Moon to Southern Baptists in which she proposed a Christmas offering for foreign missions, never realizing the offering would eventually bear her name.

Southern Baptists responded so favorably the following year (1888) that the first Christmas offering, sponsored by the Woman's Missionary Union (WMU), yielded \$3,315, enough money to send three additional missionaries to China.

Not until the new missionaries arrived and were trained did Miss Moon take her first regular furlough. She had not been home in 14 years.

When she returned to China, Miss Moon found that the attitude of many

Chinese had changed.

Wars and revolutions caused increasing poverty and famine in China. Times grew harder as Lottie Moon grew older. Once called "Devil Old Woman" she was now, "The Heavenly Book Visitor." She unselfishly gave all her savings and salary for relief to the Chinese people because the Foreign Mission Board was badly in debt and couldn't help at that time. If the people were starving, Miss Moon felt she should not eat either.

She was dying from starvation when a Southern Baptist missionary doctor in China sent her back to the States, hoping to save her life. Help came too late, and Lottie Moon died in 1912, en route to her last furlough.

One hundred years ago when Lottie Moon went to China, Southern Baptists were supporting 18 missionaries in three countries. Now they have more than 2,500 missionaries in 77 countries. The goal for this year's Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions is \$20 million.

The offering, sponsored annually by WMU and named for Lottie Moon in 1918, is promoted in churches by WMU and Brotherhood, Southern Baptists' missionary organization for men.

Up to the present time these annual offerings have provided \$327,464,705.14 for Baptist missionary work outside the USA.

The Lottie Moon who sacrificed her life for the Chinese people came a long way from the girl who jestingly spoke of baptism to her school friend. Southern Baptists likewise have come a long way in mission work and support, partly because of the inspiration from her life.

## David Hazelwood joins Sunday School Board



Hazelwood

NASHVILLE — David B. Hazelwood has accepted the position of consultant, new work development, in national student ministries of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board here.

Presently, he is serving as minister of youth at Plainfield Church, Plainfield, Ind. He previously has worked as campus minister for the Baptist State Convention of Michigan and minister of youth at First Church, Benton, Ky.

Hazelwood is a graduate of Murray State University, Murray, Ky., and Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

### New Subscriber:

### New budget:

Church  
Rivervale

Pastor  
M. L. Hitt

Association  
Trinity





Mrs. Mark O. Hatfield (left), wife of U.S. Senator Hatfield of Oregon, received the symbolic 43 millionth copy of "Good News for Modern Man," the American Bible Society's New Testament in Today's English Version, "in recognition of her creative Christian leadership and devotion to the Bible cause." Miss Alice E. Ball, an ABS executive secretary, made the presentation.

## Senator's wife given symbolic copy of book

Mrs. Mark Hatfield, wife of the senior U. S. senator from Oregon, was the recipient of the symbolic 43 millionth copy of "Good News for Modern Man," the American Bible Society's New Testament in Today's English Version, originally published on Sept. 15, 1966.

Presentation of the white leather-bound volume was by Miss Alice Ball, executive secretary of the Society's Department of Volunteer Activities, at a luncheon Mrs. Hatfield gave in her honor at the Congressional Country Club, Bethesda, Md. A group of wives of congressional leaders attended. Miss Ball told the ladies about "Good News for New Readers," the Society's newest project to help new readers throughout the world maintain and improve their reading skills through specially prepared Scripture Selections.

A fund of \$62,850,000 to finance the translation, production and distribution of 725 million Good News Scripture Literacy Selections, in more than 200 languages, to assuage the cry from new literates everywhere, will be needed, she explained.

Mrs. Hatfield, drawing attention to loaves of bread at each place, asserted:

"'Man shall not live by bread alone.' The loaves are symbolic of our physical needs, but the Good News of the New Testament was made available to remind us of our spiritual needs."

## "Grain" performance held at Ouachita

ARKADELPHIA — "Grain," a five-member musical singing group sponsored by the Foreign Mission Board, was on the Ouachita University campus Tuesday, Nov. 27.

The members of "Grain" are from varied backgrounds and hail from Georgia, Texas, New Mexico, Alabama and Ethiopia, Africa. They have been teachers, foreign and domestic missionaries, and have worked through many other phases of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Pianist Jerry Jones, who organized the group said that he was disappointed that they could not spend two or three days on the campus, meeting and getting to know students.

He said, "We find that the most meaningful thing we do is when we go onto a cold campus and then after a day or two find that we've made some deep relationships."

Their performances at OBU were part of an 11-state tour that began several weeks ago and which will continue until Easter, when they plan to disband.



Arlen Waldrup, center, a layman from El Dorado, is shown receiving a plaque for having served two years as president of the Arkansas Baptist Foundation. Presenting the plaque, on the right, is Roy F. Lewis, Acting Executive Director of the Foundation. Looking on, left, is Bruce Murphy, pastor of Second Baptist Church, El Dorado, where Waldrup and his family are all active members. The presentation was made in a Sunday morning service in the church, and as Waldrup was called to the rostrum to receive the award, the congregation broke into spontaneous applause.



## Governor says liquor controversy a case of misleading news headlines

ATLANTA, Ga. (BP) — A series of charges and countercharges between Georgia Baptists and their Southern Baptist governor, Jimmy Carter, over his alleged pro-liquor views has been clarified as a simple case of a misleading newspaper headline.

But Carter, an ordained deacon and active member of Atlanta's Northside Drive Church, resents treatment by his fellow Baptists.

In October, daily newspapers in Atlanta published stories claiming that Gov. Carter "favors a wet Georgia," and that he would push for legislation making liquor sales legal all over the state.

On Nov. 14, in annual session, the Baptist Convention of the State of Georgia adopted a strong resolution castigating Gov. Carter for these alleged views, saying that they are "not in keeping with his personal commitment to Georgia Baptists."

The resolution also called on Georgia Assembly to "resist and defeat the announced proposal of Gov. Jimmy Carter to legalize the sale of liquor in every county in Georgia."

While the Georgia convention was adopting that resolution — plus another contradictory one that praised the Baptist governor for his efforts to stamp out organized crime and alcohol — Gov. Carter was in South Carolina speaking to that state Baptist convention.

When he got home that evening, he read in the secular press the resolutions adopted by Georgia Baptists that afternoon. He immediately wrote a personal, handwritten letter to the convention explaining that he was grossly misquoted in the original news stories and that he had no intention of advocating statewide legal liquor.

The governor's driver had delivered the letter to the convention president, John T. Tippet Jr., who was presiding over the Georgia convention's final worship session that evening in Atlanta.

Tippet did not read the letter to the convention, later saying in a prepared statement that "the evening session was designed . . . to be inspirational and worshipful in character (and) made no provision for a business period."

Tippet added: "Gov. Carter's letter pertains to a subject which had been considered at a business session of the convention. It was my decision, therefore, to submit the governor's letter for publication in the Christian Index (journal of the Georgia Baptist Convention)

and to provide a response to Gov. Carter through regular procedures and responsible committees of the convention."

After several discussions with the governor and Christian Index editor Jack U. Harwell, Tippet released the governor's letter.

The letter said in part: "I have no intention to change our state laws to permit the sale of liquor throughout Georgia. However, our Georgia Baptists should fully realize that in almost every so-called 'dry' county, whiskey is sold openly and, in many instances, with the full knowledge of community leaders . . .

"These illegal sales provide profits on which little tax is paid and often is the central product used to provide for sale of drugs, for gambling operations, prostitution, theft rings and for the distribution of pornography."

Gov. Carter's statement added: "There is no doubt that condoned sale of liquor in dry counties is much more serious than legal sale of liquor in wet counties. The attendant crime and the perversion of law enforcement efforts is a cancer within a community which corrupts in a far-reaching manner.

## BWA seeks \$100,000 for rehabilitation, refugee resettlement in S. Vietnam

WASHINGTON (BP) — Baptist World Alliance relief leaders are seeking \$100,000 for refugee resettlement, economic rehabilitation and other projects in war-ravaged Southeast Asia.

Carl W. Tiller, associate secretary and relief coordinator for BWA, said an original goal of \$50,000, announced at the end of the Vietnam war last May, has been doubled because of reports of pressing need.

While Vietnam will be the primary focus for relief projects, the neighboring countries of Laos and the Khmer Republic (Cambodia) are also included in the Baptist relief committee plans, Tiller said.

He said that while published figures vary, it appears the war victimized an estimated 10,000,000 people. In South Vietnam alone, he said, 800,000 were left homeless and large numbers of children were orphaned. Substantial numbers of civilians were wounded in the conflict.

The BWA works through several channels to administer its relief work, Tiller said. One is the Vietnam Baptist Mission (Southern Baptist missionaries

"We should face this problem frankly and cease looking the other way when laws are violated. Because of the all-pervasive nature of this problem, primary responsibility must lie with local leaders."

In the closing paragraph of his letter to the Georgia Baptist Convention, Gov. Carter said: "To summarize, many 'dry' counties have a much worse problem than others. However, I do not intend to seek state laws passed to change dry counties into wet ones."

The week after the Georgia Baptist Convention met, a delegation of Atlanta Baptists called on Gov. Carter to "seek clarification" of his liquor views. The delegation was led by Louie D. Newton, pastor emeritus of Druid Hills Church, Atlanta, and a former Southern Baptist Convention president.

Gov. Carter restated for that group essentially the same position expressed in his letter to the Georgia Baptist Convention.

He also expressed strong resentment toward Baptist groups adopting resolutions about him, without first calling on him to determine his exact views.

Gov. Carter is a member of the board of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission, mission education agency for men and boys, and spoke to several state Baptist conventions this fall representing the Brotherhood Commission.

from the States), which, Tiller said, has outlined a three-point program for the use of BWA relief funds:

(1) Refugee resettlement — That involves clearing of land, provision of building materials and transportation. Refugee families will generally build their own houses, except where skilled labor may be necessary. Baptists' initial share in this activity will involve about 300 families, he said.

(2) Economic rehabilitation for the war handicapped — job training and employment are provided for the needy, after first securing the wheelchairs and crutches which they need to hold a job.

(3) Halfway house and foster home service for children — the halfway house will serve as a temporary residence for children awaiting foster home placement. It may also be a short-term residence (six months to a year) for children where severe economic stress on a family may be lightened by providing a temporary home for a child, Tiller said.



## Robert Parrish joins Missions Department

Robert Edward Parrish is welcomed to the staff of the Missions Department by C. F. Landon, director of Deaf Ministries, who will retire Jan. 1 after 40 years service with the Home Mission Board ministering to the deaf in several states. Parrish will succeed Landon.

Parrish has been minister to the deaf at First Church, Little Rock, since August, 1970.

As director of Deaf Ministries, he will be available to associations and churches to give assistance reaching and ministering to deaf persons. He will also provide training opportunities for interpreters and other workers with the deaf. He will serve as liaison with the Department of Language Missions of the Home Mission Board.

Parrish is a native of Ashboro, N.C. Following high school he moved to Greensboro where for ten years he was a driver with the fire department.

He studied at New Orleans Seminary from which he graduated with a Diploma of Theology. During this time he also served as assistant pastor to the deaf in First Church, New Orleans. He since has served as camp pastor in deaf youth camps in Oklahoma and Texas and conducted revivals and conferences in four other states.

Parrish is married to the former Nancy Bennett of Greensboro, N.C. They have three children: Robert Edward II, age 13; Debra Alice, age 8, who is deaf, and Christopher Joseph, age 2 months.

Several national and state organizations recognize Parrish's ability in ministering to deaf persons by naming him to official membership. Among them is the Arkansas Association of the Deaf where he is the first hearing person to serve as president in the 150 year history of the organization. He is a trustee of the Southern Baptist Con-

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ference of the Deaf and a member of the Arkansas Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf. Also, he is a member of the Governor's Committee on Employment

of the Handicapped and the Advisory Committee to the Arkansas Rehabilitation Services. — R. H. Dorris, Missions Department.

## Brotherhood involved in missions

Two months of the new church year is now history. We are grateful for the response on gains in missionary education for men and boys.

More and more churches are realizing the importance of men and boys in the overall picture of world missions.

The week of Foreign Mission study is in progress. We are grateful that more men and boys are involved in the study. If your group, both men and Royal Ambassadors, have not studied the books, there is still time to do so.

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions is to be given dur-

ing the month of December. The goal is \$20 million dollars. Certainly every Baptist Men's group and every Royal Ambassador Chapter will desire to have a part in this worthy offering. Members of some Royal Ambassador Chapters have been earning extra money so they can have a greater part in the offering. Let men and Royal Ambassadors in Arkansas help go over the goal.

Congratulations to Calvary Association, the Superintendent of Missions William Burnett, Mrs. Myrtle Best, associational W.M.U. director and James Thornton, associational Brotherhood Director on promoting an excellent joint leadership briefing and training

meeting on Nov. 29. The meeting was held at Central Church, Bald Knob, with 13 churches represented and an attendance of about 100.

It was a privilege for me to be present and speak on Brotherhood and lead a conference for Royal Ambassador workers. Joel Moody, pastor Martindale Church, Little Rock, led the conference for Baptist Men.

May other associations join the tribe and plan an associational briefing and training workshop for mission organization leadership.

Call on the Brotherhood Department for assistance in planning for missionary education for men and boys. — C. H. Seaton, Director.



## There is something all can do

"We have been blessed as a family. The Lord has been good to us and we want to share with a child living at the Baptist Home for Children. Is there something we can do?" What a true expression of Christian love and concern. After talking with this family about the needs at the Children's Home and their interest, this family decided to become an allowance sponsor for one of our young people. "We realize how important it is for our own children to have spending money and we would like to help provide for these "extra needs" for another young person at the Home."

We are grateful to the families, individuals and church groups who serve as sponsors for individual children at the Children's Home. With new children coming to the Home, we are always in need of sponsors. The following letter, written to a group inquiring about the sponsorship program, might be helpful to other interested groups.

"Dear Mrs. . . .

Thank you for your letter asking about our needs in Child Care. I'm sure there is much you can do for us. We need and covet your prayers for our program as well as your financial support.

I'm enclosing a brochure that explains our complete sponsorship program. We need all the sponsors, from allowance sponsors who send \$5 a month to clothing sponsors who donate

\$200 a year. Anything you decide to do will be appreciated.

"I can send you information about a particular child when you decide how you want to become involved. I pray this will be a blessing to you and your Sunday School class as well as to us.

Thanks again for sharing with us in

## Youth worker to speak at conference



St. Clair

Barry St. Clair, Associate Director in the division of evangelism, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga., will speak at the Evangelism Conference. The meeting opens Monday afternoon, Jan. 21 and closes Tuesday night, Jan. 22. St. Clair is director of Youth (high school) Evangelism and serves as a resource person in this area with state conventions, associations and churches. He plans and directs conferences for high school students and those who work with them.

He came to the Home Mission Board Aug. 1, 1971, from Bethlehem Church, Louisville, Ky., where he was youth director. He was a summer missionary with the Home Mission Board in Cali-

this ministry of love.

Sincerely,  
(Mrs.) Eula Armstrong  
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fornia in 1970. He has been a staff member of Campus Crusade playing basketball and working with college students. He has worked in Young Life and Fellowship of Christian Athletes and has played basketball with Venture for Victory in the Orient.

St. Clair is a native of Princeton, W. Va., and a graduate of Davidson College, Davidson, N. C., and Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky. He will speak on "Jesus the Revolutionary."

Perhaps there is not another group in the Southern Baptist Convention as "turned on" as our young people. Our pastors and youth leaders should urge their young people to attend Tuesday night's session to hear this great preacher of The Word.

Other speakers for the conference will be Dr. Wayne Ward, Bible teacher and Dr. Owen Cooper, President, Southern Baptist Convention — Jesse S. Reed, Director of Evangelism.

## News about missionaries

MADRID, Spain — The Spanish Baptist Seminary here reopened recently for the last year of a three-year course under the interim directorship of Southern Baptist missionary S. Herbert Cockburn. Ten students are enrolled in the course. Missionary Gerald A. McNeely, currently on study leave at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., is the permanent director of the Spanish seminary and will resume his position at mid-term.

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PAMPLONA, Spain — Several Pamplona residents were among the crowd who gathered recently for the official opening of a Baptist mission here. Members of the Baptist Church of Zaragoza, the church sponsoring the mission, infiltrated Pamplona, inviting residents to special services at the new place of worship. Young people from the Zaragoza church played guitars and gave testimonies and several other church members spoke. This is the first Baptist work in Spain's Navarra Province.

## Conference Center fees increased

NASHVILLE — Rising labor costs and general inflation are the primary factors in a rate increase announced recently by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board for Ridgecrest (N.C.) and Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist Conference Centers.

According to Bob M. Boyd, director of the board's conference center division, prices will be up \$1.75 a day or approximately \$12 a week for each person, effective for the summer, 1974, session. The new rates include increases of \$1 a day for rooms and 25 cents a day for meals.

The remainder of the increase is in the conference service fee, which will be \$10 this summer, instead of \$7.50. Some items covered in the conference service fee are travel insurance, first aid assistance, recreation facilities, auditorium and conference space, day camp facilities and registration.

The 700 summer staffers at Ridgecrest and Glorieta now receive minimum wages (\$1.60 an hour) which increases operating costs by several hundred

thousand dollars.

"A recent sampling of conference centers across the nation indicated that Ridgecrest and Glorieta are still well under other conference center rates for comparable facilities," Boyd said.

"The superior training opportunities and nation-wide interchange of ideas provided by Ridgecrest and Glorieta make them unique and essential to Southern Baptists' growth and development," Boyd explained. "We are committed to continue providing facilities at the lowest possible cost to church leaders taking advantage of these opportunities."

This price increase will bring the conference centers closer to the break-even policy called for by the trustees of the Sunday School Board.

Brochures for Ridgecrest and Glorieta have been sent to all pastors. These contain current prices as well as schedules for the upcoming summer. For a copy of either brochure contact the Conference Center Division, 127 Ninth Ave., N., Nashville, Tenn., 37234.



# The Southern accent Foreign Missions, or just missions

D. Jack Nicholas, President  
Southern Baptist College

A few years ago while in graduate school I had a course with a Southern Baptist missionary who was in the states on furlough from his mission assignment in East Africa. While we were visiting one day I used the expression "foreign missions" and my missionary friend rather abruptly interrupted me with the assertion "there is no such thing as foreign missions; there is just missions, world missions." I nodded knowingly as though I understood his meaning, although I had only a vague comprehension of his statement at the time.

From time to time I have found myself pondering the meaning of the distinction which he made, for he offered the comment with considerable feeling and it struck me as somewhat profound. What did he imply by his remark "There is no such thing as foreign missions"? Why would a man who, with his family, had spent years on the far side of the world engaged in the missionary enterprise make such a statement? I have not had occasion through the years to explore further the meaning of his assertion with him but, having thought about it often, I think I may have gained some insight into the implications of his statement.

I believe he was saying that the mission enterprise is not restricted to designated individuals who are sent by their denomination to the far corners of the earth, but that every disciple is a missionary wherever he happens to live in this world. I think that he was implying that we, in the development and support of our excellent home mission and foreign mission programs, have unconsciously circumscribed missionary

activity: that is, in designating certain individuals as home missionaries and others as foreign missionaries, we exempt ourselves as missionaries.

Likewise, by regarding the locale of missionary activity to be somewhere else like Oregon, Nevada, Brazil or Hong Kong, we exempt our communities as mission fields. It does, indeed, seem that we have restricted the scope of missionary activity in terms of (1) the agents of the activity and (2) the geographical location of the activity. In short, we think in terms of someone else, somewhere else!

It occurs to me that his assertion has at least one further implication. We assume, and properly so, that an individual who is sent to a mission field has a complete and compelling commitment to the Great Commission. But we improperly assume that we who are not sent are exempt from such a commitment to the Great Commission.

I believe that we Southern Baptists have the finest program of missions in the world and that we must support that program ever more adequately with our prayers and our contributions. But our missionary thrust in this world could be substantially enhanced if we would correct our misconceptions concerning missions, if each one of us would regard himself as a missionary, if each would regard his community as a mission field, if each would regard the compelling imperative of the Great Commission as applying directly to himself.

In this season let us give generously and sacrificially to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering but let us not assume that in so doing we have completely discharged our responsibility for missions.

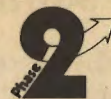
Seminary, Louisville, Ky. She is a native of Ft. Worth.

James and Jackie Smith, natives of Texas, were appointed as missionary associates. Smith, a Dallas native, will serve as pastor and director of weekday ministries of Peach Bridge Chapel, Buffalo, N.Y.

He received his bachelor of business administration from North Texas State University in 1957 and his bachelor of arts degree in 1961.

Mrs. Smith, a Jacksonville, Tex., native, received her bachelor of science from Texas State College for Women, Denton, and her teacher's certificate from North Texas State.

Natives of Mexico, Eliab and Rosa Maria Saenz also were appointed as associate missionaries.



The Ouachita-Southern Advancement Campaign

The Arkansas Baptist Campaign for Ouachita Baptist University and Southern Baptist College

## Reaching your goals

By Jim E. Tillman, Director

"Before you can score, you must first have a goal." This Greek proverb is applicable to the Arkansas Campaign for Christian Higher Education. A realistic goal of four million dollars to be raised through the churches of Arkansas was set three years ago. We are past the 75 percent point of reaching this goal.

With this goal in sight, we are scoring significantly as we reach the final objective. Vital points are being made in the area of renewed emphasis in Christian Higher Education.

Southern Baptist College has been given a weekly half hour television program originating from Jonesboro on Channel 8. This gift is having far reaching results in Northeast Arkansas and Southeast Missouri.

Special gifts in the form of endowments and the dedication of new buildings is drawing attention to Ouachita. Interested people are coming forward with gifts and pledges as they hear of the support being given by the congregations of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention through the Advancement Campaign.

Television news coverage of the dedication of the new Student Center Building and the classroom building at Ouachita has added to the emphasis. A challenge is always inspiring, but the inspiration is complete when you can see the building dedicated to the glory of God.

Yes, we have worthy goals, and we are reaching these goals. Churches are still requesting the presentation of the Campaign in order to take positive action. Pledge cards continue to come to the Campaign Office in the Baptist Building.

The goal of pledging four million dollars will be complete only when this amount has been given. We are also reaching this goal by averaging over \$40,000 per month income from the churches.

Has your church set a goal for Christian Higher Education? Remember, "before you can score you must first have a goal."

## Home Board names five new missionary personnel

ATLANTA, Ga. (BP) — The board of directors of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board appointed one new missionary and four missionary associates.

Most of the appointments, announced at the board meeting here, were made in cooperation with the state Baptist conventions where the workers were assigned.

Colleen Colton was appointed as a missionary by the board's Christian social ministries department to serve in Roanoke, Va., as director of the Baptist Center. Miss Colton is a graduate of North Texas State University, Denton, Tex., and holds a master of religious education degree from Southern



# Christmastime offerings, prayers



Miss Cooper

December . . . Christmas . . . Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions . . . Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions! What does all this mean to you? Answers would vary, of course, but in essence we trust each would say "God's

Gift . . . Unspeakable!"

During these December days when prayers of individuals and groups are particularly concentrated on foreign missions, have you experienced a strange compulsion to share the gospel story? That's Christmas! As you have recalled again the miracle of "God's Gift . . . Unspeakable" has a fresh surge of gratitude filled your heart that God has visited His people? That's Christmas! As you have praised God for his Gift, have you thanked Him for His abiding presence? Yes, Christmas means Emmanuel . . . God with us! Christmas is "God's Gift . . . Unspeakable!"

After observance of that special season of prayer for foreign missions, it is time for "expression of impression" through gifts. Christmas began with a gift when God gave his only Son. Wise men brought their gifts. At Christmastime Southern Baptists make special gifts to missions. That offering bears the name of Lottie Moon, a young woman from Virginia who set foot on China soil one hundred years ago and where she spent her life in sacrificial mission service.

Through letters Lottie Moon inspired Baptists to make a special offering at Christmastime that His work might be strengthened. In December 1887 one of her letters appeared in the *Foreign Mission Journal*. In part, she said, ". . . Need it be said why the week before Christmas is chosen (for a special mission offering)? Is it not the festive season, when families and friends exchange gifts in memory of the gift laid on the altar of the world for the redemption of the human race, the most appropriate time to concentrate a portion from both abounding riches and scant poverty to send forth the good tidings of great joy to all the earth?"

The goal of that first offering was \$2,000 for the sending of two recruits to China. Gifts reached \$3,000 thus providing three workers.

Little did Lottie Moon dream that she touched off a chain of Christmastime praying and giving that would bring Southern Baptists to the brink of a \$20,000,000 offering in a single year. Through this offering more than half the annual support of the 2,536 missionaries serving in 77 countries will come.

In the 85 years since that first Christmas offering, Southern Baptists have given more than \$237,464,705 in Christmas gifts for missions. There's no explanation of this except that millions prayed before the time of giving.

Arkansans were in the van guard! The first record of mission giving was in November 1883 when \$15.50 was sent to Dr. Tupper for Miss Mattie Roberts, a foreign missionary (country unknown). Also noted is that in December, 1889, 1,000 special offering envelopes were "mailed out to aid in collecting the first 'Christmas offering.' Nine (woman's) societies responded with \$32.45."

Contrast this with 1973 when 210,000 offering envelopes were distributed among the churches of Arkansas for the engendering of an offering of "worthy increase" over the more than \$575,000 received in 1972. The 1972 per capita giving in Arkansas was only \$1.51. Surely individuals and churches will be moved to give more worthy in this time of unprecedented need!

Based on last year's living costs, which have soared in many areas, it took \$68 per minute to maintain South-

ern Baptists' foreign mission work, or \$98,155 per day. Last year the average cost of supporting one missionary for a year was \$7,545.96.

God's blessings upon Southern Baptists in general and Arkansas Baptists in particular, are frightening! Surely, He expects greater things from us! What will be our measure of love, as we dedicate a portion of ourselves through prayer and money at this season?

After gleaning well for the offering, churches should remit to Dr. Charles Ashcraft, treasurer of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, P.O. Box 550, Little Rock 72203.

December . . . Christmas . . . Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions . . . Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions! Are they synonymous as we celebrate "God's Gift . . . Unspeakable!?" — Nancy Cooper, Executive Secretary and Treasurer.

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## Seminar to help leaders meet needs



Holley

A recent study indicates that in the average Southern Baptist Church 22 out of every 100 adult church members fill all the positions of leadership. If this is correct, several things are evident.

(1) Most of those who are serving as leaders are serving in several places of leadership. This probably means that they are not able to give their best to any one of their responsibilities.

(2) The other 78 adult members are missing out on opportunities to grow in their spiritual life and develop leadership abilities which will be essential to their church in future years.

(3) Churches need to enlist and train potential leaders who can fill existing vacancies and vacancies that may occur in the future.

(4) Those who are presently serving in places of leadership need the best training possible so they can be better equipped for their responsibilities.

The Leader Training Seminar, to be held at the Baptist Building, Feb. 14-15, will help church leaders meet these training needs. Pastors, ministers of education, church training directors, leader training directors and others who are responsible for training leaders are invited to participate. The seminar will begin at 10 a.m. on Thursday and will end at noon on Friday.

For additional information, write the Church Training Department, P. O. Box 550, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203. — Robert Holley

## Revolving Loan Fund meets needs



Dorris

The Revolving Loan Fund for building aid to small churches continues to stretch its assets to meet some needs despite occasional waiting periods for funds to accumulate. Requests still exceed available money for loans.

While designated gifts received in 1973 totaled \$13,844.46, six churches received loans amounting to \$30,450. This indicates the rapid repayment by churches taking advantage of the interest-free period with additional principal payments.

Total assets in the fund now amount to \$57,175.49 toward a long established goal of \$100,000.

Gifts have come from individuals, churches and associations in small and large sums. This is a real mission opportunity and makes it possible for the denomination to meet the perennial need among small churches where commercial loan rates cannot be met.

The maximum limit for a loan is \$10,000. There is a 10 year repayment period. The first two years is interest free. The rate of interest charged for

the next five years will be 5 percent on the balance owed. During the last three years of the loan the rate will go to 7 percent on the balance.

Loans must be used for church buildings only. When loans are in excess of \$2,000, the building plans must be reviewed by the architectural consultants of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

The best way to perpetuate a gift to missions that will pay spiritual dividends year after year and strengthen the future of our Baptist witness and gospel preaching in Arkansas is to give to the Revolving Loan Fund for Small Churches. For further information contact the Missions Department. — R. H. Dorris, Director

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## Motivation in stewardship

Age and maturity do not always go together, and neither are youth and immaturity always found in the same person.

At Ouachita University, I spent three class periods discussing with the students, mostly freshmen, their opinions and ideas about Christian stewardship. I was frankly amazed at the level of maturity demonstrated by a majority of the students who participated in the class discussions.

To be sure, there were some opinions expressed with which I would strongly disagree, and some statements were made that were not theologically sound, but on the whole I was impressed with the attitude toward stewardship expressed by the students.

One of the points at which the youth criticized adult leadership was at the point of motivation in stewardship. They reacted strongly against the use of

gimmicks in promoting giving in the church and the legalistic attitude of many pastors and leaders toward stewardship.

Not one voiced any desire to escape the responsibilities of stewardship, but without exception they responded favorably toward giving which is motivated by love, rather than fear or obligation.

The youth of today are different in many ways. Circumstances are different; home life is different; their temptations are different. I would even have to confess that many of their styles and current fads are totally beyond my comprehension, but I was deeply encouraged to discover such sound Scripturally-based thinking among our youth at such an important point in Baptist life.

Frequently when I am in a church that is involved in some type of stewardship emphasis, personal testimonies are used in the services. Personal testimonies,

when properly done, are one of the most effective educational tools in the stewardship work, and we encourage churches to use them. However, only on rare occasions have I observed the youth being used to give stewardship testimonies.

Based on my recent experience at Ouachita, I am inclined to think that our churches are overlooking a major resource in stewardship education. If the youth I heard are typical of those who will hold leadership positions in our churches in the years ahead, then my confidence in the future is strengthened. — Roy F. Lewis, Secretary, Stewardship-Cooperative Program Department



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## Togo's theology school is international center

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast — Southern Baptist missionaries to six West African countries in which French is the dominant language recently designated the Baptist Pastor's School in Lome, Togo, as an international center for advanced training of pastors and church leaders.

Assembled at the sixth annual meeting here of the Francophone Conference, missionaries from Togo, Ivory Coast, Dahomey, Senegal, Upper Volta and the Republic of Niger discussed missionary methods and future strategy.

Local leadership training will continue to be conducted in all of the French-speaking West African countries, but the school in Lome will provide advanced theological training for selected students from the other countries.

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# Belief or unbelief in Jesus Christ?

By James D. Dwiggins  
First Church, Van Buren

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John 12:37-50



Dwiggins

The title of today's lesson poses a very pertinent question. It is the question which all men must answer with respect to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Throughout Scripture the choices are always the same — belief or unbelief in Jesus

Christ as Saviour. And, of course, salvation never came to anyone then, nor does it come to anyone today, simply because of belief in the existence of Jesus. Those in our text for today who rejected Him did so because they did not receive His message or accept Him as Saviour. To believe in Jesus in the true sense means to accept Him as one's personal Saviour, not just to believe that He lived in history and claimed to be the Saviour of the world.

### A determined rejection of Jesus (John 12:37-41)

John recorded, "Though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on him." The chief priest and the Pharisees were totally perplexed and bewildered with the fact that Jesus had done many mighty miracles before them with all the world to see. No one could deny that Jesus had power. He had healed the sick, raised the dead and opened the eyes of the blind. All this he had done in the open so the people knew of his power.

The clause "Therefore they could not believe" (John 12:39) is a very difficult passage to deal with unless understood in their context. The reason for the unbelief in the time of Isaiah and also during the time of Christ was simply the rejection of the prophets report concerning Christ. Therefore, the people of Christ's day did not acknowledge the miracles which He performed as evidence that He indeed was the One spoken of by the prophets.

Isaiah was sent by God to proclaim His message to a people He predicted would reject the message. Rejection of the Truth causes one's heart to be hardened. When Pharaoh hardened his heart against God, then God in turn hardened his heart even more. Man never sins cheaply. Thus, even though God knew the nation would not believe, He sent Isaiah and other prophets to declare His truth. But, because of the continual hardness to the people, their

eyes were blinded and they could not see the truth concerning Christ.

### A guarded reception of Jesus (John 12:42-43)

The Word never returns void. Even in the midst of almost universal unbelief and rejection we see the Word work and many believed on Him. Among these rulers who believed on Jesus were Nicodemus and Joseph or Arimathaea. According to v. 42 there were many more but their names were not recorded for us.

But like so many who believed in Jesus, these chief rulers were embarrassed to acknowledge their faith. There was a fear of being put out of the synagogue and being classed as a Believer. There is a stigma, associated with the Saviour, and many shy from it. Some shy away by attempting to be secret followers and others by seeking to remove the stigma and the offense of Christ and His cross from the gospel. Many refuse the concept of blood atonement for fear of being considered "inelegant."

These men, whose minds were convinced but whose hearts remained unmoved, not only feared the religious authorities, but they also desired the approbation of their fellows. They were determined to retain their good opinion, even though at the expense of an uneasy conscience. They preferred the good will of other sinners above the approval of God.

To be put out of the synagogue was no small matter for a Jew. There were two different kinds of excommunications among the Jews. One involved exclusion from the synagogue for 30 days. This was for lighter offenses. The other type of excommunication was a permanent exclusion from everything associated with the synagogue. This second type was so severe and involved so much that it was called anathema, or a curse. It appears that it was this second type of excommunication which brought such fear to the chief rulers who believed.

### A decided reminder from Jesus (John 12:44-50)

"And Jesus Cried out and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on Him that sent me." (v. 44). In the words "Cried out" we see an intensity in Jesus as He tries to get His

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point across. His earnestness was evident in the way He spoke. He was declaring His equality with His Father. He wanted them to see that they could not believe in One and not the other.

Jesus' declaration on this occasion set forth clearly the union between Himself and His father. That union, is so real and intimate that there could be no faith in Him which did not include faith in His Father. Likewise, there could be no real faith in His Father which did not include faith in Him.

Further proof of the union between the Father and the Son follows: "And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me" (John 12:45). When one is looking intently and constantly upon Jesus and notices how in his words and works the glory of the Father is reflected, then with the eye of faith, one is looking upon his Sender. The only possible way for men to have seen the Father when they saw the Son was for the Father and the Son to be the same.

In John 12:46-48 we see two specific purposes for the incarnation of Jesus and both were stated by Him. First, Jesus said, "I am come a light into the world" (v. 46). Jesus claimed to be the light of the world. His coming was to light up the way of salvation for all men. The coming of Christ did not in itself save man but the exercise of a personal commitment to Him as the Light of the World did save men from darkness. In the Bible "darkness" represents sin and error. Light on the other hand represents holiness and truth. When one accepts Christ the Light is shed in his heart and he is translated from darkness into the light, or from death unto life eternal. The Light is a Person and also a way of life.

This leads us to the second purpose for the coming of the Light, and that is stated in John 12:27: "to save the World." The main purpose of Christ's coming was not to bring condemnation but salvation.

The authority of Jesus was His very relationship with the Father, His oneness with Him. The things Jesus spoke, the things the Jews rejected and considered blasphemous, were the very commandments of the Father.

Jesus believed and taught that eternal life depended on the preaching and the reception of that life from God through Himself. What particularly did Jesus mean by the commandment of the Father? Jesus said not only that He spoke

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## The fruit of the spirit

By E. E. Boone  
Wynne Church



Boone

Do you realize that the Spirit of God is a person different from you, but like the Lord Jesus? That he speaks and does things like Jesus? Or, do you confuse thinking and invite spiritual stagnation by saying; that he comes upon you, or that he works with you, so that it is impossible to distinguish between his work and yours?

The Holy Spirit's work with the believer is to develop the potential of the new life in Christ. He did not come, as some suppose, just to give believers a gift. He comes to work in believers for the fullest realization of Christ in their hearts. (Eph. 3:16, 17)

A part of that work is to lead believers into the truth, disclosing the deep things of God to them, that they may become those possessing the mind of Christ. (I Cor. 2:16) From the Spirit we must learn Christ, discovering what is contrary as well as what is in accordance with his will.

Israel never attained to the mind of Christ, but thought themselves favored of God because of their nationality and race. Like some today, they never understood God's purpose for them. They only became receivers, not the givers God desired them to be.

To set the record straight, Jesus used the Jew's favorite symbol for Israel to picture their folly and fate. (Israel the vine. Isa. 5:1-7; Jeremiah 2:21; Ezekiel 15: 19:10; Hosea 10:1)

### The true vine (John 15:1-8)

Jesus calls himself the real, the genuine, the true vine. (v. 1, 5) In the Old Testament the symbol of the vine was used to picture the degeneration of Israel. Isaiah pictures a vine running wild; Jeremiah's complaint is that the nation has turned into "a degenerate plant of a strange vine"; Hosea called Israel an empty vine. Jesus said in effect the same thing, that Israel was useless and would be cast away. (v. 6)

### Uselessness invites disaster

The wood of a vine is useless, good for nothing, fit only for burning. Jesus in verse six tells us plainly that unless we bear fruit we are useless, will be cast-off and burned. What does he mean? Are we not saved forever?

I believe that he is here thinking of Christians whose Christianity consists of profession not practice, of words without deeds, all leaves and no fruit.

Usefulness comes by abiding said Christ. (v. 4-6) Abiding, sometimes called "union with Christ," "living Christ," etc. However, this does not adequately explain what Jesus meant by abiding. He spoke of his coming in, settling-down, living-deeply and constantly in our lives. We in him and he in us, so that there is complete identification the one with the other.

For the "fruit of the Spirit" to be manifest in and through the believer, there must be such "abiding" in Christ. Believers must deliberately make provision for keeping in union with Christ — through Bible Study, prayer and obedience. When this abiding is real, two things will happen. The believer will greatly enrich his own life and God will be glorified by the fruit produced through his life.

### The fruit of the spirit (Gal. 5:16-26)

Fruitfulness of life is the result of the Spirit's unhindered working through a life. What delightful fruit: love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness, self-control. (v. 23, 24) All nine of these are one fruit — one cluster of fruit. The fruit is not given one-at-a-time, or one to one person and one to another. They are all produced in every Christian by the Holy Spirit. They are not created or generated by the Christian himself. Neither are they produced in a believer's life until that life is drawing its life from the vine. Jesus said, "without me you can do nothing." (John 15:5b KJV)

As we abide in Christ, the Holy Spirit will produce in and through us his fruit. (v. 22-23)

### "The fruit of the spirit is love" (v. 22)

Only as we live in love can we fulfill the will of God in our lives. The believer must become love-inspired, love-

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John 14:26

John 15:1-8

Galatians 5:16-26

mastered, and love-driven. (John 14: 21, 23; II Cor. 5:14; I John 2:9, 10) Without the fruit of the Spirit (love) we are just a religious noise. (I Cor. 13:1)

"The fruit of the Spirit is love," and it is manifested in joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness and self-control.

— Joy is love's strength in action. When we are able to maintain joy in adversity, illness, suffering, etc., then our love is real.

— Peace is the expression of love's security. Romans eight, verses 28 through 39, are filled with such expressions as: "who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect?", "who is he that condemneth?", "who shall separate us from the love of Christ?", "In all things we are more than conquerors through him. . ."

— Long suffering is love expressed through patience. Prayer-full waiting for the object of our love with no thought of giving-up.

— Gentleness is love's conduct toward all. Not weakness but strength of character.

— Goodness is love's character. Basic goodness that comes from within, out of the new life.

— Faithfulness is love's confidence expressed through reliability and dependability.

— Meekness is love's humility. The very opposite of arrogance, pride, separateness and self-righteousness.

— Self-control is love victorious. Re- viling not when reviled, nor threatening when it suffers.

The fruit of the Spirit produces in the believer happiness and usefulness. Character is exalted, the dignity of life understood, and purity desired above all. Service for God becomes the supreme joy of his life.

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## International lesson

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it but also that it resulted in life everlasting for those who received it (John 12:50).

All who would be true to Jesus, therefore, can do no less than proclaim Him, even at the cost of rejection. The message of God many times is not acceptable to those who need it most, but we never know who will accept this message or when they will do so.

## A smile or two

You are getting old when you get winded on the escalator.

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The trouble with remaining calm these days is people suspect you must be on something.

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Nothing is harder to do secretly than stubbing your toe.

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Hope is . . . planning for tomorrow, after you have had a disappointing day.

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French is a language in which you're never quite sure what you're going to have for dinner.

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Doctor: You're the father of triplets."  
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The White House Tapes are creating a lot of fury but no sound.

## Attendance report

Dec. 2, 1973

Church	Sunday School	Church Training	Ch. Adms.
Alicia	37	32	
Alpena	80	30	
Alexander			
First	87	54	
Vimy Ridge	80	35	
Banner	43	27	2
Barton	113	75	
Bentonville, Mason Valley	89	44	
Berryville			
First	190	57	
Freeman Heights	144	61	9
Rock Springs	108	72	
Booneville, First	257	231	2
Caledonia	40	27	1
Camden, First	486	146	
Concord, First	104	41	
Conway, Second	441	123	8
Crossett			
First	546	180	2
Magnolia	206	122	
Mt. Olive	385	213	1
Des Arc, First	215	56	
Elaine	154	80	3
Ft. Smith			
Grand Avenue	774	363	7
Moffett	23		
Trinity	201	83	
Windsor Park	1132	231	7
Gentry, First	170	73	
Grandview	92	62	3
Gravel Ridge, First	234	116	6
Greenwood, First	344		
Hampton, First	158	96	
Hardy, First	117	54	5
Harrison			
Eagle Heights	342		
Woodland Heights	97	43	
Heber Springs	279	58	
Helena, First	267	93	
Hope			
Calvary	226	93	
First	530	137	1
Hot Springs			
Grand Avenue	307	167	4
Leonard Street	91	73	
Park Place	386	117	5
Hughes, First	203	66	
Jacksonville			
First	457	76	9
Marshall Road	330	119	5
Johnson	60	41	
Jonesboro, North Main	590	306	12
Lavaca, First	321	134	1
Lexa	167	89	
Little Rock			
Cross Road	94	70	1
Crystal Hill	145	71	1
Geyer Springs	788	250	1
Life Line	643	209	
Martindale	111	65	
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Sunset Lane	223	155	5
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Magnolia, Central	705	224	
Melbourne, Belview	144	93	2
Mena, Dallas Avenue	144	70	
Monticello			
First	305	74	
Second	297	151	
North Little Rock			
Calvary	436	132	2
Levy	448	154	2
Park Hill	850	91	
Runyan	131	54	1
Sylvan Hills	343	118	2
Paragould			
Calvary	217	171	
East Side	204	86	
First	509	142	
Paris, First	432	105	4
Pine Bluff			
Centennial	172	63	
First	723	122	1
Green Meadows	61	42	
Second	156	55	
South Side	641	107	
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Rogers, First	577	118	
Russellville			
First	560		3
Kelley Heights	52	26	1
Second	203	69	8
Sheridan, First	279	98	
Springdale			
Caudle Avenue	151	38	
Elmdale	393	86	1
First	1075		7
Oak Grove	78	25	
Uniontown	106	65	
Van Buren, First	532	202	
Mission	27		
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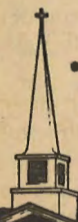
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### SBC Home Mission raises 1974 budget to \$18 million

ATLANTA (BP) — Because of better-than-expected income, the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board raised its 1974 budget to \$18,039,210. Earlier this year the agency had adopted a budget \$666,000 short of that amount.

Arthur B. Rutledge, executive director of the agency, said receipts from the two major sources of income — the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program unified budget and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering — “exceeded our hopes.”

Also included was added income of \$112,000 from a major foundation gift

for church extension and language missions.

The \$18 million budget supports the work of 2,178 missionaries in all 50 states, Panama and Puerto Rico.

Rutledge said the Annie Armstrong Offering is “running approximately 14 percent higher than one year ago. Over a span of two years this offering has increased more than 25 percent.”

Despite the increases, Rutledge said, “It is not easy for the agency to keep abreast of rising costs and at the same time also expand our witness and ministry.”

### Missionary to South Vietnam speaks at foreign missions prayer breakfast

DALLAS (BP) — Recalling how his life had been threatened by a Viet Cong assassin, a Southern Baptist missionary to Vietnam told 800 Baptist pastors and laymen here he planned to return to Vietnam despite the harrowing experience he endured before his furlough to the United States.

Peyton Moore, a native of Mississippi now living in Arlington, Tex., said at a national Southern Baptist prayer breakfast for foreign missions that he could now thank God for that experience because it made him realize why he was there and understand his purpose in life.

“Not long ago I looked into the muzzle of a .38 revolver and a face contorted with misery, frustration, bitterness and hatred,” Moore said. A Viet Cong assassin told him “in broken English” his house was surrounded by soldiers and that he would die if he made any shout or attempt at retaliation, Moore continued.

He told the group that the Viet Cong threatened to rape his wife, to kill him, his family and friends. Then, almost miraculously, the soldiers left as suddenly as they had come, Moore said.

“I’m grateful that by the power of God we were saved from that very bitter, very traumatic and potentially terminal experience,” Moore told the prayer breakfast group.

Moore, director of the Baptist Communications Center in Saigon, said he was grateful for the experience now, “for in that moment, God took full control of my life.”

He said he looked forward to returning to Vietnam with the prayer that “God’s power can accomplish something the greatest army in the

world could not — peace with freedom in the Land of the Smaller Dragon.”

Moore was one of four Southern Baptist missionaries who shared their personal experiences with the 800 Baptists from 19 states gathered at the Statler Hilton Hotel here for the breakfast sponsored by the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission, the denomination’s agency which works with laymen and boys.

Baker James Cauthen of Richmond, executive secretary of the SBC Foreign Mission Board, pointed out that while other denominations were cutting back on the number of missionaries overseas, Southern Baptists continued to increase their missionary force and financial support of missions.

In 1948, he said, the SBC had only about 600 missionaries in 19 countries around the world. Now the mission board has a budget of \$42.6 million and some 2500 missionaries in 77 countries.

Purpose of the prayer breakfast, said Glendon McCullough, the Brotherhood Commission’s chief executive, was to motivate support among Baptist laymen for raising \$20 million in an annual special Christmas offering for foreign missions among some 35,000 churches of the 12 million member convention.

Owen Cooper of Yazoo City, Miss., president of the Southern Baptist Convention and retired industrialist, told the laymen not to minimize their role in missions, for although all Christians are in a sense missionaries, not all can go overseas.

Cooper urged them not to neglect their role as a sender and provider and asked that they return to their churches avowed to increase mission gifts and prayer support for missionaries like Peyton Moore around the world.

And these are times when we must respond to the challenges which face Christians in America, he told the fall meeting of the agency’s directors.

“The problems which our nation has faced this year have cast upon the nation a pall of gloom and distrust. We have almost forgotten the cease-fire in Vietnam and the return of our prisoners of war,” he said.

“On the other hand this mood seems to have driven many of our people to a deepened concern for the spiritual and moral welfare of our nation. Millions of unbelievers and marginal church members are more responsive to Christ than ever before,” he said.

“This is a challenging time to be committed to help cross barriers with the gospel of Christ.”

### Spanish Baptist gifts assist flood victims

MADRID, Spain (BP) — A spontaneous love offering of \$6,280, collected recently from the 57 churches of the Spanish Baptist Union for the flood victims in southeastern Spain, has brought favorable reaction from Spanish officials and newspapers.

The fund raising was promoted under the name “Operacion Manta” (Operation Blanket), because blankets were especially needed. In addition to blankets, the love offering also purchased towels, clothing, kitchen utensils and other household goods.

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