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On the cover



The business of Baptist work in Arkansas is a large part, though not all, of the agenda for the annual meeting of the state convention a month from now in Fayetteville. This issue contains the programs, recommendations and information displayed on the cover.

Brooks Hays dies

Brooks Hays, former congressman from Arkansas and president of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1958-1959, died Oct. 11.

The funeral service will be held Friday, October 16, 11:00 a.m., Second Baptist Church, Little Rock. More information will appear in next week's issue.

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The annual Baptist Student Union Convention met in Little Rock and participants gave a record amount of money to world hunger.

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A "once-a-decade" mission strategy conference, sponsored by the SBC Home Mission Board at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, focused on the role of the association.

First \$100 million budget recommended

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — The first \$100 million budget in the history of the Southern Baptist Convention will be recommended to the 1982 annual meeting of the denomination.

A 1982-83 Cooperative Program Budget Goal of \$106 million was voted during the September meeting of the SBC Executive Committee, including a basic operating budget of \$96,635,000; a capital needs budget of \$3,365,000, and a Bold Mission Thrust Challenge section of \$6 million.

In addition to adopting the recommendation, Executive Committee members also gave approval to a proposal to develop detailed plans for a \$6.5 million office building to house the Executive Committee and other SBC agencies.

The proposal for a new office building came during a report of the SBC Building long range study committee, chaired by William A. Fortune, a Knoxville, Tenn.,

builder and vice chairman of the Executive Committee. Also serving on the committee are Rodney Landes, of El Dorado, Ark., and Dotson M. Nelson Jr., of Birmingham, Ala.

The new building would be built on a tract adjacent to the Baptist Sunday School Board complex at Ninth Avenue North and Commerce Streets in downtown Nashville.

Fortune, president of Rentenbach Engineering Co., offered to develop, design and build an office building for the Executive Committee on the site, and to lease it back at a cost of approximately \$10 to \$12 per square foot annually. He also said the building will be given to the SBC at the end of 20 years for \$1.

In other action, the committee elected John Dunaway, pastor of First Church of Corbin, Ky., as its chairman, replacing J. Howard Cobble, who became ineligible to serve when he moved from Georgia to Kentucky. Dunaway had been vice chairman.

Southern Baptists enter 55 counties since 1979

ATLANTA (BP) — Since 1979, Southern Baptists have started new churches and missions in 55 counties where they had no work before, leaving 512 counties in the nation with no Southern Baptist church or mission, according to a Home Mission Board report.

The 1981 update on unentered counties (those without an SBC church or mission) shows "Bold Mission Thrust has had a definite effect on starting new work, especially in pioneer areas," said Clay Price, author of the report and HMB missions researcher.

But his findings also suggest it will be

"harder and harder to enter some counties in the future, especially rural counties with very small populations and a strong church of a denomination with beliefs similar to ours," Price said.

Consequently, he noted, "We may begin focusing more of our resources on major metropolitan areas where the needs are more pressing."

Just over half (52 percent) of the remaining unentered counties are in five of 28 states: Nebraska, Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin and South Dakota.

Letter to the editor

Humanism a threat

Secular humanism as taught by the Bible is the exaltation and gratification of the evil nature of man. Man in his natural state is totally depraved and cannot please God. Men who have never been born again know only about the needs of the flesh and they seek to satisfy those needs. Men who have not been born again do not have a spiritual nature and have no need to seek spiritual things until they experience the rebirth.

We are living in a day when ungodly, anti-God, anti-Christ, and anti-christian secular humanism is on the rampage. Nothing could please the devil more than Christians being caught up in humanism. By definition, according to the Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary, humanism is "a mode or attitude of thought or action centering upon distinctively human interest or ideals." In modern thought that usually means: Whatever an individual wants to do to satisfy his/her natural human needs. The street language for humanism is: Whatever feels

good, do it.

Christians turn to the Bible to define humanism. There are several words and phrases in the Bible and theological literature that are used. Some of them are: adamic nature, human nature, lust of the flesh, carnal nature, unrighteousness, and ungodliness. The words used most often are: sin, sins, or sinner. No matter what word, words, or phrases are used they all describe man's nature to sin. The word 'depraved' means crooked, perverse, wicked, and corrupt, according to the Webster Dictionary. The word corrupt was used by Paul in 1 Cor. 15:50-58. Man in the human body is corrupt, according to the Bible Humanism, human nature, and the natural man as referred to in the Bible is one and same. The Bible says in John 3:6 that which is born of the flesh is flesh. Christians need to be aware of the extent to which secular humanism has infiltrated every element of our society. — John O. McMullen, Black Rock



The 1981 Arkansas Baptist State Convention will consider many important matters which should set the stage for our work during the next 12 months. Although there is an unusually fine spirit among the Baptists of Arkansas, it is unlikely that there will be unanimous agreement on everything that is brought before the convention. This is not bad. It is often more important how we conduct ourselves than the decision that is made on many matters of business.

President John Finn and the Program Committee are to be commended on an unusually fine balanced program. Everyone will want to hear W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Church, Dallas, Tex.; John Sullivan, pastor of Broadmoor Church, Shreveport, La., and Vance Havner, nationally known evangelist and Bible teacher.

The convention will also have the privilege of great Bible teaching. The Bible teacher for the convention will be Roy Honeycutt, provost for Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky. Both his training and practical experience equip him to do an outstanding job in exegeting the Word of God.

Arkansans on the program will include Jon Stubblefield, pastor of Central Church, Magnolia, who will deliver the annual sermon, and John Finn, current president of the Convention and director of missions for North Arkansas Association, who will give the president's address.

Matters of business to be brought to the attention of the convention will be the adoption of a record \$9.1 million budget, a revision of the budget formula for Arkansas Baptists, a report from the Study Committee on the statewide Pastors' Conference, a report on the seminary satellite program, a report from the Baptist Building Study Committee, and a report on the Adult Conference Center.

Perhaps the most significant change that is being proposed is that of the budget formula. The new procedure will, for all practical purposes, eliminate overage in the budget. Most importantly, it will increase our giving to the SBC Cooperative Program by three-fourths of one percent each year. This is a most significant step in that it accelerates our giving to the SBC Cooperative Program one-fourth of one percent or more annually. In the past, the greatest

increase possible from one year to the next was one-half of one percent. And this only took place when there was a significant increase in the budget.

We praise the Budget Study Committee and Dr. Drumwright for this significant step. This guarantees a greater and more significant involvement in world missions. If, however, there is to be adequate money for programs in Arkansas, churches must also increase their percentage of giving to the Cooperative Program. Usually an increase in dollars merely offsets inflation.

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee also has proposed an important change. Last year a motion was made at the convention that individuals who move during the year from the Executive Board would not be replaced. The reasoning behind this motion was that the Nominating Committee of the Executive Board should not select individuals even for a portion of the year since this, in a sense, made the Executive Board self-perpetuating. The Constitution and Bylaws Committee is now recommending that the Nominating Committee of the convention fill unexpired terms that occur. This will be most helpful since it will guarantee full representation on boards, agencies, and institutions.

We believe that this year's Arkansas Baptist State Convention will be one of the greatest in history. And that the messengers will leave the convention with a spirit of love and commitment. There are both practical and theological reasons for this belief: (1) Our fellowship is at an extremely high level; (2) Our convention program features some of the most challenging speakers possible; (3) Our convention president, John Finn, will preside capably and fairly over the convention, and (4) The unusually fine work of Executive Secretary Drumwright has helped to set the stage for a fine convention.

We predict that our convention will set the stage for 1982 to be a great year of victory for our Master. We are confident that most of us will joyfully accept the decisions of our convention whether the majority votes our way or not. As Arkansas Baptists keep the spirit of Christian love, fellowship and dependence upon the leadership of the Holy Spirit, success for our labor is assured.

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Tentative program Arkansas Baptist State Convention

Confronting the Dying World with the Living Word

Tuesday evening

Nov. 17, 1981

Fayetteville First Church

"Through Missions"

*Capital letters indicate priority schedule

6:30 p.m.	Instrumental ensemble	
6:40	Congregational praise	Glen Ennes
6:45	Scripture and prayer	Danny Austin
6:50	Call to order	Jody Gannaway
		John Finn
	Appointment of committees	
	Enrollment of messengers	John Maddox
	Adoption of order of business	Jack Bledsoe
	Welcome	Jere Mitchell
	Fraternal greetings, acknowledgements	
	Recognition of former presidents	
	Introduction of resolutions	Carroll Caldwell
	Constitutional amendments	Carl Overton
	Announcements	
7:20	Choral praise	Music Men
7:35	Cooperative Program report	James Walker
7:45	Foreign Mission Board	Bill O'Brien
8:00	Home Mission Board	Carl Hart
8:15	Congregational praise	Danny Austin
	Choral music	Music Men
8:30	MESSAGE	W. A. Criswell
9:00	Benediction	Harry Kennedy

Wednesday morning

Nov. 18, 1981

"Through Service"

8:30 a.m.	Congregational praise	Lew King
8:35	Scripture and prayer	James Zeltner
8:40	BIBLE STUDY	Roy Honeycutt
9:05	Arkansas Baptist Family & Child Care Services	Johnny Biggs
9:15	Arkansas Baptist Foundation	Harry Trulove
9:25	Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine	Everett Sneed
9:35	Congregational praise	Lew King
9:40	MESSAGE	Vance Havner
10:10	ELECTION OF OFFICERS	
10:30	EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT	Joe Atchison
11:10	Congregational praise	Lew King
11:15	Special music	"Happy Side", Beech Street, Texarkana
11:30	PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS	John Finn
12:00	ELECTION OF OFFICERS (continued)	
12:10	Benediction	Danny Veteto

Wednesday afternoon

Nov. 18, 1981

"Through Daily Witness"

1:45 p.m.	Congregational praise	Bill Moxley
1:50	Scripture and prayer	Nodell Dennis

1:55	BIBLE STUDY	Roy Honeycutt
2:20	Welcome	
	to new Arkansans	Huber L. Drumwright
2:35	ELECTION OF OFFICERS (continued)	
2:45	Resolutions Committee	Carroll Caldwell
3:00	Congregational praise	Bill Moxley
3:05	Nominating committee	Jack Bledsoe
3:20	Miscellaneous business	
3:40	Congregational praise	Bill Moxley
3:45	Special music	"New Creations"
		University Church, Fayetteville
4:00	CONVENTION SERMON	Jon Stubblefield
	Alternate	Joe Atchison
4:30	Benediction	Don Nell

Wednesday evening

Nov. 18, 1981

"Through Christian Training"

6:30 p.m.	Congregational praise	Mark Short
6:35	Scripture and prayer	Jerry Smith
6:40	Baptist Medical Center System	J. A. Gilbreath
6:50	Ouachita Baptist University	Daniel Grant
7:05	Southern Baptist College	Jack Nicholas
7:20	Baptist Student Union	Jerry Clower
7:50	Special music	BSU Choir, University of Ark.
8:00	MESSAGE	Vance Havner
8:30	Miscellaneous business	
8:45	Congregational praise	Mark Short
8:50	Special music	Fayetteville, First
9:00	MESSAGE	John Sullivan
9:30	Benediction	Larry Lashley

Thursday morning

Nov. 19, 1981

"Through Faithfulness"

8:30 a.m.	Congregational praise	Ervin Keathley
8:35	Scripture and prayer	Clyde Jones
8:40	BIBLE STUDY	Roy Honeycutt
9:10	Tribute to senior ministries	Huber L. Drumwright
9:30	Arkansas/Indiana linkage	R. V. Haygood
9:50	Baptist Memorial	
	Health Care System	Charles R. Baker
10:00	Christian Civic Foundation	Edward W. Harris
10:15	Memorial moments	Leslie Riherd
10:25	Resolutions (continued)	Carroll Caldwell
10:40	Miscellaneous business	
10:55	Congregational praise	Ervin Keathley
11:00	Special music	Debbie Atchison
11:15	MESSAGE	Vance Havner
11:45	Presentation of new officers	John Finn
11:50	Benediction	Cary Heard

Program people



Clower



Criswell



Finn



Havner



Honeycutt



Stubblefield

Jerry Clower is an entertainer from Yazoo City, Miss. He will speak on Wednesday evening of the convention.

W. A. Criswell is pastor of First Church of Dallas, Texas. He will deliver a message the opening night of the convention.

John Finn, as president of the convention, will preside over the meetings. He is also director of missions in North Arkansas Association.

Carl Hart is Director of Chaplaincy for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. He will give the Home Mission Board report on Tuesday evening.

Vance Havner is an evangelist who has led Bible conferences and revivals all over the U.S. He will deliver several messages during the convention.

R. V. Haygood is Executive Director of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana. He will discuss the Arkansas/Indiana linkage on Thursday morning.

Convention committees

The following committees have been appointed for the 1981 state convention.

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Miss Lucretia Gill, Little Rock



Sullivan



Mrs. White

Convention Sermon on Wednesday afternoon of the convention.

John Sullivan is pastor of Broadmoor Church in Shreveport, La. He will deliver a message on Wednesday of the convention.

Mrs. Frank (Gay) White is the wife of Arkansas Governor Frank White. She will speak at the women's conference on Tuesday morning.

James Woodward is dean of the School of Music at Oklahoma Baptist University. He will lead a conference at the Arkansas Baptist Religious Education Association meeting on Tuesday morning.

Welcome to Arkansas Baptists

My fellow Baptists,

Welcome to north-west Arkansas . . .

I take great pleasure in welcoming you to First Baptist Church, Fayetteville, for the 128th Annual Session of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

We want to do all that we can to make your stay in Fayetteville a good one — and to make the Convention one that will honor our Lord.

I am looking forward to seeing you in Fayetteville.

Sincerely,
Jere D. Mitchell
pastor



Mitchell

Auxiliary meetings

Arkansas Baptist Religious Education Association will hold a banquet at 7 p.m. Nov. 16 in connection with their meeting. (A program listing appears in this issue.) Reservations should be made through Martin Babb, P.O. Box 552, Little Rock, 72203.

Directors of Missions Fellowship will meet at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17, in the banquet room of Bowen's Family Buffet at Northwest Arkansas Plaza Mall, for a fellowship meal.

Golden Gate Seminary Alumni will hold a luncheon at noon Wednesday, Nov. 18, at University Church. Reservations can be made with Keith Loyd, Drawer E, Cabot, 72023, (501) 843-5472.

Midwestern Seminary Alumni will meet at noon Wednesday, Nov. 18, in the Gold Room of the downtown Holiday Inn. Tickets are available at the door. C. W. Scudder will speak. For further information, contact Zane Chesser at (501) 332-5263.

New Orleans Seminary Alumni will hold a luncheon at noon Wednesday, Nov. 18, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, across the street from First Church. Tickets will be available at the door. For more information, contact Wayne Riley, 702 Plaza, West Helena, 72390, (501) 572-3768.

Ouachita Baptist University alumni and friends will meet Tuesday, Nov. 17, after the evening session at First Church for fellowship, entertainment and a slide presentation.

Southern Baptist College alumni and friends will meet Wednesday, Nov. 18, after the evening session at First Church for fellowship and refreshments.

Southern Seminary Alumni will hold a luncheon at noon Wednesday, Nov. 18, at the Central United Methodist Church, Dickson and Highland (next to First Church). Roy L. Honeycutt, Provost and Dean of the School of Theology, will speak.

Southwestern Seminary Alumni will hold a luncheon at noon Wednesday, Nov. 18, at First Church. Cal Guy, Professor of Missions, will speak. Reservations may be made with Jere Mitchell, Box 906, Fayetteville, 72701, (501) 442-2387.

Nursery facilities

First Church, Fayetteville, will provide nursery facilities beginning Monday afternoon, Nov. 16 through Thursday morning, Nov. 19 during our annual state convention and auxiliary meetings.

Messenger cards

Churches should secure registration cards for their messengers to the 1981 State Convention meeting at First Church, Fayetteville, Nov. 17-19, from the office of the Executive Secretary Huber L. Drumwright, P.O. Box 552, Little Rock, Ark., 72203, or phone 376-4791.

Pastor's conference

Fayetteville First Church

Theme: "The Power of the Living Word"

Monday afternoon

Nov. 16, 1981

1:30 p.m.	Pre-program music	"Rejoice"
1:45	Congregational singing	John Bailey
	Welcome, Scripture and prayer	Jere Mitchell
	Special music	"Rejoice"
2:00	The Power of the Word in Testimony	
	My salvation experience	Michael Shy
	My call to preach	Leo Hughes
	The greatest advice I received as a young preacher	Allen Thrasher
2:20	Congregational singing	John Bailey
	Special music	Mike and Fay Speck
	The Power of the Word in Counseling	Emil Williams
3:00	Congregational singing	John Bailey
	The Power of the Word in Testimony	
	My most memorable encounter with God	David Miller
	My greatest witnessing experience	Bob Dailey
3:20	Congregational singing	John Bailey
	Special music	Mike and Fay Speck
	The Power of the Word in Preaching	Jim Adams
4:00	Benediction	James Guthrie

Monday evening

Nov. 16, 1981

6:30 p.m.	Pre-program music	Singing Men
7:00	Congregational singing	Eddie Card
	Scripture and prayer	
	The Power of the Word in Testimony	
	My salvation experience	Bill Sutton
	My call to preach	Gene Bates
	My greatest witnessing experience	Rex Easterling
7:30	Congregational singing	Eddie Card
	Special music	Singing Men

Women's conference

Fayetteville First Church

Tuesday morning

Nov. 17, 1981

9:00 a.m.	Coffee and tea	
9:30	Invocation	Janice Ward
	Introductions	Ann Berry
9:35	Get acquainted	
10:00	Mini concert	Weston and Davis
10:30	Speaker	Mrs. Frank (Gay) White
11:30	Business meeting	Ann Berry
	Installation	
12:00	Benediction	Joyce Deaton

Foundation recommends funds disbursement

The Bylaws of the Arkansas Baptist Foundation state that each year the messengers at the Convention will determine the recipient for the income from undesignated receipts. It is estimated that for 1982 this income will amount to \$900.

The Foundation Board recommends that this income be distributed through the Co-operative Program.

Report of Executive Board

Your Executive Board has worked unusually hard this year. Under Dr. Drumwright's first year of leadership as our Executive Secretary, we have plowed some new ground that we believe will make the work of our Convention more effective in the future. At our Convention next month, the Board will recommend another record budget of \$9,118,665. One of the far-reaching actions taken by the Board is the modification of the Budget Formula. This new modification of the formula will allow us to step-up our percentage of giving to our mission work outside the state. Also, this modification will give our Convention the ability to react to the state of economy more quickly than has been possible in the past.

There will be a recommendation concerning the Annuity Board retirement program and the Statewide Pastors' Retreat. Our Board is recommending no action regarding our study committee of the Baptist Building and the adult conference center. Both of these committees are still in the study stage of their work assigned to them.

The Convention will hear a recommendation from the Board to begin a Seminary Satellite program to provide theological training on the seminary level. This will offer a new exciting dimension for theological training in our state.

I want to express my appreciation for the fine work of the chairmen of the major committees of the Executive Board: Elmer Griever (Operating Committee), Ken Lilly (Program Committee), Jerry Wilson (Finance Committee), and Eddie McCord (Nominating Committee). This year is my final year of service both on the Executive Board and as president. I must express my sincere appreciation for the members of the Board and the cooperation of those who work in the Baptist Building. I believe we can all be proud of the manner in which the Executive Board is representing Arkansas Baptists. — **Joe Atchison, Executive Board president**

8:10	The Power of the Word In Witness Congregational singing The Power of the Word In Testimony Rejoice in the Lord always My greatest witnessing experience	Carroll Caldwell Eddie Card Jack Bettis Jim Fowler Eddie Card
8:30	Congregational singing Special music The Power of the Word in Personal Living	Mrs. Don Evans Larry Maddox Harold Elmore
9:00	Benediction	
Tuesday morning		
Nov. 17, 1981		
8:30 a.m.	Instrumental prelude	
8:45	Congregational singing Scripture and prayer Special music	Mark Short, III Ed North Tony Weston and Billy Davis
9:00	The Power of the Word in Teaching	John McClanahan
9:30	Congregational singing The Power of the Word in Testimony My salvation experience My call to preach The greatest advice I received as a young preacher	Carel Norman Henry Applegate Danny Veteto Mark Short, III Danny Austin
9:55	Congregational singing Special music The Power of the Word in Indiana What Arkansas Baptists can do in Indiana What our church is doing in Indiana	E. Harmon Moore Cary Heard Jon Stubblefield
10:45	Election of officers	
11:00	Congregational singing The Power of the Word in Testimony My most memorable encounter with God My greatest witnessing experience	Mark Short, III Paul McClung Dennis Sewell George Duke William O'Brien
11:15	Special music The Power of the Word in the World	
11:50	Benediction	

Arkansas Baptist Religious Education Association

Fayetteville First Church

Monday evening

Nov. 16, 1981

7:00 p.m.	Banquet	
7:30	Entertainment	Paul Seale
8:00	Speaker	Leon Kilbreath
8:45	Benediction	

Fayetteville First Methodist Church

Tuesday morning

Nov. 17, 1981

8:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts	
9:00	Devotional	
9:15	Business meeting	Glynn Stewart
9:45	Mini-conferences	
10:15	Break	
10:30	Conferences	
	Music	James Woodward
	Education	Leon Kilbreath
12:00 p.m.	Adjourn	

Executive Board recommendations to the Convention

1 1982 Budget

I. State causes	1982 Request
1. Administration	\$ 101,161.00
2. Business Services	270,968.00
3. Departments:	
(1) Annuity — Operating	18,096.00
(2) Arkansas Baptist Assembly — Operating — Improvement	31,323.00
(3) Baptist Student Union — Operating — Improvement	27,463.00
(4) Brotherhood	395,888.00
(5) Camp Paron — Operating — Improvement	17,670.00
(6) Christian Life Council	69,685.00
(7) Church Music	38,335.00
(8) Church Training	13,500.00
(9) National Baptists	61,468.00
(10) Evangelism	96,546.00
(11) Ministry of Crisis Support	130,532.00
(12) Missions	84,660.00
(13) Stewardship	144,367.00
(14) Sunday School	165,348.00
4. Other services:	
(1) Baptist Building debt	72,000.00
(2) Baptist Building improvements	10,000.00
(3) Reserve for employee benefits	51,760.00
(4) Contingency	10,000.00
(5) Convention	61,150.00
(6) Annuity dues	178,600.00
(7) Christian Civic Foundation	24,000.00
(8) Bold Mission Thrust	20,000.00
5. Woman's Missionary Union	196,982.00
Total Executive Board programs	\$2,728,573.00
6. Arkansas Baptist Family & Child Care	\$ 203,990.00
7. Arkansas Baptist Foundation	173,991.00
8. <i>Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine</i>	151,320.00
9. Christian education	
(1) Ouachita Baptist University	1,001,968.00
(2) Southern Baptist College	250,491.00
(3) Ministerial Education Loan Fund	31,196.00
Total state causes	\$4,539,529.00
II. Southern Baptist Convention	\$3,434,349.00
Total operating	\$7,973,878.00
III. Advance	
1. Christian education	
(1) Ouachita Baptist University	\$ 562,420.00
(2) Southern Baptist College	140,605.00
(3) Ministerial Education Loan Fund	59,382.00
2. Other	
(1) Baptist Student Union	79,423.00
(2) New mission sites	63,537.00
(3) Arkansas Baptist Family & Child Care	90,364.00
(4) Arkansas Baptist Foundation	5,366.00
(5) <i>Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine</i>	5,727.00
(6) Assembly improvements	81,181.00
(7) Camp improvements	27,065.00
(8) Baptist Building improvements	21,772.00
(9) Historical Committee	7,945.00
Total advance	\$1,144,787.00
Grand total	\$9,118,665.00

2 Unified budget formula

Base formula

The budget shall be based upon and governed by a weighted average of the ratio between the six month increase/decrease and the yearly increase/decrease for the three preceding years. The Executive Board, upon recommendation coming out of the budget planning process, can alter the dollar amount of the total budget plus or minus 15 percent, taking into consideration economic forecast and the condition of the cooperative program reserve balance.

I. Southern Baptist Convention causes

The percent designated for Southern Baptist Convention causes shall increase by three-fourths of one percent each year.

II. State causes

In order to increase the percentage for Southern Baptist Convention causes the percent designated for Arkansas Baptist State Convention causes will be adjusted downward by three-fourths of one percent each year.

- Christian Education shall receive an increase of 87 percent of the percentage increase designated for Arkansas Baptist State Convention causes. If there should be a decrease in the amount designated for Arkansas Baptist State Convention causes, the decrease in allocation to this category shall be equal to that of the percentage decrease for state causes plus 13 percent of the percentage decrease.
- Arkansas Baptist Family and Child Care Services shall receive an increase of 79 percent of the percentage increase designated for Arkansas Baptist State Convention causes. If there should be a decrease in the amount designated for Arkansas Baptist State Convention causes, the decrease in allocation to this category shall be equal to that of the decrease for state causes plus 21 percent of the percentage decrease.
- The Arkansas Baptist Foundation shall receive an increase of 71 percent of the percentage increase designated for Arkansas Baptist State Convention causes. If there should be a decrease in the amount designated for Arkansas Baptist State Convention causes, the decrease in allocation to this category shall be equal to that of the decrease for state causes plus 29 percent of the percentage decrease.
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AZINE shall receive an increase of 70 percent of the percentage increase designated for Arkansas Baptist State Convention causes. If there should be a decrease in the amount designated for Arkansas Baptist State Convention causes, the decrease in allocation to this category shall be equal to that of the decrease for state causes plus 30 percent of the percentage decrease.

5. The Executive Board programs shall receive the remainder of the amount designated for Arkansas Baptist State Convention causes after the amounts for 1-4 above have been determined.

All funds received over the sum I and II shall be placed in a cooperative program reserve fund. This fund shall be used to supplement cooperative program receipts in the event of shortage in any given month or year.

At the discretion of the Executive Board an amount equal to one percent of the salary of Executive Board employees can be used for Christmas bonus.

This formula will be operative beginning in the budget year 1983 through the budget year 1987 at which time a review will be made by the Executive Board.

3 Statewide Pastor's Conference

That the Executive Board move ahead with a Statewide Pastors' Retreat with four, three-day retreats conducted during two weeks with the following recommendations.

1. Four separate retreats conducted.
2. Two in one week in the spring (Monday-Wednesday and Wednesday-Friday) and two in one week in the fall (Monday-Wednesday and Wednesday-Friday).
3. Camp Paron to be the site.
4. Cost to be \$26 per person or the current rate for Camp Paron.
5. Two speakers each session and the same speakers used for both retreats of that week.
6. \$6,000 be requested for funding to be used for promotion and the expenses involved in enlisting program personalities (travel, honorarium, etc.).
7. To be administered by and promoted through the Executive Secretary's office.

The Executive Board also suggests that the following subjects be considered when

enlisting speakers.

1. relationships
2. personal crisis
3. administration
4. vision
5. strategy for ministry
6. specific leadership battles
7. marriage
8. prayer and devotional life

4 Convention annuity plan (Executive Board employees)

The Executive Board recommends to the Arkansas Baptist State Convention that we update our employee Southern Baptist Protection Program Convention Annuity Plan to conform with the 1974 ERISA standards and subsequent IRS rulings to be dated Jan. 1, 1981.

That any discrimination according to sex and age in our retirement and insurance programs be adjusted and implemented on Jan. 1, 1982.

Subsequent to Dec. 9, 1980, employees who already have Plan A commitments will be continued in that relationship by the Arkansas Baptist State Convention upon request by the employee.

5 Church annuity plan (church employees)

WHEREAS this Convention, in cooperation with other State Baptist Conventions, has adopted certain retirement annuity plans administered through the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention for the benefit of certain ordained ministers and eligible employees of churches or denominational agencies affiliated with a State Baptist Convention or the Southern Baptist Convention; and

WHEREAS, such plans continue to serve plan members, although many of the plans have been closed to new members and successor plans opened; and

WHEREAS, Hewitt Associates, an indepen-

dent actuarial firm, has certified that such plans are actuarially sound as of Dec. 31, 1980; and

WHEREAS, such plans are extremely complex, their terms are in multiple documents, and laws have been enacted requiring certain provisions to be included in the documentation of such plans; and

WHEREAS, the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and Hewitt Associates have prepared a restatement of such plans called the Southern Baptist Protection Program Church Annuity Plan (the "Church Annuity Plan") to meet the requirements of applicable law and to document the provisions of all of such plans in one document; and

WHEREAS, the Church Annuity Plan (as restated) changes the early retirement age to age 55 to meet the needs of the plan members and to be consistent with similar provisions in the Convention Annuity Plan, but utilizes the same actuarial equivalent reduction that has always been in the plan for early retirement; provides for a deferred vested retirement benefit payable at age 55 to meet the standards set by federal regulations and to coordinate with the early retirement benefit age; provides a written claims procedure to meet the standards set by federal law and to be consistent with similar provisions in the Convention Annuity Plan; and contains written provisions required by the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, and the regulations thereunder.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

This Convention approves and adopts the Southern Baptist Protection Program Church Annuity Plan, a copy of which is to be kept by the secretary with the minutes of this meeting, and the Executive Secretary of this Convention is authorized and instructed to execute the plan document and send it to the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

6 Seminary satellite in Arkansas

That the Arkansas Baptist State Convention be committed to the seminary satellite project for the spring and fall semesters of 1982 and that subsidy be provided up to \$10,000 from contingency funds for both semesters.

Executive Board recommendations

7 Baptist Building study committee report

By providing office space for the Baptist Foundation in the Commonwealth Savings Building next door to the Baptist Building and by reassigning the Annuity office to the space thus vacated, we now have the present staff housed with reasonable adequacy.

The limited parking and storage facilities are still an inconvenience. In the light of the prohibitive cost of credit, land, and construction we feel that it is best to maintain the present arrangement for the foreseeable future.

Charles Barfield, Chairman, Terrel Gordon, John Maddox, C. A. Johnson, Eddie McCord

8 Adult conference center study committee report

The adult conference center study committee met several times this year. We engaged an architectural firm and an engineering firm to do the preliminary studies on Camp Paron property. The architectural firm has preliminary drawings and estimates on different phases and layouts of a proposed center. We have used approximately \$23,900 of the money voted by the convention for this study. We hope to have a report to the Program Committee of the Executive Board in the coming months. There is much interest in a place to train Arkansas Baptists to meet the challenge of "Bold Mission Thrust."

Ferrell Morgan, Chairman, Nodell Denison, Bill Ferren, Terrel Gordon, Bill Milam

Constitution and By-Laws changes

The Constitution and By-Laws Committee recommends the following amendments to the Arkansas Baptist State Convention Constitution and By-Laws (proposed changes in bold):

Article VI, section 1.

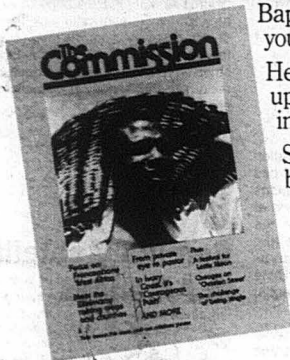
Upon the removal of an Executive Board member from the bounds of his or her association, his or her membership on the Executive Board ceases therewith; **his or her successor in office shall be nominated by the Convention Nominating Committee and elected by the Executive Board to fill the unexpired term.** By-Law 5. Committee Members

1. A nine-member rotating Nominating Committee, comprised of at least three laymen, will place in nomination at each annual convention names of persons to fill vacancies on all convention boards. **This committee shall nominate to the Executive Board of the Convention persons to fill vacancies on all convention boards occurring during the interim of convention meetings.** At each annual convention, etc. . . .

Article X, section 1.

This Constitution and By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members voting and concurring in two successive annual meetings of the Convention, except Article IV, which shall remain forever unalterable in substance.

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One layman's opinion

Daniel R. Grant

Eternity at a standstill

Nothing reminds me more surely of the awesome power of God than to try to grapple with the ideas of eternity and infinity. When I was a student at Ouachita (almost an eternity ago), I was asked by my math teacher, Donald Seward, to help give the chapel program when it was the math department's turn to be in charge. My assignment was to talk for eight minutes on the subject of "infinity." That remains one of the worst public speaking jobs I have ever had, and I expect it is because finite man simply is not equipped to understand the infinite. To box it in is to fail the test of understanding.

Recently while driving from Dallas to Arkadelphia I noticed a large bus stranded over on the right shoulder of the highway with several people standing around looking at the motor in frustration. As I drove past I noticed on the side of the bus, painted in giant letters, the word "Eternity." Although that whetted my curiosity as to what traveling music group might call themselves "Eternity," I was more intrigued at the thought of my passing up Eternity, or, better yet, the thought of Eternity at a standstill, broken down on the roadside. It was a little like trying to think of "the end of infinity," or the limitations on an all-

powerful God. Of course, I felt certain that Eternity did not come to a permanent standstill, and that it soon got back on the road again. And I knew, of course, that God's real eternity doesn't depend on the success or failure of a bus.

I did begin to consider, however, some of the problems involved when human beings take on the name of divine things. When a person or an institution openly takes on the name "Christian," the responsibilities become heavy. Whether we mean to or not, we are telling the world that what we do and say are reasonable indications of what Christ is like, and that it is all right to judge our Savior by what people see in us. That is a frightening thought when you consider how often Christian individuals and institutions get sidetracked from the mainstream of the Christian faith and life. It is especially frightening to recall how many times we break down and end up at a standstill along the wayside.

I do hope Eternity got its bus moving again, but I am concerned that those of us who bear the name Christian will not take that name in vain.

Daniel R. Grant is president of Ouachita Baptist University at Arkadelphia.

Student ministries launches emphasis

RIDGECREST, N.C. — Campus Bible studies are one of the best ways to reach college students Milt Hughes told campus ministers attending the National Student Ministries Conference here.

"More students become Christians through Bible study groups than any other outreach tool on campus, said Hughes, Bible study and discipleship consultant in National Student Ministries at the Sunday School Board.

Hughes is heading up the 1981-82 campus Bible study emphasis launched this summer during conferences at Ridgecrest and Glorieta Baptist Conference Centers.

Beginning this September four pull-out Bible studies for use on college campuses will be featured in *The Student*, NSM's monthly magazine for college students. Bible study topics will be on a rotating two-year cycle designed to give students a comprehensive overview of how Christians should function in the world.

National Student Ministries' goal is to have 4,200 Bible study groups during the 1981-82 school year, with 50,000 students involved in Bible study.

6,000 Baptists 'invade' Buenos Aires

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (BP) — More than 6,000 Argentine Baptists descended on Buenos Aires recently for a two-day festival of centennial meetings and parades that took the city of nine million by surprise.



Woman's viewpoint

Joanne Jackson Lisk

I didn't expect that!

Traveling between Texarkana and England around 5:30 a.m. one summer day, I found myself engulfed in the early morning mist-fog as the new day was breaking. How ethereal and eerie even the most ordinary sights are as the sun begins to rise and the wisps of mist wrap one so that a sense of isolation and unreality pervade the mind. (Besides, at 5:30 a.m., some of us are not quite sure of what is going on, anyway!)

In that state of being, as I tried to focus my eyes through the shimmering mist, I suddenly glimpsed something ahead which jolted me awake. Could it be that I was really seeing three men tied to the back of a vehicle? That's what it looked like from that quick parting of the mist. Wide awake now, I strained forward, hoping for another

glimpse of whatever I'd seen earlier. There it was again, but too quickly swallowed up in the fog once more to see anything except what appeared to be a truck with three men tied on the back on a sort of platform. This was beginning to feel like a dream or a science fiction story.

So, I carefully began to speed up a little, hoping to get closer to the truck, and beginning to imagine all sorts of unusual things about three men tied to a truck crossing Arkansas early in a misty morning. Yes, there they were again. There was no doubt in my mind now that something strange was going on.

Then, I was surprised by the unexpected and unusual. As I moved over to pass the truck, I found that the three men were in-

stead, three suits of armor, and I was passing an antique dealer's truck!

I am often aware that I have bumped into something I didn't really expect in life, aren't you? Perhaps few things are as dramatic as mist-shrouded knights in armor on an Arkansas highway, yet even when we ask the Lord to chart our course we are often surprised by joy, and sometimes, sorrow. Dear friends surprise us with cards, letters, phone calls, or an unexpected sample of a new recipe. In our greatest moments of need, a friend just "happens" to drop by.

But I didn't expect that! With God, nothing is impossible!

Mrs. Lisk is a registered nurse and writer for denominational publications.

Reading the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine is, to me, like taking a double dose of spiritual vitamins. Every phase of my Christian life is renewed, stimulated, and encouraged to do more in every way that I can to help the cause of Southern Baptists. In spite of criticism from the unenlightened, I am proud to share with other Baptists the facts of our enormous growth in the number of new churches, new church buildings, and an increase in the number of converts year by year. I praise the Lord that we are kept informed of the financial reports so that we may be able to point with pride to our growth in that respect and can get a true report rather than take hearsay remarks from some who may be a little jealous. It makes my heart thrill when I read of the results of the hard labor and sacrifices of our missionaries, both home and abroad, in their untiring efforts to carry out the plans of the Bold Mission Thrust, and I feel obligated to do my utmost in supporting them not only with my prayers but with a little more of my income. After all, we as Christians are commanded to do that.

In reading the magazine, I learn new



Kirkland

Bible truths, and we are commanded to study to show ourselves approved unto God. I am glad to know what our outstanding Baptist laymen have to say on governmental affairs as they play a part in our church life of today. The Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine has been received in our home since the first edition years ago. I think the name was *The Baptist Advance*, and it was an important time for us to sit down and enjoy it together as a family. I am deeply grateful to Dr. Sneed and others for making the magazine available on tape to those who could not otherwise have this great spiritual blessing. I am also deeply grateful to the Arkansas Baptist Foundation for their contributions in pointing out the opportunities offered by this agency. Every church member, every Sunday School teacher, and especially every pastor should feel that they have not fully met one of their great responsibilities to the Lord and to the church until they read, absorb, and discuss the magazine with other fellow church members.

I believe if we would determine to read each issue, we would be better inclined to give not only of our time to the Lord but would hear an urgent call to give of our offerings to each cause. Let's pray about it and ask ourselves how would the Lord judge us in this matter.

The late Miss Glenn Kirkland lived in Plumerville.

. . . are concerned Baptists

Woman's generosity to be revealed

Miss Aethel Glenn Kirkland of Plumerville, who recently wrote "Woman's viewpoint" for the ABN, and the testimony in this issue, died Sept. 30 at the age of 86.

Miss Kirkland, who had been blind for nearly 40 years, was known for remaining active as a Sunday School teacher in her church and for supporting Baptist causes with her prayers and money.

However, the extent of her financial support for Baptist enterprises at home and abroad could be revealed only after her death. An article in the Oct. 29 Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine will report her generous remembrance of Arkansas Baptists.

Cutting energy costs is fall seminar focus

NASHVILLE — Cutting energy expenses for church facilities is the major topic of an "Energy and Church Buildings" seminar at the Sunday School Board's Church Program Training Center Nov. 16-19.

Among subjects to be covered in the seminar are retrofitting buildings, adjusting schedules and instituting conservation measures. Individual consultation with church architecture department personnel will be available for participants interested in energy conservation, master plans, floor plans for new space and space use studies.

Seminar content is designed for pastors and other church staff members, church trustees, property and space committee members, building committees and architects.

For more information, contact the Church Program Training Center, P.O. Box 24001, Nashville, Tenn. 37203.



The Southern accent

This I believe: About the fruits of the Spirit

by Earl R. Humble

In Galatians 5:22-23 we read that there are nine qualities of the Christian life called "the fruit of the Spirit." These qualities deal with the way we feel, the way we think and the way we act.

Love, joy, peace — These qualities reflect the emotional life of the believer, but they go much deeper than mere emotion. If there is any significance to the order in which these qualities are named, love must



Humble

head the list. This is *agape*, the highest kind of love. Joy is important, but it must be balanced with other qualities to keep it in check. Peace is a settled state of soul harmony which comes from knowing the Prince of Peace.

Patience, kindness, goodness — Here are qualities which reflect our way of thinking. Patience is long suffering. Kindness is courtesy that comes from the heart. It is not a mere reaction to people. Goodness is more than good deeds. It includes good intentions, good thoughts, and good will. It is God-likeness. It too is an established attitude of the heart.

Faithfulness, gentleness, self-control —

These qualities relate specifically to our actions. Genuine faith leads to faithfulness. It means steady purpose and consistent practice. Gentleness, like the others, cannot be produced apart from the indwelling Spirit. A gentle spirit relates to a loving heart. Self-control is more than the present use of temperance implies. Christ's control of us does not make robots of us. We have freedom to choose, but wisdom dictates to us that we must seek his will and be guided by his Spirit. Production of these qualities calls for a life-long discipline. How far along have we progressed?

Earl R. Humble is professor of religion at Southern Baptist College at Walnut Ridge.

Grief: Dealing with divorce

by Clyde Glazener

"If my husband had died, I could have handled it better." This kind of statement has been made by many persons who have been victimized by divorce. Divorce is a more traumatic experience than is reavement for many Christians.



Glazener

This article makes no pretense at evaluating the ethics of divorce. The effort here is toward dealing with the grief experienced in divorce. For the sake of brevity the scope will be limited to those persons who feel exploited in divorce. Space does not allow treatment of the feelings of those who break their covenant vows and are "the exploiters."

The grief one may feel at the loss of a marriage relationship is compounded by at least three other sensations. First, because a covenant has been broken and trust has been violated, bitterness likely will prevail. The entire relationship may be viewed as one great event of exploitation on the part of his/her partner.

Second, an overwhelming sense of embarrassment may stifle the divorced person's effort at dealing with the struggles. He/she may be embarrassed because of having viewed divorced persons as "freaks" who had something wrong with them. More likely the wounded person in divorce will have a sense of having failed at the point of relating and a sense of being "unable to hold a mate." His/her masculinity/femininity is called into question.

Third, a sense of guilt for having failed in marriage may retard emotional recovery from the trauma of divorce. Some continue

with a paralyzing sense of guilt for a broken relationship because a partner rejected the covenant. His/her Christianity is called into question because he/she married one who became unfaithful.

Do positive ways of coping with these struggles exist? Surely our support systems for the emotional and spiritual needs of divorced people are superficial and inadequate. We don't know what to say (if anything) or do. Does one act as though the divorce had not happened?

Perhaps both the divorced person and friends might be guided by the experience of death. Grief must be acknowledged and handled, and part of what you are facing is genuine grief. Face the fact of loss and hurt. Then move to the perspective of gratitude for the good things about the past and the posture of celebrating the positive hope of the future.

Next, because trust has been violated, the reality of emotions of bitterness must be faced and worked through. Take pride in keeping all commitments and know that those who don't will never be able to trust others fully. Then face openly the fact that your marriage partner didn't keep his/her commitment, for whatever reason. Facing it openly and stating the problem helps handle any sense of embarrassment.

Acknowledge that you are not perfect and may take partial blame for the marriage's failure. God loves you and still wants to cleanse you and have perfect fellowship with you. A whole world of people are waiting for somebody like you who has walked through their kind of dark night to share with them the sufficiency of God's grace.

Clyde Glazener is pastor of Little Rock Calvary Church.

Robert Stuckey named Iowa executive director

DES MOINES, Iowa (BP) — Robert H. Stuckey, a staffer with the Illinois Baptist State Association, has been named executive director-treasurer of the Iowa Southern Baptist Fellowship.

The Iowa fellowship, an organization of some 70 churches and 8,500 members, is affiliated with the Missouri Baptist Convention. It is one of three fellowships within the Southern Baptist Convention, an intermediate step toward state convention status, which Iowa hopes to achieve by Jan. 1, 1983.

Stuckey, a native of Dupon, Ill., was a Southern Baptist foreign missionary to Indonesia from 1962 to 1975, serving as a direct field evangelist. In 1975, he took a leave of absence and was pastor of Belmont Baptist Church in Abilene, Texas, until his resignation from the Foreign Mission Board Dec. 31, 1977.

In February 1978, he became director of lay mobilization for the ISBA, which includes responsibility for Baptist Men and boys.

He is a graduate of Southern Illinois University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and has been a pastor in Illinois and Indiana.

He assumes his new post Nov. 15.

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Whiteville, Gassville	White River	Rudy Pannell, treasurer

by Millie Gill/ABN staff writer

C. A. Johnson

will begin his ministry Oct. 18 as pastor of the Jonesboro Walnut Street Church. He resigned Oct. 15 as director of missions for Pulaski County Association with offices in Little Rock. Johnson, a native of Arkansas, is married to the former Patsy White of Mississippi. They have three sons, Johnny, Larry and Randy. He is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Dr. Johnson has pastored churches in Texas, Missouri and Arkansas. He has held offices in both associational and state convention work.

William A. Byrd

will join the staff of Pine Bluff Watson Chapel Church Nov. 1, serving as minister of education. He will come there from Raleigh, N.C. Byrd is a graduate of Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has served with the Sunday School Department of the North Carolina Convention since July, 1976 and prior to that time had served churches in that state, as well as Arkansas, Texas and Oklahoma. He is married to the former Emma Kay Stogsdill of North Little Rock, a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University. They have two children,



Johnson



Byrd

Allen Lee, and Kathleen Elizabeth.

Glen Collins

has been called to serve as pastor of the Pocahontas Oak Grove Church, coming there from a Missouri pastorate.

Belle Westbrook

was honored Sept. 13 at Beebe First Church in recognition of her years of Christian service and was presented a plaque.

LaVern Falk

has resigned as pastor of the Marble Falls Church.

Dale Taylor

has resigned as pastor of the Rock Springs Church to become pastor of the Harrison Union Church.

Mike Widner

has been called to serve as pastor of the Rudd church.

Joe Dan Reed

has resigned as youth director at the Lonoke Church to continue his education at Ouachita Baptist University.

Charles W. Wright

has been elected to a two-year term as president of the Arkansas Chapter of the American Choral Director's Association. He will represent the chapter at the regional convention in Oklahoma City in 1982 and at the national convention in Nashville, Tenn., in 1983. Dr. Wright is chairman of the department of music education and director of choral activities at Ouachita Baptist University.

Don B. Harbuck

began Oct. 4 his 20th year as pastor of the El Dorado First Church by renewing his pledge to lead his congregation.

Ricky Blackwell

is serving as pastor of the Lepanto Neals Chapel, coming there from Wilson.

Paul Latham

is serving the Harrisburg Valley View Church as pastor. He is from Colt.

Materials available for internationals

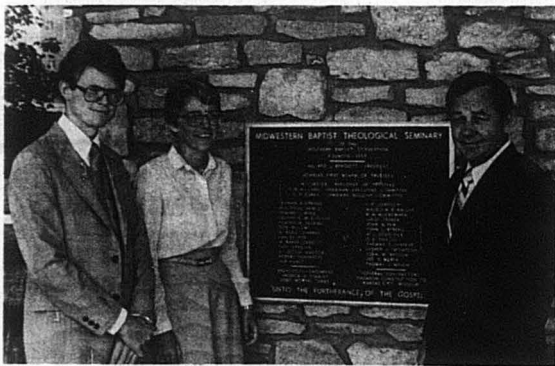
NASHVILLE — Southern Baptist churches ministering to internationals who speak little English may now obtain specially-written Bible study materials at no cost for use with these groups.

The materials, designed for internationals who are beginning the study of English, use simple language and are based on the assumption that the students know nothing of the Bible or the Christian faith.

Southern Baptist literacy experts, Verda and Waldo Wood of Gainesville, Fla., are the authors. Churches requesting a free copy of the student's leaflet and teacher's quarterly may request permission to reproduce needed copies for their use.

Before beginning the Bible study, the Woods recommend eight to ten lessons to teach a beginning vocabulary listed at the back of the lessons.

One free copy per church of "Bible Studies in Easy English for Internationals" may be secured by writing to Special Ministries Section, Mail Stop 177, 127 Ninth Ave., N., Nashville, TN 37234.



Arkansans receive scholarships

Arkansans John McCallum and Catherine Pittman were among 30 students to receive scholarships for 1981-82 at Midwestern Baptist Seminary. Pictured, from left, McCallum of Fayetteville and Pittman of Russellville learn some of the heritage of Midwestern Seminary from President Milton Ferguson. McCallum is a graduate of the University of Arkansas and served as minister of youth and university students at Fayetteville First Church before coming to seminary. Pittman, a foreign missions volunteer, is a graduate of Arkansas Tech and member of Dardanelle First Church.

Clarendon First Church held a deacon ordination service Oct. 4 for George Wallace and Rex Vaughn.

Harrisburg Calvary Church has completed a property improvement program that included the asphalt surfacing of both the church parking lot and parsonage driveway. The \$9,571 program has been completely paid for through special contributions. Ken Jackson is pastor.

Rison Church honored Pastor J. T. Harvill Sept. 2 on the occasions of his 13th anniversary as pastor and his birthday.

Omaha First Church recently celebrated its 98th anniversary with the organization of both Brotherhood and Woman's Missionary Union work.

McRae First Church was in revival Sept. 28-Oct. 4. Leaders were Evangelist Jim Miller of Muskogee, Okla., and Herbert "Red" Johnson, music director. Pastor Lester Aldridge reported 27 professions of faith, two additions by letter and one by statement.

Little Rock Rosedale Church will be host for Lay Renewal weekend ac-

tivities Oct. 16-18. Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Hambrick of Pochahontas will be coordinators. J. R. DeBusk is pastor.

Cherry Valley Church observed homecoming day Oct. 18. Homer Haltom, a former pastor, was speaker for the morning service that was followed by a church-wide dinner and an afternoon musical program. James Tallant is pastor.

Batesville West Church has purchased a 15-passenger van to be used in outreach ministries according to Pastor Randy Maxwell.

Little Rock Immanuel Church honored Mrs. Catherine Dorsey Sept. 23 for her 40 years of service in Immanuel's nurseries.

Hope First Church held deacon ordination services Sept. 27 for Jerry Irby, John A. King, Hillman Koen, Bill Rowland, Grandy Royston, Roy Taylor, and Bob Willis.

Viola First Church recently purchased a three-bedroom house to be used as a parsonage by Pastor Leonard Williams.



ABN photo: Everett Sneed

Greers Ferry church marks 125 years

The Greers Ferry West Side Church celebrated its 125th Anniversary Oct. 4. Speakers for the occasion included J. Everett Sneed, editor of the "Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine," who spoke in the morning service and David Miller, director of missions for Little Red River Association, who spoke in the evening.

The present West Side Church dates back to the old Shiloh Church which was founded in 1856. Although it is impossible to give an exact date in which the church was founded, records indicate that the church celebrated its 100th Anniversary in 1956.

In 1963 the Shiloh and Post Oak churches voted to consolidate. P. S. and Callie Hunt gave two acres of land to the church for its present location.

Recently the Hunt family gave two additional acres to the church. A plaque was presented to the Hunt family during the dedicatory service.

Pastor Jerry Cothren says that the church has a bright future. The church plans to erect a new building in the near future which will seat 350 people.

Pictured left to right are Leo Stark, church music director; Jerry Cothren, pastor; and Bill Gilmore, director of Sunday School and chairman of deacons.

Church celebrates 75th anniversary

New Antioch Church at Goobertown, Mount Zion Association, celebrated its 75th anniversary on Homecoming Day, Sept. 20.

J. W. Gibbs, a former pastor of the church, preached the morning sermon. During the afternoon service, Sunday School Director J. E. Willey read the minutes of the church organizational meeting held on Aug. 24, 1906, and listed the 37 charter members. The only living charter member, Mrs. Bertha Robinson, 93, was present for a part of the meeting. Descendants of charter members gave their testimony as to what the church had meant to them. Alfred W. Psalmonds is pastor.

buildings

Bentonville First Church began construction Sept. 10 on a family center that will include a gymnasium, commercial kitchen, dining room, 12 class rooms and storage area. The building, being constructed by Wilkins Construction Company, will be more than 13,000 square feet. A membership growth from 250 in 1978 to 443 in 1981 necessitated the building program according to Pastor Don Evans.



Check given to SBC

Teague Chevrolet-Oldsmobile Company in Walnut Ridge became involved in the local "Partners for Progress" support campaign for Southern Baptist College by giving a gift of \$2,000. Pictured is owner Jeff Teague (center) presenting a check to President Jack Nicholas (left), and SBC Vice President for Development Jim E. Tillman presenting Teague a plaque in appreciation for the gift.

Students sleep on floor, miss meals give record offering to world hunger

Most of the 500 students attending the 1981 BSU Convention at Little Rock's Second Church slept on the floors of churches and BSU Centers in the area, but set a record high in a single offering for World Hunger. Challenged by State BSU President Lou Leventhal of Arkansas State University to miss a meal during the convention, the students gave \$776.14 at Saturday night's world hunger offering and another \$250 for summer missions on Sunday morning.

Both gifts will go toward the approximate \$50,000 world hunger and summer mission goals of the 27 Baptist Student Unions in Arkansas.

Keynote speaker Stan Nelson of the Foreign Mission Board, on Sunday morning invited students to respond to a call to work with "other peoples of the world." The number of students responding was probably the largest number ever to respond at a state BSU convention, State Director Tom Logue said. Among those who responded were a BSU Director and wife.

At the Saturday afternoon business session the students voted fields of service for 42 summer missionaries in 1982 and voted to urge students to observe and lead their churches to observe World Hunger Day, Oct. 10. — Tom J. Logue

Stan Nelson, from the SBC Foreign Mission Board, spoke during the general session of the Baptist Student Union Convention (right); Steve Masters, Student to Student worker at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, led a seminar on puppet ministries (far right, top); Rodger and Margaret Murchison from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, participated in the general sessions (far right, center); opportunity was provided for prayer and meditation (far right, bottom); and BSU summer missionaries gave their reports (below).



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'Charitable immunity' doctrine struck down

by Larry Crisman

COLUMBIA, S.C. (BP) — Churches, institutions and agencies of the South Carolina Baptist Convention are no longer immune to law suits "in tort" under a recent ruling of the South Carolina Supreme Court which abolished the doctrine of "charitable immunity."

A. Harold Cole, executive secretary-treasurer of the state convention, said the convention's churches and institutions which do not have adequate liability insurance coverage protecting them against such suits should take steps to obtain the protection.

"In handing down this ruling," Cole explained, "the court could not have been more specific. This means churches and other charitable-type institutions will be subject to suit for incidents which have occurred within the last six years."

Preston Callison, attorney for the General Board of the South Carolina Baptist Convention, explained that law suits "in tort" are those arising from willful or negligent acts.

"Although I do not expect a sudden surge of suits against our churches and institutions," said Cole, "we can expect that the number of suits may increase, and the amounts of the judgments could grow in the next few years."

"This will probably result in much higher liability rates, and churches and other institutions must inaugurate loss-control programs which will minimize the occurrences that give rise to tort liability."

"Unfortunately, those churches which do not have liability insurance probably cannot obtain it for the period prior to the present date and may have to respond to judgment for past occurrences."

Before the court decision, churches, colleges and other charitable-type institutions were protected because the doctrine held that such charities could not be sued for inflicting injury on recipients of the charity or on other members of the public, Callison explained.

The South Carolina Supreme Court decided to abolish the doctrine after a \$5,000

suit was filed on behalf of 11-year-old Matthew Barlow Fitzer of Columbia.

The boy allegedly suffered a head injury while attending a session at Camp Greenville of the Greenville Young Men's Christian Association.

The injury reportedly occurred during unsupervised "horseplay" as a result of the Greenville YMCA's alleged failure to provide adequate supervision.

Camp attorneys maintained the camp could not be sued under the "charitable immunity" doctrine.

In a 4-1 decision, the court termed the doctrine "antiquated," "archaic" and an "anachronism."

Callison said petition for a rehearing has been filed with the South Carolina Supreme Court. He said the General Board of South Carolina Baptist Convention may have an opportunity to participate in the rehearing.

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Mission in Context ends with strategy emphasis

by Jim Newton

RIDGECREST, N.C. (BP) — After taking a long hard look at 1980 census data and Bold Mission Thrust plans for the denomination, more than 940 associational, state and national Southern Baptist leaders began to struggle with developing mission strategy on the associational level.

Mission in Context, described as a "once-a-decade" national conference for associational directors of missions, ended with pleas from the director of missions for Atlanta Baptist Association and the president of the SBC Home Mission Board urging a new role for the association as a base for mission strategy.

"The association is being called forth to a different kind of mission," said Eddie Gilstrap, director of missions in Atlanta. "We must become mission strategists where we are."

The Baptist association is best equipped to plan mission strategy because it is the closest organizational unit to the local church, Gilstrap insisted. The association must be a full partner in the denomination in planning mission strategy, rather than simply being a "conduit" through which state and national Baptist bodies channel their plans, programs and strategies.

In the final message of the three-day conference at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, Home Mission Board President William C. Tanner urged the associational leaders to plan their own strategy in the context not only of their own association, but in the context of the whole world.

"There is a danger, I fear, of a creeping neo-isolationism, 'a me-ism,' in America as we tend to turn inward and look more at our own personal concerns, rather than looking at the whole world Christ died to redeem," Tanner said.

"We must not forget... the whole world today is a global village," Tanner said. "What you do today in Littlefield, Texas, can have an immediate effect in Ouagadougou, Upper Volta."

Tanner also warned that Baptist mission strategy must be planned within the context of the whole religious world: "We'd better not forget that God works through his whole body (the church), not just through one of his little fingers called Southern Baptists."

In a closing evaluation, the chairman of the Mission in Context steering committee, James Nelson of the Home Mission Board's associational missions division, observed

the facts and data from the census report compared to Baptist church growth have been "rather pessimistic."

"But as redeemed people of God, we go with our theology. In Jesus Christ, we leave with a positive note."

During a presentation of data from the 1980 census, Home Mission Board research division director Orrin D. Morris said the data indicates Southern Baptists will lose the South and the cities if they do not focus more on reaching blacks and ethnics.

Morris pointed out Baptist church membership did not keep pace with the population growth in the South where Southern Baptists are strongest between 1970-80, and predicted reaching the large cities of the South will present the most formidable challenge to Baptists in the decade of the 1980s.



More than 1,000 Baptist missions leaders received training in the use and interpretation of 1980 Census data for mission strategy at the associational level during "Mission in Context," a "once a decade" national conference for Baptist associational directors of missions. Orrin D. Morris (left), director of the Home Mission Board's Research Division, and U.S. Census Bureau officials Les Solomon (center) and Frank Ambrose (right) discuss trends suggested by the census data. Solomon stated the board's materials were "the best example of the use of Census data developed by an agency" outside the Census Bureau.

In another major address, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary President Duke K. McCall said the most crucial question Southern Baptists are facing is, "how much diversity can Southern Baptists tolerate?"

"We may splinter Southern Baptists because of our intolerance of diversity that God created in the first place," McCall said.

He added, however, that "God isn't listening to our predictions. The Holy Spirit has moved in the face of all the trends, winning people to Jesus Christ. He is going to continue until the kingdom of this world becomes the kingdom of God."

An entire day during the conference was spent in workshops and presentations introducing detailed Bold Mission Thrust plans for the SBC for 1982-85, including nine projects under three priorities "Reach People, Develop Believers, Strengthen Families."

Following the intense look at statistics and plans, SBC Sunday School Board President Grady C. Cothen warned the Baptist mission leaders against looking only at numbers, challenging them instead to see people in need and in spiritual poverty.

Statistics are only numerical illustrations of human misery, Cothen said. "We are not talking about trends; we are talking about human beings suffering spiritual misery because they've got their lives all mixed up."

Cothen warned that Satan is doing everything he can to thwart Bold Mission Thrust. "He is dividing the churches. He is confusing the denomination, he has attacked every facet of Bold Mission Thrust."

In the conference's opening address, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary President William Pinson warned that Bold Mission Thrust will be costly, for it will require Baptists to struggle with controversy and sacrifice time, money and comfort.

Bold Mission Thrust will be throttled until Baptists learn the Bible teaches Christians must save all they can from what they earn so they can give all they can to world missions, Pinson predicted.

The conference was jointly sponsored by the SBC Sunday School Board, Home Mission Board, Woman's Missionary Union and Brotherhood Commission.

Next week, Arkansans who participated in the Mission in Context meeting will share their view of the important conference and discuss the implications for Arkansas and its associations.

Researcher says SBC will lose cities without blacks, ethnics

by Jim Newton

RIDGECREST, N.C. (BP) — Interpreting preliminary 1980 census data, the director of research for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board predicted Southern Baptist church growth will continue to fall behind population growth in the South and in the cities unless Baptists focus more on reaching blacks and ethnics with the gospel.

"We will totally lose the cities if we don't become sensitive to the social and racial trends revealed in the census data," said Orrin D. Morris.

Morris spoke twice during "Mission in Context," a "once-a-decade" meeting of Baptist mission leaders at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center. He was joined on the program by two officials of the U.S. Census Bureau, who praised what Southern Baptists are doing to teach SBC planners how to use census reports.

Morris made a dozen predictions on the implications for Southern Baptist plans for the next 10 years, based on 1980 census data.

Reaching the large cities of the South with the gospel will present the more formidable challenge to Southern Baptists, he observed, adding there will be little hope for growth in SBC work in southern cities apart from aggressively starting new churches among blacks, Hispanics and other racial groups.

Citing "an obsession with bigness" among Baptists, Morris warned against the tendency of churches in the largest cities to become very large. As communities go through transition, smaller churches disband, merge or relocate while larger churches seem to "survive" better.

Using Houston as an example, Morris pointed out that the number of SBC churches in Harris County increased by only two from 1970 to 1980, from 245 to 247

churches, although the population increased by more than 667,000. The average Baptist church size in Houston is over 700 resident members per church, he said.

Because Baptists believe "bigger is better," he said they tend to favor helping larger congregations get bigger, with little or no concern for helping small churches in racially changing areas, he added.

The problem is compounded by "media exposure of superchurch pastors" pouring millions of dollars into mass media technology instead of starting new churches to reach more people, Morris said.

He also predicted there will be two large periods of "white flight" before the turn of the century, the first in the mid-1980s and again in the late 1990s. This will leave the largest pools of unchurched persons, mostly blacks and Hispanics, in the cities.

Morris predicted the national mood will continue to be generally conservative through most of the 1980s, encouraging favorable attitudes toward organized religion in general and Southern Baptists in particular.

Population in the South will continue to mushroom, he said. Florida and Texas will account for one-half the population growth in the South in the next 10 years. Florida will become the fourth largest state by 1990 and Texas will become the second largest state, surpassing New York, by the late 1990s.

Nevertheless, the most rapid Southern Baptist growth will be in the Northeast, and the poorest rate of Baptist growth will be in the South, he said.

"It is not very likely that Baptists in Texas, Florida or Georgia will keep up with the population growth," Morris observed.

Backing his predictions with trends in the 1980 census, Morris pointed out Baptist

church membership could not keep up with the population growth in 21 states, most of them in the South, between 1970-1980. Population in the South increased by 20 percent between 1970 and 1980, but Baptist membership increased only 15.4 percent, he said.

"These data cause Southern Baptist leaders great concern, especially as we review the goals of Bold Mission Thrust," Morris said. More than 90 percent of the resident members and 87 percent of the churches are in the South, yet it is in the South where Baptists are having the greatest difficulty keeping up with the population, he said.

In addition to the two data interpretation presentations by Morris, nearly 900 Baptist mission leaders attending the conference were trained in how to use and interpret the 1980 census data when it becomes available.

The Home Mission Board research division provided conference participants with a 72-page manual and a 102-page workbook offering detailed, step-by-step suggestions on how to find and interpret 29 different "indicators" revealed by the census data. Conference participants divided into 30 small workshop groups for the training period.

An official of the U.S. Census Bureau in Washington, Les Solomon, said the two manuals were "by far the best example of use of census data that had been developed by an agency" outside the census bureau.

Frank Ambrose of Charlotte, N.C., regional information service specialist for the southeast regional offices of the census bureau, said the 12 regional census bureau offices have trained workers willing to conduct free training workshops for association and state Baptist leaders in how to find, use and interpret census data.

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Foreign fields seeking 1,700 new missionaries

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — More than 900 requests for new missionaries have come into the offices of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, calling for 1,700 persons to commit themselves to overseas ministries.

The requests listed 955 jobs for new career missionary couples and singles, missionary associates, two-year journeymen and special project workers. Because many of these jobs are filled by couples, the total persons involved add up to 1,700. They are needed for assignments as church planters, preachers, educators, medical workers, and for a variety of other positions ranging from business and communications specialists to social ministries.

Sixty-five percent of the requests call for missionaries to work directly or in partnership with national Christians in evangelism, preaching, church development and leadership training, according to Louis Cobbs, director of missionary personnel.

Other critical assignments, particularly in West Africa, Eastern Asia and Latin America, require physicians, hospital administrators, mission business managers and radio-television specialists.

Through September, 249 new missionaries have been named in 1981, bringing the total active force to 3,073. Bold Mission Thrust calls for 5,000 foreign missionaries by the year 2000.

California executive has heart surgery

FRESNO, Calif. (BP) — Robert Hughes, executive director-treasurer of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California, underwent quadruple bypass heart surgery Sept. 16.

He is reported in stable condition.

In his absence, his duties are being carried on by Ralph Longshore, director of missions and assistant director-treasurer.

The four-hour surgical procedure was designed to correct extensive blockage which existed in Hughes' left heart artery. He suffered an angina attack Aug. 4, and was hospitalized for nine days. Until that attack, Hughes had no history of heart problems.

Hughes has been executive director of the California convention 15 years. Previously, he was pastor of Southern Baptist churches in California.

A graduate of Ouachita Baptist University, he was also pastor of several Baptist churches in Arkansas.

HMB appoints 102 to mission posts

ATLANTA (BP) — Directors of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board named 102 persons to mission service during their September meeting, including a staff member in the missionary personnel department and a national consultant for the language missions division.

Jack S. W. Ellenburg, pastor of First Baptist Church, Bamberg, S.C., was elected associate director of the HMB's missionary personnel department.

Ellenburg, a graduate of Furman University, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and the University of Louisville, will assist in selecting missionary candidates.

Joshua Grijalva, dean of the Mexican Baptist Bible Institute in San Antonio, Texas, since 1962, was named a national consultant in ethnic leadership development for the Home Mission Board's language missions division.

Grijalva will work out of offices at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, Calif., in an effort to help equip ethnic American leaders to serve ethnic Baptist churches in the future.

Other appointments included 10 missionaries, 18 missionary associates, one US-

2er, 69 persons to receive church pastoral assistance, and four persons who were granted language pastoral assistance.

HMB commissions 26 US-2 missionaries

ATLANTA (BP) — Twenty-six young adults are slated to begin two years of mission service with the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

They were commissioned US-2 missionaries by the board during services at First Church of Avondale Estates, an Atlanta suburb.

"The 26 US-2 appointees will perform 22 different responsibilities in 19 states plus Puerto Rico," said Irvin Dawson, director of HMB missionary personnel.

US-2ers are college graduates who serve in various mission endeavors throughout the United States for two years. Dawson explained US-2ers fulfill vital missions needs while the program "provides young people an opportunity to do mission service and determine if this is a life-time call."

Following the commissioning service led by HMB President William G. Tanner, and a group orientation in Atlanta, the new appointees will disperse to their fields of service.



Full of joy and excitement, Airman First Class John M. Dixon leaves the Bering Sea after being baptized in 48-degree water. Dixon was one of four airmen baptized in the frigid waters by Air Force Chaplain David Breeding, a Southern Baptist who serves Shemya Air Force Base in Alaska. The base is on the four and one half by two-mile Shemya Island at the far end of the Aleutian Islands. The other three airmen who requested baptism by immersion were Staff Sgt. Jorge Chavez, Senior Airman James D. Stille and Airman David Putnam.

BSU Third Century Campaign

We care for young people

by David Laird

The people in First Church have an extraordinary sense of caring for those who are in need. The individuals in my congregation have a desire to help those who are called "tomorrow's church," more specifically, young people.

We in Calion feel there are two crucial periods in the lives of young people. The first period is infancy. During this time the basic foundation of the Christian faith is laid. This is the time when young children become accustomed to church attendance.

The second crucial period is leaving home to begin college. Unfortunately, many young people are lost to the church at this time.

There are some definite reasons for our church's support of the BSU and some of these reasons are as follows:

1. BSU provides Christian fellowship. This is especially important if the college is a state-supported institution.

2. BSU provides an opportunity for Christ to be introduced into the lives of young men and women. These young students may for the first time see people who are "in step with the times" but live an uncompromising faith.

3. BSU provides a haven. With the rise of religious cults, devil worship, and non-Christian religions, these students have a place to go where they can pray and receive spiritual strength to withstand the temptations these other groups present.

These are but a few of the numerous rea-



Laird

sons our church supports the BSU through the Third Century Campaign.

David Laird is pastor of First Church of Calion, one of the top 20 churches in per capita giving to the BSU Third Century Campaign.

Stewardship Arkansas Baptists above average

Arkansas and Mississippi are usually on the bottom of the list in per capita income. The states swap 49th and 50th positions.

Neither state, however, is on the bottom of the Baptist list in per capita giving.

Arkansas Baptists gave \$172.83 per capita through their churches last year. The figure jumps to \$251.35 when only resident members are counted. The Southern Baptist Convention average was \$170.15. Arkansas Baptists are above average.

The churches, 94.84 percent of them, gave an average of 9.73 percent of their tithes and offerings through the Cooperative Program. This compares with 8.8 percent given by the average Southern Baptist church. Again, Arkansas Baptists are above average.

At the close of the 1980 church year, Arkansas Baptists went above the average in the percentage of the Cooperative Program dollar shared with Southern Baptist Convention causes. Arkansas' percentage increased to 35.64 while the Southern Baptist Convention average was 34.62. These percentages were figured from reports in "The Quarterly Review."

While Arkansas Baptists excel, we haven't reached our potential. Per capita gifts will multiply when people give "as God has prospered." Mission support percentages will increase when compassionate people respond to mission needs. The State Convention budget will share an increasing percentage with SBC ministries because Arkansas Baptists excel. — James A. Walker, director

	Oct. 4, 1981	Sunday School	Church Trng.	Church School
Church Alexander				
First	144	58	2	
Viney Edge Immanuel	71	42	1	
Alpena, First	73	32	1	
Batesville				
First	319	119	3	
West	204	79		
Nursing Home	39			
Bella Vista	214			2
Benton, First	459			5
Berryville				
First	234	95		
Freeman Heights	306	54		6
Blue Eye, Mo., First	129	75		
Booneville				
First	304			1
South Side	168	113		
Bryant				
First Southern	282	129	3	
Indian Springs	140	77	2	
Cabot				
First	432	129	5	
Mt. Carmel	388	168		
California	36	20		
Candem, Cullendale First	342	123		
Cherokee Village, First	117	45	2	
Conway				
Harlan Park	124	78	2	
Oak Bowers	124	90		
Picklan Gap	190	70		
Second	508	258	1	
Crosses				
First	474	123	1	
Meridian	106	93		
Mount Olive	287	120		
Temple	162	119		
Danville, First	146	43		
Nursing Home	27			
Deer, First	197	66		
Desh, First	89	72	1	
El Dorado				
Parkview	183	85	8	
Second	268			
Forest City, First	600	119	4	
Fort Smith				
Grand Avenue	1,569	412	1	
Mission	30			
Westside	85	61		
Gassville	116	32	3	
Center, First	140	34	1	
Grady, First	36	20		
Grandview	61	48		
Hampers, First	163	87		
Hardy, First	127	56		
Harrison				
Ladysights	260	95		
Northvale	151	78		
Woodland Heights	88	70	2	
Hot Springs				
Immanuel	88	46		
Grand	64	36		
Grand Avenue	403	96	6	
Harney's Chapel	177	95		
Leonard Street	200	65		
Memorial	99	52	2	
Millcreek	42	27		
Park Place	308	107		
Rector Heights	82	42		
Vista Heights	54	24		
Hughes, First	160	82		
Jacksonville, First	348	67		
Jettville	116	63		
Jonesboro				
Friendly Hope	160	123		
Hettleton	313	116		
Little Rock, Crystal Hill	119	55	5	
McRae, First	164	81	3	
Magnolia, Central	715	241		
Monticello, Second	258	97	4	
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Cedar Glades	33	36		
First	97	36		
Mountain Valley	35	20		
McLurey, First	229	106	25	
Newark, Southern	37			
North Little Rock, Stanfil	85	52		
Paragould				
Calvary	305	163		
East Side	410	236	1	
First	472	76		
Park, First	332	67		
Southside Mission	50			
Pea Ridge, First	258	78	4	
Pine Bluff				
Lee Memorial	219	90	1	
South Side	520	140	5	
Sulphur Springs	166	55	2	
Wagon Chapel	486	156	6	
Prairie Grove, First	148	87	1	
Rogers, Immanuel	84			
Royal, Ardach	63			
Russellville, First	530	168	7	
Sandyhook, Faith	34	35		
Springdale				
Berry Street	72	49		
Caulfield Avenue	118	40		
Eldorado	310	157	4	
First	1,989			
Tenarkana				
Highland Hills	100	62		
Shooh Memorial	132	81		
Trinity	335	210		
Valley Springs	103	77	8	
Van Buren, First	478	108		
Vandernoot, First	84	23	1	
Vilonia, Beryl	110	88		
West Helena, Second	287	104	5	
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Micah 6:1-13

by Robert U. Ferguson
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What the Lord requires

Using the mountains as a jury, Micah speaks for the Lord his controversy with the people, Israel (vv. 1-2).

Verses 3-5: "My people (Israel), what have I done, how have I wearied you? Speak up, Israel. I freed you from Egyptian slavery — brought you back as free men — gave you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam (decent, honest people to lead), in contrast to Balak and Balaam who sought to harm you. Twice my grace publically delivered you in glorious fashion" (out of Egypt and into the promised land). Why had Israel forsaken the Lord? Why are the people so ungrateful?

Israel's confusion of God's requirements (vv. 6-7)

Israel does not know what to bring before the Lord to appease his displeasure. Israel asks the prophet what to bring. Burnt offerings, year old calves, thousands (abundant) rams, more abundant oil, my first born child? All of these items were used by the people of Canaan in Baal worship. Why did the Israelites think that ritualistic sacrifices could satisfy Jehovah while their lives were morally and ethically corrupt? The basis for their right relationship with Jehovah was keeping the commandments — not burnt offerings and rituals. It seems that the rituals had become the righteousness instead of the symbol of their personal relationship to Jehovah.

The prophet's answer (v. 8)

"He hath shewed thee (he — probably Moses in the law) what is Good (Goodly) and required by Jehovah. Justly do — mercifully love — humbly walk with Jehovah." Note the two directions of moral and ethical behavior — toward man, be just and loving, toward Jehovah be humble and close! With these two ideas, Jesus agreed when he said, "Love the Lord thy God with all you are, and your neighbor as yourself" (Matt. 22:37-39).

Justice demands knowledge of the situation. It takes work to be just, for our prejudices mislead us. A person has a right to his opinion, but not a right to be wrong in the facts. Justice and truth go hand in hand. Merciful love, in our times, is like praying for the salvation of the Soviet Union, not too popular. Justice, mercy, and humility are considered impractical in the day-to-day world of survival. However, without these virtues, Jehovah worship is spiritless, dull, and an abomination to the Lord.

Specific matters to consider (vv. 9-13)

Verse 9: "Heed Jehovah's word or suffer."

Verse 10: "Do you have, in your house, ill gotten gain, the unjust measure?"

Verse 11: "Can you be clean with the unjust scale and the improper weights?" (used to measure commerce)

Verse 12: "The rich are wicked — the people are deceitful liars."

Verse 13: "Therefore, I will smite you with incurable sickness because of your sins!"

Micah gives the answer to why so many religious people drop out of their commitment. Lose interest, and become unable to reclaim their lost love for God. Ritualistic religious expression that lacks moral content in the worshiper is loveless, lifeless, and hopeless.

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God acts to liberate

There is no power in the universe greater than God's. That anyone would oppose God is insane. Yet we read of Lucifer opposing God in heaven and of Adam and Eve doing so on earth. Surely everyone born into our world outside of the Lord Jesus has opposed God and his authority over their lives. God's desire for each of us is a daily decision for his will in our lives.



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Pharaoh vs. God (Ex. 12:30-32)

Pharaoh's ego had so grown that he felt he was a god. When Moses and Aaron went in to see him and deliver God's message to let the Hebrews go, Pharaoh said, "Who is the Lord, that I should obey his voice to let Israel go? I know not the Lord, neither will I let Israel go." Notice Pharaoh's I-problem.

During the night a death angel was sent to kill all the first born, including Pharaoh's heir. He was unable to protect his own, let alone the others of Egypt. Pharaoh admitted defeat and the power of God.

God leads (Ex. 21-22)

Not only is God able to release us from bondage, but he is also able to sustain us on the journey. God's presence was evident

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Life and Work

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Exodus 12:30-32; 13:21-22; 14:30-31;
15:1-2, 13

by Jerry L. Tracy
Star City First Church

to the Israelites through the cloud by day and the fire by night. How tragic that one would doubt God's power to keep us once he has redeemed us (II Tim. 1:12).

God protects (Ex. 14:30-31)

There are dangers that threaten our spiritual lives. The flesh, the world, and Satan's attack. Pharaoh and his army decided to test God's power again by chasing the Israelites in the desert. Once again God delivered his people by divine providence. The miracle of the dividing of the sea is another way God shows his authority. There is protection by God from the flesh — through his Spirit (Gal. 5:16); from the world — through his Word (Rom. 12:2); from Satan — through his Son (Eph. 6:10-18).

God is praised (Ex. 15:1-2, 13)

Our privilege of worship is very precious. We are a people triumphant because God has acted in history to redeem us at Calvary. We celebrate his triumph over sin and death each Sunday as we remember the glorious resurrection of our Lord. Surely our services should exalt the name of Christ and every worshiper offer him songs of praise. His steadfast love and strength join together to make sure we know him and shall be with him forever.



Williams

Bible Book

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Matthew 4:1-11

by Don R. Williams
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The King overcoming temptation

Jesus is now ready to embark upon his earthly ministry, a ministry which was designed to destroy the works of the devil. The time had come for God to test his Son.

The purpose of his temptation (Matt. 4:1)

The word "tempted" means to test, to prove a thing genuine, or it may mean to test to prove a thing false. Satan tested Jesus to try to prove him false; God allowed him to be tested to prove him true.

There are questions which should be asked and answered: (1) Were Christ's temptations real? (2) Could Jesus have yielded to them?

The time of his temptation

It happened after a great spiritual experience. Jesus had just been baptized. The Father had just spoken and revealed to the world who Jesus was. It happened who Jesus was the weakest. It happened when he was alone. The temptations were directed toward his spiritual powers. These are keys for us to watch for. Satan still operates on this basis. He will tempt us after a great spiritual experience, when we are at our weakest, when he catches us alone. He will direct his temptations toward our strengths. If a person is gifted with charm, he will tempt that person to use that charm to get away with anything. If gifted with the power of words, he will tempt that person to use his command of words to justify his own conduct.

The temptations themselves (Matt. 4:3-11)

The first temptation was to change "stones into bread." Satan was suggesting that man is primarily physical. He was tempting Jesus to become an "economic Messiah." Satan was asserting that man's chief needs are physical, and if you give him bread that is enough. The second temptation was to try to get Jesus to question the Father's care. "If you are who you say you are the Father will see that the angels will not let you fall against the stones." The third temptation was, in effect, to ignore God's plans and follow Satan's. The last temptation was the most appealing. If Jesus wanted to take the shortcut he could assume power without suffering the cross. This seems to have gone through his mind.

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CP meets budget, sights goal

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — With one month left in the 1980-81 fiscal year, contributions through the national Cooperative Program have met the year's operating budget and covered one-fourth of the capital needs budget.

August contributions, reflecting calendar vagaries that helped July to a 29 percent increase, were up just 7.69 percent over August 1980, to \$6,845,237.

That increase put undesignated year to date receipts at \$75,108,527, up 14 percent over the same period last year and well past the 1980-81 operating budget of \$74.5

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million. The capital needs portion is another \$2.5 million.

Additionally, Southern Baptists in their 1980 annual meeting in St. Louis, voted a \$13 million Bold Mission Thrust challenge goal to put the total budget at \$90 million.

If September contributions hold at the current 14 percent increase, final fiscal month receipts would be approximately \$6.7 million. That would put receipts about \$4.8 million into the challenge goal. Last year, gifts reached just \$762,634 into a \$12 million challenge goal.

August's designated receipts increased 13 percent over August 1980 to \$1,330,619. Year to date designated receipts are \$70,736,583, up 13.9 percent over 1980.

Total receipts, designated and undesignated, are \$145,845,110, an increase of \$17.9 million or 13.98 percent over the same period last year.

After radio worship scrapped, church scores with talk show

by Bob E. Mathews

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. (BP)—On Aug. 23, for the first time in about 50 years, the morning worship service of First Church of Oklahoma City was not broadcast on radio.

A change in formats at station KOMA which had broadcast the church's service since 1931 took the church off radio, though morning services are still telecast.

Pastor Gene Garrison told members, "Audience ratings do not indicate that the weekly broadcast of our worship service is the wisest and best use of our time and money."

Faced with the change, Garrison and church leaders decided to take KOMA's offer of an alternate time and to try "something radically different."

So at 11 p.m. on a recent Sunday, Garrison went to the KOMA studios for the first broadcast of "Straight Line to the Pastor" KOMA is 1520 on AM dial.

The format calls for a talk show where listeners call in and talk with Garrison on the air... no long preaching, no long songs.

Garrison, "frightened to death" and wondering who would be listening from 11 to midnight, hit the air "cold," no theme music, no introduction. Just "Good evening, I'm Gene Garrison, pastor of First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, and the name of the program is Straight Line to the Pastor. Our phone number is 460-1520." He opened his Bible, read a few verses of scripture and made a few comments while keeping an eye on the phone lights.

By 11:05 the lines lit up and the calls started coming. The first caller, a young woman, asked how to pick the right church or denomination.

Garrison explained that a personal faith in Jesus as her Savior is more important than a certain church and that she should attend where the doctrine is true to the scriptures, where she could be fed spiritually and have her needs met.

Garrison's concern about getting calls was for naught. During the hour the longest time without a call was less than two minutes. Listeners called from the metropolitan

area, Enid, northern Kansas and Colorado Springs, Colo. The Colorado caller was the manager of a Christian radio station who complimented Garrison on his new venture and his handling of the new format.

In all, 21 calls were answered during the 58 minutes he was on the air. Subjects discussed by Garrison and the listeners included "sinless perfection," abortion, homosexuals, "know-it-all Baptists," the Ku Klux Klan using the Bible as justification of its deeds, a Christian dating a non-Christian, unmarried people living together and backsliding.

The bulk of callers seemed to be people seeking straight answers to serious questions and probably taking advantage of the opportunity to talk to a minister while remaining anonymous. Only one or two tended to be argumentative and Garrison deftly handled their calls, managing to keep them from dominating the time.

A minister who had been fired from his church and divorced from his wife talked with Garrison about unkind Christians and "no good" church members. Garrison suggested they meet for coffee and discuss the minister's problems in person. (Later the minister, now working in the oil industry, made a luncheon appointment with Garrison.)

After the first program, Garrison wrote in his church paper, "It is easy to see what kind of ministry this can become. People are grappling with personal problems, seeking someone to talk with them and respond to their needs."

During daytime hours when KOMA was broadcasting the church worship service, its signal covers 66 of Oklahoma's 77 counties. But at night the western half of the United States receives the 50,000-watt signal.

Radio and Television Commission marketing director Claude Cox urged the church to accept the station's offer of the alternate time despite its late hour, noting that KOMA's signal covers 22 states and has a listening audience of one million people.

Romanian Christians released from prison

WASHINGTON — Five Romanian Christians, sentenced to up to five years imprisonment and high fines, were set free Aug. 23 as the result of a recent amnesty.

Dr. Gerhard Claas, Baptist World Alliance general secretary, and Dr. Duke K.

McCall, BWA president, had pleaded for the release of the imprisoned Baptists and Pentecostals at the time of their visit to Romania in March of this year. The German Baptist Union had also strongly urged the release of these prisoners.