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## On the cover



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Summer missions assignments give Baptist college students opportunities to invest their energy and creativity in Christian ministry across the United States and around the world. Lori Col-lomp (left) and Susan Pickle are student summer missionaries assigned to Baptist Family and Child Care Services' emergency receiving homes.

## OBU alums, Ridgcrest staffers plan reunions

Alumni of Ouachita Baptist University and former staff members of Ridgcrest Baptist Conference Center are planning separate reunion events during the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting in Dallas.

Ouachita Baptist University will host a fellowship for alumni, former students and friends of the school at 9:15 p.m., Tuesday,

June 11, at the Hilton Hotel's Mockingbird Room of the South Ballroom.

Ridgcrest staffers from the early 1950s will meet for a reunion Wednesday, June 12, at 5 p.m. in the Skyview Cafe of the Grenelefe Hotel, 1011 S. Akard. More information may be obtained from Estelle Slater at (214) 826-5873.

## missions update

### Crossett couple named to home mission service

ATLANTA—Norman and Pauline Lewis of Crossett were among four missionaries, six missionary associates, two church planters and 60 recipients of church, language and field pastoral assistance appointed to home mission service by the Southern Baptist Convention's Home Mission Board in May.

Lewis was named director of Lahontan

Association in Winnemucca, Nev. He had been director of missions for Ashley County Association in Crossett since 1979. He previously served Arkansas churches in Harrison, Little Rock and Russellville.

He holds degrees from College of the Ozarks and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

### Chilean Baptists to rebuild damaged buildings

RICHMOND, Va. — Jewelry and other sacrificial gifts from Chilean Baptists and \$80,000 in disaster relief funds from Southern Baptists comprise the early seed money for rebuilding or repairing 21 church buildings damaged during the March 3 earthquake in the South American country.

Authorities in the cities hit hardest by the earthquake—Santiago, Vina del Mar and Valparaiso—have ordered three churches demolished. Labor for the rebuilding will be arranged by Chilean Baptists, according to Bryan Brasington, Foreign Mission Board director for western South America.

## In this issue

### 4 taking it to the streets

Two Fort Worth congregations took their witness to the streets of a racially mixed, transitional neighborhood and won 230 persons to Jesus Christ.

### 12 above the roar

A new journal, dedicated to lifting the voice of the laity "above the roar of the raging storm" within the SBC, has been launched by two laymen, one from Mississippi, another from Texas.

### Hungarians set baptism record in 1984

BUDAPEST, Hungary—Hungarian Baptists baptized 330 persons in 1984, their highest total in the past 10 years, according to the Baptist Union's president, Janos Viczian.

One 40-member congregation baptized 40, Viczian reported during the union's an-

nual conference in late March. The union adopted a 12 million forints (\$240,000) fund-raising goal for housing at its Baptist theological seminary. Only nine of the current 25 students can reside in the present facility.

### Lebanon missionaries grateful for prayer support

BEIRUT, Lebanon—A belief among Islamic extremists that the United States is their enemy lies behind the kidnapping of several Americans in Lebanon in recent months, writes Southern Baptist missionary Leola Ragland. She and her husband, Jim, direct the Baptist school in west Beirut.

The extremists believe "they must fight

against Americans everywhere," Mrs. Ragland writes, noting that the prayers of Southern Baptists "have brought us the courage and wisdom we need to continue living in this part of Beirut."

The "prison-like" lifestyle they face "is depressing at times, but your intercession and encouragement bring grace to bear it."

### MK Prayer Calendar

Home and foreign missionary kids  
who attend college on the Margaret Fund

June

- 4 Gay Davidson (Swaziland) Box 3114, OBU, Arkadelphia, AR 71923
- 6 Robert Duffer (Hawaii) Box 3188, OBU, Arkadelphia, AR 71923
- 8 Keith Gross (Home) Box 3194, OBU, Arkadelphia, AR 71923
- 25 Jonathan Berry (Home) Box 3843, OBU, Arkadelphia, AR 71923
- 25 Sharon Kirkland (Zimbabwe) Box 3387, OBU, Arkadelphia, AR 71923

## A pastor's proper support

## The editor's page

J. Everett Sneed



Many of our churches are to be commended for the tremendous progress they have made in providing support for pastors. Many others have a long way to go. Perhaps, one reason even more progress has not been made is the reluctance of many pastors to discuss their salary. Often, pastors even leave the budget committee meetings when the subject of their salary comes up. It is vital that every church do its utmost to adequately support its pastor and his family. This requires prayerful examination of the pastor's financial needs, in comparison with today's economy.

Most of our churches are far more considerate of the proper support of the pastor than they were in the past. But there is still some carry-over from the past, and too often church members are unaware of the expenses that confront the pastor which most others do not have.

There are many factors that contribute to a lack of proper support for the pastor and his family. First, in responding to God's call to the ministry, most men relinquish any desire they might have had for great wealth. Certainly, this is as it should be. However, the pastor and his family should have an adequate salary to live comfortably.

In former times, many of our pioneer preachers established and served churches for only token salaries. Times were hard. Little money was exchanged by anyone. The church members often compensated for this inadequacy by providing produce, meat, hay, etc. Since most of the churches were small and part-time, the preacher was able to work at a second job, usually farming, which provided much of his living.

Today, however, the situation has changed drastically. We live in a money economy. No longer is it possible to support the pastor and his family with gifts of food. He must have the medium of exchange to purchase the same necessities enjoyed by everyone else in the community.

The question arises, "How much should a church pay its pastor?" Obviously, it is impossible to compensate a man for his spiritual services, for no one can value an eternal soul. In many instances, it might be difficult to even pay a servant of God for the actual hours of his work. He is present to preach and to teach, to give comfort in times of sorrow, to assist in times of joy, to counsel, to visit and, most of all, to witness to the lost.

In determining the pastor's salary, the church should begin with the minimum the average member of the congregation receives. Information on the effective buying power of the average

family can be obtained through the Chamber of Commerce, Wallace Building, Little Rock.

The congregation should recognize that the pastor has expenses that members of the average Arkansas congregation do not have. The pastor will have much greater mileage than most members. Pastors are expected to wear suits more often than the rest of the congregation. These items should be cared for in the pastor's salary and in other portions of the church budget.

Budget committees also should recognize the necessity of providing annuity benefits. It is an unspeakable tragedy for a pastor and his wife to reach retirement with little or no retirement benefits. The Annuity Board recommends a minimum of 10 percent of the gross income for each pastor be sent to the Annuity Board. If a church conforms to the recommendations of the Annuity Board, it is likely that a pastor and his wife will be able to live comfortably when they reach retirement age.

Perhaps, an even greater tragedy occurs when a pastor dies and the church has failed to provide retirement and security benefits. The pastor dies, leaving a widow with little or no income. The Southern Baptist Annuity Board provides not only retirement but protection for a disabled pastor, a widow and dependent children.

It is, also, vital for a pastor to have secured a home by retirement. Many churches are recognizing this necessity and are providing a housing allowance for their pastor. Such an arrangement benefits both the pastor and the church. It means that the pastor will be gaining equity in a house and through careful management can own a home when he retires. It also eliminates the problem for the church of maintaining a parsonage.

Another area which should be carefully considered is the pastor's car allowance. All too often, churches list the car allowance as part of the salary and benefits. A legitimate car allowance can in no way be considered income. It would be as realistic to count, as a part of his salary, the gas a part-time farm worker burns in the tractor or combine.

All that has been said about the pastor's salary should apply to staff workers' salaries, allotments and retirements as well as to associational directors of missions. Associates and associational directors of missions are the most underpaid full-time religious workers in our state.

When budget-making time arrives, let us remember the advice of Paul as he said, "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they that preach the gospel should live of the gospel" (1 Cor. 9:14).

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## Letters to the editor

### Gone too far

I have always accepted the idea of the plenary verbal inspiration of the Holy Bible, and have tried to take a strict and serious view of interpreting it. Therefore, when, a few years ago, we began to see an emergence of conservative influence in the denomination, I welcome it as a needed course correction. Apparently, many others did, too.

We now seem to have reached a point where many people have gone beyond the "course correction" stage, and enjoy squabbling for its own sake. This is by no means restricted to either side in the controversy. I have been receiving four little newspapers devoted to these polemics, two from each end of the spectrum. I promptly throw them in the wastebasket, even though all claim to have a calling from God to promote their views.

The fact is that God is not the author of confusion, and, according to Proverbs 6:16-19, he hates those who sow discord among brethren. Those who sow anger and dissension no doubt have a "calling," but they are tragically mistaken about the source, which cannot be the God of heaven but must be the god of this world.

We all know that disharmony in a church will drive people away from that church. The present disharmony in the convention will not attract people to take an interest in mission causes, to say the least. Squabbling by Christian people will turn others away from any interest in spiritual things at all. "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love for one another" (John 13:35). — Clay Hale, El Dorado

### Defeat will damage CP

In recent days, a massive mailing of cassette tapes to key laymen in our state discrediting Charles Stanley has taken place. This is just another act by the "holy war" forces to unjustly attack one of God's great servants.

The message on these tapes by Norman Cavender, layman from Georgia, is full of half truths and untruths. It is a deliberately

unfair presentation of the position of conservatives supporting Charles Stanley. It is a classic example of the "scare tactics" being used by those who oppose Stanley's re-election.

The biggest lie that has been told in all of this controversy is that the election of Charles Stanley would hurt the Cooperative Program. This is absolutely not true and most of the persons perpetrating that statement know it is not true. Cooperative Program giving has increased every year during the terms of conservative presidents Adrian Rogers, Bailey Smith and Jimmy Draper. It has continued to increase this year under Charles Stanley. Nationwide figures show an eight percent increase as of last month. The defeat of Charles Stanley would cause a hundred times more damage to the Cooperative Program than his re-election would.

My heart is saddened over the turmoil within our convention. My greatest grief is over the way many of our denominational leaders have abused and maligned Charles Stanley. This kind of opposition to the duly elected president of our convention is unprecedented in the history of the Southern Baptist Convention. I am proud to be one Bible-believing, conservative Arkansas Baptist who will be in Dallas to help reelect Charles Stanley to another year of dedicated leadership. — Johnny Jackson, Little Rock

### Actions speak loudly

Arkansans relax. God is as big in Fort Worth as he was in the hills of Arkansas. Halfway through seminary, on your Cooperative Program dollars, I assure you they are well-spent on the most godly, conservative, concerned, humble men (professors at Southwestern) I've ever met.

I witnessed Russell Dilday's involvement in his local church as he pledged a good bit over his present title and offering to our church's Together We Grow Campaign. I believe local church involvement is a conservative action that speaks loudly.

Several weeks ago, a classmate expressed dismay in finding his textbook cover defaced. It bore the picture of a Sunday School

Board leader. The professor began to weep, went to his knees and the entire class joined him in prayer for the SBC, the book's author and the person that defaced the book. I believe prayer like this a conservative action that speaks loudly.

I am amazed at how silent the seminary is in this time. What I read in the *Arkansas Baptist* is as much as I hear here. I believe this silence is trust in God that he will remain victorious. I believe faith in the unknown, unseen is a conservation action that speaks loudly.

I assure you, 100 out of 101 are not wrong. God is on his throne and Bold Mission Thrust is alive and well on Seminary Hill. Arkansas is known for its strong conservative support. I am thankful for that heritage, and even more thankful to see its perpetuation in Fort Worth. — Ken Davenport, Fort Worth, Texas

### Attention, old adults

I am 87 years of age and have been a Southern Baptist for over 70 years. My judgment is that the present crisis in the Southern Baptist Convention is the most serious of my lifetime.

Although the next general meeting of the convention will be held in Dallas, only approximately 30 miles from my home, I will not be present for its sessions. However, there is one thing that I can do for our convention. I can pray daily for the convention, including the sessions in Dallas when it has its annual meeting.

Will you join with me in a covenant to ask our heavenly Father to manifest his will and his power to those attending the convention and in the life and work of the convention, its agencies and institutions during and following the sessions in Dallas? If our heavenly Father sees fit to respond to our appeals, we may have a very significant part in determining the climate of our convention, although we will not be at the meeting.

May he help all of us to do what we can to get our convention back on track as a great evangelistic and missionary enterprise. May the good Lord bless you and all of us who will not be able to attend the convention. — T. B. Maston, Fort Worth

## Street witness nets 230 new converts in Fort Worth

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP)—In a racially mixed, inner city Fort Worth neighborhood, 230 persons accepted Jesus Christ during a weekend street witnessing mission and door-to-door "blitz" by members of Theo Avenue Church, San Antonio, Texas, and Polytechnic Hispanic Mission, Fort Worth.

Of those who made professions of faith, 127 were Hispanic, according to George Sepulveda, pastor of Polytechnic Hispanic Mission. He noted that although the neighborhood is predominantly black, the Hispanic population is doubling yearly.

The evangelistic thrust was one of several such weekend trips made in the last year.

Throughout the weekend witnessing blitz in Fort Worth, the street witnessing teams were joined by members of Polytechnic Hispanic. Sepulveda said involvement was especially beneficial to the mission.

"Being able to have our people work with them got our people excited," he said. "That encouraged our people. It really gave them a shot in the arm."

Also important to the success of the witnessing effort, according to Sepulveda,

was a Friday night prayer vigil in which about 55 persons participated.

The linking of prayer and evangelism is a major thrust of Mission Texas, with its emphasis on prayer for spiritual awakening.

Although the weekend witnessing blitz was strictly evangelistic, Sepulveda stressed the next step is disciplining the new converts and involving them in church.

"We need prayer because we have a lot of work before us now," he said. "We'll have our hands full with follow-up, but I believe that's a very important thing."

Don Moore

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

... "The Lord's Hand is not shortened that is cannot save: nor his ear heavy, that it cannot hear" (Is. 59:1). Amen and hallelujah! That is good news! We cannot doubt his Word.

However, that is not all he says in that passage. Acknowledging that something tragic has happened, the prophet goes ahead to explain, "But your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear" (Is. 59:2).



Moore

Are we to that place in the Southern Baptist Convention crisis? Perhaps! If so, it's time for repentance! There are doubtless multiplied millions of prayers on behalf of the problem. So much is at stake, as a divided Southern Baptist Convention will force a divided state convention, divided associations and, sooner than you think, divided local churches. What part of missions and ministry can be sustained is not known. Has he hidden his face from us?

Who can counsel the Lord in this matter? Whose knowledge of motive and action is such as to commend his counsel to God? Who is prepared for prosecution of the guilty, much less to sit in judgment upon the charged? Do you suppose it would be just as well that we confess our own sin and let others confess their own sins, rather than us doing it for them? He does not need our counsel, but we surely do need his. If Chronicles 7:14 must include all Southern Baptists. "If we humble ourselves and pray and seek his face and turn from our wicked ways, then... he will hear..." Oh, Lord, hasten the day!

"We look for light, but there is darkness! For brightness, but we walk in blackness! We grope for the wall like the blind, and we grope as if we have no eyes; we stumble at noonday as at twilight; we are as dead men in desolate places. We all growl like bears, and moan sadly like doves..." (Is. 59:9-11).

**You'll be glad to know,** "His anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning" (Psalms. 30:5).

What can we do? Repent, pray and wait for morning!

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

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## Next month in Arkansas

**June 10-12, Actens Mini Camp, Cold Springs Camp** near Conway. A first time event for missions teaching in a camp setting for girls in grades 7-12. Arkansas WМУ sponsors the camp.

**June 17-20, Young Musicians Camp, Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia.** Children who had finished grades 4-6 can learn an entire musical, attend music theory and other classes and participate in worship. Hymn study is an emphasis this year. This annual event is sponsored by Arkansas Baptists' Church Music Department.

**June 17-21, Girls in Action Camp,**

**Camp Paron.** First of four weeks of missions education in a camp setting for girls in grades 4-6. Arkansas WМУ sponsors the camp.

**June 21-22, GA Mother/Daughter Camp, Camp Paron.** Second of three camp weekends for girls in grades 1-3 and their mothers.

**June 24-28, GA Camp, Paron.** Second of four weeks for girls in grades 4-6 to learn about missions.

**June 28-29, GA Mother/Daughter Camp, Camp Paron.** Third of three weekends for mothers and daughters for missions education.

## missionary notes

**Mr. and Mrs. Edward G. Berry,** missionaries to Brazil since 1953, returned from active missionary service May 1. They served in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, where he was a teacher and administrator at the Woman's Missionary Union Training School, and she was historian and teacher at the school. Son of Southern Baptist missionaries to Brazil, he was born in Rio de Janeiro and considers Little Rock his hometown. They may be addressed c/o Rev. W. H. Berry, 400 S. Highland, Apt. 410W, Memphis, TN 38111.

**Mr. and Mrs. Carl G. Lee,** missionaries to Indonesia, report a change of address (J1. Kini Balu 447, Kebun Tebang RT/11, Bengkulu 38227, Sumatra, Indonesia). He was born in Texas. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1967.

**Mr. and Mrs. Jerry D. Spires,** missionaries to Malawi since 1977, resigned from mis-

sionary service effective April 30. They served in Blantyre, Malawi, where he was business manager and treasurer for the Baptist mission and she was a church and home worker. He was born in Gould. They may be addressed at 105 Melrose Dr., Jackson, MS 39211.

**Mr. and Mrs. Harold T. Cummins,** missionaries to Kenya, have returned to the field (address: Box 38, Thika, Kenya). A native of Arkansas, he was born in El Dorado and grew up in Calion. She is the former Betty Noe of Highlandville, Mo. They were appointed in 1959.

**Donna F. Rye,** Baptist representative to Mexico, has returned to the field (address: Apartado 6-715, Guadaluajara, Jalisco, 44600 Mexico). She was born in Little Rock, Ark. She was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1982.

## Two writers begin lesson commentaries

Two pastors have begun writing weekly Sunday School lesson commentaries for "Lessons for Living."

Ben J. Rowell, pastor of First Church, Rogers, began last week writing commentaries on the Bible Book Series lessons. Rowell, who has served the church for more than nine years, is a graduate of Southern Baptist College, Kansas City University and Central Baptist Seminary in Kansas City. A current member of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention Executive Board, Rowell has served as pastor of churches in Crawfordville, Parkin, Hughes and Paris.

Stephen P. Davis, pastor of First Church, Russellville, begins this week writing commentaries on the International Series lessons. A native Oklahoman, Davis is a graduate of



Rowell



Davis

the University of Oklahoma and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has served as pastor of churches in Sparkman and Fordyce. He came to Russellville from a pastorate in Guthrie, Okla.



## Eight Arkansans graduated from Southwestern Seminary

FORT WORTH, Texas — Eight Arkansans were among 468 students—the largest class ever—receiving degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary during commencement ceremonies May 10.

Among graduates receiving the master of divinity degree were **Stephen C. Martin** of Benton, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lipscomb of DeQueen; **Richard A. Porter** of Mountain Home, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Porter of Midway and son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Roy McClain of Fordyce; **Robert F. Andrews**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Andrews of Powhatan; **John Harrell Greer**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harrell Greer and son-in-law of Bertha Baker, all of Searcy; **Steven Jarvis Gimenez**, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Gimenez of Lead Hill; **Steven M. Sarrett**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Sarrett of Texarkana; **Tommy W. Shaw**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Shaw of Marshall and son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Burnett of Clinton.

Receiving the master of arts in religious education degree was **Nancy J. Munnerlyn**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Munnerlyn of Lonoke.



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## SBC launches training for million 'witnesses'

ATLANTA (BP)—Southern Baptist state and national leaders launched a five-year plan to train one million Baptist Sunday School workers in evangelism, stressing the priority of evangelism.

SBC leaders in Sunday School, Church Training and evangelism attended the national launch meeting for training one million Sunday School workers in evangelism sponsored jointly by the SBC Sunday School Board and SBC Home Mission Board.

Harry Piland, director of the Sunday School Department for the SBC Sunday School Board, offered ten reasons why Southern Baptists must train a million Sunday School workers in personal evangelism.

Piland's ten reasons were: (1) because of the condition of the nation; (2) because we are not doing it effectively now; (3) because

the Sunday School is the major outreach organization of the church; (4) because all persons "who do not know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord are lost;" (5) because "God wants all persons to be saved;" (6) because "God commands us to evangelize the unreached people of the world;" (7) because sharing our faith "is God's chosen method to tell the good news;" (8) because "someone else first shared with us;" (9) because "sharing clearly and positively demonstrates our love for God;" and (10) because "it can revolutionize our convention and churches."

Observing that Southern Baptists aren't doing evangelism very effectively, Piland pointed out it took an average of 34 Southern Baptists an entire year to win just one person to Christ, and there were 6,385 churches which did not baptize any new

converts last year.

Although the SBC reported 372,000 baptisms last year, Piland said only about 117,000 of those represented what he called "true conversion growth."

Almost 200,000 of the 372,000 baptisms last year were children (ages six to 17) of Baptist parents, representing what Piland called "biological growth." Another 55,000 were persons of other denominations, most of whom were already Christians, who joined SBC churches, he said.

If Southern Baptists successfully train a million Sunday School workers in evangelism, Piland predicted "churches will take on new life, mission organizations will grow, more missionaries will go to the field, gifts will increase, people will rejoice and the heavenly chorus will echo its praises."

## Federal judge dismisses Vatican ambassador suit

WASHINGTON (BP)—A federal judge has dismissed a lawsuit brought by the Americans United for Separation of Church and State challenging the constitutionality of President Ronald Reagan's appointment last year of an ambassador to the Vatican.

In response, Americans United immediately filed notice of appeal, and AU Executive Director Robert L. Maddox expressed confidence the Third Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals will overturn the lower court's decisions.

Americans United, joined in its lawsuit by a coalition of 20 Protestant, Catholic and other religious organizations, contends that Reagan's exchange of diplomats with the Holy See violates the constitutional principle of

the separation of church and state.

Judge John P. Fullam of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern district of Pennsylvania dismissed the Americans United v. Reagan complaint, agreeing with the Reagan administration's argument that the Constitution gives the president and Congress virtually exclusive authority in foreign policy. The federal courts, Fullam ruled, have no right to intervene.

The judge also held that AU and other plaintiffs lack "standing" to sue because they have not clearly demonstrated they have been harmed by U.S. Vatican diplomatic ties.

In announcing the decision to appeal, AU's Maddox said, "It is a fundamental tenet of American life that no one is above the law.

The Constitution mandates the separation of church and state, and all public officials are bound by that constitutional mandate. The Reagan administration has no right to single out one religious faith for special relationship with the American government. The president's power is not absolute."

Maddox added "the number and diversity" of religious groups and individuals who have joined the case indicates the breadth of concern about the removal of an 1867 ban on diplomatic relations with the Vatican.

"Many American Catholics rightly fear the relationship creates the potential for government meddling in their church," he said. "Americans of other religious viewpoints believe it makes them second class citizens."

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the Sunday School is the major outreach organization of the church; (4) because all persons "who do not know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord are lost;" (5) because "God wants all persons to be saved;" (6) because "God commands us to evangelize the unreached people of the world;" (7) because sharing our faith "is God's chosen method to tell the good news;" (8) because "someone else first shared with us;" (9) because "sharing clearly and positively demonstrates our love for God;" and (10) because "it can revolutionize our convention and churches."

Observing that Southern Baptists aren't doing evangelism very effectively, Piland pointed out it took an average of 34 Southern Baptists an entire year to win just one person to Christ, and there were 6,385 churches which did not baptize any

converts last year.

Although the SBC reported 372,000 baptisms last year, Piland said only about 117,000 of those represented what he called "true conversion growth."

Almost 200,000 of the 372,000 baptisms last year were children (ages six to 17) of Baptist parents, representing what Piland called "biological growth." Another 55,000 were persons of other denominations, most of whom were already Christians, who joined SBC churches, he said.

If Southern Baptists successfully train a million Sunday School workers in evangelism, Piland predicted "churches will take on new life, mission organizations will grow, more missionaries will go to the field, gifts will increase, people will rejoice and the heavenly chorus will echo its praises."

## Federal judge dismisses Vatican ambassador suit

WASHINGTON (BP)—A federal judge has dismissed a lawsuit brought by the Americans United for Separation of Church and State challenging the constitutionality of President Ronald Reagan's appointment last year of an ambassador to the Vatican.

In response, Americans United immediately filed notice of appeal, and AU Executive Director Robert L. Maddox expressed confidence the Third Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals will overturn the lower court's decisions.

Americans United, joined in its lawsuit by a coalition of 20 Protestant, Catholic and other religious organizations, contends that Reagan's exchange of diplomats with the Holy See violates the constitutional principle of

the separation of church and state.

Judge John P. Fullam of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern district of Pennsylvania dismissed the Americans United v. Reagan complaint, agreeing with the Reagan administration's argument that the Constitution gives the president and Congress virtually exclusive authority in foreign policy. The federal courts, Fullam ruled, have no right to intervene.

The judge also held that AU and other plaintiffs lack "standing" to sue because they have not clearly demonstrated they have been harmed by U.S.-Vatican diplomatic ties. In announcing the decision to appeal, AU's Maddox said, "It is a fundamental tenet of American life that no one is above the law.

The Constitution mandates the separation of church and state, and all public officials are bound by that constitutional mandate. The Reagan administration has no right to single out one religious faith for special relationship with the American government. The president's power is not absolute."

Maddox added "the number and diversity" of religious groups and individuals who have joined the case indicates the breadth of concern about the removal of an 1867 ban on diplomatic relations with the Vatican.

"Many American Catholics rightly fear the relationship creates the potential for government meddling in their church," he said. "Americans of other religious viewpoints believe it makes them second class citizens."



# Students share creative skills through BSU summer missions and

In the summer of 1948, BSU in Arkansas followed up on the good experiences of the Church Training Department in sending summer field workers. The idea was to channel the energy and creative skills of college students into ministry, through churches. Students had time to give. Churches could guide them. The result is changed lives — the students lives, as well as those to whom

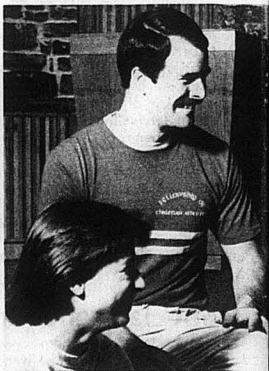
they ministered.

That summer, 1948, one student was appointed to serve in Hawaii. Then as now, summer missionaries were selected and supported by gifts from their fellow students. For 1985, Arkansas students have budgeted \$30,000 to send 44 students to serve in positions throughout Arkansas, the U. S. and four students to serve in Brazil.

BSU Summer Missions works closely with the Home Mission Board, Foreign Mission Board and the State Missions Department. The Student Department serves to recruit students, prepare them to go out and to channel their expense allowances. Students sacrifice summer jobs and time at home with their families for the 10 weeks.

Summer missionaries do a wide variety of

**FAR LEFT: GA camps and special projects in churches** — (Front row left to right) Carol Haney and Debbie Lochridge. (Back row left to right) Tana Smith, Kris Stump and Vanessa Wilkerson. Also appointed Tina Roberts and Kim Whiteside.



**LEFT: Family and Child Care** — Front row left to right) Lori Collomp and Susan Pickle. (Back row left to right) Teresa Harmon, Cindy Stafford, Lance Hughes and Darryl Woody. Also appointed Pam Strickland.



**Resort ministries** — Janae Shatley (at piano); (Front row left to right) Karen Knapp, Susan Gretzmier and Rita Frazier, (Back row left to right) Pam Hise, Rodney Stovall, Ronnie Bedford and Jim Miller. (Inset) David Meador, student contacts.

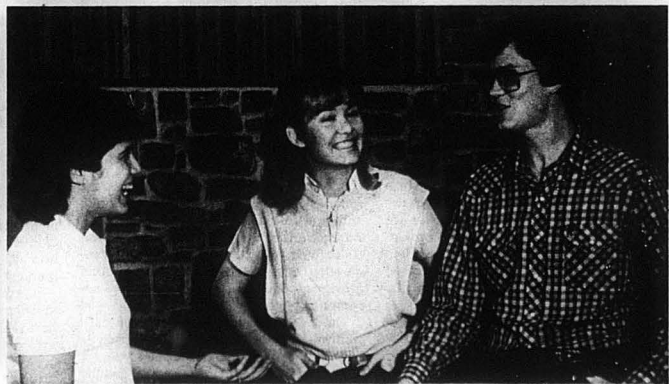
## find their lives, too, changed by the experience

work. On the foreign mission field, the assignments usually involve youth work but sometimes can be expanded to teaching English language and Bible courses. Most assignments in the United States are either general missions, inner city ministries or resort ministries. General missions typically involves the student in leading vacation Bible schools and backyard Bible clubs,

assisting in prospect surveys and revivals. Assignment to inner city work calls for all of the students' energy and creative skills to minister to boys and girls on the streets, in parks and playgrounds and wherever they can be gathered together for Christian fellowship and sharing. Persons on vacation in a variety of resort areas have been found to be open to the witness of students in

campgrounds and picnic areas, in formal worship and relaxed witnessing. Recreational activities are often a part of any assignment. In Arkansas students also are assigned to minister through Family and Child Care Services, Youth Home Inc., and GA Camps.

As students go out to serve, they need the support of their fellow students, home and college churches and of Arkansas Baptists.



**Brazil** — (Front row left to right) Teresa and Brad Shaw, Idaho; (back row left to right) Burgett and Laura Presley.

**TOP: Out-of-state** — (front row left to right) Vonda Clark, Louisiana; Janet Tyler, Arizona and Brad Shaw, Idaho; (second row left to right) Todd Ewing, Illinois; Barbi Morris, Florida; Drew Toler and Sherry Barr, Colorado; (third row left to right) Dianne Connaway, Minnesota; Tammy Smith, Utah and Arni Scheving, Louisiana.

**ABOVE: Youth Home Inc.** — (left to right) Lynn Henderson, Kelley Ramsey and Tim Ferguson. Also appointed Tony Seal.

# Your state convention at work

## Sunday School

### Nominating committee

In the Sunday School, the person who guides boys and girls in Bible-learning experiences should be the best. The best



Edwards

means: a person called by God to teach children; a person who has made God the number one priority in his life; and one who shows an enthusiasm for sharing the revelation of Jesus Christ to children.

Can you imagine anything worse than spending one whole hour with a group of 8 year olds and not having these three qualities? A worker would soon become a drop-out!

A church should enlist a department director for each grouping of children. This can be one group or as many as needed.

The department director should be given the opportunity to personally enlist the rest of the workers in the department. Names are submitted to the nominating committee for their approval, the department director contacts the potential worker (in person, if possible) and then reports back to the nominating committee. A ratio of one worker per 5-7 children is recommended for the best teaching to occur.

Begin searching now for workers to lead out in teaching your children God's truths! — Jackie Edwards, associate

## Christian Life Council Religious liberty

"God alone is Lord of the conscience, and he left it free from the doctrines and commandments of men which are contrary to his Word or not contained in it. Church and state should be separate. The state owes to every church protection and full freedom in the pursuit of its spiritual ends.



Parker

In providing for such freedom no ecclesiastical group or denomination should be favored by the state more than others. Civil government being ordained of God, it is the duty of Christians to render loyal obedience thereto in all things not contrary to the revealed will of God. The church should not resort to the civil power to carry on its work. The gospel of Christ contemplates spiritual means alone for the pursuit of its ends. The state has no right to im-

pose penalties for religious opinions of any kind. The state has no right to impose taxes for the support of any form of religion. A free church in a free state is the Christian ideal, and this implies the right of free and unhindered access to God on the part of all men, and the right to form and propagate opinions in the sphere of religion without interference by the civil power."

The above is section 17 of *The Baptist Faith and Message*, a statement adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City, Mo., May 6, 1963 — Bob Parker, director

## Missions

### Associate sponsors

Associations and churches are becoming increasingly aware of places where new churches are needed in Arkansas. Some churches want to sponsor a new work but need some back-up help.



Tidsworth

Other churches are willing to be involved in a limited measure with a mission point. So it seems that the idea of several churches being in on the sponsorship of one mission is timely.

One church can serve as the primary sponsor. The other churches can be "associate sponsors". All together, the churches can provide adequate support for a new congregation to get off to a good start.

If your church would like to become an associate sponsor but needs a link-up with a mission point, contact Floyd Tidsworth Jr. at the Baptist Building. — Floyd Tidsworth Jr., church extension director

## Family and Child Care Cooperative action

"Cooperation" is a magnificent word. Among its meanings are "to act or operate jointly with others; to join together for strength and mutual benefit; to take action collectively to achieve a purpose not possible when acting alone." Cooperative action provides comfort, support, joy and accomplishment to participants.

The Cooperative Program is a magnificent vehicle our Lord has blessed since its beginnings. It provides a sound way for Baptists to join together for strength and the achievement of spiritual goals. It is our method to achieve the best at home and beyond to fulfill our task of ministering to people, developing believers and strengthening missions; to implement the Great Commission.

We are grateful for the money from the Cooperative Program we receive each

month which provides a firm financial floor on which we can build to meet the total financial needs of our child care ministry. Fifty-four percent of our operating budget is provided by the Cooperative Program and direct gifts from the churches; 24 percent from the Cooperative Program and 30 percent from the churches.

This firm financial floor provides our daily "bread and butter": food, clothing, shelter, education, medical, counseling, recreational and spiritual programs. Your gifts are translated into children being helped, saved, blessed and prepared for life. Cooperation is a magnificent word! God is blessing our cooperative action; we are grateful. — Johnny Biggs, executive director

## Stewardship/Annuity Churches with budgets

The July-September, 1985 issue of *The Quarterly Review* reports on Baptist life as reflected in the 1984 church letters. Of the 36,235 church reporting, 25,562 reported having a budget; 10,637 churches operated without a budget.



Walker

In Arkansas Baptist life, 828 churches, 65.55 percent, reported budgets while 437 churches, 34.45 percent, did not have a budget.

The fact that churches can and do operate with budgets is evident. Can a church function better with a budget?

If a church believes in planning, a budget helps. When a church makes ministries more important than just paying bills, the church needs a budget.

A ministry budget challenges members. A church with a budget is encouraged to look beyond the local field.

The Stewardship/Annuity Department will provide a Basic Budget packet of materials to any church on request. This includes guidelines for setting up a ministry budget, budget forms, a guide for a commitment service and other useful tools.

It isn't too early, especially for churches that operate on the church year, to plan for next year's budget. The free budget packet will aid that planning and encourage growth in stewardship. — James A. Walker, director

## Woman's Missionary Union Mothers, leaders, come!

GA Mini-Camp is a new opportunity for mothers or leaders to attend camp with their girls. GA Mini-Camp is for mothers or leaders and girls in grades 1-4. It is de-

signed for girls who want a short GA Camp experience with someone from their church present. GA Mini-Camp provides a transition from GA Mother-Daughter Camp to GA Camp.

GA Mini-Camp will allow mothers or leaders to participate in conferences on strengthening one's prayer life and being a lifestyle witness. There will also be adult Bible study and prayer-share times.

Girls will have GA time, nature projects, games and mission activities. Girls and mothers or leaders will be able to meet missionaries, swim, have quiet times, crafts and meet new friends.

GA Mini-Camp begins with registration at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, July 3, and concludes with lunch on Friday, July 5, at Camp Paron. For information contact the State WMU Office, PO Box 552, Little Rock, AR 72203. Mothers or leaders are welcomed at GA Mini-Camp. — **Pat Glascock, GA/Mission Friends director.**

#### Evangelism

### Why be baptized?

We are committed in Arkansas to total New Testament evangelism. This not only means that a person will repent of their sins

and place their faith in Christ for salvation but will also desire to be baptized. The question is often asked, "Why should a person be baptized?"

Every new Christian should be baptized to be obedient to the command of Christ. In the Great Commission, Jesus

said, "baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." We believe the authority for baptism was given to the local church.

Every new Christian should be baptized to follow the example of Jesus. Jesus walked for many miles to the Jordan River to be baptized of John. A beautiful thing happened when Jesus was baptized. As the Son came up out of the water, the Spirit in the form of a dove came and lighted upon him. The heavenly voice of the Father spoke and said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." We believe that God is pleased when one of his children follows the example of Jesus in baptism.

The New Testament emphasis on baptism will continue next week. — **Clarence Shell, director**



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## Southern Baptists called to day of prayer, fasting

ATLANTA (BP)—Southern Baptists have been called to set aside June 4 as a day of prayer and fasting for the 1985 annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention.

SBC President Charles Stanley told Baptist Press he wants to encourage every Southern Baptist to pray and fast that day, "specifically that the 1985 Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas will be honoring to the Christ whom we serve."

The incumbent president, who is pastor of Atlanta's First Church, said he believes the convention "will be a great witness that will glorify God or we will either damage our

witness for years to come."

In calling for the day of prayer and fasting, Stanley cited I John, chapter 5. "That says if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us and if we know he hears us, we know we have the petition we desire of him.

"We know it is his will that the convention be honoring to him, so we have the authority of God's word to ask and the right to fully expect God to answer our prayer."

Stanley added: "In the Scriptures, each time God's people fasted and prayed, God always responded. That is the whole basis of our doing it."

## State presidents propose crisis study committee

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (BP)—An eight-point plan to create a special committee to study means of resolving the crisis in the Southern Baptist Convention will be proposed by presidents of state Baptist conventions at the 1985 annual meeting of the SBC.

The proposal, drafted by a seven-member task force during a meeting at a Memphis hotel May 14, will be presented to other state convention presidents at a called meeting June 10 in Dallas, on the eve of the annual meeting.

The plan calls for appointment of a committee to "seek to determine the sources of the controversy in our convention and make findings and recommendations regarding these controversies..."

Bill Hickem, president of the Florida Baptist

Convention and chairman of the task force, said the motion will specify the persons who will serve on the committee. "The committee will be made up of 15 persons representing both sides of the controversy as well as those we consider bridge-builders and middle-of-the-road people," he said.

"We are not ready to name them yet, because they must be presented to the (June 11) meeting for the approval of the other presidents," Hickem said.

Both of the key candidates for SBC president—incumbent Charles Stanley of Atlanta and Winfred Moore of Amarillo—have said they support creation of a committee to resolve the conflict, and another former president—W.A. Criswell of Dallas—also supports the idea.

## Baptist laity journal planned by ex-president

YAZOO CITY, Miss. (BP)—Owen Cooper of Yazoo City, the last layman to be elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and John Baugh, chairman of board of Sysco Corporation in Texas, have announced plans to publish a new periodical, *The Baptist Laity Journal*.

"We hope it would be a voice of reconciliation," said Cooper. "There is a group of us who feel like we want to use the voice of the pew in bringing together the diverse points among Southern Baptists," he said, "recognizing there will be diversity but maintaining unity in the areas of evangelism, missions, Christian education, stewardship and discipling or equipping the saints."

Cooper said the first issue is being edited largely by James Cole, former editor of the *Louisiana Baptist Message* and current executive vice-president of the Baylor University Alumni Association in Waco, Texas.

Baugh, a member of Second Church, Houston, announced at a San Antonio, Texas, meeting in early May that the periodical will be designed "to inform Southern Baptist laity and to protect and preserve traditional Baptist doctrines."

A statement of purpose, written by Baugh, noted that in the current crisis, "one voice has been silent, that of the laity. As major stockholders of the Convention, it is imperative the laity let their voices be heard above the roar of the raging storm."

Baugh said many Southern Baptist laity "resent the threat posed to the historical Baptist doctrines, the Cooperative Program and related causes. Some of these laymen and laywomen, as volunteers (not employed by any Southern Baptist church, agency or institution), have formed an organization to publish the *Baptist Laity Journal* to inform Southern Baptist laity to protect and preserve traditional Baptist doctrines."

Baugh's statement of purpose noted these laymen's intent "to resist efforts of those who do not recognize these doctrines but seek rather to gain control of Southern Baptist churches, agencies and institutions."

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## BSU welcomes appointees to Air Force Academy

Appointees to the U.S. Air Force Academy may spend their first nights in Colorado Springs as guests of the AFA Baptist Student Union, according to director Dwain Gregory.

BSU members will meet incoming cadets at the airport on July 3 or 4 and provide them with free housing and food until the morning of July 5, when they will be transported to the academy. Cadets will be honored at a get-acquainted picnic July 4.

Gregory may be contacted at 2825 Roundtop Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80918, phone (303) 599-9094, and provide him with arrival date and time, airport, airline and flight number, as well as home address for confirmation.

## 35th reunion planned for Central College alumni

Alumni of Central Baptist College will meet for their 35th reunion at 6 p.m., Friday, June 14, at the Riverfront Hilton Inn in North Little Rock. Dinner reservations must be made by June 7 with Betty Sue Moore, Drawer H, Cotton Plant, AR 72036; 459-3688 or 459-3591

## SBC seminaries have highest enrollments

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP)—Southwestern enrolls more students than any other accredited American seminary, according to the 1984-85 American Theological Schools' Fact Book.

Three other Southern Baptist institutions, Southern, New Orleans and Southeastern, also are among the five largest schools. The other seminary in the top five is Fuller Theological, Pasadena, Calif., which ranks second. All six SBC seminaries are among the top 21 in enrollment.

### Head coach, women's basketball

Joint appointment as women's basketball coach and director of continuing education. The 1984-85 women's team advanced to the NAIA final 16 with a 27-4 record and was ranked 10th in the final NAIA poll. Master's degree required, successful coaching experience on the college level is desirable.

### Head coach, men's basketball

Joint appointment as basketball coach and instructor in physical education. The varsity program participates in the NAIA. The college belongs to NAIA District 30 and the Gulf Coast Athletic Conference. Master's degree in physical education required, successful background in coaching necessary, preferably at the collegiate level.

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## Dunn and Valentine oppose D.C. 'governmental affairs' office

WASHINGTON (BP)—Leaders of two Southern Baptist Convention-related agencies with direct ties to Washington have voiced strong support for a recommendation which opposes establishment of an SBC "governmental affairs office" in the nation's capital.

James M. Dunn, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, and Foy Valentine, executive director of the Christian Life Commission, expressed hope messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas June 11-13 will support the recommendation to be brought by the convention's Executive Committee.

A motion from last year's convention in

Kansas City, Mo., which was referred to the Executive Committee, proposed the establishment of a Southern Baptist office in Washington which would "address public and governmental affairs."

Following extensive study, the full Executive Committee voted in February to "affirm SBC's historic relationship to the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs." A government affairs office in Washington exclusively related to the SBC "does not appear practicable," the Executive Committee recommendation noted.

Rumors have circulated since the February meeting the Executive Committee recom-

mendation may be challenged from the floor of the convention.

The Kansas City motion came in the midst of intense pressure on the Baptist Joint Committee over the agency's steadfast opposition to a public school prayer amendment backed by the Reagan administration. Much of the criticism contended that positions taken by the BJC in recent years have not represented the majority opinion of Southern Baptists.

Dunn noted, however, "every single position statement" adopted by the BJC during the last six years has been unanimous, which reflects "full and complete support" of the committee's Southern Baptist members.

## Patterson calls Winfred Moore 'tool' of 'liberals'

LUMBERTON, Texas (BP)—Inerrant leader Paige Patterson has called Amarillo, Texas pastor Winfred Moore a "tool" of liberals, according to Associated Press.

Moore will be nominated for president of the Southern Baptist Convention next June at the SBC annual meeting. Patterson, associate pastor of the 25,000-member First Church of Dallas, is supporting the reelection of current president Charles Stanley.

The Associated Press story quoted Patterson as describing Moore, pastor of First Church, Amarillo, and president of the 2.3-million member Baptist General Convention of Texas, as a "tool" for "liberals" such as Russell Dilday, president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth.

"I don't think he's a liberal, but he's being used by them," Patterson reportedly told the congregation at Fletcher Emanuel Church in

the southeast Texas town of Lumberton. Patterson also asked the people to pray for the Southern Baptist Convention which holds its annual meeting June 11-13 in Dallas.

Moore, in a telephone interview with Associated Press, defended his credentials. "The people in Amarillo who've known me for the past 25 years would tell you that I would not be used by anybody and I don't intend to be," he said.

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# Another secret tape fuels fight among Southern Baptists

by Louis Moore

HOUSTON (BP)—Another secret tape has emerged in the struggle between opposing camps in the Southern Baptist Convention.

A Texas Southern Baptist seminary professor secretly taped a conversation in which Russell H. Dilday Jr., president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, told the professor he was going to oust him from the faculty for allegedly misinforming an Arkansas pastor about a faculty vote last fall expressing support of Dilday.

The secret tape, made with a concealed microphone, was released to the *Houston Chronicle* May 9 by the professor's attorney, Walt Carpenter of Houston. Carpenter said he released the tape to counter comments Dilday has made about why he is trying to fire the professor, Farrar Patterson.

Dilday said he did not know Patterson had taped the meeting. He added, "I have no problem with the conversation being known, but it was a very confidential meeting."

The attempted firing of the professor,

which failed when Dilday did not receive two-thirds support from his board of trustees, has become a major issue in the battle for control of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Dilday has charged Patterson gave inaccurate information to W.O. Vaught, emeritus pastor of Immanuel Church, Little Rock, about the seminary faculty's support for Dilday's stand in the convention fight. The disagreement revolves around a vote of faculty members in support of Dilday's stand. Dilday said Patterson told Vaught the vote was not unanimous. Patterson told Dilday he told Vaught the seminary's faculty does not support him 100 percent. He told Dilday the faculty vote did not involve the whole faculty and some faculty members abstained.

On the tape, Patterson told Dilday that faculty support for him was not unanimous. "I didn't say it was," said Dilday in response. "Well, the (news)paper leaves that impression," Patterson responded. "I don't care what impression it leaves," Dilday replied.

"The newspaper (apparently the Fort Worth Star-Telegram) presents the faculty as being unanimously behind you, and they're not, Dr. Dilday," Patterson said.

In his efforts to try to fire Patterson, Dilday also charged Patterson has used profanity and has not been the kind of professor he wants on his faculty. Those charges are discussed on the tape, but in a much less amount of time than discussion about Patterson's talk with Vaught.

Vaught has said everything Patterson told him coincides with what he has heard and read elsewhere, and that he does not consider the information to have been secret or inaccurate. Patterson said on the tape the conversation with Vaught was incidental, unplanned and nothing more than chatter between friends. He said he never realized it would blow up into a major issue.

Louis Moore is religion editor of the *Houston Chronicle*.

## Dilday calls secret taping 'unethical, dishonest'

by Dan Martin

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP)—The secret taping of a "confidential and personal conference without my knowledge or permission is another sign of behavior that is unethical, dishonest and unchristian," said Russell H. Dilday Jr.

Dilday, president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, commented to Baptist Press after news stories revealed Farrar Patterson, a professor of communications and preaching, had secretly taped a conference with Dilday and released transcripts to the press.

The secret tape is the latest development in controversy surrounding an effort by Dilday to fire Patterson, a professor since 1969, which failed when Southwestern trustees voted 19-12 to dismiss, falling two votes short of the two-thirds vote needed to dismiss a faculty member.

The seminary president said he has attempted to contact Patterson since the release of the transcripts, "but I have been told he will not speak to me except through his attorney. It is very difficult to carry on an academic program without being able to communicate with the faculty member."

Dilday said the recording was of a conference Jan. 14, which was of a "personal

and confidential nature" regarding Patterson's performance. "It is part of the redemptive nature of the seminary that we try to deal first on a personal and very confidential basis...to come to resolution (with faculty members) in such a way that will not unduly embarrass the individual or his family."

Dilday said there were six "very serious charges" against Patterson, including one that he had "presented an untrue report of action of the seminary faculty" to W.O. Vaught, pastor emeritus of Immanuel Church, Little Rock, Ark.

The charges, Dilday said, include lifestyle and behavior (such as using profanity and vulgar language, including cursing the dean of the school of theology); poor example of churchmanship; poor quality of work; insubordination, intentional distortion of the truth, and lack of response to significant warnings and attempts to redeem."

"This (the release of the transcript) would seem to me to be neither biblical nor Christian. It would seem to me to be most contrary to the Christian approach... not to speak directly to the person involved, but to release it first to the public and to the secular press," Dilday said.

Dilday said: "The fact he brought a

recorder and secretly taped what was to be a confidential and personal conference, according to the (seminary) bylaws, without my permission or knowledge is another sign of behavior that is unethical, dishonest and unchristian.


"Had I known he did that, that also would have been part of the charges brought against him for dismissal. It represents an action completely contrary to the covenant relationship we have here at Southwestern."

Following the failure of the attempt to fire Patterson, Dilday said "the vice-president (John Newport), the dean of the school of theology (William Tolar) and I set up what is called a remedial re-engagement plan. Since we were within a few weeks of the end of the semester, we did not feel it wise to put him (Patterson) back into the classroom."

"We asked him to use the time to improve his classroom performance, to work on a scholarbook not completed even though he has had several sabbaticals to do so, and to improve his church participation. He was asked to report back, and the report indicates a continued lack of local church involvement," Dilday said.

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## International

### Why judgment comes

by Stephen P. Davis, First Church, Russellville

Basic passage: Amos 1 and 2

Focal passage: Amos 1:1, 2:4-8, 11-12

Central truth: If we continue in sin, the judgment of God will eventually come upon us.

When Amos completes the circle of the nations in chapters one and two, all of the nations stand condemned before the Lord. We will review why God's judgment comes on these nations and upon any people or nations who involve themselves in the same sinful practices.

(1) Sin against our conscience (1:2-2:3). There is a common conscience inherent in all men. It is the general revelation of God that gives sufficient light to bring all men to a position of responsibility for their conduct. This conscience can be compromised and violated by national action such as pointed out by Amos in his judgment roll call. He points out some of the sins of the conscience in regard to others.

(2) Cruelty (1:3-5). This included contempt for human personality (1:6-8), covenant breaking and reflecting infidelity (1:9-10), casting off pity (1:11-12), compassion for the helpless was ignored (1:13-15) and consideration for human feelings abandoned (2:1-3). How clear is our conscience in regard to our conduct toward our fellowman? Do we at times practice some of these grievous sins in varying degrees?

(3) Sin against the Law of the Lord. Judah sinned against the instruction of the Lord (2:4-5). We are all responsible and will be held accountable for our obedience or disobedience to the instruction of our Lord and God as recorded in the Bible.

(4) Sin against love. Israel also sinned against the unmerited love of the Lord (2:6-16). Through all these acts of sin, we see God's actions of providential love and care.

Let each man examine himself before God. Judgment will come if we do not admit our sins and repent of them.

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## Life and Work

### What God expects of us

by Clyde P. Spurgin, First Church, Piggott  
Basic passage: Micah 6:3-13

Focal passage: Micah 6:6-8

Central truth: God desires obedience and not sacrifice.

What do parents expect of their children? Do we count every dollar spent on food, clothing, medical care, education and pleasure demanding reimbursement? Certainly good parents do not.

Most parents will work and give sacrificially for years to raise their children. They rejoice in their happiness, success and accomplishments. All they want in return is to see them mature physically, emotionally and spiritually.

Good parents want to be a blessing, not a burden. Nothing thrills them more than the assurance of appreciation and respect from the children who are their pride and joy.

God, our heavenly Father, desires the same from his children. Micah reminds Israel that God has never been a burden to them. Rather, he relieved them from the burden of Egyptian bondage. Remember, "I rescued you from slavery; I sent Moses, Aaron and Miriam to lead you."

Even when King Balak of Moab tried desperately to hire the prophet, Balaam, to curse Israel as they passed through his land, God filled Balaam's mouth with nothing but blessings for his chosen people.

Micah could have recalled numerous times and ways that God had delivered and blessed Israel. These two should have helped their memory. Now, what does he expect in return for his blessings? Is the faithful sacrifice of animals and the dutiful returning of tithes all God desires of his own?

No, he expects his people "... to do what is just, to show constant love and to live in humble fellowship with our God."

As a bright dominate color is woven into a fabric to catch the attention of the beholder, God has woven reminders throughout his Word as to what he expects from his children. The following passages are good examples: Ecclesiastes 12:13; Hosea 6:6; Micah 6:8, Mark 12:33, Romans 13:10 and James 1:27.

God's expectation for his people has not changed. He wants us to love and respect him, live righteously according to the principles revealed in his Word, always demonstrating kindness and fairness in our relationships with one another.

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## Bible Book

### Jesus warns about the future

by Ben J. Rowell, First Church, Rogers  
Basic passage: Luke 21:5-38

Focal passage: Luke 21:6-8, 20-28, 36

Central truth: Jesus' description of the events from the fall of Jerusalem to the second coming provides Christians with both assurance and a challenge to faithfulness.

Jesus tells of the destruction of Jerusalem and his second coming. If the Temple was to be destroyed, they would naturally expect his glorious coming immediately and the setting up of his kingdom. This brief revelation of such great and terrible events aroused their desire for more information. So, in Luke 21:7, they asked, "When shall these things be?" He told them to be very careful and watch and not to be led astray. He said, "Many shall come in my name."

Even in our day, many are claiming they are sent from God. But if we read carefully about what they are saying, we will discover they are coming with false doctrines. We need to teach our people great Bible doctrines, so they will know the truth.

Then, Jesus gave them fair warning that there would be wars and disturbances of various kinds, but that the end would not be immediate. In verse 11, he spoke of great earthquakes, famine and pestilence. These predictions may be taken literally as signs of the end. As the end draws near, many things like this will be intensified. He told the Jews that these dreadful things the disciples would pass through would indeed be great persecution. As believers, we will not win popularity contests as we live and serve now.

In those days, men's hearts will fail because of fear. The political and physical disturbances in the world will be more than people can endure, and then he will come in a cloud with great power. Unlike his first coming, this will be in all of his glory.

In the parable of the fig tree, Jesus showed by his words the kingdom of God has not been fully realized but will come in the future.

We are to watch and pray. This is the only way we will be worthy to enter his kingdom. We must know him as our personal Savior. As he taught these things, the people just kept coming to him in the Temple to hear him preach. They will come to our churches today as we present the Word of God.

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## Baptist historian cites dangers of fundamentalism

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—Three dangers of fundamentalism are that it rationalizes faith, erodes denominationalism and minimizes freedom, according to Walter B. Shurden, chairman of Mercer University's department of Christianity, in an interpretive article for the summer issue of *Baptist Heritage Update*, published by the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Shurden compared fundamentalism with liberalism: "Both interpret the Christian faith primarily in terms of intellectual propositions about God. Their propositions differ, but their method is the same."

Fundamentalism, he wrote, "transforms the Christian faith into theological ideas to be believed rather than a person to be loved and obeyed," results in "the loss of the intensely personal nature of the faith" and reduces Christianity "to a set of doctrines to which one must give assent."

"Creedalism is the first cousin of fundamentalism," he asserted.

Southern Baptists historically have resisted creedalism because they "did not want human statements about the Christian faith to be equated with the essence of personal faith," claimed Shurden, a former trustee chairman of the Historical Commission.

"The history of American Christianity demonstrates that the rise of fundamentalism within a denomination has usually led to the

decline of denominational consciousness," he continued. "Historically, fundamentalists are not denominationally loyal," and they usually "have found more fellowship with those outside their denomination than with the mainstream of their own denomination."

Shurden added that fundamentalists often have drastically cut support for denominational mission enterprises which they could not control and have gone "independent" in support of missions. "Cooperation (the intentional denominational character of Southern Baptists) threatens the independence of fundamentalism," he wrote.

"Historically, Baptists are freedom-lovers," Shurden said. "Even non-Baptist historians acknowledge that Baptists have made their greatest contribution to Christendom with a passionate commitment to freedom."

Viewing fundamentalism as basically a mentality of control which is threatened by freedom, Shurden described it as "totalitarian in theology, power-oriented in denominationalism and authoritarian in pastoral model."

He concluded: "Fundamentalism, with its totalitarian mentality, will cut the heart out of Baptist life. And it will do it in the name of God."

*Baptist Heritage Update* is a quarterly publication of the Historical Commission. The summer issue will be available in July.

## Kansas pastors hear Draper and Patterson

WICHITA, Kan. (BP)—About 50 persons gathered at Immanuel Baptist Church in Wichita to hear Paige Patterson and James T. Draper Jr., outspoken leaders of the inerrancy movement within the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC).

Patterson, president of the Criswell Center for Biblical Studies in Dallas, defended his position in the effort to take control of the SBC, citing trouble within such as "lost confidence in the reliability of biblical data" and the increasing bureaucracy which has "caused the organization to feed on itself."

Draper cautioned those in attendance about possible failure of the Cooperative Program but denied he was predicting it would indeed fail.

Draper denied he is opposed to the CP and indicated Baptist news publications had not been fair to him when they reported on his recent statement that he and other conservative leaders may cause their churches

to withhold CP gifts.

He said he only intended to "get the attention of the convention and make them more responsible," adding he was quoted out of context by Baptist editors to create what he called "organized hysteria."

(The Baptist Press story which quoted Draper about the possibility of his church escrowing Cooperative funds was read to the former SBC president prior to its release and one quote was removed and one quote inserted at his request. He later declined an offer by Baptist Press to write a followup story explaining his position.)

In defense of the relatively low CP gifts by churches pastored by recent SBC presidents, including current president Charles Stanley, Draper said 1985 was a record year for CP gifts. He added many large churches, with pastors on both sides of the current political division, are relatively low percentage contributors, but major total dollar contributors.

## Spanish Baptist giving spirals upward

MADRID, Spain—Spanish Baptists' giving in 1984 was up 40 percent over 1983. The 60 congregations in the Baptist Union of Spain gave 11.5 million pesetas, surpassing their 10 million peseta goal for Cooperative Program receipts.

According to Marcelino Huidorro, the union's stewardship and administration promoter, stewardship studies undertaken last year through a partnership between Spanish Baptists and the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma contributed to the increase.

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