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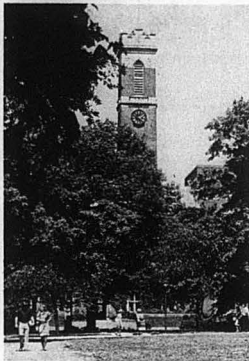
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July 25, 1985  
**Arkansas Baptist**  
NEWSMAGAZINE

Special section  
**BSU: making Christ  
the foundation for college**

ARKANSAS BAPTIST  
SCHOOL COMMISSION, 850  
N. Main St.,  
Memphis, Tennessee

## On the cover



Not all college campuses have ivy-covered buildings or tree-lined walks. What they do have in common is students, which is the whole focus of Baptist Student Union. This week's cover introduces an emphasis on student ministries.

## In this issue

### 10-18 laying a foundation

A young person's entrance into college marks a turning point in his or her life. This special section offers testimonies that Baptist Student Union can strengthen a young person's Christian foundations.

### 19 the right attitude

An attitude of forgiveness and mercy, rather than harsh judgement, is necessary if Christians are to minister effectively to contemporary social problems, says a Southern Baptist pastor.

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## Next month in Arkansas

**August 2-3, Volunteer / Part Time Music Leader Retreat, Beech Springs Camp in Liberty Association.** Training for music leaders, pianists and organists from smaller churches. Pastors are invited for Bible study and participation in worship planning. Arkansas Baptists' Church Music Department is the sponsor. Deadline for registration is July 29.

**August 9-10, Pastor-Church Training Director Retreat, Camp Paron.** An annual event to help pastors and their Church Training Directors become more effective in leading Church Training. The state Church Training Department sponsor the retreat.

**August 15-17, DiscipleYouth Workshop, Ouachita Baptist University at Arkadelphia.** Ministers of youth and volunteer and part time youth workers will receive training in DiscipleYouth I and II programs. The workshop is a state Church Training Department event.

**August 16-17, WMU Associational Officers' Retreat, Camp Paron.** This annual event will offer training for all WMU associational-level leadership. Arkansas WMU is the sponsor.

**August 19, Adult Choir Festivals, East Side, First Smith and First, Hope.** This biennial event, sponsored by the Arkansas Church Music Department, provides an event for adult choirs to sing for adjudication and with a mass choir group. A preschool nursery is provided. Deadline for registration and fees is August 5.

**August 20, Adult Choir Festivals, Elmdale, Springdale, and Calvary, Little Rock.** (See August 19.)

**August 22, Adult Choir Festivals, Immanuel, Warren, and First, Forrest City.** (See August 19.)

**August 23, Adult Choir Festival, Central, Jonesboro.** (See August 19.)

**August 23-24, Associational Church Training Leadership Conference, Park Hill Church, North Little Rock.** Associational directors of missions, association Church Training directors and age-level associational leaders are invited for training. The state Church Training Department is the sponsor.

**August 23-24, Volunteer / Part Time Music Leader Retreat, Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge.** Deadline for registration is August 12.

## Hunger relief giving surpasses \$6 million

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—Southern Baptists in the first half of 1985 contributed more than \$6 million to their denomination's hunger relief ministries, about \$1 million short of the total given during all of 1984.

Through June 30, a total of \$5,519,454 had been given to the Foreign Mission Board's overseas hunger relief fund, and \$484,813 had been contributed to the domestic

hunger fund administered by the Home Mission Board, according to figures released by the Southern Baptist Convention agencies.

In 1984 the SBC's worldwide hunger relief ministries received a record \$76 million. The figures do not reflect monies given for hunger ministry that were utilized in local churches, associations and state conventions.

## World missions leader Marie Mathis dies

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP)—Marie (Mrs. R.L.) Wiley Mathis, 82, past president of Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to Southern Baptist Convention, and prominent missions promoter died July 12, 1985, in Dalhart, Texas.

Mathis' denominational leadership in WMU work began in 1936, and continued over four decades. The Texas native's career originated in Texas WMU work, as executive secretary-treasurer and president of the organization. Under Mathis' leadership, membership in WMU-SBC reached 1.5 million women and children.

She was the first woman elected an officer of the Southern Baptist Convention, being elected second vice-president in 1963-64.

Mathis was also the only woman ever nominated for president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

She was the first woman to get honorary degrees from Mary Hardin-Baylor and Hardin Simmons universities and the only woman to address a seminary commencement at any Southern Baptist seminary.

She was program chairman for the 1970 Baptist World Congress in Tokyo, the only woman to perform this task.

Mathis was a key leader in allowing WMU's Lottie Moon and Annie Armstrong missions offerings to be taken among all church members, a concept which helped make these the largest sources of funds for the Foreign and Home Mission Boards.



In the past few years, we have made tremendous progress in the area of race relations. Yet today, some still do not want even to cooperate with Christians of other races. The Scripture is clear, however, regarding the necessity of cooperation.

The apostle Paul, in his sermon on Mars Hill said, "and (God) has made of one blood all the nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth..." (Acts 17:26). One modern translation says "one man." Two other modern translations say we all came from "one forefather." Whether we go back to Noah or to Adam, we all came from one common source. Basically, we are not of different races, we are all one race and one family of God. Since this is true, we have a strong basis for cooperation.

Second, the Scripture states clearly we are all created in the image of God. At the very beginning God said, "Let us make man in our image" (Gen. 1:26). This Scripture may have many meanings, but the supreme thing set forth in it is we are all created persons, made by God.

Every normal individual is like God in that he can think, feel and will. A person also has a sense of self consciousness and a consciousness of others. The important truth is every person needs others. We are created by God for communication and cooperation.

Third, a study of our relationship with God indicates we are equal. We are unequal, in the sense of the distinct functions we fulfill. Yet, we are equal in every thing that makes it possible for us to stand before God accountable for our own actions. We are equal before God, yet, we vary in our talents and in our abilities. Each of us has his or her own distinct place of service and this requires cooperation, if we are to accomplish our God-given tasks.

The apostle Paul said, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female; for we are all one in Christ Jesus" (Gal. 3:28). Williams translates this, "There is no room for Jews or Greeks, no room for slaves or free men, no room for males or females; for you are all one through union with Christ Jesus." Here the Scripture clearly declares our equality; that is, we are all one.

If Paul were writing to the church today, he probably wouldn't use the same words, but he would use the same idea and concept. He probably wouldn't say, "There is neither Jew nor Greek." He likely would say, "There is neither black nor white." There is no room for man-made distinctions. There is a place, however, for a variety of ministries. Paul again said, "and he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some,

pastors and teachers; for the equipping of the saints, for the work of ministry, for the building up of the body of Christ." God has a special work for every individual, and he has given a special gift to that person to carry it out.

Another beautiful concept of the Scripture is the fact God invites us to cooperate with Him. Let us examine some of the different areas in which this cooperation is evident. First, God cooperates with us in the area of health and healing. God will always do his part, if we will do ours.

When we become ill, what should we do? We have two options: we should (1) see a physician and (2) pray. We can be sure God will cooperate with us in the healing process. Actually, all healing is divine, and apart from God it cannot occur.

Second, God cooperates with us in winning the lost to a saving knowledge of Christ. What can we do as Christians in leading our friends to know Christ? We can witness, but we must always remember it is Christ who wins them. It is a misnomer to say, "I am a soulwinner." To be correct, we should say, "I am a witness for my Lord." God cooperates with us both in the matter of winning people and in the work we do in our churches. This is true in all of the work of his kingdom.

Last, we must remember that God expects us to cooperate, both with one another and with Him. God, the Perfect One, sees fit to cooperate with us, who are so imperfect. How much more ought we to be willing to cooperate with one another.

A clear concept set forth by Jesus is that God has given his disciples the responsibility for his kingdom. But we must cooperate with him, if that kingdom is to be advanced among men. The same is true of the work of our churches. We must cooperate with God, not allowing our egos to control us. Paul dealt with the many divisions that were within the Corinthian church. Some were saying, "We are of Apollos;" others said, "We are of Cephas;" and others, "We are of Paul." A fourth group said, "We don't want anything to do with these divisions. We are of Christ." Paul said to this divided church, "We are laborers together with God." Pastors, deacons, teachers and evangelists are all laborers together with God.

The injunction of the Scripture is clear. We are to cooperate. We are to cooperate with individuals of other races. We are to cooperate with other churches. We are to cooperate within the state convention and within the Southern Baptist Convention. It is only as we cooperate together that we will please God and the kingdom will prosper as he desires.

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## Letters to the editor

### About pastors

A few weeks ago, you had an editorial concerning what a pastor should be paid. We often hear that a pastor should be paid more. I agree that the laborer is worthy of his hire. It has been suggested that a pastor should be paid the same that the average member of his church is paid. You mentioned that a pastor has expenses that the average church member does not have. A pastor also gets some tax breaks other people do not get.

When we hear the pastor needs more money, we are tempted to think some of them are in it for the money. We worry about the poor overworked and underpaid pastors. But how often do we think about other church employees? Some churches pay insurance and retirement for the pastor, but nothing for other employees. How long can your pastor be absent because of sickness before his pay stops? How long can other employees be sick before their pay stops?

We hear how pastors are under great stress because people bring their family problems to them. That is one of the most important duties of a pastor. "If you can't stand the heat, stay out of the kitchen." If preaching on Sunday is to be the main duty, to the neglect of other duties, then it is much less expensive to employ someone to do the preaching and give them nothing else to do. —Ben Fried, Mena

### Winning at all costs?

It seems as if our Southern Baptist Convention suffers from the same mind-set as our culture: to win at all costs. To be the victor justifies using any means. College athletics is painfully aware of this problem.

The Psalmist addresses this issue in Psalm

127:1-2. The Psalmist realized we can work hard, we can work long and we can work in the disguise of doing God's work, but if it is not done with the right motive or intent it is all in vain. The end does not justify using any means. The methodology and intent is as important as the results. This is a theme throughout Scripture, both Old and New Testaments, and not just in the Psalms.

It was apparent to me from the business meeting our convention held in Dallas that the Fundamentalists believed their need to uphold their view of "pure theology unjustified by liberalism" was important enough to justify any use or abuse of power.

The Scripture seems to warn us against doing business like this. The means of securing a point of view are as important as the point of view. Real power is when it is used honorably. Perhaps it is time to hire a professional parliamentarian who is not a Southern Baptist to be present in Atlanta next year.

My church expects me to conduct the Lord's work honorably. I expect the same from them. Together we must come to expect as much from our annual convention business meeting. —Danny Lee Franke, Alexander

### Do it God's way

Someone has said if churches were businesses, 95 percent would go bankrupt because of lack of an increase. God is the Lord of increase, and he will give an increase in the church as well, if we will do it his way. Many never learn from the Scriptures or from those around us. We talk down the charismatics and their churches while knowing full well they are getting results. If you're doing it right, God gives results and to say otherwise makes God out a liar.

What is the secret? In the Old and New

Testaments, God tells you plainly, he inhabits his praises. The charismatics sing chorus after chorus until every person is like molecules in a magnet, lined up the same way in unity. With their heart doors open, the power of God begins to flow through people. When God's power flows, people are saved, lives are touched and even some are healed in mind and body.

If you're having a short song service in your worship, I can guarantee you that you'll never have results of any great measure. If your song leader does not know the difference between songs being entertaining and songs that minister to God, you are also in great trouble.

You must first minister to Jesus by lifting him up. Then he, through the Holy Spirit, will inhabit his praises. Once he comes on the scene, he will minister to the congregation. Then all the preacher has to say is "Jesus saves." Results will tell you if you're doing it right. To say you're planting without ever getting a harvest makes God, the Lord of the increase, a liar and is nothing but a cop-out. Doing it God's way brings a harvest. —James O. Young, Warren

### Hypocrisy

There is no foolishness in the world so great as to be a hypocrite. Hypocrites hate themselves and they are even despised by Satan for serving him and not acknowledging it. They are really the best followers and the greatest dupes he has. They serve Satan better than any others, but receive no wages. And what is most wonderful, they submit to greater mortification to go to hell than for the few sincere Christians to go to heaven.

They desire more to seem good than to be so, while the Christian desires more to be so than to seem so. They study more to enter into religion than that religion should enter into them. They are saints by pretension, but satans in intention. They testify, they worship only to answer their wicked purposes. They stand as angels before their sins so as to hide them. A scorpion thinks when his head is under a leaf it cannot be seen. So the hypocrites. They think that by attending church, or have been hoisted up by one or two good works, that all their sins therewith are covered and hid.

Hypocrisy shows love, but is hated; shows friendship, but is an enemy; shows peace, but is at war; it shows virtue, but is wretched and wicked. It flatters; it curses; it praises; it slanders. It always has two sides of a question. It possesses what it does not pretend, and it pretends what it does not possess.

Nowhere does show more wickedly usurp the dominion of substance than in the realm of religion. In the world we might expect to see hypocrisy. But true religion is above the world. "My kingdom is not of this world," said its founder. It has a world of its own. It is built on substance. —Name withheld

ABN photo / Millie Gill

### Photo recognized

A photograph of an Oct. 13, 1984, rally against Arkansas' casino gambling proposal brought ABN managing editor Betty J. Kennedy a second place news photograph award from the National Federation of Press Women's 1985 Communications Contest. The award was presented at the NFPW convention in Chicago earlier this month.



Don Moore

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

... Approximately 25 percent of our churches have had their pastor and/or lay person attend a Planned Growth in Giving Seminar!

Compared to 20 other evangelical denominations, latest available statistics indicate that Southern Baptists rank:

—18th in per capita giving for benevolent causes;

—13th in per capita giving for foreign missions (\$8 per year);

—12th in percentage giving for foreign missions;

—9th in member of churches members recruited to support one foreign missionary overseas.

The average member of a Christian Missionary Alliance church gives 15 times as much per year as we do. With what we give, our gifts and missionary force is the largest in the world. Can you imagine what could be done with 15 times as much support?

With all of the prosperity of our churches reflected in plush physical plants, additional staff and multiple ministries, you would think they would have grown in mission consciousness and concern. The opposite is true. Our people still give about two percent of their income rather than 10 percent to the Lord. Our churches are giving a smaller and smaller percentage each year to missions.

Do you suppose Southern Baptists might need a little boost in their missionary and stewardship education?

With large savings accounts, paid off buildings and static ministries, some churches no longer expand their vision nor stretch in their giving. With no global concept of ministry, they are complacent with having done as well as before or as well as the church down the road.

I can't imagine the Lord being pleased when he returns to find so many lost and needy with so many fat church bank accounts. Every church needs Planned Growth in Giving!

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



Moore



## The Southern accent

Dr. Kenneth Startup

### A fallible worm

He was born into poverty and orphaned as a child. He received little formal education. Throughout his life, he struggled to overcome a series of debilitating physical ailments. These circumstances were the common lot of hundreds of thousands of antebellum Americans. But John Leadley Dagg's life was far from being common.

At the age of 12, Dagg professed his faith in Christ and soon determined to be a teacher and preacher of the faith. After long hours in the saddler's shop each day, he spent equally long hours studying his Bible. He also began—with the aid of a few textbooks—to teach himself Latin, Greek, Hebrew, the natural sciences and mathematics. A remarkable intellect, Dagg mastered the subjects he studied. He loved thinking, learning, investigation.

Dagg used his knowledge skillfully in the pulpit. Serving churches in Pennsylvania, Virginia and Alabama, the frail Dagg often preached sitting down. But if his body was weak, his message was powerful. He cherished the gospel and presented it clearly and effectively.

In recognition of his spiritual and intellectual attainments, the University of Alabama conferred a doctoral degree on Dagg in the 1830s. A few years later, Dagg accepted the presidency of the struggling Mercer Institute in Georgia. Financially and academically, the school was weak. Within a few years, Dagg transformed the mediocre academy into a respected college.

In 1845, Dagg, helped draft the constitution of the Southern Baptist Convention. Its missionary focus gave voice to Dagg's passionate missionary vision. Dagg served as vice-president of the convention's Board of Domestic Missions.

But Dagg's most significant contribution was probably his *Manual of Theology*, published in 1857 by the Southern Baptist

Publication Society. For several decades, the manual served as the standard theological commentary among Baptists in the South. Dagg's book reflected his love for learning, the Bible, the church and supremely for Christ. In the manual, Dagg freely employed his ample store of sacred and secular knowledge. Dagg's book stands as one of the classic theological discourses of Southern Baptist history.

The "poor orphan-boy" died in 1888 a revered and beloved scholar and preacher. Thousands claimed him as a father in Christ, the man who had led them to the Savior.

Anyone who examines the life of Dagg must be impressed with his intellectual prowess and spiritual power. Dagg is all the more attractive because he was never overly impressed with himself.

In the preface to the manual, Dagg implored his readers to never blindly follow his, or any other man's, pronouncements about the Word of God. Instead, Dagg urged his readers to examine the Bible for themselves with an open mind and heart. He cherished intellectual and spiritual freedom. He had no fear of honest and free inquiry. Dagg disdained spiritual authoritarianism. He certainly laid no claim to infallibility.

In his preface, Dagg asserted, "It is my desire that the reader should see, so far as respects human authority, nothing but the mere opinion of a fallible worm. . . ." Such humility marked the depth of Dagg's spiritual maturity. And given the complex and diverse nature of the Southern Baptist Convention in its early decades, such humility was a key to the survival of the convention and its missionary endeavors. Today, such humility merits respect and emulation.

Kenneth Startup is professor of history at Southern Baptist College.

### Cooperative Program report: June

#### January-June gifts

#### Summary for June 1985

Received	\$902,436.22
Budget	956,331.17
Under	(\$53,894.95)

Year	Over (under) Budget to date	% increase over previous year
1979	\$85,008.31	13.31
1980	\$89,658.88	13.05
1981	(\$107,484.82)	8.40
1982	(\$132,413.27)	9.34
1983	(\$274,939.35)	5.63
1984	(\$178,481.52)	8.13

We came very close to making the June budget. The projection for 1985 looks good, in spite of the fact we are roughly at 97 percent of the year-to-date receipts.—L.L. Collins Jr.



GOOD NEWS AMERICA

GOD LOVES YOU

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by Millie Gill / ABN staff writer

## people

**J. Dennis Murray** was one of five persons named outstanding students during the recent 1985 awards assembly at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. An Arkadelphia native, he received the Broadman Seminarian Award in the master of divinity degree program. Murray, a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University, is married to the former Nita Pettus. They reside in Brookhaven, Miss., where he serves as pastor of Big Springs Church.

**James Bynum** is serving as pastor of Toltec Church at Scott. He came there from Carlisle, where he served for more than 13 years as pastor of Immanuel Church. He has also served as pastor of Keo Church and Springhill Church in Longview, Texas. Bynum is a graduate of both Ouachita Baptist University and the University of Central Arkansas at Conway. He attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. His wife, Carolyn, currently serves as president of Arkansas Convention Wives. They are parents of five children, Jerry, Jim, Mary Jane, Nancy and Ruth Ann.

**Jerry Bynum** has resigned as minister of music at Carlisle Immanuel Church following 10 years of service. Dr. Bynum resigned to assume duties as a resident at Arkansas Children's Hospital. He is married to the former Sherri McCallie of Carlisle. They have one daughter, Julie.

**David McGowin** will begin serving in late August as pastor of Conway First Church, coming there from Berney Points Church in Birmingham, Ala. A native of Fort Myers, Fla., he is a graduate of Samford University, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Luther Rice Seminary. He has served as pastor of seven church and assisted with establishing both Spanish-speaking missions and English speaking churches. He currently serves as chaplain in the Alabama National Guard with the rank of major. McGowin is married to the former Carolyn McGriff. They are parents of a son, Davie, age 13.

**Roy E. Lewis** has been called to serve as pastor of Pleasant Hill Church in Sardis Community near Bauxite. He, for the past eight months, has been serving there as interim pastor. Lewis has served as pastor of other Arkansas churches and is a former associate executive secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

**Melvin C. Thrash** has been promoted to brigadier general and is the new assistant adjutant general of the Arkansas Army National Guard. He is a member of Hope First Church and serves on the Arkansas Baptist State Convention Executive Board. He is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University and the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. Thrash, an insurance agent, entered the National Guard in 1960 following duty with the Army Reserve.

**John Silvey** is serving as pastor of Bruno Church. He and his wife, Ella Mae, and their son, Joel, moved there from Hollis, Okla.

**John Ashcraft** is serving as interim pastor of Hurricane Lake Church at Benton where he had been supplying since the resignation of R. B. Crotts. A native of Tull, he is a graduate of Bauxite High School, Ouachita Baptist University, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and California Graduate School of Theology in Glendale, Calif. He served for four years as pastor of Brookwood Church in Little Rock. Dr. Ashcraft and his wife, Nan, spent 33 years in California doing pioneer mission pastoral work.

**Don Martin** has resigned as pastor of Westvale Church at Jonesboro.

**James Powell** is serving as pastor of Needham Church at Jonesboro, going there from Jonesboro Philadelphia Church, where he served as associate pastor and youth director.

**Wayne Clayton** is serving as pastor of Floral Church.

**Keith Byrd** has resigned as pastor of Pleasant Plains Church to continue his studies.

**Mark Miller** has joined the staff of Markham Street Church, Little Rock, as minister of education and youth. A native of Lexington, Tenn., he is a graduate of Union University, Jackson, Tenn. Miller and his wife, Patricia, moved to Little Rock from Fort Worth, Texas, where he graduated in May from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has served as a staff member of Calvary Church, Parsons, Tenn., and First Church, Edom, Texas.

## briefly

**Otter Creek First Church and Grace Mission**, Little Rock, held their second joint

worship service June 30 at Grace Mission. Otter Creek choir presented special music and pastor Max Deaton preached. **Searcy Temple Church** 20-member mission team has returned from Columbus, Mont., where they assisted the Columbus Church with a vacation Bible school and the pouring of a footing for a new church addition.

**Monticello First Church** celebrated freedom from financial obligation on its educational building with a noteburning service July 7. Gerald Taylor of Little Rock and Carbon Sims of Arkadelphia, former staff members, led morning worship services. Tommy Welch, a former interim pastor, was evening speaker. Dennis M. Dodson is pastor.

**Mountain Home First Church** has begun construction of a new church plant on a recently purchased 31-acre corner site in Mountain Home. According to Everett Wheeler, finance director of the steering committee, a three-year commitment of 178 families raised the first phase of the campaign praise goal of \$600,000 and then exceeded that goal by \$92,000 as of June 25. Other steering committee members are Lane Strother, director, Wayne Slone, Joy Huckaba, Garvin Carroll, Russell Miller, Wayne Gay, Barbara Crotts, Bob Stewart, Sandi Nelson and Ron Kincaid.

**Magnolia Church** at Crossett ordained Ernest King to the ministry July 14.

**Forest Towers Church** in Little Rock recently licensed Richard Vail to the ministry.

**Mansfield Church** held a service June 2 to ordain Tom Whedbee as a deacon. Those participating were Larry Brown, Joel Faircloth and James Carty.

**Eagle Heights Church** at Harrison celebrated payment of its indebtedness with a noteburning service June 30. Participating were charter members, deacons, trustees, building committee members, Bonnie Black, the wife of former pastor Kendal Black who launched the building program, and pastor Stanton Gram.

**Arkadelphia First Church** observed its 134th anniversary July 15. The church, organized with 13 charter members, today has a membership over 1,000.

**Plum Bayou Church** at Wright ordained Hershel Archer as a deacon July 25.

# Seeds of gospel planted 30 years ago still bearing fruit today

by Mark Kelly

When one Arkansan heard God's call and invested his life in foreign missions nearly 30 years ago, he planted a seed that today is bearing more fruit than ever.

In Little Rock recently, one product of that missionary effort wondered whether Arkansans might one day "turn their eyes" back to his country and see an even more bountiful harvest result from a renewed partnership.

In 1957, Arkansas James Hampton arrived on the field in Mombasa, Kenya. Unable to preach effectively in Swahili, he began to search for an interpreter who could work with him in the villages.

In his search, he came across a young bookkeeper named Morris Wanji, who worked in the Mombasa customs and excise office.

Though he was, by his own testimony, "anxious to know about Christ," Wanji was reluctant to make a commitment to help the preacher. Unwilling to give up his career, the young man nevertheless agreed to interpret part-time, until another man could be found.

Wanji began to assist Hampton in his ministry around Mombasa. He recalled that, in one village, worshippers met under a mango tree and sang. Sunday after Sunday, the only two songs Hampton had translated into Swahili: "Nothing But The Blood" and "What A Friend We Have In Jesus."

Through the influence of Hampton, the inquisitive young bookkeeper came to a knowledge of Christ and sensed a call to preach. They organized their first congrega-

tion in the Islamic village of Kisauni in 1958. The first baptism numbered 12 persons.

Twenty-seven years after that modest start, more than 125 Baptist congregations in five associations dot the 100 mile stretch from Mombasa to Malindi on Kenya's coastal range with the Indian Ocean.

The young bookkeeper is now the respected pastor of the Baptist church at Malindi, a congregation which leads more than 60 churches in the area and boasts 12 seminary students from its midst during its short history.

Of Hampton's original nine converts in Kenya, five became pastors. All still are active, and one of them—Wanji—became the first president of the Kenyan Baptist Convention.

Hampton, a native of New Blaine and a former Arkansas pastor, served in Mombasa only three years—from 1957 to 1960—before transferring to Tanzania. He now serves in Nairobi, Kenya, as associate area director for East Africa. The Hamptons recently completed a furlough in Arkansas and returned to the field.

Baptists of Kenya's coastal range feel a deep sense of relatedness to Arkansas Baptists, explained Wanji, who stopped in Little Rock on his return from the recent Baptist World Alliance Congress in Los Angeles.

That relationship—born out of an Arkansan's willingness to follow God's call all the way to Kenya—is reflected in Wanji's friendship with Johnny Jackson, pastor of Forest Highlands Church in Little Rock.

Over the last 10 years, Forest Highlands has mounted WMU projects and sent budget assistance to the Malindi congregation, which it adopted as a sister church. The Little Rock congregation also fostered Wanji's two sons, Elijah and Steven Happy, during their stays at Ouachita Baptist University.

(Elijah, a 1982 OBU graduate, is now deputy headmaster at Mombasa Baptist High School. Steven Happy is a 1985 OBU graduate planning to attend Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in the fall.)

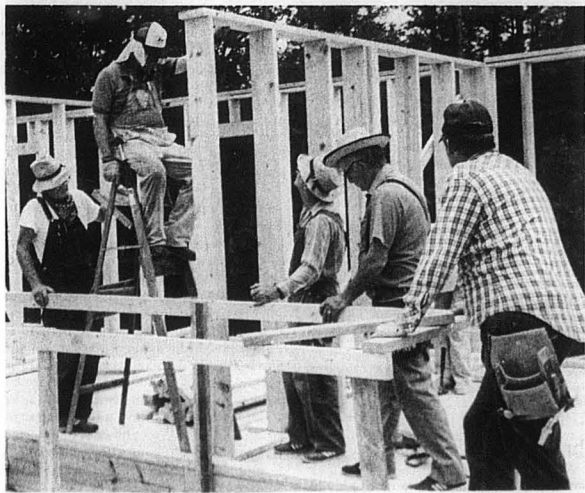
Wanji praises Arkansas Baptists for their partnership linkup with two Brazilian Baptist conventions and hopes for the day when churches in the state might once again "turn their eyes to Kenya" and bless his countrymen as James Hampton did.

In the meantime, Wanji urges Arkansans to pray for Kenya. Like many other African countries, Kenya has been plagued with a cycle of droughts and floods. In such a cycle, Christians are the first to suffer, Wanji explained, "because we are the poor people."

"It would also be good to pray for Kenyans," Wanji continued, "especially pastors giving themselves for the Lord's work."

And, he might add, pray especially for men like pastors Peter Chinando, Lawrence Fondo and Dixon Wanji, men brought to Christ by an Arkansan nearly 30 years ago, who today continue bringing others to Christ.

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



## Building raised

Oak Grove Church, Ashdown, recently raised the frame of a two-story, 7,000 square foot educational building with the assistance of 28-members of Volunteer Christian Builders of Tyler, Texas. When completed, the new building will provide space for a pastor's study, offices, classrooms, fellowship hall and kitchen, library and bridal/guest room. Oak Grove members plan to complete construction themselves. Pictured at left are Claude Whitehead, "Pick" Pickens, Harmon Phillips, Bill Cook and Oak Grove pastor Dale Wooten, working together on a second floor wall.

## Summer commencement graduates seven Arkansans



Talley



Pelley



Sarrett



Thomas



Ferguson



Ellis



Loe

Seven Arkansans were among 162 students who received degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in July.

The summer commencement marked the end of the 1984-85 academic year, during which 954 degrees were conferred, the largest yearly total ever.

Three students received the master of arts in religious education degree: **James Michael Talley**, son of James Talley of Little Rock; **James Lee Pelley**, son of Donald Pelley, Mena; and **Michael Wayne Sarrett**, son of Samuel Sarrett, Texarkana.

**Ronald Hayden Thomas**, son of Charlie Hayden Thomas of Huntsville, received the master of divinity degree.

**William Griffin Ferguson**, son of Florence Ferguson of Little Rock, was awarded the master of arts in marriage and family counseling degree.

Two students earned doctoral degrees: **Marsha Ann Ellis**, daughter of C. Randolph Ellis of Malvern, received the doctor of philosophy degree; **James Gilbert Loe**, son of Ben F. Loe of Camden, was awarded the doctor of ministry degree.

## 1985 Day of Prayer for World Peace

### 'Neither shall they learn war any more'

by Larry Braidfoot

The Southern Baptist Convention in 1983 voted to designate the first Sunday in August each year as the Day of Prayer for World Peace. This year will mark the second observance of this special emphasis in Southern Baptist churches.

The designation of one Sunday each year as a special day of prayer for world peace reflects a growing awareness within our churches of the danger to humankind posed by the threat of nuclear war. We live in a time when the nations of the world are capable of destroying all humanity in a mad flurry of actions that could occur within one hour's time.

What could Southern Baptists do if we invested as much energy and prayer in the quest for world peace as we have in opposing the spread of legalized gambling?

What would happen if Southern Baptists worked with as much perseverance for world peace as we have in opposing alcohol abuse?

What could we accomplish if we were as committed to world peace as we have been to religious liberty and its corollary, the separation of church and state?

All of these concerns, we championed properly. But the other—great and mighty works for world peace—we ought not to have left undone.

The designation "Day Prayer for World Peace" was carefully chosen.

It recognizes the diversity of Southern Baptists, but calls us to united action in spite of those differences.

Some Baptists are more conservative socially, politically or theologically than others. Some are Democrats, and some are Republicans. Some are more liberal in their politics than others. As such, we reflect much of the diversity of our society.

No one could anticipate that 14 million Southern Baptists with all of that diversity could easily come to agreement about an issue as complex and overwhelming as how we are best to work for peace with justice.

But we can certainly pray about peace. Southern Baptists believe in prayer.

Our pastors can preach about peace. Southern Baptists believe in preaching.

Our regular church programs can provide opportunities to do Bible study which relates to peace. Southern Baptists believe in Bible study.

We can have special programs to educate our church members about how to work for peace.

These are some of the same things we routinely do when dealing with issues such as gambling, alcohol, marriage, divorce, childbearing and other moral issues which confront us.

These we ought to do. But we must not leave undone the same kind of efforts for world peace.

The theme for the 1985 emphasis is taken from Isaiah 2:4, "Neither shall they learn war any more."

What would happen in a church if preaching and Bible study and praying

revolved around Isaiah's words, not only for his day but also for ours?

Among other things, we might be reminded that the main ones who learn about war in our day are our children. Children grow up to be the young adults who fight wars.

We might decide that the prospects of nuclear war are so serious that we can no longer avoid thinking about the unthinkable.

We might decide to try to talk about this concern with the person who sits in the same pew with us, even though we know he or she has different political views than our own. If we cannot talk with those with whom we worship, with whom can we talk about peace? Prayer may be the first step toward this kind of dialogue.

We might decide that we need to rethink some of our own ideas about peace.

We might decide that we need to work as hard for peace as we do against alcohol abuse and legalized gambling.

In the process, we can be confident of one thing. As competent souls who have the responsibility of going directly to God in prayer, we can be assured that we will find a loving Father who has a burden for a war-weary world and who calls us to share his compassion with a world desperately in need of both preservation and redemption.

**Braidfoot is director of Christian citizenship development for the SBC Christian Life Commission.**



# Organ dedication climaxes Paragould centennial celebration

text and photos by Millie Gill

Paragould First Church continued celebration of its centennial year July 7 when members dedicated a 16-rank pipe organ in the morning worship service.

Pastor Winfred Bridges led the dedication service, and Don Hustad, professor of music at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., was present to play the organ in both the worship service and an afternoon dedicatory recital.

Bob Holley, director of Church Training for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, had spoken May 19 at an observance in which the old organ was played for the last time.

First Church's centennial observances will conclude with a September autograph reception recognizing the publication of the church's history, which was researched by Clella Bleier, a church member, and written by Kenneth Startup of Southern Baptist College.

Paragould First Church was organized May 25, 1885, with six members. J. K. Pate served as first pastor of the congregation, which met monthly until 1888 in various locations throughout the city.

A house of worship completed in 1889 was located on Third Street, near where the present auditorium now stands. Additional property was purchased for expansion in 1900 and used until the new building was dedicated in May 1924, under the leadership of Ben L. Bridges, who later was to serve as ABCS executive secretary.

Edgar Williamson, who later served as ABCS Sunday School director, led in the construction of educational buildings.

The church through all of its history has experienced continuous growth and improvement programs, including an outreach program recently launched by Bridges.

Future plans include a fall Lay Evangelism School and emphasis on Christian development diplomas through the congregation's new Baptist TelNet equipment.



*(Left) Don Hustad, from the Music School of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., played First Church, Paragould's new 16-rank pipe organ in dedicatory services for the organ July 7. Hustad played in both morning worship services and an afternoon dedicatory recital which was part of the congregation's year-long centennial celebration.*

*(Below) Winfred Bridges, pastor of First Church, Paragould, used a children's sermon to explain the importance of children in the congregation's centennial celebration.*



ABN photo / Millie Gill



## Church constitutes

Blaney Hill Mission near Conway constituted into a Southern Baptist church July 14. At left, 26 charter members register with church clerk Brenda Meeks. Stephen D. Kelley, pastor of Brumley Church, Conway, the sponsoring church, presided over the organizational service, at which Robert W. Flowers was called as full-time pastor. Blaney Hill is the result of work launched by Herman Hurd in August 1983. Church member Pete Lovett recalled how the congregation first met beneath shade trees and how they had sat on Bibles and hymnals to prevent them from being damaged in rainstorms. Later, members met in a 16 by 32 foot frame building which they constructed. As membership grew, Sunday School classes convened in nearby homes. The constitutional service was held in a building constructed by members in 1984 and furnished by other churches in Faulkner Association and a Mississippi church, according to Lovett. Program personalities for the service included William L. Kreis, director of missions for Faulkner Association, Kelley, Flowers and Floyd Tidsworth, director of church extension for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. Larry Meeks directed music.



Many Arkansas Baptist young people soon will begin a college year. This special section of the ABN provides information about Baptist Student Union, Baptists' ministry on the college campus for those students, their parents and the churches who continue to minister to their students away.

Many of the churches near colleges who want to minister to students are listed here, as are the addresses and phone numbers of the BSU staff for the various campuses.

Suggestions for churches' ministry to students away include sending the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine to them. Churches or individuals can call the ABN office at (501) 376-4791, extension 5156, for more information.

## Make on-to-college day a church-wide emphasis

A special Sunday morning worship service focusing on the church's college students is an excellent opportunity for ministry to students and their families.

Whether students are going away to study or they will be commuting daily to a local campus, they need to know of the concern that their church family holds for them. Some expressions of concern and interest that could be included in an On-to-College Day are as follows:

—Ask students to participate in leading the service:

1. A student might give his or her personal testimony.
2. Special music, a dramatic reading or mini-drama might be offered by a talented student or a group of students.
3. Include an insert in the bulletin with a list of all college students and their school address to encourage church members to keep in contact with them.
4. Ask students to lead in prayer.
5. The sermon could focus on making Christ the foundation of life.
6. In introducing students, the pastor

might lead in a prayer of commitment.

—The collegiate Sunday School department could sponsor a luncheon or picnic for students and families.

—The church staff should be sure that the names and addresses of students have been sent to the campus Baptist Student Union or to the Student Department, Box 552, Little Rock, AR 72203.

—Give a gift subscription to *Student* magazine to each student. As they receive it by mail, it will serve as a monthly reminder of their church's concern and interest. Order *Student* from the Sunday School Board's Material Services Division.

—A subscription to the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* would provide news of state and denomination.

—Put the students' names and addresses on your church mailout list and encourage the Young Adults Away Department to correspond with them on a regular basis.

—Include students in the church's regular prayer list. — **George E. Sims, Student Department associate**

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## BSU kept me in 'yelling distance' of the Lord

by Don Moore

"I could go ahead and learn the plumbing trade, since I had worked as a plumber's assistant one or two summers." "I had wanted to become an 18 wheel driver." Or, "I could do nothing." These were my options as I finished high school. My ambition level had no resemblance to the opinion of the senior class which said I was "the boy most likely to succeed." The third alternative was the one most attractive to me.



Moore

A conspiracy between my agri teacher, the school superintendent, and my mother resulted in my receiving a scholarship to the University of Arkansas. This was not something I wanted. But, in retrospect, it was something God wanted.

Because my brother, Trueman, had found Baptist Student Union such a meaningful part of his life, it was natural that I would find the BSU Center and begin to participate in the activities. Friends, acceptance, self-esteem, confidence, and the nurture of my spiritual life were all to take place there, but not without struggles. The struggle led to within three seconds of death at my own hands.

Though despair over human existence came so close to destroying me, I had been kept in "yelling distance" of the Lord through Baptist Student Union. He showed himself strong on my behalf, preserving my life and overwhelming me with his goodness. My heart melted and I surrendered to whatever

he desired for my life. Soon I would go with the state BSU group to Ridgcrest where God confirmed that I had been called to preach. I happily yielded to his call.

Growing out of that one year in BSU at the University of Arkansas has been a veritable array of providential events. After I surrendered to the ministry I transferred to Ouachita and went on staff of First Church, Smackover. That church knew about me because I had been sent from the University BSU to lead the singing for a youth revival the year before. There I met Shirley, who was to be my lifelong companion. My four full-time pastorates sought me because of experiences and relationships that developed at First Church, Smackover. Those ministries,

along with 15 or so BSU revivals, were no doubt used of God to prepare me for the place I now serve.

There, during the most crucial year of my life, my first away from home at the University of Arkansas, Arkansas Baptists by the grace of God had a life-saving ministry. It was Baptist Student Union! I will be eternally grateful to Jamie Jones, the director there, and all who made BSU possible. Needless to say, I love BSU and pray that God may continue to use it to claim increasing numbers of young people for the service of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

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

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## BSU linked student days with church fellowship

by Frank Pollard

We need church. That's why God gave us church, because we need the fellowship of folks who love us, accept us and help us love our Lord more and obey him better.



Pollard

I learned this at Texas A. & M.

Between my freshman and sophomore years I committed my life to our Lord Christ. I had to go back to college and find a whole new set of

friends.

At first I linked up with a para church group. I loved it. The fellowship was great. They disciplined me most helpfully and understandingly in those infant days of faith. They taught me how to pray, to read and memorize Scripture and how to share my new found faith in Christ. I thank God for those friends he gave me at that crucial time.

One day I asked: "I read a lot about

baptism in the Bible. What does that mean?" I was told it was a divisive thing among Christians and really wasn't all that important.

Later, I inquired of my Christian friends: "How do we obey the Great Commission? How can we go into all the world? Shouldn't we have some way of supporting God's work around the world? He said he thought some churches had such organizations.

The clincher came the day I realized that maybe, one day, I would not be in college anymore. What would I do then for Christian fellowship? Church began to look like a good idea.

I needed church. Even in college I needed church. But I also desperately wanted the special student fellowship I had been enjoying.

The first time I saw the BSU van I thought somebody couldn't spell bus! But, gradually, through some friends, I learned the Baptist Student Union was what my hungry heart was seeking. It linked the special student fellowship of college days with the church fellowship which would

sustain me for the rest of my life.

It gave me opportunity to grow doctrinally and a vehicle through the Cooperative Program of the SBC to "Go and make disciples of all nations." BSU and church, I'm glad I found you!

**Frank Pollard is president of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, Calif.**

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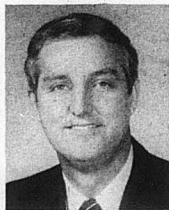
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## ASU planning to get students off to a good start

When Arkansas State University begins classes in a few days, Baptist Student Union will hold its weekly lunch for



Dickerson says BSU Director Arliss Dickerson, "and

students on the very first day, Wednesday, instead of the usual Monday. The idea is to help students lay a foundation for their school year, maybe even their college career, through the influence BSU has on their Christian lives.

"Many students come to college anxious to make friends,"

they jump in and join a group and take on the priorities of that group before they have a chance to set their own." "Being a part of a group, not being alone, is very important to students," he observes.

Lunch once a week is one of the best outreach tools for Arkansas State University BSU, Dickerson says. "We invite the students to bring a friend each time," he explains. They are able to reach students who would not normally be on campus at night with the noontime activity.

The meals also tie BSU in with local churches, Dickerson explains. "Different churches come in and provide and serve the meals. The women of those churches really get involved in helping students,"

he says.

Dickerson offers the churches the chance to announce events for students by inviting church staff to the lunch. Normally, about 100 students attend.

Another BSU activity to help students get into a Christian group at the beginning of the year is the retreat, held the second week of classes. The students get to meet the local pastors (at the retreat) and student ministers from the church staffs during the first three weeks.

"I often tell students," says Dickerson, "that I believe what they do during the first three weeks of school can determine the rest of their college career." This is the motivation behind introducing students to BSU at the earliest possible time, according to the director.

Once introduced, the students can get involved in the Monday night large group Bible study, dorm Bible study, Thursday night worship, and ministry to local nursing homes or the jail.

Dickerson describes the Monday night study as a "Bible-based seminar", and he thinks no other BSU does it exactly like ASU. "Twice a semester we have the students write down topics they have questions about—maybe scripture passages or other religions—issues that affect their values, priorities and relationships in life," Dickerson reports.

"The whole thing is to be responsive to needs," he says. "Six or eight topics will come in again and again. As the leader, I have discussion material prepared, but it is open for anyone to speak their mind." "The process is what's unique," Dickerson notes, "and I hope it will help students realize that we do not all think alike."

Through the seminar, Dickerson hopes to steer students away from the mindset that says Christians must withdraw from the world to remain pure. "I want them to consider how we as Christians need to live in the world," he says.

And the ASU students are concerned about the world. Dickerson notes that they collected \$7,100 last year to support student summer missionaries who work in Arkansas, the U.S., and even foreign countries.

Besides that, they gave \$2,500 to world hunger relief. Dickerson explains that several years ago some student leaders got the momentum going and hunger has remained a well-supported cause without his pushing.

This is typical of the style of leadership Dickerson supports. He and Keith Inman,

(See "Off to a good start" on p. 17)

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## Commuter setting requires a varied approach

by Betty J. Kennedy

When Mike Fowler looks for ideas for student ministry at Phillips County Community College, he often looks to



Fowler

BSU on other Arkansas campuses, hoping to adapt them. This is not always easy, Fowler explains. His campus is strictly a commuter campus. "We try to reach the students while they are here," he says, "but we must work basically as a church would in outreach. We contact them at their homes." Students' homes are also the site of some BSU activities that would be held on campus in a residence situation. BSU council meetings are convened in a home in the evening because there is no BSU center and because students are not on campus after classes.

Fowler must adapt in other ways, too. The school graciously allows the use of classrooms for the meetings Tuesday and

Wednesday at noon time, but they sometimes have to shift places because of class schedules.

Once a month, a local Baptist church furnishes lunch at the Wednesday meeting for 20-25 students. Other meetings midday offer discussion and Bible study. Both are aimed at helping students evaluate Christian responses to life situations, Fowler explains.

Last semester, the students chose to use faculty and students for discussion speakers, rather than any from off campus. They were assigned broad topics, such as goal setting, alcoholism, and Christian relationships in the workplace, a topic applicable to a large number of the students, who come for classes and then go to jobs.

Fowler says he and student leaders work hard to reach students in this commuter situation. Last year, they sent out 250 post cards before the start of classes and had lunch for freshmen with minimal response. "What works best," Fowler reports, "is students reaching other students."

But even the peer group situation is different at Phillips County. Students do

not come to school and seek a new group of friends. "They are living at home and have the same circle of friends," Fowler notes. And the same situation applies to church affiliation. He constantly looks for opportunities to support the local churches and announces their activities when possible. Fowler is also careful to avoid activity conflicts with churches.

BSU can encourage students to remain involved in their church or become active if they are not. Area Southern Baptist churches support BSU, Fowler notes, as does the local association of churches, and BSU students reciprocate by singing and giving testimonies in church services as an informal group.

While there are differences in the way student ministry is done at Phillips County Community College there also similarities with BSU elsewhere. Fowler says he is very pleased that the students have raised money to support student summer missions and have two missionaries this year from the campus. They sent their first one last year.

(See "A varied approach" on p. 17)



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## Off to a good start

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the associate director, strive for a healthy mixture of directors as leaders and students as a real shaping influence in BSU programs. They work to train leaders who will reach out to other students. The BSU currently has 27 elected officers.

BSU on ASU's campus last year had 200-250 students who were regulars in the activities, according to Dickerson, and more than 400 students who were interested enough to fill out info cards.

Many of these will be encouraged to be involved in a local church because Baptist Student Union does not compete with the local congregation. In fact, Dickerson is finalizing plans for a joint Southern Baptist event to welcome students to the local churches, like they had last year.

BSU, however, is committed to helping students get off to a good start in campus life. They will start next week making Christ the foundation for college.

**Betty J. Kennedy is managing editor of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine**

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## A varied approach

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Fowler is convinced that BSU work will be different in some ways for his campus. "We'll adapt and try and maybe fail, but that's better than never having tried," he thinks. "We're going to do what is scriptural and put that above numerical success," he says, noting that the students have adopted this approach as a goal for their ministering to students on their campus.

**Betty J. Kennedy is managing editor of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine.**

## 43 Baptist pulpits empty in London

LONDON, England—Of 267 churches in the London Association, 43 are without pastors. Filling pulpits has become a top priority for superintendent Arthur Thompson and the Home Mission of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland.

The goal of the association, which provides grants for struggling congregations, is for every church to have a pastor by 1990 and then to plant still more churches.

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## Errors acknowledged in Sunday School lesson

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—Several statements in the July 7 lesson of *Adult Bible Study* are the result of errors made in the editing process and are not the fault of the writer, according to an official of the Sunday School Board.

The lesson, "Accepting Good and Bad," is the first of five sessions based on the book of Job. The statements in "Adult Bible Study" one of eight quarterly adult periodicals in the Life and Work Series, say the Satan referred to in the first two chapters of Job is not the devil of the New Testament.

These errors do not appear in the other seven quarterly adult Life and Work periodicals, according to Max Caldwell, manager of the youth-adult group in the board's Sunday school department.

"These statements do not reflect the position of the Sunday School Board. We simply failed to catch the errors in this periodical. We deeply regret these oversights," said Caldwell.

He emphasized the writer of the lesson material, John I. Durham, professor of Hebrew and Old Testament at Southeastern

Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C., did not write the statements that are errors.

These statements were inserted by a temporary editor called in to work because of a staff vacancy, said Caldwell. However, he said, "We have an evaluation system in which edited manuscripts are read by several persons, including an outside doctrinal reader. The errors should have been noted and removed."

Caldwell said the statements which are incorrect say the Satan mentioned in the first two chapters of Job is a different being than the devil of the New Testament. One phrase that was added in the editing process states the Satan in Job "was God's servant, not his enemy" and goes on to say, "There is in the Old Testament no concept of an empire opposed to God."

In contrast, lesson material in *Studying Adult Life and Work Lessons* by Herschel Hobbs, pastor-emeritus of First Church, Oklahoma City, states: "Furthermore, note that Satan came also. . . . He tries to destroy everything good in the universe. Satan ap-

peared in true character in our Scripture."

In a study of the first two chapters of Job, "we need to focus on the distinctive features of Job's picture of Satan," Caldwell said. "We also need to base our doctrine of Satan on the more complete revelation in the New Testament."

Caldwell said he regrets the errors in *Adult Bible Study* have caused confusion among those who use the periodical. He said several letters and telephone calls have been received, "but we want the larger Southern Baptist family to know of these concerns."

"This material does not reflect the kind of clarity and accuracy to which the Sunday School Board, its editors or those involved in the evaluation process are committed," said Caldwell. "The result of this commitment is evident in the fact that so few errors appear in print in the more than 150 periodicals published by the board."

Caldwell said the entire quarterly is being reviewed and efforts are under way to determine if changes are needed in editorial and evaluation processes, especially when staff vacancies occur, to avoid errors in the future.

## Forgiveness required to deal effectively with social issues

RIDGECREST, N.C. (BP)—An attitude of forgiveness must be the overriding emotion for churches dealing with contemporary social and family issues, according to John Sullivan, pastor of Broadmoor Church, Shreveport, La.

Sullivan, who taught a class during Bible Preaching/Administration week at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center on how the Bible and contemporary issues, said he tries to

approach problems on the basis of love, mercy and forgiveness rather than legality.

During the conference Sullivan addressed the areas of marriage, divorce, abortion and the abuse of alcohol.

"The church has to deal with the problems of the family," Sullivan said. "When dealing with persons who remarry, the church becomes either a hospital or a firing squad."

"It's interesting, we are willing to forgive everything except divorce," he said. "In your church you have to answer if whether you are as ready as Jesus to forgive and reclaim the divorced and remarried persons. "On any moral or ethical subject, Jesus never deals in less than the ideal," Sullivan told the participants. "Divorce shatters God's ideal of marriage."

"The ideal marriage is for three, not two," he continued. "It includes man, woman and God. And, the ideal marriage is not free of problems, but has unrestricted love because of a proper relationship to God."

The reality of society today, however, is that "the family is in trouble." He said 38

percent of first marriages today will fail. Of those divorced persons, 79 percent will remarry and 44 percent of the remarried persons will divorce again.

"People are going to marry, even within the church, so they can fit back into society," Sullivan said. "We need to learn to have a forgiveness that releases from the bondage of guilt and helps us to live in a forgiving community."

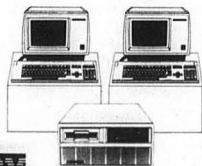
Sullivan performs marriages between divorced individuals and holds the opinion, "If they ask forgiveness for the sin of divorce, they are not living in adultery."

Moral and ethical issues have a bearing on all that a person is or expects to become, according to Sullivan. For many young persons, contextual ethics, or living by the demand of the moment, place too much responsibility for such short notice. "Your young people had better make up their minds before the demand of the moment," Sullivan warned the church leaders. "Young people in our churches live with peer pressures and have to handle it in some way."

When dealing with social and contemporary concerns from the public, Sullivan said ministers have a responsibility to take a stand and be consistent with that stand. He said pastors need to make it clear, however, if a church member does not agree with the position of the pastor, the person knows he is still loved and can turn to the pastor in time of need. Your stand should not be used as a club later.

"Christians can't consider just themselves," Sullivan concluded. "It is a Christian's duty to think of everything he does in terms of how it affects others."

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Sherman

School Convention. Really, I want to call it Sunday School Conference instead of convention because most of our time will be spent in quality conference time.

I am really excited about the time of conference. With it being scheduled on Friday night and Saturday, I

am looking for an extra large group of Sunday School workers from across our state. Plan on being present Sept. 27 and 28 at Geyer Springs First, Little Rock.

I feel like we have a good state of youth conference leaders. Bob Henry, state youth consultant from Missouri, will lead teachers of Convention Uniform series. Doug Merritt, youth consultant from Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, will lead a conference on outreach. Joan Neal, state approved worker from Houston, Texas, will lead teachers of Life and Work series. Rae Cole, state approved worker from Pompano Beach, Fla., will lead teachers of the Bible Book Series.

See you there. — Larry Sherman, associate

## Church Training PIHSELPICSID

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Falkner

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The workshop is jointly sponsored by the Church Training and Evangelism Department of the state convention. Curt Bradford, youth consultant, Church Training Dept., BSSB, will be leading the workshop. For reservations, cost or other information; contact Bill Falkner, Church Training Dept., or Jim Lagrone, Evangelism Dept., Arkansas Baptist State Convention, phone 376-4791. — Bill Falkner, associate

## Missions

### New starts up

The reports on new mission starts is very encouraging so far this year. As many missions have already been started as were started all last year!



Tidsworth

It appears to me that the Lord is encouraging and inspiring many people, churches and associations to be involved in new work. I am grateful for the open and cooperative attitude of directors of missions toward finding where churches are needed and getting them going.

Many pastors whose churches can sponsor missions are leading their churches to consider sponsoring a mission in Arkansas. Lay people are excited about new work.

Solid plans born out of prayer and a deep concern for people are being laid for new congregations across Arkansas. As these plans materialize, we should see a doubling of new missions next year.

The increasing momentum is very encouraging to me. As we start more new churches, we will accelerate the rate at which we are reaching the lost and unchurched in Arkansas. It is good to be on the way! — Floyd Tidsworth Jr., church extension director

## Christian Life Council Missiles still intense

"The rain of bullets was so intense that if I had held up an iron pot on a pole like a butterfly net, the pot would have been filled in an instant." Thus a young soldier from upstate New York described the ferocity of a battle during the war between the States.



Parker

Combatants during any war could give similar accounts of death-dealing projectiles. The psalmist could have experienced such since he wrote, "You shall not

be afraid of the terror by night, nor the arrow that flies by day" (Psalm 91:5).

The rain of satanic missiles is still thick. The Christian's warfare is not against flesh and blood, though humans too often are tools of the Devil. Present day arrows of destruction that fly day and night are in many devious forms. A few are as follows: alcohol and other dangerous drugs, gambling, pornography, self righteousness, accusations, suspicions, dissensions, party spirit and tale bearing.

Instead of being instruments of Satan, really effective Christian living must involve wearing the whole armor of God and absolutely must combine faith with love as Paul the apostle did so often (1 Thess. 3:6; 1 Cor. 13:13; Gal. 5:6; Eph. 3:17; Col. 1:4; 1 Thess. 1:3; 1 Tim. 1:5,14). Come to think of it, faith (regardless of how orthodox or fundamental) without love is dead also! — Bob Parker, director

## Student Ministries At budget time

*There is an old (?) man,  
Who lives BSU,  
He has so many colleges,  
He doesn't know what to do.*



Logue

It has been "budget making time" in the Baptist Building. I fear the passing of time hasn't made it any easier. Thirty years have elapsed since I worked on the simple 1956 Student Department budget. It was tough then; it is tough today.

It is a time of mixed feelings. Gratitude is there. Arkansas Baptists are generous in their ministry to college students, generous to Ouachita and Southern Baptist College. And generous to BSU on state campuses.

But there is also frustration at the still unmet spiritual needs and at the spiraling costs of almost everything. Insurance costs for our directors will jump from \$48,124 in 1985 to \$70,054 in 1986. Utilities in our 14 BSU centers and eight adjoining houses continue their upward climb.

I think the future for BSU is unbelievable. We have just concluded the most productive year ever: more baptisms, larger crowds at meetings, more summer missionaries, more money for world hunger, etc.

In keeping with the nursery rhyme, I close this column, and close these 30 years, with the prayer: 'Help us, Lord, to give students more than broth and never let us send them to bed—without Bread.' — Tom I. Logue, director



## Evangelism

### Growth in the Word

God's Word will guide you as a new Christian; therefore, hear it taught and preached. Psalm 119:105: "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light upon my path."



Shell

God's Word will teach you how to live; therefore, study it. "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (II Tim. 2:15).

God's Word will enrich your life; therefore, meditate upon it. Colossians 3:16: "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."

The Word of God gives direction to new life in Christ; therefore, share it. I Peter 1:23 states: "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever."

The Word of God is our weapon against Satan; therefore, use it. Ephesians 6:17 states: "...the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."

I challenge you to know it in your mind, show it in your heart, show it in your life, and sow it in your world. — **Clarence Shell, director**

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**Mr. and Mrs. Logan C. Atnip**, missionaries to Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) since 1956, retired from active missionary service July 1. They served with the Bible Way Correspondence School in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. He is a native of Marmaduke and she is the former Virginia Hill of Elberton, Ga. They may be addressed 8102 Alberta, 4111, Houston, TX 77055.



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## International

### *God's inclusive love*

by Gary D. Fulton, West View Church, Paragould

Basic passage: Jonah 4

Focal passage: Jonah 4:1-2;6-7;10-11

Central truth: We will never encounter a person or a nation God doesn't love.

The book of Jonah contains the records of one of the greatest revivals ever, the only recorded revival among Gentiles in the Old Testament. This book shows us that God's intention has been to offer salvation to every man.

Jonah was a very reluctant servant. He was a Jew who was selfish with his God and prejudiced toward Gentiles. He had no concern for the people of Nineveh, even when he realized they would be destroyed if they didn't hear and respond to the message of repentance. Jonah was much like many Christians today who are selfish with what they have and never make an effort to share it with those who are condemned to Hell.

After spending three days and three nights in the belly of a "great fish," Jonah changed his mind about going to Nineveh. He didn't go with the proper motivation, and he didn't want the people to be saved. Even though he experienced the preacher's fondest dream—he preached and an entire city was saved—this did not please Jonah, because he wanted Nineveh to be destroyed.

In the fourth chapter of Jonah, the Lord taught Jonah a great lesson concerning his inclusive love. Jonah expressed his anger in a prayer to God. He tried to justify his present reaction and his past rebellion toward God. Jonah understood God's forgiving character and knew he would have mercy on Nineveh. This angered Jonah.

The Lord prepared the gourd for Jonah to give him comfort, and then he prepared a worm to destroy the gourd. This is a very important object lesson. Jonah was angry because the gourd was destroyed. The Lord said to Jonah, "You pity this plant, which you didn't labor for. Should not I pity Nineveh whom I have created?" God makes it clear he is concerned about all men. We should be concerned about the same things God is concerned about.

This lesson should encourage us to "zero in" on the primary task of God's people. Evangelism and missions is our responsibility. The inclusive love of God requires we carry the gospel to the entire world.

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## Life and Work

### *'God, answer me!'*

by Nelson Wilhelm, First Church, Waldron  
Basic passage: Job 29:1-31:40

Focal passage: Job 29:1-6;30:20-23;31:35-37

Central truth: God is present, even if he does not choose to make it known.

When the present is bad and the future looks dark, it is natural to look back with fondness to when we were young and blessings were many. Job has been accused by his friends of hiding some terrible sin that, if confessed, would stop his suffering. Job has rehearsed his life backward and forward, trying to find a clue, and doesn't.

Job could tell you the day his troubles started, when God seemingly left him. Job has looked in every direction for an answer and has found none. He knows that if God would speak, he would know. Job cries out to God for the charges against him. He is saying that he could take it like a man, if he just knew why he was being punished.

In his deep anguish, Job feels God ignores him. Next, he logically feels that, if God is ignoring him and is aware of his plight, then he is a cruel God. He continues to build his case against God and accepts the idea of death with fatalism.

Sometimes, we try with our mental gymnastics to work God into a corner where he will have to speak. If we accuse him hard enough, being the loving God we know him to be, then he will have to come forward and defend his love to us in our trouble. But God is still silent.

The mistake Job is making is the one we always make: we conclude that because God is silent that he is not there or does not care. This must be learned from the book of Job: God is there! Back when Job felt blessed, God was there! When Job went through his time of terror, God was there, too, even though silent and unseen. And we can see that God will be there to bring it all to its happy and glorious conclusion.

Some of the deepest puzzles of life could have been answered to our satisfaction with only a few more paragraphs in God's Word. Since they were not, it means we are to live by faith. And if there is going to be suffering for the child of God, for benefit and blessing, it will have to be here on earth.

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## Bible Book

### *Judah's condemnation*

by Vester Wolber, Ouachita Baptist University

Basic passage: Jeremiah 11:1-15:9

Focal passage: Jeremiah 11:1-12

Central truth: The promises of God are morally conditioned.

(1) Any covenant between God and his people must be available to them in written form if it is to survive. Just as the finding of the law of Moses led to a spiritual revival in Judah, so also did the translation of the Bible into the language of the people lead to a spiritual revival in the English speaking world.

Since the New Testament was written in common Greek, the language of the street in the Roman world, we are obligated to translate the Bible into the every-day language of the people.

(2) Any covenant between God and his people is a contract between unequals, the terms of which are determined by the Lord. He agrees to be their God and make them his people on condition that they agree to obey his voices.


In Christian faith—the faith that redeems—one entrusts himself to Christ and submits to him as Lord. The basic tenet of the Christian way of life is the lordship of Jesus Christ.

(3) One who breaks his covenant relationship with God and turns to other gods will experience a two-fold tragedy when trials come upon him: God won't come to his rescue, and the false gods can't.

Many of God's blessings can be received only through faith, and trusting faith in God is awfully hard to come by when one has turned his back on the Lord and gone after other gods. One of the sad, sad scenes of this distorted world is to see a troubled heart offering up an ardent prayer to a god that's not there.

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## Robertson testifies on civil rights legislation

WASHINGTON (BP)—Christian television personality M.G. (Pat) Robertson told a U.S. Senate committee July 17 the Southern Baptist Convention opposes proposed civil rights legislation designed to overturn a 1984 U.S. Supreme Court ruling on sex discrimination and said the Washington-based Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs "does not truly speak" for the SBC.

The high court decision, *Grove City College v. Bell*, held that colleges and universities—including those affiliated with religious bodies—must comply with Title IX of the Civil Rights Act forbidding sex discrimination. The court held further that only the specific program within a school that discriminates against women—not all programs—will lose federal funding when discrimination is proved.

Robertson, who appeared before the Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources, is a member of Freemason Street Church, Norfolk, Va., a congregation affiliated with the Baptist General Association of Virginia and the SBC.

A church source said Robertson joined the church "about a dozen years ago" when he was called as interim minister of education, a position he held for a year, leaving to begin his television career. A church source said the last time Robertson attended a service there was two years ago for an anniversary program.

"We certainly see nothing of him," said the source, who asked not to be identified.

The Virginia Beach, Va., host of the "700 Club" told the Senate committee a Southern Baptist Convention resolution adopted in 1984 opposed similar legislation in the last Congress, a statement he said "pretty much carries over" to the present. The 1984 resolution, while expressing concern that Congress clarify wording to protect church institutions from undue government regulation, neither endorsed nor objected to the proposed law as a whole.

Sen. Charles E. Grassley, R-Iowa, with a copy of the resolution in hand, asked Robertson to repeat his understanding of the SBC position. Robertson answered, "To the best of my knowledge, the Southern Baptist Convention still opposes" such legislation.

Grassley, who along with committee chairman Sen. Orrin G. Hatch, R-Utah, has consulted with Baptist Joint Committee staff seeking language to alleviate churches' concerns about the legislation, asked the television personality if the Southern Baptist Convention is not a member body of the Baptist Joint Committee.

Robertson replied: "The Baptist Joint Committee does not truly speak for the Southern Baptist Convention." He said further the Baptist Joint Committee does not agree with "most Southern Baptists" or "the current leadership" of the SBC.

Grassley then asked Robertson if he knew the position of the Baptist Joint Committee

on the proposed legislation. Robertson replied the committee is "probably in favor, but I haven't gotten their specific position." Hatch, who last year during Senate debate on the Civil Rights Act of 1984 quoted favorably from a Baptist Joint Committee statement, interjected that the Washington agency has in fact "raised serious objections" to any new civil rights law that does not recognize and meet churches' concerns.

Baptist Joint Committee Executive Director James M. Dunn called Robertson's statements to the Senate panel "unconscionable." "It is unconscionable that an independent television evangelist would purport to speak for Southern Baptists and an even greater affront to conscience that he would misrepresent the SBC resolution," Dunn said.

In a letter sent immediately to members of the Senate committee, Dunn noted the 1984 resolution did not oppose the primary thrust of the Civil Rights Act of 1984, but asked Congress to exempt church related colleges and universities that receive no federal tax dollars "from being defined as recipients of federal financial assistance under the Act."

Dunn also told the lawmakers: "Mr. Robertson was wrong in his stated assertion that the 1984 resolution 'pretty much carries over' to 1985. Resolutions adopted by messengers... attending annual meetings of the Southern Baptist Convention speak only for those attending that particular meeting and have no carry-over effect whatsoever."

Dunn said Robertson was "mistaken" in playing down the relationship between the Baptist Joint Committee and the SBC. Pointing to the SBC resolution's last paragraph, he noted the convention "specifically requested" his agency to inform Congress of the action.

SBC Christian Life Commission Executive Director Foy Valentine, whose agency's agenda includes civil rights, also reacted to the Robertson testimony. "For 25 years Southern Baptists have sounded a clear and certain sound in support of civil rights," he declared.

He added: "While the old political right and the New Religious Right are working like termites to undermine the legislation and reverse the progress of recent decades related to civil rights, Southern Baptists know such injustice cannot be defended with an open Bible. With necessary refinement, the proposed legislation would substantially clarify the American dream that all of us are created equal, that all of us stand... and live equally under the law."

The veteran Southern Baptist leader also declared: "I do not speak for all Southern Baptists, for no Baptist on earth speaks for any other Baptist on earth. Yet I do speak as a Southern Baptist out a lifetime of commitment to justice, the worth of every person, the... human rights guaranteed to all Americans and the moral values without which no nation can long endure."

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