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NEWSMAGAZINE



November 9, 1972

One layman's opinion

When mothers are 86 years young



Dr. Grant

My two mothers have just had their 86th birthdays.

My first mother, Mrs. J. R. Grant, doesn't make a lot of fuss over her birthdays, but neither does she shy away from them or get uptight if someone knows how many she has had. In fact, she shames her two sons and daughters by staying so young and keeping abreast with what's new in the world of athletics, education, religion, and

governmental affairs, not to mention the affairs of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

My second mother, Ouachita Baptist University (my Alma Mater, if you please), has also just had her 86th birthday. Neither does Ouachita creak and groan under the load of that many birthdays, but is younger in spirit, I am convinced, than at any other time in her history. Ouachita has had an occasional setback in health, even an operation or two, but her vital signs today are the best they have ever been. It's not that Ouachita's problems are all solved; it's just that everyone concerned — Arkansas Baptist pastors, laymen, parents, alumni, students, faculty, and administration — seem to be more committed to working together in the cause of Christian higher education than in any of the preceding 86 years. At least this is one layman's opinion.

Recently I had the privilege of welcoming to the Ouachita campus the Arkansas Gerontological Society in its quarterly meeting. These people are experts on the aging process. I told them they would do us all a favor if, in their studies, they could discover the secret of the good life in people who are 86 years young, such as my mother.

I am convinced that Mother's secret is not actually a real secret. It is the "open secret" of the new life in Christ that grows sweeter as the years go by.

I would like to think this is also the secret of the good life at Ouachita, and that educational institutions (or churches) can also stay young as they grow older in the spirit of Christ.

Daniel R. Grant

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Records are important



JES

Recently, we received a letter from a lady suggesting that we write to explain the purpose of our annual church letter. She pointed out that each year someone in her church would remark "I don't see what they need with this anyway."

"Is there a reason for requesting the information, or, are the denominational people just being nosey?" Perhaps we might even go on to ask "Why bother with records

at all?" "What difference does it make if we show an increase or a decrease in Sunday School attendance, baptisms, stewardship, etc.?"

Anyone connected with business will quickly tell you that records are vitally important. If we plan nothing, that's exactly what we will do — nothing.

To achieve, one must realistically evaluate their past records and then set practical goals for the future. This is the basis for all business advance. The same principle would apply to the Lord's work. To reach more people through baptism next year, for example, it is well to see what has been done in the past several years and, on this basis, set achievable objectives for 1973.

For this reason, such records as the annual church

letter, are important to the denomination. Let us illustrate with a hypothetical case. Let us suppose that the baptisms are up (as surely they will be) for the entire state with the exception of Green Hills Association. As the annual church letters are compiled, the question would immediately arise as to why all other associations are up while this one is down. There could be many reasons. There could have been a population loss in this area. There may have been a radical turnover in pastors which has prevented growth.

It is on the basis of material received from local church letters that associational, state, and Southern Baptist Convention programs are developed. These emphases are designed to meet real needs. While each church is independent, the association, the state and the SBC are truly inter-dependent.

The Cooperative Program is a shining example of our inter-dependence. Many of our churches would be totally unable to send their missionary abroad. But through our cooperation we have developed the greatest missionary thrust of any non-Catholic group in the world.

So, sometimes when the record keeping seems a bit tedious or monotonous, let us remember that those who are involved in this labor are a vital link in the Kingdom's activity.

Television — for good or evil?

We live in an era in which almost everyone has a T.V. in his home. It would be difficult, indeed, to over-emphasize the immense influence of this media. It furnishes information, entertainment, and inspiration. During a recent week, our family had occasion to view Billy Graham, the evening news, several exciting fantasies, and one program which was so lewd, profane, and suggestive that we were forced to turn it off.

Many are asking how can we protect our children and our minds. As the late Dr. E. P. J. Garrett has suggested "We may soon forget that which is wholesome and healthful, but that which is suggestive, immoral, or filthy lingers on in our minds."

There are some definite steps, which we as Christians should follow:

- We should commend our local television stations for presenting good programs. This, perhaps, may surprise them, for all too often we only criticize.

- We should write them constructive letters when programs appear which may harm our children and adults. We must recognize the problem which confronts our local station. Many of the movies produced in the last decade are too filthy for words. They, also, have network programs which are sometimes undesirable. However, this is not to excuse or exonerate them, but only to point up their problem. They still must be held responsible for their programming.

- We should carefully supervise our own and

our children's viewing. Our children need our assistance in determining what programs they should see. There are several good magazines which will greatly assist at this point.

- Last of all, let's remember that our T.V. stations will basically give the public what they want to see.



I must say it!

A king is king only — — —



Dr. Ashcraft

A king is king only of those whom he holds together, merits their allegiance and obedience, and forges into a nation capable of defending themselves against all neighbors.

A revolutionary general is general only of those whom he can draw to himself, indoctrinate, keep on his side and hold together.

A president is president only of the majority whom he can influence, secure their vote and render some degree of satisfaction.

A family head is the family patriarch only of those whom he can render services and hold together.

A pastor is pastor only of the people who will allow him to minister to them and hold together. He must be able to reduce the back door dropouts to a figure less than those entering the front door or he is soon out of business.

Denominational leaders are leaders only of the percentage of the constituency whom they really serve, render a stewardship and forge into a winning team.

Kings may hold their subjects by fear, the iron hand and the threat of death. Revolutionary leaders may hold their primacy by purges, executions and deceit.

In the higher levels of life much more is involved. In the family, church, association, convention or de-

nomination much more is involved. To hold these fine institutions together the items of trust, confidence, respect, patience, forgiveness, constant concern, and dynamic motivation are the order of the day.

While all the virtues are not couched in unity for unity's sake, there is healing, redemption, rehabilitation and renewal in it.

Many formerly great denominations are no longer great because there were divisions, schisms, endless strife and a lack of cohesiveness so necessary for a positive witness to the faith. Great outside enemies are never defeated by armies with insurmountable internal problems.

In the week of Nov. 13 our many messengers from many churches will be gathering for the 119th annual session of its 124 year history. From the standpoint of reports, achievements and togetherness this will be our brightest year.

A reporter called last week and inquired if there were any great controversial matters on the docket for this convention. My reply was simply, "If Baptists simply handle only the necessary items of business and attempt any hymn of praise for all God has done for them since the last convention, the time will have to be extended an extra day for the testimonies and rejoicing."

This is a tribute to togetherness, without which our broad witness cannot survive.

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

Letters to the editor

Commends SBC president

Mr. Owen Cooper
P. O. Box 388
Yazoo City, Mississippi 39194

Dear Mr. Cooper:

By official action of the Ninth Annual Meeting of the Greater Pittsburgh Baptist Association, we highly commend you for your effort in challenging Southern Baptists to give \$1,500,000,000 (1½ billion dollars) to pioneer missions.

We are deeply grateful to God for the leadership you are administering as president of our Southern Baptist Convention, and particularly for your concern in reaching out to share with the multitudes in these pioneer areas the message of God's love.

Paul's advice in the fourth chapter of his letter to the Philippians is ever so real to us who serve our Lord in a struggling pioneer area of northeastern United States where we are daily experiencing God's love through our overwhelming needs for more dedicated pastors and leadership, for greater financial support, and especially for the genuine prayer support of concerned Southern Baptists united together to share Christ everywhere. "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few" — Luke 10:2.

We praise God for you and for what you mean to us personally, and we pledge our prayerful support to your faithful and dedicated leadership.

Sincerely yours,

Karen Moore
Clerk

Missionary residence

As you and the people of Arkansas are aware, O. B. U. now has a local residence which is available for missionaries from the foreign field to occupy during the furlough time. The Glen Hickey family from Brazil are now the second occupants of the house. They are making a unique contribution as he is teaching a course in the Religion Department curriculum and as they are being available to students for missionary and other counseling.

As of now no application has been received from anyone to occupy the house beginning January, 1973. If you or anyone in the state might happen to know of possible occupants who could make a contribution to the total Ouachita and Arkadelphia communities during their furlough time, we would be happy for them to contact either Dr. Daniel Grant, President or Dr. Robert Stagg, Chairman of the Missionary Residence Committee, in care of OBU, Arkadelphia, Ark., 71923.

Best wishes to you in your continued contribution to Arkansas and world Baptist Life. — Robert W. Stagg.

Baptist Book Store move planned in 1973

NASHVILLE — The Baptist Book Store in Little Rock, will move from 408 Spring St. to 4418 South University early in 1973, according to Jay O. Turner, manager of the central stores department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

This store, one of 53 in the chain owned and operated by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, will be more than one-third larger than the old building. Robert Bauman is manager of the Little Rock store.

Architects and engineers for the 10,000 square foot building are Wittenberg, Deloney and Davidson, Inc. of Little Rock. There will be parking adjacent to the store for customers and employees.

"We want to make it as convenient as possible for our customers to shop with us," Bauman said. "One reason for the large sales floor, is to have the merchandise where customers can see it and serve themselves."

The Baptist book store makes available books, Bibles, music, records, tapes, musical instruments, religious jewelry and church supplies.

"We are very pleased with the new location," Turner said. "With other shopping facilities near us, and our added ability to meet the needs of customers, we hope to reach many more people."

The Baptist book store was established in Little Rock in 1900 and has been at the present location since 1960.

Woman's viewpoint

A is for Abraham

By Iris O'Neal Bowen



Mrs. Bowen

I hid myself over to a party where you don't have to buy anything, but you always do, and to make it a bonafide party, we played a few games. In one we introduced ourselves by using a descriptive word that began with the same letter as our

names. When my turn came, it was easy. I was "Irrestible Iris!"

For the next quarter or so, in Sunday School, we are going with Abraham on his wanderings through Canaan and I thought we would think for a few lines about some of Abraham's qualities.

'His cup was measured . . . he savored every drop'

By Lewis Pearson

—And his cup was measured. And he savored every drop.



Tommy Logue

Death-news always comes in the morning, or so I thought, after hearing of Tommy Logue's death; and with foggy eyes, I waited for my severed nerves to convey the unconveyable.

To the people who knew him, he was just plain Tommy; to those who didn't, he was a wheelchair that left class five minutes early, an object to be pitied and detoured in the halls.

Intellectually, he was a scholar: member of the National Junior Honor Society and Beta Club, National Merit Semi-finalist, and received awards in Algebra II and Trigonometry. This was his desire, to succeed, and this is part of the rich heritage he leaves behind in the form of his fierce, infectious determination.

Spiritually, Tommy found solace in religion. As stated in his own words, "It's not an opiate that keeps me satisfied, when I'm not. It's just a promise that there is a great after-life. And this is something I do feel is sure." Such was the quest of Tommy Logue for an inner peace and satisfaction that exceeded the physical, that made him at home with himself.

Tommy Logue fettered Time which tried to fether him, sucked it dry of its wisdom, then melted Time out in ever small portions, so that he could enjoy simple pleasures, attend every football and basketball game, and illuminate the lives of everyone he met by being just plain Tommy.

Those of us who knew him, cherished him, and his memory is mellow.

For those of you who didn't know Tommy, I save my pity for you, not him.

—And he runs through the pastures of my memory. And the wind of content catches his hair.

—Reprinted with permission from the *Constitution*, student newspaper of Parkview High School, Little Rock.

Abraham was amiable. He tried to get along with everybody. When his and Lot's herdsmen were having trouble over grazing rights, Abraham just gave Lot his choice of land. Well, Lot cast his lot with the wrong lot and got into a lot of trouble, but enough of that.

Abraham was adherent! Although raised in a pagan land and probably a pagan home, once God spoke to him, he adhered strictly to his belief in God. We have no record that he ever wavered in his belief. His faith was so outstanding that he is listed at the head of the "roll-call of the saints" listed in Hebrews.

Abraham had many great qualities. He was, as we say now, a man for the times. He knew how to lead people. He was a sharp business man, acquiring many possessions. But, as busy as he was, everywhere he stopped, he built an altar to the Lord and worshipped there!

Wasn't Abraham admirable!

Programs 1972 Arkansas Baptist State Convention and related meetings

Pastor's Conference

Nov. 13-14
Second Baptist Church
Hot Springs

Monday afternoon

- 1:30 p.m. Hymn Phil Whitten
Prayer James Griffin
Special Music Richard Bradford
- 1:40 p.m. Message Nelson Price
- 2:10 p.m. Message Leon Kilbreth
- 2:40 p.m. Hymn Phil Whitten
Special Music Richard Bradford
- 2:45 p.m. "The Pastor and
His Home" Wilbur Herring
- 3:10 p.m. Message Sam Cathey
- 3:40 p.m. Benediction Ray Wells, Smackover

Monday evening

- 6:30 p.m. Hymn Phil Whitten
Prayer C. A. Johnson
- 6:35 p.m. Message Leon Kilbreth
Special music Richard Bradford
- 7:05 p.m. Message Nelson Price
- 7:35 p.m. Hymn Phil Whitten
Special music Richard Bradford
- 7:45 p.m. "The Pastor and

His Preaching" W. O. Vaught

- 8:10 p.m. Offering
- 8:20 p.m. Special music Richard Bradford
Message Sam Cathey
- 8:50 p.m. Benediction Derrell Whitehurst

Tuesday morning

- 9:00 a.m. Hymn
Prayer James Walker
Special Richard Bradford
- 9:05 a.m. Message Leon Kilbreth
- 9:35 a.m. Hymn
Offering
- 9:45 a.m. Special music Richard Bradford
Message Nelson Price
- 10:15 a.m. Election of officers
Special music Richard Bradford
- 10:30 a.m. "The Pastor and
His Laymen" Morgan Brian
- 11:00 a.m. Message Sam Cathey
- 11:45 a.m. Benediction Nelson Wilhelm



Host church welcomes messengers

The members, and staff, of the Second Baptist Church, Hot Springs, look forward to the opportunity of welcoming the Arkansas Baptist State Convention to Hot Springs for the 1972 State Convention.

We want you to have a "happy" experience while in our City and in our Church. Please call on us for any assistance that we can possibly be in helping you during the convention. Members of our Staff and our Church will be available at each session of the Convention to assist you. —Ben L. Prince, Associate Pastor

Arkansas Baptist State Convention

Hot Springs, Arkansas
November 14-16, 1972

Theme: Living the Spirit of Christ in faith and conquest

Tuesday evening, Nov. 14 — Convention Auditorium

- 6:45 Prelude
6:55 Scripture and prayer Jamie Jones
7:00 Worship — Music Men .. Ural Clayton, Director
Hymn
Solo Martha Branham
7:15 CONVENTION ENROLLMENT AND ORGANIZATION
Appointment of Committees
Welcome
Committee Chairman Statements
Fraternal Greetings — Fred T. Guy,
G. R. Mazique
Recognize foreign missionaries, other visitors
Forecast of Program, Announcements
7:40 50th ANNIVERSARY,
BAPTIST STUDENT UNION Arliss Dickerson
8:10 RESOLUTIONS AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS
8:30 Ouachita-Southern Advancement
Campaign Progress Report ... W. O. Vaught Jr.,
Jim Tillman
8:40 Hymn Ural Clayton, leading
Solo Martha Branham
8:50 MESSAGE W. A. Criswell
Benediction

Wednesday morning, Nov. 15 — 2nd Baptist Church

- 8:45 Prelude
8:55 Hymn Jim Raymick, leading
9:00 Memorial Moments, Prayer ... W. Harold Hicks
9:10 BIBLE STUDY J. W. MacGorman
9:25 Welcome from Host Church
9:30 Welcome to
New Arkansans Charles H. Ashcraft
9:45 Message in Song Jim Raymick
9:50 PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS Rheubin L. South
10:20 ELECTION OF OFFICERS
10:35 Miscellaneous Business
Baptist Book Store Robert Bauman
10:50 EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT .. Dillard S. Miller,
President
11:20 Hymn Jim Raymick, leading
Solo Martha Branham
11:30 CONVENTION SERMON Bernes K. Selph
Benediction

Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 15 — 2nd Baptist Church

- 1:45 Prelude
1:55 Hymn Ben Prince, leading
Solo Ben Prince
2:05 Scripture and prayer Earl Verser
2:10 BIBLE STUDY J. W. MacGorman
2:25 ELECTION OF OFFICERS (continued)
2:35 Miscellaneous Business
2:45 REPORT OF NOMINATING
COMMITTEE Mason Craig, Chairman

- 3:10 Arkansas Baptist Family and
Child Care Services Johnny Biggs
3:20 Christian Civic Foundation
of Arkansas, Inc. Edward W. Harris
3:30 Hymn Ben Prince, leading
Solo Martha Branham
3:40 THEOLOGICAL ADDRESS John Ed Steely
Benediction

4:30 Executive Board Meeting
Room 3, Convention Hall

Wednesday evening, Nov. 15 — Convention Auditorium

- 6:45 Prelude
6:55 Hymn Carl M. Sewald, leading
Southern Baptist
College Choir Carl M. Sewald, Director
7:10 Scripture and prayer Stephen Hatfield
Solo Martha Branham
7:20 Church ... The Sunday
Night Place Forrest Watkins
7:35 Southern Baptist College H. E. Williams,
President
7:45 Ouachita Baptist University ... Daniel R. Grant,
President
7:55 Hymn Charles Wright, leading
Ouachita Baptist
University Choir Charles Wright, Director
8:10 Parade of Nations Youth and Adult Choirs,
Immanuel, Little Rock
MESSAGE Baker James Cauthen
Benediction

Thursday morning, Nov. 16 — 2nd Baptist Church

- 8:45 Prelude
8:55 Hymn Joe Helms, leading
Solo Joe Helms
9:05 Scripture and prayer . Newly elected president,
ABREA
9:10 BIBLE STUDY J. W. MacGorman
9:25 Arkansas Baptist History
Commission George T. Blackmon
9:35 Arkansas Baptist Foundation ... Arlen Waldrup,
President
9:55 Recognition of Southern Baptist
Convention Representatives
10:05 Miscellaneous Business
10:20 REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE
10:35 Hymn Joe Helms, leading
Solo Martha Branham
10:45 MESSAGE Owen Cooper
Closing Remarks
ADJOURN

Music coordinated by Ural C. Clayton
Organist: Mrs. Robert Pilcher
Pianist: Harry Raley

Arkansas Baptist Religious Education Association

Central Baptist Church
Hot Springs, Arkansas
Nov. 14, 1972

Theme: "Dare the Difficult Through Faith"

Mary Emma Humphrey — presiding

TUESDAY MORNING

- 8:45 Fellowship and Registration
- 9:00 Song Service Robert Hatzfeld
Scripture and Prayer
Galatians 2:15-21 Harold Vernon, Grand Avenue, Fort Smith
- 9:15 "Inspirational Message" John B. Wright, Pastor, First, Little Rock
- 10:00 Song Service Robert Hatzfeld
Special Music Jim Hart, Music & Youth, First, Hope
- 10:10 "Witnessing Through the Church's Educational Program" Leon Kilbreth, Greensboro, N. C.
- 10:35 "Who's Who in Arkansas?" Dennis Coop, First, Walnut Ridge
- 10:50 Business Session
- 11:00 Dismiss
- 12:15 Luncheon Velda Rose Tower & Inn, Vagabond Room
Ouachita Singing Men Directed by Ray Holcomb

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

- 2:00 Song Service Robert Hatzfeld
- 2:05 "Witnessing Through the Church Program in Music" Ural Clayton, First, Little Rock
- 2:30 Business and Election of Officers
- 2:50 Special Music Ben Prince, Associate Pastor, Second, Hot Springs
- 3:00 Inspirational Message Forrest Watkins, Church Training, Baptist Sunday School Board
- 3:45 Prayer C. Don Cooper, Sunday School Dept., Arkansas Baptist State Convention, Little Rock
- Dismiss

1971-72 Officers

President	Mary Emma Humphrey, Little Rock
1st Vice President	Robert Hatzfeld, Little Rock
2nd Vice President	Dennis Coop, Walnut Ridge
Sec'y.-Treas.	Pat Ratton, Little Rock

Seminary alumni to meet

New Orleans Seminary

Arkansas alumni of the New Orleans Seminary will hold their annual reunion on Wednesday, Nov. 15, at Noon at the Avanelle Restaurant, 1228 Central Ave., Hot Springs.

President of the group is George E. Sims, Baptist Student Union Director at the University of Arkansas at Monticello. Dr. V. L. Stanfield, professor of preaching, will represent New Orleans Seminary at the reunion.

Southwestern Seminary

J. W. MacGorman, professor of New Testament at Southwestern Seminary, will be the featured guest speaker for the annual meeting of the seminary's Arkansas alumni association on Nov. 15.

The group will meet in Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge of Hot Springs at noon. The meeting is being held during the Arkansas Baptist Convention.

R. H. Dorris, director of state missions for Arkansas Baptist Convention, is president of the Arkansas alumni association and will preside at the meeting.

Southern Seminary

LOUISVILLE, Ky — Arkansas alumni of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary will hold their annual meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 15, 12:30 p.m. at the St. Benedictine Cafeteria in Hot Springs.

Ralph Douglas, Arkansas alumni president, has announced that Marvin E. Tate Jr., associate professor of Old Testament Interpretation, will be the seminary's official representative on the program.

Concerned Baptist Laity

Central Baptist Church, Park Place Baptist Church
Hot Springs
Tuesday, Nov. 14

(Park Place Church)

1 p.m. Witnessing Directed by Earl Long

Laymen and pastors will go
two by two to share Christ

(Central Church)

3 p.m. Sharing

1. Southern Baptist Lay Evangelism Schools Melvin Badon
2. Campus Crusade for Christ Vera Westbrook
Raymond Robinson
3. Evangelism Explosion
4. Lay Witness Mission F. L. Haddock
5. Bus Ministry I. A. Cain
Thomas Ratcliff
6. "Key '73"

4 p.m. Material displays

Speaker Morgan Brian Jr.
Chairman, Trustees
New Orleans Seminary

5 p.m. Dinner



Convention fellowship supper

By Jim E. Tillman, Director

"Would you believe a Bar-B-Q Fellowship Supper for State Convention?" That is exactly right! Wednesday evening will be one of the highlights of the 1972 Arkansas Baptist State Convention with the Convention family sitting around the table together.

This event is being sponsored by the Ouachita-Southern Advancement Campaign. It is a way of saying "thank you" for the success of Phase I, and "let's finish the task with Total Involvement in Phase II."

Some of the problems facing Convention goers include a place to eat near the Convention Center, parking, price of the meal, and quality of food as well as the atmosphere. This Fellowship Supper will solve these problems. The supper will be served, beginning at 5:00 in the foyer of the Convention Center. Ample parking space is available. Gracious people interested in the cause of Christian Higher Education are donating the beef. This means that the charge for the supper is only \$1 per plate. The atmosphere will be Christian fellowship with music provided by Ouachita and Southern. Add to this a time of recognition for the outstanding leadership of Alvin "Bo" Huffman in Phase I of this Campaign.

Tickets will be available at all Pre-Convention Conferences. You will be able to secure tickets at any of these three booths at the convention Center, Advancement Campaign, Ouachita, and Southern. There will be only 1200 tickets printed, so get yours as soon as you arrive at the Convention.

The Advancement Campaign is a means of unity for all of our churches as well as our Institutions. It is significant, therefore, that the Christian Higher Education Program sponsor this period of fellowship.

There is going to be a "sweet, sweet spirit" in that place . . . don't miss it!



A family affair

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — A majority of students at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary are married and many have children. But some even bring their brothers. Among the brother sets this year at the seminary are six theology students from Arkansas. They are (left to right) Steve and Randy Hyde of Paragould; Larry and David Henderson of Little Rock; and Gerry and David Claybrook of Paragould. David Henderson is the only one not yet married. They are but six of the 28 Southern Seminary students who call Arkansas home, and five of those are from Paragould, a town of approximately 10,000.

November 9, 1972

Ouachita Club to meet

The November meeting of the Greater Little Rock Ouachita University Club will be Friday, Nov. 10, 12:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Bob Gladden, 11314 Gila Valley, Little Rock. For reservations please call Mrs. Curtis Moore, 225-0715.



Recreation time at the camp.

Ravenden Springs encampment facilities have come a long way

Ravenden Springs encampment was founded by Missionary W. O. Taylor who was serving the Current River Association. Taylor lived in Corning in the early 1930's and saw the need of an encampment for the people from various churches throughout Clay and Randolph Counties who furnished bedding, dishes, food and tents. The first camp was held without buildings.

This first meeting stimulated interest among the churches to provide an annual camp. Funds began to come in and soon buildings were erected. Most of the original buildings were temporary

and built with very poor material.

By 1930 they had enrolled about 300 people and enough land had been leased to carry on the work with a kitchen-dining room and one girls' dormitory.

Under the leadership of H. W. Johnston the encampment by the 1950's had enlisted churches in Mississippi, Craighead, Lawrence, Greene, Poinsett and Clay counties.

Several men of Northeast Arkansas have served through the years as business managers under a Board of Control. During these years, under the

leadership of Basil Goff and Carrol Fowler, the camp had its greatest development in that the land was fully abstracted and five new modern dormitories and a swimming pool were built. During three years the new tabernacle and dining hall have been constructed. These improvements have been under the direction of J. Russell Duffer.

This year the encampment had three general camps with an attendance of well over 700. In addition, the camp was rented to several other groups. One of the outstanding events of the year was the renting of the camp for children with learning disabilities.

At a recent annual meeting the following people were elected to serve on the Board for next year: Jack Auten, Jr., Calvary Church, Harrisburg, president; J. D. Passmore, Calvary Church, Corning, vice president; Lendol Jackson, Southern College, Walnut Ridge, secretary; J. Russell Duffer, Corning, business manager; O. H. McKamey, Building and Grounds chairman, Imboden; Newt Gage, Ravenden Springs, O. H. McKamey, Jr. and Jack Auten, Jr. were elected trustees.

Concert Scheduled

The L'Abri Ensemble of Huemoz, Switzerland, will present a concert of Sacred and Classical music at Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock, Friday, November 17, 8 p.m.

Members of the ensemble include Jane Stuart Smith, former International opera singer, Carolyn M. Raffensperger, pianist, and Frances Kramer, violinist. These three American women present concerts in association with the L'Abri Chapel in Switzerland, which is the work of Dr. and Mrs. Francis Schaeffer. This chapel ministers to seeking young people who criss-cross their ways through Europe.

Revivals

Calvary, Paragould, Oct. 8-18; Wilburn Griggs, evangelist, Tommy McDonald, song leader; five professions of faith, many rededications. Junior Vester is pastor.

First, Pea Ridge, Oct. 22-29; Neal Mayfield, evangelist, Roy Coffman, singer; five for baptism, two by letter. Fred Hambrick is pastor.

Wooster, First, Oct. 8-15; Jim Fowler, evangelist; 10 for baptism, two by letter, 25 rededications. Paul Huskey is pastor.

First, Strong, Oct. 8-15; Glenn Morgan, evangelist, Ralph Parks, music; three for baptism, two other professions of faith, many rededications. Sardis Bever is pastor.



NEW ASSOCIATE Baptist Student Director at the University of Arkansas is Ken Watkins (above with his wife, Carol.) He is a graduate of Delta State College in Mississippi and Mid-western Seminary in Kansas City.

Your superintendent of missions at work Caddo River Association begins ministries in resort area



Williams

Caddo River is one of the older associations in the state, having been organized in 1853.

Ross Williams has been superintendent of missions since February 1, 1969. The associational office is located in First Church, Mt. Ida.

The association owns a missionary's home which is now being used to provide free housing for foreign missionaries on furlough. It is presently occupied by the Therman Braughton family, missionaries to Indonesia.

Three years ago, Caddo River Association, working with the State Mis-

sions Department and the Home Mission Board, began a pilot project in resort missions. The program was developed by Missionary Williams with the assistance of Miss Margaret Mitchell, of Pine Bluff, who worked with him the first summer and made many valuable suggestions that grew out of her previous work with migrants.

The Home Mission Board provided funds for the purchase of a self-contained mobile home which the State Missions Department purchased and placed in a resort area. This is used as housing for student missionaries appointed by the Home Mission Board who work with Williams for 10 weeks each summer in his resort mission program.

The student missionaries begin by visiting the campers and becoming

friends with them. The campers are then invited to a "sing-in" featuring folk songs and similar types of music. Later, religious music and devotional periods are introduced, and youth choirs are invited to present Christian folk music. The student missionaries continue to visit extensively and to do all the personal witnessing possible.

Missionary Williams says, "It is necessary to start where the people are and lead them to where you want them to be." He considers visitation the key to successful resort ministry.

Other activities of the association include mission Vacation Bible Schools, conducted both in the association and in other areas of the state, and an associational camp. This year the association had its own camp for the first time in several years, using Beech Springs facilities. There were 148 enrolled and 18 professions of faith.

Two churches, Glenwood and Norman, have bought new buses this year for use in bus ministry and youth activities.



Resort ministry activities centered in public recreation areas such as this amphitheater.



Marlene Rosser and Karen Soroka, student summer missionaries, have worked in the resort ministry.

Current River holds 82nd annual session

The Current River Association convened Oct. 9-10, for the 82nd annual session as a cooperating Southern Baptist association. The first session was held at Witt's Chapel, Maynard, and the second session was held at Hopewell, Corning.

Reports indicated an increase in baptisms, growth in both Sunday School and Training Union enrollment, and an overall development in the churches of the association.

Messages were presented by Dr. Phillip Allison, professor, Mid-America

Seminary; Paul Stender, pastor, First Church, Corning; John Pyles, pastor, Success Church; J. T. Midkiff, Southern Baptist College. J. Russell Duffer, superintendent of missions of the association, led a study of the Book of Galatians at the beginning of each session.

New officers elected for the coming year were: J. D. Passmore, moderator; John Pyles, vice moderator; Harold Wilson, second vice moderator; and Mrs. Paul Rohde, clerk.



Paul Stender, out-going moderator, passes the gavel to J. D. Passmore (right) who is the new moderator.

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"Sharing Christ Through Preaching The Word"

- 1:45 Song and Praise William Reynolds
- 2:00 Bible Study - "The Preacher and His Call to Preach" E. F. Hallock
- 2:30 Congregational Singing and Announcements (Review Program Schedule)
- 2:35 Special Music William Reynolds
- 2:40 "Preparing Biblical Sermons" John Wright
- 3:10 Bookstore Robert Bauman
- 3:15 Sharing Time - "My Call to Preach" Jim Brettell
- 3:30 Special Music
- 3:35 "Communicating The Word in This Day" Adrian Rogers

MONDAY NIGHT

"Sharing Christ Through Teaching The Word"

- 6:45 Song and Praise William Reynolds
- 7:00 Bible Study - "The Preacher and His Personal Problems" E. F. Hallock
- 7:30 Song and Praise William Reynolds
- 7:35 Bookstore Robert Bauman
- 7:40 Sharing Time - "A City Church Can Grow in Sunday School" ... Earl Long
- 8:00 Special Music
- 8:15 "Reclaiming Bible Study" Adrian Rogers

TUESDAY MORNING JANUARY 23

"Sharing Christ with All People"

- 9:15 Song and Praise William Reynolds
- 9:30 Bible Study - "The Preacher and The Bible" E. F. Hallock
- 10:00 Announcements
- 10:05 Song and Praise William Reynolds
- 10:10 Message Nathan Porter



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 10:45 "People Search" Don Mabry
 11:05 Sharing Time — "Lay Evangelism Schools" Derrell Whitehurst
 11:25 Special Music
 11:30 Message Adrian Rogers

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

"Sharing Christ Through All People"

1:45 Song and Praise William Reynolds
 2:00 Bible Study — "The Preacher and His Prayer Life" E. F. Hallock
 2:30 Song and Praise William Reynolds
 2:35 Message Bill Probasco
 3:00 Song and Praise William Reynolds
 3:05 "Beyond the Receiving Line" Nolan P. Howington
 3:30 Special Music
 3:35 Message Trueman Moore

TUESDAY NIGHT

"Sharing Christ Through The Living Word"

6:45 Song and Praise William Reynolds
 7:00 Bible Study — "The Preacher and Personal Witnessing" E. F. Hallock
 7:30 Song and Praise William Reynolds
 7:35 "Sharing With and Through College Students" Nathan Porter
 8:05 Song and Praise William Reynolds
 8:10 "Pre-College Teen-age Evangelism"
 8:35 Special Music
 8:45 "Christ The Living Word" Adrian Rogers
 9:15 Altar Call and Dedication Service



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MEALS PROVIDED

November 9, 1972

Your state convention at work

Church grows under full-time pastor

No one would question the value of having a high quality leadership in the church, both in the pulpit and in the pew. However, some churches have not yet discovered that the quantity of leadership is also important.

A part-time pastor, no matter how conscientious and dedicated he may be, simply does not have the same number of hours to devote to pastoral ministries that a full time pastor has. The reason most commonly given by a church for maintaining only a part time pastoral ministry is inadequate income. What is usually overlooked is that the full time pastor can lead the church to achieve growth adequate to maintain a full time ministry.

Such was the recent experience of the Pleasant Grove Church of Harrisburg, in Trinity Association, where C. E. Rivers serves as pastor. The church, though

more than 100 years old, had never had a full time pastor until last year. During his first year, the church baptized nine and received 13 into the membership by letter. Sunday School attendance has increased to 122, with over 60 in Church Training.

The church contributes 17 percent of its undesignated receipts to world missions through the Cooperative Program, and another 6 percent to the support of associational missions. The church also participates in the Ouachita-Southern Advancement Campaign, having pledged the amount recommended for it, and the church has also assisted with a local mission.

During the 1969-70 church year, the church's income totalled \$7,299. In 1970-71, this increased to \$11,632. Then in 1971-72, representing its first year with a full time pastor, income reached



Pastor C. E. Rivers

\$17,557.

During this same period, the church constructed a new, brick parsonage valued at \$18,000 with central heat and air. The pastor reported that all of this was accomplished without any special campaign or fund drive.

An axiom of secular business states that one who wishes to make money must be willing to spend money. The same principle can be applied to church business. The church that will invest adequate finances in the support of pastoral leadership will see results not only in spiritual growth, but in numerical and financial growth as well.

The Pleasant Grove Church of Harrisburg is to be commended for its record of stewardship and mission support. —Roy F. Lewis, Secretary of Stewardship-Cooperative Program

Child Care

Loving enough to understand

(Second of a Series)

Through the years, as the needs of children have changed, we have adapted our child care ministry to meet these changing needs. In order to more effectively serve children, our services have expanded and new methods utilized.

The Arkansas Baptist Home for Children is still the very center of our child care ministry, and we serve a number of children at the Home each year. Most of these children, disturbed by family crisis and resulting unmet needs, require more than a roof over their heads, food, clothing, and educational opportunities. To bring them in and love them is not enough, although this is of prime importance. They need understanding from our staff as they seek to more realistically understand themselves and unravel their problems. Often their trust in the world about them has been shattered. As we listen and learn about their past experiences, we can understand the reasons for this distrust. Our staff works to help the child restore his faith in himself, in others, and in God. This is accomplished by combining Christian caring with professional services.

Our services to a child begins with our interest in listening to and understanding the child and his problem. The area workers conduct an intake study by involving the child, his family, the school, and other community groups who may have been involved. Placement of a child away from his

family can be a traumatic experience for the child if done abruptly and without adequate preparation of all parties involved. A child's rights and needs are given priority, and he is involved in the intake process. One facet of child care cannot meet the needs of all children who turn to us for help. Group homes, foster homes, and a child's own home may better meet the needs.

We understand the significance of the child's family to him. After all, families are what we are all about. As we take a child into care, we try to involve his family with a goal of helping them work through their problems, to become a stronger unit, and to work towards return of a child to his family. Sometimes this involves short-term care for the child, while other times long-term and permanent care is needed.

There is developing a real theology of child care. It is one of concern, of redemption, and of service. Our denomination is moving out to serve those who need us. Many children have not heard the good news of Christ, and their environment causes them to be unable to really believe it. Therefore, we must be Christian in our approach, love and understand them for what they are, and can be if given a second chance. Your cooperative dollar and your share in the Thanksgiving offering will help in this ministry of love. —Johnny Biggs, Executive Director, Family and Child Care Services

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Missions

Plan a WMC next year

In your daily devotions, have you ever prayed for the missionaries listed in the prayer calendar? In all probability you have thought, "How would it be to meet them in person?"

Well, you can if your association has a World Missions Conference.

World Missions Conferences were held very recently in Arkansas Valley and Greene County Associations, and from the reports that have come in, they were a huge success.

Arkansas Valley had three speakers from the state office: Johnny Biggs, Child Care; Bob Ferguson, Work with National Baptists; and Wilson Deese, Chaplaincy. Speakers from the Home Mission Board were Rev. and Mrs. Santos Ramos, Texas; Weldon Foster, Oklahoma; Rev. and Mrs. Roe Beard, Oklahoma. The Foreign Mission Board furnished these speakers: Dwain Boothe, Thailand; Eugene Leftwich, Nigeria; Charles Middleton, Malawi; Daniel Burt, South Brazil; Miss Mary Jane Whorton, Nigeria; and James Hampton, Tanzania. One of the events was a fish fry featuring Arkansas' own White River catfish. Carl Fawcett is superintendent of missions.

Reports have not yet come in from the Greene County Association WMC, which has just finished, but we know from the planning sessions that were held that it was also a very gratifying endeavor.

WMCs were also conducted this year in Gainesville, Delta, and Calvary Associations, and North Pulaski has one scheduled for the first part of December, bringing to six the total number scheduled for this year. Arkansas has a quota of nine.

There are WMCs already booked for 1974 and 1975. The request must be in the office a year in advance in order for the Home and Foreign Mission Boards to schedule speakers. The availability of Foreign Mission speakers is contingent upon the time of their furloughs, and these missionaries are also used in camps and fill many other engagements throughout the Southern Baptist Convention.

Interested?

Contact your associational missionary about having a WMC in your association. He will contact the State Missions Department for a schedule and receive information and an application form.

Remember, these must be scheduled at least a year in advance! —C. F. Landon, State Director for World Missions Conferences, 525 W. Capitol, Little Rock 72201.

Statewide evangelism conference



Reed

a People Search Seminar closing at noon Wednesday, Jan. 24.

The Evangelism Conference, to be successful, must have Bible, inspiration and methods. There are three general ways of evangelism afforded by the Arkansas State Baptist Convention: teaching and preaching in the regular Sunday School and worship services on

The annual State-wide Evangelism Conference will be held at First Church, Ft. Smith, Jan. 22-23, 1973. Dr. William Bennett is pastor. The meeting will start Monday afternoon and close Tuesday night. Following the conference there will be

Sunday, personal witnessing and revivals. At present we are majoring on reaching people through the Sunday School and personal witnessing. Brother Lawson Hatfield and his Sunday School workers are seeing a general growth in Sunday School in many of our churches.

The Department of Evangelism is majoring at present on Lay Evangelism Schools, teaching our people how to share their faith. Therefore, the main emphasis for this conference will be Bible and inspiration. We shall have a lot of singing, Bible teaching, sharing our testimonies, prayer, fellowship and great sermons.

Nurseries will be provided for all of the services and everybody is welcome. Since Ft. Smith is one of our greatest Baptist cities, we should fill the auditorium to overflowing each night. — Jesse S. Reed, Director

Between parson and pew

Have you heard the rumor?

By Velma Merritt



Mrs. Merritt

and individual involved. It will take years to overcome it.

Most of us have heard stories from time to time about the non-Christlike conduct of a particular individual. What we do when we're told such information is of major consequence. We can tell others and continue to spread it. We can believe it but not tell anyone else. We can ignore it. We can take proper action.

It is unfortunate that often the stories are true. At other times they are only partially true and have gotten bigger as they were passed from person to person. They may not be true at all.

As a teenager I was a member of a church where the pastor was suspected of some serious moral difficulties. When finally confronted with the situation, he refused to even pray about the matter. The church split. After several years he left and went as a staff member at another church. Moral problems

If you haven't, you probably will some day. One of your friends or acquaintances will tell you a scandalous story about a church staff member or active laymen in the church. It may or may not be true. Its potential is disastrous to the church

popped up again. This time they were proven. His exit was more rapid this time.

Situations such as this are touchy problems. No one wants to directly approach the individual with the accusation so most resort to gossip which certainly does no one any good.

Many serious problems could be halted if when trouble is first suspected, the Scriptural basis for handling it would be taken after much prayer for wisdom and guidance from God.

To allow God's work to be hindered or stopped because of the action of an individual is sinful. To do nothing except gossip only makes the matter worse. To seek God's guidance in handling the situation and then to carry out the Scriptural admonitions takes a person filled with God's power for that hour.



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A great turn around

The Sunday School enrollment and attendance in Arkansas for 1972 has turned around.

- This turn around is a dramatic switch
- from loss to gain.
- from down to up.
- from sad to glad.
- from slow to fast.
- from frowns to smiles.
- from emptiness to fullness.
- from usual to unusual.
- from sameness to excitement.
- from surrender to challenge.

And it will continue to happen. There are

- no warnings.
- no red flags.
- no caution lights.

The word is

- make a commitment to reach people.
- go find people.
- prepare for people.
- involve new people.

What's happening?

- God is working.
- Don't get in the way, get in the action.
- Don't wait, go now.
- Don't delay, work today.
- Don't fight it, join it.
- Don't fuss, witness.
- Don't fret, God is not through yet.

Recently Harold O'Bryan, pastor, First Church, Cabot wrote his church moved from 300 to 500 in average attendance.

A great turn around.

First Church, Rogers, Dean Newberry, pastor, recorded 1,079 in attendance one Sunday.

A great turn around.

First Church, Springdale, Cliff Palmer, pastor, recorded 1,409 as their highest attendance ever. Wall-to-wall people.

A great turn around.

North Main Church, Garland Morrison, pastor, ran less than 200 in Sunday School over a year ago. On a recent high attendance day they reported 925 in attendance.

A great turn around.

Second Church, Hot Springs, Ben Prince, associate pastor, has the state's largest fleet of buses, 12, showing dramatic growth.

A great turn around.

First Church, Conway, William Probasco, pastor, is moving out and up in enrollment.

A great turn around.

First Church, Ft. Smith, William Bennett, pastor, reports three giant size turn around Sundays for this past year: 1,641, 1,645 and 1,752. And they led the state in baptisms with 258.

A great turn around.

And these are but a very few exam-

Doctrines of the faith

Ordinances: the Lord's supper

By Jimmy A. Millikin
Southern Baptist College



Dr. Millikin

The second ordinance of the church is the Lord's Supper. This ordinance has also been called Holy Communion, the Eucharist, and the Mass. The biblical references to the ordinance refer to it as "the communion of the blood of Christ" and "the communion of the body of Christ" (I Cor. 10:16), "breaking of bread" (Acts 2:42; 20:7), the "Lord's table" (I Cor. 10:21), and the "Lord's Supper" (I Cor. 11:20.) The "Lord's Supper" seems to be the most comprehensive designation, and it is the most commonly used term for the ordinance by Baptists (*Baptist Faith and Message*, Art. VII.)

Many of the things said about baptism could also be said about the Lord's Supper. Here we will emphasize three things about the second ordinance.

1. Its Institution. As in the case of baptism, it is clear that the Lord's Supper was instituted by Jesus himself. The account of the institution is recorded by the first three gospel writers (Matt. 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:17-20) and by Paul (I Cor. 11:23-26.) It is equally clear that Jesus enjoined his followers to observe the ordinance until he comes again (Luke 22:19; I Cor. 11:23-26.) The practice of the early churches leaves little doubt that the disciples of Jesus understood the Lord's Supper to be a permanent ordinance (cf. Acts 2:42, 46; 20:7; I Cor. 10:16, 17; 11:17-34.)

2. Its Meaning. There has been much controversy among Christians through the centuries over the meaning of the Lord's Supper. The controversy has centered around the nature of the elements — the bread and the fruit of the vine. Some have thought that the bread and wine become the actual body and blood of Jesus when properly blessed. Others have taught that while the elements do not become the physical body and blood of Jesus, there is nevertheless a real spiritual presence of Jesus in the elements.

Baptists believe that the meaning of the ordinance is primarily summed up in the command of Christ, "This do in remembrance of me" (Luke 22:19; I Cor. 11:24-25.) It "is a symbolic act of obedience whereby members of the church, through partaking of the bread and fruit of the vine, memorialize the death of the Redeemer and anticipate His second coming" (*Baptist Faith and Message*, Art. VII.)

Thus, the primary meaning of the Lord's Supper is that it is a symbolic memorial. It is a remembrance of two things. It is first and foremost a remembrance of the death of Jesus (I Cor. 11:25-26.) Both elements in the Supper point to his death — the bread his broken body (I Cor. 14:24) and the fruit of the vine his shed blood (I Cor. 14:25.) But it is also a reminder that Jesus not only died but was raised from the dead and is coming again (I Cor. 14:26.)

3. The Participants. There is much discussion today as to who should partake of the Lord's Supper. Some have thought that the Bible is not clear on this matter, and it should be left up to the individual as to whether or not he should partake of it. However, the Bible is more definite on this question than some suppose.

It is clear, for instance, that only believers are entitled to partake of the Supper. The whole world is not invited to it. The very nature of the Supper as the communion of the body and blood of Christ indicates that the Lord's table is only for those who share in him (I Cor. 10:16.) In the New Testament practice those who shared in the "breaking of bread" were those who "gladly received his word" and "continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine" (Acts 2:41-42.)

But there is also an indication that the Lord's Supper is only for members of a local church. It is a local church ordinance. The administration of the ordinance is not given to an individual, or to the clergy. The responsibility for administering it was given to the church. Thus, the church was to observe it together as a corporate group and not privately (I Cor. 11:33.) Furthermore, the church had a right to forbid certain people from partaking of the ordinance (I Cor. 5:11.)

ples of the great turn around reports
we happily hear.

Let's all get in on the great turn

around.
Ready? — Lawson Hatfield, Sunday
School director

Baptist Men

Study Europe missions

What is your European M. I. Q. (Mission Intelligence Quotient). As a matter of fact what do you really know about Europe, period?

The Foreign Mission Study for this year will help improve your M. I. Q. The study book "Europe A Mission Field," is available from the Baptist Book Store.

Baptist men should make plans now to engage in this mission study. The Mission Study Leader of the Baptist Men's Organization should secure the books and make plans for the study. One of the men could be enlisted to lead the study. A time should be set aside for the study during one week. Or the study could be completed over several weeks using the Church Training hour on Sunday night.

Perhaps a time could be arranged for a joint study with the W. M. U. This would need to be worked out by the Mission Study Leader for both groups — men and women.

A week of study could be arranged in which the entire family could engage in mission study. There are mission study books available for each age level. "They Have Soul" by Pauline Moore is for youth, Pioneer age Royal Ambassadors. For Crusaders II grades 4-6, the book is "Higher Than Montgo." The Crusader I, grades 1-3, the book is "A Day with Carlo."

Mission Study Leaders and Royal Ambassador Counselors should plan now for the mission study. Order books from the Baptist Book Store, 408 Spring Street, Little Rock, Ark. 72201.

Time for the study should be arranged so there will be no conflicts. Make arrangements that will be best for your group. Following the study plan a good mission activity for both men and boys. —C. H. Seaton.

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So you are facing . . . Divorce

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

Divorce in most cases is a burden. This little article is intended to help you find a solution short of divorce if possible and to help you bear your burden courageously if there is no alternative other than divorce.

Make sure that you have exhausted every resource available before you get a divorce. Are you sure this is the best solution? Is there not one more avenue of reconciliation you may travel? Will divorce create more problems than it will solve? Have you asked for divine guidance? Remember the words of the Scripture: "When all kinds of trials and temptations crowd into your lives, my brothers, don't resent them as intruders, but welcome them as friends! Realize that they come to test your faith and to produce in you the quality of endurance. But let the process go on until that endurance is fully developed, and you will find you have become men of mature character with the right sort of independence. And if, in the process, any of you does not know how to meet any particular problem he has only to ask God — who gives generously to all men without making them feel foolish or guilty — and he may be quite sure that the necessary wisdom will be given him." James 1:2-5, (*The New Testament In Modern English* by J. B. Phillips — used by permission)

Will you be acting in the best interest of your children and/or your own family? The vast majority of divorces are among childless couples; however, if you have children then use mature judgment for their sakes. Your children have legal rights but the matter of conscience and moral rights are even greater. You gave them their very breath in a sense and you will be their parent even if divorced. Often children suffer far more from a divorce than the parents. Every possible consideration should be given them at this time.

Have you received the best counsel available? Good legal counsel is necessary but counsel from a professional marriage counselor and from your pastor will be very helpful. Try to get advice from wise heads who are completely frank and unbiased. Counsel from close friends who do nothing more than agree with you amounts to sympathy rather than advice.

Very few heed the counsel given them, but if only a few marriages are

saved then this is some encouragement. Just discussing your problems with some interested, intelligent person probably will be helpful in straightening out your thinking. Although it is extremely difficult, try to be as objective as possible.

Assuming there is nothing left except obtaining a divorce, then what should one do? If you go the route of divorce, then make sure you have the right attitude toward life and your fellowman. Better it is for all concerned if a settlement can ensue without dragging a person's reputation through the mud of a court battle. No one benefits through defamation of character and bitterness. If you can come through the experience with charity for all and bitterness toward none, then happy are you. Malice and hate are reserved for persons with little minds. Be a big person. Big enough to forgive and Christian enough to act maturely. The more kindness you have toward others, the more kindness will be your own portion.

Make sure you live for Christ. This is the way to happiness. No one ever loses when he invests his life in the kingdom of God. Your next move is to live constructively for Christ regardless of the outcome of your divorce.

Whether you were right or wrong in the case, find your rightful place in society, pick up the broken pieces, and find new purpose in living. Don't judge everyone by your ex-mate. Learn to trust people who have earned the right to be trusted.

Seek out the right kind of friends. If you have friends then you must be a friend. Happiness comes through making others happy. You accomplish nothing by feeling sorry for yourself and brooding over yesterday's troubles.

Live today unselfishly; remember that the future is as bright as the promises of your heavenly Father. The God who has you in his hand also holds tomorrow. Walk hand in hand with God and you'll be amazed how much strength, coming from outside yourself, will flood your life.

God loves you and He always will. He has a purpose for your life. Find that purpose and by so doing you will find yourself.

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Book reviews

By E. A. Pipkins

Genesis in Space and Time

Author: Schaeffer, Francis A.
Publisher: Inter Varsity Press 1972
Price: \$2.25 (160 pages) paper

Adding to the books that treat the first eleven chapters of Genesis is this work by the very prolific writer of the L'Abri Fellowship.

An intellectual champion of conservatives, Schaeffer has set out to establish the historicity of the early Genesis accounts. The methodology he uses to do this is to see the truth of the Bible as propositional, objective truth. One wonders how far this would be in complete disagreement with existential truth. To establish his thesis, Schaeffer deals somewhat less than historical with the biblical materials. Likewise, he follows a philosophical, rather than theological, emphasis in interpretation. While this may be an acceptable emphasis in biblical understanding, it would seem too early to use in an exegetical study.

If read by the women's libbers, the author's understanding of woman's submission to man and multiple child bearing as a result of the fall, might draw some flak.

While the book does make for some interesting reading and speculation (what of catastrophe is a well-ordered universe?), it does not seem to make a serious contribution to this narrow field to which it attempts to speak.

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Children of Doom

Author: Drakeford, John W.
Publisher: Broadman 1972
Price: \$4.95 (143 pages)

A friendly critique from an observer who has the ability to look objectively at the Children of God movement, especially the group based at Thurber, Texas Training Center. With sideline glances at the commune historically, the author easily sets the Children of God in a better light than movements of the past. However, he never becomes a member nor a convert. Perhaps, a sympathetic observer. The strengths and the inconsistencies of the group are clearly set out, with little regard for additional evaluation. More is not really needed.

You will enjoy reading the book. Give it to a starry-eyed deserter from society. It will give a little emphasis to reality. But you wonder how the title was chosen.



Criswell to speak

Dr. W. A. Criswell will be a speaker at the state convention Tuesday evening, Nov. 14. He is the tenth pastor of the First Baptist Church in Dallas. During the years that he has been its undershepherd, the First Baptist Church has grown to a membership that now totals beyond 13,000, with an annual budget of \$1,800,000.00. The giving program allots half of all budget income to missionary, educational and benevolent causes with the other half for local expenses.

General officers retreat



Kenneth Dean

Friday night and Saturday morning, Dec. 1 and 2, is scheduled for the annual retreat for Sunday School General Officers.

Pastors, directors, staff members and other general officers

of the Sunday School gather to review Sunday School plans and projects for the balance of the church year in 1973.

Assisting in the retreat will be Ken Dean of the General Officers section of the Sunday School Department, Nashville, Tenn.

People-to-People, the promotion program of the Sunday School work, will be studied indepth at the retreat. A

major feature Friday night will be a demonstration of the Adult Quarterly rally.

The retreat has proved to be a time of refreshing for church leaders, a time for good fellowship, a time for "nibbling peanuts and chompin' apples," a time

when new friends are made and old friendships are renewed.

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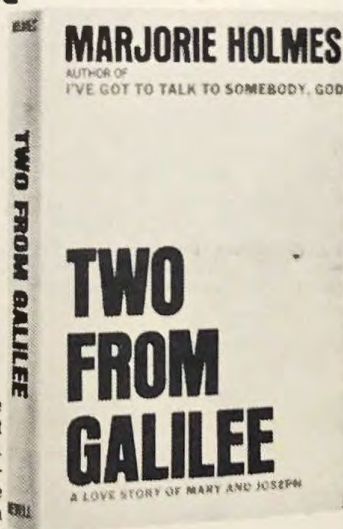


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All nations under God

By Lawson Hatfield, Director
Sunday School Department



Hatfield

A good aim for this lesson could be stated in the words of Paul on Mars Hill when he, a Jew, spoke to Greek (Gentile) intellectuals. His words recorded in Acts 17: 26-27 rebuked exclusive nationalism. Paul said that creation, human history,

and even national borders related directly to the redemptive purpose of God. "From the one man he created all races of men, and made them live over the whole earth. He himself fixed beforehand the exact times and the limits of the places where they would live. He did this so that they would look for him, and perhaps find him as they felt around for him. Yet God is actually not far from any one of us." T.E.V.

In other words, God is not a God of one or a few exclusive nations. God is as interested in one nation as another. He is not a "one nation God." The one nation God idea was Jonah's real problem. Jonah felt that if he could get outside the boundary of his homeland, he would at the same time move outside the jurisdiction and concern of God. To Jonah, it seemed God lived straight up from the holy land and never moved across the borders into other nations.

Not so.

Jonah was not quite so nationalistic in his concept of God when he prayed for deliverance from the belly of the fish.

God suddenly became the God of the deep as well as the God of fair Jerusalem.

Someone outlined the four chapters of Jonah as follows. Chapter one, Jonah runs from God. Chapter two, Jonah runs to God. Chapter three, Jonah runs with God. Chapter four, Jonah runs ahead of God.

Jonah was a reluctant missionary, reluctant to cross the national border of his motherland.

Jonah learned better.

Jonah learned God is international.

Of course, this does not mean that old-fashioned patriotism is unimportant. On the other hand, a wrong kind of patriotism can lead to racism, a contempt and hatred for others. However, a healthy love for one's national heritage is Biblically approved. Jesus grieved over the city he loved, Paul was proud

of his national heritage and even appealed to his Roman citizenship.

The Hebrews loved their inherited promised land, and lamented in memory of it while in exile.

Isaiah 45:1-6 All nations are God's

Does God discriminate against Babylon and favor Israel? It may seem so, unless one sees the purpose of God for Israel and God's purpose for all nations, other than Israel.

God did have a special purpose for Israel, made a promise (covenant) with Israel and in special ways related to Israel. But such a favored position was for the larger purpose, redemption for all nations.

Great and serious danger always lurks where favor is granted. The fatal flaw in human nature at this point is pride. An individual can become infested with pride over success. This same flaw can also corrupt a nation.

Israel's pride was expressed in an attitude that God favored Israel and Israel was worthy of such favor.

Israel was not worthy of God's special favor.

God did not choose Israel for Israel's sake alone. God, out of his love offers individuals and nations his unmerited favor and unearned grace.

If and when God seems to favor a nation it is to preserve his larger favor to all men.

Cyrus did not worship God, Babylon did not honor Jehovah. In spite of this, God used Cyrus as an instrument for redemption. God used Cyrus to discipline a disobedient Israel and later to return Israel to their homeland.

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God blessed Israel. God blessed Babylon.

God blesses all nations.

God uses all nations as instruments of his righteousness.

Amos 9:7-8 All nations are judged

While Israel had been elected and favored of God, it was a conditional favor. God saved Israel out of Egypt, but held them responsible for their covenant relationship. Israel suffered as a result of sin, but God did not lose control over them. Nor did he lose control over other nations such as Babylon, Syria and others.

God treated sinful Israel in the same manner he treated sinful Ethiopia. However, God kept a remnant. Hard discipline was required to isolate his faithful few. Through them he preserved and restored his covenant people.

I Tim. 2:1-5

All nations are objects of his love

It is the obligation and privilege of all Christians to pray for all men, for kings and for the peaceable life. God desires for all men to be saved. God does not love just the red, just the yellow, just the black, just the white.

All the nations of the world are objects of God's redeeming love.

There is one God.

There is one mediator.

There is one mankind.

There is one Christ.

I Tim. 1:5 "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and man, the man Jesus Christ."

All nations under God is still a grand ideal. Much is yet to be accomplished in better understanding in national and international relationships. The Christian mission is the real answer to peace on earth.

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The transforming power of faith

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Cooper

One of the present members of the older generation has observed that he was born in the middle of human history. He said that there has been as much change since he was born as there had been in all the time previous to his birth. He might have

over-stated his case a little, but not much. All of us would agree that everything is changing.

Change is life. If it is alive, it is changing. All of life is involved in continuous change. All of life is in a process of transformation of a person. This change is deeper than physical or material change. It is deeper than biological or chemical. This change can only take place when God is at work in a life.

God produces many miracles in all of life all the time. God's greatest miracle is still the change in a person transformed by faith in Jesus. That is the most wonderful miracle of all.

Jacob was transformed when by faith he allowed God to take control of his life.

Twenty years in Haran

Last week's study gave us the details of Jacob leaving home. His encounter with God sealed the covenant. He journeyed to Haran where he spent 20 years with his uncle Laban. During this time he had married two of Laban's daughters, fathered eleven sons, and had become quite wealthy.

Laban became displeased with Jacob and as before, Jacob made preparation to leave. His actions were based on his fear of Laban. He leaves Haran while Laban is away. He takes all of his possessions with him. His destination is the land of Canaan.

Gen. 32:3, 6-8 A brother to meet

Esau had a 20 year old grudge to settle with his brother. Jacob had fled from home fearing for his life. Esau had threatened to kill Jacob. Jacob had delayed the inevitable meeting for 20 years. He could delay no longer.

Messengers are sent ahead to greet Esau and also to bring back a report. Their report was not very encouraging. Esau has 400 men with him. Jacob again reacts in fear. He divides his family and cattle into two groups. He hoped he could save part of his people and goods.

Gen. 32:9-11 Praying for God's help

Was it faith or fear that caused Jacob to call on God? Perhaps fear initiated the act, but it must have been supported by faith. Jacob had to have a degree of faith. He had to believe that God could help him.

This might have been the first time that Jacob knew he needed God's help. His problem was now too big for him. Jacob admitted (in verse 10) that God had helped him many times. Now he saw that he could do nothing without God's help. In his prayer he begged for God to save him and his family.

Jacob's action is so representative of the modern Christian. We possess a basic personal faith in God through Christ. Much of our praying must be motivated by fear. We wait until things are out of our control, then we call on God for help. An illness or family crisis often "drives us to our knees." We act on faith, prompted by fear. It is certainly within reason to believe that God uses such moments in our lives to draw us back to Him.

Gen. 32:24-26 Struggling with God

As Jacob is in earnest prayer, he finds himself wrestling with "a man." Jacob declares in verse 30 that his opponent in the struggle was God. Early in the struggle Jacob began to receive new insight as to his real adversary. He learned that he had more to settle with God than he did with Esau. This was a valuable lesson for Jacob.

Jacob realized he must settle things with God before meeting his brother. The struggle continued until dawn. Why so long? The logical answer would be that there was some hindrance to overcome, and it could only be done by earnest prayer. The big problem was Jacob. All of his life his faith had been mixed with faithfulness. His belief in the promise of God had been mixed with hesitation to commit the means to God. Such was the divided mind and heart of Jacob with which God contended. Jacob thus learned in a long night of struggle that he must trust God completely.

It is a credit to Jacob that he was persistent. However, look at the persistence of God with Jacob. Jacob was persistent one night. God had been persistent for more than twenty years.

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Life & Work

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Gen. 3:1-18;

32:1 to 33:20

Gen. 32:27, 28, 31 Prayer changes things

Two things happened to Jacob. First, he was injured in the thigh. He came away from the experience with a limp. God still has to wound his children in order to make us what he wants us to be. Sometimes this is the only way God can reach us. One's "God-given limp" may be his greatest source of strength.

The second change was a change in name. All Hebrew names contained something to describe the character of the individual. Jacob meant supplanter or trickster. He now needed a new name to go with his new character. His new name would be Israel, meaning "God rules" or "God strives." The new name was evidence that Jacob was finally willing for God to control his life.

Jacob came from his struggle wounded but victorious. God gave him a crippled body but more important, God gave him a strengthened faith. God became real to Jacob that night on the north bank of the Jabbok River.

Identification

Are you ever possessed with a fear of an "Esau" when your real struggle is with God? Most of our fears of man would be settled if we would make peace with God.

Only God can change man. Man's response is called faith. Man's faith in God is a basis for change. God's faith in man is the divine force needed to bring about change.

No man can meet all the needs of his life without God's help. Difficult situations can help us to have more faith in God. Prayer is the key to victory.

Next week we conclude our study of Jacob. Our theme will be, "Thankful for God's Blessings."

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Send resolutions, please

It has been requested by our Convention President, Dr. Rheubin L. South, that if at all possible all constitutional amendments and resolutions be sent in prior to the annual state convention. This will greatly assist the committees in adequately discharging their task. These should be written in a form for presentation. The convention is to be held Nov. 14-16, 1972 in Second Church, Hot Springs. All correspondence should be addressed to: Dr. Rheubin L. South, Park Hill Baptist Church, Box 4064, North Little Rock, Ark. 72116.

A smile or two

... Tony Stodart, Britain's Minister of State for Agriculture, told the agreeable story of how a visit he had made to the Western Isles had coincided with the installation of the first telephone on North Uist.

The lucky crofter was told how to operate the instrument by putting one bit to his ear and the other to his mouth, and sat down with his family in front of a glowing peat fire for the evening.

After a while the telephone rang and the crofter picked up the receiver, said "Aye," and replaced it. Asked by his wife who was calling on the new gadget, the crofter replied: "I don't know. It was just a lady saying it was a long distance from New York."

A kindergarten mother in a pluralistic neighborhood who was filling in a form about her child and his background, in the blank which called for "Language Used in the Home," marked through English and Spanish and wrote, "Nice."

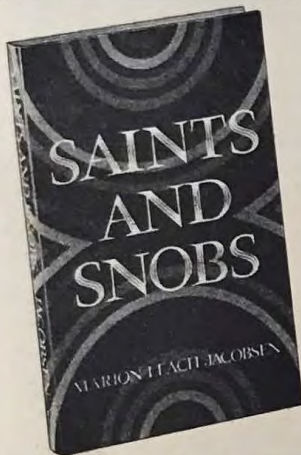
In the dark recesses of a Birmingham antique shop, the lady asked the clerk, "What is that quaint old figure in the corner worth?"

"About two hundred grand," answered the clerk. "He's the proprietor."

Attendance report

October 29, 1972

Church	Sunday School	Church Training	Ch. Advs.
Alexander, First	46	40	
Alicia	48	36	
Alma, First	348	128	
Alpena	98	58	2
Banner, Mt. Zion	30	23	
Beirne, First	61	26	
Bentonville, First	252		4
Bella Vista Mission	35	2	
Berryville			
First	173	65	3
Freeman Heights	133	55	
Rock Springs	113		
Blytheville, Gosnell	220	109	
Booneville			
First	224	180	
Glendale	72	23	
Cabot, Mt. Carmel	183	97	
Camden			
First	498	96	2
Hillside	102	50	
Cherokee Village Mission	131	35	
Crossett			
First	465	126	
Magnolia	149	103	
Mt. Olive	294	170	
Des Arc, First	199	72	
Dumas, First	252	53	
El Dorado, Caledonia	34	24	
Farmington, First	114	66	
Forrest City, First	778	215	10
Fl. Smith			
First	1145	424	4
Oak Cliff	226	103	2
Tenny	230	92	8
Geary, First	190	76	
Grandview	104	67	1
Greenwood, First	305	96	6
Hampton, First	139	53	1
Harrison			
Eagle Heights	258	132	
Woodland Heights	74	46	
Helena, First	253	95	3
Hope			
Calvary	171	79	
First	453	160	
Hot Springs			
Lakeside	237	102	
Park Place	449	150	
Hughes, First	254	51	
Jacksonville			
First	417	98	
Marshall Road	346	117	
Jonesboro			
Central	519	155	3
Nettleton	328	137	1
Lake Village, Parkway	58	52	
Lavaca, First	323	127	3
Lincoln, First	237	46	5
Little Rock			
Crystal Hill	150	79	
Geyer Springs	689	280	
Life Line	671	241	4
Martindale	116	68	
Nall's Memorial	110	45	
Sunset Lane	243	87	3
Wakefield First	65	40	
Woodlawn	119	54	2
Magnolia, Central	569	224	
Melbourne			
Belview	190	73	
First	149	79	
Horseshoe Bend Mission	27		
Mountain Home, East Side			
North Little Rock			
Baring Cross	538	108	2
Crystal Valley	172	58	15
Gravel Ridge	210	102	
Levy	478	113	2
Park Hill	799	145	4
Sylvan Hills	308	126	
Paragould, East Side	222	89	
Paris, First	428	100	
Pea Ridge, First	194	40	7
Pine Bluff			
Centennial	201	98	
Dollarway	111	55	
East Side	224	115	2
First	653	132	2
Green Meadows	63	48	
Second	155	70	
Prairie Grove, First	183	82	
Rogers, First	709	139	
Roland, Natural Steps	94	63	
Russellville, Second	220	93	
Springdale			
Berry Street	112	47	
Caudle Avenue	134	42	4
Elmdale	330	52	1
First	801	5	5
Van Buren, First	548	204	1
Mission	37		
Warren			
Immanuel	272	96	4
Southside Mission	54	41	1
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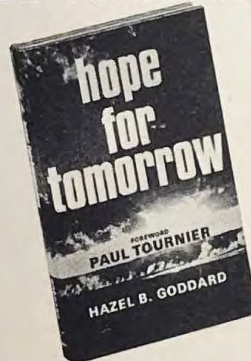
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In the world of religion

'Jesus movement' could become real awakening, historian says

MIAMI (EP) — Dr. J. Edwin Orr, a historian of religious revivals, said at Miami Christian University here that today's "Jesus Movement," still has a way to go before it can be considered a genuine religious awakening.

In his lectures on "great awakenings" Dr. J. Edwin Orr focused on the 1905 revival, the subject of a book he has written for Moody Press.

Dr. Orr, professor of history at the Fuller Theological Seminary's School of Missions in Pasadena, Calif., said that among the events connected with the often overlooked 1905 revival were the conversion of an estimated 59,950 of Atlantic City's population of 60,000; the closing of more than 200 department stores in Portland, Ore., from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., so their employees and customers could attend prayer meetings, and a wave of 20,000 young

people volunteering to be missionaries.

The greatest impact of the 1905 world-wide revival was in Wales, according to Dr. Orr. There, he said, every church in some towns was jammed from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. every night, and crime became almost nonexistent for 18 months.

Comparing today's "Jesus Movement" with the 1905 awakening and that of 1858, which he said is unsurpassed in American history, Dr. Orr said that today's movement has not yet affected church life outside youth groups.

But, the Oxford University graduate added, it could develop into a real awakening if enough people follow the four rules laid down by Welsh coal miner Evan Roberts, who was instrumental in leading the 1905 awakening.

Evangelist sees new ways of evangelism

OKLAHOMA CITY (EP) — Dr. Angel Martinez, who memorized the entire New Testament in seven years, said here his type of ministry is "really facing a tremendous crisis today."

The evangelist has been preaching for 40 years, but drawing people away from television, sports events and late-evening shopping is becoming a real problem today, he said.

The Southern Baptist sees some "revolutionary wrinkles" beginning to show, however. The new approaches which he praised are religious rock music, "mod" evangelists, guest appearances by sports figures or entertainment personalities, and free hot dogs or pizza.

Salvation Army enjoys recruiting rush

TORONTO (EP) — An increasing number of recruits are joining the Salvation Army, says Gen. Erik Wickberg, international leader of the service and evangelistic agency.

The Swedish-born leader of the global army told a news conference the reason for the growing interest in the Salvation Army may be the "Jesus Movement."

"Although I don't agree entirely with what the Jesus folk movement is saying, I do welcome the members to the Salvation Army," he said. "I think these young people see the army as a place for the militant expression of Jesus."

Gen. Wickberg, 67, said recruits have doubled in his native Sweden.

"And points throughout the United States and South Africa report more cadets joining every day."

1974 international evangelism congress

ATLANTA (EP) — The 1974 International Congress on World Evangelism will be held in Lausanne, Switzerland, July 16-25, according to Honorary Chairman Billy Graham. Don Hoke, president of Tokyo Christian College, is coordinating director.

The Palais de Beaulieu, the Swiss city's Congress Exhibition and Arts Center, will be the site of the meeting. A "Third World" location had been sought for the Congress, but the Lausanne facilities were found "best able to meet the exacting requirements of the Congress at reasonable cost," Dr. Graham said.

Recalling the first World Congress on Evangelism, which some 1,200 representatives of evangelical churches around the world attended in Berlin six years ago, the evangelist commented that since that event, "I have been constantly urged to help in convening another world congress on evangelization."

After much prayer and consultation with churchmen, both lay and clergy, from all parts of the world, he feels "the time is ripe" to mobilize again "all our resources under the dynamic of the Holy Spirit to hold another international Congress in 1974."

Anglican Suffragen Bishop Jack Dain of Sydney, Australia, who is executive chairman of the 25-member planning committee, announced that the committee members will meet in Lausanne Dec. 4-8, 1972, to consider the program.

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