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One layman's opinion

Problem of saying "thank you"



Dr. Grant

One of the most difficult questions of today in affluent America, and even in an affluent world, is how to say "thank you." The old jokes about unusual gifts for "the person who has everything" have real meaning in our land of abundance. Someone recently shared with me his frustration in trying to think of some way to send to a Japanese friend a thank-you gift that would be something uniquely

American that the Japanese themselves do not already manufacture.

It is still important to have a thankful heart and to know how to express it. The students and faculty of Ouachita University recently came face to face with this problem as they dedicated the million-dollar Evans Student Center on Nov. 17. This beautiful and useful building which anchors the proposed new five-building megastructure on the banks of the Ouachita River dramatizes the need to say thank you to so many generous and dedicated people: to Charles Ashcraft, W. O. Vaught and Rheubin South, for leading the Arkansas Baptist State Convention in adopting and promoting the historic Ouachita-Southern Advancement Campaign; to Alvin (Bo) Huffman, Jim (Phase 2) Tillman, H. E. Williams, and Jack Nicholas for their tireless effort in planning and executing the campaign; to Mrs. L. V. (Scottie) Evans for making the largest single gift of \$250,000 for the building; and to Ben Elrod for his total commitment to the success of separate area campaigns on the Ouachita campus and in the Arkadelphia, Little Rock and El Dorado areas. Just how is it possible to say thank you to these people and the hundreds of others who should be mentioned in any honor list of people who made the student center a reality?

One part of the answer, at least, is found in the message sent to the students in announcing the opening of the Evans Student Center. It said that the best way to say thank you to all of these friends of Ouachita who have made this tremendous facility possible is through tender love and care for the building, its furnishings and equipment, so that others may also enjoy and benefit from the center — today, tomorrow, and for generations to come. In short, we can say thank you by helping to "pass it on" to others.

There are so many parallels to this one example. God's blessings in giving us the natural resources of the earth, its beauty and grandeur, need our appreciation in the form of preserving and caring for the good earth and passing it on to future generations. God's greatest blessing is in the gift of His Son, and we say thank you best by sharing and showing the Good News to others.

So Thanksgiving Day is a good time to check up on whether we are caring for, and sharing, our blessings. — Daniel R. Grant, President, Ouachita Baptist University

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Thanksgiving — a time to rejoice



Editor Sneed

On occasion most of us will think of the idea that "It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts 20:35.) It should be remembered that in order for the process to take place there must be both the donor and the recipient.

There is a great art to being a gracious recipient of a gift. We, in America, have received much. It is important for our own well-being and future for us to remember "the

rock from whence ye are hewn. . ." (Isa. 51:1.)

For the American Pilgrims the winter had been long and hard. Many of their number had died. They had been tormented by the savage land, the cold winter, the wild beasts, and sometimes by the natives. But the summer had finally arrived. The earth had brought forth its bounty. The crops were harvested. So our forefathers had taken time to give thanks.

These people had discovered the art of gratitude. They were happy for the food, for they had been hungry. They were thankful for the shelter, for they

had been cold. They were pleased to have friends, for they had been lonely. Their hearts leaped with joy for their freedom, for they had been oppressed.

Today, our society seems to be permeated with criticism of our government. It seems that leadership on almost every level is being questioned and often openly attacked. We admit that much of this may be justified. However, we may be in danger of forgetting how to be thankful.

We should remember that much of what we are and of what we have is a matter of our heritage. It is a gift from others.

It is not difficult to enumerate the blessings that are ours. Freedom of worship, speech, education, opportunity to make a living, etc.

Perhaps it would be well for each family to take time to do the following things:

- Remember the blessings which we have received as individuals and as a nation.
- Recommit ourselves to follow God's purpose for our lives.

As we pause to thank God for our blessings we will begin to form a foundation for a sound future.

A God-called ministry

"You have an excellent voice. You are a nice looking young man and you seem to like the work of the church, so why don't you consider being a preacher?" counselled a well-meaning friend.

Such thinking is quite prevalent today. In fact, some religious groups teach that one should enter the ministry simply on the basis of natural attributes. If, after careful examination of one's abilities, likes and dislikes, it appears that one would fulfill the popular image of a preacher, then they would advise him to enter religious work.

Baptists have long believed in a God-called ministry. But today some consider the office something less than a definite, personal, divine appointment.

Some maintain that every Christian is called to minister. While it is true that Christians are called to be witnesses (Acts 1:8), not all are set aside for the office of "bishop" or "elder."

Paul makes it clear that there are to be a "variety of ministries," within the church. (I Cor. 12:5.) But certain people are called, appointed, or set aside, to equip the saints in particular ways. In Ephesians 4:12 we have, at least a partial listing, of special callings. Some are to be apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors or teachers. All specific, God-appointed facets of a vocational ministry are intended to aid in the total purpose of the church and Kingdom work.

A specific call to the ministry is illustrated in the lives of many in the Scriptures. Amos declares ". . . I was no prophet, neither was I a prophet's son; but I was an herdman, and a gatherer of sycamore fruit:

And the Lord took me . . . and the Lord said unto me, Go, prophesy unto my people Israel." (Amos 7:14-15.)

In the New Testament Christ called his disciples. (Matt. 4:19.) The definiteness of a personal call is implicitly clear for Paul in Gal. 1:1. He begins his letter with the following salutation: "Paul, an apostle, (not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father, . . ."

There are many reasons why a God-called ministry is important:

- First and foremost, the Scripture indicates that God will empower to carry out the work of equipping the saints. A definite call is necessary because it is God's method.

- When difficulties come, as inevitably they will, a man will be strengthened by God having set him apart for his work. Apart from a deep inner-knowledge that God has set a man aside for this task, it is likely that he may not persevere.

- Without a definite appointment, a man preaching may lack a note of authority. In many groups where a God-called ministry has been set aside, the proclamation has deteriorated to mere polished platitudes.

- Finally, it is important for a church to have a God-called preacher so that it may prosper. A church is a spiritual organism, thus she requires a spiritual leader, one set aside by God, to nourish and care for her.

We thank God for all of our divinely appointed pastors, teachers, evangelists and workers!

I must say it!

The Great Commission — an instrument of unity

(Third in a series)



Dr. Ashcraft

Few people have taken as seriously the Great Commission (Matt. 28:18-20, Acts 1:8) as have Baptists. To them it is the marching orders for the church. It embraces all God wishes his church to do. It is not difficult to understand. It is comprehensive and self explanatory.

So long as Baptists are true to the Great Commission there is a real hope for unity in the body of Christ. One set of orders for all armies will bring all armies into the same camp

ultimately because they will all be engaged in the same conquest.

The mastery of the meaning, intent and extent of the Great Commission has led Baptists to walk outside the doors and walls of their stately churches to the market places, factories, prisons, high seas, parliaments, conference tables, halls of justice and every facet of life in which human beings are engaged.

We have found great solace in the fact as long as any church or denomination does what the Great Commission directs they will never be alone. We have also found that any group doing all the Great Commission implies will be strengthened by more and

more who will come alongside to help.

Even those who become dissident and divisive are brought back to the main task by the overwhelming conviction that Great Commission enterprises are the only things really that count for God in our advanced civilization.

One set of orders for all the families of God should help us ultimately in the matter of methods and procedures. It is tragic that great bodies of Baptist people are separated primarily over methods and procedures. This should not be, but until it is corrected, faithfulness to the Great Commission offers the best hope for unity.

It is hard to believe that people dedicated and committed to the same marching orders could ever drift permanently apart. Those who have made the Great Commission the great obsession of their lives have God's promise, "Lo, I am with you always even to the end of the ages." (Matt. 28:20b)

Any union of the great fellowships of the Body of Christ must surely meet at a point which defines the Great Commission and gives identity to evangelical Christian ministry.

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

Making lay evangelism a lifestyle

By Kim Watson

ATLANTA — It is a natural way of life, a lifestyle. A lifestyle that is being lived by a national team of renewal evangelism associates.

And it is the goal of lay renewal weekends, lay witness missions and such lay related events in Reid Hardin's "lifestyle evangelism."

Hardin, associate director of the division of evangelism of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, first introduced his ministry for renewal evangelism associates just over a year ago.

In the year since its inception the ministry has grown from 13 members who attended the 1972 Vineyard Conference in Louisville to about 60 associates.

Hardin hopes to build that number to 100 people who are committed to being equipped as associates for two year terms. These associates will then be the nucleus for the training of 50,000 others.

Fred Roach, executive vice president of the Babcock Co., a building and development firm in Miami, Fla., has been a renewal evangelism associate since the ministry first began.

"It has changed my life," Roach said; "by seeing the potential of opening up individuals to a point of commitment

of their lives.

"In other words, seeing people commit themselves to the Lord. It has changed my life just by seeing the potential it raises in the church."

The equipping of the 100 associates is handled through annual conferences like the one that met in Toccoa, Ga. in October and through materials sent them from the HMB office.

Since this ministry was begun, Hardin said, the tie with the Brotherhood Commission in Memphis has been strengthened. The commission is responsible for recruiting and training coordinators in lay-team members for the lay renewal weekends in churches.

Associates commit themselves to equip 10 others in renewal evangelism, and these in turn will consult with local churches in experiencing renewal initially through lay renewal weekends, lay-led revivals and church renewal conferences.

They encourage continuing events with churches for a 12-to-24 month period.

Hardin said the associates are a "hard core" group who work with interested laymen and pastors. Working with the core of associates are 15 catalysts, who attend a yearly training session at the

Vineyard and are "on call" to serve as leaders in renewal events.

A projected goal for the ministry is that the 10 people equipped by each of the associates will form a team of regional resource persons who then will train and recommend to the churches 50,000 local resource people.

Renewal evangelism, ranging in size from five to 40 according to the church, usually arrive on Friday and leave on Monday.

The weekends include fellowship meals, experience sharing, small group work, coffee sharing groups in homes, luncheons, dinner dialogue in homes and participation in Sunday School and worship services.

"This is a weekend of real fellowship and sharing on a voluntary and comfortable level," Hardin said.

Hardin defines the renewal evangelism associate as "men and women who are being enlisted and equipped to view the whole renewal scene of spirit-filled lives as a lifestyle."

"What if the laity in a particular church got turned on to doing the job they were called out to do? So I just take up the challenge of trying to turn lay people on to their responsibilities.

"I see myself as a lay minister or a layman that feels a real responsibility to share his faith more openly, more often and more willingly. My life has changed as a result of this effort."

Conference has excellent preaching

The Pastors' Conference, which convened prior to the state convention, at Immanuel Church, Little Rock, was characterized by excellent preaching. C. A. Johnson, 1973 president, mainly utilized Arkansans on the program.

The theme for the endeavor was "Fulfill thy Ministry." Each of the three sessions emphasized a particular aspect of the pastor's ministry. The areas considered: "The Pastor as an Individual," "The Pastor as a Shepherd," and "The Pastor as an Evangelist."

The first message was delivered by Jimmy Millikin, professor of New Testament, Mid-America Seminary, Little Rock, who spoke on "The Call to

the Ministry." He said "When a man's call is initiated by man it can not succeed as it should."

Dickson Rial, pastor, First Church, Ada, Okla., spoke three times. He said "The secret behind any preacher is through study and prayer to find the power of God."

H. D. McCarty, pastor, University Church, Fayetteville, dealt with "The Pastor and His Family." He emphasized the importance of loving through the Spirit. "No matter how much a husband and wife have in common," he said, "they will get mad at each other unless they let God lead them through the Spirit." He stressed the importance of

the husband ministering to the wife.

Evangelist Tommy Phelps of Amarillo, Tex., gave his conversion experience. He had been a professional wrestler using the name "Nature Boy," prior to his coming to know Christ as Saviour. He drank regularly, he hated preachers and everything the church stood for, but because of the perseverance of Christians he came to know Christ. Each year he conducts approximately 45 revivals resulting in about 4,000 conversions.

Jerry Abernathy, full-time evangelist, living in North Little Rock, spoke on "Feeding the Flock." He said that the pastor must provide food which is solid, savory, and satisfying for his people. He told those present "We are not called to be men pleasers, but we are called to meet people's needs."

Johnny Jackson, pastor, Forest Highlands Church, Little Rock, spoke from II Tim. 1:5-9. In his exegetical message he stressed "Our motivation for leadership should be to serve God and the people."

Cliff Palmer, pastor, First Church, Springdale, used as his subject "Exalting the Chief Shepherd." "When we tell others about the Chief Shepherd we are exalting him," he said. We need to get excited about this. Everything we do depends upon Jesus."

Garland Morrison, pastor, North Main Church, Jonesboro, gave a testimony on the bus ministry. When he came to the church in November, 1970, they were averaging less than 175 in Sunday School. They are now averaging 804 in Sunday School. He urged pastors to use the bus ministry to win the children to the Lord.

The conference was closed with a message by Harper Shannon, pastor of Huffman Church, Birmingham, Ala., who spoke on "Preaching for a Verdict." He exhorted the preachers to expect results. "We sometimes have wrong values," he said. "We need to proclaim that saving faith is obedience to a Saviour who died, was buried and resurrected."

Excellent music for the conference was provided by Richard Bradford of Immanuel Church, Wichita, Kans., and Jerry Fugate, minister of music, First Church, Paragould.

The new officers for the Pastors' Conference are: Garland Morrison, pastor, North Main Church, Jonesboro, president; Billy Walker, evangelist, Walnut Ridge, vice president; and John Finn, superintendent of missions, Boone-Newton Association, secretary.



Those receiving recognition for their leadership in the Ouachita-Southern Advancement Campaign are, left to right, top row, Carl Overton, Quentin Middleton, Freddie Blevins and S. D. Hacker. Left to right, center row, Jim Barrentine and Bob Neeley. Left to right, bottom row, Jesse Holcomb, Joe Dawson, Tom Lindley, Elmer Griver Jr. and A. G. Escott.

Ouachita-Southern Advancement awards

Special recognition was given at the 1973 Arkansas Baptist State Convention for outstanding leadership in the Ouachita-Southern Advancement Campaign. Plaques were given to the leadership from the following associations for highest percentage of churches participating in this historic effort: Carroll County Baptist Association with 100 percent involvement.

Along with the associational plaque, a personal plaque was given to each church in this association for their cooperation. Independence Association with 90 percent participation, Dardanelle-Russellville reporting 88 percent, Little Red River with 85 percent, Ashley County reveals 84 percent involvement, and Ouachita Association with 81 percent.

Spread His praise on this Thanksgiving

By Iris O'Neal Bowen

The psalmist says that it is good
To give thanks to the Lord,
To sing His praises, call His name
And bow in sweet accord.

To praise His lovingkindness
In the morning's growing light,
To note His faithfulness toward
His children through the night.

The Lord performs through mighty works
In His own special way,
And so we spread His praise abroad
On this Thanksgiving Day!



Mrs. Bowen

A true Christian will, I believe pause each day to offer praise to his Creator. It is within us to want to tell Him how we feel about His goodness to us, His provision for our needs, His watchcare over us — all His wonderful gifts.

It is good that we have a special day each year that gives us extra opportunity to offer praise to Him. But it has been said that praise and thanksgiving do more than carry our expressions to God. In a way, they perform miracles, for praise affects our outlook.

As we try to express to God our feelings in praise, our eyes are opened more, or our realization is expanded

till we can see even more what God has done for us.

Praise and thanksgiving light up our thoughts and show God's goodness to us as we probably had not seen it before. When I began to write poetry, I started trying to express the beauty and goodness of things about me. Because I was looking for these, I could see better the beauty in nature and good qualities in people I had not noticed before.

My life was expanded and blessed, because, in trying to sing praises, I was able to see more to sing about!

Church Efficiency Conference to be held at Southern College



Dr. Rogers

Originally developed as a conference to provide help to pastors in doing the work of the ministry and church more efficiently, the Church Efficiency Conference each December had developed into a Bible Conference.

Dates for this year's conference are Dec. 3-5. Theme chosen is "Thy Word — a Light." Sessions will begin at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 3 and continue through Wednesday morning, Dec. 5.

Free housing is provided on campus by Southern Baptist College. Guests remaining overnight should bring their own bedclothes and towels. Meals may be bought in the cafeteria or in the Snack Bar in the Student Center.

Program personalities include Everett Sneed, editor, Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine; Adrian Rogers, pastor, Bellevue Church, Memphis; Harold Johnson, pilot, Southern Air Lines;

LaVern Inzer, Mountain Missionary, Home Mission Board; Roy Hilton, pastor, Immanuel Church, El Dorado; Carl England, hospital administrator, Harrisburg, Ill.; Johnny Green, evangelist, Goodwin; Bobby Barnett, music minister, Fisher Street Church, Jonesboro; Dr. Jimmy Millikin, Mid-America Seminary, Little Rock; Jim Tillman, director, Higher Education Campaign; and Bobby Moore, pastor, Broadway church, Memphis, Tenn.

The director of the conference is Billy Walker, evangelist and pastor of College City Church, where the conference sessions will be held.

For reservations, or more information, please write or call Billy Walker, P.O. Box 281, Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, AR 72476.

Revivals

Immanuel, Pine Bluff, Oct. 14-21; Bailey Smith, evangelist, George and Gladys Austgen, song leader and pianist, and Mrs. Harris Mitchell, organist; 30 professions of faith, 6 additions by letter. Anton Uth is pastor.

News briefs

• Beryl Church, Vilonia, observed "Deacon's Day" Nov. 18, paying special tribute to Bufton Graddy who has served the church as deacon 51 years. Mr. Graddy drew plans for the remodeling of the old building and, also, drew the plans for the new building.

• Fitzgerald Church, Wynne, recently remodeled their auditorium.

• Handel's "Messiah" will be presented Dec. 2, at First Church, Little Rock, and will be conducted at Amon Baker, minister of music of Immanuel Church, Little Rock, according to President Glen Owens, Arkansas Choral Society.

• Ladelle Church, Monticello, will begin Dedication Day for their new auditorium Nov. 25, with the morning worship service at 10:30 a.m. A potluck lunch will be served at noon and the dedication service will begin at 2:30 p.m.

• Grace Church, North Little Rock, plans celebration of their 30th Anniversary, Nov. 25, beginning with the morning worship service at 9:45. The church had its beginning as a mission of Immanuel Church, Little Rock, with John Miller as pastor. Dr. Miller will deliver the morning message with other former pastors taking part throughout the services of the day. Lunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall.

• Second Church, Conway, ordained four deacons Nov. 11. They are: Robert Windle, Bill Garrett, Wayne Longing, and Fayburn Riggins. Pastor William West brought the ordination message. Associate Pastor Bill Brown gave the charge and led the questioning. Chairman of Deacons Wendell Bryant led the ordination prayer.

Miss Hudson nominee for homecoming queen



Miss Hudson

Shelley Hudson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Hudson of 1200 Circle Drive, Harrison, Ark., was the 1973 Baylor Homecoming Queen nominee of Sigma Delta Phi.

Miss Hudson is a 1971 graduate of Harrison High School. She is a junior music education major at Baylor.

Miss Hudson, a Baylor yell leader, is a member of the Athenean Club, a women's social club; and the Baylor School of Music's Percussion Ensemble. She was treasurer of her freshman class, secretary-treasurer of her sophomore class, bat girl for the Baylor baseball team and a Baylor Beauty semifinalist.

Convention messengers adopt eight resolutions at convention

Messengers to the Arkansas Baptist State Convention adopted eight resolutions. These were submitted by a committee composed of Paul Sanders, chairman, E. E. Griever Jr., Marlin Gennings, Pat Titsworth, Billy Ray Usery and Harry C. Wigger.

(1) WHEREAS, we have received a warm welcome and most adequate provisions by the Immanuel Baptist Church of Little Rock in the 120th Annual Convention of its 125 years of existence.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that we express our gratitude to the Immanuel Baptist Church and to their congenial pastor, Dr. W. O. Vaught, for helping make this a most pleasant and rewarding experience.

(2) WHEREAS, we have received some of the finest spiritual blessings in an atmosphere of genuine Christian love and fellowship, and

WHEREAS, we messengers this 120th Annual Convention, recognize the superb job that has been done by Dr. Rheubin L. South and Dr. Charles Ashcraft in preparing for these meaningful days.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that we express to both Brother Rheubin South and Brother Charles Ashcraft our sincere appreciation as messengers to this convention for the Christ-like way in which they have led us.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as messengers, we will give the incoming president, Brother Dan Moore, our Executive Secretary, Brother Charles Ashcraft, and all the convention officers our fullest cooperation and support and lead our churches to do the same in this coming year as we serve our Lord and Saviour together.

(3) WHEREAS, during the past two years Brother Dillard Miller has served with distinction as president of our State Executive Board

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that we express to him our appreciation for his outstanding leadership and to the First Baptist Church of Mena for their unselfishness in sharing him with us.

(4) WHEREAS, under the leadership of our Executive Board and in cooperation with the Southern Baptist Convention we have entered into a Cooperative Program emphasis identified as "Operation One."

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that we encourage every cooperating Baptist Church in Arkansas to increase its mission giving through the Cooperative Program at least one percent during the three-year period, 1973-1975.

(5) WHEREAS, Senator Strom Thurmond of South Carolina has introduced in the United States Senate a bill (S. 895) which will require the labeling of beverage alcohol containing 14% or more alcohol as being possibly habit forming and dangerous to the user.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT we, the messengers of this 120th session of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, express our approval of this bill and that we write our representatives in Congress (House and Senate) asking them to actively support Senate Bill 895 and work for its passage

(6) WHEREAS, the moral fiber of the nation is at low ebb as exemplified by the watergate affair, high drug consumption, sex immorality, etc.

WHEREAS, the churches are the recognized moral, character building institutions of the nation and their services are vital to the ethical standards of the land along with the homes and the schools.

WHEREAS, the Committee on Fuel Allocation has not placed the churches on the priority list.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Arkansas Baptist State Convention go on record favoring the position that churches be placed on the priority list that their doors may be kept open for prayer and praise and worship this time of national crises.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we ask our Executive Secretary to convey to the Office of Oil and Gas, U.S. Department of Interior, P.O. Box 19407, Washington, D.C., 20036, our concern in this matter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the pastors and other leaders of our church and denominational institutions make every effort to conserve our nation's energy resources and endeavor, in consultation with competent authorities, to find ways of reducing fuel consumption in the heating and lighting of our church buildings and in travel.

(7) WHEREAS, we are faced with the question of those who advocate the Communist form of society and government teaching in our state supported schools and

WHEREAS, we believe in the separation of Church and State we also believe that Christians in our churches are also citizens of our state and nation and not only have the right, but also the responsibility to speak out against matters in our nation that affect our young people and ultimately our great nation,

and that if the Supreme Court can rule that Bible reading and prayers in the classroom are unconstitutional that they should certainly not allow the Godless philosophy of Communism or those who openly advocate the Communist form of government to be a part of any tax supported school.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that we go on record as being opposed to any known Communist or one who advocate the Communist form of government teaching or serving in any of our state supported schools, and FURTHER, that we give our encouragement to the school boards and officials of all of our schools in ridding our classrooms of those who believe in and teach the Communist point of view.

(8) WHEREAS, the Ouachita-Southern Advancement Campaign is continuing to be blessed by our Lord in Phase II with more than 600 churches in our state participating in this campaign for higher education, and

WHEREAS, five associations already have over 80% of their churches participating,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that we commend and express our appreciation to Brother Jim Tillman for his splendid leadership as director of Phase II and Mrs. McReynolds for her faithful service as campaign secretary, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT we commend Dr. Daniel Grant, President of Ouachita Baptist University and Dr. Jack Nicholas, President of Southern Baptist College, for their wonderful spirit, their expressed love for Arkansas Baptist, their superb leadership in their respective schools, and their devoted commitment to our Lord.

Seminary president addresses OBU students

ARKADELPHIA — Duke McCall, president of Southern Seminary in Louisville, was on the campus of Ouachita University Nov. 6.

McCall spoke in Ouachita's Tuesday morning chapel program and in the noonday service that followed.

Addressing a large group of students in J. E. Berry Chapel, McCall said, "I am truly glad to see so many interested Christians come out to hear me."

Stressing the fact that he did not come to recruit for the seminary, McCall said, "I came primarily because I care about you here at Ouachita and to answer any questions you might have about Southern." He then made the point that more of the professors at Southern graduated from Ouachita than from any other college in the nation.

Tuesday afternoon, McCall concluded his stay at Ouachita by talking informally with interested students at Evans Student Center.

New board members and committee members

The following is a list of those named to boards and committees by action of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention meeting in Little Rock.

Executive Board

Terms to expire 1976: Paul Dodd, West Helena, Arkansas Valley; Bill G. Bruster, Siloam Springs, Benton County; Noel Tanner, Salem, Big Creek; *Duke Fought, Searcy, Calvary; Cline Ellis, Fordyce, Carey; Pat Tittsworth, Malvern, Central; *Ben Prince, Hot Springs, Central (new term); James A. Griffin, Ft. Smith, Concord; Coy Sample, Morrilton, Conway-Perry; Lawrence Green, Rector, Gainesville; J. T. Harvill, Rison, Harmony; *Carl Teague, Dumas, Harmony; *Jim Hart, Hope, Hope; Ray Wells, Smackover, Liberty; Dana Whitfield, Heber Springs, Little Red River; Alvis B. Carpenter, Blytheville, Mississippi County; Derrell Whitehurst, Jonesboro, Mt. Zion; Andy Kerr, Jacksonville, North Pulaski; *Jim Maloch, Little Rock, Pulaski; John Wright, Little Rock, Pulaski; Carl W. Kluck, Arkadelphia, Red River; *John E. Miller, Melbourne, Rocky Bayou; Walter Crasson, Leslie, Searcy County (new term); Shelby Bittle, Wynne, Tri-County; Jimmie Garner, Lepanto, Trinity; Don Warford, Springdale, Washington-Madison; *W. Russell Miller, Mountain Home, White River; Mrs. Bob Parker, Batesville, District 2; Mrs. Carl Bunch, Jonesboro, District 3; Mrs. Clayburn Bratton, Charleston, District 4.

Terms to expire 1975: James Hickman, Monticello, Bartholomew; J. E. Clark, Bald Knob, Calvary; Sardis Bever, Strong, Liberty.

Terms to expire 1974: *Morris Jackson, North Little Rock, North Pulaski; Kendall Black, Harrison, Boone-Newton; W. E. Dragoo, Marion, Tri-County; *Robert Harper, Buckville, Buckville.

Arkansas Baptist Family and Child Care Services

Terms to expire 1976: Mrs. Gerald Jones, Fayetteville; James A. Walker, Warren; *Jack Reeves, Mena; Jeff Cheatham, Dermott; *J. D. Dryer Jr., Mountain Home; *Julius Miller, El Dorado.

Arkansas Baptist Foundation

Terms to expire 1976: *Arlen Waldrup, El Dorado; *Charles Fager Jr., Hot Springs; *W. J. Walker, Little Rock.

Arkansas Baptist History Commission

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Terms to expire 1975: Trueman Moore, Ft. Smith, District 4; Robert F. Tucker, Wynne, District 6.

Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis

Terms to expire 1976: *Lawson Glover, Malvern; *George Dunklin, Pine Bluff; *Larry Sloan, Walnut Ridge.

Baptist Student Union — Advisory Committee

Terms to expire 1976: *Dr. Bob Langston, Harrison, District 1; *Dr. Jerry C. Muse, Piggott, District 3; Don Moore, Ft. Smith, District 4; David C. George, Stuttgart, District 6; Don Harbuck, El Dorado, District 8; *Darrel W. Coleman, Little Rock, at large.

Term to expire 1975: *Norman Canterbury, Magnolia, District 7.

Christian Civic Foundation of Arkansas Inc.

Terms to expire 1976: Ed Glover, Smackover; Johnny Jackson, Little Rock; Andy Kerr, Jacksonville; Roy Maddox, Little Rock; C. W. Caldwell, Little Rock.

Ouachita Baptist University

Terms to expire 1976: *Paul B. Gean, Ft. Smith; *Reubin Setliff, El Dorado; *J. N. Shoptaw, Texarkana; *Paul Henry, Batesville; Rheubin L. South, North Little Rock; D. B. Bledsoe, Pine Bluff;

*Jeral Hampton, Booneville; *R. A. Lile, Little Rock.

Term to expire 1975: *Bill Hargis, Warren.

Southern Baptist College

Terms to expire 1976: *Ray Maxwell, McGehee; Nelson Wilhelm, Waldron; *Jim Keel, Harrison; *Ernest (Buddy) Coleman, Barling; *Charles Simpson, North Little Rock; *Russell Fox, Newport; *Lewis Burris, Jonesboro; Rex Holt, Jonesboro.

Constitution and Bylaws Committee

Terms to expire 1976: *Otis Turner, Arkadelphia; *Byron Eisman Jr., Little Rock.

Arkansas Prison Ministry (Cooperative Board)

Terms to expire 1976: R. H. Dorris, Little Rock; *Dr. Payton Kolb, Little Rock; Wilson Deese, Little Rock.

Convention Program Committee

Term to expire 1976: J. C. Myers, North Little Rock.

1974 Convention

Nov. 19-21, 1974, First Church, Little Rock.

Preacher of Annual Sermon: C. W. Caldwell, Little Rock.

Alternate: John Wright, Little Rock.

1978 Convention

Time: Nov. 7-9, 1978.

Place: Beech Street, First, Texarkana.

*Indicates laymen



During the convention, the missionaries' fellowship elected new officers. They are left to right: Carl Overton, superintendent of missions, Ashley County Association, treasurer; James Griffin, superintendent of missions, Concord Association, president; and Robert Tucker, superintendent of missions, Tri-County Association, vice president.



New church at Dyess

Dyess Church enters new building

The Central Church, Dyess, entered an entirely new plant Nov. 4. The property is valued at \$65,000 but was built for only \$42,000.

The new facility consists of a 3,200-foot auditorium and a 3,750-foot educational addition. The building is equipped with central heat and air conditioning, has nine classrooms which are designed so that they can be divided, a nursery, four bathrooms, a pastor's study and a secretary's office.

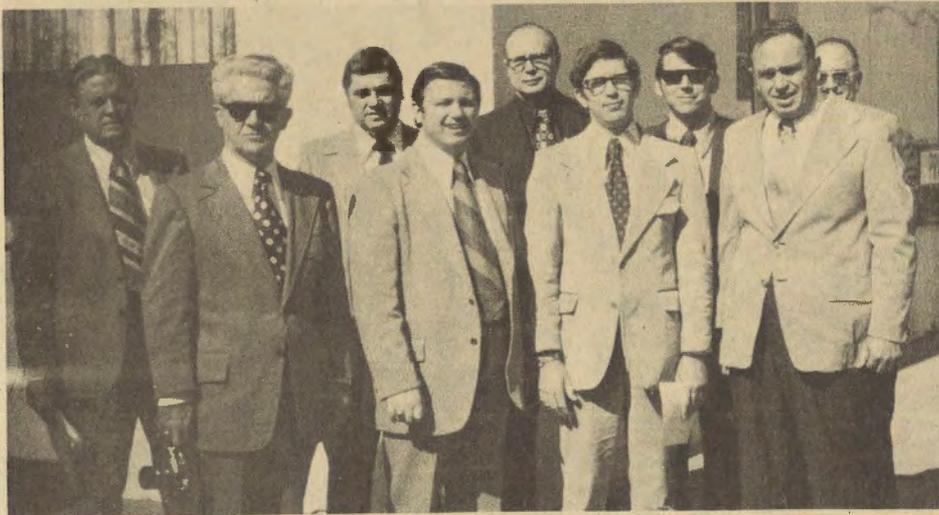
Prior to the beginning of the building project their Sunday School was averaging 75. Their Sunday School attendance now is more than 100. The

congregation met in the Methodist Church while their new building was under construction.

R. H. Dorris, secretary of missions; J. Everett Sneed, editor, *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*; and the Gambell trio were participants in the special event.

Dorris, speaking during the Sunday School hour told those present that evangelism consists of four things — obedience, involvement, cost and reward. He emphasized that "What we do for others, we are doing for Jesus."

Pastor Charles Sandusky said "Our church is making great progress. We have a glorious future as we follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit."



The Grace-Rescue Mission, Oklahoma City, was one of the many special missions ministries observed during a recent traveling workshop. Shown are (from left) Hugh Owen, Charles Skutt, Harold Elmore, Ed Onley (director of church-community ministries, Capital Baptist Association), James Griffin, Jerry Wilcox, Kelley Dickson, Charles Jones and Chester Black. The workshop was directed by Dr. Tommy Bridges and included the observation of ministries in Dallas, Ft. Worth and Oklahoma City.

Kibler to celebrate 75th anniversary

Kibler Church, Alma, will celebrate their 75th anniversary Nov. 25 with all-day services and a pot-luck lunch served at noon.

Former pastors who will speak include Charles Chesser, who will speak in the morning service; John W. Curtis is scheduled to speak in the afternoon; and A. W. Upchurch will speak at the evening service. Other former pastors expected to be present and participating are Carl Nelson, Audra Martin and Wendell Morris.

Garner gains new post at Sunday School Board



Garner

NASHVILLE — Lee E. Garner, eight-year employee of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board here, has been named marketing planning coordinator in the board's research services department.

According to Martin Bradley, department manager, the marketing planning process begins with determining the needs and wants of Southern Baptists and their churches.

"In his job, Garner will initiate the collection of information in an effort to help determine the type material desired by churches," added Bradley.

"Then, he will work closely with all departments in the church services and materials division, coordinating their efforts to produce and distribute products and services which are most useful to Southern Baptists."

A native of Arkansas, Garner has held various positions at the board, serving in the church training department as consultant in general administration work and communication staff consultant. Also, he has served as a vocational guidance consultant in the church administration department.

Prior to joining the board, he served four years as associate in the Training Union department, Baptist General Convention of Texas. Earlier, he was youth director at Broadway Church and recreation director at Gambrell Street Church, both in Fort Worth.

In addition to assisting in youth revival teams in Arkansas, Garner has served as youth director, director of youth camps and intermediate leader in the Tarrant County (Tex.) Association.

A graduate of Southern State College at Magnolia, Garner received the M.R.E. and D.R.E. degrees from Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth.

Union Rescue Mission — helping the forgotten

By Dale Ward

What is one man worth? Since all men are created in the image of God, who can say which type of men we are to administer to? The Union Rescue Mission is open to all. The only requirement to qualify for help from the mission is to come through the open door.

Some concerned Christians have termed this ministry as the largest most active humanitarian service to the "whole man" in the State of Arkansas. The mission was established 26 years ago to answer the hard core Christian community need. The basic facilities of the organization have not been modernized and immediate expansion and repairs must be made.

Recently, the board of directors held a hotel luncheon for Adult Sunday School Teachers to acquaint them with the Christian ministry as Christian love must have an avenue of service through prayer and answering the problems of the "whole man." The Union Rescue Mission agreed to purchase the former Welch Street Church for \$40,000, and know it will require approximately \$20,000 to modernize as a Thrift Store. The Thrift Store produces a modest income to help in the operation of the Mission. Little Rock residents call the Mission to pick-up used clothing, furniture and appliances. After the items goes through the workshop, they are sold to the families with limited income or given to the needy. Some people do not realize that a real Christian service is being offered to some low income citizens as they desperately need clothing for a very low cost. The money received from the used articles helps purchase food for over 100 men each night. With the limited kitchen facilities and 50 chair dining room, there have been over two and one half million meals served to the "forgotten men." Over 200 meals are served daily. Old time hot vittles are prepared to meet the physical needs of the men but soup line may be ahead if concerned Christians with compassionate hearts are not willing to shoulder part of the tremendous burden of today's cost.

The mission personnel believes it is Biblical to take care of the physical needs before the gospel is preached each day. Miracles have happened and men regularly accept Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. Other men have found strength to face their problems and return to their families and normal living.

The board of directors are contacting individuals asking them to give to the building fund and they will continue

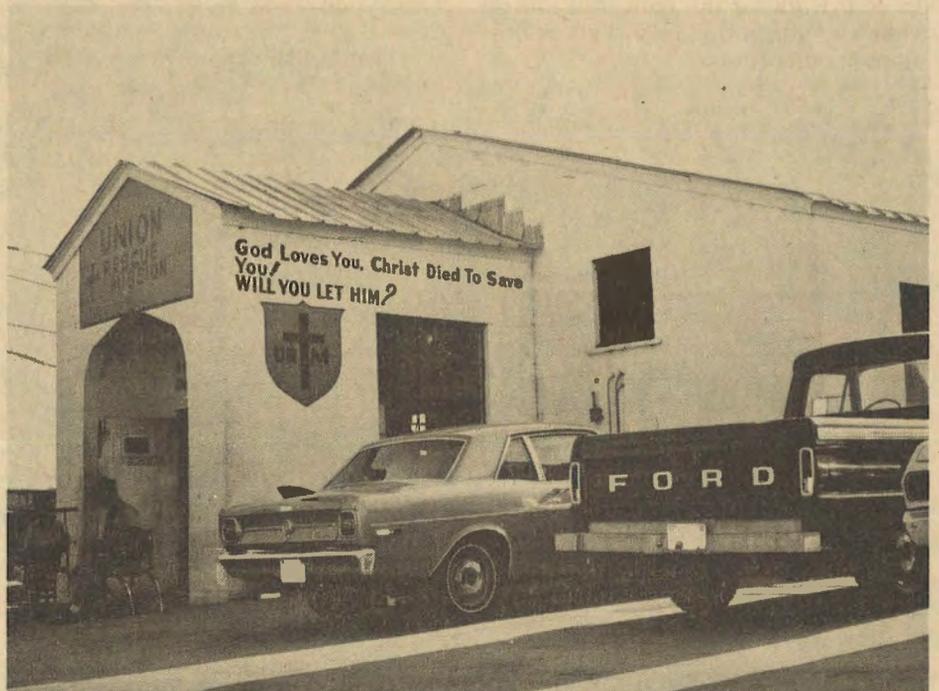
to carry the monthly operational expense burden. This is the first time in 26 years that a direct appeal has been made to community leadership. It is strongly felt that all citizens should participate as from a community service, there are 100 hungry men off of the streets each night who have a strong driving urge to meet their physical needs.

Lee Franklin is chairman of the board and a leading layman. He stated that over one half of the directors are dedicated laymen and feel they are called to this type of Christian service. All people are prone to judge but we have not walked in their shoes with their problems — yet. Laymen believe it is within the Christian teaching to go the second mile. The two verses that come up often are 1 John 3:17 "But whoso hath this world's goods and seeth his brother have need and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" and James 2:15, 16 "If a brother or sister be naked and destitute of daily food and one of you say unto them, depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body: what doth it profit?" It is hard for Christian laymen to walk around these verses.

Our building needs are: first, to pay for the church building located at East

Roosevelt Road and Welch Streets. With the modernization and parking lot, it will cost \$60,000. Second, to remove the former educational building to our vacant lot at Biddle Shops where our former thrift store burned. This will be the workshop and back up the thrift store operation. The cost is about \$13,000. Next, to be useful to the men and the mission; to take care of over 100 men each night; must have a walk-in freezer and purchase additional kitchen equipment. Our dormitory is badly over crowded with 174 beds. On cold nights, some men have to sleep in the chapel on the benches. There have been 234 guests in one night in our facilities. There are two showers, three bathrooms, three shaving mirrors and one washer and one dryer to keep the linens clean. It is amazing how so little is helping so many.

It is strongly felt that past performance of the mission should encourage local church people to think about the Union Rescue Mission first. It is certainly not a church and some similar organizations can not say this. Baptist people should know that the mission has never received any government monies and never been included in any community drive of any type. Lodging has been furnished over 850,000 times and free clothes to the unfortunate forgotten families amounts to



Union Rescue Mission



Inside the Chapel

277,896. There have been over 10,000 men go to the free medical clinic, some are taken as emergencies to the hospitals and as the last step, the mission has burial services for at least three men a year because their families have turned their backs on them. Our last funeral was held in the chapel in October. The personnel always tries to remember that they are dealing with someone's father.

Baptist ladies are needed in the Auxiliary to sort and prepare the clothes for sale. If the women's circles would plan a tour visit at the mission under the guidance of Mrs. Wilson or Mrs. Graham, telephone 375-4459, many problems would be answered and probably you would be more zealous in your work for the Lord. Missions in your city are just as important as missions in other lands.

There was a time that church people minister to these men one by one, sometimes at the back door for food; sometimes as a church or an adult class. The mission is people to people second mile Christian service that was encouraged by our Saviour. So many Christians would class this as "Business as usual — forgive us Lord, forgive us Lord."

If 300 individuals, churches adult classes, circles or groups would make a small gift each month to the Union Rescue Mission, 3000 Confederate Blvd., Little Rock, miracles would continue to happen and men would face the saving gospel every night of the year. The only purpose is to preach the gospel.

Somebody, somewhere could be a major benefactor to men that they will never see this side of heaven.

State RA's at camps

Nearly 400 Southern boys became candidates for mission service and more than 1,900, including 19 from Arkansas, professed their faith in Christ as a result of Royal Ambassador summer camps, a denomination-wide survey shows.

Arkansas RA camps registered 319 of the 19,600 boys who attended 160 weeks of camps in 27 states. During the three weeks of Arkansas camps five boys volunteered for mission service.

Boys paid an average of \$21.35 for each week of camp activities. They were led by 833 staff members, many from colleges and high schools.

Camp attendance convention-wide showed a seven percent increase while the average cost of a week of camp increased only 3.5 percent.

Camping has traditionally been used by Royal Ambassadors to implement the basic task of mission education for boys in Southern Baptist churches.

Arkansas native named to two-year mission stint



Sawyer

ATLANTA — Pine Bluff native, William David Sawyer, was among 41 Baptist young people appointed to the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's two year US-2 program.

Sawyer, a graduate of Henderson State College in Arkadelphia also attended the University of Arkansas and Arkansas A and M College. He will spend the next two years in Jacksonville, Fla. in resort missions. Sawyer is no stranger to the work he will be doing, since he spent one summer in Jacksonville under appointment as a student missionary.

The two year US-2 program has been likened to the Peace Corps. College or Seminary graduates commit themselves to two years of mission service many times beginning new work in goodwill centers, local church programs, home Bible study fellowships, and in resort areas.

The 41 new appointees join a mission force in the United States that includes 940 students serving during the summer, and more than 2,200 career and associate missionaries supported by the Southern Baptist denomination.



Workers prepare meal

"Winter Workshops" have been set at conference centers early in 1974

NASHVILLE — Two "Administrative Services Workshops," conducted by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's church administration department, will be held at Glorieta (N.M.) and Ridgecrest (N.C.) Conference Centers in February and March, 1974.

The twin workshops are designed for ministers of education, church business administrators, food services personnel, church secretaries and church house-keeping personnel. One workshop will be held at Glorieta, Feb. 11-14, while the Ridgecrest workshop will be held March 25-28.

"It is often difficult for staff members to leave their churches for personal growth during the summer months, the time most conferences are held," states Reginald M. McDonough, administrative services section supervisor in the board's church administration department. "By conducting these workshops during the winter, we hope to help as many church staff members as possible in their personal growth and spiritual enrichment.

"This is the first time we have offered a conference for ministers of education. Also, it is the first time we have conducted the winter workshop at Ridgecrest. This will be third year it has been held at Glorieta."

During the four-day workshops, simultaneous conferences will be held for each group. Also, there will be joint Bible study daily.

The Bible study leader at Glorieta will be Roy L. Honeycutt, professor of Old Testament and Hebrew at Midwestern Seminary, Kansas City. Donald Ackland, writer of Sunday School Bible study

materials and a retired editor of the board, will be the leader at Ridgecrest.

Personalities for the Glorieta workshop include: David Burhans, pastor, Weatherly Heights Church, Huntsville, Ala.; Margaret Jo Wise, financial secretary of College Baptist Church, Big Spring, Tex.; Orion Waters, food services supervisor at that conference center; and Homer Sutherland, Glorieta's supervisor of maintenance.

The Ridgecrest personalities are Albert Cardwell, pastor, First Church, Macon, Ga.; Mrs. Joan McDonough, former church and legal secretary; and Mrs. Donald Ackland, food service director of First Church, Nashville.



(left to right) S. J. Martin, pastor, St. John Baptist Church, Little Rock, and Aaron Carter, pastor, Reynolds Memorial Baptist Church, Little Rock.

Arkansas completes first church loan

Arkansas' first National Baptist church loan through the Home Mission Board, SBC, Ethnic Loan Fund was recently completed. The St. John Church, Little Rock, S. J. Martin, pastor, applied for the loan to complete a purchase agreement for the original church property of the Reynolds Memorial Church, Aaron Carter, pastor.

Since February, 1963, St. John Church had been paying on a lease-option agreement. In August of this year arrangements were made for final settlement through a loan from the Home Mission Board, SBC.

The St. John church building has 22 classrooms in addition to an excellent auditorium, and the church is now planning for an adequate program to

reach additional persons in the community. Registration fees will be reduced when more than one person registers from the same church, according to Howard B. Foshee, secretary of the board's church administration department. Registration fees are \$20 for one person, \$10 for the second person from the same church and \$5 each for the third and fourth persons.

The registration fee, less \$1 accident insurance, will be refunded when cancellation is received two weeks prior to the workshop.

Hotel and meal rates are \$13 a day at Glorieta and \$12 a day at Ridgecrest. Reduced rates are available for multiple occupancy.

Registration fees should be sent to the Church Program Training Center, Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Ave., North, Nashville, Tenn., 37234.

Baptists aid victims of floods in Spain

By Baptist Press

The Spanish Baptist Union launched a special relief effort — "Operacion Manta" ("Operation Blanket") — to aid flood victims, and the Baptist World Alliance (BWA) promised \$1,000 in support of it after swirling waters in three Southern Spanish provinces left many dead, homeless and displaced in mid-October.

Spanish Baptists initiated "Operation Blanket" after authorities in Lorca, Spain, told them the best contribution possible would be money for blankets to help the victims, European Baptist Press Service (EBPS) reported.

Baptists in Spain designated the last week of October for giving special offerings to the operation.

reach additional persons in the community.

According to Carter, "The existence of a decade of splendid cooperation between these churches has increased the mutual respect that these congregations hold for each other." It is expected that the Home Mission Board Ethnic Loan Fund will increase cooperative ministries between National and Southern Baptists.

Robert U. Ferguson, Director of Co-operative Ministries with National and Southern Baptists, who worked with these churches in securing this first for Arkansas, sees this avenue as "a significant step by National and Southern Baptists in the long journey to Christian maturity. It is by working together that respect and trust can grow to dispel the fear and doubt that too often characterizes our relationships. I am most happy to see Baptists cooperating in this fashion."

Staff changes



Edwards

Benson Edwards began duties as superintendent of missions of the Big Creek Association Sept. 15. A native of DeQueen, Edwards attended Ouachita University, the University of Corpus Christi and Southwestern Seminary at Ft. Worth. He has

pastored churches in Palestine, Grubbs, Tuckerman and Sage. His wife is the former Miss Martha Sue Amos and they have three children and one grandchild.

Immanuel Church, Pine Bluff, has called **Paul D. Parker** as associate pastor in charge of music and youth. Parker, a native of Arkansas, comes to Pine Bluff from Colonial Hills Church, Southaven, Miss. He and his wife, Betty, have two children.



Hill

Charles Hill assumed duties as minister of music and youth at First Church, Sherwood, Oct. 1. Prior to that he was minister of music, education and youth at Wells Station Church, Memphis, Tenn. He and his wife have one son, who is a music evangelist.

Deaths

Mrs. Cina Perryman, 66, a charter member of the Caudle Avenue Church, Springdale, died Nov. 3.

Ralph Hewens Lehman, 81, died Oct. 28. He had been a member of the First Church, Fayetteville, for 41 years.

Hastings cited by Illinois state historical society

CHICAGO (BP) — The Illinois State Historical Society, at its annual convention here, presented an Award of Merit to Robert J. Hastings, editor of the Illinois Baptist, for his book, *A Nickel's Worth of Skim Milk*.

The book, which describes Hastings' boyhood in Southern Illinois in the 1930's, was cited for its contribution to regional history.

John H. Keiser of Sangamon State University, Springfield, Ill., who made the presentation at the society's awards dinner, said the book's "emphasis on the little things of life help make the '30's come alive in the '70's."



West Side Church, Warren, burned Oct. 10, after the Wednesday night service. A note burning service was held in February celebrating the clearing of the indebtedness on the first unit of the church. Kenneth Stiles is pastor.

"Missionary of the Year" to be honored

A January Bible Study Workshop will be held Nov. 27, in Berry Chapel on the campus of Ouachita University, Arkadelphia. The study will begin at 9:30 a.m., and will conclude at 2:30 p.m. The study on Colossians will be conducted by the OBU Department of Religion. The introduction will be given by Dr. Carl Goodson. Dr. Robert Stagg will give the exegesis on chapters one and two. Bill Elder, the most recent addition to the OBU faculty in religion, will do the exegetical work on chapters three and four. There will be a question and answer period at the close of the

study. No registration is necessary to attend.

A reception for all superintendents of missions will be held in the Board Room of Evans Student Center, at 3:30 p.m. This will be followed by a banquet at 5 p.m., in the Evans Banquet Hall, honoring all superintendents of missions where an award will be presented to the "Missionary-of-the-Year."

The same evening at 7 p.m., in Berry Chapel, the OBU Ministerial Alliance will meet and have some of the missionaries on the program.

Kansas Convention names editor, leader



Clayton

WICHITA, Kan. (BP) — Lynn P. Clayton, 33, has been named editor of the Baptist Digest, news publication of the Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists, and director of the convention's Brotherhood work with Baptist Men and Royal Am-

bassador boys.

Clayton, currently pastor of University Church, Wichita, will also serve as an associate in the Kansas convention's evangelism, missions and Baptist student efforts.

The native Texan succeeds Kansas Executive Secretary Pat McDaniel, who is relinquishing duties as editor and Brotherhood director to devote full-

time to administration of the convention, which covers Baptist work in Kansas and Nebraska.

Before coming to Kansas in 1969, Clayton served as associate pastor of Hampton Road Church, DeSoto, Tex., and minister to youth at Central Church, Waco, Tex., where he also wrote a weekly column for the Waco News Tribune-Times.

During his four years as pastor in Wichita, the church there more than doubled its baptisms, increased total missions giving more than 500 percent, tripled average Sunday School attendance and rose from a non-listed to 10th among Kansas and Nebraska Southern Baptist churches in per capita giving to the Cooperative Program.

Clayton has served on the Southern Convention's Committee on Committees and is a trustee of Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth.

He is a graduate of Baylor University, Waco, and holds a master of divinity degree from Southwestern Seminary.

Spectacular slated March 21-23, 1974

NASHVILLE — CHURCH: the Sunday Night Place Spectacular will take place in Ft. Worth, Tex., March 21-23, 1974, at the Tarrant County Convention Center. More than 10,000 people are expected to attend.

From beginning to end Spectacular is planned to expose church training members and leaders to ideas, plans, experiences and inspiration which will enable them to take a new look at Sunday night activities in their churches.

Every worship experience, conference session and display is designed to "take home and use." Spectacular will be a festival of ideas bringing sessions and worship services, all of which are related to strengthening Sunday night in churches.



Dr. R. Wilbur Herring, pastor of Central Church, Jonesboro, was elected president of the Executive Board recently for 1973-74.

Some of the special guests attending the Spectacular include the "Century-men;" Gerald Ray, to lead congregational singing; astronauts Bill Pogue of Space Lab III and James Irwin, who walked on the moon; the Spring Street Singers; singer Cynthia Clawson; and W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Church, Dallas.

Others on the program will be Charles Boddie, president of American Baptist Seminary, to sing spirituals; and the Hale and Wilder musical duo from New York. Presenting a special preaching trilogy will be Jimmy Allen, pastor of First Church, San Antonio, Tex.; Gene Garrison, pastor of First Church, Oklahoma City; and Dale Cowling, pastor of Second Church, Little Rock.

Ruth Byers, creator of JOT, is planning and coordinating a drama festival to include drama ideas for worship, fellowship and training. The festival also will include the use of games and body language.

Oeita Bottoroff, Dallas College, is planning a series of activities in which participants will experiment with art and media as means of group study, fellowship activities or worship features.

James L. Sullivan, president of the Sunday School Board, will give the Saturday morning sermon on "Sunday Night — A Time, A Place, A People," and the Spectacular will close with the premiere of a music drama with lyrics by Ragan Courtney and music by Buryl Red.

Sessions are planned for leaders working with adults, children, youth and preschool children. The church training department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board will be in charge of these meetings.

The church music department of the Sunday School Board will lead conferences including sessions on listening, singing and sharing musical ideas.

The board's church administration department is planning conferences which relate to leading the church in worship. For example, one will be "A Dozen Ways to Preach at the Sunday Night Place."

Fellowships are planned after each session of the Spectacular by the board's church recreation department. The church recreation staff also will lead sessions on how to use recreation in training.

No preregistration is required. All registration will be done at the door. Out of town persons wishing to stay near convention center should write one of the following: Sheraton-Ft. Worth, The Blackstone, Downtowner and Ramada Inn Central.

New subscribers:

Church

New Budget:

New Liberty, Blytheville

Pastor

James Douglass

Association

Mississippi



Two former Arkansans, Alvin 'Bo' Huffman Jr., (left) of Blytheville and Enoch C. Brown (second from right) former pastor of First Church in Blytheville, stopped to congratulate Miss Betty Hanson and Clarence Duncan (right) on the 20 years the two have spent with the Radio-TV Commission. Miss Hanson, special assistant to the president, and Duncan, director of promotion and personnel, were honored during a recent board of trustees meeting. Brown, who represents South Carolina Baptists on the board, is pastor of Shandon Church, Columbia. Huffman is executive vice president of the Radio-TV Commission in Fort Worth.

Indian consultant adds personal understanding to mission work

"Why should I ask an Anglo about an Indian when I can ask an Indian?" mused Oscar Romo, head of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's Language Missions Department in Atlanta. So he transferred a career Indian missionary from local work in Oklahoma to be the HMB's first national Indian field consultant.

Frank Belvin, a Choctaw Indian with 20 years experience relating to his people in the name of Christ, has begun consultation work on a nationwide basis. Any time Southern Baptists need a representative in Indian affairs, Belvin will do the job.

Belvin will acquaint the public with Indian work and consult with Baptist associations and state conventions to "show them how to expand or open work with the Indians." His office will remain at Okmulgee, Okla., where he formerly served as general missionary to the Creek and Seminole Indians.

"I'll run interference to get Baptists and Indians together," says Belvin, a respected leader among both white and red men. He's a member and has been president of the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes (Choctaw, Cherokee, Creek, Seminole and

Chickasaw) — so named by the federal government and which represents almost 100,000 Indians nationwide. He has also been Muscogee area vice-president of the National Congress of American Indians. And he was a presidentially appointed member of the National Council on Indian Affairs which was to promote Indian programs such as housing, getting land disputes settled, and helping Indians get jobs.

"Two years ago I attended a meeting with former vice-president Agnew where he said there is a 40 percent across the board unemployment of Indians," says Belvin.

Belvin joins another missionary field consultant, Carter Bearden, who is the HMB's specialist in deaf work. Bearden is deaf.

Romo, who's Language Missions Department supervises nearly one-half of the HMB's 2,200 missionaries, has special knowledge of ethnic work — he's Mexican-American. of his four associates in the department, Daniel Sanchez is also Mexican-American, L. D. Wood and Irvin Dawson are Anglo and Elias Golonka is Polish. Each staffer and consultant adds personal knowledge and understanding of America's ethnic



Frank Belvin

composition.

Belvin says that where there is a difference of opinion among Indians, he'll represent the general views of the elected tribal leaders. He's not worried about the possibility of being castigated for his religious affiliations. "In most cases Indians respect religious leaders," says Belvin who holds the doctor of religious education degree from Eastern Baptist Seminary in Philadelphia, Pa. "Most of the Indian religions are good morally, but they lack Christ."

Your state convention at work

Traveling worship visits Oklahoma

A recent traveling special ministries workshop viewed the various ministries of the Capital Baptist Association, Oklahoma City. J. T. Elliff, former secretary of the State Missions Department, is the superintendent of missions for this association. Convinced for the need for non-traditional ministries on an associational level, he led the association to call Ed Onley to direct these ministries. In one short year the association assumed responsibility for four ministries. These include a Baptist Mission Center, Grace Rescue Mission, Baptist Community Center, and an education center.

From a budget of \$0.00 to a 1974 budget of \$77,732 in one year is quite a success story. The real success story, however, is the large number of people being won to Christ. In one church facility that was turned over to the association because of a "declining situation" over 700 people are now involved in community ministries. An

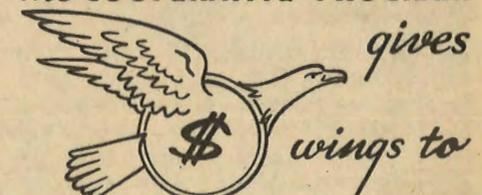
expanded program is being planned and even more will be won to Christ.

Elliff and Onley feel that the purpose of a Baptist Center is to relate people to Jesus Christ through an experience of salvation. Its method of achieving this purpose is to provide varied activities to meet the varied needs of the people located in its community. Through its program of activities, a relationship of friendship and trust is established with the staff and volunteer workers. With these relationships established the staff is able to introduce the individual to the friendship of Jesus Christ. The varied program of activities also enables the staff to overcome racial, religious, social, economic, and emotional barriers which not only limit the effectiveness of traditional Southern Baptist church programs.

It is hoped in the near future more associations and local churches in Arkansas will become involved in com-

munity ministries and seek to meet the needs of those who for so long have gone unloved. A program of Special Missions Ministries gives opportunity for the local church member to become involved in a very deep and moving missions experience right in their own city. Information and training is available to any church seeking to develop these ministries through the Director of Special Missions Ministries. — Tommy Bridges

The COOPERATIVE PROGRAM



YOUR MISSION DOLLAR

The Southern accent

"Cultivating the grace of Gratitude"

By *D. Jack Nicholas, President*
Southern Baptist College



Dr. Nicholas

Thanksgiving for God's blessings should flow forth from a Christian as spontaneously and freely as water from an artesian well. But the sad truth is that genuine gratitude does not come easily or naturally from the typical child of God.

A fundamental truth which should inspire gratitude in every Christian is the fact that God is creator and owner of all. "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and they that dwell therein." "For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills." "The silver is mine and the gold is mine, sayeth the Lord of hosts."

We merely hold and enjoy the good of this world of which we have been made stewards for the short span of our natural lives. It was here when we came on the scene and it will be here when we are gone.

The following story illustrates very well that the world and its resources belong to God. A New York firm engaged a lawyer in New Orleans to trace the title to a parcel of property in the city of New Orleans. After tracing the title back to 1803 and forwarding his report to the New York firm, the attorney was advised that he had not gone back far enough. In time, the New York firm received the following reply from the New Orleans attorney, "Please be advised that in the year 1803, the United States of America acquired title to this property from the Republic of France by purchase. The Republic of France in turn acquired title from the Spanish crown by conquest; the Spanish crown having obtained it by virtue of discoveries of one Christopher Columbus, a Genoese sailor." I am tempted to add, "Prior to that time it was inhabited by Indians who were the first to occupy it after its creation by Almighty God." Only then does the title search go back far enough.

The fact is — God created and God owns. We do not have proper basis for genuine gratitude and sincere thanks-

giving until we recognize that God is the owner of the world and its resources, and that we are merely stewards. May this truth inspire us to cultivate the grace of gratitude in this and every other season.



The Ouachita-Southern Advancement Campaign

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

Promotion pays

By *Jim E. Tillman, Director*

Hundreds of churches in our State will be promoting a special offering for the Ouachita-Southern Advancement Campaign in the coming months. I will share ideas through this column to aid in this local church emphasis.

A goal of a quarter of a million dollars for our two schools is a real challenge for any one church. This is the goal for Immanuel Church, Little Rock. At present, over half of this goal has been given to the Campaign.

W. O. Vaught Jr. and staff are using basic promotional ideas that can be used in any size church. Visual aids are basic in any promotional campaign. Posters from the campaign office with the church goal have been placed in picture frames and are hanging in strategic areas of the church. A 10-foot campaign thermometer, showing the progress the church is making toward the goal, is being utilized in the Immanuel Church.

Another basic promotional idea is to plan special services. Either school will be happy to furnish outstanding personalities to aid any church in their Campaign promotion.

Daniel Grant, President of OBU, and the music department of the school will provide a special Wednesday night program for Immanuel Church in mid-October. This will help launch a new emphasis to raise the other half of the \$250,000 goal.

Add to these ideas the availability of a colorful offering envelope for your people. This envelope is ready for mailing to your church in any quantity desired.

I will be interested to hear your promotional ideas, and will be happy to pass them on to the churches. Immanuel Church has given \$127,400 toward their goal, and an air of excitement about the Campaign exists as they continue to give... yes, promotion pays!

Stewardship applicable to every believer

Biblical stewardship is applicable to every believer, not just the wealthy few. Whether a man gives ten percent of a sizable, professional income, or whether a child gives 10 percent of a very modest allowance, each can give proportionately as God has prospered him.

In like manner, Christian stewardship of material possessions beyond the grave is also applicable to every believer, not just the wealthy few. Too many persons have developed the incorrect idea that the making of a will is necessary only if one has a large amount of material goods. Others have the mistaken idea that Christian stewardship in the area of estate planning is possible only if one can leave large sums of money to some Christian cause.

Every person, regardless of the size of his estate, should have a will, and every person's will can make some provision for Christian causes, regardless of the amount involved.

Most persons have some small equity in a home or some personal property. Oftentimes the relatives of the deceased either cannot use the property or do not want it. The property could be sold by

the executor of the will and the proceeds used for some Christian cause. Or in some cases, the property itself may be put to some specific use.

In today's economy, the small sum of \$1,000 is not much when used in Christian education of mission work. However, that same amount, placed in trust with the earnings to be used for some Christian cause, can ultimately result in a sizable contribution.

If the \$1,000 were invested at 6% interest (and currently, it could be invested by the Foundation at a considerable higher yield) that would result in \$60 per year for some designated cause. In ten years \$600 would have been given to that cause; in twenty years the earnings would have exceeded the amount of the original bequest.

But the money, if left in trust, continues to bear fruit in earnings, not only for ten or twenty years, but for fifty, seventy-five, a hundred years, or possibly even longer. The money will continue to provide annual earnings for the designated cause until Jesus Himself returns again. — Roy F. Lewis, Acting Executive Director, Foundation

CHURCH: the Sunday Night Place Celebration — In Retrospect

The CHURCH: the Sunday Night Place Celebration held recently at Immanuel Church in Little Rock was predicted to be the largest Church Training event in our state in recent years. The prediction proved to be true with church and associational leaders from all areas of the state attending. Over 200 people from 33 associations attended the morning and afternoon conferences and approximately 700 attended the evening session.

One hundred-eighty persons attended a banquet honoring Ralph W. Davis who has served as Secretary of the Church Training Department for almost 29 years.

Dr. Charles Ashcraft spoke at the

opening session; Philip Harris was the speaker at the afternoon session and at the banquet; Nolan Howington spoke at the evening session. The evening session ended with the presentation of a drama, "The Sunday Night Place," presented by a group from Immanuel Church under the direction of Mrs. Leslie Wilfong. Music for the Celebration was under the direction of Ervin Keathley, state music secretary.

The CHURCH: the Sunday Night Place Celebration was designed to provide training for Church Training leaders and to give support to the current emphasis on enlarging and enriching the Sunday night program in our churches.



Dr. Charles Ashcraft introducing special feature at banquet honoring Ralph W. Davis.



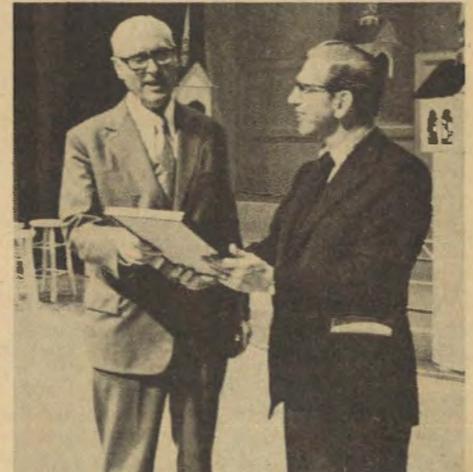
Dr. Philip Harris, speaks to 180 Church and Associational leaders at the banquet.



General Officers' Conference, led by Dr. Clyde Hall, attracted large numbers of pastors and church training directors.



Approximately 700 attended the evening session. Dr. Nolan Howington was the speaker and the drama, "The Sunday Night Place," was presented.



Dr. Harris presented a plaque to Ralph W. Davis on behalf of the Sunday School Board.

New approach to stewardship work

Baptists are constantly trying new techniques, new approaches, new methods. A lot of them never work well and are quickly and cheerfully forgotten. However, when a new approach does work and gets results, it merits some publicity.

A new approach in stewardship work has been called "Stewardship Decision Night." It is a one night program planned for churches on an associational basis.

It brings together the key decision makers from each participating church. After a meal together, the participants are challenged to express their dreams for their church. — what the church could accomplish if it had adequate resources. They are then presented a brief challenge on behalf of the association, the state convention, and the Southern Baptist Convention. Following that, all of those in attendance participate in a session where each church's potential is evaluated.

The climax to the evening is when each church group meets by itself to consider all of the dreams, challenges, and evaluations relating to its own situation. Then some decisions are made concerning possible stewardship programs. Each church is then given materials to implement its tentative plans.

The approach is unique in several respects. First of all, it does something that no other associational stewardship meeting does — it asks each church to make some tentative decision before leaving, even though it is acknowledged that those present cannot bind the churches from which they come. Secondly, it utilizes the technique of "audience participation," with each one being encouraged to share his ideas and suggestions.

Stewardship decision night has been used only once in Arkansas, and that was in the Mississippi County association last July. There were 77 in attendance representing 40% of the total churches in the association.

If the churches represented there actually followed through on the tentative plans made, the evaluations indicated that there would be an average of 18.5 percent increase in each church's income for a total dollar budget increase of \$84,690.

The plan also relates to associational mission support. If the projected associational support materializes, it would mean an increase of 1.06 percent average per church in increased support for a total dollar increase to associational missions of \$8,239.87.

If the projections for Cooperative Program support are implemented, it would mean an increase to world missions of \$44,923.62 for an average increase per church of 2.96 percent.

Associational Stewardship Decision Night is not just another meeting. It requires much preparation and promotion, and the meeting itself is quite lengthy. However, it does work; and it gets results.

The program will be offered to other associations in the future as time and personnel are available. If your association is interested, contact us. — Roy F. Lewis, Secretary, Stewardship-Cooperative Program Department

N.C. defeats liquor-by-the-drink by 370,000 votes

RALEIGH, N.C. (BP) — North Carolina voters, spearheaded by "Get Out the Vote" efforts in churches throughout the state, overwhelmingly defeated a liquor-by-the-drink referendum by a more than two to one margin.

The state-wide referendum, which would have provided for local option drink sales if approved, was defeated by more than 370,000 votes. With only a few precincts unreported, the tally was about 670,000 against the referendum and about 300,000 for it.

Anti liquor-by-the-drink forces carried more than 95 of the state's 100 counties in one of the most lopsided contests in North Carolina history.

The vote climaxed a six-month campaign against the referendum lead by the North Carolina Christian Action League (CAL), dominated by Southern Baptist leadership.

Coy Privette, pastor of North Kannapolis Baptist Church and president of the CAL, hailed the vote as a "great victory for the church."

"Many people have been saying the church has lost its influence," Privette said after the election. "But this shows it does have influence."

"People were willing to get involved in a highly controversial issue and showed that they were concerned about the increase in alcoholism, the deterioration of our homes and many related problems caused by America's number one drug."

Privette and two other Baptist laymen, Marse Grant, editor of the Biblical Recorder, the North Carolina state Baptist paper, and Charlotte attorney Allen Bailey, a member of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, stumped the state for the CAL in opposing the referendum.

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Buckner	December 3	First, Waldron
Calvary	November 25	Second, Searcy
Carey	November 26	First, Bearden
Caroline	November 26	Austin Station
Centennial	November 26	First, DeWitt
Central	December 3	Calvary, Benton
Clear Creek	November 26	First, Van Buren and First, Clarksville
Concord (Meeting 1)	November 26	Phoenix Village, Ft. Smith
Concord (Meeting 2)	November 27	First, Charleston
Current River	November 26	Witt's Chapel, Maynard
Dardanelle-Russellville	November 26	Second, Russellville
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Wayne Ward is Bible teacher for Evangelism Conference



Dr. Ward

Wayne E. Ward, professor of Christian Theology, Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., will be the Bible teacher for the 1974 Evangelism Conference. The conference will be held at Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock, Jan. 21 and 22 beginning at 1:45 p.m. January 21.

Ward was born at Piggott and was graduated from Piggott High School. In 1943 he was graduated from Ouachita University with an A.B. degree (Magna Cum Laude). He received a B.D. at Southern Seminary in 1949 and a Th.D. degree from Southern Seminary in 1953. He has done post-graduate work at Union Theological Seminary and Columbia University. He has been an instructor at the seminary since 1951. He is the author of four books: *The Drama of Redemption*, Broadman, 1966; *The Word Comes Alive*, Broadman, 1969; *Is the Bible a Human Book?*,

Broadman, 1969 and *The Royal Bible*, ed., 1966 and 1969. He has contributed numerous articles for Southern Baptist work. Not only is he a writer, but he is a world traveler, a great teacher but above all an outstanding pulpiteer.

Ward will speak five times on: "The Lordship of Christ", "The Lordship of Christ Jesus Over Our Bodies", "The Lordship of Christ in All that We Do", "The Lordship of Christ Over the Tongue" and "The Lordship of Christ Over the Churches." Ward is a very popular speaker all over the Southern Convention. In 1943 Wayne married the former Mary Ann Heath of Little Rock. They have three children, Larry Wayne, Rebecca Ann and David Heath.

The general theme of the conference is "Sharing Christ." Ervin Keathley, secretary of the Music Department, Arkansas State Convention will have charge of the music. Nancy Blair, minister of music, First Church, Osceola will serve as organist. Don Bingham, minister of music, First Church, Conway, will be pianist. — Jesse S. Reed, Director of Evangelism.

God's purpose is theme for December sermons

"A miracle is God acting in history to bring to completion His eternal redemptive purpose," defines Herschel H. Hobbs in the first of his December sermons on "The Baptist Hour."

The Baptist Hour sermons, heard weekly on more than 415 radio stations across the country, are produced and syndicated by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission.

In a series of sermons leading toward Christmas, Hobbs reminds, "The Christmas event is not an isolated one. It marks the invasion of God into the historical process to provide salvation for a lost humanity."

He cites the glory of commonplace activities attending the Christmas event as seemingly ordinary things which, under God, became extraordinary.

"Our God is a God of history," Hobbs reminds. "He is not responsible for the evil which nations and their people do but through it all He is guiding history toward His divine and benevolent purpose of redemption for all who believe in His son. For there is a history within history . . . and this history, while it may not make the headlines of the earth's news media is headline copy in the good news of heaven."

Preschool — Children's Workshop



Holley

One of the greatest investments a church can make is in the training of its leaders of preschoolers and children. Three Preschool — Children's Workshops are planned which will offer the kind of training that will help every leader of

preschoolers and children to be a more effective leader.

These workshops will be held on Monday, Jan. 28 at First Church, Blytheville; Tuesday, Jan. 29 at Immanuel Church, Little Rock, and on Thursday, Jan. 31 at Phoenix Village Church, Fort Smith. Each of the workshops is scheduled from 1:00 until 3:15 p.m. and from 7 until 9 p.m.

Four conferences will be conducted at each workshop. The conferences and their leaders will be as follows: Younger Preschoolers, Miss Ada Rutledge, preschool consultant at the Sunday School Board; Older Preschoolers, Miss Nora Padgett, preschool consultant at the Sunday School Board; Younger Children, Bob McGee, children's consultant at the Sunday School Board; and Older

Children, Mrs. Thurman Prewett, Children's Director, Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee.

If you serve as a leader in a preschool or children's department in your church training program, mark your calendar and make your plans now to attend one of these workshops in January 1974.

— Robert Holley

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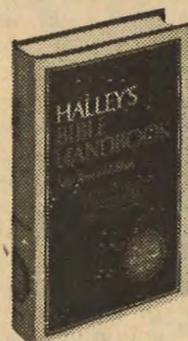
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Christians can always be of good courage

By Anton C. Uth, Sr.
Immanuel Church, Pine Bluff



Uth

"Christians are too other worldly!"

"Christians emphasize the sweet by and by and forget the nasty now and now!"

These and similar charges against Christians concerning their preoccupation with eternity is a reminder that there must be a balance.

"Sweet by and by" does await the Christian but "now" must be lived.

The study of the Gospel according to Paul ends with an examination of Paul's concept to real life — eternal life. Paul never forgot the horrible and distressing conditions of his day but he never forgot the Christian's hope for tomorrow. He experienced eternal life in the here and now but knew well that eternal life never ended.

A Christian can be of good courage! Irrespective of all adverse circumstances, regardless of the privations of life, victory belongs to the child of God. This victory has already been won in the miraculous, marvelous Savior. As Paul drew nearer and nearer to his death, this victory became more and more the subject of his lips.

Assurance of spiritual strength (II Corinthians 4:16-18)

Life in this world is difficult and hard. Perversions, persecutions and problems clutter the Christian's path but because of God's promises of the eternal victory of the resurrection (II Corinthians 4:14), Christians do not faint (v. 16) The physical body however gives way to the decaying, destructiveness, and weariness of life. Sin has taken its toll. Paul says, "Our outward man perish." "Outward" refers to the physical body. He uses the verb perish in a present tense with continuing action. The reference is not to final death but a daily wasting away. In vivid contrast, the "inner man" or spiritual nature is renewed continually. The body was decaying and being destroyed but the spiritual nature was not only being kept alive but strengthened continually. Paul intimated he was growing stronger as a child of God.

The assurance continues to mount as a Christian faces "light" afflictions contrasted with the "weight" of glory. If these two were put on scales of balance

the latter would outweigh the former. The glitter of this world loses its glow in contrast to the Christian's hope of glory. (v. 17)

Even the Christian's vision is improved — spiritual that is. As the inner man is strengthened the Christian ceases to major on things of this world. His attraction is drawn from things seen to things not seen. Paul contrasts the two objectives as temporal and eternal. The trials and tribulations of life are not to become the central focus of the Christian. Neither are the experiences of the world. All of these are temporary. He encounters the difficulties and experiences with full assurance that the most important matters of life are spiritual.

Assurance of a home in heaven (II Corinthians 5:1-4)

As the Christian grows stronger spiritually but weaker bodily as a result of life's problems and life itself, he has the assurance of an eternal, lasting home in heaven.

Paul assured the Corinthians of a doctrine not new to them or to Paul. "For we know" implies that Paul had instructed them of the teaching concerning death of a Christian. Paul believed a Christian could be more courageous in life for he knew the final victory.

A dynamic contrast confronts the child of God. The "earthly house" or the physical body is contrasted with the building of God. The body is described as earthly and as a tent (exceedingly temporary). (v. 1) The "building" of God that awaits the Christian is described as having its source in God, as totally divine, and a permanent or lasting. (v. 1-2)

Paul paints the picture of a child of God in the earthly house of the physical body anxiously awaiting the transfer to the house from heaven. Jokingly, it has been said of Christians that they believe in heaven but are not homesick. But Paul uses a word describing the child of God who groans or yearns for heaven as though homesick. "Earnestly desiring" comes from a word used by Paul elsewhere to denote homesickness. In Philippians 1:8 he longed for his friends. In II Corinthians 9:14 he wanted to see his readers. But here he wants to go home to heaven. (V. 2)

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II Corinthians 4:16-55

Paul's desire was not for death for death's sake but his desire was to have his heavenly house. He transfers his imagery from a building to a garment. (v. 3) In his present state, Paul longed for heaven and carried a burden but he knew and taught that a child of God once in eternity would be complete and dressed in the righteousness of God. Paul wanted to serve God in heaven. An idea is also expressed by commentators that Paul really wanted to live in his present body until Christ came and not experience death at all. But he would have the immediate change from the mortal to the immortal body. (v. 4)

Assurance of a guaranteed gift (II Corinthians 5:5)

The last verse of the lesson engulfs all that God has done in getting Christians ready for their habitation in heaven. It was God who commended His love to man that in spite of sin Christ died for man. (Romans 5:8)

It was God who led man to accept the Savior. It was God who redeemed man in Christ. But much more! It was God who gave the believer the eternal guarantee of heaven.

Paul said, "God also gave unto us the earnest of the Spirit." "Earnest" describes a payment made by one party of a contract agreement declaring the sincerity and truthfulness and intent of the party. God has guaranteed redemption by giving earnest of redemption. This is much like earnest money put up today by a buyer to bind a contract. God gave the Holy Spirit as His surety.

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Witness because of concern for people

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First Church, Siloam Springs



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also witness because of our concern for people.

Concern for lost people (Matthew 9:36-38)

The setting for this incident in the life of our Lord was Galilee. The time found Jesus a very popular man. People were flocking to him with every kind of human need. Matthew tells us that Jesus was moved with compassion when he saw the multitudes (v. 36). How do you react to a multitude? We are often awed if not frightened by a crowd. Sometimes crowds excite us. Sometimes crowds make us combative and uneasy. The word translated "compassion" in verse 36 actually means "pain of love." How many of us have a "pain of love" when we see a crowd of people?

Jesus reacted to a crowd that way because He saw the crowd as a collection of individuals. And He saw the individuals as being harassed (fainting), scattered, and as sheep having no shepherd (v. 36). Undoubtedly Jesus had reference to the spiritual condition of the multitude.

Jesus also had compassion on them because they were ready to respond to spiritual leadership. Jesus said the "harvest is plentiful" (v. 37). He meant that the people were searching, they were ready to respond, they just needed someone to lead them.

Because of the people's responsiveness Jesus not only challenged his disciples to go forth into the harvest (v. 37b, Luke 10:2, and John 4:35), but He also asked the disciples to pray that God would send forth additional farm workers (laborers).

God has blessed Southern Baptists because we have been an evangelistic denomination. If we are to continue to reach people we must continue to follow the example of Jesus and love those who are lost.

Concern for our own (Luke 13:31-34; Romans 9:1-14)

This passage from Luke gives us some

good insight into Jesus. It tells us that not all the Pharisees were hostile to Jesus (v. 31). Here we have some of them actually warning Him that He was in danger, and advising Him to seek safety. The New Testament does give us the impression that the Pharisees were against the Lord, but here is an exception to that idea.

The most striking thing about this passage is the insight we get into the compassion of Jesus for His people (v. 34). This passage shows us how little we really know about the Lord's life. From the Gospels we do not know of any previous visit to Jerusalem other than his boyhood visit to the temple. Yet from this passage it appears that He had offered His love to the city on many occasions. The Gospels give us the merest sketch of His life but they do relate to us the depth of His compassion.

The passage from Romans gives us another example of how we ought to be concerned about our own people. Paul talked about that compassion in verse 2. He makes it clear that the Jews were the object of his compassion (v. 4). He not only called them by name (Israelites) but described them. He said they were children of God by adoption. He mentioned that Israel had the glory (the shekinah) which had appeared to them again and again. Israel had the covenants. They had the law. Israel could never plead ignorance of God's will. God had given them His will in the law. They had the service of God, which referred to the worship of the Temple. They had the promises. Israel could never say that they did not know their destiny. God had told them of the task and the privilege which was in store for them in His purpose. Yet in spite of their privileges they failed God. But Paul, like Jesus, loved them in spite of their failures.

Paul's sincerity is seen in verses 1 and 3. In the first verse He calls Christ, his conscience, and the Holy Spirit as witnesses to the fact that he did love the Jewish people.

The greatest assurance of his love is found in verse 3. Paul wished that he could be accursed (anathema) from Christ if the Jews could be won. Anathema literally meant "under the ban." It usually had reference to utter

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Matthew 9:36-38;

Luke 13:31-34

destruction. The dearest thing in life to Paul was the fact that nothing could separate him from the love of God in Christ. But if it would do anything to save his brethren he would even accept banishment from God.

Concern for indifferent Christians (Rev. 3:14-21)

You will recall that the message of chapters two and three is directed to the churches of Asia Minor. This was a message to Christian people. This passage concerns itself with the message from Christ to the Church at Laodicea. Christ was concerned with the Christians at Laodicea because they were indifferent (v. 15-16).

The word for "cold" (v. 15) can mean cold to the point of freezing. The word for "hot" means hot to the point of boiling. The word translated "lukewarm" (v. 16) is the word for tepid. Things which are tepid often have a nauseating effect. Hot food can be appetizing and cold food can be good, but tepid food will often make the stomach turn. Tepid water is particularly nauseating. Christ was concerned about the tepid Church at Laodicea for fear of its nauseating effect upon the world.

Christ was also concerned about that church because they did not really know themselves (v. 17-18). They thought they were rich. Laodicea was the banking center of Asia Minor. It was so wealthy that when it was devastated by the earthquake in A.D. 61 it refused to accept any state aid in rebuilding. Laodicea was rich but Jesus told them they needed to buy gold tried and refined in the fire (v. 18). Jesus may have had reference to faith (1 Peter 1:7). There are so many things wealth cannot buy but faith can sustain us. The Laodiceans needed to know that wealth was not that important.

Jesus told them they were not only poor but naked (v. 17). Laodicea prided itself on its clothing trade. The garments made in Laodicea were famous over all the world. The wool of the sheep of Laodicea was a luxury which all men knew. But Laodicea is a spiritually naked church. To be clothed the church had to come to Christ.

The Lord was also concerned about their spiritual blindness (v. 17). Laodicea prided itself on its eye salve. It was exported all over the world as a remedy for diseases of the eye. But the very facts of the case show the blindness of Laodicea, for Laodicea was blind to

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its own poverty and its own nakedness. Jesus was concerned for them because they could not see.

Jesus expressed His concern for them in verse nineteen. The theme of that verse runs throughout the Bible. The word translated "rebuke" means to rebuke in such a way as to compel a man to see the error of his ways and to admit that he is wrong. Jesus wants indifferent Christians to repent. He assures us (v. 20) that He is seeking our fellowship and desires our repentance.

Our witnessing should not be limited to those we know best, or to the lost. If we are to follow the example of Jesus we must also witness to indifferent Christians.

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My neighbor's grandson was over at the cemetery with his daddy and he asked his father how many people were dead there. The adult answered, "All of them." Then the little one said, "Then how come those two are over there cutting the grass?" — JEAN MORGAN, *Family Weekly*, 9-23-73.

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He winced as he bent over to change channels. "I think I'm getting lumbago." "Turn it off," his wife said. "We wouldn't understand a thing they're saying."

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I fished at a lake that was so low, you could tell when a school of fish was coming by the dust cloud.

Attendance report

	Nov. 11, 1973		
Church	Sunday School	Church Training	Ch. adns.
Alexander			
Viney Ridge Immanuel	69	33	1
First	70	46	2
Alicia	29	23	
Alpena	82	33	
Beirne	56	23	
Bentonville, First	260		
Berryville			
First	171	72	5
Rock Springs	99	58	3
Booneville, First	271	244	5
Blytheville			
Calvary	185	80	1
Gosnell	202	95	
Cabot, Mt. Carmel	247	114	
Camden, First	416	136	2
Clinton, Friendship	61	20	
Concord, First	107	28	
Conway, Second	349	132	2
Crossett			
First	480	155	3
Magnolia	196	130	
Des Arc, First	186	52	
Elaine	138	77	
Ft. Smith			
First	1269	358	4
Grand Avenue	713	276	13
Moffett Mission	27		
Temple	151	59	2
Trinity	148	70	
Windsor Park	720	257	5
Gentry	164	59	
Grandview	88	68	
Gravel Ridge, First	228	91	
Greenwood, First	313	129	4
Hampton, First	158	84	
Hardy, First	116	44	1
Harrison, Eagle Heights	312	119	1
Heber Springs, First	298	74	
Helena, First	271	97	
Hope			
Calvary	194	79	3
First	474	106	
Hot Springs			
Grand Avenue	265	140	5
Leonard St.	92	87	2
Park Place	369	115	1
Hughes, First	192	55	
Jacksonville			
First	400	90	1
Marshall Road	339	111	
Johnson	55	30	
Jonesboro, Central	491	130	1
Lake Village, Parkway	60		
Lavaca, First	301		
Lexa	148	76	
Little Rock			
Cross Roads	90	71	5
Crystal Hill	207	56	
Geyer Springs	630	212	
Life Line	593	158	3
Martindale	101	56	
Magnolia, Central	669	207	6
Malvern, Shorewood Hills	63	21	
Melbourne, Belview	157	71	
Monticello			
First	257	65	
Second	262	95	1
North Little Rock			
Calvary	416	125	1
Levy	404	130	
Runyan	99	47	
Paragould			
Calvary	195	136	2
East Side	206	92	
First	519	130	1
Paris, First	400	150	2
Pine Bluff			
Centennial	145	52	
First	714	152	2
Green Meadows	49	34	
Second	139	54	
Prairie Grove, First	174	58	
Rogers, First	545	165	
Russellville			
First	476		1
Kelly Heights	45	20	
Sheridan, First	248	95	
Springdale			
Berry Street	118	47	
Caudle Avenue	123	44	2
Elmdale	325	87	
First	982		2
Uniontown	85	73	5
Vandervoort, First	50	14	
Van Buren, First	483	192	4
Mission	27		
Warren			
Immanuel	244	56	2
West Side	69	37	
West Helena, Second	218	74	
W. Memphis, Vanderbilt Ave.	109	58	3
Wooster	118	84	

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Foreign Mission Board appoints 15 missionaries to seven countries

RICHMOND (BP) — The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board appointed 15 new missionaries to work in seven countries and heard a report urging that interest in personal overseas mission involvement be developed along lines which would enhance the overall missionary efforts of Southern Baptists.

During its November meeting in the newly-named Baker James Cauthen Chapel, the board also heard a special report on mission projects in Middle America and the Caribbean and a report from Baker J. Cauthen, the board's executive secretary.

Overseas Division Director Winston Crawley, noting increasing desire among Southern Baptists for direct personal involvement in overseas missions, appealed to Southern Baptists to develop special projects "in ways that will best help our missionaries in their ministries."

He said many fine things can be done through independent agencies or uncoordinated special projects but that Southern Baptist missionaries engage on a continuing basis in the same kinds of ministries and need all resources that can be made available.

Illustrating the kind of projects available through the Foreign Mission Board for direct involvement overseas, Charles Bryan, area secretary for Middle America and the Caribbean, gave an optimistic report of the contributions made thus far during 1973 by 319 individuals who participated in special mission projects in Middle America and the Caribbean.

Dental and medical projects, construction projects, music ministries and other special services were conducted by these individuals representing 40 Southern Baptist churches.

Coordination of these projects was through three of the board's staff consultants: W. Eugene Grubbs, consultant on laymen overseas, Joseph B. Underwood, consultant in evangelism and church development, and Franklin T. Fowler, medical consultant.

In his report, Cauthen expressed gratitude for gifts and expressions of appreciation given him and Mrs. Cauthen in October in honor of his 20th anniversary as executive secretary. He also paid tribute to board president W. Douglas Hudgins, who will be honored in Mississippi upon his retirement as that state's executive secretary.

In other action, the board approved a recommendation that the Foreign Mission Board-sponsored missions musical team, "Grain," be continued until June 1, 1974. The board's committee on missionary personnel presented the recommendation after evaluating the ministry and effectiveness of the team during the past two months.

"Grain," a five-member group of young people with overseas missions experience, will continue traveling to college and seminary campuses and churches interpreting missions through dialogue, music and personal sharing.

Home missionaries support annual Foreign Mission Week of Prayer

By Robert E. Bingham

ATLANTA — Almost all acknowledgeable Southern Baptists become excited each year in December when the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions is emphasized in their church. The 2,200 home missionaries are no exception.

While serving in all 50 of the United States, Panama and Puerto Rico, they recognize the value of a strong foreign mission emphasis. Some have expressed the feeling that their home mission emphasis would die a little whenever any part of our foreign mission thrust might be cut back.

Jesse C. Fletcher, director of the Mission Support Division, of the Foreign Mission Board, recently said, "Foreign missionaries know the importance of a strong missionary base here in America. They know the work made possible through the Annie Armstrong Offering will strengthen fledgling churches which will themselves undergird the larger task as they come of age.

"They know the Great Commission makes no distinction between the lost in America or the lost in Africa; the field is the world.

"Also, foreign missionaries know that missionary spirit is basically an accelerating phenomenon. People moved to support home missions are a missionary people, and missionary people give to and support all mission endeavors."

The Home Mission Board recognizes that this principle works vice versa also. If Baptist people ever adopt the principle of isolationism, we will be fighting overwhelming theological and missionary philosophical odds.

The 15 new missionaries bring the board's overseas force to 2,536 missionary personnel in 77 countries.

Appointed as missionaries were Mr. and Mrs. Don L. Bliss of Kansas and Oklahoma, to East Africa; Mr. and Mrs. Glen L. Grosdidier of Texas, to the Philippines; Miss Peggie E. Harmon of South Carolina, to North Brazil; and Mr. and Mrs. Donald B. Highfill of Oklahoma and Missouri, to South Brazil.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. (Danny) Hill of Georgia and Texas, to Bangladesh; Dr. and Mrs. Otiş M. Hill of South Carolina, to Colombia; and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry W. Squyers of Louisiana, to Taiwan.

Employed as missionary associates to Ghana were Mr. and Mrs. Dean E. Richardson of Texas.

Because of the above reasons, the Home Mission Board and her missionaries urge every Southern Baptist to join in prayer for Foreign Missions during the Week of Prayer and to give generously of their gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Our country and our world are standing in the need of prayer.

(Robert E. Bingham is executive assistant of the Program Services Section of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.)

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