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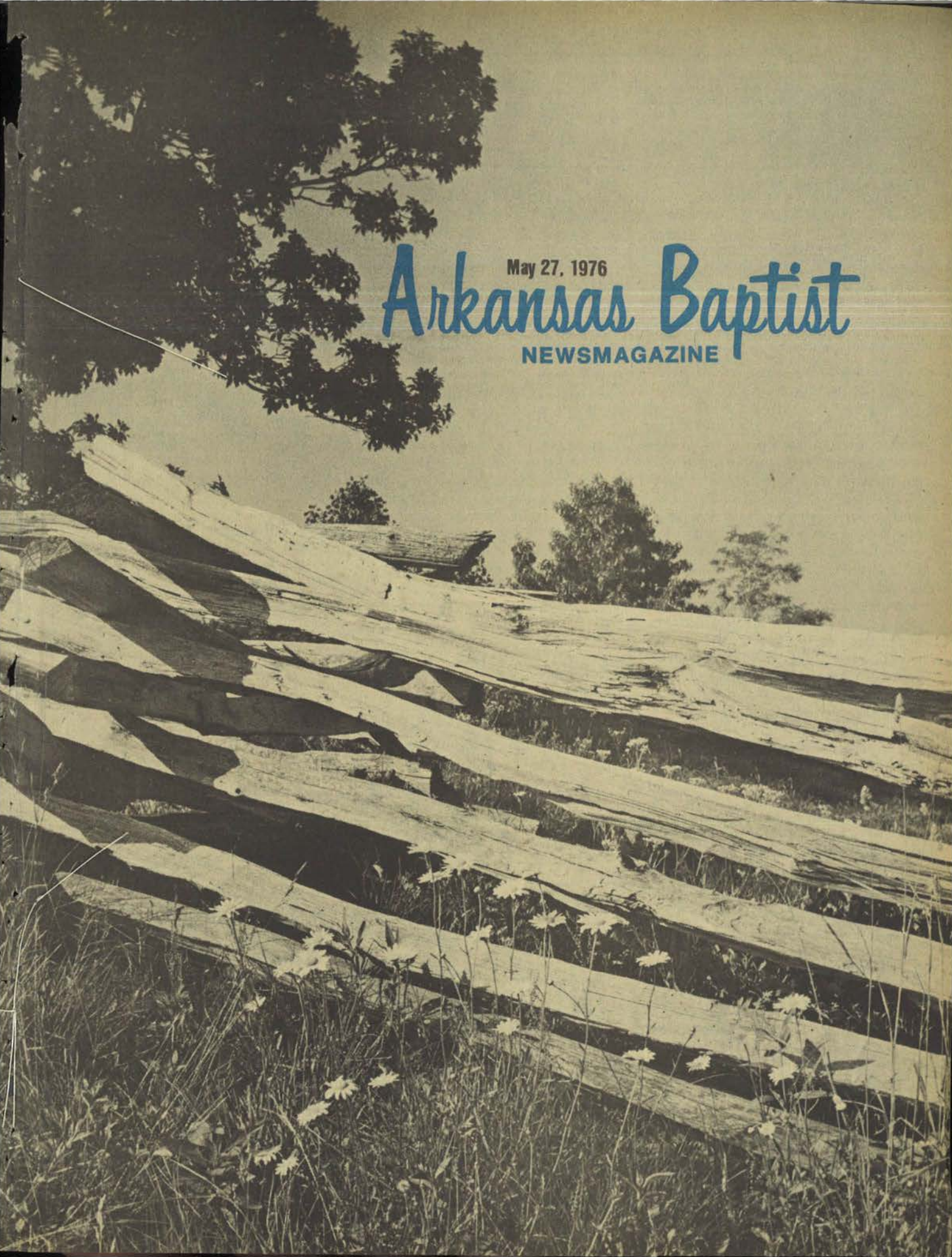
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A black and white photograph of a weathered wooden fence in a field with daisies and trees in the background. The fence is made of several horizontal wooden rails, showing signs of age and wear. In the foreground, there are tall grasses and several daisy-like flowers. The background features a line of trees under a clear sky. The overall scene is rural and peaceful.

May 27, 1976

# Arkansas Baptist

NEWSMAGAZINE



## I must say it

Charles H. Ashcraft / Executive Secretary

### The running battle

From the moment of conception to the glorification of the saints, life is a saga of struggle against disease, fatigue, senility and death. This continuous confrontation, entailing constant alertness and eternal vigilance does not exclude such in the preservation of the gains of previous generations. Victories won on blazing battlefields shall not be retained without commensurate victories at the conference table, polling booths and the church altar. Spiritual victories, wrought in the middle ages will not be passed on to the ages of tomorrow unless this age counters the ever-recurring threat of the powers of darkness in this running battle of the centuries.

We must therefore adapt and adjust our lives with this running battle as it is handed from one to another in this endless relay-race, struggle.

Among the running battles which appear to have the potential of following hard upon us right down to our last death gasp is the warfare of the inner man against the flesh and its attendant evils. (II Cor. 10:3-4) Another is to look up and forward instead of back and downward. (Phil. 3:13-15) Another is that constant encounter with rulers of darkness in exalted places. (Eph. 6:12) The eternal war against poverty, disease, dehumanization and the erosion of the image of God within has concerned many compassionate folk who are determined to find some victories however fragile they seem to be. Perhaps in our advanced time "keeping cool" may be one of the most strategic battles we endlessly wage. Harassment, interference, embarrassment, malignment and useless entanglements forced upon us demand a cool head, steady heartbeat, normal blood pressure and clear logic. Above all the deterrent to these foes is the victorious ever abounding life. (John 10:10)

The constant beating, threatening, grinding away abrasions of life will reduce a lesser person to disease, fatigue, senility and death, long before his time if the philosophy of the running battle is ignored. Every moment of every day presents the living challenge to overcoming faith, vigilance, alertness, sharpness, and combat-readiness for the Christian and it becomes in due time an exciting struggle somewhat on the pattern of competitive sports. The lion that lurks behind every tree, or the serpent poised under every rock, or the specter of death in every breath is as nothing to one who is firmly committed by continuous confrontation against world, the flesh and the devil. We must learn to get up when we are tired, stay awake when we are sleepy and be in combat-readiness every waking moment. (Eph. 6:10-18)

*I must say it!*

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## A challenge from the past

Americans have a great heritage which was not easily or cheaply obtained. A great amount of sacrifice was required from those who settled our country 200 years ago. Many of the principles for which these valiant pioneers worked have been achieved. But we still lack much in obtaining their noble ideals.

In the forefront of the struggle for freedom were our Baptist ancestors, who rejected a state church as well as control over life and conscience. Since they held to the individual priesthood of the believer, the concepts of sacramental salvation and priestly intercession between persons and God were unthinkable.

Coming from countries with almost absolute state control over church, faith, and conscience, their revolutionary concepts seemed doomed to defeat. They firmly believed that the only authority for faith and practice was the Bible. The sublime concept of our Baptist forefathers was "If God be for us, who can be against us."

These unwavering convictions of the colonial Baptists resulted in their being fined, jailed, beaten, and held under water until almost drowned. In a few cases some were actually put to death. The charges were such flimsy things as preaching or worshipping without a license, resisting an officer, disturbing the peace, and promoting "heresy." But their efforts resulted in freedom of religion and separation of church and state in our country.

The doctrines of our Baptist ancestors came directly from the Bible. Jesus taught that the object and prayer of every follower was to be "Thy kingdom

## The editor's page

J. Everett Sneed



come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." (Matt. 6:10)

Paul also emphasized the concept of equality and the competency of every soul. In the Temple there was separation. The Gentile was limited to the outer court. The Jewish women could enter only a restricted portion of the Temple. Jewish men could go further in the Temple into the area set aside for the males. Priests entered the Holy Place, but only the High Priest could enter the Holy of Holies and that only once a year. When Christ died on the cross, the curtain separating the Holy Place and the Holy of Holies was rent in twain from top to bottom. (Matt. 27:51) Referring to this event Paul declared, "For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us." (Eph. 2:14) Again the apostle said, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus." (Gal. 3:28)

A clear evaluation of the past reveals the significant impact of our courageous and farsighted colonial Baptists. We, however, must confess that many of their dreams are yet to be accomplished. There are still many areas of inequality, injustice, lawlessness, and religious error. Multitudes are still unsaved.

Our Baptist forefathers had tremendous courage and faith. Their achievements required day by day commitment to God. Will we, in following Biblical concepts, allow God to use us today to conquer these unreached frontiers? Destiny rides on our faith in God, commitment and courage!

## Guest editorial Excellent president

Jaroy Weber steps down next month as president of the Southern Baptist Convention after two years of distinguished service.

No president has given more generously of himself. He has been almost a daily passenger at Lubbock's air terminal, either leaving for engagements or returning to his duties as pastor of First Church.

The priority was on Sunday services in his own pulpit. Except for these, he belonged to the denomination. An efficient staff and an appreciative people accepted added responsibilities with the result his church has continued to go forward.

Now, Mr. President, we have just one suggestion as you prepare to preside over your last convention.

We make it while knowing there are other responsibilities than presiding and no man can do all that is expected.

Put the priority, please, on presiding at that part of all sessions where business is to be transacted. This is no reflection on your vice-presidents but the president is best able to keep things moving and be more aggressive in leadership.

The convention is more inclined to display its frustration when a vice-president is presiding. There is more enthusiasm among the messengers to respect presidential leadership.

Anyway, Jaroy Weber has made an excellent president. We hope the 1976 sessions are his best. — **Editor John J. Hurt in the "Baptist Standard" of Texas**

# The minister and his ministry Problems of the minister's wife

by Larry Baker  
(sixth in a series)

Few persons feel the pressure of the minister's family life more than his wife. One even suggested that "being a pastor's wife is the most hazardous and dangerous occupation a woman can have!"

Ministers' wives do face great problems. Consider some of them. They often feel that they live a "fish-bowl" existence, always on display, with people watching every move they make. Many also feel a lack of privacy; in some cases the parsonage be-



Dr. Baker

comes "church property" — open to all, under the scrutiny of all, and never a place of retreat where the family can completely relax without interruption.

Loneliness is another problem that ministers' wives feel. Many feel unable to establish close friendships, especially with other persons in the church. Too, they feel the need to keep their defenses up; thus, they can never "open up" or discuss their own fears and frustrations, anxieties and ambitions.

Another pressure that the minister's wife feels is the demand to fill a role. She is often seen as "our pastor's wife" with little or no identity of her own. Many see her as an unpaid assistant pastor called on to fill more jobs and at-

tend more meetings than any other woman in the church. And some see her as an ornament to decorate the pastor.

Also, many ministers' wives feel neglected. Too many demands take their husbands away from them. Irregular time schedules prevent planning for time together. Often, wives have to function as both parents. Thus, they feel they get only the leftovers of their husband's time, energies, and interests.

One minister's wife summed up her situation: "I'm expected to practice more than my husband preaches — make a perfect home, raise perfect children and live a perfect life on less than living wages. By myself. And without love or understanding from the congregation!"

How can the problems of the minister's wife be dealt with? First, recognize that there are various ways for the minister's wife to relate to her husband's work; then let her choose her own pattern. Most people do expect ministers' wives to participate in their husband's work. Ministers' wives also seem to expect the same. However, the extent and way they are involved differ. The church should not expect the minister's wife to fit any one pattern, and the minister should protect his wife at this point.

Again, one of the greatest needs of the minister's family is for his wife to be treated as a person. She should be seen as a person created equally in the image of God. She is not someone tacked on — to grace the parsonage, to be an unpaid co-worker, or to be an ornament.

And she is not simply someone who helps make the minister successful. Likewise, the minister's role should not determine his relationship with his wife.

Fourth, remember: the New Testament gives no picture of the minister's wife. Paul writes of bishops, deacons and the wives of deacons, but says nothing about ministers' wives. A church may have a long list of qualifications for the minister's wife; chances are that comes from tradition, lack of understanding, or unhealthy expectations, and not from the Bible.

A minister and his wife can have a wholesome, healthy relationship. The minister's wife can find fulfillment, even in the tension between home and church. Accentuating the positive and eliminating (at least, reducing) the negative — that's the starting point for making the most of the minister's marriage!

**Dr. Baker is pastor of First Church, Fayetteville.**



## One layman's opinion

Daniel R. Grant / President, OBU

### *Ouachita's mace and a new heavyweight tradition*

Ouachita Baptist University has never had a ceremonial mace. Not until recently, that is.

Actually, Ouachita has gotten along very well without a mace. Thousands of students have come and spent four or more years studying and have been awarded their degrees without any noticeable ill effects from the absence of a university mace. Many of the older and larger colleges and universities have a mace which is used in important ceremonial occasions to symbolize the purpose and authority of the institution. They come in all sizes, shapes, and appearances, and are usually carried with great dignity by a faculty member at the head of the academic procession at commencement.

The Class of 1973 decided that Ouachita needed a university mace and left a gift designated for that purpose. Joe Adams, Little Rock sculptor, was commissioned to design, sculpt, and cast in solid bronze, a Ouachita mace. After almost a year of work he delivered the finished product just in time for use in the recent Spring Commencement Ceremony. It contains symbols of Ouachita's two-fold commitment to academic and Christian excellence — the open Bible, the torch of knowledge, and the spire and columns of Berry Chapel. In addition to the letters "OBU" and the 1886 year of founding, it contains one other symbol of great importance, a globe representing Ouachita's world-wide outreach and responsibility.

One thing caught us all by surprise. A four-foot solid bronze mace is not handled quite like a key chain or a lapel pin. It weighs a heavy 30 pounds and set us to wondering who would be responsible for carrying this burden in the academic procession. By a nice coincidence the regular protocol calls for the mace to be carried by the commencement marshal. This happens to be Jim Berryman, philosophy and religion professor of very ample proportions, for whom another 30 pounds or so does not really make a great deal of difference.

Marshal Berryman performed beautifully at the Spring Commencement, carrying the new heavyweight symbol of Ouachita's mission in this world, leading the largest graduating class in Ouachita's history and placing the mace safely in front of the overflow audience of 2,500.

The Ouachita Class of 1973 has a right to be proud of this new symbol of academic and Christian excellence, and of the way Dr. Berryman carried this heavy burden with dignity and without complaining. However, I felt strong pangs of sympathy for him in his march until I remembered that it could have been much worse. The designer and sculptor, Joe Adams, is best known in Arkansas for his 2,000 pound solid bronze wild boar, recently unveiled at the Arkansas Convention Center Plaza in Little Rock. Jim Berryman can be thankful the Class of 1973 did not include a 2,000 pound tiger on the new university mace.



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Dickson



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## Arkansans get degrees from Southwestern Seminary

FT. WORTH, Tex. — Twelve Arkansans received degrees during Spring commencement exercises at Southwestern Seminary, May 14.

The largest graduating class in the

seminary's 68-year history received degrees and diplomas from Seminary President Robert Naylor. More than 280 candidates from the seminary's three schools, including sixteen doctoral stu-

dents, were graduated.

Jaroy Weber, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, was the commencement speaker. Weber is also pastor of the First Baptist Church, Lubbock, Texas, which is the second largest church in the SBC. A graduate of Louisiana College, Weber holds a degree from Southwestern Seminary and an honorary doctor of divinity degree from Louisiana College.

Eight of the 12 received the master of divinity degree. Those graduates and their hometowns are: Sterling Haskle Andrews Jr. of North Little Rock, K. Lindsay Cofield of Hope, William Charles Hogan of State University, Jerry Dean Holloway of Huntsville, Lloyd Ray Humphrey of Hot Springs, Roy Allen Parker of Camden, Gary Augusta Smith of Hot Springs, and Tommy J. Weems of Taylor.

Awarded the master of religious education degree were Robert Bradley Dickson III of Pine Bluff, Terrence Lee Eaton of Rogers, and Thomas Michael Pierce of Hot Springs.

Alda Lee Dorrrough of Paris was awarded the diploma of theology.



### Woman's viewpoint

Iris O'Neal Bowen

### Seen from a window

I was on the phone and, at the same time, looking out my kitchen window, when I noticed the squirrel. What I saw stopped my train of thought and my conversation.

The squirrel I saw making his careful way across my lawn had acquired, probably in the next yard, a sponge rubber ball. It looked as if he had latched onto it with his teeth, and it was at least three inches in diameter. He could hardly get along with it in his mouth, but he struggled across my yard, by stopping now and then. The last I saw of him, he had climbed my fence and was nearly to the next fence.

"Now, I wonder," I asked my caller, as I related to her what I had been witness to, "what under the sun he thinks he is going to do with that thing? Did he decide he had found an extra large nut he could bury and nibble on all summer?"

I was still wondering several days later, when a troublesome thought struck me. What if he had dug his teeth into that ball and couldn't let go! I could hardly stand to think about it. If he couldn't get the ball away from his mouth, he would starve to death! I could feel the frenzy he felt as he tried desperately to extract the ball from his mouth!

What troubled me was that there was no way to help the animal. Had I been able to run after him, he would have eluded me, or any other human trying to help him.

Sad to say, we all know people like that squirrel who have acquired a very bad habit, something that was so enticing and looked so harmless that they just sunk their teeth into it.

However, when they realized what it was doing to them, it was too late to let go. And the sad thing about people is that often they refuse help.

Sorry, but this wasn't meant to be a pretty story!

### Southern College gets \$140,000

Southern Baptist College at Walnut Ridge has received the pledge of the largest gift in the history of the school. D. Jack Nicholas, president of the school, announced at commencement exercises May 6 that an anonymous donor will give \$140,000 over a period of time to the two-year liberal arts college. Dr. Nicholas said the donor is a Baptist layman in Eastern Arkansas who has been a long-time friend of the school.

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# The summer missionary program for the local church

by R. Wilbur Herring  
(last in a series)



Dr. Herring

This is the third and last article in a series of three on the subject of using summer missionaries on the local church level. In the first two articles we set forth the need for such a program and the potential manpower. In this article we propose

to suggest means of financing the program and to give a practical schedule to be followed.

It always seems as if every program or project gets back to the question of how we will finance such an undertaking. I am told by one of our fellow pastors of another state that he no longer worries about the means of financing a ministry after he has once come to the conclusion that the ministry is of the Lord. This is consistent with the teachings of the Bible. There is no mention in the Word of God as to how Noah financed the construction of that huge ship. Wouldn't we have a crisis if God told us to lead all the people of Arkansas on a long journey that could last any where from two weeks to 40 years?

When the history of your church is written there won't be much said, if any, as to how the members thought they had to struggle and sacrifice to build the structures you call the church. Just remember, if it is God's will and God's direction the financing will be assured. If it isn't God's will the financing will come hard and the whole program could fall flat on its face.

Let's ask ourselves a few questions. Is it God's will to fulfill the great commission? Is it God's will for the local church to send forth missionaries? How far does one have to go to be a real live missionary? If he goes to Nigeria then he is a missionary. If he goes to Utah he could still be called a missionary. If he serves the association in evangelism and missions we still call him a missionary. If he is sent to the slums of the city he is a missionary. If he is sent to the University campus (for the purpose of proclaiming the good news and making disciples) he can be called a missionary. Now if he is sent from house to house can he be called a missionary? Let's define two words. First, what does the

word "mission" mean? Mission comes to us from a Latin word meaning "to send." A person or body of person sent to some place to accomplish some given task is a mission. The word "missionary" refers to the person or persons sent on a mission. It seems terribly elementary to be defining such terms, but we have such a hang-up in some of our terminology for the work of the church.

If you will make your young people mission minded by mission education and practical experience you will see them volunteering for national and foreign missionary services through our Home and Foreign Mission Boards.

Yes, this summer missionary program on the local church level can be a part of the great plan of redemption of our Lord and His churches. Just be sure that it is right and feasible for your particular church. Since it can be construed as being a directive from the Lord and a ministry approved of Him, then be assured the finances will come and come easily.

There are two methods in financing such a summer missionary program. The first is by love gifts and the second is by a fixed sum included in the budget.

Over the years I have found that the young people prefer the "faith basis" rather than the fixed weekly salary. In Jacksonville, Florida we had more applications than we could handle on the faith or love gift basis, but when we went to the fixed salaries we had very few takers. We have also witnessed the same response here in Jonesboro. But when Dr. James Eaves was pastor of First Church in Albuquerque, N.M., the church always had their summer missionaries on a fixed weekly salary. It seems to me that during one summer they had eight college students serving as summer missionaries and I believe the salary was either \$65 or \$75 per week. If you are interested in the summer missionary program you might write to Dr. Eaves who is now serving as a professor of Evangelism at the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Ft. Worth, Texas. He was excited about this program.

In Florida we took a special offering each Wednesday night for the summer missionaries. We enjoyed a great attendance on Wednesday night and the offering on that one night was adequate. But this year in Jonesboro we are going to make special envelopes

available for all services including Sunday. If the summer missionaries are among your own young people they will be living with their parents, so the food and lodging are not the big factor that generally accompanies the calling of a youth director from some other city.

The scheduling is simple and flexible. But there is a prime need for proper supervision of the missionaries. It is best if they can work under a well organized pastor. If the staff is large enough the ideal minister to supervise the program is the Minister of Evangelism and Missions. If you don't have such a staff member then the Minister of Education could give the attention to these young workers if he is sympathetic with the program and has the capability of giving daily direction to the program.

The schedule is dependent upon your church program now. For example, the summer missionaries could work from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The first hour each morning could be spent with the pastor or a senior staff member studying evangelism and soul winning techniques. The first hour after lunch could be spent in a Bible study course on a book-by-book basis, or a study of doctrines or a course on systematic theology. At least two hours in the morning and two hours in the afternoon should be spent out in the field visiting newcomers or conducting a door to door survey or presentation. The '76 Life and Liberty Campaign tract that was printed for us by the American Bible Society would be ideal for this door to door visitation.

The summer missionaries can be used in the Vacation Bible School, the week at Siloam Springs Assembly, R.A. and G.A. camps and Day Camps. They can be used for cottage prayer services and special seminars. But the main thing the staff should remember is that they should be left ample time for witnessing.

Try the summer missionary program. You will like it. Your people will like it. And your young people will be getting good training for their future work as ministers or lay leaders.

**Dr. Herring, pastor of Central Church, Jonesboro, is President of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention and General Chairman of the 1976 Life and Liberty Campaign.**

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## State convention, fund campaign recognized for Southern College aid



W. O. Vaught, pastor of Little Rock's Immanuel Church, was one of the speakers for the ceremonies dedicating the Maddox Fine Arts Center. He was chairman of the fund raising campaign which helped provide building money for the school. (Photos courtesy of the "Jonesboro Sun")

Arkansas Baptist State Convention and the Ouachita-Southern Advancement Campaign received special recognition when Southern Baptist College held its commencement on May 6.

The convention and campaign were saluted for the assistance given to the college at Walnut Ridge. Special guests and speakers for the day were W. O. Vaught and Rheubin L. South, who were chairman and co-chairman for the OBU-SBC campaign.

Baccalaureate services in the college chapel began the day with Dr. Vaught, pastor of Immanuel Church of Little Rock, as speaker.

Following the morning services, dedication of the new Maddox Fine Arts Center began at 1:30 with Wilbur Herring giving the invocation. Dr. Herring is pastor of Central Church, Jonesboro, and president of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

S. Ray Crews, pastor of Osceola First Church and president of the school's board of trustees, gave the welcome. He also introduced Dr. Vaught and Dr. South who were speakers for the dedication.

Dr. South, who is now Executive Director of the Missouri Baptist Convention, was pastor of Park Hill Church, North Little Rock, at the time of the OBU-SBC Campaign.

The prayer of dedication was led by H. E. Williams, president emeritus of Southern College.

A groundbreaking ceremony for a new student center followed this service. A fire on Dec. 13, 1975, destroyed the college's student center. Participating in the groundbreaking services were Robin Griffith, president of the Student Union; James Garner, president of the Student Government Association; Dr. Crews; Jack Nicholas, president of the college; Mrs. Lendol Jackson, director of student activities; J. K. Southerland, president of the development council of the college and Lewis Burris, chairman of capitol provisions committee of the board.

Commencement services concluded activities for the day with diplomas being awarded to 69 graduating students.

Highlights of commencement were presentation of citations to four people. These were Distinguished Baptist Lady of 1976, Miss Josephine Skaggs, missionary emeritus of Nigeria; Distin-

Breaking ground for the student center were school officials, student leaders, and trustees.

gushed Baptist Pastor of 1976, Thomas Hinson, pastor of West Memphis First Church, and a member of the state convention executive board.

Norman W. Kelly, a member of First Church, Paragould, was recognized as distinguished layman of the year and Wayne Wood, superintendent of schools of Gideon, Mo., was recognized as the distinguished alumnus of the year. Dr. Wood is a graduate of the college and was a member of the faculty there at one time.

Special music for the day was presented by the Southern Singers and the SBC Concert Choir under the direction of Marty Sewald.

Dr. Nicholas; Jim Tillman, vice-president for development and public relations, and Jerol Swaim, vice-president for academic affairs, were in charge of arrangements for the four special events.



## Arkansas all over

## people

**Robin Jo Graves**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Graves, Hot Springs, is the recipient of the National Business Education Association Award of Merit for outstanding achievement in business education at Ouachita University, Arkadelphia.



Miss Graves

She was presented this award at the Awards Day program on May 4. Miss Graves is a member of Alpha Chi, an academic honor society, and Kappa Delta Pi, teachers' honor society. She is a member of Richwoods Church, Arkadelphia.

**Al Cullum**, associate pastor of First Church, Forrest City, has returned to full-time service following open heart surgery. Cullum gives special tributes for the support and prayers of church members and other people over the state.

**Levy Church**, North Little Rock, ordained **Robert Bevill** as a deacon on April 4. Bevill, who is the church's first deaf deacon, is the second deaf person to be ordained as a deacon in the state. He is an active member and Sunday School teacher at Levy Church. His wife, Glenda, is interpreter for morning worship services. Bevill is a driver training instructor at the Arkansas School for the Deaf.



Webb

**Lee Bowers**, who pastored New Hope Church near Yellville for nine years, is currently working on a new mission project which he organized.

**J. D. Webb** has assumed the pastorate of First Church, Biscoe. Webb comes to Biscoe from Mena where he pastored Dallas Avenue Church. While at the Mena church he served three times as moderator of Ouachita Association. He also served twice as chairman of the associational camp board of control and director of the Ouachita Baptist Youth Camp. Other pastorates have been in Louisiana and Texas and at Central Church, Mineral Springs. He and his wife are the parents of two daughters, Loria Kaye of the home and Mrs. Willena McLaughlin of Mineral Springs, a senior at Ouachita University.

**Paul W. Stuart** became pastor of First Church, Dumas, on May 9. He came to the church from the staff of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board located



Stuart

in Atlanta, Ga. A native of Honolulu, Hawaii, where his parents have served as foreign missionaries for 35 years, he is married to the former Patricia King of DeWitt. They are the parents of a daughter, Michelle, age three. Stuart and his wife are graduates of Ouachita University and Southwestern Seminary. He has also completed some post graduate work at Southwestern leading to a doctorate. In 1971, Stuart was honored as one of the Outstanding Young Men in America. He was also recognized in January of this year as an Outstanding Community Leader and appeared in the special Bicentennial Edition of Community Leaders and Noteworthy Americans.

## briefly

**Van Buren, First Church** held a revival recently led by the Wayne Bristow Evangelistic Team. The team is composed of Wayne Bristow, Jimmy Hodges and Felix Snipes. There were 174 professions of faith and 147 rededications. Five came by letter. Jim Dwiggins is pastor.

**Immanuel Church, Warren** held a laymen's revival April 30-May 5. Campbell Wilkerson surrendered to the full-time ministry in this revival where there were also two professions of faith and one coming by letter.

## At commencement

# Ouachita President pledges education to develop individual

ARKADELPHIA — In a strongly worded attack against national trends away from liberal arts education in favor of more "practical" job training skills, the president of Ouachita Baptist University pledged May 8 that OBU "will continue to be primarily interested in the development of the individual, as a person rather than as a commodity to be offered to the job market."

Daniel R. Grant, speaking to graduates during OBU's 90th annual commencement ceremony at A. U. Williams Field, said the University disagreed with criticism of the liberal arts approach to education "because we believe that the person who is best prepared for the world of work today is the one who has received the broad exposure to knowledge incorporated in liberal arts education rather than the narrow departmentalized skills that typify the vocational-technical approach."

In fact, he said, it was the "overwhelming sentiment of the University's trustees, faculty, students, alumni and denominational leaders that Ouachita

"should strengthen and improve its unique combination of liberal arts education and career preparation in such ways that both values are maximized."

The reaffirmation of OBU's commitment to the liberal arts was one of six preliminary proposals to be included in a 10-year program designed to climax in 1986 with the 100th anniversary of the founding of OBU.

Other major program goals in the tentative "Centennial Decade" plan include:

- strengthening of Ouachita's role in service to the denomination;
- equal emphasis on maintenance of diversity and quality within the student body;
- strengthening of faculty through a comprehensive faculty development program, improvement of faculty salaries and a broadened faculty research program;
- continued development of the beauty and usefulness of the Ouachita campus with special emphasis on relating new and existing facilities to the unique potential of the natural environ-

mental setting of the University and;

- maximizing financial support from all constituencies of the University and commitment of an increasing proportion of undesignated gifts and grants to endowment and other non-bricks-and-mortar purposes.

In emphasizing the "preliminary" nature of the proposals, Dr. Grant said they will be given further study and refinement by denominational and University representatives before they are put into final form.

Three-hundred and five students received degrees during the commencement exercises.

During graduation, Jamie Jones, who has served as Baptist Student Union director at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville for 25 years, received an honorary doctor of divinity in religious education degree from Ouachita. He is second in length of service among all BSU directors in the Southern Baptist Convention, and is known to many as the "dean" of BSU directors.

The Ouachita Former Students Association (FSA) awarded the Distinguished Alumnus Award to Harold Leeton, retiring Gulf Oil Corp. executive, at 12 noon during its luncheon in the Evans Student Center Banquet Room.

Leeton graduated from Ouachita in 1936 and has since made numerous contributions to OBU which are matched two-for-one by his employer. He was an early leader in the campaign to raise funds to renovate the Moses-Provine Science Center at Ouachita.

## Ashcraft receives scholarship

ARKADELPHIA — Ricky Ashcraft of Pine Bluff, a senior chemistry major at Ouachita Baptist University, has received a Fulbright-Hays Scholarship for the 1976-77 academic year to study at a German university, according to Mrs. Betty McCommas, professor of English at OBU and director of the campus program.

The scholarship is a full grant paying all of Ashcraft's expenses including air transportation to and from Germany. Health and accident insurance are also included. Ashcraft will leave in August for a year of study at a university to be named later.

The Fulbright Scholarships began in 1946 with legislation initiated and sponsored by former United States Senator J. William Fulbright (Dem., Ark.). It is funded through money and credit the United States receives through the sale of surplus property. A foreign student is sent to the United States for each American student sent abroad.

Ashcraft is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Ashcraft of 401 Parkway Drive in Pine Bluff.



Dale Cowling, pastor of Second Church, Little Rock, (left) was one of three persons honored April 29 by the Arkansas Region of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. Recipients of the 1976 Brotherhood Citation Awards besides Dr. Cowling, were Annie Mae Bankhead and Henry Spitzberg. Dr. Cowling was presented an award with an inscription which praised him for "turning bigotry to respect; prejudice to understanding; and hatred into love." Dr. Cowling has long been an advocate of racial equality and preached his first pro-integration sermon in 1957. Federal Commerce Secretary Elliot Richardson (second from left) delivered the keynote address at the awards banquet in Little Rock.

**READY FOR CAMP** — The swimming pool and multi-purpose play area — which includes tennis courts, basketball areas and other outdoor recreation facilities — at Mt. Zion Camp Association Camp near Walcott are ready for campers this summer. Total estimated value of these facilities are approximately \$250,000. The swimming pool is shown in the left photo, while in the photo at right, Carl Bunch, associa-

tional missionary, presents a plaque to Mrs. Ruth Klingensmith, daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Blackwood. The Blackwoods donated the original 40 acres of land for the camp. Harold Ray, pastor of Nettleton Church, Jonesboro, is chairman of the camp committee. (Photos courtesy of Jonesboro Sun)



## Arkansans to work in Africa

The Southern Baptist Convention Foreign Mission Board has appointed Dr. H. E. Williams, President Emeritus of Southern Baptist College, and his wife as temporary missionaries to Africa. This is part of the Laymen Overseas Program of the Mission Board. Dr. and Mrs. Williams will serve in Kenya for seven months.

Dr. Williams reflects on a childhood dream of serving in Africa as a medical missionary. "I surrendered to the ministry, but have always felt that I owed a part of my life to Africa. Ever since the founding of Southern Baptist College, I have watched for the opportunity to help send a young medical missionary to Africa." Dr. Williams continued, "I feel strongly about going to this country for this brief period of service, because Africa is the next great battleground for the ideas of man."

While in Kenya, he will serve as Coordinator and Director of Production of the Baptist Publishing House of the East African Mission. This publishing house serves three countries in Eastern Africa. Mrs. Williams will be teaching English in one of the schools.

This year is the twentieth anniversary of Baptist work in East Africa, and Dr. and Mrs. Williams will assist in the celebration of this event. During these 20 years, Southern Baptists have established 535 churches. The membership of these churches is nearing the 30,000 mark. The Director for the entire East African Mission Program is James

Hampton, whose home is Mena, Ark.

The address for Dr. and Mrs. Williams is Nairobi Baptist Center, Box 44628, Nairobi, Kenya.

The newly appointed missionaries departed for their mission station on May 7.



*Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Williams left Walnut Ridge recently for short-term mission service in Kenya.*

**Baptist  
heritage**

by Bernes K. Selph

Paul Geren served as the last American Counsel General to the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland before independence was granted that African country. He joined in the 110 mile march from Battlefields to Salisbury, May 24, 1963.

Paul was reared in El Dorado, Ark., son of the pastor of Second Church. Educated at Baylor, Louisiana State, and Harvard Universities, the young economist taught at the University of Rangoon under the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society. He joined the Friends Ambulance unit when the Japanese forces invaded Burma. He trekked the 220 miles from Burma to India with General Joe "Vinegar" Stillwell and Dr. Gordan Seagraves.

After the war he entered diplomatic services of the United States, serving in India, Damascus and Amman. In these places, as he could do so, he opened his home to Bible teaching and Christian Witness.

His untimely death in an automobile accident cut short an illustrious career, but that's how one Arkansas Baptist recently served God and his country.

□ O. K. and Marjorie Armstrong, *The Indomitable Baptists*, Doubleday and Co., Inc., Garden City, New York, 1967, pp. 315-16.

# 1977 calendar

## Arkansas Baptist State Convention

### JANUARY 1977 MAKE YOUR WILL MONTH

3-7	Bible Study Week (Romans)
6-7	Baptist Building Staff Retreat
9	Soul Winning Commitment Day
10-11	Registration - Spring Semester, Southern Baptist College
11	Associational Faculty Training Clinic (Sunday School), Calvary, L.R.
16	Christian Wills Emphasis
17	Continuing Education Workshop (Missions)
18	Continuing Education Workshop (Missions)
18-19	Registration - Spring Semester, Ouachita Baptist University
21-22	Associational Music Directors Workshop, Camp Paron
23	Baptist Men's Day
24-26	Evangelism Conference, Immanuel, Little Rock
28-29	ACT VI for Grades 10-11-12, Park Hill, North Little Rock (WMU)
31	Youth-Adult Church Training Workshops
	- Fayetteville, First                      Blytheville, First
	Mountain Home, First                    El Dorado, Immanuel
	Jonesboro, Walnut Street

### FEBRUARY 1977

1	Youth-Adult Church Training Workshops
	Van Buren, First                      West Memphis, First
	Harrison, First                      Texarkana, Beech St., First
	Batesville, First
3	Youth-Adult Church Training Workshops
	Russellville, Second                    Little Rock, Immanuel
	Pine Bluff, First                      Hot Springs, First
	Monticello, First
4-5	Volunteer/Part-Time Music Leadership Retreat/Workshop, Camp Paron
6	Baptist World Alliance Sunday
6-10	Religious Emphasis Week, Southern Baptist College
7-11	Associational Training Schools (Sunday School)
7-11	Christian Focus Week, Ouachita Baptist University
13	Race Relations Sunday
13-19	WMU Focus Week
14	Continuing Education Workshop (Missions)
15	State VBS Clinic, Pulaski Heights, Little Rock
21-22	Area Pastoral Ministry Conference (Church Training)
	Jonesboro, First
21-22	Area Pastoral Ministry Conference (Church Training)
	Fort Smith, East Side
24-25	OBU Church Music Workshop, Arkadelphia
24-25	Area Pastoral Ministry Conference (Church Training)
	El Dorado, Second
24-25	Area Pastoral Ministry Conference (Church Training)
	Little Rock, Olivet

### MARCH 1977

1	State Stewardship/Foundation Clinic, Park Hill, North Little Rock
2-4	Associational Directors of Missions Retreat
4-6	BSU Leadership Training Conference
6-13	Week of Prayer for Home Missions and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
11-12	State Handbell Festival
11-12	State Baptist Men's Meeting, Little Rock
13	Home Missions Day in Sunday School
13-20	Youth Week
14-18	Church Architecture Consultations (Sunday School)
15-16	State WMU Annual Meeting, Jonesboro, First
17-19	Marriage Enrichment Retreat, Horseshoe Bend-Hillhigh Resort
	(Church Training)
19	Associational Youth Night
21	Northwest District Church Training Tournament, Rogers, First
22	West Central District Church Training Tournament, Paris, First
24	North Central District Church Training Tournament, Melbourne, First
25	Central District Church Training Tournament, Benton, First
27	Associational Hymn Sings
28	Southwest District Church Training Tournament, Hope, First
29	Southeast District Church Training Tournament, Warren, First
31	Northeast District Church Training Tournament, Central Jonesboro

### APRIL 1977

1	East Central District Church Training Tournament, Forrest City, First
1-3	Retreat for Engaged Couples (Church Training)

2	Young Musicians' Choir
	Jacksonville, First
	Fort Smith, East
	Wynne
3	New Day for Training (C)
3-8	Baptist Doctrine Week
4-5	Bible Teaching and Learning
8	Youth Convention, Robinson
10	EASTER
11	Area Library Conference
12	Area Library Conference
13	Area Library Conference
14	Area Library Conference
16	State Youth Choir Festival
16	State BYW Meeting, North
17	Cooperative Program Day
18-19	Interfaith Witness Conference
22-23	Exploring Discipleship
24	Life Commitment Sunday
24	Associational Music Tour
25-26	Language Workshop, Baptist
25-27	Chaplains Conference, Ca
29-30	Youth Ministry Conference

### MAY 1977

1-8	Christian Home Week
2	Continuing Education Workshop
6-7	State Royal Ambassador
7	ACT VII For Grades 7-8-9
10	"Missions to Multi-Fami
3, 5	Preschool Children's Wor
12	Commencement, Southern
13-14	GA Mother-Daughter Camp
14	Commencement, Ouachita
16	Continuing Education Wor
17	Bus Clinic, Little Rock
20-21	State Pastor-Deacon Ret
24	Special Ministries Works
29	Day of Prayer, ARKANSAS
30-June 4	RA Camp Preparation and
31	Associational Sunday Sch
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### JUNE 1977

6-10	RA Camp (Grades 4-12) Pa
6-July 8	First Summer Term, Ouach
10-11	6-8 Year Old Boys (Grade
12	Church Music Conference
12-13	WMU, SBC Annual Meeting
13-17	RA Camp (Grades 4-12) Pa
14-16	Southern Baptist Convent
17-19	Baptist Men's Encampment
20-24	RA Camp (Grades 4-12) Pa
* 20-25	Adult/Youth Music Camp,
27-July 1	RA Camp (Grades 4-12) Pa
27-July 2	Siloam Springs Assembly
* 21	State Music Tournaments

### JULY 1977

4-9	Siloam Springs Assembly
7-10	Pre-Camp Training for Gi
11-16	Siloam Springs Assembly
11-16	GA Camp, Paron
11-Aug. 11	Second Summer Term, Ouach
17	Day of Prayer for Associ
18-23	Siloam Springs Assembly
18-23	GA Camp, Paron
25-30	Siloam Springs Assembly
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### AUGUST 1977

1-4	Music Camp for Young Musi
1-6	Siloam Springs Assembly
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8-9	Church Staff Relations Co
8-12	National Baptists Youth C
15-19	National Baptists Youth C
19-20	Associational WMU Directo
19-20	Associational Church Tra
21-28	Southwide Church Music We
22-23	Graded Choir Methods and
22-24	Fall Semester Registratio

Monticello, First  
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President's Hour for Parents and New Students, Ouachita University  
Fall Semester Registration, Ouachita Baptist University

SEPTEMBER 1977

ing)  
2-3 Language Ministries Workers' Retreat, Camp Paron (Missions)  
6-9 VICTORY EVANGELISM CONFERENCES:  
6 - Central, Hot Springs  
7 - Immanuel, Warren  
8 - Forrest City, First  
9 - East Side, Mountain Home  
8 Area WMU Mission Study Institute, Van Buren, First  
9 Area WMU Leadership Meeting for Associational Leaders, Van Buren, First  
10 Youth Choir Day, Ouachita Baptist University  
11 Baptist Foundation Sunday  
12-14 Pastoral Leadership Seminar, Indian Rock Resort, Fairfield Bay  
(Church Training)  
13 Sunday School Leadership Night (Associational)  
15 Statewide Church WMU Leadership Conference, Immanuel, Little Rock  
16-17 Brotherhood Leadership Training, Paron  
18 Associational Hymn Sings  
19 State Missions Season of Prayer and Dixie Jackson Offering  
19-20 State Sunday School Convention, Little Rock, First  
22 Northeast District Brotherhood Meeting, Paragould, East Side  
22 Area WMU Mission Study Institute, Hope, First  
23 Area WMU Leadership Meeting for Associational Leaders, Hope, First  
26 Area WMU Mission Study Institute, Monticello, First  
26-Oct. 2 Sunday School Preparation Week  
27 Area WMU Leadership Meeting for Associational Leaders, Monticello, 1st  
27 East Central District Brotherhood Meeting, Parkin, First  
29 Central District Brotherhood Meeting, Geyer Springs, First  
29 Area WMU Mission Study Institute, Wynne  
30 Area WMU Leadership Meeting for Associational Leaders, Wynne  
30-Oct. 1 State Deacon Ministry Conference, Little Rock, First (Church Training)

University  
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School), Baptist Building  
Paron (Church Training)  
Little Rock (Missions)  
NEWSMAGAZINE  
Training, Camp Paron  
Director's Planning Meeting, Little  
Baptist Building

OCTOBER 1977 COOPERATIVE PROGRAM MONTH

3 Southwest District Brotherhood Meeting, Immanuel, Texarkana  
4 West Central District Brotherhood Meeting, Paris, First  
6 Southeast District Brotherhood Meeting, Monticello, First  
6 Area WMU Mission Study Institute, Mountain Home, First  
7 Area WMU Leadership Meeting for Associational Leaders,  
Mountain Home, First  
7-9 BSU Convention  
10-14 ASSOCIATIONAL ANNUAL MEETINGS  
17-21 ASSOCIATIONAL ANNUAL MEETINGS  
20-21 Music Men Rehearsal/Retreat, Camp Paron  
23 High Attendance Night in Church Training  
24 North Central District Brotherhood Meeting, East Side,  
Mountain Home  
25 Northwest District Brotherhood Meeting, Fayetteville, First  
27 Church Training Convention, Immanuel, Little Rock  
30 Great Day In The Morning!

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NOVEMBER 1977

4-5 Marriage Enrichment Retreat, DeGray State Park Lodge  
(Church Training)  
4-6 International Retreat (BSU)  
6-12 Royal Ambassador Week in Churches  
7 State Royal Ambassador Fellowship Supper, Little Rock  
7 Baptist Women's Day of Prayer (BWA)  
8-10 ARKANSAS BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION, IMMANUEL, LITTLE ROCK  
14-17 AREA CHURCH RECREATION WORKSHOPS (Church Training)  
14 - Central, Jonesboro  
15 - Calvary, Little Rock  
16 - First, El Dorado  
17 - Grand Avenue, Fort Smith  
20 Child Care Day  
21-22 Weekday Early Education Workshop, Pulaski Heights, Little  
Rock (Sunday School & Missions)  
25-27 Mission Career Conference (Pioneer Age Boys)  
28 "M" NIGHT  
29 Recognition Banquet for Directors of Missions, Ouachita  
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Workshop, Immanuel, Little Rock  
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DECEMBER 1977

1 Evangelism Workshop, Baptist Building, Little Rock  
4-11 Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas  
Offering  
21 Carol Sings  
25 Student Day at Christmas  
29-30 Youth Evangelism Conference, Little Rock

## Sunday School

### V.B.S. and Life and Liberty

Want a good idea for VBS? I heard a good idea recently in a visit with the Monroe Church, Arkansas Valley Association. Pastor Bill Branch mentioned that one project his youth VBS has is to build a Life and Liberty Booth for parent's night at Vacation Bible School. They will build it with patriotic decorations, have appropriate music, and will staff it with young people. Their ministry will be to sign-up to attend the Life and Liberty Rally on July 3 at Little Rock's War Memorial Stadium where they will hear Anita Bryant sing, Paul Harvey bring a patriotic message, Manuel Scott preach, and Dave Woodman serve as master of cere-



Hatfield

monies.

Good idea, don't you agree?

As I thought about this idea I also thought we ought to encourage other churches to do the same thing by offering some assistance. So here it is.

If you want to have a Life and Liberty booth in your Vacation Bible School Parent's night, you build the booth, provide decorations and we will provide three free items. Free items are two bicentennial rally posters, the number of bumper stickers and free rally tickets you can use. All are free as long as the supply lasts.

How do you get these items? Write VBS, Box 552, Little Rock, Ark. 72203.

Vacation Bible Schools can be conducted because we have life and liberty in America. Help keep liberty alive. Attend the July 3 Rally. — Lawson Hatfield, state Sunday School director



*The power of the Holy Spirit works in the lives of deaf people just as it works in the lives of their hearing counterparts. For several years now, there have been only a few deaf people entering the gospel ministry. However, in recent times, the interest is growing among the deaf laymen. One such person is Gary Shoemaker, the pastor to the deaf at Dauphin Way Church, Mobile, Ala., who recently conducted revival services for the deaf at First Church, Little Rock.*

*During the weekend revival there were 12 professions of faith and several other personal decisions made by deaf members of the congregation. The outpouring of God's Spirit is only one result of deaf people working among their own kind.*

*Arkansas Baptists should be grateful to the deaf ministries of our state and also to the deaf laymen. Pray that God opens more avenues for deaf involvement. — Robert Parrish, Director of Language Missions*

## 2,000 expected in rally choir

When Southern and National Baptists gather at War Memorial Stadium on July 3, we're expecting 2,000 choir members to be on hand to join their voices in praise under the direction of Charles Wright, choral director at Ouachita University.



Dr. Wright

The music committee has selected four stirring numbers for the choir:

"Let Christ's Freedom Ring," "This Is My Country," "Battle Hymn of the Republic," and "Rise Up, O Church." Music has been mailed to approximately 65 groups already and we're still getting requests.

There's still time for your choir or ensemble to get their music and join the Rally Choir. Anyone of high school age or above is eligible to sing with us. Send your request for music or information to the Church Music Department, P.O. Box 552, Little Rock, Ark. 72203.

— Ervin Keathley, music coordinator

## Reach out: A unique strategy of high school evangelism

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egy designed to touch the high school campus with the good news of the gospel.

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Contact Neal Guthrie, Arkansas Baptist State Convention, Evangelism Department, P.O. Box 552, Little Rock, Ark. 72203.

# All churches offered slide program

"An Arm of the Church Reaching Out" is the ministry of the Arkansas Baptist Family and Child Care Services. Many church groups have viewed and responded positively to our new slide-cassette presentation bearing this title. It is our desire to share this program with every church in the convention in an effort to be informative and account-

able to Arkansas Baptists for the funds received which make possible our outreach ministry to families and children.

Someone from our staff will be happy to come to your church and present this program. It has been used effectively for Sunday evening services, Wednesday evening services, W.M.U. meetings (church and associational), Brother-

hood meetings (even early breakfasts), associational meetings, and pastor's conferences.

"Our church is so small, we are reluctant to ask someone to come just for our group." This is a comment I have heard often and I want to emphasize that the size of the church does not matter to us. We are grateful for the support and interest of all our churches and want to visit the small churches as well as the large ones. There will not be any expense to the church to have this program presented. We would appreciate an invitation so that we could share with you the story of this exciting life-giving ministry.

A pastor of one of the small churches has suggested that two or three churches might want to join together on a Sunday evening for a time of fellowship and presentation of the program.

Please contact our office so that we can schedule this program for your church. — Johnny G. Biggs, Executive Director, Arkansas Baptist Family and Child Care Services

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## Church secretaries' seminar

An unusual opportunity will be offered for Arkansas church secretaries during a seminar the week of Aug. 23-27. The Church Secretaries' Personal Enrichment Program Seminar will be held at the Park Hill Church in North Little Rock. The sessions will be led by Miss Lucy Hoskins, a consultant in the Church Administration Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, and by Mrs. Joan McDonough, secretary, Seminary Extension Department, Southern Baptist Convention.



Miss Hoskins

It pays to take time out to train or to retrain . . . to develop new skills and to gain new insights and understandings. Church secretaries perform a valuable ministry in our churches and many want their service to be as effective as possible. Perhaps you should consider asking your church to make this opportunity available for your secretary.

Information about registration costs, lodging, and meals will be sent to churches soon. For additional information write: Church Secretaries' Seminar, P.O. Box 552, Little Rock, Ark. 72203. — Robert Holley



## Oh! Happy days, RA camp comin' up

Happy days are just ahead for Royal Ambassador age boys who love the out-of-doors and camp activities.

The Mini-Royal Ambassador Camp for 6-8 year old boys and their dads will be held at Camp Paron on June 4-5. Check-in will begin

at 2 p.m. on Friday. The Mini-camp will close at 1 p.m. on Saturday. Reservations should be made now.

Regular Royal Ambassador Camp for boys, grades 4-12 or ages 9-17 years will begin on Monday, June 7. Check-in will begin at 2 p.m. The camp will close at 1 p.m. on Friday, June 11. The same schedule will apply for each week through June 28. The last camp will close on July 2.

Reservations should be made now for camp for the week planned to attend. Reservation forms have been mailed to counselors, pastors, and ministers of education. Reservations have already been made by several groups. Don't delay — make yours today. — C. H. Seaton, Director, Brotherhood Dept.



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## Evangelism conference for 1977 taking shape

The 1975 Advisory Committee on Evangelism met March 10, 1975, and recommended a great victory celebration for the 1976 Life and Liberty Campaign. The three conventions involved are to get together for a great rejoicing period for the 1977 Evangelism Conference, which will be held Jan. 24 and 25 at Immanuel Church, Little Rock.

Later the presidents of the three conventions or their appointed representatives met and planned the program which is forthcoming.

Words cannot express my sincere and heartfelt appreciation for the wonderful idea of the committee and the help of all those involved.

The program is rapidly taking shape. Francis W. Dixon from Scotland will be the Bible teacher and will major on devotional messages. Landrum P. Leavell, president of New Orleans Seminary will be one of our main speakers. E. V. Hill, Los Angeles, will be another main speaker.

The committee was composed of some of the finest pastors, evangelists, and directors of missions in our state: Dale Cowling, pastor, Second Church, Little Rock; J. Harold Smith, Windsor,

Ft. Smith; W. O. Vaught Jr., Immanuel, Little Rock; Ed Edmondson, Sunset Lane, Little Rock; J. E. Clark, Central, Bald Knob; Edwin L. Hinkson, Watson Chapel, Pine Bluff; Glen Riggs, Grand Avenue, Hot Springs; Ed Walker, Crystal Valley, North Little Rock; Cliff Palmer, First, Springdale; Evangelist Jack Hazelwood; and Leo Hughes, director of missions, Hope Association. Ex officio members were Wilbur Herring, chairman of the Executive Board, Don Moore, president of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention and pastor of Grand Avenue, Ft. Smith; Charles Ashcraft, Executive secretary; Clarence Shell; Neal Guthrie and Jesse Reed. — Jesse S. Reed, director of Evangelism



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## Association music tournament 1976 winners

### White River Association

Troy Melton, Director of Missions  
Bob Williamson, Director of Music  
**Piano**, Melissa Stroud  
**Organ**, Kathy Olson  
**Vocal solo**, Melissa Stroud  
Kenne Threet  
Lisa Threet  
**Ensembles**, "Chara"  
Junior High Mixed  
7th Grade Girls  
FBC, Mountain Home

### Black River Association

Cecil Guthrie, Director of Missions  
Mrs. Frank Shell, Director of Music  
**Piano**, Pam Turbeyville, David Gullie

### Independence Association

S. D. Hacker, Director of Missions  
J. V. Stephens, Director of Music  
**Piano**, LaWanda Fulbright  
**Vocal solo**, Brook Breeding  
LaWanda Fulbright  
Ricky Bunch

### North Pulaski Association

Mason Bondurant, Moderator  
Dennis Scudder, Director of Music  
**Piano**, Susan Adams  
**Ensembles**, FBC, Jacksonville

### Bartholomew Association

Raymond Reed, Director of Missions  
Mike Kinsey, Director of Music  
**Piano**, Joanne Simmons  
**Song leader**, Eddie Garrison  
**Vocal solo**, Joyce Leavell  
Marque Black

### Washington-Madison Association

Peter Petty, Director of Missions  
Mrs. Adella Gray, Director of Music  
**Piano**, Anita Lawson  
**Organ**, Curt Rogers  
**Vocal solo**, Debbie Farmer  
Cheryl Miller  
**Ensembles**, "Disciples of Song"  
"Children of Light"  
Junior High Girls  
FBC, Springdale

### Tri-County Association

Robert Tucker, Director of Missions  
Ray Edmonson, Director of Music  
**Piano**, Linda Jones

The first and second place winners from each division and category in the associational tournaments may participate in the state tournament. They must be pre-registered with the State Music Office by June 15.

The state tournament will be held at 1:30 p.m. at First Church in Arkadelphia on Tuesday, June 22, 1976. Participants should be registered with his age-division coordinator no later than 1 p.m. on that day.

## Stewardship

# Vacation Bible School mission offering

Southern Baptists have long recognized the high value of teaching opportunities afforded in Vacation Bible School. The opportunities afforded in a two week school are sometimes comparable to almost a year of Sunday School class time.

Included in this opportunity is the daily offering given by the children in their joint worship service. The stewardship teaching inherent in this act of worship is probably greater than that which most Sunday School classes or departments experience throughout the year. During the joint worship service, the children have a combination of a teaching context and a worship service, thus enabling the teachers to present stewardship in its best Scriptural perspective.

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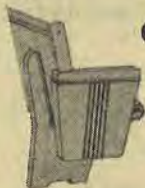
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Tommy Bridges presents Lennie Mobbs, chairman of deacons, Old Austin Baptist Church, a \$1,000 check to be used in rebuilding following the recent tornado at Cabot. Disaster relief funds have also been provided the Centerville Church, Russellville-Dardanelle Association, and the Union Church, Delta Association. The Home Mission Board shares in disaster relief aid through a cooperative agreement.

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**Dr. W. O. Vaught, Jr.**  
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## Information needed

First Baptist Church, Arkadelphia, organized in 1851, is planning a celebration this summer and would like to contact descendants of the original members. So far, we have not been able to locate any records of the descendants of the following:

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Johnny Biggs, Executive Director of Family and Child Care Services, led a conference.



Among the leaders from outside Arkansas were (left) Bill Pinson of Wichita Falls, Tex., and Harold Bergen of the Sunday School Board.



ABOVE: An informal discussion group led by Bill Pinson was among the several workshops and enrichment experiences available to participants.

RIGHT: Another group was led by Harold Bergen who is a consultant in family ministries for Southern Baptists.



## Family enrichment meeting held

Enriching family life, the goal of Southern Baptist's major thrust in the field of family ministry, was highlighted in the recent Arkansas Baptist Family Enrichment Conference held at Little Rock's First Church. The conference included workshops designed to provide church leaders and members with skills in ministering to family needs and enrichment experiences provided every family member an opportunity to enrich his own family relationship role.

Conference leaders included family life specialists Bill Pinson, pastor of First Church, Wichita Falls, Tex.; Harold Bergen, family ministry consultant, Baptist Sunday School Board; Dr. and Mrs. J. Clark Hensley, family life leaders from Mississippi; and James Conard, a marriage and family counselor in Little Rock. Other workshops and enrichment experiences were led by Arkansas Baptist denominational workers and state approved age-group specialists.

The Family Enrichment Conference emphasized that family ministry is for all families. Families suffering from crises will receive help for their needs although the major thrust of family ministry is preventive. Participants were challenged by the direction of Southern Baptist's program of family ministry which will seek to improve family life through marriage enrichment, parent enrichment, ministry to single adults, and ministry to the aging.

Family ministry projects scheduled by Arkansas Baptists include a marriage enrichment retreat in November, 1976, and two marriage enrichment retreats and a retreat for engaged couples in 1977.

## Preaching seminars planned

NASHVILLE — Two "Preaching Seminars," sponsored by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's church administration department, will be held this summer at the Church Program Training Center here.

Scheduled July 5-9 and September 13-17, the seminars will be directed by James C. Barry, pastoral ministries consultant in the board's church administration department.

The seminars are designed to help pastors prepare for effective preaching week after week, says Barry. Participants will be given an opportunity to evaluate their preaching and take concrete steps toward providing a more effective preaching ministry.

A separate conference for ministers' wives will be directed during the July seminar by Walter Bennett, pastoral ministries consultant at the board.

Assisting Barry during the July 5-7 seminar will be Gene Garrison, pastor of First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Clyde Fant, pastor of First Baptist Church, Richardson, Tex., will be guest leader for the September 13-17 seminar. Fant is author of "Preaching for Today."

Persons interested in attending either of the "Preaching Seminars" should send a \$20 registration fee to the Church Program Training Center, 127 Ninth Ave., N., Nashville, Tenn. 37234. Registration fee for the July wives' conference is \$8.

## Architects' meeting at Glorieta

GLORIETA, N.M. — A seminar designed for architects currently working with Southern Baptist churches constructing new church structures will be held May 31-June 3 at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center here.

Termed the Architects' Workshop, the conference is sponsored by the church architecture department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. Theme of the four-day meeting is "Perspective '76: Challenging Horizons."

According to Rowland Crowder, secretary of the church architecture department, the conference will provide an in-depth study of how the architectural profession can help Southern Baptist churches in planning to meet tomorrow's challenges.

Topics of the conference include "The Architectural Perspective: A New Outlook," "The Baptist Perspective: The Baptist Thrust in America," "People-Squeezer or Building-Stretcher," "On the Design Horizon," "Perspective on Design: Expressing the Baptist

Spirit" and "Perspective on Energy: Architecture and Ecology."

Architects interested in attending the Glorieta workshop should contact the Church Architecture Department, Sunday School Board, SBC, 127 Ninth Ave., N., Nashville, Tenn. 37234.

## Richardson named associate

RALEIGH, N.C. (BP) — Charles R. Richardson, assistant editor of the Baptist Standard in Dallas, will accept a similar position with the Biblical Recorder, state news publication for North Carolina Southern Baptists, effective June 15.

Richardson, 40, an 18-year veteran of journalism and public relations, fills a position vacated in Nov. 1973 by Toby Druin, according to Marse Grant, editor of the Biblical Recorder.

A native Texan, Richardson was public information director at Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tex., on two different occasions, 1965-67 and 1968-73. He joined the staff of the Standard, state newspaper for Texas Baptists, in July, 1973.

Other denominational positions have included serving as news director at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., 1961-62, and press representative for the Baptist General Convention of Texas, 1967-68.

Richardson was also an information

specialist in the U.S. Army in Korea and Japan, 1958-60, writing for Army newspapers. That included one year as a unit news editor at Pacific Stars and Stripes.

After that he joined the Abilene Reporter News, where he served as staff writer, religion editor, state editor and then Sunday editor.

Richardson was graduated from Howard Payne College, Brownwood, Tex., in 1958, with a degree in journalism, history and education. He served during college days as a reporter for the Brownwood Bulletin and city editor of the Brown County Gazette, Bangs, Tex.

He also holds a master's degree in history and secondary education from Hardin-Simmons University, and is completing requirements for a master's degree in journalism from East Texas State University, Commerce. He has studied at Golden Gate Seminary and holds a diploma from the Famous Writers School, Westport, Conn.

Richardson has earned accredited status in the Public Relations Society of America and has served as director and officer of a number of religious, civic and professional organizations.

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## The household of faith

May 30, 1976

Romans 14:13 to 15:6  
Galatians 6:1-10

What happens in the home strongly affects every member of the family. What happens in the church affects every true member of this household of God. Both of the scripture selections point up these truths. Paul, in both these epistles, gives helpful suggestions about how the Christian is to conduct himself or herself in the relationships of home and church.



Dr. Goodson

There are seven practical suggestions to the members of the family of God in the focal passage. They are in the form of imperatives, orders or requests, all of which contribute to the spiritual growth of the Christian and of his church family.

### Sharing burdens (Gal. 6:1-5)

Paul calls the Galatians his brothers. They are, therefore, brothers of one another. They are reminded that they have a common Father. Jesus defined his family as "those who do the will of my Father." (Matt. 3:35) Within that relationship there are older, stronger members and there are weaker, younger.

The weaker members may be "overtaken in a fault." (v. 1) When it happens, the trespass is not to be condoned nor severely censured. A trespass is a sin of the moment (1 John 3:4), but it may become the pattern of life. To overreact and lay blame on an already burdened brother may alienate him and drive him away.

The "spiritual" members of the household of faith are those who are sensitive to what happened. They are as concerned as an older child who sees an infant brother or sister fall. They are ready to react, not in criticism, but supportively and understandingly. They are spiritual in the sense that they have, among other things, a spirit of gentleness. So they work to restore as the fishermen restore the nets broken in catching fish (Matt. 4:21), to set on the feet again, to get into the right condition again the weaker one who had fallen and is broken.

They are spiritual in the sense that they enjoy and believe in the security of the believer to the extent that they remember when they had fallen; they consider their own temptations and weakness and know that these have not alienated themselves from a loving Father. Thus, they can empathize with the more recently tempted who have had problems.

They are spiritual also in the sense that they are ready to heed Paul's suggestion that they bear one another's burden. Life does not deal out equal loads for all to carry. When loads are shared, everyone can feel that the weight has been more equitably distributed, and no burden is too heavy when lifted together.

Brothers who share the load are said by Paul to fulfill the law of Christ. This is the same law of love that James calls the royal law. It is a law, not of "thou shalt nots," but a law which generates a desire to pattern acts, ways and lifestyles after the King who even went to a cross because of his great love.

The horrible isolation of those outside the circle of love of family and church is the most pressing problem of our time. Loneliness and helplessness lie in wait. The one-alone may deceive himself into believing that he is not in danger or that isolation is merely uniqueness and his choice. But he may have boasted too much and too late. He becomes the brother in need who needs the helping hand he had spurned. Paul makes a very practical suggestion (v. 4) that each Christian needs to test again and again the pattern of his life to make sure that boasting is justified. In the light of all the help we receive from others, there is no ground for boastfulness.

In only apparent contradiction Paul comes to predict in verse 5 that in the long run, "every man will have to bear his own load." This load is different from the one shared in that each man will bear the responsibility for his own acts. This is the load that he has refused

to share. It may become very heavy.

### Another pattern of sharing (Gal. 6:6)

Another figure that characterizes the church and the family, is in the relationship of the teacher and students. To communicate is to share. There is no way to "learn" a pupil. The teacher learns with the pupil. The one taught enters into the learning process for himself and the teacher.

### The agronomy of the spirit (Gal. 6:7-10)

In addition to the Royal law of Christ, there is another Divine law that parallels the biologic law that like begets like. God's laws are not set aside by mocking or belittling them or Him. There is an inevitable harvest, and it is on the pattern of the seeds of deeds sown.

The life that spends itself in continual effort to take care of the body needs, to the exclusion of all else, is doomed to failure. Fleshly life runs down; without Spirit the flesh dies.

Time is given to us to labor in the field of life to produce a harvest of spiritual life. Spiritual life is, as other "crops" are, qualitative and quantitative. It is both "everlasting" and worth lasting for ever.

The harvest will come. (v. 9) The persistence is well-doing is both cause and effect of the spirit-filled-life. "Doing good to all men" (v. 10) has the effect of strengthening the doer and of meeting the needs. The one factor which may cause the harvest to be a failure is for the laborer to faint or to lose heart. The root idea of the word "faint" is to give in to evil, to yield to the enemy.

The lone Christian despairs when he looks on the world of need and his few resources. Growing numbers of hungry, increasing intensity of natural and man-made disasters, accelerating time tables of communication — all threaten to overwhelm. But in the family concept of church is the answer. I may not be able to meet the needs of the world, but I can begin within the household of faith, and with those needs are being met our combined resources can then reach out to all.

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## One way for all men

May 30, 1976

Galatians 2:9-16; 20-21

In chapter 2 Paul continued to defend his apostleship and his message. He opened this letter with a salutation which clearly pointed out that his apostleship was a gift of God and not a gift of men. He refuted the change of the Judaizers that his apostleship was inferior to the Jerusalem apostles (Gal. 1:17-19) by claiming that he did not go to them to get their approval, but only to get their advice on a grave issue. (Gal. 2:1-5) Now, in the remainder of Galatians 2, Paul teaches that although different people having differing personalities and backgrounds are used by God to reach different segments of society, there is only one way for salvation for all mankind. He verifies his teaching by contrasting mankind's way to salvation and freedom with God's way.



Lineberger

Since the earliest record of humanity's existence in the book of Genesis, mankind has been incurably egotistical and competitive. Adam and Eve were influenced by Satan in the form of a serpent by being told that they could become "as gods." (Gen. 3:4) They evidently had a restless urging to be on top in life as a result of this advice. Had they been satisfied with being human, they would have been unwilling to follow Satan's advice. However, having had a vision of what it would be like to be "the most important" beings alive, Adam and Eve made their attempt to become "as gods."

### Humanity's way — The way of works (Gal. 2:9-16)

The people of Paul's day were still chasing this elusive "godness." They were acting as gods in their attempt to find God and establish a relationship with God as based upon their own merits before Him. They were unwilling to be human and allow God to do something for them through Jesus, they wanted to be more than human and impress God with their amazing merits.

There is only one way to life and liberty in God's plan because there is only one redeemer — Jesus. Jesus said on one occasion that He was "the way" (John 14:6), and that no one could come to God except by way of Jesus.

Their way to freedom and salvation was a way of separation (Gal. 2:11-12) on the basis of racial and religious factors. Peter, while preaching a good news of liberation, was demonstrating by his actions a life of bondage. Although Jesus had declared salvation to "whosoever will," Peter felt that some were more to be preferred than others.

Justification in God's sight is not based upon human merit. The word justification carries with it the idea of being considered as just, right, or innocent. It is translated in many instances in the New Testament as righteousness, carrying with it the idea of being totally right in the eyes of God. If justification was based upon works or merit, then everything a person ever did would have to be right for that person to be accepted by God. Justification by merit would be like a chain — only as strong as the weakest link.

This human way to freedom before God and in life is no freedom at all. It is a life of fear as a person tries to measure up to the merits of those he perceives to be "more religious." Maybe God accepts their "personage" (Gal. 2:6), and if I can just be like them God will accept me. Self-comparison is a faulty standard by which to measure God's grace.

### God's way — Way of faith (Gal. 2:11-21)

In comparison to humanity's way of salvation and freedom, Paul offers God's way. Paul emphasizes in verse 16 that with God there is only one way for all mankind to know life and liberty.

There is only one way to life and liberty in God's plan because there is only one redeemer — Jesus. Jesus said on one occasion that He was "the way" (John 14:6), and that no one could come to God except by way of Jesus.

There is only one way to life and liberty in God's plan because it involves

something that all normal people can have — faith. The word in the Greek text for faith is the word popularly used in the New Testament to signify belief, trust and action or commitment.

Any person who wants to experience the freedom of New Testament salvation must believe that Jesus did all that was necessary to cause humanity to appear right before God, must accept that work for his own life by trusting God, and must prove his belief and trust by responsive commitment to it. Any human merit, racial identity, or religious ceremonies that are added to the sacrifice of Jesus simply indicate a lack of trust in God. Would you deliberately call God inadequate or would you call Him a liar?

There is only one way to life and liberty and it is the way of crucifixion or death. Every other way of trying to reach God or be as a god must be put to death. It must be rejected just as one who hung on a cross had been rejected. There is room for only one God in the human life, and that is God as known personally in Jesus.

In verse 20, Paul drives home the reality that no person has to die "for sin." We all must come to a time of death when the flesh will fall away, but the real me is still alive. This point is discussed more fully in Romans 6, as Paul deals with the subjects of being dead with Christ and being dead to sin.

### Conclusion (Gal. 2:20-21)

Even though Paul discussed two ways that men were using to find life and liberty under God, he concluded that there is only one way. (Gal. 2:16)

This way of God is for all mankind (Gal. 2:11-16) because it is motivated by the love of God for His creation. (Gal. 2:20)

No person is able to make a way to God on his own merits. No person is able to earn his way to God by his own works. The way to God is a gift (Gal. 2:21), and if people refuse that gift of God for freedom and salvation, then that gift becomes empty and meaningless. (Gal. 2:21)

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# Southern Seminary names new faculty

# Attendance report

May 16, 1976

LOUISVILLE (BP) — Naming of a provost, two new deans and five new faculty members were among decisions made by the trustees of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in their April meeting on the Louisville campus.

Roy Lee Honeycutt, Jr., dean of the School of Theology at Southern Seminary since August, 1975, was elected provost. The provost is the seminary's chief academic officer. The Mississippi native also serves as professor of Old Testament interpretation.

Southern Seminary's trustees have named Arthur L. Walker, Jr., professor of religion and philosophy at Samford University, Birmingham, Ala., as dean of student affairs. Walker, who was visiting professor of church history at the seminary last fall, has been on the Samford faculty since 1956, and is former vice-president for administrative affairs there.

O. Norman Shands, who had been serving as acting dean of student affairs, was named chaplain of the seminary by the trustees.

Allen W. Graves, executive director of the seminary's Ministry Training Center, will resume the position of dean in the School of Religious Education, a post he held from 1955-69. Since 1973 Graves has led in the development of the Boyce Bible School at Southern

Seminary, a program of theological education for non-college graduates.

Graves succeeds Ralph C. Atkinson Jr., dean of the school of religious education since 1973, who resigned, effective July 31. He will accept an administrative post at another Baptist institution which will be announced in the near future.

Five new faculty members were elected during the April trustee meeting.

Richard Cunningham, associate professor of systematic theology and philosophy of religion at Golden Gate Baptist Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., was elected associate professor of Christian philosophy with tenure. The Baylor University and Southern Seminary graduate has been on the faculty of the California seminary since 1967.

Walter B. Shurden, occupant of the Chair of Southern Baptist Studies at Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., has been elected associate professor of church history with tenure.

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First	277	238	
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Camden			
Cullendale	547	103	2
First	460	149	1
Cash, First	113	53	
Charleston, First	163	67	
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East Side	289	97	5
Grand Avenue	855	197	1
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Garfield, First	90	35	3
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Glenwood, First	180	105	
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Greenwood, First	316	150	2
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Harrisburg, First	127	63	
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Eagle Heights	313	113	1
Woodland Heights	104	43	
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Calvary	166	70	
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Martindale	116	52	
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Murfreesboro, First	163	60	5
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Calvary	388	105	1
Gravel Ridge	205	65	2
Indian Hills	204	149	
Levy	436	92	5
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Prairie Grove, First	121	45	5
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Kelley Heights	44	21	
Second	133	61	
Sheridan, First	213		4
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Berry Street	97	44	
Caudle Avenue	153	84	
Elmdale	333		3
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Shiloh Memorial	144	68	
Trinity	307	144	1
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# SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION



**BWA VISITORS** — Baptist World Alliance (BWA) President (right) and Mrs. David Y. K. Wong of Hong Kong visit with Porter W. Routh, executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee, in Nashville. Wong, on an American tour, was commencement speaker at Belmont College, a Baptist school here. (BP) Photo

NASHVILLE (BP) — David Y. K. Wong, first Asian and layman to serve as president of the Baptist World Alliance (BWA), will visit the Soviet Union at the invitation of the All Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (AUCECB), he announced here.

The Hong Kong businessman said he and Mrs. Wong will be in Russia July 8-21, where he expects to visit Baptist churches and preach in some of them. It is one of several tours he has taken or plans during his tenure as BWA president, to which he has devoted his full time.

Through his travels, Wong said, he

hopes to make some contribution toward "getting Baptists over the world to develop a deeper relationship, better understanding, fellowship and great cooperation in evangelism." His itinerary has included Asia, South America, North America, and in August, Australia.

A favorite topic during Wong's visit to Nashville was his recent visit to Mainland China.

He reiterated earlier statements that Christians continue to increase in the People's Republic of China despite government regulations that have closed churches and made religion primarily a personal, devotional matter.

"The Chinese people are now better off than before. Even so, they long for something more that will bring them spiritual comfort, hope and strength," said Wong, a structural engineer and architect.

"Yet as we look around the world, this spiritual hunger is not limited to the people of the developing nations alone," continued Wong, a fourth generation Baptist and native of Wuchow, Kwangsi, China, in a commencement address at Belmont College, a Baptist school here.

## BWA President Wong plans Soviet trip

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## Ghana Crusades record 3,600 conversions

ACCRA, Ghana (BP) — Four evangelistic crusades have been completed by Baptists here, with more than 3,600 professions of faith in Jesus Christ, according to reports from Southern Baptist missionaries.

The crusades were a cooperative effort of the Ghana Baptist Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries) and the Ghana Baptist Convention. Two more are scheduled for late 1976 and early 1977.

Each crusade involved extensive preparation and follow-up, according to Dean E. Richardson, Southern Baptist missionary. Each included an advance Witness Involvement Now (WIN) school, organized visitation, and counselor training.

Following the city-wide crusades in parks and stadiums, follow-up revivals were held in local churches and all persons who had made decisions were visited.