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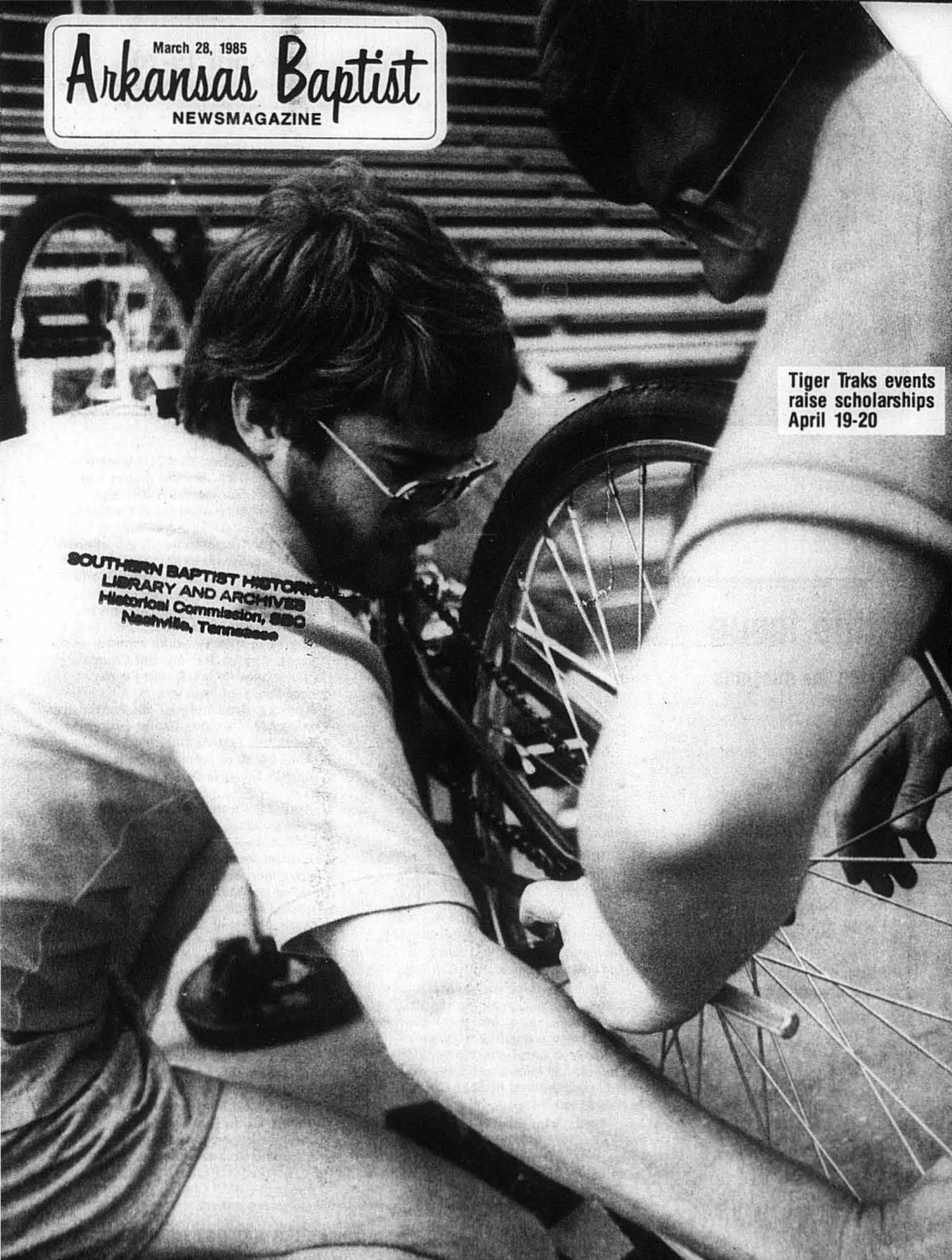
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Tiger Traks events
raise scholarships
April 19-20





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Ouachita Baptist University students prepare for bicycle races as part of the annual effort to raise money for scholarships for fellow students. An article at right tells more about Tiger Traks weekend at Arkadelphia.

OBU Tiger Traks planned for April 19-20

ARKADELPHIA—Billed as "Arkansas' Most Exciting College Weekend," Tiger Traks at Ouachita Baptist University is set for Friday and Saturday, April 19-20, on the Arkadelphia campus. The event is sponsored each year by the Ouachita Student Foundation with the proceeds going to fund scholarships for OBU upperclassmen.

Approximately 35 scholarships, including seven \$1,000 scholarships, compiled from money donated by businesses and individuals, will be presented this year to students.

All remaining money will be placed in an endowment fund for future awards.

Activities for the 11th annual event will include a concert by Andrus, Blackwood & Co., a contemporary Christian music group; an outdoor pops concert by the Dallas Brass Ensemble, as well as competition between 21 OBU co-ed teams in six events: men's football, tandem bicycle races, women's trike races, twistler games, raft races and "Oozeball," which is volleyball played in six inches of mud.

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Next month in Arkansas

April 5, State Youth Convention, Statehouse Convention Center, Little Rock. An annual event emphasizing discipleship in daily living for junior high and senior high youth. This year's theme is "DiscipleLife... a personal journey." Arkansas Church Training Department sponsors the event.

April 12-13, State BSU Basketball Tournament, Ouachita Baptist and Henderson State Universities at Arkadelphia. An annual event for fellowship for students across the state. Trophies are presented to male and female winning teams, but sportsmanship trophies are emphasized. Arkansas Student Department is the sponsor.

April 13, Effective WORKERshop, Levy Church in North Little Rock. Last in a series of three annual training sessions to equip Sunday School workers to meet the challenge of the 8.5 by '85 growth emphasis.

April 13, Children's Choir Festivals at Central Church, North Little Rock; Immanuel, Pine Bluff; Beech Street, Texarkana; Grand Avenue, Fort Smith; and Wynne Church. An annual event for children in grades 4-6, providing mass choir experience with a qualified clinician and helpful adjudication when requested.

April 14, Association Music Tournaments. Competition in local associations, on or before this date, for soloists and ensembles of junior and senior high musicians. Prerequisite for the State Music Tournament / Ensemble Jubilee sponsored by State Church Music Department.

April 15-16, Sunday School Youth Curriculum Workshop, First Church, Crossett. First-time event to train workers in use of curriculum pieces for youth Sunday School.

April 15-17, Priority Planning for

Growing Churches, Park Hill Church, North Little Rock. To help pastors and church staff discover the relationship between effective planning and church growth.

April 22, Area Summer Youth Ministry Conference, Southern Baptist College at Walnut Ridge. Annual event to provide training to college students, volunteer / part-time youth workers or pastors and church staff who are interested in summer youth ministry. Arkansas Church Training and Church Administration of the Baptist Sunday School Board are sponsors.

April 23, Area Summer Youth Ministry Conference, Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia. (See April 22.)

April 24, Area Summer Youth Ministry, Baptist Building, Little Rock. (See April 22.)

April 23, Church Building Conference, Baptist Building, Little Rock. The Arkansas Sunday School Department will provide a consultant from BSSB Church Architecture Department to help pastors and church building committees in planning and financing a building program.

April 23, Small Church Preschool Conference, Dayton Church at Dayton. A first-time event to train preschool teachers, pastors and Sunday School directors of churches of 150 or less enrollment. Literature resources, use of activities, and using the Bible to teach preschoolers will be covered.

April 25, Small Church Preschool Conference, First Church, Alpena. (See April 23.)

April 25-26, Minister of Education Seminar, Camp Paron. An annual event to provide opportunity for personal growth and skill development for ministers of education in a retreat setting. The seminar is a BSSB Church Administration Department project.

In this issue

8 rallying for missions

More than 1200 Arkansas Baptists gathered recently in Little Rock were challenged to act like God's spiritual army and take the gospel to the ends of the earth, including Brazil. Baptist Men's groups put structure behind the support in related meetings.

14 return to Cambodia

If a physician who has worked in Cambodia is successful in negotiating re-entry into the country, he will be Southern Baptists' first missionary there. He hopes to start by helping with rice seed distribution before planting time.



This guest editorial was written by Lynn P. Clayton, editor of the Baptist Message, state newspaper for Baptists in Louisiana.

Tragically, there are big profits for some nonprofit organizations. Some of these organizations even parlay human catastrophes into opportunities of increasing the profits.

Recently, newspapers carried an article about a fundamentalist religious organization in California, primarily the creation of one man, that has used the heartbreaking African famine as a means of drawing millions of dollars into its coffers without sending any of it to help the starving masses. Using sophisticated media advertising and direct mailings, the unethical organization has collected millions of dollars to help the starving multitudes in Ethiopia. Investigators discovered, however, that not one penny of the money has gone to the causes advertised.

The organization's executives say they have not worked directly in Ethiopia because the government there refused them permission. They claim they give money through a group of doctors working in Ethiopia. But when officials of the doctors' group were contacted, they said no money has been received from the California organization. The doctors say they were contacted by the California religious organization and promised \$10,000 worth of medicines, but to date, the doctors have not received a penny from the fund collecting group.

The article reports that such procedure is not unusual for the California-based organization. The Better Business Bureau has refused to approve it because of its unwillingness to share records of fund disbursement, and because of any action of its board can be overridden by its founder and president. The BBB says the organization also spends money collected for particular causes on other organizational projects. The article reports that its president lives "high" in a palatial home on the Pacific coast.

There is no way to know how many unethical groups like this one function in the United States. There are more than 800,000 registered United States nonprofit organizations. *U.S. News and World Report* (Nov. 6, 1978) estimates that about 37 million Americans donate their services each year to charities and other voluntary organizations that spend about \$29 billion annually.

U.S. News and World Report's staff states that they believe the bulk of the operations and causes are worthwhile. The magazine's report also indicates that most of the groups that abuse their tax-exempt status and the trust of their participants are not religious organizations.

One of the problems with knowing which organizations are legitimate and trustworthy to handle donations for the purposes

for which they are given is the difficulty getting financial information from them. Church-related groups are not required to publish details on their finances. Requests for such information often draw vague responses or promotional brochures on the organization's work.

If you are attracted to an organization's work and want to contribute, check out the group's financial operations. Determine these factors: Does the group have a board of directors, and, if so, how are they elected and how do they operate? Do the directors have profitable business interests with the organization? Does the director of the group have the power to override the board of directors? Does the organization publish an annual financial report that is approved by a reputable auditing firm? What percentage of the group's funds go to promotion for additional fund raising? (Most United Funds deny membership to any group that spends more than 10 percent of its income on promoting fund raising.) Are there strict procedures to ensure designated money goes only to the proper fund and cause? What financial benefits do the officers of the organization receive?

Federal and state governments are beginning to give closer and closer scrutiny of nonprofits. *U.S. News and World Report* says a new campaign to stamp out abuses and to clip the wings of some nonprofits is underway. A new audit guide introduced by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants is aimed at helping the public understand better the finances of nonprofits. The Internal Revenue Service is stepping up its review of nonprofits with many claiming it is looking for anything it can attack in large nonprofit organizations in order to collect more revenue. But don't expect any letup in the number of nonprofits seeking your support.

The number of groups seeking tax-exempt status increased from 33,556 in 1974 to 50,649 in 1978, and the number continues to increase. Government regulations may help ensure proper operation of nonprofits, but the government will not be able to correct all the problems without severely injuring the patient. The public must take the responsibility. We should not be emotionally moved to give money without checking out the group to whom we would give money. We should care enough not just to give, but to give wisely.

And you knew we would say it: Southern Baptist causes are reliable, dependable, trustworthy. See if a Southern Baptist agency can be your channel of giving before contributing through another. Certainly we should be generous to those in need, but not to those who make big profits exploiting the needy.

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Corinthian carnality

I attended a meeting Feb. 28 because I received a letter and program inviting "conservative" Baptist pastors to discuss issues confronting the SBC. The program listed a time for questions and answers. But no time for public questions and answers was given. Six men did all the "discussing", which at times bordered on oratorical tirades.

Theologically and doctrinally, I believe I can match credentials as a "conservative" with any of the six who did the discussing. As a cooperating Baptist, I have gladly given 54 years of service in my denomination. However, I am not a politician nor a factionist!

When anyone, so-called conservative or liberal, uses his name, influence, office, ego or his anything else to try to "take over" one of the Lord's churches, associations, conventions or any agency of these, he goes far beyond my description of any kind of Baptist, conservative, liberal or fundamentalist.

Let me repeat: although I am a dyed-in-the-wool conservative, I am not a politician nor a factionist. I am not of Pressler, Patterson, Criswell, Rogers, Smith, Draper or Stanley. Neither am I of Honeycutt, Dilday, Chafin, Sherman, Moore, Daley, Reynolds or even the Apostle Paul. God will not honor and bless this kind of Corinthian carnality (I Cor. 1:10-13; 3:1-4; 6:3-7). Such carnality causes the lost world to wonder just whose side we are on.

Instead of chartering buses, holding rallies, block-renting hotel and motel rooms to see who can get "mostest" to Dallas just to vote, all of us who can ought to go (messenger or not), apologize to God and the convention for our wrong attitudes, spirits and motives and, if there is any casting off to be done, rid ourselves of those who would make a secular ploy of our differences and get goin' for God.

"The king's business requirith haste" (I Sam. 21:8). — **Don Hook, Little Rock**

A moral issue

Liberal? Just what does this term mean? Webster's New Twentieth Century Dictionary (unabridged-2nd edition) gives the following definitions: "(1) an adjective, favoring reform or progress, as in religion, education, etc.; . . . free, not literal or strict; . . . (2) a noun, one who advocates greater freedom of thought or action; . . ." Of course, there are other meanings and I did not try to omit any particular one, this is just a sample that will deal with our circumstances.

In every area of life, we have laws to govern that particular area. Each set of laws is different but necessary for continuation. So it is in scriptural interpretation. There is a set of laws to govern how one interprets the Bible. In fact, depending upon whether one is conservative or liberal will determine which set of laws is used to interpret the

Word of God.

A woman wrote a letter in the March 14 ABN and claimed that the problem was attitude, not theology. I can't speak for anyone else, but it seems to me her problem is theological not attitude. Why? Because of her statement about abortion being a social issue. Since when does the Bible condone murder? Exodus 20:13 speaks to this: "you shall not murder" (NIV). Taking the life of a baby (born or unborn) is murder. This is not a social issue, it is a moral issue that speaks to our social stigma, sin. And from where do our morals come? From our interpretation of the Scriptures. Can we pervert the teaching of God's Word under the guise of reform, progress and freedom? I think not. I am for progress, but not at the cost of the Word of God. — **Lynn G. Parker, Lavaca**

On the road

"What were you talking about along the way?" (Mark 9:33) was the embarrassing question of Jesus to his disciples.

Jesus had been talking about the cross. The disciples had been quarrelling about self pre-eminence. Jesus talked of "losing" life, his life, for the salvation of the world; they plotted the gaining of thrones and cabinet posts. Jesus spoke of being "lifted up," signifying by what manner of death he would glorify God. The disciples spoke only of self-glorification. Jesus concentrated his thoughts on world redemption; the disciples devoted themselves to political maneuvering for position, prestige, power!

Jesus laid aside his robe, took the towel of servitude, humbling himself to become obedient unto death, yea even the death of the cross! The disciples grabbed for the purple robe of tinsel pomp and political diadems.

Could there be a parallel, today?

Isn't it possible that Jesus Christ is observing Southern Baptists' preparation for Dallas with the disturbing question: "What are you arguing about on the road? (NIV)

Is your primary concern the winning of the world to Christ by taking up your cross or the winning of an election?

Is your paramount concern the getting of the gospel of Jesus Christ to all the world, or is it the 'getting' of those whose opinions differ?

Are you spending time praying or plotting: praying for the will of God to be fully known and totally obeyed or plotting political strategy and prowess?

What are you talking about along the way? The cross or self? World redemption or convention domination? Losing self to save a lost world or losing the world to exalt self? Are you marching to Calvary (being "crucified with Christ") or — God save us — are you marching to battle, "going for the jugular" or waging a "holy war"?

Oh, Southern Baptists, what are we arguing about, while Christ calls us to the urgen-

cy of world evangelization by the losing of ourselves and the utter abandoning of ourselves to the all-out and lavish concentration of total resources for world redemption? Can't we get together on our knees until, possessed by his Spirit, we are characterized by his Spirit? — **Joe Underwood, Richmond, Va.**

Overcome the barriers

I read with interest and a great deal of sadness the letter from Dendin Guinn of Mena, published in the March 7 ABN, concerning the recent calling of Debra Griffis-Woodberry to pastor the Broadneck Mission in Annapolis. He used strong language, calling the action "heretical" and "ungodly".

I assure Mr. Guinn that, contrary to what he stated in the letter, the people responsible for such action do indeed "believe the Bible to be true" and that "it means what it says". Most serious students of scripture realize that all the writings found in the Bible, and especially the pastoral epistles, were written in specific historic context and such context must be considered in making a proper exegesis.

I would suggest to Mr. Guinn, therefore, that he take off his cultural and theological blinders and believe that Paul meant what he said when he affirmed that in Christ "there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave or free, there is neither male nor female. . ."

We, in Maryland, look forward to having Debra Griffis-Woodberry in our community of pastors and celebrate together that our Lord has enabled us to overcome the barriers others would continue to uphold. — **Randy L. Hyde, Baltimore, Md.**

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Togo pastors, missionaries baptize first converts

ATAKPAME, Togo—More than 300 people in the Upper Ogo region of Togo were baptized by a group of Southern Baptist missionaries and Togolese pastors in December. The 322 were the first to become Christians since Baptists began working in the remote area in late 1983.

Almost 450 professed faith in Christ during evangelistic services in 10 villages, but only those who completed training in basic Bible teachings and the Christian life were baptized. North Carolina Baptists are working with Togolese Baptists in a development and evangelization project there.

Don Moore

You'll be glad to know. . .

... History was made March 15! Without a doubt mission advance is on its way. A special meeting called by our Baptist Men's president, Russell Miller, resulted in a World Mission Rally that saw an estimated 1,250 people gather from all over the state to kick off the AMAR (Amazon-Arkansas) partnership mission project.

Behind the scenes with Russell were a group of laymen so convinced of the possibilities of involving men in missions that they worked tirelessly and vigorously to bring this meeting about. Our pastors and directors of missions helped by giving us the name of laymen to contact in their churches and by encouraging participation.

It couldn't have happened without the women volunteers who worked many hours at the Baptist Building and at home to send out over 5,000 hand addressed invitations to laymen and their families. I'm not sure who was responsible for the delicious goodies served during the reception. They were great in quality and quantity. The WWMU women from over the state undergirded this meeting by their prayers and encouragement.

Excitement grew for the Brazilian projects as James Smith and Keith Parks spoke and as lay-volunteers shared their testimonies. Commitment time saw large numbers in the altar and aisles surrendering their lives to go as volunteer missionaries.

I can hardly wait to see what God is going to do here in Arkansas and Brazil as a result of this partnership. The spin-off of these three years of mission involvement will no doubt be tremendous. How my heart rejoiced as lay person after lay person shared with me how their church had raised money, when they would be going and what they would be doing. We will have to have another one of these about mid-way in the partnership so we can let people share what God does.

If God will give us a band of men with the same dedication and consistent concern for missions our women have had through the years, then we will have seen a new day dawn!

Our thanks to one and all for making the World Mission Rally a reality!

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



Moore



The Southern accent

Mike A. Smith

President Reagan and student financial aid

David Stockman, director of the Office of Management and Budget, and William Bennett, the newly appointed Secretary of Education, have both been criticized by college officials across the country for recent statements made in defense of President Reagan's proposed budget for fiscal year 1986.

Mr. Stockman told a congressional panel that colleges are more worried about their budgets than the welfare of the students and the federal government "can no longer afford to subsidize colleges in the guise of helping middle and lower income students finance high-cost educations." Secretary Bennett has left the impression that the American citizen would save a great deal of money if students on federal financial aid left private colleges and went to public colleges.

The fact is that the government support of students attending private colleges is a bargain for the American taxpayer. For example, if only 10 percent of the 2.5 million students attending independent colleges were to transfer to public institutions, the additional cost to the taxpayers of the states would approximate \$1 billion.

Senator Robert Stafford from Vermont and a member of the panel that recommended

Mr. Bennett's confirmation said Bennett's comments show contempt for both students and parents and a misunderstanding of financial conditions faced by low and lower-middle income families. It seems unusual that the same government that promotes, encourages and enforces equal opportunity would take steps to deny some the opportunity to share in cultivating our most valuable national resource, the human mind.

During the 1984-85 academic year, 67 percent of the students attending Ouachita Baptist University received some form of federal financial aid, while 85 percent of the students at Southern Baptist College benefited from federal aid. The adoption of Reagan's proposal would deny many students the option of attending a Christian college such as Southern and Ouachita.

We can be a part of the solution by contacting our senators and representatives to express our concern over the proposed cuts in federal aid and by prayerfully supporting both institutions.

Mike A. Smith is director of financial aid at Southern Baptist College.

Pollster George Gallup to speak at Ouachita

ARKADELPHIA—George Gallup Jr. of Princeton, N.J., one of the United States' most distinguished pollsters and executive director of the Princeton University Religion Research Center, will deliver an address entitled "Changing Values in Human Relations in the Area of Religion" on Monday, April 1, at 7:30 p.m. in the Mabree Fine Arts Center

Recital Hall at Ouachita Baptist University.

Gallup's lecture, originally scheduled for Oct. 9, 1984, was postponed due to illness.

This will be the fourth in a series of forums presented in 1984-85 by OBU and Henderson State University through the Joint Educational Consortium and offered free to the public through foundation grants.

Cooperative Program starts 1985 with boom

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—Budget support for the national programs of the Southern Baptist Convention was impressive the first two months of 1985.

In January the SBC's national unified budget received \$10,812,419, the largest one-month contribution total ever for the national Cooperative Program and only the third time monthly contributions had broken

the \$10 million barrier.

Perhaps more significantly, February backed up the record month with \$9,215,791, the first time since 1980 the national CP has put together a solid January/February.

Last year, for the first time, the Cooperative Program failed to meet its basic operating budget. The 1984-85 basic budget of \$118 million appears to be within reach however.

MK Prayer Calendar

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

April

- 7 Tommy Hardister (Jordan) OBU, Box 3493, Arkadelphia, AR 71923
- 27 Gwen Davidson, (Swaziland) OBU, Box 3114, Arkadelphia, AR 71923
- 27 Teddy Reynolds (Botswana) OBU, Box 3011, Arkadelphia, AR 71923

by Millie Gill / ABN staff writer

people

Glenn Williams of Shirley will retire June 1 from 34 years in the ministry. His service includes Pee Dee Church, where he was licensed; Old Salem; Pleasant Valley, where he was ordained in 1960; Plant; Lexington and Shirley First. He is currently serving at Scotland.

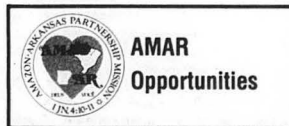
Charles Mays has been called as pastor of Fort Smith Calvary Church. He will move there from Dermott where he is serving as pastor of the Bellaire Church. He is a graduate of Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary. He and his wife, Rose, have two daughters, Tammy, a student at Ouachita Baptist University; and Kimberly, age 10.

Richard L. Overman is serving as pastor of Mountain View First Church, moving from Cove First Church. He is a graduate of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary. Overman and his wife, Joan, have two sons, Jacob and Peter.

Thomas L. Bonds is serving as pastor of the Lexa Church. A native of Natchez, Miss., he is a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He has served on the staff of two Mississippi churches and as pastor of both the Sardis Lake and Hollywood Churches in that state. He is married to the former Jeannie Sinquefeld of Senatobia, Miss.

Fritz Haga is serving as interim pastor of the Cauthron Church.

Harry T. Kennedy recently observed his fifth anniversary as pastor of the Hope Calvary Church.



April 21, Boavista in the Federal Territory of Roraima. Three or four volunteers are needed to share the gospel. Musical ability would be helpful.

July 17-31, Altamira in the state of Para. Eight to 10 more volunteers are needed to lead in worship, give testimonies and witness.

Contact **Glendon Grober**, Coordinator for the Brazil-Arkansas Partnership Mission, at (501) 376-4791, or P. O. Box 552, Little Rock, AR 72203.



Williams



Mays

briefly

Mena First Church ordained Mark Barton as a deacon March 24.

Gurdon Beech Street Church recently completed a program to raise funds for the construction of a new building. Members and friends of the church purchased \$600,000 in bonds and members pledged \$308,510 to be given over the next three years. Construction on the 17,395 square foot building that will include an auditorium and education and fellowship areas is now set to begin in April, according to pastor Greg Stanley.

East Mount Zion Church at Clarksville held deacon ordination services March 10 for Carl R. Curtis, Jerry D. English, Louie D. Leeds, Robert McGruder and Keith Scoggins. Pastor Jonathan Payne led the questioning of candidates and Fred-

die Pike, director of Arkansas Baptist Sunday School Department, brought the ordination message.

Magnolia Central Church observed "Youth Week '85" March 3-10 with 98 youth participating in week night home Bible studies, five worship services and youth activities with parents, peers and youth workers. "My Calling—A Life of Service!" was theme according to Mark Overman, minister of youth and activities.

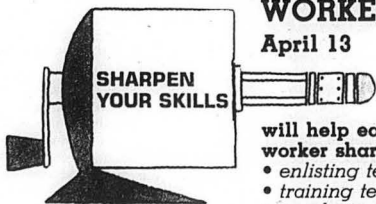
Knowles Church at Strong will observe its 101st anniversary April 7 with friends and former pastors and members invited as special guests. Activities will include Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.; a 10:50 worship hour in which pastor Stan Anderson will speak and a 12:45 p.m. potluck.

Park Place Church in Hot Springs hosted a state-wide Christian Women's Conference March 9 attended by more than 500 women. Speakers were Kay Sanders and Marthe Beasley. Music was presented by the Singing Women of Arkansas.

New Hope Church at Greenwood recently held a noteburning service to celebrate payment of a \$11,000 parsonage note. Participating in the service were pastor Rick Bateman; chairman of deacons Clyde Holland; and trustees James Maddox and Gary Gilliam.

Effective WORKERshop

April 13



will help each Sunday School worker sharpen skills in

- enlisting teachers
- training teachers
- conducting weekly workers meetings

Conferences for all Sunday School workers led by Baptist Sunday School Board workers

Levy Baptist Church
35th and Pike Avenue
North Little Rock

Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Bring a sack lunch • nursery provided



Immanuel, Little Rock, produces two millionth tape

by Mark Kelly

After 11 years of producing cassette tape recordings of messages by their pastor, W.O. Vaught, Immanuel Church, Little Rock, has passed a significant milestone: the production of their two millionth tape.

And with 1,400 titles in the catalog, Dr. Vaught has laid down a ministry which, at its peak prior to his 1983 retirement, sent 30,000 tapes a month to pastors, laypersons, Bible study groups and Bible schools across the country and around the world.

Dated Feb. 18, 1985, the two millionth tape is entitled "A Command to a Young Pastor." Based on I Timothy 4:11-12, it typifies the "systematic, verse-by-verse study of the Scriptures" that Vaught believes created a tremendous audience for his tapes.

"People are hungry for a doctrinal explanation of the Scriptures. It's an urgent need among Southern Baptists today," Vaught explained. "I'm convinced that if you put accurate Bible teaching on tape, God

will find a way to distribute it."

Immanuel's tape ministry has been a "grace ministry" from the outset and was self-supporting almost from the beginning, Vaught noted. "We never put a price on a tape. They are mailed to whoever requests them," Vaught said.

The ministry is supported by freewill offerings made by interested individuals and tape recipients and has actually returned more money to the budget than it has taken, he added.

The ministry began quite by accident, recalled program coordinator Nancy Fitts. In 1974, she received a tape recorder as a gift from her husband. She and another Immanuel library volunteer, Brenda Williams, began "playing with it," plugging it into the outlets provided for the hard of hearing on Immanuel's pews.

When they discovered they could make a good recording of the services, they began taping messages and sending them to the church's shut-in members.

Encouraged by a growing, positive response, a Sunday school class bought a duplicating machine capable of producing 12 copies at a time. When word got around about the tapes' availability, the project "mushroomed" from two or three a week to over 100, Fitts said.

Today, the ministry owns two tape duplicators that can produce 27 copies each, employs five part-time staff members and uses a number of church volunteers as well.

Even after his retirement, Vaught continued to prepare one tape per week specifically for the tape ministry until mid-February, when he retired from the tape ministry as well.

But even with Vaught's lower profile, several thousand requests come each month for titles in their library and the ministry receives an average of 75 letters each day, Fitts explained. A catalog of titles is available from Immanuel on request.

The one millionth tape was produced Feb. 3, 1981, and was entitled "The Glory of Grace Giving" (II Cor. 9:12-15).

Mark Kelly is a staff writer for the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine.

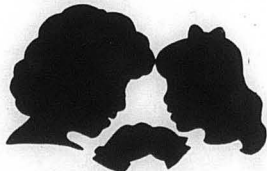
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W.O. Vaught and Nancy Fitts pause with trays of cassette tapes produced by Immanuel Church, Little Rock's tape ministry. The tape ministry recently produced its two millionth tape, and Vaught has retired from his involvement with it on passing that milestone.

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Poor health conditions affect African hunger

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J. P. Crager, pastor at Solgohachia Church (left), talks with SBC Brotherhood president James Smith at the Saturday meeting Baptist Men's Fellowship groups.



MIDDLE: Wayne Ferguson explains the work of the Disaster Relief Fellowship to interested men: James Gardner (seated at left) was there to clarify legal matters for the group.

BOTTOM: Arkansas Brotherhood Director Neal Guthrie introduces (from left) Lance Cansdale and Jerry Bridges, two Ouachita students who will help with Royal Ambassador Olympics in Brazil in June.

Scores of Arkansas Baptists responded to Keith Parks' call to commitment to take the gospel to the ends of the earth.

ise of God's power th command to go, Parks says



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by Mark Kelly

Nearly 1,250 persons packed the sanctuary of First Church, Little Rock, Friday, March 15, to muster support for AMAR, Arkansas' partnership mission with two Brazilian Baptist conventions.

The World Mission Rally, the first meeting of its kind in Arkansas, featured testimonies from former volunteers and a career missionary and messages from James Smith, president of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission, and Keith Parks, president of the Foreign Mission Board.

Sponsored by Arkansas' state Brotherhood Department, the evening convocation was followed by a day of organizational meetings for Baptist Men's Fellowship groups, which are intended to organize volunteer forces around a variety of skills and interests.

According to state Baptist Men's President Russell Miller, the groups examined a detailed list of projects for the partnership linkup and discussed ways of meeting those needs.

Barbara Burnett, an Arkansas native serving as a missionary in one of the Brazilian partner conventions, challenged Arkansans with the New Testament account of Paul's Macedonian vision. "Come over and help us," she dared the people.

Dan Grounds, a layman from Ashdown who led a construction team to Brazil in December, and Texans Morris and Winona Cobb, authors of a book on partnership missions, brought testimonies that ordinary people experienced extraordinary things when they allowed God to use them.

Brotherhood Commission President Smith, called upon Arkansans to find a new vision of a holy and righteous God. Such a vision, Smith said, would in turn give a fresh understanding of our unworthiness and the "futility, desperation and need" of the world.

Smith drew a line from Paul's Macedonian vision to the AMAR partnership. He noted that vision had turned Paul westward and took the gospel across Europe. That change of direction meant Arkansans would eventually hear the gospel and give them the privilege of sharing it in Brazil, Smith said.

Such opportunities to share the gospel through volunteer missions projects are among the most exciting things happening in Southern Baptist life today, Smith declared. More than 60,000 Southern Baptists participated in home and foreign volunteer projects in 1984 and found their lives changed forever, he said.

State Convention President Jon Stublefield of Magnolia echoed that sentiment. He called his 1984 trip to Brazil the greatest spiritual experience of his life, next to his own conversion and his call to preach.

Foreign Mission Board President Parks told the assembly that his visits among Southern Baptist churches had revealed "a deadness, lethargy and weakness" among them. As a result, he said, "I have come to one of the deepest convictions of my life that when

God promised to pour out his power, it was always coupled with a command to go to the ends of the earth.

"God will give us as much power as we will use for his kingdom, but if we are just going to the city limits, we really don't need very much," Parks chided. "The Holy Spirit is poured out to enable us to grapple with the forces of sin, death and hell. But we don't need much to quarrel among ourselves.

"We wallow in our inability to proclaim the gospel because God's power is not needed for the programs we have set for ourselves," Parks said.

If churches would like to feel God's power lifting them to new heights and "rocking" their communities, they need only "dare to go to the ends of the earth," Parks said.

The reason mission volunteers report their lives and churches dramatically changed by their experiences is because "finally they've gotten to the task of telling the world about Jesus," Parks declared.

Jesus did not describe his "called out ones" as "well-mannered, carefully decorous... folks sitting around being pious one hour a week," Parks asserted. "You don't need power to do that."

To the contrary, Jesus pictured his people as "a spiritual army battering down the gates of death and hell, the only force he has to carry out his purposes on earth."

"Walk into the jaws of the ignorance, poverty, despair and fanaticism that covers this earth like a pious Sunday morning Christian, and you will fail," Parks warned. "But dare to die to self and turn loose the power of Jesus Christ, and the world will come to know him."

Some Arkansas Baptists must not go to Brazil, Parks explained. Those who are not witnesses at home will not become witnesses on the Amazon; those who expect a "religious Love Boat excursion down the Amazon" or to find all the comforts of home should stay at home, he said.

Redemption does not come except by suffering and sacrifice, Parks reminded the people. Christ was not commissioned to "have a good experience and redeem lost humanity" but to suffer and die. Consequently, Arkansas Baptists should not plan to go to Brazil unless they likewise are willing to "risk all in the going," Parks said.

At the same time, he said, Arkansans who have a "burning in their bones" to tell others about Jesus, who love to see new churches started or who want to "experience the power of Jesus surging in their lives" ought to participate in a partnership project. His invitation for public commitments to AMAR resulted in more than 200 persons kneeling at the altar and in the aisles while Parks offered a prayer of dedication over them.

Mark Kelly is a staff writer with the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine.

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and learning about the pupil's book.

A Youth Curriculum Workshop is a great time to share ideas with youth workers from other churches and associations.

If you are in Southeast Arkansas, plan to attend the workshop at First, Crossett. The dates are April 15 and 16, from 7 to 9 p.m. each evening. — **Larry Sherman, associate**

Church Training **DiscipleYouth workshop**

A friend in another state recently told me about a great revival spirit that has swept through his church. The interesting point



Falkner

was that it had not been initiated through a series of evangelistic meetings. It had, in fact, happened as a result of eight youth who were involved in a DiscipleYouth group. As a result, those youth were instrumental in leading 52 youth to know

Christ. That enthusiasm for lost youth had expanded into a church-wide concern that was steadily growing.

Arkansas youth leaders will have an opportunity to be trained in the use of DiscipleYouth and DiscipleYouth II materials at the MasterLife/DiscipleYouth Workshop May 13-17 on the campus of Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia. The workshop will begin Monday evening and adjourn at noon on Friday. Content will include "hands-on" exposure to materials, along with help in implementation in the local church.

If you are a youth minister, volunteer youth leader or youth Church Training leader, this workshop is for you. I hope you will take advantage of this unique training opportunity. Contact the Church Training Dept. P.O. Box 552, Little Rock, AR 72203, phone 376-4791, for registration, lodging and cost information. — **Bill Falkner, associate**

Family and Child Care **New worship center**

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." A trio from the Children's Home blessed my life as I heard them share this message in song. The sharing of God's love and his word is a vital part of our ministry to children in our care.

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We are grateful for this gift and are excited because it will enable our staff to "share the light" in a greater way. The light that we treasure, and share, is bright enough to last our youth for a life time. — **Johnny G. Biggs, executive director**

Evangelism **Man's need for Christ**

Many years ago a great painter, Leonardo da Vinci, saw a lovely, beautiful, sweet, innocent child. He obtained permission and



Shell

painted a portrait of this sweet child. The portrait was placed on his studio wall. In times of anxiety or sorrow or when troubled feelings came, he looked upon the face of the little boy and it calmed his soul.

Later in life, da Vinci decided to paint the very opposite. He began a search. Everywhere that he went he looked for someone who was so ugly, gruesome and wicked that he would reflect the opposite of his first painting. By coincidence or providence, he was visiting in a prison. He saw a man there who had been so touched and torn by sin that he was the opposite of the little boy. He gained permission to paint a portrait of this man. He was literally shocked to find in the course of the painting that this ghastly looking man was the same person he painted as an innocent little child. This is a living portrait of what sin does to a person's life.

In our CWT Model Presentation, people are made to realize that all are sinners by nature and by choice. Romans 3:23 expresses it vividly, "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." A person can be as good as he can be, do as much as he can do, go as far as he can go and cannot within himself reach the glory of God. — **Clarence Shell, director**

Woman's Missionary Union **Two down, two to go**

Don't look now, but you have just missed the first two Acteens Encounters! The good news is that there are two more to come. April 19-20 is the date for the Encounter at Mississippi County Camp near Paragould. Sherry Holt, former missionary to Tojo, will be the missionary speaker Nancy Burke,

Your state convention at work

minister to college students at First Church, Jonesboro, will be leading a "girl talk" session.

The last Encounter will be at Mt. Sequoyah Assembly at Fayetteville, April 26-27. Sharon Townsend, missionary to South Brazil, will be the missionary speaker. Susan Underwood, wife of the youth minister at Elmdale Church in Springdale, will lead a "girl talk" session, David Savage will be doing music and fun time.

Each program will be filled to the brim with missions information, fellowship and good times of spiritual growth. Acteens and their leaders will enjoy the facilities of these two fine camps. Mississippi County Camp is fairly new and very accessible, only a mile off Highway 25. Mt. Sequoyah is a beautiful, older but modern Methodist Assembly on top of Mt. Sequoyah, actually within the city limits of Fayetteville.

Attendance at meetings like these create renewed interest in missions and enthusiasm in your Acteens organizations. Reservations are required. For more information write WMU, Box 552, Little Rock 72203 - **Betty Jo Lacy, Acteens director.**

Missions

Laypeople in new work

Who should initiate a new church? Must we wait for the Associational Development Program in the association to say a mission is needed? Shall we wait for the Church Extension Program of the State Convention to initiate a new work? Can only the Director of Missions give authority in starting a mission? Should only the pastor and church missions committee be concerned with locating new work needs?

All of these Baptist parts can be on the new work team. But I believe the Bible lays on all believers the responsibility of reaching the lost and unchurched. New congregations are the best method we have of reaching people.

Each believer should feel free under the Holy Spirit to locate a place or group where a new congregation is needed. It will be helpful for the health of the new work for the church, association and state to be involved. And if the Spirit is leading, then God's people in tune with his will can go forward together. - **Floyd Tidsworth Jr., church extension director**

Christian Life Council Two forward, three back

It has been noted that when you point your forefinger at someone your thumb also generally points the same way. The remain-



Parker

ing three fingers point where? At Yourself! How about that? The Master still teaches "do not judge lest you be judged yourself, for in the way you judge you will be judged..." (Matt. 7:1-2a NASB).

One of Satan's titles is "the accuser," such as noted in the 10th verse of Revelation 12: "...for the accuser

of the brethren has been thrown down, who accuses them before our God day and night."

Throughout history it's been common practice for political candidates and parties to point fingers of accusation, blaming each other for high taxes, governmental inefficiencies and even immoralities.

All of us must be especially cautious, however, lest we be guilty of falling for Satan's model in becoming an accuser of the brethren. One way to avoid such is to ask God to make us more seriously determined to walk in the Spirit, manifesting the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Don't forget. There are other fruit of the Spirit besides love, joy and peace. For *agape* love to be fully defined, all must be lived out in our relationships with God and man. - **Bob Parker, director**

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SBC politics threaten to undermine church starting efforts

DENVER (BP)—Southern Baptists' financing threatens to undermine the denomination's efforts in starting new churches, a church extension expert warned.

"Current arguments, debates, fusses and deliberations... are undoubtedly diverting funds and energies away from some church starting projects," said Nelson Tilton, director of the Baptist Home Mission Board's church starting department.

Tilton made the statements in a speech during the annual church extension conference for state missions and state church extension directors sponsored by the board.

He referred to an on-going controversy within the 14.3-million member Southern Baptist Convention over control of SBC agencies and institutions. Tilton warned, "These diversions could become extremely significant and detrimental if they begin to center around racial issues, ordination of women or a system of biblical interpretation.

"Southern Baptists are once again facing a test of their stance on the autonomy of the local church," Tilton said. Church starting in a pluralistic society could be damaged by such polity decisions, he added. "We'll tend

to form churches in our own form and style and that is not what pluralism (in society) calls for," he said.

Tilton maintained tensions within the denomination could be creative and help Southern Baptists increase church starting efforts. "Some of the debates have led a considerable number of Southern Baptists to be more specific about their identity," he explained. "A specific identity or a clear direction usually help a church starter.

"If the debates do not reach unChristian extremes, it is possible they can contribute positively to the total church starting picture," said Tilton.

Church starting is central to Bold Mission Thrust, the denomination's goal to present the gospel to every person on earth by the year 2000, said Tilton.

"Church starting is as much as the heart of the Southern Baptist Convention as evangelism," noted Tilton. "These mission actions are so vitally connected that to separate

them is to mutilate the Great Commission."

Tilton pointed out if Southern Baptists would baptize 500,000 new converts every year for the next 15 years, the denomination would reach its goal of 50,000 SBC churches by the end of the century. Likewise, if the denomination began another 14,000 churches during the next 15 years, said Tilton, "we will be baptizing at least 500,000 new converts every year.

"In either case," he added, "the Southern Baptist Convention will be reaching to fulfill the Great Commission to an extent which exceeds our best efforts to date."

Southern Baptists are within reach of their goal, said Tilton. If every SBC church would pledge to begin just one new church during the next 15 years, Southern Baptists would reach the 50,000 church goal, he noted. Likewise, if all the churches with more than 250 members started one church every five years, the denomination would reach its goal, he said.

Heart disease, cancer claim most SBC lives

DALLAS (BP)—For the fifth year, heart disease and cancer have been the leading causes of death among Southern Baptist ministers and denominational personnel.

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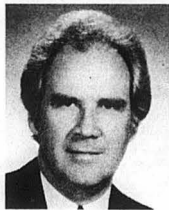
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Religious organizations out-give secular groups

WASHINGTON (BP)—A new study indicates charitable giving by religious organizations in the United States probably surpassed \$7.5 billion in 1983.

According to a report from the Council on Foundations, total giving by religious organizations in 1983 surpassed combined charitable contributions of corporations and secular organizations by about \$1 billion.

Corporations and their foundations contributed \$3.1 billion to charitable causes and other secular foundations gave another \$3.46 billion, the study found. The report in-

dicated the estimate of religious charitable giving does not include an estimated \$1 billion given at the congregational level and possibly billions more which escaped identification in the survey.

The report noted the creativity and sophistication of giving by organized religion, pointing out "religious organizations are indeed donors, not just recipients." Religious charitable giving, it added, has diversified to meet a wide variety of human needs, especially in the aftermath of government cuts in support for the needy.



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Baptist missionary doctor negotiating Cambodia entry

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (BP)—A Christian doctor who lived and worked in Cambodia from 1980-83 is negotiating re-entry into that nation as the first Southern Baptist missionary there.

Marvin Raley, a pediatrician, has met with several top officials of the Vietnamese-backed Heng Samrin regime in Phnom Penh to discuss representing the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in two possible works of compassion.

Cambodia urgently needs seed rice for its food-producing provinces, which have been ravaged by flood, drought and 10 years of bloodshed, Raley said. If the Foreign Mission Board can secure the needed type of rice and find an open channel into the nation, Raley could be in Cambodia to help distribute about 1,100 tons of it in time for this spring's rain.

A longer-term service Raley might provide is medical treatment for mothers and children and health care education for the Khmer people. He possibly will shuttle in and out of Cambodia during the next few years to set up health care projects as he and his family learn to speak the Khmer language in another country.

"Our intentions are clear," said Raley, 37. "We hope by helping the Khmer people (Cambodians) we can share God's love at a time when they desperately need it to transmit the hopelessness of their lives."

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Record size mission team embarks on Rio crusade

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP)—A team of 540 volunteers headed for the largest simultaneous evangelistic effort in the history of Southern Baptist mission work overseas March 8.

The week-long crusade in greater Rio de Janeiro, sponsored by the Brazilian Baptist Association of Rio and the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, involves more Southern Baptist volunteers working in a single evangelistic effort at one time than ever before on a mission field, said crusade organizer Wayne Dehoney, retired pastor Louisville's Walnut Street Church and former president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The team included 80 preachers leading simultaneous evangelistic services in 80 churches in the greater Rio area, 40 medical and dental personnel working in 25 clinics in the slums of Rio; musicians, and lay persons organized into teams for street witnessing and leading training sessions in Brazilian Baptist churches. A Sunday afternoon rally in a soccer stadium which seats 100,000 was expected to be a highlight.

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Nailed to the cross

by Jerry Wilcox, Lakeshore Drive Church, Little Rock

Basic passage: John 18:33-37; 19:6-11, 14-16

Focal passage: John 19:6-11, 14-16

Central truth: People of good intentions can lose their sense of proportion.

Truth is the troubling center of this event. Affinity with the truth is a mark of membership of Christ's kingdom. Truth became a commodity to be bartered for any whim of political expediency.

The religious leaders cried out, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Pilate said, "Take him yourselves and crucify him. I find no crime in him." Pilate bent to their pressure and sentenced Jesus. If the religious leaders had their way, Jesus' death would have been by stoning.

At first, the charge against Jesus was blasphemy. That was a Jewish internal problem, and Pilate would ask them to see to it themselves.

Now they bring a charge of capital offense which is against the Roman law. The Jews would say anything to prove their power over Jesus. They told Pilate Jesus called himself a king. Pilate said, "Are you a king?" To which, in effect, Christ replied, "Not in the sense in which you use the word. But in a deeper sense, yes I am. Only my kingdom is a dominion not over people's bodies but over their minds and souls; and is maintained and extended not by violence and force of arms but by persuasion of the truth finding its way from heart to heart and winning for me willing subjects."

Pilate again asked Jesus, "What is truth?" Perhaps Jesus would have answered had Pilate tarried, but he moved on nervously.

It is not that the answers are not out there, we just do not listen. Mark Twain had a lot to say about the Bible, and one saying was that "it isn't the part of the Bible that I do not understand that bothers me, it is the part that I do understand that bothers me."

The Jews were so willing to do anything to get their way, they denied the revelation of God, the traditions of their faith and the Scripture. In 19:15, the chief religionist said, "We have no king but Caesar." The majority lost all sense of proportion. They were willing to place Caesar in the place only God should occupy.

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Life and Work

Unity and mission

by Glenn E. Hickey, D.O.M., Pulaski Association

Basic passage: John 17

Focal passage: John 17:9-21

Central truth: Just as Christ's oneness with God was essential to his redemptive mission, our unity is essential to accomplishing our world mission.

The story is told of some Philippine missionaries who set up a croquet game in their front yard and invited some of their tribal neighbors to join in the fun. The native tribesmen were greatly puzzled, however, with the part of the game in which one player may take advantage of the other by knocking his ball out of the court.

"Why would I want to knock his ball out of the court?" the native asked. "So you can win the game!" the American missionary responded. The native shook his head in bewilderment. That kind of competition was unknown in a hunting and gathering society where people survive not by competing but by sharing in a cooperative effort for the common good.

According to the story, the aborigines adapted the game to their liking. When one player successfully made it through all the wickets, he went back and gave advice and encouragement to his fellows. When the last player finished the last wicket, they joined hands and shouted together, "We won! We won!"

The burden of Jesus' intercessory prayer is the continuation of his task of world redemption beyond the cross. Beyond the cross, he realized that he must do his work through the lives of his followers.

One key to our success in world mission will be our oneness. In a hostile world under Satan's dominion, we are in much the same situation as the Philippine aborigines. Survival depends upon cooperation and the unity of purpose that only the Spirit can give. We can ill afford to be always knocking each other off the field of play.

Paul described God's people as the body of Christ. When one is victorious, all can shout together, "We won!" When we hurt or suffer defeat, all suffer together. Teamwork is essential to victory. This teamwork is expressed in each local church as well as the larger context of churches working together to win a city or reach a world for Christ.

I wonder if Jesus does not often find it necessary to pray the prayer over and over for us: "Father, I pray that they may be one!"

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Bible Book

Call to total commitment

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Basic passage: Luke 12:13 to 13:21

Central truth: No believer can escape personal responsibility as an honest administrator of his debt of total stewardship

A basic teaching of Jesus to his disciples was that they accept and practice a supreme truth: follow the will of God in all things, without reservation.

The several settings and situations in the scripture study for this lesson intend to show that there is no life situation where the will of God is not involved. When we do the will of God in all things, we discover total commitment has already taken place.

Ownership is a strange paradox. It is a progressive disease that is evidenced by the fact that the more we get, the more we want. And many times, the more we get, the more we have to have.

Illustration: at considerable strain on the budget, the family yields to the advertising pressure that they must have a home computer. It is not long before software, and additional components are necessary for its use. We think we own something, when the truth is it owns us. We imagine we are using the things we have when actually the "things" are using us.

The rich farmer (12:16-21) portrays the man who is more concerned about material things than he is spiritual values. He must establish a priority. Wealth is no sin, but a Christian steward of wealth will administer it with an eye on the will of God. "Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income" (Ecc. 5:10 NIV). Goodspeed said the meaning of 12:15b is "a man's life does not belong to him, no matter how rich he is."

Quickly, Jesus turned from possessions to necessities: food, clothing, housing, anxiety and worry (12:22-29). He told them that worry would not make a short man tall nor add a single minute to their life span. He invited their trust, for there was where they would find the end-of-the-rainbow treasure.

When God's people settle their priorities on possessions and that God will care for them in all things, they will be in a constant state of readiness for his return (12:35-48).

Like the scenes in a one act play, every segment of scripture in this lesson serves to point out two principal truths: when we find the will of God, and do it, we will discover the commitment of our lives is a reality.

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FMB predicts getting 99 percent of Lottie goal

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—Based on a poll of 10 state Baptist conventions, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board officials project the 1984 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions will total almost 99 percent of the \$66 million goal.

By March 18, the board counted some \$45.7 million in Lottie Moon receipts from state conventions. That's about 69 percent of the 1984 goal but doesn't include many of the Lottie Moon offerings sent by local churches to state conventions in February.

Board officials contacted 10 state conventions in March and asked about their Lottie Moon receipts for December, January and February. The totals added up to almost a 12.5 percent average increase over receipts for the same three-month period a year ago. That increase is more than three times the current U.S. inflation rate of four percent.

"Assuming that this holds up for all state conventions, the projection is for a total of \$65,267,100, which would be 98.88 percent of this year's goal of \$66 million," said Carl Johnson, board treasurer and vice-president for finance. Last year the forecast based on the state convention poll proved 99.6 percent accurate.

Raising 99 percent of the Lottie Moon goal would be good news for Southern Baptist foreign missions. The annual offering observed by the local churches finances almost half of the denomination's foreign mission program in 105 countries, with the churches' year-around Cooperative Program gifts the other major source. But the 1983 Lottie Moon offering fell nearly \$2 million short of that year's goal, and the 1982 total missed by almost \$4 million. The 1981 offering was the last to exceed its goal.

Church damage count rises after earthquake

SANTIAGO, Chile (BP)—A survey has raised the number of Baptist churches damaged by a recent earthquake in Santiago, Chile, from three to 10.

The March 3 earthquake, which measured 7.4 on the Richter scale, struck on a Sunday evening as church services were being held.

It was "a blessing of God" no worshippers were killed or seriously injured, said Betty Law, Foreign Mission Board associate director for western South America.

The earthquake killed about 150 people, caused about 2,000 injuries and left about 200,000 homeless. The hardest hit locations

were Santiago, the nation's capital, and the cities of Vina del Mar and Valparaiso to the north. Immediate relief needs were handled primarily by the Chilean government.

Of the 10 damaged churches, four have been temporarily condemned. The most severely damaged is First Church, Valparaiso. The extent to which the building may need to be razed has not been determined, Law said. The education wing is still usable.

At least one church, Puda Huel Church in Santiago, has had to use homes for Sunday school and a record attendance was reported March 10.

Alcohol ad opponents seek more support

WASHINGTON (BP)—Encouraged by "remarkable public response," leaders of a nationwide campaign against broadcast advertising of alcoholic beverages have reissued an appeal for petition signatures in support of the movement.

Project SMART (Stop Merchandising Alcohol on Radio and Television) has secured more than 760,000 signatures on petitions asking President Reagan and Congress to ban TV and radio ads for alcoholic beverages or to require broadcasters to give equal time to health messages about alcohol.

Spearheaded by the Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI), the project was launched last June with the support of organizations such as the National PTA, the National Council on Alcoholism, and Action for Children's Television.

The campaign also has been applauded by many religious leaders, including staff members of the Christian Life Commission. The Southern Baptist Convention agency has responsibility for addressing issues related to the abuse of alcohol and other drugs.

SMART's supporters believe beer and wine commercials—an estimated \$750 million-a-year investment by the brewing industry—help create distorted impressions of drink-

ing and put undue pressure to drink on children and young people. Many broadcasters and advertising executives counter that a ban on such advertising would be a simplistic and ineffective approach to society's growing drinking problem. And alcohol industry leaders claim there is no clear scientific evidence linking advertising with abuse.

George Hacker, director of alcohol policies for CSPI and national coordinator for Project SMART, said campaign leaders hope to have one million signatures by April 10—a "self-imposed deadline" tied to hearings on alcohol advertising scheduled for mid-April.

Similar hearings were held in February by a Senate subcommittee on alcoholism and drug abuse.

Hacker said the best measure of the reaction to the petition drive and its attendant publicity has been "the frenzy of anti-drunk driving spots" aired in recent months on TV and radio, many sponsored by brewers.

Hacker said continued public pressure is critical. Otherwise, he claimed, the increased attention on drinking and driving and other alcohol-related problems is certain to be only "cosmetic" and "temporary."

The address for Project SMART is P.O. Box 19125, Washington, D.C. 20036.