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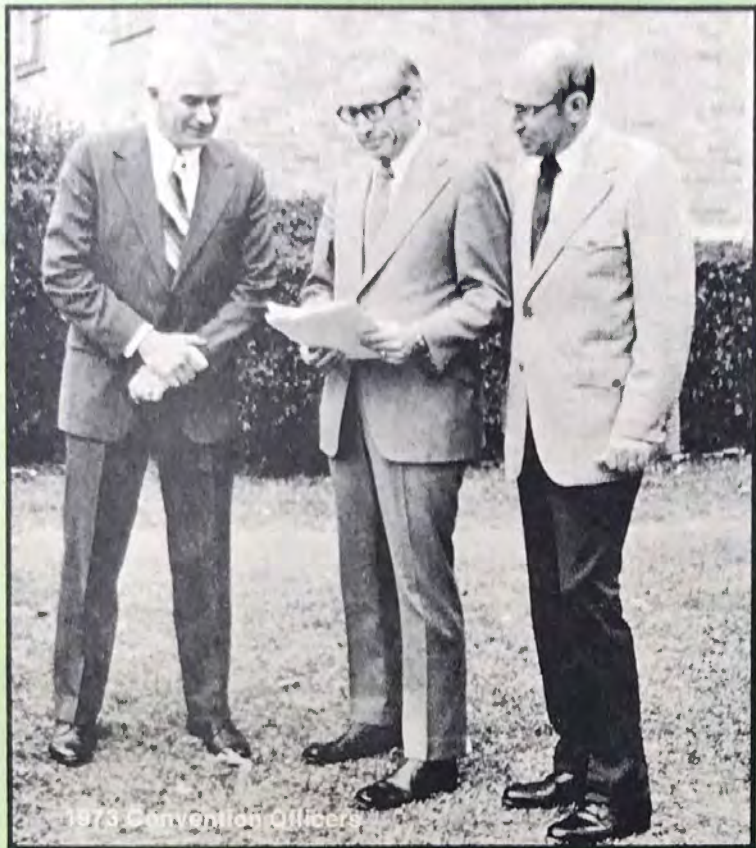
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Arkansas Baptist State Convention 1972

Unity is
order of the day

1973 Convention Officers



Fellowship



Messengers

One layman's opinion

Going the wrong way



Dr. Grant

More often than not we view going the wrong way as comic or circus-like rather than as tragic.

The world laughed for years at "Wrong-way Corrigan," a pilot who explained his plane flight across the Atlantic Ocean as a mistake in flying East instead of West. But the potential for tragedy is sometimes instantly clear in going the wrong way.

One recent black night on Highway 64 west of Alma I was driving as fast as the friendly law allows in an effort to speak at two associational meetings in one evening. Fortunately, it was a twin-lane highway that made it possible to pass cars without fear of meeting on-coming vehicles in the left lane. Or so I thought. I passed a car and began my swing back in the right lane. In that fleeting split-second that permits no rational reaction, my headlights flashed on a small child on an approaching bicycle. My initial shock was followed quickly by relief that the child slipped safely past me on the left, although I will never know how we avoided a collision.

A thousand thoughts flooded through my mind as I realized what mortal danger the child was still in. He obviously thought he was going the right direction on a two-way highway, but there was nothing humorous or comic about his confusion.

I wondered if I would ever know what happened; I considered the faint possibility that the child discovered his mistake before he plunged into an on-coming car; I pondered how I might turn the car around and get the child straightened out, but felt almost as helpless as a person trying to reverse directions while canoeing down roaring rapids; I wondered at the miracle of having no more interstate highway mix-ups of this kind than we do; and finally, my mind seemed to dwell on the many parallel tragedies of people going the wrong way in the world that God has made.

Isn't it strange that the shock-effect of a child going the wrong way in heavy highway traffic is so much more dramatic and wrenching than the shock-effect of someone obviously going the wrong way in violation of God's moral laws. We still seem by our actions and reactions to place a higher value on one's physical life than we do on the spiritual life.

Most of us are afraid to tell someone he is going the wrong way, morally or spiritually speaking, lest we be told where to go in no uncertain language. Unsolicited advice is still at the top of most people's pet-peeve list. But just as we feel the strong sense of urgency in helping to straighten out the wrong-way driver on the highway, we ought to feel a reflex tug of urgency when we see someone walking into a moral buzz saw.

Surely the concerned Christian can find the right way to warn about the wrong way.

Daniel R. Grant

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Spirit of unity prevails in convention



JES

Many of us feel that this was the finest state convention that we have ever attended. There are many factors which contributed to this concept. Perhaps most evident was the unity which prevailed throughout the state convention.

The endeavor also stands out because of the excellent presiding of convention officials. Under the able and skilled leadership of Dr. Rheubin South, the business sessions moved effectively.

A record budget of \$3,327,457 was readily approved by the messengers. It was a time of rejoicing.

It also was a time of dedication and recommitment as the periods of worship were led by great addresses. Both the convention sermon given by Dr. Bernes K. Selph and the president's address deeply moved the hearts of those present.

On the opening evening, Jim Tillman, director for the Ouachita-Southern Higher Education Campaign, reported in excess of 4½ million dollars had been pledged. He emphasized that the churches were fulfilling their commitments on schedule. "There are still many churches," he declared, "which need to give to this endeavor."

W. A. Criswell, pastor, First Church, Dallas, Tex., and past president of the Southern Baptist Convention, spoke on Christian education. "I have a decided feeling about our schools," he said. "If we divest ourselves of our institutions of learning, we are on our way to becoming a small, insignificant sect."

Both college presidents, Daniel Grant and H. E. Williams, expressed their deep appreciation for the fine support higher education had received. Dr. Grant said that there had been some excellent chain-reaction as a result of the effort. The enrollment at Ouachita is up, the spiritual life is excellent and there are 229 students training for church related vocations.

Dr. Williams spoke on a "Day of Destiny," declaring "When we agree to surrender to the state any service we can render in the name of Jesus we are unwitting accomplices of the Marxist cause." He concluded by saying "We must have every asset we have ever had to do our best when we enter the land of promise — that of the bright tomorrow."

On Wednesday evening, the heart of everyone present was thrilled by a spectacular presented by Immanuel Church, Little Rock. Their singing was accompanied by the showing of the flags of every nation. In the background was a gigantic flag of the United States.

After the atmosphere had been created for the mission message, the period was closed with a stirring sermon by Baker James Cauthen. He challenged those present to follow Christ's command to witness around the world. "Some may ask, can we afford it? We can not afford to disobey our Lord's orders. I have never heard one foreign missionary complain. It is a joy to serve Jesus." In conclusion he declared "Give what it takes and one day in another land Jesus will say 'Lo I am with you always.'"

The convention was concluded with a message by Owen Cooper, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, who is a layman. He emphasized the need for additional lay-involvement. Cooper spoke on some impressions that he had gained as he travelled across the Southern Baptist Convention. He said "There is a spirit of renewed emphasis on evangelism. There must be a cooperation among churches if we are to reach people as we should." He told the messengers that the old methods such as tent revivals and Sunday School evangelism were now working.

He also encouraged churches to use some of the new methods such as utilizing college students. "These students are doing an excellent job in reaching people. We should allow them the opportunity to serve." He further observed that there is a renewed emphasis on the organization of new churches. "In order to establish these new works, we must assist them by giving them money and involving more people. We need all the paid workers we can get. But this is not enough. So we must utilize our laity." He concluded by observing that there is a renewed commitment to missions. While he was optimistic with the evangelistic reports he was receiving from over the convention, Cooper said that 80 percent of the churches of the denomination continue to give 10 percent or less of their total budget to world missions and this lack of support greatly hinders our world mission endeavor.

The convention should serve as an excellent springboard for the new year. While Cooperative Program gifts are at an all-time high and our baptisms are the largest in 16 years, many present felt that the coming year should reach even greater heights for our Lord.

I must say it!

The significance of human behavior



Dr. Ashcraft

Sodom and Gomorrah rated the judgment of God. The issue was not race, air pollution, inflation, unemployment, or the social gospel. The only issue was human behavior. Their behavior was such that not only Sodom and Gomorrah but Admah and Zeboin were reduced to cinders by the hand of a displeased God.

Their behavior had reached the point at which any reason for continued existence vanished and God could make no case for further patience. The problem was sin with the overtones of sex but the inner darkness of it was that the people of Sodom had rendered themselves of no use to themselves, one another or the God that gave them breath.

When this happens there is nothing left to retrieve, salvage, rehabilitate, preserve, or inventory but the wrath of God and dead ashes. Since the women in Sodom had lowered themselves to the status of equality with men they became less than desirable as their companions which resulted in sharing their destruction.

While women were not the cause of the destruction of the city they could have prevented it. The women allowed themselves to become so unattractive that men preferred those of their own sex as com-

panions. This tipped the scales with God and Sodom and its sinful people were destroyed.

What is the message to the twentieth century human beings? The message is that human behavior determines many things. "Righteousness exalteth a nation but sin is a reproach to any people" (Prov. 14:34.)

The right number of people could have stayed the judgment of God. The ratio of the good to the bad came to the crucial point that the enterprise could not pay the overhead and hence the cause folded. Human behavior was the key.

The real criminal was a man named Lot, the kinsman of Abraham. Lot knew enough of God to have assumed the role of missionary in Sodom and saved four cities by doing it. The raw facts of life emerge quickly when there is a breakdown in moral behavior.

The evil men of Sodom were no more guilty of moral collapse than Lot who forfeited his chance for greatness by sheer indifference. Homosexuality, however wrath provoking it is to God, is barely uglier than a good man who forgets why he is alive.

It was poor human behavior that damned the cities with neither the inhabitants or Lot having a case that would stand in the eyes of God. How we live touches others for good or bad.

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

So you are facing . . .

Surgery

By L. H. Coleman
(Eighth in a series)

A person must make the most of all of life's situations. Often plans are changed, lives are altered because of illness. Each new experience in life is a challenge. Each challenge demands courage. Courage can come easier when faith is real.

Think how fortunate you are to live in a great country where human life has such worth and dignity. This country affords the greatest medical knowledge and skill available in the world today and yet we take it for granted. Therefore, first be thankful that you are in first-rate hospital facilities and surrounded with medical wisdom.

Secondly, do you understand the reason for your surgery? Do you know why your physician has recommended this procedure? Most physicians want the patient to understand all that is involved in each patient's medical history. Feel free to ask questions. The

more you know about your surgery, as a general rule, the less fear you will have.

Third, you must have complete confidence in your surgeon. Your faith is well founded because the physician takes with him into the operating room unusual skill and experience. He is thoroughly equipped with knowledge needed in your case. Ofttimes there are two, sometimes more, physicians working with a single case. If an assistant is needed be assured that he will be present.

Finally, the patient must have the right attitude. Attitude is basic. Correct attitude helps the person face all that life brings. The experience you are facing will bring out the best inside you in most instances. Are you at one with yourself? Have you discovered your basic philosophy of life? Do you have purpose in living? What do you want

most out of life?

You want life and happiness or you would be totally unconcerned with this article. You want abundant life, genuine happiness.

Joy in life comes through Jesus Christ. He is the author of life abundant and life eternal. He is the well-spring of happiness. Thus, right attitude means being right with God.

The next logical step is to put your life in God's hands — every day in every way. Did not you do this before your illness? Then it should be easy to do it during an illness. Every person, whether in or out of the hospital, must live one day at a time. Live today for Christ. Turn your life over to the living, loving Lord of life.

"So don't worry . . . Set your heart on his kingdom and his goodness, and all these things will come to you as a matter of course.

"Don't worry at all then about tomorrow. Tomorrow can take care of itself! One day's trouble is enough for one day."
Matthew 6:31a, 33-34 (J. B. Phillips' Translation)

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Letter to the editor

Why have 'M' Night?

I have served as church Training Director. There are various reasons why we have "M" Night.

"Mobilize and Evangelize," was the challenge of a great leader of the past generation. One purpose of "M" Night meetings of the past was that of regrouping Christians and challenging them for the coming year of opportunity.

First, "M" Night is a time for identification. When Baptist people gather in a large interested group, a positive witness for Christ is given.

Second, "M" Night helps to create inspiration for carrying out the Great Commission. Great preaching to large congregations and great singing should lead to great results. Never underestimate the value of fellowship among God's people.

Fourth, "M" Night is Mobilization! The gathering of interested and inspired Christians should accomplish great things for Christ. This is excellent preparation for the coming year. It is not enough to mobilize people. We must be prepared to attract their attention by telling them about God's Word.

When we say we must evangelize, we do not merely mean that we must gather a large number of people in a mass meeting to talk to them. We mean that it is imperative to lay upon their hearts the many privileges and obligations of believers to reach a troubled world for Jesus Christ in our present generation. "M" Night should encourage us to witness for Jesus each day. Church Training is vitally important.

The theme for "M" Night this year is "Train to Share His Word." —Viola Goodwin, Batesville

Arkansas all over

Independence Association meets

The 122nd Annual Session of the Independence Association met Oct. 9-11 with Salado Church, Rosie Church, and First Church, Batesville. The Association is composed of 21 churches and 1 mission located in Independence, Stone, and Sharp counties. S. D. Hacker is Superintendent of Missions.

Amos Greer, Moderator and pastor of First Church, Mountain View, presided over each session. A period of fellowship and refreshments followed each service.

The highlight of the first session was the annual sermon by R. A. Bone, pastor of Calvary Church, Batesville, and special music by Mrs. Marvin Story.

The second session featured a guest speaker, George E. Arthur, missionary to Sumatra, and special music presentations by Jim Watkins, Associational Music Director, and Mrs. George Arthur. During this session, a memorial service was led by Mrs. Leonard Bunch, Mrs. Ed Diemer, and Mrs. Genevieve Kramer, honoring those members of the churches who have gone to be with the Lord this year.

During the Digest of Letters report, Mrs. S. D. Hacker presented certificates of recognition for efficiency in preparing outstanding annual church letters to Raymond Morris, Pleasant Plains Church; Mrs. Elsie Martin, Rosie

Church; and Miss Evelyn Westmoreland, secretary for West Church.

The Digest of Letters revealed that the churches had recorded 221 baptisms this year (50 more than last year) and 286 other additions and a total membership of 5,261 people. The churches gave \$91,037 to mission causes this year. There have been increases in nearly all of the church and associational areas of work this year, including Cooperative Program giving, the report showed.

At the closing session, Hal Gallop, pastor of Pilgrims Rest Church, delivered the doctrinal message, and Dr. J. Everett Sneed, Editor of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* and former Superintendent of Missions, delivered the closing message. Special music was presented by Miss Becky Ford.

The budget for the new year was adopted and associational officers were elected. They are: Moderator, R. A. Parker; Vice-Moderator, Carl Rice; Clerk, Mrs. S. D. Hacker; Treasurer, R. A. Bone; Evangelism Chairman, David L. Coleman; Stewardship Chairman, Ross O. Ward; Director of Resort and Retreat Ministries, Forrest Bynum; Sunday School Director, Ralph Wyatt; Church Training Director, C. T. Bennett; Music Director, Jim Watkins; Brotherhood Director, Kenneth Puckett; WMU Director, Mrs. Ray Cockrill.

Givens to Calion



Givens

Gordie Givens is the new pastor at Calion Church in Liberty Association. He began his work in early October. He surrendered to preach while serving in the Air Force and, after serving 20 years in the military, he retired and began serving as a

pastor. He has served Pleasant Hill and First Church Kroty Springs in Louisiana.

Bro. Givens and his wife have two children who are married.



Mrs. S. D. Hacker (back) presented certificates of recognition to (left to right) Raymond Morris, Mrs. Elsie Martin, and Jimmy Watkins (accepting for Miss Evelyn Westmoreland.)

W. A. Criswell, former SBC president, delivered the keynote address.



The convention auditorium was filled to capacity Wednesday night.

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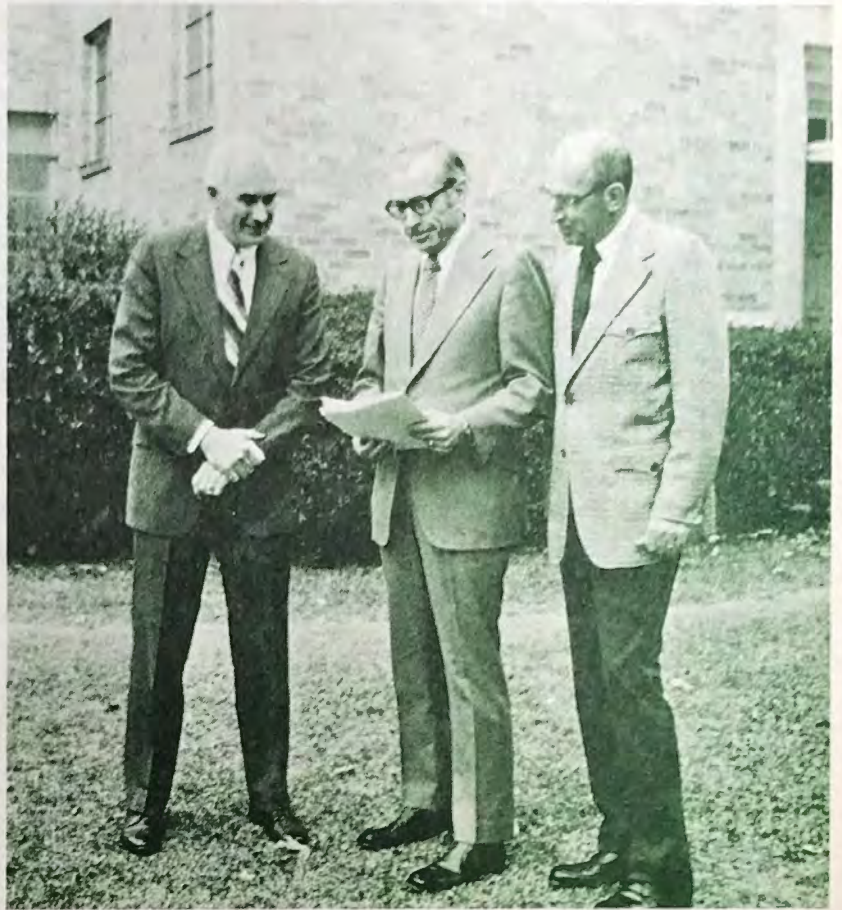
There were 930 messengers registered.



Rheubin L. South delivered the President's Address Wednesday morning.



Officers elected by the state convention are (l. to r.) Earl Verser, Eudora layman, second vice president; Rheubin L. South, president for a second term; and E. E. Boone, pastor of Wynne Church, first vice president.



in retrospect



The Convention Sermon was preached by Bernes K. Selph.

The Music Men of Arkansas was one of the groups providing special music for the meeting.



Morgan Brian
Pastor and laymen



Nelson Price
Pastor and enemy



Leon Kilbreth
Pastor and Sunday School

Paragould man is elected Pastors' Conference president

Pastors and laymen from over the state attended the Pastors' Conference in Hot Springs at Second Church Nov. 13-14. The theme for the endeavor was "This Charge I Commit Unto Thee . . . That Thou Mightest War a Good Warfare." (I Tim. 1:1-18.) Each speaker's message was in keeping with this overall concept.

Business actions for the meeting included the election of new officers for the coming year. C. A. Johnson, pastor, First Church, Paragould, was elected president. Vice president was Wilson Drago, pastor, Marion Church. Elected as secretary was Wayne Davis, pastor, Oak Grove Church, Van Buren.

At the close of the address of Morgan Brian, New Orleans attorney, Dr. W. O. Vaught moved that his message be printed in its entirety in the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*. This speech "The Pastor and His Laymen," will be carried in its entirety in a later issue.

Out-of-state personalities featured Sunday School Evangelist Leon Kilbreth of Greensboro, N. C.; Nelson Price, pastor, Roscell Street Church, Marietta, Ga.; Evangelist Sam Cathey, Tulsa, Okla.; and Music Evangelist Richard Bradford of Wichita, Kans.

Pastor Price emphasized the tremendous danger of demonic forces in our contemporary society. He stressed that demon possession is a reality today. Citing numerous scripture, he said that witchcraft, astrology, and satan worship posed a tremendous threat. "One must never arrive at the point where he feels sufficient. Apart

from God's power we are all vulnerable to demonic power," he said.

Leon Kilbreth stressed the importance of the Sunday School as an instrument of evangelism. "Forty people," he declared, "can revolutionize a church. Every Sunday School teacher and deacon should be prepared to lead people to Christ."

Evangelist Sam Cathey stressed his view that "the major function of a church is to evidence the holiness of God in such a way that it will result in disciplining men. This is the beginning of evangelism. It is never finished."

Arkansas pastors were W. O. Vaught, pastor, Immanuel Church, Little Rock, and Wilbur Herring, pastor, Central Church, Jonesboro.

Dr. Vaught spoke on Hebrew 12:1-2. He declared that Jesus was unique in his birth, death, and atoning work. "When the humanity of Jesus was accepted at the throne of God for the first time after the resurrection it declared that our bodies, too, will be accepted into heaven," Vaught said.

Dr. Herring emphasized the importance of the home. He stated "We will not have revival in the church until we have revival in the home."

The program was under the direction of Don Moore, pastor, Grand Avenue Church, Ft. Smith. Other officers of the group were Glenn Morgan, pastor of East Main Church, El Dorado, vice president; J. Elton Pennington, pastor, Northside Church, Charleston, secretary.



W. O. Vaught
Pastor and preaching



Don Moore
1972 president

Harmony Association passes several resolutions of support



Officers for the coming year of Harmony Association are (left to right) Robert Courtney, pastor, First Church, Dumas, moderator; Harold Stephens, pastor, Hardin Church, first vice moderator; and R. G. Merritt, pastor, Humphrey Church, second vice moderator.

The Harmony Baptist Association held its Fifty-fifth annual meeting at First Church, Dumas, Monday, Oct. 23.

The messengers from the 37 cooperating Baptist churches adopted resolutions encouraging the churches to continue to support missions through

the Cooperative Program of Southern Baptists, and mission endeavors supported by the Lottie Moon, Annie Armstrong, Dixie Jackson offerings, and the Child Care and Family Services department.

They voted to encourage the churches

to contribute to and support the current drive for raising funds for Cummins Prison Chapel, and to support the Baptist Student Centers and their work on the campuses at the University of Arkansas, Monticello, and Pine Bluff, and the Boy's Training School, Pine Bluff.

Another resolution encourages all churches to participate in the Grady Wilson Evangelistic effort being sponsored by the Pine Bluff Ministerial Association to be held in Pine Bluff in 1973. They also voted to lend active support to the organization of Americans United for Separation of Church and State which opposes any move of the federal, state, or local government or groups that would seek to breach the wall that separates church from state.

Recognition was given to the need for support of small churches throughout the state, and endorsement was given to the Associational Executive Board's recent action to allocate \$1000 for the Small Church Loan Fund.

Churches in the association that have not yet participated in the Ouachita-Southern Advancement Campaign were encouraged to do so as soon as possible, and the group expressed support for the new Director, Jim Tillman, in Phase II of the Campaign.

Miss Josephine Scaggs, Missionary to Nigeria, Africa, brought the closing address.

Churches give toward chapel at Girls' Training School

Listed below are the contributions of churches and organizations to the chapel construction of the Arkansas Girls' Training School. Some are continuing their gifts on a monthly basis.

The Girls' Training School Auxiliary with a team of girls from the school stand ready to explain to any organization the great need for the chapel.

Funds given and pledged amount

to about \$9,500. The goal is \$35,000. We herewith express our gratitude to those seeing the need and setting forth to meet this great need. — Mrs. Marguerite Hendrickson, Secretary-Treasurer, Girls' Training School Auxiliary

Contributions by Baptist Churches

Martindale Church	\$ 86.00
Trinity, Benton	50.00
First, Prescott	100.00
Sylvan Hills First Baptist	50.00
First, Sheridan	100.00
First, Alexander	42.00
Pleasant Hill	100.00
Ironton	100.00
Garden Homes	24.00
Mt. Pleasant, Portland	25.00
Gleaners Class, Second, Little Rock	10.00
Mt. Carmel, Cabot	42.12
Caroline Assn., Lonoke	50.00
Dorcas Class, Natural Steps, Roland	5.00
Pulaski Heights	38.47
Concord Night Assn., Ft. Smith	45.00

Gifts by denominations

Baptist Churches	\$867.59
Methodists	831.00
Christian Church	300.00
Presbyterian	215.00
Catholic	150.00
LRAFB Chapel	407.04

Amount does not include \$200 more pledged by Christian Church and \$250 pledged by a Baptist Church.



Rev. and Mrs. Cox

Harrison pastor, wife are married 50 years

Pastor and Mrs. Elmer F. Cox, Harrison, observed their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday, Nov. 5. Their children, Mrs. Wayne Littleton of Lee's Summit, Mo., Doris Ann Cox and Michael Gene Cox, both of the home, headed a reception for friends and relatives at the Cox home in Omaha.

It was in 1922 that Cox married Gertie Grace Beck of Denver, Ark. The couple actively began church work — teaching Sunday School classes, working in the Bible schools, and singing for revival meetings.

In February, 1926, Cox made a definite commitment to preach God's Word and was ordained by the Omaha Church the same year.

He has pastored churches at Hopewell, Union, Omaha, Alpena, Bellefonte, Yellville, and Cotter. He has also served as superintendent of missions for Crooked Creek Association and Boone-Carroll Association. He served the Arkansas Baptist State Convention as state missionary for seven years. While engaged in state mission work he held a meeting east of Omaha in the Scott School house which resulted in a great revival. As a result of this endeavor a church was established and he resigned state mission work to become their pastor. He has now served the New Hope Church as pastor for 30 years.

People Search Conference

Jan. 24

First Baptist Church
Ft. Smith, Ark.

Don Mabry, Director

Doctrines of the faith

The mission and work of the church

By Jimmy A. Millikin
Southern Baptist College



Dr. Millikin

The mission of the church is a much discussed issue in Christian circles today. There are many voices suggesting that the church's mission needs to be redefined. Much of what the churches have been doing is totally irrelevant for today's world, it is said. That is, the times and conditions of the day should dictate what the mission of the church should be.

There is a sense in which the church should adapt to the needs of a changing world. However, the source of reference for determining the mission of Christ's churches must always be the Bible. We must never let the world describe or determine our mission for us.

The Bible itself prepares us to expect that much of what we are commissioned by our Lord to do will appear irrelevant to an unregenerate world. In Paul's day the preaching of the cross was foolishness to a perishing world (I Cor. 1:18), and things have not changed much. It may grieve us that a large segment of society rejects our message as being outdated, but it should not surprise us.

Using the Bible as our source of reference we may sum up the mission of the church as having a three-fold function. This three-fold function relates the mission of the church to the world, to itself, and to God.

First, the church has a mission to the world. Here its primary mission is the proclamation of the gospel — that is, evangelism. The biblical evidence for this is manifold and plain. The primary purpose for which Jesus came into the world was to "seek and save that which is lost" (Luke 19:10.) What is known as the Great Commission is repeated five times in the Scriptures, and the essential element in each is that of evangelism (Matt. 28:19-20; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:46-48; John 20:21; Acts 1:8.)

It is clear that the early churches understood the ministry of evangelism to be their primary mission to the world. They went from house to house teaching and preaching Jesus is the Christ (Acts 5:42.) The apostles made it clear that their primary mission was the ministry of the word (Acts 6:4,) which resulted in the number of disciples being multiplied (Acts 6:7.) When scattered abroad the disciples "went every where preaching the word" (Acts 8:4.)

Second, the church has a mission toward itself. This mission is that of edification of one another. Edification means "to build up." It is very frequently used with reference to erecting a building. With reference to the church it refers to the building and developing the members in the life and faith (Eph. 4:16; Jude 20; I Cor. 14:26.) The ultimate goal is that each member might attain the complete likeness of Christ (Eph. 4:13-16.)

There are several God ordained means through which the church is to achieve its mission of edification. Ultimately, of course, it is the work of the Holy Spirit to bring us all to Christlikeness (Gal. 5:22-23.) However, the Spirit uses the special ministries of God-appointed leaders (Eph. 4:11-12.) Also every individual member has a responsibility or part to play in edifying the whole body. This is done through exhorting, encouraging, and comforting one another (I Thes. 5:11; Heb. 10:24-25,) and through the exercise of the Spiritual gifts (I Cor. 12:4-11.)

Finally, the church has a mission toward God. This mission is to glorify Him and His Son Jesus. This is really the ultimate goal of all the functions of the church, whether it is evangelism, edification, or whatever. No work of the church should be an end in itself, not even evangelism. The end of all the church does is to glorify the triune God. For to Him belongs the "glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end, Amen" (Eph. 3:21.)

Ozone church debt-free

On Sept. 17, just 16 months after their new church plant dedication at Ozone, the church was able to hold a "note burning service" in recognition of the entire building debt being paid. Former pastors who were present and spoke

included Floyd Painton and Elmer Linton. A history of the church was provided by Armil Curran, chairman of deacons. Participating in the note burning were John O. Woodard, pastor; Elbert Smith, Armil Curran, and Ernest Sellman.

And some . . . evangelists

(Eph. 4:11)



McGraw

Bob McGraw, a native of Palestine has entered full-time evangelism. He has attended Southern College, Walnut Ridge, and is a graduate of Mid-South Bible College, Memphis, Tenn.

McGraw has served for the past three years as associate pastor of Goodwin Church. His pastor, Johnny Green, declares "It is a delight to recommend Bob McGraw to my fellow pastors. He has conducted several revivals during the time he has served as my associate and has attended many seminars and training clinics on evangelism." McGraw is married to the former Eva Townsley. They have two children, Mandy, 12, and Mike, 10.

Evangelist McGraw may be contacted at Goodwin Church, Goodwin, Ark.

Between parson and pew Launch the good ship

By Velma Merritt



Mrs. Merritt

Do you remember when part of our Baptist life included a lot of fellowship with our Christian friends? After church it was common for one family to invite another home with them for Sunday dinner without any advance preparation.

Once home the children would play, the men would visit, and the women would get a meal on the table. No one seemed to mind that there hadn't been a lot of work put into the meal.

Customs have changed, and it seems a shame that we don't eat together more often. Many families are best of friends but seldom visit in one another's homes. In some cases other things have taken the place of the meal as a means of fellowship. Sporting events, outings, and church recreation have been substituted.

Some churches, realizing the need for fellowship, have once a week an inexpensive meal where families can visit while they eat. Usually this is on Wednesday night prior to the midweek service, but some churches have it Sunday night after church or before their scheduled visitation. The potluck supper is also an attempt to encourage fellowship among church families.

Those who are active in church life seldom have a great deal of leisure time. In these instances it works well to invite a family over after the evening service where light refreshments are served.

The New Testament Christians must have realized the importance of eating

together because there are numerous occasions in the Scriptures where people shared meals with one another. Several instances are recorded of Jesus eating with his followers.

An abundance of friendship, lasting memories, enriched spiritual life, and pure enjoyment can be had when we invite others to our homes to share meals with us. Spiritual insight can be added when we have special church guests, such as an evangelist or missionary, to dine with us.

The ocean of blessing is ready. All you need do is launch the good ship "Fellowship."

Lewis to Life Line



Lewis

Norman L. Lewis recently assumed his duties as associate pastor of Life Line, Little Rock. He will give direction to the education, administration, and kindergarten, and bus ministry of the church. Lewis is ordained, a graduate of College of the

Ozarks, Clarksville, and Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex. He is a native of Arkansas and the son of Lee Lewis who was for several years a pastor in Arkansas. He is married to the former Pauline Grisbam of England. They have four children: Paulette, Larry, Randy, and Bart.

Lewis' previous experience includes serving churches in Arkansas, Oklahoma, and California. Most recently he served First Church, Las Cruces, N. M.

Travis to Cullendale

Don Travis began his duties as minister of music-youth and education at Cullendale First Church, Camden, Oct. 29. Previously he had served First Church, Savannah, Tenn., in a similar position.

He had served as pastor of Lawson Church, Shorewood Hills, near Malvern, and Mt. Ida Church.

He is a graduate of Ouachita University and has attended Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

His wife is the former Johnette Bradford of Camden. They have three children, Donny, 16; Debbie, 14; and DeAnna, 12.



Travis



Whitfield

Whitfield to pastorate

Dana A. Whitfield recently accepted a call to the pastorate of First Church, Heber Springs, assuming his duties Nov. 12. He had been assistant pastor for education at First Church, Fayetteville.

Whitfield is a graduate of Mercer University, Macon, Ga., and studied at Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., for one year.

His pastorates include County Line Church, Bullard, Tex., and Macedonia-Hix Church, Bryan, Tex.

His wife is the former Vashti Duke, who is a native of Macon, Ga. They are the parents of four children, Juliana, 12; Jeffrey, 10; Jason, 9; and Jonathan, 7.

Wiley to Temple, Searcy



Wiley

Jim Wiley recently accepted the pastorate of Temple, Searcy. Previously, he was attending Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., and was pastoring Mayfield Church in Hill County, Tex.

He was ordained by Temple Church

in 1965. He holds a B.S. degree from SCA, Conway. Previous pastorates include Liberty Church and Higginson Church, both of White County.

He and his wife have three daughters, Denise, Kim, and Janet.

Woman's viewpoint What is worship?

By Iris O'Neal Bowen



Mrs. Bowen

Many people never learn how to worship!

I have heard the expression, "I don't go to church because I don't get anything out of it", and the retort from the faithful, "You don't get anything out of it because you don't put any-

thing into it" so often, I believe this problem needs discussion.

If we are going to church to be entertained, then of course we are disappointed. Some time ago I was in a service that was entertaining. The music clipped along at a rollicksome pace, the people sang and kept time with their feet. The preacher brought a roof-raising, oratorical prayer that ended so matter-of-factly with a monotoned "in Jesus' name, amen" that I was startled.

His sermon again lifted the rafters and after a long, emotional invitation,

everyone went down pew by pew, marching rapidly to the music, to shake hands.

Now, I am not the one to say if God is pleased by so much jubilation. Still, we staid old Baptists could stand a good shaking up now and then. It might be beneficial to shed a few penitent tears, too, and a whole bunch of "Amens" from the congregation would please the pastor to no end!

But what is worship? To me it is at-tuning myself to the will and presence of God through prayer, praise, meditation and receiving His message through the words of the speaker.

Prayer and praise are hardly separable, for our conversation with God should be full of joy and praise, as well as asking for His direction in our lives.

Meditation is the work of the mind, and we need to prepare the mind for worship. We need to enter the sanctuary, seek a quiet place and turn our minds toward God.

Then our ears must be tuned to God.

As a radio is not clear, or sometimes brings in more than one station until it is tuned, so must we tune out distractions before we can hear God's message through the speaker.

Then we are prepared to receive the blessing of having truly worshipped.

Tucker directs work in Tri-County Assn.



Tucker

Robert Tucker began his work as superintendent of missions for Tri-County Association, Nov. 1. He holds degrees from Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss., and New Orleans Theological Seminary. He has pastored several churches in Missis-

sippi. His Arkansas pastorates include First, Murfreesboro and Second Church, West Helena, where he served for approximately six years. He is a District Representative and a state approved adult worker for the Church Training Department.

Mrs. Tucker is a state approved worker in the Children's Division as well as a state approved library worker.

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A tribute to Mary Emma



Mrs. Humphrey

Mary Emma Humphrey joined our department March 6, 1961, as Elementary Director. She retires at the end of 1972 under the general job description of Children's Consultant.

When Southern Baptist Sunday School terminology and methods changed in 1970, the most noticeable changes came in her division of work. Mary Emma was out front, leading churches to see and use the advantages of the new approaches.

She leaves a good foundation upon which her successor can build. No greater tribute could, in my opinion, be given her.

In retirement she and Jim, her good husband, hope to have more time to devote to her three sons, Jim, Ray and Charles and their seven grandchildren.

Jim is a druggist in Texarkana; Charles is in insurance in Houston; and Ray is serving as a missionary with his family in Zambia.

The Jim Humphreys plan to visit the mission field a few months after her retirement.

Mary Emma will continue to serve the churches and associations in Arkansas and beyond. She can be reached at her home address 1808 South Pierce, Little Rock, 72204, or through this department.

Thank you Mary Emma, for years of faithful, hard work. — Lawson Hatfield

Your state convention at work

Stewardship

Re-designate church's budget?

The knowledgeable and conscientious church can practice good stewardship by the way it categorizes or classifies various items in its budget.

Some church budgets reveal a large percentage going to missions by including as mission expenditures various educational or benevolent projects. In a sense, everything a church does is either missionary or evangelistic, either directly or indirectly, and a theological case could be made for calling it missions. However, the church that follows this procedure will soon find its members rationalizing every other activity as a missionary activity, with the result that real mission work loses its significance.

The usual result of such a practice is decreased giving to world missions and more emphasis on a few local pet projects of whatever person or group in the church carries the most influence.

Another mistake occurs when the church combines most of the pastor's compensation into salary. Internal Revenue Service regulations state that most fringe benefits such as house allowance, car allowance, retirement provisions, utilities, convention expenses, etc. are not considered as taxable income if they are designated as such in advance. Therefore, it is unfair to the pastor and misleading to the church when the pastor is required to pay for these items out of salary which must

be reported as taxable income.

Even if the church is unable to increase the total compensation being paid its pastor, it can re-designate some of the funds previously paid as salary toward these expense items. The pastor will benefit financially by a decrease in his taxes and the church members can see more clearly how their funds are being used.

Most churches would be totally surprised at how their stewardship could be improved simply by revising their budgets, even when the total remains the same. — Roy F. Lewis, Secretary of Stewardship-Cooperative Program

Brotherhood

Plan associational year at this time

There is still time for Associational Brotherhood Directors to complete their organizations and plan for an active program for the remainder of the year or through September, 1973.

To complete the organization the Association Director should secure a Royal Ambassador Leader and Baptist Men's President. Where possible, a Mission Study Leader and Mission Activities Leader should be added to the Baptist Men's work and a committee for the Royal Ambassador Leader.

Materials to assist the Associational Brotherhood are available from the Brotherhood Department. All that is necessary to receive them is to send the director's name, address and association and the material will be forwarded. If the name of your associational director has not been sent in please send it now!

The church Brotherhood director should complete his organization if it has not already been done. Materials are available to assist him. Baptist Men's officers and Royal Ambassador workers should be mailed to the Brotherhood Department. A postage paid envelope has been mailed to every pastor. The names and address of all Brotherhood workers will assist us in helping keep them supplied with material and current information regarding the total program of missionary education through Baptist Brotherhood.

We are grateful for the continuing interest in the entire Brotherhood program. If we may be of service to you in helping provide missionary information for the men and boys in your church, call on us. —C. H. Seaton, Brotherhood Dept.

Siloam Springs 1973

Making assembly plans for next year?

The suggested attendance by districts for four assembly weeks are listed below.

The suggestions are based on the attendance patterns in recent years. The pattern is for larger attendance, but the proportionate number by districts and associations has remained constant.

The following assignments are based on a balanced distribution of campers in each of the four weeks. Balanced weekly attendance means better accommodations will be available to the greater number of campers.

Individuals or groups may choose to attend during a week other than the dates suggested. However, most campers attend during the assigned weeks.

Week	Date	Preacher	District to Attend
1	June 18 - 23	Keith Wiginton, Pastor Altus, Okla.	1 - 6
2	June 25 - 30	D. L. Lowrie, Pastor Ft. Worth, Tex.	3 - 4 - 7
3	July 2 - 7	Dickson Rial, Pastor Ada, Okla.	2 - 8
4	July 9 - 14	Tom Elliff, Pastor Tulsa, Okla.	5

New improvements now underway include two new dormitories, one 12-unit family building and connecting to city water.

Rates will not be increased for 1973. More information will be mailed to the churches after Jan. 1, 1973. — Lawson Hatfield, assembly director



A joint observance was held at First Church, Camden.

Women observe World Day of Prayer

In an effort to apply the reconciliation of Christ Jesus to daily life, National and Southern Baptist women of Arkansas are observing the Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer through jointly sponsored programs.

Two of these programs were held in Camden and Little Rock, Nov. 6 and 10, respectively. The spirit of these meetings is one of mutual relationship to God in Christ, creative worship that inspires Christian acts of love and service, expectant fellowship in meeting new friends, and commitment to spiritual renewal.

An appeal is made to the Baptist women to unite resources in a World



Mrs. Dale Cowling (right) fellowships with another of the participants at Second Church, Little Rock.

Mission of Reconciliation through Jesus Christ, committing ourselves: (1) to seek spiritual renewal through repentance, prayer, and Bible Study; (2) to express the love of God in positive practical ministries of reconciliation; (3) to proclaim in word and deed through creative, relevant approaches, the gospel of Jesus Christ to all men; (4) to motivate believers to discover, develop, and use their God-entrusted abilities in dynamic witnessing; (5) to lead new believers immediately into warm Christian fellowship and active service for Christ and men; (6) to seek the transforming of society by challenging all people, individually and corporately, to apply Biblical relationships.

2 Cor. 5:18 (TEV) is the theme text, "God through Christ changed us from enemies into his friends, and gave us the task of making others his friends also." Prayers are offered for various needs around the world. This is an avenue of cooperation that all of our churches can use in the work of National and Southern Baptists. —Robert U. Ferguson, Director of Work with National Baptists

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The Ouachita-Southern Advancement Campaign

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

Beginning at home

By Jim Tillman, Director

Southern Baptist College is making preparation for Area Campaigns for 1973. Ouachita University is closing 1972 with an El Dorado Campaign. Two successful campaigns have been conducted this year by Ouachita in Little Rock and Arkadelphia.

Southern will begin the year with two major campaigns. The first will be in Lawrence County, where the school is located and the second in neighboring Randolph County in the Spring of 1973.

The College Community, made up of the Administration, Faculty and Staff, decided to begin this year of emphasis "at home." A campaign for Southern is being conducted within the ranks of her "family." This College Campaign is under the leadership of Frank Shell. This group of dedicated people have set as their goal \$30,000 within the institution.

A "Kick-Off Banquet" for the Campaign was conducted recently. The goal was projected and the group challenged. Shell reported at that time, 14 persons had pledged \$20,000. J. K. Southerland, a long time friend of the college, then announced a "one for three" matching gift. When the College Community pledges \$30,000, he will give another \$10,000.

This is an impressive way for the College to say to the people of Arkansas, "we believe in beginning at home." This accents a word that is being felt more and more in the total Advancement Campaign, "sacrifice." A deep conviction in the direction of Christian Higher Education is calling for personal sacrifice on the part of individuals as well as the many struggling churches.

Let's grow in our thankfulness for the opportunity this Campaign is affording us at this particular time.

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Former Space Center pastor to be speaker



Rogers

Adrian Rogers, a native of West Palm Beach, Fla., and now pastor of Bellevue Church, Memphis, Tenn., will be one of the main speakers for the Statewide Evangelism Conference, First Church, Ft. Smith, Jan. 22-23, 1973.

While a student in Palm Beach High School Rogers was president of his Senior Class and captain of a championship football team. He was voted by his classmates as the "Most Likely to Succeed." He is a graduate of Stetson University in Florida. He received the B. D. degree at New Orleans Seminary. He was honored by the seminary by being invited back to bring the Baccalaureate Address.

Before he came to Bellevue he was pastor of the First Church, Merritt Island, Fla. Included in the 3,500 mem-

bership are many of the men who helped put the first man on the moon. Christian Astronauts attend the services from time to time.

The church has recently completed a one and one half million dollar expansion program under the leadership of pastor Rogers. The buildings include a modern Family Activities Center and have ample room to minister to the huge Sunday School enrollment that is now approaching 4,000.

The church has been a leader in evangelism for many years. Over 350 people per year have been baptized into the church for the past several years. One year the church led the entire Southern Baptist Convention in baptisms.

Rogers is widely used as a speaker in many meetings over the Southern Baptist Convention. He will warm your heart. September, 1972, he moved to Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.

The meeting begins Monday afternoon Jan. 22 and will close Tuesday night, Jan. 23. The public is invited. — Jesse S. Reed, Director

Church Training A year's course of study



Davis

The adult training group of which I am a member has made a selection of our course of study for the next year. At the present time we are using Skill and have just finished the unit on the Ecology of the Church.

During the January-March, 1973, quarter we plan to use the October-December, 1972, "Baptist Adults" which contains a five-session unit on the person of Jesus Christ; a four-session unit on "Growing in Church Loyalty"; and a five-session unit on "Truths About the Bible."

During the April-June, 1973, quarter we plan to use Source which contains a seven-session unit on "My Witness"; and a six-session unit on the Bible, its origin, history, principles, message, interpretation, and authority. The group will use sometime during the year the undated unit on the millennial question which explains the difference between pre-, post-, and amillennialism.

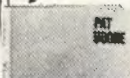
During the July-September, 1973, quarter we will plan to return to "Baptist Adults" with a four-session unit on beliefs about God; a four-session unit on seeking the lost; and a two-session unit on true church fellowship.

Thus our year's study includes studies on the ecology of a church, the person of Christ, church loyalty, truths about the Bible, witnessing, beliefs about God, Christian morality, and church fellowship.

I gave to the members of our training group copies of "Introducing Adult Church Training Curriculum" which gives the units of study and in most cases the different sessions for Baptist Adults, Source, Skill, and Now from October, 1972, to October, 1973. This folder may be secured from our department free of charge.

Why not plan a well-balanced program of study for a year in advance? You can then know each quarter which periodical to order. Try it — you'll like it! — Ralph W. Davis.

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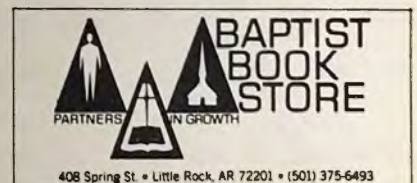


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OOPS!

The place was omitted

Camp Paron is the place at which the General Officers' Retreat will be held on Dec. 1 and 2. This information was inadvertently omitted in an earlier article.

Camp Paron is 40 miles west of Little Rock on Highway 9.

The retreat will open with supper on Friday and will close with the noon meal on Saturday. Cost for bed and three meals is \$5.25.

Ken Dean, of the general officers' section of the Sunday School department, Baptist Sunday School Board, will serve on the retreat program.

People-to-people will be studied in depth. A major feature on Friday night will be a demonstration of the Adult Quarterly Rally.

Pastors, directors, staff members, and other general officers of the Sunday School will gather to review plans and projects.

Reservations should be made by Nov. 27. Retreat fee should be paid upon arrival at Camp Paron.

For reservations, write to Lawson Hatfield, P. O. Box 550, Little Rock, Ark. 72201. —Pat Ratton, Sunday School Department

Coop to Stuttgart

Dennis H. Coop began service as minister of education and music in First Church, Stuttgart, Nov. 12. He has served in a similar position for two and one half years with First Church of Walnut Ridge.

Coop, 28, is a native of Batesville. He received the bachelor of music education degree from Arkansas State University in 1965 and the master of religious education degree from Midwestern Seminary, Kansas City, in 1970.

Following graduation from college, he was music teacher for two years in the public schools at Weiner. He has done music, education, and youth work in Walnut Street Church, Jonesboro, and the Gashland and Claycomo Churches in Kansas City, Mo.

Active in Baptist Student Union work and summer missions as a student, Coop has served on the State Advisory Committee for student work. He is currently second vice-president of the Arkansas Baptist Religious Education Association.

Mrs. Coop, the former Martha Wright of Smackover, is a graduate of Arkansas State University and has taught four years in elementary schools in Weiner and Kansas City. She is also former Baptist Student Union summer missionary.

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Iron curtain Christians to be aided at Christmas

WINONA LAKE, Ind. (EP) — Some 1,200 Free Methodist churches across the continent will participate in the Jesus Birthday Celebration in December. The focus of their celebration will be the Iron Curtain Christians and how the "Light and Life Hour," international broadcast of the denomination, helps them. The annual Jesus Birthday offering will be taken for the broadcast during the celebration.

A recent report indicates that many Cubans listen to Trans World Radio, a

Christian station which carries the Spanish "Light and Life Hour." The station has received more than one hundred letters from Cuba in a single day.

From Europe a Ukrainian living in Poland expresses his appreciation for the Russian "Light and Life Hour."

"... We thank you very much for your radio program to which we are regularly listening. Our hearts are rejoicing for the blessed Word of God.

"In our family we are ten people. In our place, only our family are Christians. To attend an evangelical church service, we must walk 35 kilometers (28 miles)."

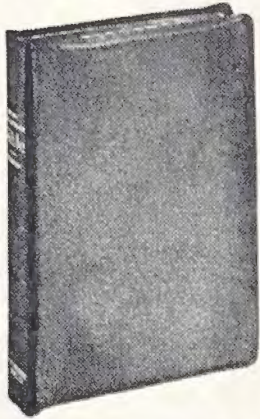
National PTA opposes tax credits system

CHICAGO (EP) — The National PTA this week reaffirmed its strong opposition to public money being distributed to any institution other than public, tax supported schools.

The cause for concern by the multi-million-member organization was the recent hearings in the House Ways and Means Committee in Washington, D. C., on H. R. 16141, The Public and Private Education Assistance Act of 1972. If enacted, the bill would provide parents of students in non-public, non-profit elementary and secondary schools a credit of up to \$200 against their income taxes for tuition paid to those schools.

"This new legislation would amount to a loss in revenue to the government of \$790 million per year at a time when funds are not being increased, and in many cases, are being cut for needed programs in the public schools," said Mrs. Walter G. Kimmel, National PTA Coordinator of Legislative Activity. She referred specifically to the veto of the recent Congressional appropriation for the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

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Clergy tax guide

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (EP) — A "Clergy's Federal Income Tax Guide" will be published late this year by Abingdon Press, book publishing department of the United Methodist Publishing House.

The 64-page, 1973 Edition is being prepared by the tax staff of Ernst and Ernst for 1972 income tax returns. The paper-back book will sell for \$2.95.

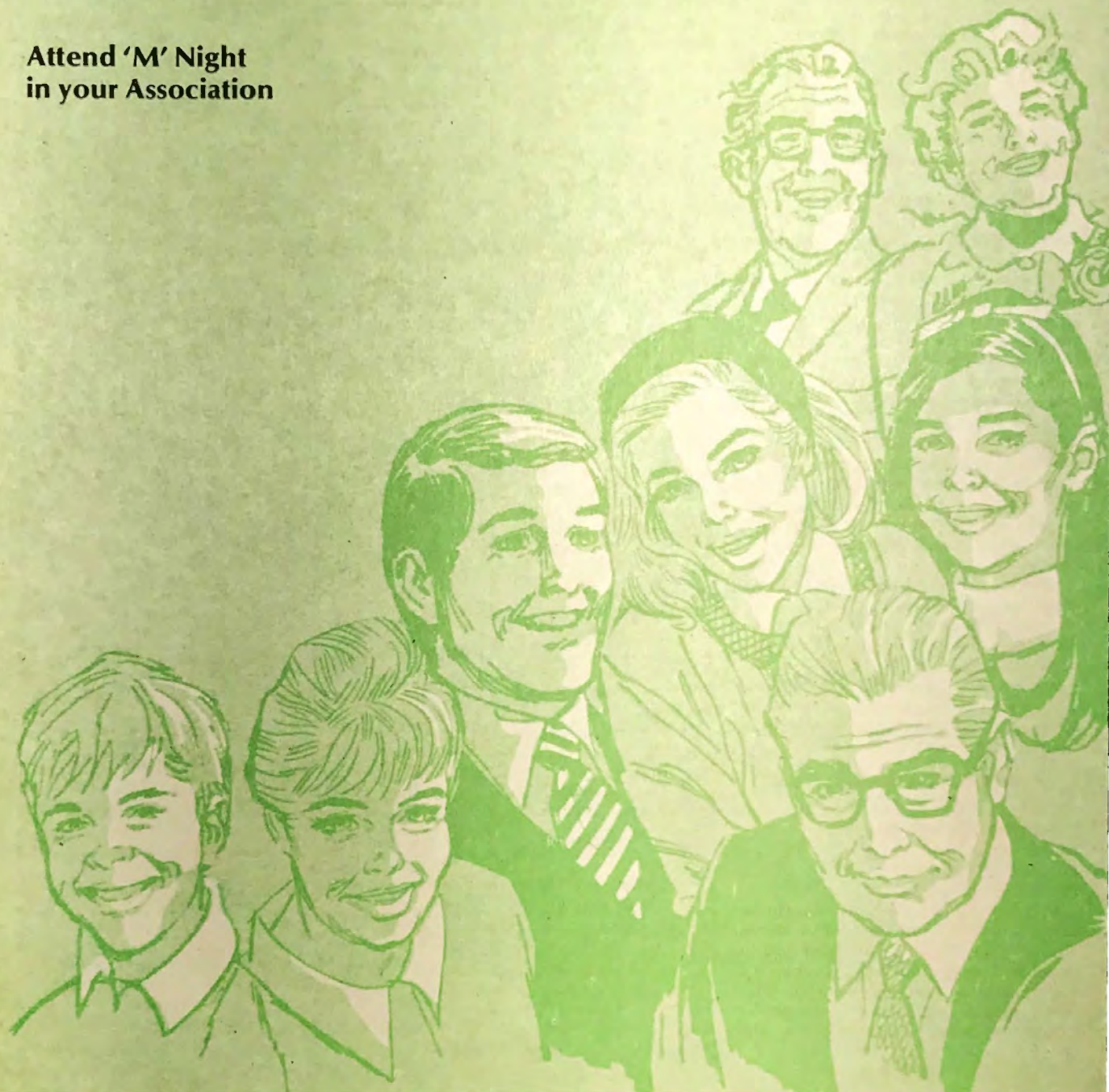
The tax guide and the pamphlet, which the Internal Revenue Service sends annually with the new tax forms, will give the minister, priest or rabbi the complete tax information necessary for filing his return. The guide will include a detailed analysis on such topics as parsonage exclusions, self-employment tax, and withholding requirements on compensation. There will also be an appendix with sections on IRS regulations, Social Security for clergy and religious workers, and self-employment tax.

The various tax forms will be illustrated and instructions will be given on their preparation. References to major court decisions will be included although the full texts of those decisions will not be printed in the book.

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Book reviews

By E. A. Pipkins

Meet the Prophets

Author: Skelton, Eugene
Publisher: Broadman, 1972
Price: \$4.95 (160 pages)

Short, first person accounts of various experiences of the prophets, seen through the eyes of the author. Woven into the monologues is enough background material to make the accounts respectable and enough scripture quotations to remind the reader of the basis of the work.

The prophets are made to be human. Their predicaments are believable. It becomes a very readable book that will add no less than pleasure to one's effort.

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Satan, Satanism and Witchcraft

Author: DeHaan, Richard W.
Publisher: Zondervan, 1972
Price: \$3.50 (125 pages)

When a book uses half a page to teach you how to tell a demon possessed person from one that is just insane, and then proceeds with a word on commanding evil spirits, you know it must aspire to great things. These, actually, are only minor points in this co-authored volume that bears only the name of one — that of the son who received the mantle of the Radio Bible Class.

In a predictable theological statement of who he is and what he does, Richard DeHaan writes the first three chapters on the origin and activities of Satan, and the remainder of the book is occupied with his colleague updating what the Devil has been up to all this time.

Biblical materials are used without historical concern and one wonders whether notations could have been cited to reduce the cost of printing entire passages.

A very weak conclusion is combined with a suggested reading list for those who are not "inclined to suffer from mental or spiritual depression."

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Life on the Edge of Time

Author: Wilkerson, David
Publisher: Revell, 1972
Price \$2.95 (127 pages)

In a kind of free-style blank verse he gives it to 'um. And sometimes 'um is we. A street preacher speaks of and to street people in street language. Easy for him. Hard for you. Interspersed with viable quotes that show you he reads. Could be labeled, "safe for kids-at any speed."

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Turning To God

Author: Barclay, William
Publisher: Baker, 1972
Price: \$1.50 (103 pages) paper

The A. S. Peake lecture to the University of Glasgow is a study of conversion both in the book of Acts and today. The study is on the former and its applications to the latter.

A conversion is a turning of a man's mind and heart and life in the direction of God. There is today a need for educational evangelism such as has never before existed. This cannot be carried out by the mass meeting. Modern evangelism has failed to produce permanent and lasting effects due to its suspicion of anything like an intellectual approach to faith and its dependance upon emotionalism.

The strongest condemnation of so many alleged Christians lies in the fact that there is no discernible difference between them and the man who makes no claim at all to being a Christian. The Christian is under obligation to be different and to express this difference in a deeper and deeper involvement in the human situation in which he finds himself.

The church should rediscover that conversion is its business, and should not be content to leave conversion to the special mission (revival meeting) and the special evangelist, and the church should rediscover that her finest instrument towards conversion is teaching. Teaching with such honesty, with such cogency, with such relevance and with such evangelical devotion that the hearer is first interested, then convinced and finally moved to decision.

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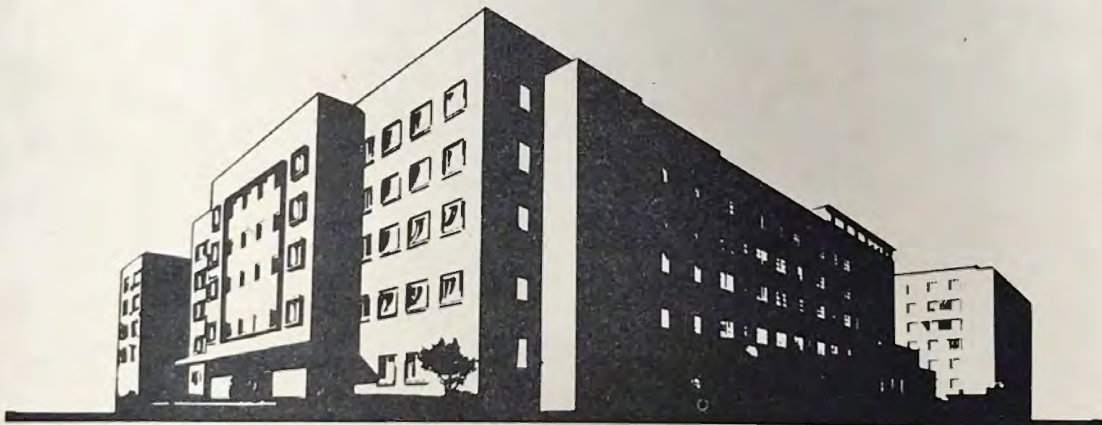
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The road to peace

By Lawson Hatfield

Director, Sunday School Department



Hatfield

Peace is an illusive goal.

It has been observed that except for one short period, war has continuously raged somewhere on earth throughout the recorded history of man, that one lapse favoring peace was in the fullness

of times when Jesus, the prince of peace was born.

Is peace possible? Micah 4:1-4

The old testament prophet, a contemporary with Isaiah, saw and proclaimed the fall of Jerusalem. But he saw more, in a view of the coming Messiah he saw restoration and peace.

Is peace possible?

Yes.

The Lord himself has promised this.

The promise is yet to be fulfilled.

Peace is not only possible and probable, it is inevitable.

Why?

The Lord himself has promised this.

Peace will come because Jesus came and because he will come again.

This passage teaches that the ruler of the world will be the Lord. The house of the Lord will be preeminently established on the most renowned mountain in the world.

The people of many nations will be drawn to it.

Religious education will be a joyful function of God's people. They will love to learn God's truths. The Lord himself will be the teacher. His followers will learn more perfectly of his will and ways.

Knowledge of the truth of God will produce outstanding results, the greatest of which will be peace.

To know God's word is good. To be inspired by its truth is better. To obey his word is best.

What will happen when men obey the Lord?

Implements of war shall be recycled into tools of agriculture. War tanks and automatic weapons will become tractors and instruments of food production.

Every family will have a home and productive work. Domestic and personal tranquility will prevail.

The screen doors will not even have a latch, for there will be nothing to fear.

No swords, bayonets, guns, tanks, bullets, or bombs will be needed.

Military academies will become seminaries.

Pubs and stein songs will give way to choir lofts and anthems of praise.

The knowledge of the Lord will cover the earth, as waters that cover the sea.

Fantastic.

This is the kind of peace the Lord alone can give. It is based on personal peace between a man, and God. Christ will bring this kind of peace with him.

Peace, when? Matthew 24:6-8

Micah saw the Messianic age of peace. Matthew saw it too.

When will peace come?

When Christ returns.

When will Christ return?

Obviously, no one knows.

God alone knows and he has elected to keep that knowledge to himself. Don't let anyone fix a date for you. Jesus himself said it was a divine secret.

In this passage Jesus says we cannot identify the end of time, or the second coming, with a specific war, famine, pestilence or earthquake.

These things must come to pass, but the time is not yet.

These tragic events have happened, and are still happening. They will continue to happen until Jesus comes.

According to this passage, then, He could come now, today. He could come later. He will return at the exact and secret time known to God alone.

An important concept about the coming of Christ could be summarized as follows: Jesus is coming; We do not know when; We can and should help men prepare.

Should a Christian resign himself to the fact that there will always be war? Should we give over to a war-time life style?

No.

We should work for peace in the world.

Peacemaking is a Christian way of life.

In personal experience, one can have peace, even while dressed in battle gear.

The way of peace James 4:1-3

Of first importance in seeking peace is the place of prayer.

Passion and selfishness are the foundation blocks upon which personal quarrels and global conflict rage.

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Micah 4:1-4

Matthew 24:3-14

James 4:1-10

And, it is easy to miss the mark in prayer. Asking amiss will not produce peace.

Only prayer that sincerely seeks the welfare of others and produces action of the same quality can produce peace.

In the course of Christian history, some interpreters of the Bible have done a disservice to James, discounting him as a weak teacher.

Contrary to this position this brother of our Lord (humbly claiming to be a slave, rather than a brother of Christ) deals strongly with a most basic doctrine in the Bible, the doctrine of repentance.

How to avoid fighting and attain peace is his subject.

Without expository comment read James 4:4-10 in the *Living Bible*.

"You are like an unfaithful wife who loves her husband's enemies. Don't you realize that making friends with God's enemies — the evil pleasures of this world — makes you an enemy of God? I say it again, that if your aim is to enjoy the evil pleasure of the unsaved world, you cannot also be a friend of God. Or what do you think the Scripture means when it says that the Holy Spirit, whom God has placed within us, watches over us with tender jealousy? But he gives us more and more strength to stand against all such evil longings. As the Scripture says, God gives strength to the humble, but sets himself against the proud and haughty.

"So give yourselves humbly to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. And when you draw close to God, God will draw close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and let your hearts be filled with God alone to make them pure and true to him. Let there be tears for the wrong things you have done. Let there be sorrow and sincere grief. Let there be sadness instead of laughter, and gloom instead of joy. Then when you realize your worthlessness before the Lord, he will lift you up, encourage and help you."

The road to peace is by the way of repentance. Strong doctrine indeed.

Next week we will start a unit of six lessons on Prophets of Judgment and Hope. Prepare by reading Jeremiah, chapters 1 and 26.

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Sunday School lesson

When life falls in

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Life and Work
Nov. 26, 1972
Gen. 37



Cooper

"The sky is falling, the sky is falling." These were the frightened words of one Chicken Little. You remember the story. A storm is raging and the sky is black. Dark clouds are close to the ground. Chicken Little is running to tell Farmer Brown

that "the sky is falling."

Chicken Little was giving a report based on visible signs at the moment. Chicken Little was drawing some conclusions before all the facts were in.

We are often just like Chicken Little. From all visible signs around us it looks like our sky is falling. It looks like life has tumbled in on top of us. We are too quick to draw hopeless conclusions before all the facts are in.

In our study this week Joseph must have felt that his sky was falling. Joseph illustrates for us the eternal fact that trouble comes to all men. God has never promised, even to his choice servants, that life would be easy.

We are beginning a new unit of study this week. The unit title is "Joseph-Persevering Faith." Our theme for this entire quarter has been "Faith of Our Fathers." These studies have given us a close look at the faith of Abraham and Jacob. Joseph will be the central personality of the studies of this unit.

The lessons in this unit are: "When Life Falls In"; "When Temptation Strikes"; "When Life Passes You By"; and "When You've Got It Made." As we see Joseph in these various circumstances of life we will be able to see ourselves. The important thing to look for is how should we react to these circumstances. Joseph reacted in faith. As Christians we should be capable of similar reaction.

Joseph was the eleventh son of Jacob. He was the first son born to Jacob and Rachel. Keep in mind that Jacob is the son of Isaac and the grandson of Abraham. God had a covenant relationship with the family. Joseph will be the one to continue this special relationship with God.

As you study the life of Joseph look for things in his life which can also be found in the life of Christ. You might want to keep a list of these things throughout this four lesson study. I think you will find it interesting and revealing.

Gen. 37:1-4 Life with Father

Life for Joseph was good with his father, Jacob. In verse 3 we learn of Jacob's mistake, "Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children." Jacob should have known better. His own life had known grave problems because his mother favored him over his brother Esau.

Many parents are guilty of Jacob's mistake. It was pure selfishness on the part of Jacob. Joseph was a constant reminder of the happiest years of his life. These were the years with the wife he loved, Rachel. He failed to see that his other eleven sons also needed the love of their father. Somehow God made it so that the off-spring must have the love of the parent.

The "coat of many colors" was the "straw that broke the camel's back." The brothers recognized the coat as one worn by one exempt from hard labor. It was the kind of coat worn by persons of wealth. The coat also indicated the wearer was of higher rank than common sheep herders.

Life with father was good for Joseph, but it was headed for trouble.

Gen. 37:5-11 Faith in dreams

The dreams of Joseph were an added source of invitation to his brothers. Joseph appears to have a good attitude toward his dreams. We cannot be absolutely sure about his motives for telling his dreams, but on the surface they seem pure enough.

The conclusion of the dreams was expressed by Jacob in verse 10, "Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth?"

Joseph does not attempt to say why it shall be so. There does seem to be a simple expression of confident faith.

Gen. 37:12-24 Brothers act like humans

The brothers had had about all they could stand. It was now their time to make a move. Given the opportunity they sought to do away with Joseph. They hated him because he informed his father of their wickedness; Jacob loved Joseph more than the others; and Joseph dreamed of his dominion over them.

There is always trouble ahead when anyone is jealous of another person. The problem is multiplied if it is in the family.

Some people delight in nursing their grievances. It is easier when you can have others to agree with you. The brothers plotted more together than any one of them would have alone.

Gen. 37:25-36 Slavery and mourning

Life really did fall in for Joseph. As a result of Jacob's favoritism and the brother's jealousy, Joseph is sold into slavery. In the providence of God his life was spared. Joseph was perhaps saying, "What did I do wrong?" Or he might have been asking, "Why me?" The entire chapter gives us little insight into any reaction from Joseph.

Jacob is mourning. He fears the worst has happened. He thinks surely his favorite son is dead. Jacob rejects the comfort of his sons and daughters. (v. 35)

Identification

Does your faith enable you to endure adversity?

Although Jacob made many mistakes, he had taught Joseph to trust God. Responsible Christian parents will teach their children to trust God even when life falls in.

We can learn from the experience of Joseph that hard times and troubles come to all of us.

We can also learn that God will give us strength to endure.

Next week we study "When Temptation Strikes."

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A smile or two

The man who lives by himself and for himself is liable to be corrupted by the company he keeps.

* * *

The young first grader had never had a physical examination before entering school. The doctor asked him, "Have you ever had any trouble with your ears and nose?" "Sure," answered the boy, "they always get in my way when I take off my T-shirt."

* * *

An angler, lugging a huge fish, met another fisherman whose catch consisted of 12 small ones. "Howdy," said the first man as he gingerly laid down his big fish and waited for a comment.

The other fisherman stared at it for a few moments, then calmly remarked, "Just caught the one, eh?"

* * *

About 200 doctors were attending a medical convention in one of the city's oldest hotels. After finishing his speech, one of the physicians sat down — and crashed to the floor as his chair collapsed.

As he lay amid the wreckage, a voice called out from the rear of the room, "Is there a carpenter in the house?"

Attendance report

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Booneville			
First	223	186	
Glendale	88	26	
Cabot, Mt. Carmel	193	87	
Camden, Hillside	103	51	1
Cherokee Village Mission	132	45	
Crossett			
First	548	153	1
Magnolia	181	120	2
Mt. Olive	298	152	2
Des Arc, First	200	58	
El Dorado, Caledonia	37	26	
Farmington, First	100	45	1
Forrest City, First	804	153	4
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First	1091	291	11
Oak Cliff	190	96	4
Trinity	190	65	4
Gentry, First	80	53	3
Grandview	75	57	
Greenwood, First	279	64	2
Hampton, First	124	30	
Harrison, Woodland Heights	92	46	
Helena, First	300	124	1
Hope			
Calvary	211	119	2
First	477	134	
Hot Springs			
Lakeside	190		1
Park Place	401	130	
Hughes, First	227	48	
Jacksonville			
First	410	81	3
Marshall Road	300	114	
Jonesboro			
Central	512	154	5
Nettleton	295	132	
Lavaca, First	298	120	
Lake City, Bethabara	151	115	1
Lake Village, Parkway	58	38	
Little Rock			
Crystal Hill	158	65	
Geyer Springs	674	232	3
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Magnolia, Central	605	226	1
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Brotherhood and Home Board unite for lay evangelism

MEMPHIS (BP) — Two Southern Baptist Convention agencies have joined forces to offer churches opportunities for spiritual experiences in lay renewal.

Terms of the arrangement call for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta to emphasize renewal evangelism, including a renewal evangelism weekend, and a continuing spiritual growth process.

Under the plan, the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission based here will specialize in lay witness missions as an initial renewal experience. Mission action projects will serve as the main avenue of response for persons who have been spiritually motivated.

The cooperative arrangement in lay renewal was announced jointly by Arthur Rutledge, executive secretary of the mission board in Atlanta, and Glendon McCullough, executive director of the commission in Memphis.

Details of the cooperative effort were worked out by Reid Hardin, director of renewal evangelism for the Home Mission Board, and James Johnson, director of the lay ministries department of the commission.

The two agencies plan to work together to provide churches with coordinators for lay renewal and in the training of these specialists.

Under the plan, the commission will produce and distribute guidance materials on lay renewal experiences and opportunities to the churches on a regular basis.

In a memorandum on the cooperative effort, the agency leaders defined lay witness mission as a weekend renewal experience where a group of lay persons visit a church to share their faith in small and large group experiences.

Renewal evangelism was described as the process of intensive care given to a church which has had an initial renewal event. Through renewal evangelism, a church participates in an itinerary of activity designed to develop a life-style of evangelism. These activities run at least one year.

The agency leaders said their organizations will both respond to church and individuals who inquire about renewal and will recommend an approach based upon the needs of the inquirer.

Milton Ferguson elected new Midwestern Seminary President



Ferguson

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP) — Milton Ferguson, professor at Southwestern Seminary in Ft. Worth, has been elected the second president of Midwestern Seminary here.

Ferguson, 44, was named to the position by unanimous vote of the board of trustees, meeting in a called session here Nov. 3, according to Carlos Bradley, chairman of the board of trustees and head of the Kansas City Terminal Elevator Co. here.

He will succeed Millard J. Berquist, who has served as president of the seminary since it opened in 1958. Berquist had planned to retire July 31, 1972, but agreed to remain as president until his successor could take office.

Ferguson will assume the position "as soon as possible, or not later than Feb. 1, 1973," said Bradley. The trustees chairman said there was a tremendous

spirit of support among the trustees in the selection of Ferguson as president.

In accepting the position, Ferguson told the trustees: "I am excited about the future of Midwestern Seminary and its ministry in providing leadership for Southern Baptist churches."

Ferguson has been professor of Christian philosophy at Southwestern Seminary since 1965, and a member of the faculty at Southwestern since 1956 when he became instructor in theology. In 1959 he was promoted to associate professor, and in 1965 to full professor.

Previously, he was pastor of Hebron Church, Hebron, Tex., and associate pastor of Crown Heights Baptist Church, Oklahoma City.

A native of Oklahoma, he is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, and Southwestern Seminary, where he earned the doctor of theology degree in 1959. He has done additional graduate study and post doctoral research at Texas Christian University, Ft. Worth, and Yale University, New Haven, Conn.



• TENSION TERMED A MAJOR CAUSE OF EARLY DEATHS

The Virginia Congress of Parents and Teachers heard a plan from an anthropologist to let boys cry so they won't die so young. Dr. Ethel J. Alpenfels, professor of educational anthropology at New York University said that American culture is full of conflicts and . . . it is up to the home and family to develop proper attitudes in children because the schools have them for only a total of 11 months during a child's first 11 years. American men die at an earlier age than women and, Dr. Alpenfels said, current studies seem to show that repressed emotions are the killers. In the American society, crying is regarded as a feminine emotion and is unacceptable behavior for men, she observed. She cited the occasion of a mother's reply to her crying son who had just skinned his knee: "Now don't cry or mommy won't love you anymore." Until now, she said, a man's masculinity has been measured by his job title. He is more of a man if he is head of a department, she said.

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