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Letters to the editor

Quotes 'Manifesto'

An article appeared in the letters to the editor column of Oct. 29 titled, "Humanism not hedonism."

Hedonism holds that "pleasure alone is of intrinsic value." Humanism is "the general outlook which finds central importance and value in man."

Here are quotes from the Humanist Manifestos I and II: "Religious Humanists regard the universe as self existing, not created."

"Humanism believes that man is a part of nature and that he has emerged as a result of continual process." (Evolution)

"We find insufficient evidence for the belief in the existence of a supernatural. It is either meaningless or irrelevant to the question of survival and fulfillment of the human race; as non-theists we begin with humans, not God, nature not deity."

"We affirm that moral values derive their source from human experience. Ethics is autonomous and situational, needing no theological sanction."

"We reject all religious, ideological, or moral codes that denigrate the individual, suppress freedom, dull intellect, dehumanize personality."

"In areas of sexuality, we believe intolerant attitudes, often cultivated by orthodox religions and puritanical cultures, unduly repress sexual conduct. The right to birth control, abortion and divorce should

be recognized. While we do not approve of exploitive, degenerative forms of sexual expression, neither do we wish to prohibit by law or social sanctions, sexual behaviour between consenting adults."

"And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient" (Rom. 1:28).

Humanistic teachings have taken over most of the schools of higher learning and have made rapid inroads into the public schools. Surely we do not want our children exposed to this anti-God philosophy. According to Romans 1:28 as quoted above and verses 29 through 32, this could well be the cause of the terrible moral and spiritual condition existing in our nation today.

Unless this direction is changed soon we can expect a severe judgment to come. Pray much, Christians. — George Payne, Oark

Space and policy limitations prevent the *Newsmagazine* from printing tributes to the late Executive Secretary Huber Drumwright.

Humanism a threat

I want to respond to "Humanism is not hedonism," Oct. 29, by Larry Cooper.

First, in my Bible, I find that God's spokesmen always were called names. Christ was "crazy." John the Baptist was "wild man." Jeremiah was "prophet of doom." Paul was "sick." All paid a high price. Thus, when Mr. Cooper calls some of the TV preachers "purveyors of hate propaganda," I feel he has properly identified his philosophy.

Mr. Cooper is correct: humanism is not hedonism — hedonism is perhaps the first-born of the philosophy. In the fifth century B.C., Lamont wrote about Protagoras, a humanist philosopher, who said, "Man is the measure of all things." Also, contrary to what Mr. Cooper implied, the driving force of humanistic thought in the Renaissance was not Christian zeal, but rather a revolt against the "other-worldliness" of medieval "Christianity." Thus, joy and pleasure of life itself was the issue.

In 1933, 34 secular humanists drafted the "Humanist Manifesto." Forty years later the "Humanist Manifesto II" was drafted. In the 1933 document we read, "We find insufficient evidence for belief in the existence of a supernatural; it is either meaningless or irrelevant. . . ." In the second document we find, "As non-theists, we begin with humans, not God — nature, not deity." Also, "Promises of immortal salvation or fear of eternal damnation are both illusory and harmful." Pray tell me — how on earth can one be a "Christian

humanist"? Sounds almost like Alice in Wonderland.

We are living in an age dominated by humanistic thought and God has been scoffed at. The common man is trying to eat, stay warm and find a little pleasure. Yet, our jails are not big enough. "Watergates" are ever with us. Socialism is galloping over the globe. Crime ever grows. Baptists give less, witness less, and build bigger and "better" buildings. "Man is the measure of all things." He seeks to fulfill his appetite, which grows bigger. Alcohol flows deeper. Sex gets freer. "We begin with humans, not God — nature, not deity."

Bring on the humanism — my redemption draws nigh! — Bob Mathis, Mountain Home

'Manifesto' revealing

I refer to Humanist Manifesto II as shown by editor Paul Kurtz, "The Humanist," September/October 1973 issue. I quote paragraph three of the Preface:

"As in 1933, humanists still believe that traditional thesis especially faith in prayer, hearing God, assumed to love and care for persons, to hear and understand their prayers and be able to do something about them, is an unproved and out-moded faith. Salvationism based on mere affirmation, still appears as harmful, diverting people with false hopes of heaven hereafter. Reasonable minds look to other means for survival." Interested parties could secure copies of this Manifesto II.

An excerpt from Article I under heading of religion, "No deity can save us, we must save ourselves."

Lastly I refer those interested to the book, "Secular Humanism," by Homer Duncan, with introduction by Sen. Jesse Helms. I quote from page 12 in part, "Christians need to recognize the solemn fact that humanism is not an ally in making the world a better place in which to live. It is a deadly enemy for it is a religion without God and without hope in this world or the next." — Bob Stafford, Hot Springs

Call first

I was interested in your article on "Effective church visitation" published in the September 17, 1981 *Arkansas Baptist*.

More people might welcome church and other visitors, if prospective guests called or wrote a note in advance to learn a convenient time for the visit. Therefore, family members may be prepared for guests and not have another appointment, etc., at the time of the announced visit. — Name withheld

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Executive Secretary Huber Drumwright, speaking the last time to a state-wide meeting before his death Nov. 2, encouraged Arkansans to "live with diversity and maintain unity."

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Who controls the church's business?

The editor's page

J. Everett Sneed



A lady announced, "The reason I became a Baptist is so I could help in determining what my church will do."

At first thought it may seem a very superficial reason for becoming a Baptist. Yet, it should be noted that church polity is one of our most distinctive doctrines. We, as Baptists, believe that the local church is totally free. The congregation, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, is to determine every activity for that local body. Neither the association, the state, nor the Southern Baptist Convention determines what a local church does. No entity in Baptist life exercises control over another.

This distinctive doctrine has been one of the mighty forces which God has used as a dynamic in reaching people. A seminary professor said that in questioning students from non-Baptist backgrounds, the most frequent reason given for joining us was the way we conduct our services and manage our affairs. The students said that their understanding of "Baptist doctrine" came later, and that now there are many reasons why they are proud to be Baptists.

If this is true, the importance of our business meetings becomes apparent. But, all too often, unless there is some difficulty or major business discussion, we approach the monthly business meeting without too much thought.

"We have many items of business tonight. Let's have a brief word of prayer so that we can move quickly into our business," the moderator will often announce.

This familiar statement takes very lightly two important considerations. First, it is the matter of seeking divine guidance. Regardless of how routine a meeting may appear, we should never proceed until God's direction has been earnestly sought. Apart from the leading of the Holy Spirit the church is like a ship without a rudder — hopelessly adrift.

The second consideration is the lack of attention given to the fact that our polity is founded on biblical principles. From time to time it would be well for some in-depth attention to be given to the New Testament reasons for our church organization.

First, New Testament churches were organized in a democratic manner. There is no evidence that there were

any "ruling elders," or "bishops," or any other official ruling class that managed the affairs of churches.

In the case of difficulty between church members, as recorded in Matthew 18, Jesus makes it clear that the church is the last court of appeal.

Second, the doctrine of salvation by grace through faith goes along with a democratic organization of the church. When men recognize that they are helpless and hopeless sinners saved by grace, all artificial distinctions melt away. In the Christian relationship there is to be no Jew or Gentile, bond or free, bishops, priests or popes, no clergy or laity.

Finally, the fact that the Holy Spirit indwells every Christian and makes known the will of Christ would indicate that the church should be a democratic body. There is no class in the church that has a monopoly on the indwelling spirit of God.

Of great importance, from a practical standpoint, is the fact that persons involved in the decision making process of the church are more responsive. Any person who has input into the determining of how a certain matter should be handled will be more willing to put more money, time and energy into accomplishing this particular goal. Hence, our Baptist organization is far more likely to involve the members of the church than any other type of church polity.

We, as Baptists, have many distinctive doctrines which are of great significance. But few, if any, of our teachings are greater than the autonomy and polity of the local congregation.

It should be noted that a Baptist church is distinctly different from a democratic political organization. For each of our congregations should be a praying body of Christ-like Christians who are seeking to follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit. In its ideal state a church is a theocracy, that is, completely controlled by God.

Every church business meeting should be a great and victorious experience as we allow the very presence of the living Christ to permeate our midst. This is our objective.

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One layman's opinion

Daniel R. Grant/President, OBU

The gap between halos and nooses

The Thanksgiving season for me is a reminder of all the many generous friends and supporters of Ouachita Baptist University. Many of these people are kind enough to write letters of appreciation for what all of us at Ouachita are trying to do in the cause of Christian education. Some of this mail makes the compliments so personal that I need the help of my faithful wife, Betty Jo, to remind me that I am something less than perfect.

Helping my wife in this "Humility Task Force" was one letter writer who began with a few words of glowing praise for progress at Ouachita and presidential leadership, but followed it with a barb. He wrote, "I would remind you that only eight inches elevation differentiates a halo from a noose!" If you ever want to avoid staying on the mountaintop too long, think on that for a while.

It reminds one of the Biblical admonition "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall" (1 Cor. 10:12). Forgetting past successes and glories is a very difficult thing to do. It is great joy for a football team to relive every minute of a thrilling football victory of the previous

Saturday, but it is dangerous to do so at the expense of not getting ready for the game coming up the following Saturday.

The surest way for a teacher to lose the respect of the students, whether in the public schools, Sunday School or college, is to spend a great deal of time talking about all of the teacher's accomplishments in earlier years. It may seem unfair, but a teacher must prove himself all over again each year to the new class of students. Businessmen, politicians, parents, pastors and even college presidents, are all in the same boat. One of the saddest questions I receive from visitors on the Ouachita campus — and I am happy to say it doesn't happen often — is "What has happened to Professor So-and-So? He was the favorite professor when I was here, but now I hear students complaining about him." It may be that Professor So-and-So was resting on past glories.

My correspondent was wrong about one thing, however. I measured the distance from halo to noose and it is nine inches for me. I must have had a long face.

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The Southern accent

Man is accountable for his behavior

by D. Jack Nicholas

One such approach is biological determinism which holds that much of man's behavior is prompted by his bio-chemistry or genetic make-up. Among the many examples of this theory is that one which notes that an incredibly high percentage of men imprisoned for having committed unusually violent crimes have an extra male chromosome. The assumption is made by some that possession of the extra male chromosome so predisposes that individual to violence that he may not have a choice and therefore may not be responsible for his behavior.

Another approach is psychological determinism which, according to one theory, holds man to be so controlled by primal drives that he is not responsible for his behavior. Another theory suggests that man is so vulnerable to psychological conditioning that he can hardly be held fully responsible for his behavior.

Yet a third theory suggests man is at birth

Informed Baptists . . .

If I were asked to recommend one Christian publication which could provide a wide range of information, inspiration and instruction, I would have to say, the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*.

As a pastor and member of a congregation affiliated with the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, I feel that the contents of this paper can keep me informed of those opportunities and issues which directly influence my Christian purpose and continuing witness. It can bring inspiration by the writings of Christian brothers and sisters, and by the accounts of the spiritual successes of others, these contribute to my growing maturity in the faith I share with them. Finally, I obtain important instruction through its medium as I learn to share more fully in the cooperative partnership that I experience as a participant in the Bold Mission Thrust task of our convention. Other Christian publications may center in upon their own special tasks or subjects, and their newspapers and media may bring to bear their opinions; however, as I consider our common needs, the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* stands out as first with the most.

James D. Bryant,
Missionary to Bangladesh

. . . are concerned Baptists



Bryant

My last article commented upon the aversion of contemporary social theorists to the doctrine of original sin and upon the efforts of behavioral scientists to plunder the class of behaviors which the Bible labels as sinful by reclassifying those behaviors as "disease," "psychological aberrations," or "social anomalies."

Not only has the behavioral sciences helped to eliminate the word "sin" from modern thought and language by decimating the category of behaviors which the Bible calls sinful. They have, in addition, provided diverse rationale excusing man from responsibility and accountability when he is guilty of behavior which the scriptures designate as sinful.



Nicholas

a blank tablet which his experiences in life write upon. Therefore, man is merely what his environment makes him to be and thus is not morally accountable. These and other theories proffered by social theorists excuse man from moral responsibility for his behavior. They make of man a hapless victim in the hands of a capricious fate.

There are adequate answers to these notions but the purpose here is not to answer. Rather it is to observe the unwavering proclivity of behavioral scientists to reject the Biblical doctrine of original sin and to produce theories which have the effect of freeing man from responsibility for his bad behavior. One wonders why this is so when human experience is so consistent with the doctrine of original sin and when the daily news provides such overwhelming evidence for it. Perhaps behavioral scientists should ponder that question themselves.

D. Jack Nicholas is president of Southern Baptist College at Walnut Ridge.

by Millie Gill/ABN staff writer

Noel Wright

is serving as minister of education by Benton First Church.

Lyndell P. Worthen

is serving as pastor of Arkadelphia First Church, coming there from the University Church in Shawnee, Okla. Worthen, who was born in Illinois and who spent his youth in Forrest City, attended the University of Arkansas and was graduated in 1967 with a bachelor of art degree from Oklahoma Baptist University. He received a master of divinity degree in 1972 from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary where he has done advanced graduate work. He also holds a master of education degree from Central State University, Edmond, Okla. He has 15 years of pastoral experience in Kansas and Oklahoma. He is married to the former Mary Ida Crews, an accomplished musician and a former Harvest Queen at Oklahoma Baptist University. They have one son, Phillip, age 9. Worthen participated in a two-week preaching mission in the Philippines this spring.

Raymond Carpenter

is serving as pastor of the Hamburg Gardner Church, going there from the Portland Church.

Tom Harris

began serving Nov. 1 as pastor of the Hot Springs Park Place Church. A native of



Worthen



Harris

Hartford, his education includes degrees from Arkansas Tech University, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and Luther Rice Seminary. He has served as pastor of the Clinton First Church for the past three years and has previously served churches in Texas and Arkansas. Harris and his wife, Sandra, have one son, Daniel.

Don Rose

resigned Oct. 1 as pastor of the Midway Church to attend Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Lannie Younger

is serving as pastor of the Tuckerman First Church, going there from the Pocahontas Pine Grove Church.

J. W. Royal

has resigned as pastor of the Benton Old Union Church.

Lonoke Church

ordained Larry Hall and James Pratt as deacons Nov. 1.

Viola First Church

ordained Garry Williams, Jerry Taylor and Jackie Estes as deacons Nov. 1. James Whitlock, pastor of the Salem Church, preached the ordination message.

Van Buren First Church

held a deacon ordination service Nov. 1 for Charles Williams, O. B. Wade and Lowell Glass. The charge was given by Murl Walker, staff evangelist, and Pastor Stanley Daniel preached the message. Prayer was led by George Domesere, director of missions for Clear Creek Association.

Fort Smith Grand Avenue Church

held revivals Oct. 4-9 and Oct. 12-14 that resulted in 187 professions of faith; 138 of these were baptized into the membership of the church, according to Pastor Don Moore. He also reported 16 who united with the church by letter or statement. Bailey E. Smith, pastor of First Southern Church in Del City, Okla., and president of the Southern Baptist Convention, was the evangelist. George Richards, minister of music at Conway First Church, led crusade music.

Jonesboro First Church

will again contribute 10 percent of its budget to the Cooperative Program in 1982. They had pledged 10 percent of the \$35,000 1981 budget to the CP and exceeded it in October by \$1,005.75. Therefore the church voted to also continue in its 10 percent CP contributions throughout 1981.

Little Rock Sunset Lane Church

was in a revival Oct. 25-30 that resulted in 24 professions of faith, 16 rededications, one commitment to a church related vocation, and six additions by letter. Edward Edmondson is pastor and Jim Lowe, associate pastor.

North Little Rock Sylvan Hills First Church

honored Marie Reinke Nov. 8, recognizing her 20th anniversary as church secretary. She was presented a gift by Pastor Don Moseley.

Van Buren Oak Grove Church

has elected Roy Hope to serve as outreach leader.

Judsonia First Church

has begun a property improvement program that will include re-roofing the educational building and installation of a heating/cooling system in the same building. Cost, estimated at \$13,000, will be handled through building fund monies and a \$10,000 gift from the estate of the late Herbert Larnard.



Moore leads in 1983-84 WMU planning

Debbie Moore (right), Arkansas WMU GA/Mission Friends Director, was in Birmingham, Ala., recently meeting with the Dated Plan Work Group for Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to Southern Baptist Convention. The group, made up of WMU resource persons from all over the convention, reviewed plans for magazine curriculum, WMU emphases, and activities for the 1983-84 year. Their work was compiled in the WMU Dated Plan, which will be voted on in January 1982. With Moore is Marsha Spradlin, GA/Mission Friends Consultant for Texas WMU.



Mena marks debt end

Mena First Church burned a note Nov. 1 on a \$175,000 loan made in June, 1973, to build education space and an auditorium. The total building cost was \$360,000 and the present value is \$1.2 million. The note was paid off on schedule Aug. 19, 1981.

The church also celebrated the 85th anniversary of the founding of their Sunday School with a fellowship fish fry Saturday evening and worship on Sunday. Speaker for the morning service was J. Everett Sneed, editor of the "Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine." The note was burned in the afternoon service, which included testimonies by members of the original building committee. Pastor Dillard Miller said he was most proud of the fact that the Mena church's worldwide mission consciousness has grown through the years despite paying for the building. The church's Cooperative Program gifts are now 400 percent of the construction year total, and total mission gifts are 470 percent of the 1973 level. Ceremony participants were (from left) Miller, Deacon Chairman Curtis Powell, and Trustees Chairman Claud Johnston.

ABN photo/J. Everett Sneed



ABN photo/Malin Gill

Tapes aid sight impaired

Today the sight impaired can have the "Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine" on tape cassette through the joint efforts of the Newsmagazine, the volunteer services of Park Hill Church of North Little Rock, and Miss Glenn Kirkland, who set up an endowment fund with the Arkansas Baptist Foundation. This is another example of the wide range of services offered by the Foundation and of the spirit of teamwork that exists between the churches and agencies of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. For information on having a part in this or other ministries, contact: Arkansas Baptist Foundation, Box 552, Little Rock, Ark. 72203

Letters to the editor

Don't confuse 'humanists'

Lately some comments have been printed in the ABN in the "Letters to the Editor" column concerning "humanism" and/or "secular humanism." I have noticed that two authors have attempted to defend humanism by associating it with the "Renaissance" leaders that were associated with the Protestant Reformation and even with Jesus Christ himself. Both of these authors seem to be on the defensive apparently by either being uninformed or by purposeful ignorance.

Those who declare themselves authorities on the subject need only to read the little book entitled, "Humanist Manifestos I and II," written by "secular humanists" and signed by 295 "secular humanists," some of whom are well known, to be informed. The position of these men is clear. Their doctrine is a bedfellow to the communist doctrine. They are anti-God, anti-nationalistic (one world government), evolutionary, con-

cerning ethics, situational, and depraved concerning their views of tolerable sexual behavior. It has long been recognized by informed people that there is a distinction between "humanist" groups. While some "humanists" can be labeled as beneficial contributors to society, it is clear that "secular humanists" cannot. I suggest that when one decides to subject "humanism" to the fiery test one makes certain that he does not become confused and pour all "humanists" into the same melting pot. — **Bob Richardson, Melbourne**

Imitate Christ

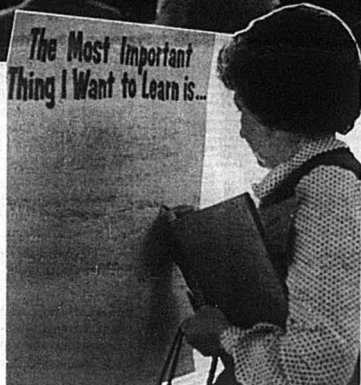
When waking up after sleeping I had this thought: I feel like I have found the secret for peace of mind which results in health in our body, free from pain and sickness. Only when we really believe in Jesus Christ's way of life and living, we are not in a state of rebellion and hate, which wrecks our minds and tears our bodies down, resulting in sick-

ness. But when we really see and know Jesus Christ's way of living and try to follow him, we find when we read about his way of life when he walked this earth, that he was always in a way of compassion, love and forgiveness toward all people — thus he was never sick. He knew why he was born and willingly gave up his life for us, and as our Father promised him, he brought him back from the grave alive the third day. Then after spending some time with his followers, he went back to heaven in a cloud and he is coming back to receive all who believe in him and try to follow him.

Jesus offers rest to the burdened: Matthew 11:28-30: "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will [give] you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Why not try his way of life today? — **A believer**



ABN photo/Betty J. Kennedy



Seeking knowledge at the convention: Baptists search for no-cost helps (above), state their learning goals (left) and hear author and Sunday School Board consultant Lucy Hoskins on improving as church secretaries.

Baptists' tasks require unity, Drumwright tells training convention

by Betty J. Kennedy

Church Training's emphasis on training calls God's people together in their shared task, Arkansas Baptists' Executive Secretary told the Church Training Convention Oct. 27 at Little Rock's Immanuel Church.

Speaking the last time to a state-wide meeting before his death Nov. 2, Huber L. Drumwright emphasized that training disciples was a priority for Jesus and should also be at the top of the list for churches today.

Dr. Drumwright called attention to the problems of the churches at Corinth and Galatia as he read from Paul's letter to the Corinthians. "Because of things like speaking in tongues they probably would have been put out of most any association of Baptists today," he observed.

Drumwright addressed the need for unity among Baptist people to accomplish the mission of making disciples in the world but cautioned against drawing the circle of unity "so tightly around our own feet that there is no room for anyone else." "We will never be totally alike," he said.

"Unity is the divine intention for God's people, even in their diversity," Dr. Drumwright explained, "but Baptist people give up too quickly on unity."

"There was something in the relationships between churches in that day that we have lost sight of today," he maintained. "They had many problems yet did not put out the offenders," Drumwright noted.

Dr. Drumwright explained that Paul's concern for how believers treat each other came from his Damascus Road experience when Paul came to see that by persecuting Christians he was persecuting Jesus Himself.

"Christ's body is just one body, in spite of all the diversity to be found," Drumwright observed in calling for Christians to be Jesus' body in the earth, to do what he did while he was here. "It is difficult for us to live with diversity and maintain unity — but it must be done," Drumwright observed.

Besides Drumwright, speakers for the general sessions of the convention were Ar-

kansas Church Training Department staffers and Stanley Howell. They introduced Bold Growth in Discipleship, the Church Training Department's emphasis on enrolling 3.5 million persons by 1985 in discipleship and doctrine training.

Howell, who is supervisor of the Growth Section of the Church Training Department at the Baptist Sunday School Board, noted that in the past 11 years 8,748,586 Southern Baptists did not receive any type of orientation to the life of the church they were joining. He called for an emphasis on lifelong learning for the church members because "discipleship requires a knowledge base." That knowledge should lead to a change in lifestyle, Howell concluded.

Knowledge was available at the convention through free materials and in the seven morning, afternoon and evening conferences for Church Training leaders, media/library workers and church secretaries.

Arkansas Church Training Department Director Robert Holley estimated that nearly 400 persons attended the sessions.

Magnolia church

When leaders at Central Church in Magnolia began planning their Oct. 18-21 revival earlier this year, they never expected it to be broadcast in five television markets across the United States.

But on Monday and Thursday evenings this January, TV audiences in parts of California, Florida, Georgia, North and South Carolina and Texas will be watching taped segments of revival services from the church in this south Arkansas town.

As part of the preparation for the American Christian Television System (ACTS), the Southern Baptist Radio and Television's proposed national network, Central was selected as one of two Southern Baptist churches whose revival services would be taped and shown at the beginning of next year as pilots to gauge audience response for what will probably be weekly evangelistic services when ACTS begins airing.

A revival service at North Phoenix church in Phoenix, Ariz., was taped Nov. 1-4.

The strategy of the new preaching program, to be called "Invitation to Life," is to conduct revivals in Southern Baptist churches around the country, tape the services, and add short feature segments on church members ministering in the communities.

To test-market these initial tapings, the RTVC has bought time on stations in Atlanta; Bakersfield, Calif.; Orlando, Fla.; the Midland and Odessa, Texas, area; and the region around Spartanburg, and Greenville, S.C., and Asheville, N.C.

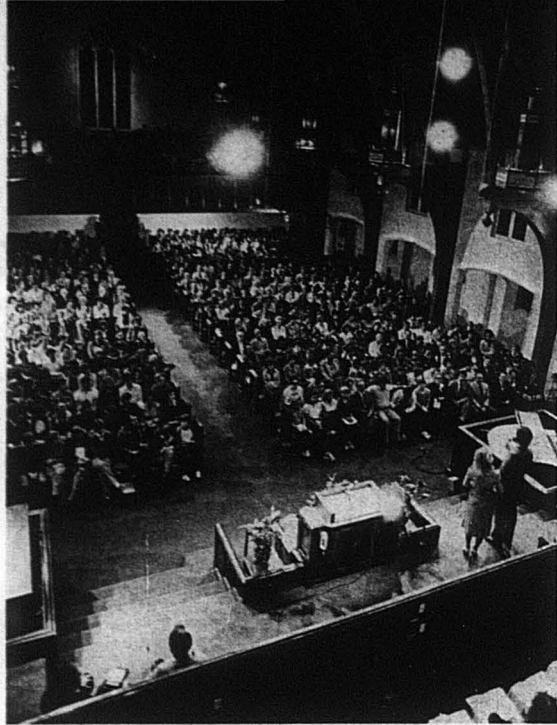


Photo by Paul T. Brock

Bright television lights flood the platform in Magnolia's Central Church, where singers Chris and Diane Machen of New Orleans sang each night of the crusade to a packed sanctuary. The church's auditorium seats about 900 persons.

Seminary Satellite to strengthen theological

More than 50 potential theological students attended the first Seminary Satellite information session at Immanuel church in Little Rock Nov. 2.

The men and women, most of whom had traveled to Little Rock from other parts of the state, came to meet two of the three professors who will be teaching at the satellite next year and take advantage of a question and answer forum led by Seminary Coordinator C. W. Scudder.

Arkansas' Seminary Satellite is one of the first in the country to be established under the convention's new Seminary External Education Division. The Division operates both the seminary extension program and the seminary satellites.

"We maintain that the work here will be the same quality as work at any of the six Southern Baptist seminary campuses," said Scudder, who is vice president emeritus at

Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Midwestern seminary is the Little Rock satellite's "lead seminary." In that capacity, Midwestern will determine courses, enlist professors from all six SBC seminaries, schedule registration and maintain credits earned in its computer.

To earn a degree at any of the convention's seminaries, approximately 20 hours of study in residence are required. Students can earn as many credits as possible at the Little Rock satellite and bank them at Midwestern, which will transfer them to the seminary campus where the student chooses to complete his residency requirements.

The first term of the satellite meets at Immanuel church from Feb. 1 to April 5, 1982. The University of Arkansas at Little Rock's library resources will be used as

much as possible and textbooks will be sold through the Baptist Book Store.

Three courses on 10 successive Mondays will initiate the program: New Testament backgrounds, taught by William B. Tolar, professor of biblical backgrounds at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; New Testament theology, by Wayne Ward, professor of Christian theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; and church administration, by Bob I. Johnson, assistant professor of religious education at Midwestern.

The courses will lead toward a master of divinity degree, master of religious education degree or the diploma program.

Lehman Webb, director of church and seminary extension for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention and local coordinator for the satellite, said that the new program would not interfere with Boyce Bible

Revival to be pilot for Baptist TV network series

by Robert H. Dilday

Central Church and the RTVC spent about eight weeks of intense preparation before the revival. Using a comprehensive 12-week preparation manual developed by the RTVC, the Texas Baptist evangelism department and the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Central, which averages 700 in Sunday School, involved nearly 300 of its members in training, publicity and prayer groups.

"I don't think we can ever go back and do a revival like we did before," said Pastor Jon Stubblefield. "This kind of preparation and involvement is essential. I really believe the way we saturated the community is important."

By the time John Bisagno, the revival preacher and pastor of First Church of Houston, arrived with RTVC president Jimmy Allen and an army of technicians and cameramen, Central was expecting an extraordinary four days.

Each night the 900-seat sanctuary was filled. Although the cameras on platforms around the room, bright television lights installed along the balcony's edge and heavy black cables snaking from the auditorium to a technicians' van behind the building, gave the room the air of a television studio, the congregation seemed to feel at ease.

Stubblefield said 60 decisions, including 11 professions of faith, were made during the week.

"A real highlight of the crusade," he said, "was a 74-year-old man saved one night who told me he was influenced by the commitment of his elementary school-

age granddaughter."

Jimmy Allen said he was "excited at the spirit of enthusiasm" that marked the initial taping of the evangelistic services.

"Television is a tool for evangelism for the local church," he said, and the local church "is the essential ingredient Southern Baptists have to offer in television evangelism."

"We'll (tape) in local churches across the nation," he continued, "which will show our flavor and diversity, while the same voice — Bisagno's — will carry Christ's message during each service."

Ben Loring, vice president for counseling at the RTVC, called the "diversity" of Southern Baptists was apparent from the first two churches chosen.

"North Phoenix church is a big, Western church in a booming Sunbelt city," Loring said. "We also wanted one in a small community in the 'Bible Belt.'"

Stubblefield agreed that the emphasis the program places on the local church is important.

"I think this will remedy the illegitimate attempt of many television evangelists to separate television evangelism from the local church," he noted.

Stubblefield's assessment of his church's aims during the crusade would probably echo the RTVC's goal in all the churches where ACTS will tape:

"What we were seeking to do was to saturate this town and reach the people for Christ."



Central Church Pastor Jon Stubblefield (left) discusses the crusade with John Bisagno (center) and Jimmy Allen after one of the evening services.

Education in Arkansas

School, an extension of Southern seminary in Little Rock designed for students without college degrees.

"I don't think the satellite will affect Boyce at all," he said. "They will continue to minister to different target groups."

Questions at the information session ranged from attendance policies to auditing fees, from a possible doctoral program to whether Veteran's Administration benefits would apply toward tuition.

Dave Russell, one of the prospective students at the meeting, summed up one of the seminary satellite's greatest attractions.

"I've been trying to go to seminary for a long time," said the ordained minister who is a navigator at Little Rock Air Force Base. "This will be the closest I'll be for a long time. Economically, it's gotten hard for a fellow to move his family down to a seminary city."



How Shall They Hear?



"How can they call to him for help if they have not believed? And how can they believe if they have not heard the message? And how can they hear if the message is not proclaimed?" (Rom. 10:14 TEV).

Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions
November 29-December 6, 1981

by Sidney G. Carswell

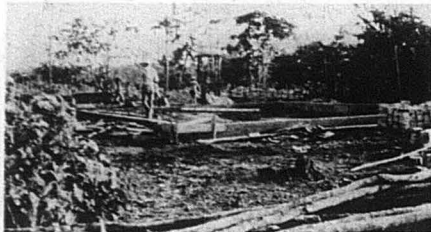
Anori ... Itacoatiara ... Itapiranga ... Primeira Cruz ... Urucurituba. What do these towns along the Amazon River have to do with Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee and Texas? Answer: Evangelism/Construction teams from these states went to these cities in Brazil to build buildings and conduct crusades.

As a part of Bold Mission Thrust these teams, supported by their churches and friends have enabled Brazilian churches to have buildings they could not otherwise afford. These teams are Southern Baptists involved in "over and above" projects. They worked in cooperation with Southern Baptist missionaries and Brazilian Baptists.

Each team has been led by a pastor from the States. They work on the buildings during the day and hold preaching services at night. The pastor preaches with the missionary interpreting. The teams have varied in size from eight to 23. Primarily they are laypeople from all walks of life. Usually there are from two to six experienced builders. Some of the professions they represent are contractor, brickmason, carpenter, professor of nuclear physics, lawyer, farmer, fireman, electrical engineer, highway patrol, telephone lineman, personnel director, postal supervisor, teacher, beautician, florist and nurse. They pay their own expenses to come to Brazil and share in this exper-

ience. There has been a chemistry that occurs between these Americans and Brazilians which transcends the language barrier. As they work and worship together the unity of the Spirit is clearly present. The sense of joy and accomplishment at the closing service is a never-to-be-forgotten experience. When the team completes their part of the project a thanksgiving service is held and the project is turned over to the local church to carry it to completion.

The teams normally spend about 13 days out of the country. This allows time for travel, six days to work, and still some time for sightseeing. They sometimes sleep in hammocks on river boats and sometimes



Monday



Tuesday

Missions concern leads Baptist women to aid shelter

by Millie Gill

Four Arkansas Baptist women are serving as officers of an auxiliary, recently organized to aid the Little Rock Dorcas House.

The Dorcas House, an arm of the Little Rock Union Rescue Mission, was founded two years ago to provide emergency shelter for women and children from around the state.

Minette Drumwright, a member of Little Rock Immanuel Church, is Dorcas House Auxiliary chairman. Mrs. Drumwright says her commitment to missions and outreach led her to accept this service.

She has served on both the SBC Woman's Missionary Union and Home Mission Boards and sees this service "as an opportunity of involvement for both me and

other Arkansas Baptist women to reach out from our local churches, as individuals, to share our Christian witness with others in need."

Others serving are Ann Rice, co-chairman, and Cecilia Thompson, secretary, both members of Little Rock First Church; and Jane Atkinson of North Little Rock Indian Hills Church, treasurer.

Jeanne Wright of Little Rock First Church and Lynn Denham, rescue mission board members, encouraged and assisted with auxiliary organization.

Membership is available by submitting names to Mrs. Thompson at 78 Cimarron Valley, Little Rock, Ark. 72212. Volunteers are asked to call Liz Brakebill, supervisor of women's ministries, at (501) 374-4022.

Food, clothing, linens and health and beauty supplies may be mailed to 1511 Cantrell Road, Little Rock, Ark. 72201.



ABN photo/Millie Gill

At a tea at the Governor's Mansion in Little Rock, Minette Drumwright (center, standing) appeals to women for support for the Union Rescue Mission's Dorcas House.

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stay in a hotel, depending on where the project is located. In the interior, the missionaries supervise all food preparation in order to protect the team's health. Special care is given to supply plenty of safe liquids since these construction sites are all less than 180 miles south of the equator.

Funds for the construction are sent ahead. All the materials are bought and a foundation is poured before the team arrives. In six days the team will put up four walls, build trusses and roof out the building. The buildings have varied in size from 7 meters X 13 meters to 10 meters X 15 meters. A total of almost 7,000 square feet have been constructed in this manner. This

is done with blocks that are irregular in size and lumber. All the cement is mixed manually and carried in five-gallon cans.

We call these efforts Operation Nehemiah. Nehemiah was a layman who heard of the need in Jerusalem and prayed about it. He involved people where he lived. He had a specific mission — to build the wall. His employer, the king, told him to set a time frame for the project. (He did it in 52 days.) There was revival in the local congregation and the unbelievers were impressed.

The long term benefits of the project have been buildings for Brazilian churches, and Southern Baptists who return stronger supporters of the Cooperative Program and

the Lottie Moon Offering for Foreign Missions. They have seen their mission dollars in action.

But these trips are not for everyone. As a sweating Georgia pastor was laying bricks under a scorching equatorial sun, he looked at the local missionary and said, "I'm going back home and raise more money for Lottie Moon so you can do it yourself!"

Perhaps that is what we all need to do this year.

Sidney and Alice Carswell, missionaries to Brazil, are currently on furlough in Rosebud, Ark. Mrs. Carswell is a native of Fox, Ark., and a graduate of Ouachita University.

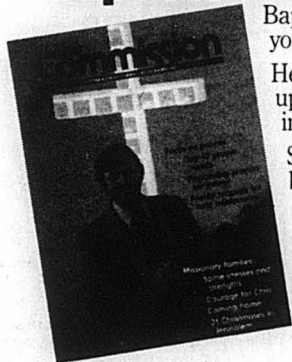


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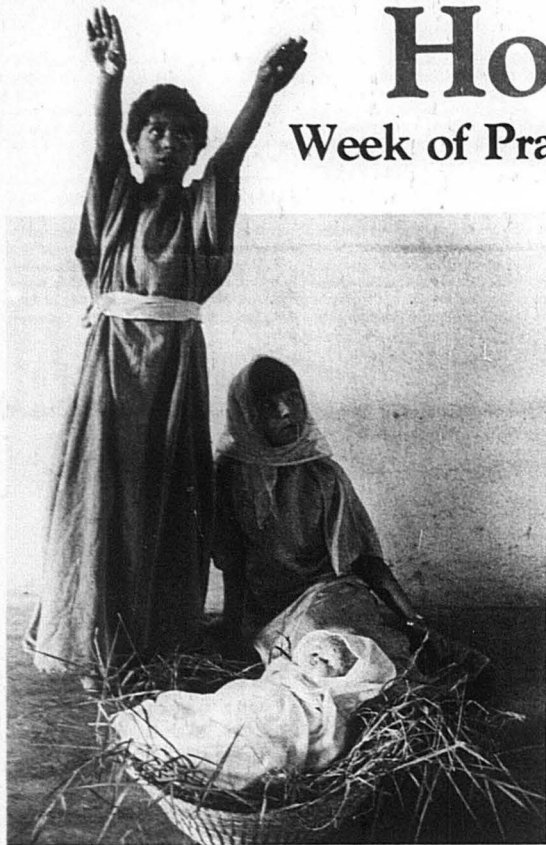
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How shall they hear in Brazil, a nation of 122 million people?

Benevolence Ministries (photo 1)

This child lives in Nove Engeho, a ghetto in the Rio de Janeiro area. He's heard about Jesus through a children's club led by Southern Baptist missionary Frances Bumpus. Through these and other Christian activities, he and his family encounter hope for living.

Christian Literature (photo 2)

Sometimes the only way to get the gospel to villages is by boat. Missionary Lonnie Doyle loads a boat to take Sunday School literature to a community 500 miles up the Amazon River from Manaus.

Evangelism (photo 3)

Don Johnson (left) is a Southern Baptist missionary pilot as well as evangelism director for the Belem area. Last year, he carried more than 500 people, including seminary students like these shown with him, to remote preaching points.

Music (photo 4)

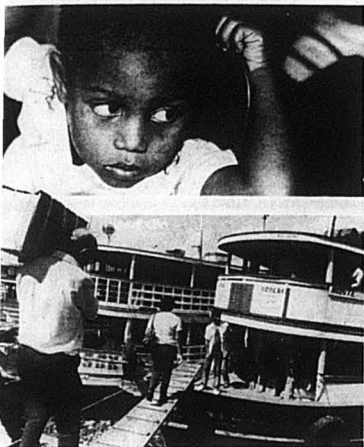
Fifteen members of the Recife symphony choir have become Christians since Southern Baptist missionary Fred Spann became director. Spann and missionary soloist Mary Lois Summers are shown here practicing for a concert in the Isabel Opera House in downtown Recife.

How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? Romans 10:14-15.

They Hear?

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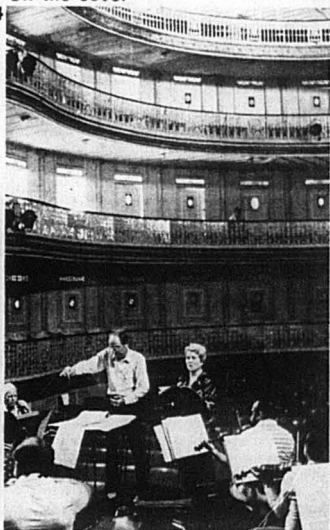
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Total Southern Baptist missionaries in Brazil: 268
Total Lottie Moon Christmas Offering allocated for Brazil: \$2,095,379
Total Southern Baptist missionaries in the world: 2,595
Total number of countries where Southern Baptists have missionaries: 95
National Christmas Offering Goal: \$50,000,000

Lottie Moon
Christmas Offering for
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National Goal: \$50,000,000

On the cover



(WNU/FMB)

Arkansas couple leave home for a cause

by Charles Willis

SAN DIEGO, CA. — Two years ago, Lois and Ron Swafford gave away almost everything they owned, left their family and friends behind and took up an itinerant lifestyle.

Far from being adult dropouts, the Swaffords had planned such a drastic move to help meet what they see as an overwhelming need for music missionaries to work with small churches in the United States.

A self-taught vocal musician, Swafford does not hold a degree in music or a seminary diploma. In fact, he spent his early adulthood as a traveling railroad employee and later as a macaroni salesman. But on weekends, he served as a part-time music director for several churches in his native Texas. A promotion to sales manager took his family, including a son and a daughter, to Sapulpa, Okla. There he directed music at Forest Hills Church for five years and at Ridgeway Church for a year and a half.

A turning point in his life came in 1972 when the pastor of Ridgeway church was called to First Church of Smackover, Ark. Several months after the move, he telephoned Swafford to say that the church was looking for a full-time minister of music and youth. Swafford, then in his mid-30s, had an established career with a solid income. Though he doubted the wisdom of such a move, he agreed to pray about it and to take his family to Smackover for a weekend visit. Many prayers later, he resigned his job to accept the Smackover position.

During his more than seven years, he took the church's youth on annual missions trips, leading daytime Backyard Bible Clubs and evening revivals. Through these trips, the Swaffords started to feel the call to music missions.

An article about the Southern Baptist Convention's Mission Service Corps (MSC), published in the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*, became the catalyst for Swafford to take action on his dream to start and improve music ministries for small churches.

Correspondence with David Bunch, director of the Home Mission Board's MSC, was the next step. Swafford was so sure of his calling, that he bought a travel trailer for the task and took his vacation time to go to Atlanta to meet with Bunch.

Armed with suggestions for gaining financial support for his proposed ministry, Swafford returned to Smackover to work out the details. In the summer of 1979, he resigned his church to become the first full-time Mission Service Corps music missionary for the Southern Baptist Convention.

About the same time, a concern for music missions was also on the hearts of leaders in new work areas. In 1980, three state music secretaries attending church music

leadership conference at Glorieta issued an appeal for music mission work.

Wesley L. Forbis, secretary of the Sunday School Board's church music department, said that "out of that appeal grew a music liaison between the church music department and the Home Mission Board. We must never let the program of church music become more important than the purpose of church music. We need to help committed persons leave their churches to help other congregations."

Doing just that, the Swaffords took with them only what would fit in a furnished travel trailer and headed toward Skyway Church of Colorado Springs, Colo., where they worked for 13 months.

In Sept., 1980, their first "on the road" assignment took them to Yuma, Ariz., where director of missions David Morgan assisted

serve as a substitute Sunday School teacher and provide secretarial services. In one church, she was the featured speaker for the World Day of Prayer.

While their many moves prohibit long-term friendships and emphasize their occasional homesickness for friends, the Swaffords say they have handled the situation well.

Springville, Lindsay, Norwalk, Imperial Beach, San Luis Rey and San Diego churches have been among those in California to welcome the Swaffords. Their work until the end of the year will be with churches in the Mount Diablo Baptist Association, just outside San Francisco.

Swafford has observed one of the great needs is to "show the churches the excitement and importance of music to the life of the church. Music directors need to bring



Photo by Charles Willis

Ron Swafford (right), the first full-time Mission Service Corps music missionary, leads choir members at Paradise Hills Church of San Diego, Calif., in the expressive singing of hymn arrangements. Lois Swafford (front row, at left) participates in choirs at each church they serve and volunteers for other leadership roles.

with their schedule. As witness to his desert ministry for those five months, Swafford proudly shows a photograph of a trailer in the middle of the desert where church members met at Hyder, Ariz. Among the concerts and training sessions, one unusual opportunity came when the chaplain of a Yuma hospital invited him to do a concert on videotape for use on closed circuit television.

From Arizona, the Swaffords moved in Feb. 1981 to California to continue leading music clinics, to train choir directors and to begin music programs where none existed before. Swafford has done concerts in convalescent homes, schools, civic club banquets, churches, and, on one occasion, sang at a funeral of a man he did not know because there was no one else who could sing.

In each church, Lois has volunteered to lead Bible studies, work in the media library,

life to the church." To that end, Swafford has conducted, on occasion, congregational singing "rehearsals" to encourage enthusiastic participation "to build the people up before the sermon." He also sees spirited singing as a very real outreach tool. "Churches that praise the Lord through music make you want to be a part of that," he said.

"I can list scores of reasons why we cannot afford to be here," he said. "I'd love to see more ministers of music doing what we are doing."

"Ron wouldn't tell you this himself," Lois added, "but when he was younger he stuttered; today, he wears a hearing aid; he has no formal education, and he was middle-aged when he began this ministry. God has opened so many doors," observed Lois, "and no one has been able to close them."

"I don't see how I can do what I'm doing," Swafford admitted, "but I'm doing it!"

Bold Mission Thrust

ACTS 1:8



1982-85

- Reaching people
- Developing believers
- Strengthening families

Arkansas launches Bold Mission Thrust strategy

Bold Mission Thrust has as its objective "that Southern Baptists understand, accept, and become involved in the mission to enable every person in the world to have opportunity to hear and to respond to the gospel of Christ by the year 2000." Arkansas recently moved a step closer to seeing this dream become a reality when Executive Secretary Huber Drumwright named two committees to develop the strategy and materials for use by our churches in their planning for 1982-85. These two committees, headed by Sunday School Department Director Lawson Hatfield and Church Training Department Director Robert Holley, have already begun their work.

If the objective of Bold Mission Thrust is to become a reality, it must become more than a denominational theme. It must become a church program and be undergirded by the churches. It must be reflected in the planning our churches do for the years ahead. The strategies and materials being developed in our state are designed to help our churches become directly involved in Bold Mission Thrust and its major emphases for 1982-85.

Bold Mission Thrust emphases

Southern Baptists have adopted three major emphases related to Bold Mission Thrust during the years 1982-85. These emphases are (1) reaching people, (2) developing believers and (3) strengthening families. There are specific Southern Baptist Convention goals and projects that grow out of each of these three emphases. All of them are designed to help churches reach unreached people; win them to Christ; lead church members to grow and develop in discipleship; involve them in mission education, mission action and mission support; to strengthen family relationships and family worship, and to establish new churches. There are suggested church projects and actions that will assist the churches to implement these three major emphases. A Church Planning Guide is being prepared to help churches as they plan for their involvement in these three major Bold Mission Thrust emphases.

Preparation for planning

A well-planned strategy has been developed that will provide adequate help to every church in our state as they plan for their involvement in Bold Mission Thrust. An interpretation meeting for directors of missions is planned for Feb. 17, 1982, during the annual Directors of Missions Retreat. This will be led by members of the state convention staff. Associations will then enlist a team of key leaders who will receive training at the Associational Leadership Training conference to be held May 3-4, 1982, at Park Hill Church of North Little Rock. This team will include the director of missions, the Associational Missions Committee Chairman, Stewardship Committee Chairman, Evangelism Committee Chairman and the Associational Sunday School, Church Training, WMU, Brotherhood and Music Directors.

These persons in turn will conduct Church Growth Workshops in each association between May and August for key leaders in the churches. Following these associational workshops, these key leaders should be prepared to lead their churches as they plan for 1982-85.

A Spiritual Directions Retreat is suggested during August or September as part of this planning process. In this retreat the pastor, staff and key leaders lead church members to examine their personal commitment to their church's growth and to seek God's guidance and power for the future of their church. The next step is the priority planning that will follow as the church's key leaders (Church Council) develop recommendations to present to the church that will include goals and actions that will enable their church to implement these three major Bold Mission Thrust emphases.

The Jan. 7, 1982, issue of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* will feature additional information about our state's Bold Mission Thrust plans.

A Vision with a task

"In 1982-85 we will be seeking to make great strides in reaching people and at the same time strengthening our base of families and believers. It seems to me that without the foundations of developing believers and strengthening families, it will be exceedingly difficult for us to reach this great Bold Mission advance of reaching people.

"A vision without a task is idle dreaming. A task without a vision is drudgery. But a vision with a task is the hope of the world. We pray that God will give us the vision and ability to put our vision and our task together, for this is the hope of the world." — Missions in Context Conference, Reginald M. McDonough, Associate Executive Secretary, SBC Executive Committee

Steps to planning for Bold Mission Thrust

- **Growing Southern Baptist Churches National Launch Meeting**, for key state and Southern Baptist Convention leadership, Dec. 4-5, 1981, Nashville, Tenn.
- **Directors of Missions Interpretation Meeting**, at Director of Missions Retreat, DeGray State Park Lodge, Feb. 17, 1982.
- **Associational Leadership Training Meeting** for key associational leaders at Park Hill Church, North Little Rock, May 3-4, 1982.
- **Church Growth Workshops** in each association to train key leaders from each church, May-August, 1982.
- **Spiritual Directions Retreat** conducted by each church for pastor, staff and key leaders, August-September, 1982.
- **Priority Planning** by each church, September-October, 1982.

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Southern College names replacement speakers

Southern Baptist College at Walnut Ridge has named speakers to replace Huber L. Drumwright as one of the preachers at their "Annual Bible Conference" Nov. 30 through Dec. 2.

Thomas Hinson, pastor of West Memphis First Church, will speak Tuesday morning, Tuesday evening and Wednesday at chapel instead of Dr. Drumwright, state executive secretary, who died Nov. 2.

John Wright, pastor of Little Rock First Church, will speak Monday evening, in addition to his scheduled message Monday afternoon.

Southwestern receives anonymous gift

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP) — A \$500,000 gift from an unnamed donor has been received by Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The gift is in the form of a trust with the Baptist Foundation of Texas, "the income from which is to be used for maintenance and operation of the seminary."

The gift is one of the largest in the history of the seminary, which has a \$9 million operating budget, and will be used in Vision/85, a current program to raise \$25 million for capital needs and endowment.

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Local churches supported in Baptist media ventures

by Jim Lowry

RIDGECREST, N.C. (BP) — "Electronic church" is a misnomer, according to Frank Pollard, who says the church is by biblical definition a body of people — a family — ministering to each other.

Pollard, probably Southern Baptists' foremost television and radio preacher, says there is a serious difference between the gospel-sharing media efforts of the Southern Baptist Convention and some of the well-known religious programs where appeals for money are frequent and urgent.

"We make no overt appeal for funds and we encourage people to attend a local

church," explained Pollard, who is the preacher for the "At Home with the Bible" television and radio program and "The Baptist Hour" radio program.

Sunday morning worship services at First Church of San Antonio, Texas, where Pollard is pastor, also are televised live each week.

Pollard spoke at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center during the second Home Bible Study Fall Breakaway. Also featured were John Drakeford, who counsels listeners on "At Home with the Bible," and "A Joyful Sound," the music group on the pro-

gram.

"Southern Baptists' broadcast efforts are an extension of the local church which promotes the local church," Pollard said. "You've got to let people know the church is there. It's a witness.

"Fifty years ago, door-to-door visitation and posters informed people about the efforts of the local church. Today, television and radio are ways to say to people, 'We want you to know about the church.'"

Pollard emphasized that religious broadcasts cannot meet the same personal needs as a local church.

"The media can create a climate for the gospel," Pollard believes, "but these efforts will never take the place of witnessing. People always have to be contacted personally."

Pollard said he is grateful that "At Home with the Bible" is an example of a program where Southern Baptists, through the Sunday School Board and the Radio and Television Commission, are willing to pay the price for a broadcast effort without being paid in return. He said this support by Southern Baptists is a positive statement that God's word is important in the lives of viewers.

"Southern Baptist radio and television programming promotes God's Word, not certain people or denominations," Pollard said. He predicted that telecommunications ventures by the board and the commission "will create a way for Christian society to view television."

"Material presented on television today, especially for children, is anti-Christian and anti-moral," he said. "The new telecommunications projects will provide people with an alternative to today's television programming."

The Sunday School Board network will provide programming to help churches train and equip workers while Radio and Television Commission programs will go into homes with alternatives for family viewing.

For Pollard, the time invested in his television and radio broadcast work is an extension of his priority of preaching.

"The only reason I live is to communicate the Word of God," Pollard said. "I don't know how many people hear the broadcasts, but I know it is more than I can get into the auditorium at First Baptist Church, San Antonio. Everyone has to ask what is their priority, and this is right down the line for me."

"I am extremely grateful to the Sunday School Board for producing 'At Home with the Bible,'" Pollard concluded. "It is a bold mission step. Instead of complaining about the electronic church, here is an example of people doing something about it."

Dan and Betty Jo Grant invite all alumni, parents, prospective students and other friends of Ouachita Baptist University to join them at a Ouachita fellowship immediately following the evening session of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, Tuesday, Nov. 17, in the fellowship hall of the First Baptist Church of Fayetteville (approximately 9:15 p.m.).

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Baptist scores religious teaching in Oklahoma school

by Stan Haste

WASHINGTON (BP) — A Southern Baptist church-state expert says he supports a Roman Catholic couple who have taken an Oklahoma community's school board to federal court over what they claim is the unconstitutional teaching of religion in a public school.

Michael and Julie Budde sued the Adair, Okla., school board for permitting two women to engage in systematic religious instruction of children during school hours and in the classrooms of Adair Elementary School. School board officials have acknowledged that the practice has gone on unopposed for the last 38 years.

The Buddes took the school board, Superintendent of Schools Noel Winfield and Adair Elementary School principal Robert Boyd to court after their two daughters, a fourth grader and a first grader, were harassed by classmates because of their parents' objections to the practice. According to the Buddes' attorney, Greg Bledsoe of Tulsa, the children were taunted as "anti-Christian" and "communist."

Local pressure against the family became so intense, he said, that the Buddes removed their children from the school and placed them in a public school in nearby Claremore, where Michael Budde works.

In Washington, Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs General Counsel John W. Baker said he agrees with the Buddes' action, noting that "all major denominations — including the Southern Baptist Convention — have formally endorsed" the 1962 and 1963 Supreme Court decisions outlawing state-required and state-sponsored religious exercises in public schools.

Baker also said the Adair controversy is "disappointing" in that injured Roman Catholic parents had to bring the suit. "Baptists, Methodists and others should have taken the lead," he declared, instead of joining those who are "disparaging the efforts of concerned Roman Catholic parents who have spoken out for a proper separation of church and state."

Noting that Baptists are strong in Oklahoma, Baker went on to declare: "We Baptists in particular should remember that our denominational forbears, fighting seemingly insurmountable odds as a tiny, persecuted, minority sect, helped force the religion guarantees in the First Amendment. The fact that in many communities today Baptists may be in a majority does not mean we have a right to impose our views on present-day religious minorities."

He added: "We must ask ourselves if we

would tolerate the kind of religious instruction being done in Adair if the teachers were Mormons or Black Muslims or Jews."

Attorney Bledsoe, who was reared a Southern Baptist, told Baptist Press that the Buddes' suit seeks temporary and permanent injunctions forbidding the religious instruction, as well as \$60,000 in compensatory and \$250,000 in punitive damages. The first hearing in the case will come Nov. 12 at the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma in Tulsa, when the request for a temporary injunction will be heard.

When the case comes to trial, probably after Jan. 1, 1982, the Buddes will challenge the arrangement between Adair school officials and the religious instructors on both federal and state constitutional grounds. Bledsoe said the Oklahoma Constitution has even more specific prohibitions against using the public schools for religious teaching than does the federal constitution.

Baker said if the Buddes' case eventually comes to the U.S. Supreme Court, his agency and other national religious bodies "will in all likelihood" join the Buddes as friends of the court "against the unconstitutional practice their young daughters encountered in the Adair Elementary School."

Foreign mission briefs

Anderson addresses Argentine pastors

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — Justice C. Anderson, professor of missions at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, addressed more than 200 pastors and missionaries as featured speaker during Argentine Baptists' annual pastors conference, held recently at International Baptist Theological Seminary, Buenos Aires. A former Southern Baptist missionary Anderson taught at International seminary from 1958 to 1974. At a press conference following the pastors' meeting, Anderson and Ignacio Loredo, executive secretary of the Argentine Baptist Convention, told reporters that Christ's gospel transforms society by transforming the lives of individual people.

Sendai church dedicated

SENDAI, Japan — Nearly 200 worshippers recently celebrated the dedication of a new building for North Sendai Baptist

Church. Dedication services for the building, erected with contributions from Baptists all over Japan, were led by Naoki Noguchi, pastor; Hidetsugi Ando, secretary of evangelism for the Japan Baptist Convention, and Southern Baptist missionary evangelist Bob Boatwright. North Sendai Church was the first mission established by Japanese Baptists in a nationwide evangelism and church growth drive aimed at increasing their total number of churches from less than 200 in 1979 to 250 by 1990, and 1,000 by the end of this century.

Labor Month in Surinam

PARAMARIBO, Surinam — September in Surinam, South America, is a vacation month for students, but a "labor month" for Southern Baptist missionaries. During the past September, five Vacation Bible Schools in three churches attracted nearly 300 participants. Two churches held extended camps and one-day retreats, and another held an evangelistic campaign. For missionaries, translating and preparing VBS

and camp materials, gathering camping supplies, and enduring the tropical heat and mosquitoes all added up to a labor month, according to missionary Leo Waldrop. But, because of the labor, September was a joyous month for Surinamese believers and missionaries alike, Waldrop said.

Missionary shares music

ROSEAU, Dominica — Expressing her faith in a two-hour concert before hundreds on the Caribbean island of Dominica was a dream come true for Southern Baptist missionary LaHoma Singleton. Enthusiasm for the missionary's music — much of it original — was expressed by warm West Indian hand-clapping, foot-stamping and uninhibited "amens" and "hallelujahs" from the overflow audience. Many responded to an invitation at the climax of the concert. Mrs. Singleton said she was hoping to reach the "people who are not reached or do not respond to the more traditional methods of evangelism."

Evangelism Conference

National Baptist Conventions — Arkansas Baptist State Convention

Park Hill Baptist Church, North Little Rock
Jan. 25-26, 1982

Theme: "Evangelism, Every Christian's Task Through the Church"

Monday, Jan. 25

- 1:30 Song and prayer
- 1:45 Welcome, Cary Heard
- 1:50 Bible study, Landrum Leavell
- 2:20 Announcements and Book Store
- 2:30 Message, D. L. O'Neal
- 3:00 Congregational song
- 3:05 Testimony, C. A. Johnson
- 3:25 Special music, Donna Abel
- 3:30 Message, Howard Ramsey
- 6:30 Song and prayer
- 6:40 Introduction of vocational evangelists
- 6:50 National Baptist Choir
- 7:10 Bible study, David Miller
- 7:40 Conferences
- 8:30 Congregational song
- 8:35 Special music, Malvie Giles
- 8:40 Message, Clay Evans

- 10:05 "Agonizing for the Lost," Wayne Davis
- 10:35 Special music, Louis Criswell
- 10:40 "Reaching the Lost Through Sunday School," Ron Griffin
- 11:10 Special music, Beulah Wiggins
- 11:15 Message, Clay Evans
- 1:30 Song and prayer
- 1:35 "Faith Plus Nothing," W. O. Vaught
- 2:05 Testimony, W. W. Walker
- 2:25 Special music, Kathy Ferguson
- 2:30 "Women in Witnessing," Carolyn Weatherford
- 3:00 Conferences
- 3:40 Congregational song
- 3:45 Message, Emmanuel McCall
- 6:40 Greater Bradley District Choir
- 7:00 Song and prayer
- 7:10 Bible study, Howard Ramsey
- 7:40 Joint choir concert
- 8:00 Message, Clay Evans
- 8:30 Congregational song
- 8:35 Special music
- 8:40 Message, Landrum Leavell
- 9:15 Dedication service



Leavell



Evans



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Tuesday, Jan. 26

- 9:15 Song and prayer
- 9:30 Bible study, Landrum Leavell
- 10:00 Congregational song



Miller



O'Neal



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Help from Africa

by Judy Garner

In gratitude for a good experience with BSU when I was at the University of Arkansas, I cheerfully support the BSU Third Century Campaign now. Religious Emphasis Week when I was a freshman helped start my college years with the right perspective.



Garner

Daily contacts through BSU vespers with the great speakers that were available to us and annual BSU retreats and BSU conventions helped me to keep the right perspective. Missionary speakers, a missions conference, and two years' experience as a summer missionary helped verify my calling to be a missionary. In BSU I found the right young man for me who was also called to be a missionary.

Most of all it was the personal contact and interest shown by BSU Director Jamie Jones and his wife Beverly, which continues to this day. They helped me more than any program or fleeting contact with any other person, however well-known. Jamie and Beverly were faithful church members, active in its work, and they encouraged us to be too. It wasn't enough to be faithful to BSU; they always pointed by word and example to the local church.

In less than two years our daughter should be starting to college. Hoping that BSU will be there, stronger than ever, to help her in her college years, we will continue to support BSU in every way we can.

Judy Garner serves with her husband Darrel as Southern Baptist missionaries in Malawi.

Stewardship

The Father's resources

Baptists who accept the Bible as God's Word have no question about God's ownership. It is written in the Word and also recorded on a thousand hills.

The resources belong to God but he has placed them in the hands of his children. How can these resources be channeled into ministries?

Some churches are successful in ministering through their budgets. One Arkansas church raised more than a third of the needed amount to remodel their auditorium. Another church, behind on their budget receipts, had a catch-up Sunday and received more than \$90,000.

These factors are usually involved when people transfer their resources from their accounts to the church's ministries.

Giving Christians are aware of local and world needs. Real needs challenge a Christian response.

People give when they see how their money ministers. Good stewardship is essential at all levels.

Some people respond to a Biblical challenge. If God's Word commands or commends, faithful believers try to respond.

Asking is basic in motivating people to give. Timid pleas result in meager responses. Baptist leaders can learn from TV preachers who do not hesitate to ask viewers to transfer their resources. — James A. Walker, director

Christian Life Council

Lawyer's retreat set

The first Arkansas Baptist Lawyer's Retreat will be held at Camp Paron, March 5-6, 1982. We hope this will be the first of many professional-occupational retreats where emphasis will be placed on applied Christianity. Many have great concern that we daily practice great Christian principles learned through the years.

An initial planning meeting for this retreat was held Tuesday morning, Oct. 27, in Jonesboro. A number of northeast Arkansas attorneys, including Judge Edward Maddox

of Harrisburg, attended. Attorneys in Arkansas Baptist churches are now urged to reserve these important dates on their calendar of activities.

Considerable time at this and other retreats will be spent in Bible study, fellowship and prayer. L. L. Collins, associate executive secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, will be the Bible teacher for this first retreat. Collins majored in New Testament studies at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The retreat will begin with the evening meal March 5 and conclude the next day at lunch. Camp Paron is approximately 40 miles west of Little Rock, making it centrally located for all. — Bob Parker, director

Evangelism

Prayer precedes revival, part two

Revival in our churches today will begin in prayer. I want to make some practical suggestions for prayer preparation preceding the revival.

Cottage prayer meetings will still work if they have not been overworked.

These meetings may be in the homes of dedicated church members, inactive church members or the lost. The leader, place and time should be well publicized.

The Sunday School Department prayer meetings are very effective in reaching a large number to pray. Each department will meet one night during the week in the home of the director or teacher. Every worker and pupil should be enlisted to pray on their designated night.

Many pastors use the "Most Wanted" prayer list idea. They make a list of 10 most wanted unsaved or unchurched people. A copy is given to the evangelist and they pray daily for these people. The pastor also encourages the deacons, Sunday School teachers and other interested laymen to make a list and pray daily for them.

Prayer partners can be enlisted to pray together on lunch breaks, in homes or over the telephone. A partnership may be between an active member and a shut-in. An



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Cooperative Program report: October

1980		1981
\$ 626,743.24	October Gifts	\$ 671,470.15
591,258.08	October Budget	669,511.50
35,485.16		1,958.65
\$6,127,139.30	Gifts Year-to-Date	\$6,798,620.12
5,912,580.80	Budget Year-to-Date	6,695,115.00
214,558.50		103,505.12

Never before have Arkansas Baptist Churches given as many dollars for mission causes. The \$1,958.65 plus is .0029 above monthly budget requirements. Through October, the churches have given \$671,480.82 or 10.96 percent over last year. Thanks to the people for their loyal mission support. — James Walker

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other combination may be an elderly person and a youth or young adult.

The plan of prayer warriors has been very effective in churches that have used it. Captains are set up over groups of 10 praying people. The pastor can call a captain about a specific prayer request and the captains call their warriors. In a very short time the total group can be praying together in unity.

The results of prayer are found in Acts 4:31-32: "And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness. And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul..."

Our prayer is, "Oh, God, do it again." — Clarence Shell, director

Counselor named at Southern College

Jim Brewer has been named counselor in the Admissions Office at Southern Baptist College.

Brewer, a native of Ramsey, Ill., holds the bachelor of arts degree from Eastern Illinois University and the master of religious education degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

He previously served as associate to the pastor at West Flagler Church in Miami, Fla.



Brewer

Nov. 8, 1981

Church	Sunday School	Church Trng.	Church adms.
Alexander	113	68	
First	79	41	
Vimy Ridge Immanuel	200	54	
Alma, Clear Creek Southern	92	40	
Alma, First	119	54	2
Batesville	207	130	1
First	212	79	1
West	177		
Nursing Home	177		
Bella Vista	208		
Benton, Salem	36	130	1
Bentonville, First	483		
Bentonville	218		
First	232	84	
Freeman Heights	129	91	4
Blue Eye, Mo., First	266		
Boonville	166	100	1
First	281	102	1
First Southern	146	68	2
Indian Springs	172	123	1
Cabot	402	170	1
First	138	38	1
Ark. Carmel	116	76	
Cherokee Village, First	72		
Conover	201	85	17
Harlan Park	94	66	
Oak Bluffs	127	38	
Pickles Gap	34	35	
Sallio Heights	909	261	15
Second	377	99	
Crossart	94	66	
First	226	111	
Meridian	127	38	
Mount Olive	24		
Danville, First	158	68	
Nursing Home	178	84	2
Des Arc, First	15		
El Dorado	485	112	
Parkview	525		
Nursing Home	2034	7	
West Side	1,304	509	12
Forest City, First	27		
Fort Smith	85	42	
Grand Avenue	87	36	
Mission	119	61	1
Webbside	154	43	
Faulk, First	26	27	
Gastville	57	39	
Gentry, First	163	48	
Grady, First	63	41	
Granshow	156	90	1
Green Forest, First	127	49	
Hackett, Memorial	252	107	2
Hampton	130	53	
Hardsy, First	59	40	
Harrison	370	103	5
Eagle Heights	144	75	1
Northlake	172	45	
Woodland Heights	71	30	
Hos Springs	30	26	
Immanuel	270	94	1
Fairdale	85	41	
Grand Avenue	37	23	
Harvey's Chapel	158	72	
Leonard Street	313	80	2
Memorial	76	46	
Millicent	107	81	
Park Place	15	109	2
Rector Heights	179	84	5
Vista Heights	161	74	
Hughes, First	164	74	
Jacksonville, First	243	103	5
Jesseville	27	39	
Jonesboro	63	29	
Friendly Hope	241	77	
Extension	119	64	
Northton	461	164	
Little Rock, Crystal Hill	233	107	
Magnoia, Central	111	70	
Marmaduke, First	243	103	
Maynard, Wirtz Chapel	27	39	
Monticello, Second	63	29	
Mountain Pine	31	20	
Cedar Glades	195	77	
First	304	143	5
Mountain Valley	72	50	
Mulberry, First	233	163	
North Little Rock	441	247	5
Cedar Heights	606	68	
Stanfil	324	78	2
Paragon	49		
Calvary	246	71	2
East Side	121	73	1
First	529	95	
Paris, First	142	117	2
Southside	182	62	
Pea Ridge, First	397	212	1
Pow Bluff	191	79	1
Central	630	144	4
First	816	36	10
Immanuel	76	36	
Royal, Antioch	546	145	
Russellville, First	36	24	
Sandyhook, Okla., Faith	76	40	
Sprague	107	43	
Berry Street	343	109	4
Cassidy Avenue	1,769		7
Elmdale	111	67	
First	303	88	
Texarkana	319	206	4
Highland Hills	95	66	
Shub Memorial	103	74	
Trinity	135	96	
Valley Springs	265	89	
Yonkers	103	80	
Viloma, Bevil	115	86	
Ward, First	265	89	
West Helena, Second	50	37	
Wooner, First	184		
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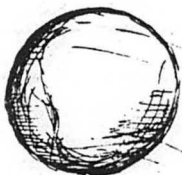
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Ephesians 4:1-16

by Robert A. Parker
Director, Christian Life Council
Arkansas Baptist State Convention

Growing in Christ

Few things are as heart rending as a young person or adult who fails to grow physically or mentally. Problem pregnancies, genetic or birth defects are often the cause of such unfortunate conditions. This is probably the saddest failure because the human will is involved.

How disappointing also are Christians who fail to grow spiritually. The heavenly Father desires growth and maturity of us all.

This week's great Bible passage from Paul's letter to the Ephesians deals with this important aspect of the Christian experience.

It's interesting to note how many references are made to the fruit of the Spirit as set forth in Galatians 5:22-23. To review, those fruits are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control. These are excellent standards for measuring true spiritual growth. Love, the first and most important fruit of the Spirit, is mentioned three times in this great fourth chapter of Ephesians. There is encouragement to show forbearance or patience to one another in love (v. 2). Truth is to be spoken in love (v. 15). A contribution to Christian growth is made also while edifying the church in love (v. 16b). Closely related to love, kindness and forgiveness are two other marks of a growing Christian (v. 32).

In the 28th verse, the former thief is admonished to perform with his hand what is good. Goodness should be a distinctive trait in the life of every Christian. Self control is mentioned indirectly when control of the tongue and temper are discussed (25-26).

Anyone truly growing in Christ will bear fruit. The greatest fruit of a Christian is another Christian. There will be more evangelistic victories as more emphasis is given Christian growth. This emphasis must be given both to the individual and the church body of believers.

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Truth to set you free

It has been said that freedom has a thousand charms to show. And these charms have been sought by people of all societies. Freedom is often equated with that which can overcome political, economic and social barriers. Jesus speaks in this passage of a freedom that transcends all barriers.



Sample

The Truth that constitutes discipleship (v. 31)

To be a true disciple one's faith must not only be of the mind, it must extend to life and living. One must abide in Jesus' words. The implication is that there are those who believe intellectually in Christ, but do not trust him or commit themselves to him as Saviour.

The Truth that leads to freedom (v. 32)

Jesus did not say, "ye shall know truth and truth shall set you free." Rather, his word was "the truth." Jesus was speaking not of scientific truth, but spiritual truth, truth concerning God — the truth of revelation; the truth as seen in Jesus. Not speculative or theoretical — it must be entwined with life, as demonstrated in the word

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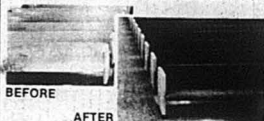
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Life and Work

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John 8:31-40, 45-47

by W. Coy Sample

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"know," which means to know by experience.

The unconscious bondage (v. 33)

Jesus' words to the Pharisees drew a quick reply; as children of Abraham they denied even being in bondage, a statement belied by their present situation. As happened so often, they had failed to grasp the meaning of the words of Christ.

There may be, as in this case, an unconscious bondage, which is the most tragic of all enslavement. Bondage unrecognized makes deliverance that much more difficult.

Such slavery blunts a person's power of perception and discernment, causing them to put light for darkness, bitter for sweet, evil for good.

The only true liberty (v. 35-47)

Jesus Christ is the liberator and the only true liberty is the glorious liberty of the children of God. A slave is not really a member of his masters household; he can be expelled at anytime. The son, on the other hand, has the right of permanent residence.

The same is true of the slave to sin and the only way the slave of sin can become a permanent resident is to become a son through faith in Jesus Christ.



Darter

Bible Book

Nov. 22, 1981

Matthew 8:5-10, 24-26; 9:2-7

by Thomas G. Darter

Delta Association

The King's authority

Jesus told the apostles and all the church that all authority had been given to him. Living under that authority we are to go, discipling all nations.

Lost mankind is at war with God. We have an authority crisis. We want to be our own lord. We want to be our own authority. We build our lives on the quicksand of our own authority. When we build on the Lord's authority we can safely rest.

In these three passages we shall study the King's authority responding to three needs and in three different audiences. Notice a progression between the faith of the centurion, the disciples and the scribes.

Authority over our health

Jesus has all authority over our physical well-being. Disease is under the command of the Lord. The gentile centurion quickly saw the authority of his superior. He could more clearly see the authority of Jesus than the disciples or the scribes.

Jesus' authority couples with man's faith and results in one person being made whole. Jesus did not require the centurion or the servant to become a Jew or a Christian before he healed them.

Too many times we Christ-followers expect our needy to become one of us before we will pass out blessings. We find life difficult to love our neighbor as ourselves. The Lord honors faith wherever he finds it.

Authority over nature

Jesus had been given these men to train them to win the world. They were the choice of all the disciples. But when the winds of nature blew, their faith seemed to be the first to be blown away. They seemed to have less faith than the gentile dog.

The Lord's authority covers the earth's forces. Even the dumb forces of nature recognize the authority of the Creator. Only one of the Lord's creatures is rebellious and man claims to have sense.

This experience helped them over the difficult life that was theirs after he went to be with the Father. The storms they were to face met with their faith that had been learned on this sea. We, like they, depend too much on the boat and not on the Lord.

Authority over sin

Man can learn to heal the body. Man can learn to build stronger boats. But there is only one authority who can handle sin. The Lamb of God has been sent to take away the sin of the world. He is the Redeemer. He can wash away all sin.

The scribes were completely blind to his authority. They were the most learned in the Law and the Prophets, yet they did not recognize the Lord.

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Home Mission Board adopts budget, sets up 'Day' fund

by Jim Newton

ATLANTA (BP) — Directors of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board adopted a record \$40.5 million budget for 1982, established a memorial fund honoring the late Cecil B. Day of Atlanta, founder of Days Inns, Inc., and established additional guidelines for its church loans division recently authorized to issue church bonds for local churches.

Directors also named a new assistant director for its interfaith witness department to handle relations with other Christian groups in America and appointed 40 mis-

sionaries to join the 3,097 home missionaries serving throughout the United States, its territories and Canada.

The 1982 budget of \$40.5 million is an increase of \$3.6 million (9.9 percent) over the 1981 budget of \$36.8 million. Most of the income, almost \$30 million, will come from the denomination's Cooperative Program unified budget plan and the annual Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions.

Although it is the largest budget the mission agency has ever adopted, Home Mission Board vice president Leonard G. Irwin said the increase barely kept up with the cost of living. Irwin pointed out the agency's budgets for 1975, 1976 and 1979 were actually greater in buying power if adjusted for inflation.

In creating the Cecil B. Day Memorial Fund, HMB directors expressed appreciation to Mrs. Day and other members of the family for "their continuing concern and support of home missions."

Although board officials will not disclose the amount of the gift in keeping with the wishes of the Day family, HMB President William G. Tanner said it was the largest estate contribution ever made to the Home Mission board, and one of the largest ever given to a Baptist agency.

Tanner said the estate will be invested in short-term securities under a plan approved by the board, with the interest used to support the work of the Home Mission Board.

Tanner also announced record contributions this year through the Annie Armstrong Offering, with \$18,143,226 received as of

Oct. 21, exceeding the 1981 goal by five percent.

In an effort to help Baptist churches find additional financial resources to establish new churches and missions and improve existing churches, the directors approved additional guidelines for the church loan division's plan to issue church bonds.

Board members authorized the loans division to set aside up to \$1 million to purchase 20 percent of a church's bond issue provided that the interest return on the bonds be equal to the interest rate on current church loans (currently 13½ percent with three points discount). The HMB loans division would not buy more than \$100,000 in bonds from any single church.

When the division's investment in church bonds reaches the \$600,000 level, the bonds would be offered for sale to the general Baptist public at face value.

In other actions, the directors elected Richard W. Harmon, curriculum development coordinator for the SBC Sunday School Board's Sunday School department, as assistant director for American Christianity in the interfaith witness department, effective Dec. 7. Harmon will succeed C. Brownlow Hastings, who is retiring as assistant director for Roman Catholics and Orthodox over 10 years on the Staff.

The 40 missionaries appointed included seven missionaries, five missionary associates, 20 persons granted church pastoral aid and eight persons named to receive language pastoral assistance.

Kelly and Teresa Winlock of North Little Rock were named among those receiving language pastoral assistance.

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Annuity Board trustees meet, vote voluntary annuity plan

The Annuity Board trustees of the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in Atlanta Oct. 22-23, approved a short-term investment fund, granted eligible annuitants a "13th Check," approved a two percent good experience credit in certain "A" retirement plans and established a Voluntary Annuity Plan.

Effective Jan. 1, 1982, a short-term investment fund will be made available to members of the Southern Baptist Retirement Program. The Short-Term Fund (STF) will allow retirement plan participants to take advantage of favorable short-term interest rates.

Investments of the Short-Term Fund will be made in short-term money market instruments with maturities of 12 months or less such as treasury bills, certificates of

deposit and commercial paper. Earnings will be credited on a daily basis and posted monthly to members' accounts.

Contributions to the Short-Term Fund can be made in the same manner as they have been made to the Fixed, Balanced and Variable Funds. Transfers of existing Variable Fund accumulations can be made to the Short-Term Fund.

The Board will mail a "13th Check" (extra benefit) in December to annuitants who participate in plans that qualify for the additional payment.

This year's 13th Check will amount to 10 percent of an eligible annuitant's total annual benefit.

Further action of the trustees included the approval of a two percent good experience credit (credit in excess of assumed

earnings for Plan A) to accrued benefits in Plans A10, A11 and A25.

Trustees also adopted a Voluntary Annuity Plan (VAP) which will be made available Jan. 1, 1982.

The VAP will have a tax-deductible voluntary contribution feature, as permitted by the Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981 (ERTA), which will allow employees of employers within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention to contribute up to \$2,000 annually in their retirement accounts.

The Annuity Board is the arm of the Southern Baptist Convention which administers deferred compensation, retirement, relief and insurance benefit programs for Southern Baptist ministers and denominational workers.

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