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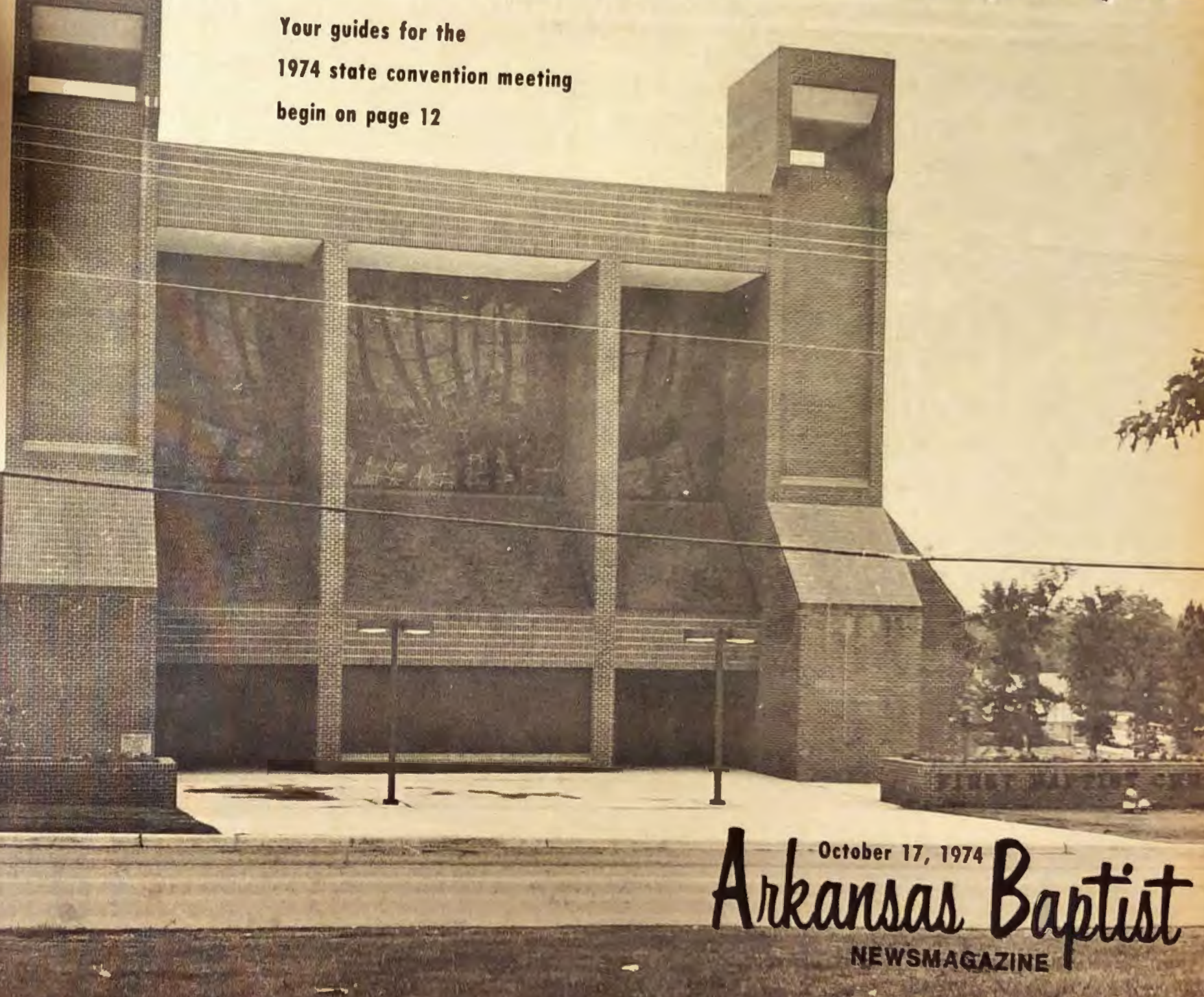
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October 17, 1974  
**Arkansas Baptist**  
NEWSMAGAZINE





## I must say it

Charles H. Ashcraft/Executive Secretary

### **Inflation is a moral issue**

Arkansas Baptists, black and white, will exert more strength, pray more fervently, witness more effectively and invest more resources in 1976, the Bicentennial of our nation, than any other year in the history of Baptists.

They will do this, not as a flambouyant celebration of the nation's 200th birthday but as an evangelism thrust to bring Christ to Arkansas and America.

This will be different from anything in the past as it will face head-on the issues and attack them with the full force of their 1,200 churches and 380,000 members.

The nation needs a spiritual rebirth because the cancers destroying it are basically spiritual and moral. Abortion, racism, corruption, crime, drugs, alcoholism, and inflation are moral problems. Only moral solutions can solve these problems.

Moral solutions come from the spiritual powers inherent within the body of Christ, the church. Economists, politicians, labor unions, lobby groups, power structures or even the Federal Government cannot find solutions for spiritual and moral problems without the strength and enlightenment of Almighty God and his church.

The attack is on, shall we begin with inflation? Inflation is hardly more than the personification of greed whether by an individual or a nation. Greed is a sin. Sins can only be handled by God. So we are back again to the bedrock fact that America needs a revival if it hopes to solve the problems threatening its destruction.

When every American wants a fast dollar, would exploit his neighbor, engages in schemes which make the rich to be richer and the poor to become poorer, and wishes everyone else to curb inflation except himself, there is no solution apart from a spiritual rebirth.

Inflation exists in the climate of the covetousness which in itself is idolatry. (Col. 3:5) Inflation is but the greed of the masses finding its expression in the mutual exploitation of the nation's citizens by the nation's citizens.

Pastors all across Arkansas will be calling attention to this malady of inflation and will be preaching the message, "Search your souls every day. If greed, covetousness and sins contributing to idolatry are found, pray the blood of Christ to blot it clean, and let's get on with the attack on other equally destructive forces in America."

Inflation will never cease until brother loves brother enough to first live together as brothers and each to seek the highest good of the other. Moral and spiritual problems require moral and spiritual solutions.

*I must say it!*

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J. Everett Sneed

## Prayer is essential

There is, perhaps, today the greatest dearth in prayer ever known. Yet, almost every Christian would say that it is essential to spiritual insight and maturity. The truth is that apart from real communion with God the Christian community is powerless.

There are several reasons for this lack of prayer. Obviously, there are many Christians who are not dedicated enough to spend time alone with God. Nevertheless, people do find time to do the things for which they have an inner desire.

There are several contemporary concepts which interfere with dedication. A growing materialism has had a tendency to turn people away from the more important and lasting things of God.

Some have, also, allowed doubts to emerge because of suffering. They feel that because the suffering remains, their prayers have gone unanswered.

Much of the problem lies in a misunderstanding of prayer. Our English word "prayer" is derived from a Latin word meaning to request or entreat. While asking is a definite part of prayer in the New Testament, prayer is a much richer, fuller, and more meaningful experience.

Prayer, most simply, is communication with God. There are a multiplicity of Greek words which are translated as prayer. These carry ideas as diverse as adoration, thanksgiving, confession, commitment, petition, and intercession. Thus, prayer should cover every aspect of life and not just our desires for an

improved station in life.

One vital aspect of prayer is for us to allow God to develop in us right attitudes so that we can meet life's situations. Problems disappear or diminish when we interpret them aright. It is only through God's help that we can have proper patience, understanding, love, and commitment.

The Lord's Prayer (Matt. 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4), provides the most concise example of the purpose and scope of prayer ever given. A large number of the elements appear in it. It begins with adoration for God—"Our Father...Hallowed be thy name." The order is important for it is only when God has supreme place in our life that we can correctly turn to our own needs and desires.

Jesus taught his followers "Thy will be done...." We, who are a part of the kingdom of God are to obey and to be submissive to God's will in every area.

Jesus, also, instructed us that we were to pray for the necessities of life.—daily bread. (Matt. 6:11), forgiveness, both human and divine, and the ordeal of temptation. He ended by presenting the defense against temptation "for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever." (Matt. 6:13) That is, Jesus is a living presence. He is inseparable from a child of God. Thus, we have a strong defense against temptation, trials, and disappointments as we rely upon his power.

Let us never forget that prayer is the greatest strength for every Christian. As we use it, the victory is already ours.

### Guest editorial

## On being involved

Much has been said and written about the Church and Christians becoming more involved.

Isn't it true that many of us need to rearrange our involvements? For example, a desperate man described how he had lost the respect and love of his family because he had been so involved with other people while ignoring his own family.

"Do you think a Church member should have more than one job?" is a prevalent question. The answer depends upon several factors. It is true, however, that some people are too involved in church work for their own welfare and maybe for the Church's good. Most Churches have a sufficient number of people to keep it from being necessary for a few people to have all the jobs in the church.

Few would question the fact that Christians should show greater concern for people who have problems. Yet, we may become overly involved in the problems and affairs of others. Unfortunately, there are those who spend a large amount of their time involved in the troubles of others. We easily become too involved in this sort of thing. Why do we get so involved in such things? A careful scrutiny of our motives may reveal to

us some things that would cause us to become less involved.

Multitudes of people become overly involved because they cannot otherwise. Some of us can't say "no" when we should for our sake and the sake of all concerned. Over involvement can be as big a curse as a lack of involvement.

Christians should be involved in world affairs to the extent of being aware of crucial matters affecting our nation, state and communities. Furthermore, we ought to be willing to work for and vote according to our convictions. Such important things call for our involvement more than trivial and incidental things which ordinarily claim our attention.

The next time someone says, "we ought to get more involved," ask them what they mean.

Involvement per se is not enough. Many criminals are involved. Hitler was involved when he led Germany down the road to disaster. Both religious and political leaders were involved when they crucified Jesus.

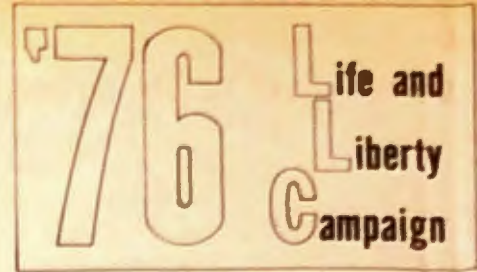
Obviously, we need to be more specific about what we mean when we challenge people to get involved.—Editor Hudson Baggett in the "Alabama Baptist"





## One layman's opinion

Daniel R. Grant / President, OBU



### The theology of adversity

by Ben Elrod, guest columnist

When my boss, Dr Grant, asked me to write his article for this issue of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine, my first thought was one of revenge—revenge for all those rough times he has given me in this space on such subjects as copperhead snakebites and other assorted matters I thought of writing about his habit of licking his fingers after he squeezes the lemon in his tea, or about the marked similarity of his driving to that of the Biblical Jehu. But, as he would say, "I decided not to write about that."

Some of my friends have had too many troubles lately for me to be very lighthearted. The entire question of pain, sorrow, and heartache has been brought home to my consciousness once again, and there has been that recurring question, why?

Sometimes a fisherman can teach one more theology than can a theologian. My good friend, Cotton Cordell, bait manufacturer, deacon in Second Church, Hot Springs, and a powerfully good fisherman, is such a man. I have heard him say on several occasions, "I've never caught a really big fish without having on

a rain jacket." He was saying, in his unique way, that the best things happen to the fisherman under the most adverse conditions.

Somehow his statement has come to me numerous times lately when I have seen some dear friends hurt deeply in the struggle of life. I have seen them suddenly outgrow all of us around them in strength and steadfast character. I have seen new depths of grace and wisdom develop in them, and I have been amazed. One would almost conclude that we grow spiritually at a much faster rate in adversity than at any other time. Don't misunderstand and feel that I am asking for a larger dose of adversity for anyone. Most of us probably feel that we have about all we need. But when it comes, in large or small portions to me or to those whom I know and about whom I am concerned, I can't help thinking that my friend, Cotton Cordell, the fisherman, is also a fairly good theologian.

Ben M. Elrod is Vice President for Development, Ouachita Baptist University.

by R. Wilbur Herring



Dr. Herring

Last week I told you how much a prayer program would do for your own church and promised to share with you the program of prayer that our church has adopted and placed into practice. Because of the shortness of space

we will have to continue the prayer program through next week's issue.

#### A. Pastor

1. Give the morning hours to prayer, meditation and study of the Word of God.

2. Teach our people about prayer and the importance of prayer.

3. Promote prayer in the church, in the home, in the schools and in business.

4. Lead the people to become intercessors in prayer.

5. Hold tenaciously to the conviction that the mid-week prayer service should be given the prime time and full time for the purpose of teaching our people to pray.

6. Give the importance to prayer in all worship services, and all meetings of the church agencies, departments or committees.

7. Encourage all of our leaders to lead out in the importance of prayer by example and teaching.

#### B. Staff

1. Conduct a prayer service each morning at 8:30.

2. Maintain a staff prayer list of people and projects needing our daily prayers.

3. Schedule staff prayer retreats.

4. Have special called prayer meetings for emergency situations.

#### C. Deacons

1. Open every meeting with prayer while kneeling.

2. Encourage the chairman to call the deacons to prayer during any meeting of the fellowship when there is a major difference of opinion on any matter.

3. Insist that all deacons meet the Pastor in his office for prayer before each worship service.

4. Conduct special deacon prayer meetings and prayer retreats.

(Continued next week)

### Letters to the editor

#### Americans in Germany need a pastor

The Temple Baptist Church of Stuttgart, West Germany, an English Language church serving a congregation of American Armed Forces and Civilian personnel, will call a pastor to arrive in Germany as soon as possible to serve for three years. We are a member of the Southern Baptist Convention and the European Baptist Convention. Is this your call? Write to our pulpit committee: CPT John W. Cummings, Corresponding Secretary, C. Pharmacy Svc., 5th General Hospital, APO New York, 09154—John W. Cummings, Corresponding Secretary, Pulpit Committee.

#### Thanks for motor home

With deep gratitude I express my appreciation to the wonderful people of

Arkansas for the new Motor Home. This Motor Home is dedicated to evangelism in reaching the lost for Christ and strengthening the saved.

The dream of Brother Jesse Reed became a reality due to the support of Dr. Charles Ashcraft and the vote of the Executive Board to purchase this Motor Home.

I have had the privilege of serving Arkansas Baptists for the past five years as an associate in the Evangelism Department. My responsibility as State Evangelist means that I am away from my home much of the time. Now, with the new Motor Home, Virginia and I can move our home to the church field for a week of revival or Lay Evangelism School. Together we want to say, "Thank you" for all who had a part and all who will have a part in making this Evangelism Home on Wheels a reality. This will be used for the glory of God and the salvation of lost souls. — Your State Evangelist, Clarence Shell Jr.



# Lord and high priest

by Ralph W. Davis  
(16th in a series)



Davis

The personal name for God in the Old Testament is Yahweh, translated Jehovah or Lord. The Hebrew Yahweh is rendered Kurios in the Septuagint (Old Testament translated into Greek), meaning Lord. "For the Greek-speaking Christians, familiar with the Greek Old Testament, the employment of 'Lord' as a title for Jesus carried with it the recognition of his divinity." (Stagg, *New Testament Theology*, p. 65) This title for Jesus is found in all the New Testament books except Titus and the letters of John.

Jesus is Lord. Unless he is Lord, he is not Saviour. When he saves a person he has moral mastery of that person's life. Jesus claims to be Lord and demands the lives of men. He says, "Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself and

take up his cross and follow me." (Mark 8:34) One must be converted and become as a little child (Matt. 18:3), and one must take his yoke and learn of him (Matt. 11:29) if he is to enter the kingdom of heaven. "These claims would be preposterous on the part of any man, however great a man, unless he were more than man. He demands that men put him first, ahead of family, friends, worldly prosperity or life itself." (Conner, *A System of Christian Doctrine*, p. 144) By faith we accept him as our Lord. The act of faith is an act in which we trust him as Saviour and at the same time submit to him as Lord. To be saved a person accepts Christ as Saviour and Lord. It is necessary to accept him as Lord in principle. Then the Christian grows in grace. That surrender to Christ as Lord remakes the person.

Jesus is High Priest. The function of a high priest is to represent man before God. Hebrews 2:17 ascribes this function to Jesus. "Wherefore in all things it behooved him to be made like unto his

brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people." Hebrews 5:1 shows that he was a high priest after the order of Melchisedec, and 6:19 explains that he takes us into the very presence of God, "within the veil." As a high priest after the order of Melchisedec instead of Levi or Aaron, he is more than a "Jewish" high priest. His priesthood has no beginning and no end. He abides a priest continually (Heb. 7:3). In Hebrews 9:11 we see that Christ is High Priest, tabernacle, and sacrifice, and the sacrifice he offers in his own blood. Because of what Jesus is and has done, we can "therefore come boldly (not irreverently) unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." (Heb. 4:16)

Next week: "Who Is the Holy Spirit?" will be the first of six articles on the Holy Spirit.

## Ouachita yearbook gets high rating

ARKADELPHIA—The 1974 *Ouachitonian*, the official yearbook of Ouachita University, recently received the Medalist certificate from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association.

The *Ouachitonian* was ranked in the top 10 per cent of "Class A" yearbooks to win the highest association honor in the 40th annual Yearbook Critique Contest conducted at Columbia University in New York City.

Earlier, the yearbook received an "A" rating from the National Scholastic Yearbook Association at Texas Tech in Lubbock.

Mike Goodwin, a sophomore journalism major from Little Rock, was chief editor of the 1974 *Ouachitonian*. Ray Trantham, a junior journalism major from Hot Springs, served as assistant editor and Rhonda Barnard, a junior speech major from Springhill, La., acted as associate editor. William D. Downs Jr., was faculty adviser.

## Arkansans contribute to church literature

NASHVILLE—Four persons from Arkansas are writers for fall quarter church literature published by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

The writers, and the periodicals to which they contributed, are Van H. Evans, minister of education, administration, and music, First Church, El Dorado, "Search;" Don B. Harbuck, pastor, First Church, El Dorado, "Search;" Wanda Pearce, Hot Springs, "Baptist Youth," and Twyla Wright, Batesville, "Care" and "Care for Leaders."



## Woman's viewpoint

Iris O'Neal Bowen

### On crossing the median

Freeways can be pretty awesome and awful sometimes, and it doesn't render dividends to get your mind on something else while you are taking advantage of this accommodation.

A lady I know told me of an experience she had a while back. She had started across town to visit with relatives a few miles out. As she skimmed along, carrying on a running conversation with herself, she got so interested she missed her exit and found herself headed down the long, wrong highway.

Thinking she would soon find an exit or cross-over she drove on, but neither presented itself. Finally, she decided the only way she was going to get back to her destination was to cross the median and head back toward town. Immediately, a sign popped up: "DO NOT CROSS MEDIAN!"

Meekly, she drove on, but in the end, she made her decision. Cruising till she saw no cars coming, she finally got in the inside lane and pulled onto the median.

By then, of course, a car had reached her and the driver gave her a good blast

on his horn. That didn't help, since she was already upset. But she did get across in good shape and arrived soon enough, no one ever suspected what she had done.

You know I'm not for breaking laws or taking chances, but there are times when it is necessary to cross the median.

For, Dear Readers, there are occasions when we, through thoughtlessness, or temptations, have found ourselves headed in the wrong direction. And the only way to get going in the correct direction is to cross the median, defy the horn-blowers and turn completely around!

Actually, this is what we did when we became Christians.

Weren't we going down the wrong road, and didn't we need to make an about face?

At the same time, wasn't traffic heavy the way we were going, and weren't there some horn-blowers to discourage us?

But aren't you glad you crossed that median?





ABOVE LEFT A banner portrayed the convention's theme, "Sharing His Love."

ABOVE Students gathered for a session at First Church, Arkadelphia.

LEFT Stan Nelson, staffer at the Foreign Mission Board, was a featured speaker.

BELOW Host pastor for the convention was Nathan Porter, of First Church



## BSU convention breaks records

The 1974 Baptist Student Convention broke two records: total attendance and number of schools represented.

The BSU Convention, meeting at First Church at Arkadelphia, attracted more than 700 students from 26 campuses in the state. For the first time Southwest Tech at Camden, Phillips County Community College at Helena, Harding College at Searcy, North Arkansas Community College at Harrison, Garland County Community College at Hot Springs, John Brown University at Siloam Springs, and East Arkansas Community College at Forrest City were represented.

Doug Manning of Hereford, Tex.; Stan Nelson of the Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Va.; and David George of Stuttgart were principal speakers. Russell Vicars of Little Rock led the convention music.

The students heard reports of their summer missionaries and adopted a \$13,000 budget for 1975.

Rusty Jones of University of Arkansas, state president, presided at most sessions, with Lawrence Dennis of Arkansas College presiding at the Saturday night session.



# Ministry breaks down language, culture barriers

## For Spanish-speaking Christians

by Betty Kennedy

In many places in the United States, a Spanish-speaking Christian has only one option for worship — join an English-speaking congregation, where the language barrier and cultural differences could be a problem that looms large. One answer may be the ministry of a group in Little Rock.

This summer, an interdenominational, interracial group of Spanish-speaking Christians began holding Sunday morning worship services in the education building of Lakeshore Drive Church, Little Rock. They conduct services, and their Bible study, held Friday nights in homes, in Spanish.

The group is bound together by culture and a need to adapt to the language and ways of the land where they now live, explains Donoso Escobar, an ordained Baptist minister from Nicaragua, who is pastor for the group. "The group was formed to present to people what the Lord can do for them, in their own language," he says, but helping them in the language and culture transition is also a goal. As members of the group become better at speaking English and accept Southern Baptist beliefs, they may choose to be baptized into Lakeshore Drive Church, but may remain active in the Spanish-speaking group.

The most immediate task of the two groups of Christians will be to cooperate in language teaching. Tutors are being sought among the English-speaking members to aid the Spanish-speaking members, and some of the English-speaking ones want to learn Spanish. At present, children from the Spanish group are taught English while the adults hold

Sunday Services. Or, in some cases, Spanish is taught since one parent is an American.

The group of Spanish-speaking Christians began two years ago when Escobar, his wife, Geanine, and a Methodist couple from Chile began meeting together once a week for prayer and Bible study. Soon, another Spanish-speaking couple joined them. As the group grew, facilities became available at a church (not Southern Baptist), and they began meeting there.

Earlier this year the group began seeking another place to meet so that they could be more autonomous. Escobar's contact with Arkansas Baptists and Lakeshore Drive Church came through Mrs. Charles Ashcraft, the wife of the Executive Secretary of the state convention. Mrs. Ashcraft tutors one of the group of worshippers, and another member is a personal friend of the Ashcrafts. Both the Ashcrafts took an interest in the group and Dr. Ashcraft assisted Escobar in finding a church meeting their needs.

Lakeshore Drive pastor, Jerry Wilcox, relates that Dr. Ashcraft introduced him to Escobar over lunch and then left the two of them to take it from there.

And they did. In a short time the pastor's recommendation had passed through channels and the church was voting to allow the Spanish-speaking group to use the church's facilities concurrently with their own Sunday morning service, and promising to offer financial aid if it is necessary. Although the group has been afforded mission status, they will remain financially

independent and all functions will be under the direction of Pastor Escobar.

Although this fellowship has existed for only two years, the events leading up to it can be traced all the way back to Nicaragua where an 18-year-old accompanied his preacher father and grew to "hate the ministry." Donoso Escobar never dreamed he would be a minister, but the Lord called him and touched his heart, he says. His surprised father advised him against entering the ministry. Now Escobar is grateful because his father made him think seriously about what he was getting into.

Escobar, 33, has been in the United States six years studying and working. Little Rock was not his original destination, but an engineer from North Little Rock who was working in Nicaragua helped change his mind. Escobar has studied seminary and college courses here, all with the added problem of a language lag.

Now Escobar works for the Arkansas Electric Cooperative as liaison with Latin Americans who are getting help from the Americans to develop electric power systems. His son, Roberto, two, is enrolled in day care at Lakeshore Drive Church, where, his father hopes, he will learn English without an accent.

And Escobar is looking to the future for the group of Spanish-speaking Christians, hoping not only that they can offer a place to worship for persons of their language minority, but that they and their English-speaking brothers and sisters in Christ can learn from each other.



Donoso Escobar (right), pastor of the Spanish-speaking group, and Jerry Wilcox, pastor of Lakeshore Drive Church, are leading their congregations to work together in an unusual ministry. (ABN photo)



Education Director Clyde Snider is not "lion" when he praises the tape ministry.



# Immanuel, Little Rock, develops tape ministry

Immanuel Church, Little Rock, began taping the messages of W.O. Vaught six years ago for broadcast. The request for his sermons for individual study were so great that in February of this year the church developed a tape ministry.

For a number of years Dr. Vaught has preached expository messages in which he deals verse by verse with an entire book over a period of time. Yet, each sermon is a complete lesson in itself.

For some time the church has maintained a media center as an extension of the library to store audio-visual equipment, teaching aids, and poster making material. When they started the cassette tape ministry, it was logical to place the tape reproducing equipment in the same area. The ministry has grown so rapidly that the media center must now be moved to another location.

The only advertisement which the church has made, other than word of mouth, and response to mail, was one ad placed in the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* in July. Response has been so great that in the eight months of operation the church has distributed over 2700 tapes.

The endeavor is entirely a grace ministry and is completely dependent upon the offerings of those using the materials. A spokesman for the church said "We believe those who use the tapes realize there is a cost involved in their production and will want to participate in the support of the ministry as the Lord leads them." It is the desire of the church to make the tapes available to anyone regardless of their financial ability.

Currently, the cassette tapes are

known to be used in six states and three foreign countries. "It is very difficult," explained Education Director Clyde Snider who supervises the tape ministry, "to know the extent of the use being made of our tapes since one tape may be used by four or five different people."

Those who reproduce the tapes are volunteers. Originally, they worked only one day a week, but the demands have grown so much that it requires two and one-half or three days a week to meet the requests.

The tape copying equipment has, also, been used to reproduce the Gospel of Mark. These tapes were used by Lucy Ching, a blind Chinese lady who works for the blind welfare center in Hong Kong. Miss Ching teaches Chinese girls to speak English in a state agency. She has been using the tapes as listening and speaking exercises for her class. The Gospel of Mark was recorded by Mrs. Thomas Ladd's Sunday School class.

Mrs. Ladd received a letter from Miss Ching which says in part:

"I was over-joyed to receive the package of six cassette tapes at the middle of June on which you and your ladies' class read the Gospel of Mark...both our blind and seeing friends have expressed that they have received great blessings in listening to the tapes. Chin Ching Wah, a blind woman, has come to know God and was saved. We know that these tapes and your labor of love have been for God's glory...."

Those desiring additional information should write Immanuel Baptist Church Tape Ministry, 1000 Bishop, Little Rock, Ark: 72201.



Mrs. Bob Fitts is one of those who work to reproduce and distribute the tapes.

Miss Lola Mae Whechel (right) gets much of the credit for the development of the tape ministry. As church librarian, it was her dream. She and Mrs. Jerry Williams monitor the taping of another sermon.







Eight hundred and thirty-five people were in attendance at the four Area Evangelism Conferences, like this youth evangelism conference at First Church, Piggott. Over 700 young people and adults who do not regularly attend the Statewide Conference heard messages in song and sermon about bringing people to Jesus. Herbert Hodges was the Bible teacher, Neal Guthrie spoke to the youth and John Finn preached to each group. Ervin Keathley was in charge of the music. -Jesse S. Reed, Director Evangelism.

## Women will hear Philippines missionary



Mrs. Floyd

Mrs. John D. Floyd, Southern Baptist missionary stationed in Manila, Philippines, will speak at the 10 a. m. and 7 p. m. sessions of annual WMU District Meetings Oct 28 - Nov 6. Prior to her husband's appointment in 1971 as

director of Church Growth Development of the Philippines Baptist Mission, Mrs. Floyd served with him in the Iligan City area for six years.

The former Helen Nutt of Mineral Springs, Mrs. Floyd attended Ouachita Baptist College (now University) and Texas Wesleyan College. The Floyds are living in Little Rock during their one-year furlough.

In addition to speaking at morning and evening sessions, Mrs. Floyd will show slides of life in the Philippines during the evening conference period.

Conferences for leaders of age-level missions organizations will be held each afternoon and for a brief period at night sessions. Leaders will be Miss Nancy Cooper, WMU officers; Mrs. Boyd Margason of Mountain Home, Baptist Women and Baptist Young Women officers; Miss Betty Jo Lacy, Acteens leaders; Miss Julia Ketner, Girls in Action leaders; Mrs. Ervin Keathley, Mission Friends leaders. Mrs. George Tharel of Fayetteville will lead a conference for Baptist Women members.

Mrs. Tharel, president of Arkansas Woman's Missionary Union, will preside.

WMU District meetings are scheduled as follows: Oct. 21 (a.m. and p.m.), North Central District, West Baptist Church, Batesville; Oct. 22 (p.m. -23 (a.m.), Northeast District, Walnut St. Church, Jonesboro; Oct. 24 (p.m.) -25 (a.m.), East Central District, First Church, Forrest City.

Oct. 28 (a.m. and p.m.), Southeast District, First Church Monticello; Oct. 29 (p.m.) -30 (a.m.), Southwest District, First Church, Hope; Nov. 1 (a.m.), Central District, Park Hill Church, North Little Rock.

Nov. 4 (a.m. and p.m.) West Central District, First Church, Alma; Nov. 5 (p.m.) -6 (a.m.), Northwest District, First Church, Harrison.



## Middle America and Caribbean

Charles W. Bryan, Area Secretary

Countries: 17  
Population: 72,494,000  
Predominant Religion: Catholicism

Southern Baptist missionaries: 242  
Baptist Churches: 853  
Membership: 82,075

Lottie Moon Offering—	
designated for this area:*	\$870,574.00
Average per church in SBC:	25.11
Average per Southern Baptist:	.07

### Prayer Requests:

1. Pray for the missionaries and Baptists in Honduras and their ministry of relief.
2. Pray there will be a greater response by Southern Baptists to abounding spiritual and physical needs in this area.
3. Pray for the spiritual vitality of Baptists throughout the area.

This is one of seven articles preparatory to the Lottie Moon Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. Weekly the Mission Spotlight will focus on one of the seven areas where your foreign missionaries serve. Statistics are as of Jan. 1, 1974. \*These figures are based upon approximately 63 percent of the total Lottie Moon goal. More will be designated at a later date.



## Weekday early education help offered



Dr. Bridges

the State Sunday School Department and the State Missions Department.

An exciting, informative and challenging program has been planned for those involved in weekday early education. Competent, trained professionals will lead conferences in music, art, physical education and games, as well as interesting presentations on medical and other special needs. You will not want to miss a single session!

There is no registration fee for the conference; however, a banquet will be held on Monday evening in conjunction with the program and the cost of the

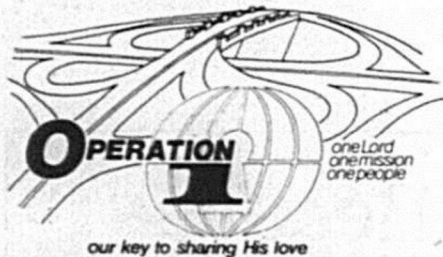
To share the very best of current instruction! This statement succinctly sums up the purpose of the 1974 Weekday Early Education Conference scheduled for Nov. 25-26 at Park Hill Church, North Little Rock. The conference is jointly sponsored by

banquet will be \$2 per person payable in advance. Out-of-town participants will want to make reservations at one of the nearby motels.

Teachers of preschool children in Sunday School and Church Training will also benefit greatly from the conferences being offered. Although the conference is designed especially for those in weekday early education, much useful information will be shared concerning the whole realm of preschool instruction.

It has long been known that the earlier a child becomes exposed to the Christian lifestyle and education, the better person he will become. We are looking forward to an informative and inspirational conference and invite you to participate.

If you would like to obtain additional information concerning the conference, contact either Pat Ratton, State Sunday School Dept., or Dr. Tommie Bridges, State Missions Dept. A printed program of the conference will be available in the near future and will be printed in the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine. Tommie Bridges, Director, Special Missions Ministries



### THE LINK TO ALL ROADS!

"Dear Christian Friends,

"We are well into the new year, which promises us opportunities and challenges. Close your mind's eye and travel with us along two roads.

"Driving down the dense path we see evidence of village growth; on both sides are clearings with poles framing the small housing area. A few have already put up grass roofs, others have the beginnings of mud walls, still more are only skeleton houses. As we drive up to the church at Namajani, the pastor rings the bell. Women put down their hoes, stop grinding their cassava; men leave their work of lacing poles on the roofs or cutting away thicket, and they begin to arrive.

"In spite of the crying children, coughing babies, and general commotion, lessons are taught and there is real interest. After the full morning session, we visit, talking and listening—first for the plea for dawa (medicine)—infected eyes, scabies, ulcerated sores long overdue for treatment, fever, stomach dysentery. The medicine kit is

very simply equipped with ointments, aspirin, antibiotics, dressings, malaria tablets. This is life to them, when they live so far from aid. With each simple treatment, we go into the ways of cleaning sores, washing their eyes, and basic health habits that are so important.

"We pitch our tent and eat ugali and beans with some of the leaders. There are always problems to discuss and part of the solving is listening. Soon it is dark, the projector is set up and the films begin. Another way to witness, hundreds flock to the event, always preceded with prayer and ended with a message. The night is rather sleepless because of unaccustomed bush sounds and the nearness of the beating drums. As we drive away the next morning we leave a bit of self behind and covenant anew to work together.

"Three times a year we drive down another road. For days before our drive, the home bustles with extra cleaning and energy. We don our best clothes and, leaving a fresh baked cake, pile into the Landrover and head to the Lindi airport. Each minute the plane is late seems like an hour, but the alarm sounds, the firetruck moves out, and the plane lands. The first three off are Mike, Keren, and Clark. Tears of joy flow unashamedly and we all talk at once. There's much to share. Bags of dirty clothes, posters, and torn garments to be mended are loaded and we're off for home.

"As the days quickly pass, our hearts swell with pride as we see how each one has developed and matured. Pangs of

## Fellowship supper is getting closer

Plans for the Annual State-wide Royal Ambassador Fellowship are almost complete. The supper is to be held on Nov. 4, at 6:15 p.m. The place is Fellowship Hall, Immanuel Church, Little Rock.

Missionary speaker will be Sam Turner who serves in Kenya. While on furlough, Turner is serving with the Stewardship-Co-operative Program Department of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

Turner is an interesting, informative, and inspirational speaker. He will challenge and bless those who hear him.

Counselors, pastors, and ministers of education should make reservations now for boys to attend the supper. It will be an added spark to the observance of Royal Ambassador Week and missionary education.

Information and reservation forms for the supper have been mailed to all Royal Ambassador and church leadership. Make reservations now. C. H. Seaton, Director Brotherhood Department

hurt come and go because we were not there to help when they were sick, to watch as they received an award, to cheer them on to victory at ball games. But being together now soothes a bit, even though the month soon comes to an end. The road back to the airport now seems shorter, the plane is early, and all too soon we see their backs silhouetted in the door of the plane. Again we are driving away, sending a bit of us off. Again we praise God for his grace which is sufficient and renew our pledge to serve him more faithfully.

"The two roads we travel are different, but for us both play an important part in our service in Tanzania. We are strengthened by the one link to all roads, our one Lord!"

The David Whitsons know genuine commitment as they serve in a way most of us could never serve—and in Tanzania, a place most of us will never see. Isn't it thrilling to realize that you and I are there with them through our Cooperative Program gifts!

The Whitsons travel many roads; but their strength has come through the one link to all their roads, our one Lord. Operation One reminds us: We have ONE LORD—Jesus Christ; ONE MISSION—taking the gospel to the ends of the earth; and ONE PEOPLE—committed to advance world mission support. Operation One, increased commitment to world missions, is "Our Key to Sharing His Love."—Roy F. Lewis, Secretary of Stewardship-Cooperative Program



# SBC ends fiscal year with \$70.8 million Total Receipts

NASHVILLE (BP) — The Southern Baptist Convention stayed a pace ahead of the nation's inflationary spiral in its 1973-74 fiscal year, which ended Sept. 30, collecting nearly \$70.8 million through its national Cooperative Program unified budget and designated contributions.

That figure represents a 12.51 percent increase over \$62.9 million collected in the 1972-73 fiscal year, according to John H. Williams, director of financial planning and assistant to the treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee.

National Cooperative Program contributions alone amounted to \$38,036,809. That exceeds the SBC's 1973-74 operating and capital needs budget of \$35 million by more than \$3 million.

The Cooperative Program overage, Williams said, has been distributed via a regular formula among 19 national SBC agencies and the convention operating budget (which includes operating expenses of the Executive Committee, the annual SBC meeting and other items.)

Largest beneficiary of the excess giving was the convention's Foreign Mission Board, which received more than \$1.5 million, in addition to its regular Cooperative Program allocation and receipts from the annual Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions.

The SBC Home Mission Board got \$556,040 above the regular Cooperative Program allocations and receipts of the annual Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions.

Six SBC theological seminaries divided more than \$627,000 in excess funds, with three of them topping the \$100,000 figure — Southwestern in Ft. Worth, \$174,920; Southern in Louisville, \$139,693 and New Orleans, \$111,147.

The only other agency receiving more than \$100,000 was the SBC Radio and Television Commission in Ft. Worth, with \$141,212.

"We're tremendously pleased," Williams said, "that Cooperative Program and designated gifts helped offset the inflation spiral and keep the purchasing power of the agencies just ahead of the cost of living percentage."

The \$38 million-plus Cooperative Program figure represents more than \$4.2 million — or 12.43 percent — above \$33.8 million received through fiscal 1972-73.

Cumulative designated gifts through the 1973-74 fiscal year amounted to more than \$32.7 million. That's more than \$3.6 million above designations of some \$29 million received through last fiscal year.

Figures for the month of September, 1974, alone, the final month of the fiscal

year, only showed a minimal increase over September, 1973, Williams said.

More than \$3.4 million in total contributions, Cooperative Program and designated, came in September — amounting to only 1.58 percent above total receipts in September, 1973.

Included in the \$3.4 million is more than \$3 million in Cooperative Program receipts — a 3.58 percent increase over the same month last year — and \$396,850 in designated gifts — some \$449,241, or 11.66 percent, below September, 1973.

## Child Care

### Social work assistant added to Home staff

Susan Moss has been employed as Social Work Assistant at the Children's Home in Monticello effective Sept. 16. Susan is 23 and she grew up near Monticello in Star City, which is still her home. She graduated from Star City High School in 1969 and then attended Ouachita University, where she majored in English and education. She graduated from OBU in 1973. While at OBU, Susan was active in Chi Delta Social Club and was a member of Alpha Chi National Collegiate Players. She was named to Who's Who on American Colleges and Universities.

Miss Moss has a deep interest in working with young people. For the past year she worked as a resident counselor in an innovative three-quarter-way house project which she helped organize with Youth Home, Inc. in Little Rock. She also worked part-time as a secretary for the State Baptist Sunday School Department. She plans to make a career of working with people and is considering eventually getting her graduate training in Social Work.

We are pleased to have Miss Moss on our staff and to have her give her special talents to the children and young people at the Home. We value her dedication and enthusiasm and the contribution she is making to our work.

Not only Miss Moss but all of our staff would appreciate your prayers and support as we minister to families and children in the name of Arkansas Baptists.—Johnny G. Biggs, Executive Director, Arkansas Baptist Family and Child Care Services.

## The bookshelf

Paperbacks received from David C. Cook Publishing Company: *Camp Devotions*, Dick and Yvonne Messner; *Beyond the Exit Door*, Robert J. Vetter; *Tell Me Again, Lord, I Forget*, Ruth H. Calkin; *Teach Me, Please Teach Me*, Dorothy Clark and Jane Dahl; *In Grandma's Attic*, Arleta Richardson.

From Logos: *I'm Glad You Asked That*, Rita Bennett; *Walking and Leaping*, Merlin R.

From Baker: *America, It's Not Too Late*, Batsell B. Baxter; *God's Promise for Today, Successful Parties and How to Give them*, Marjorie Wackerbarth and Lillian Graham; *Games and Parties for All Occasions*, James W. Kemmerer and Eva M. Brickett; *Please Give a Devotion for Church Groups*, Amy Bolding.

From Eerdmans: *The Community of the Spirit*, C. Norman Kraus; *Clergyman's Psychological Handbook*, Clinton W. McLemore.

*The Bible in the Light of Our Redemption*, E. W. Kenyon, Revell; *I've Been Had*, Tank Harrison, Abingdon; *How to be Filled With the Holy Spirit*, Gerald Martin, Jordan Press; *Pray*, Ben Haden, Nelson; *The New Anti-Semitism*, Arnold Forster and Benjamin R. Epstein, McGraw-Hill.

From Convention Press: *All Together: Christian Personality in Focus*, Frank L. Moore; *Acts: Working Together in Christ's Mission*, J. Estill Jones.

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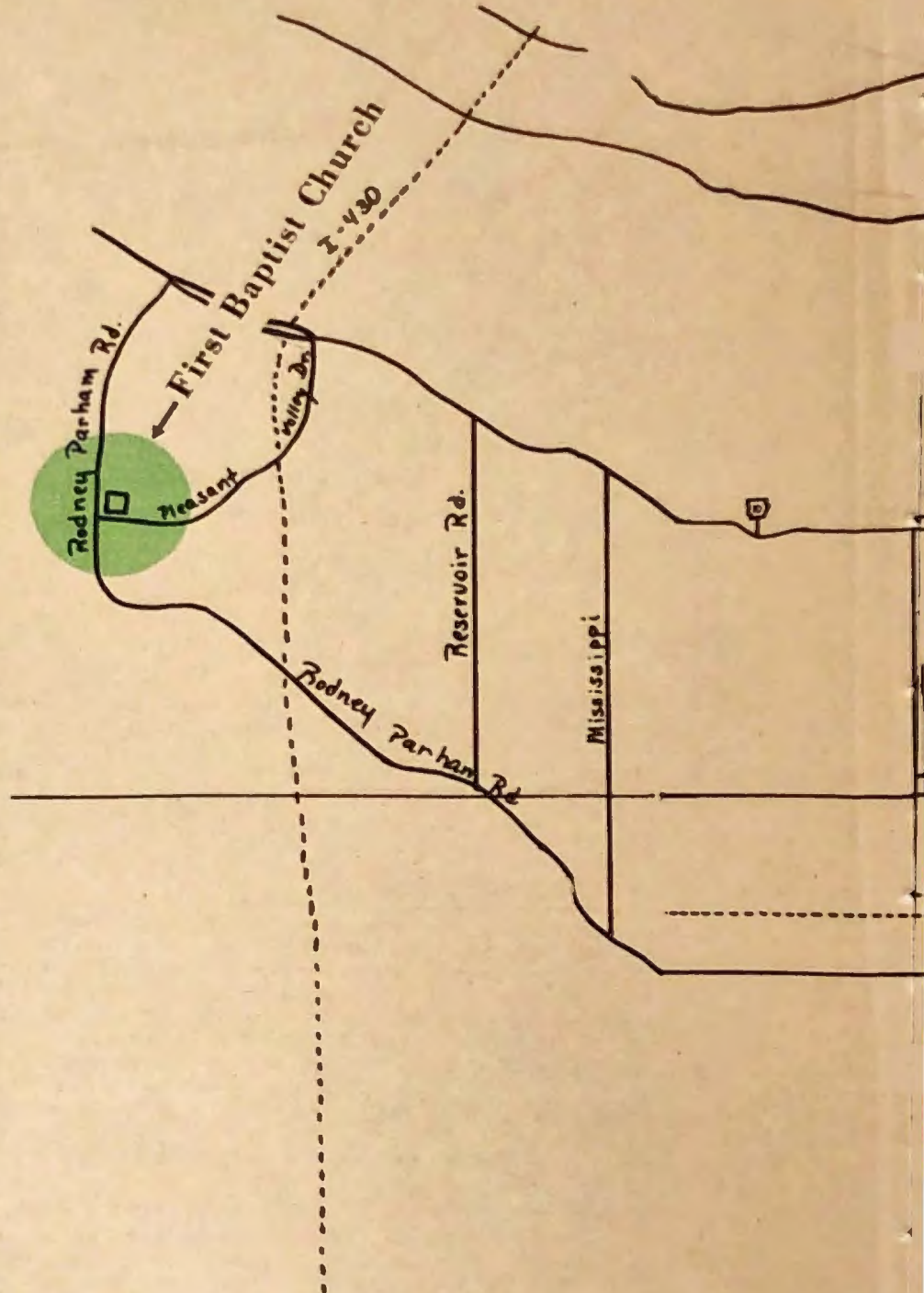
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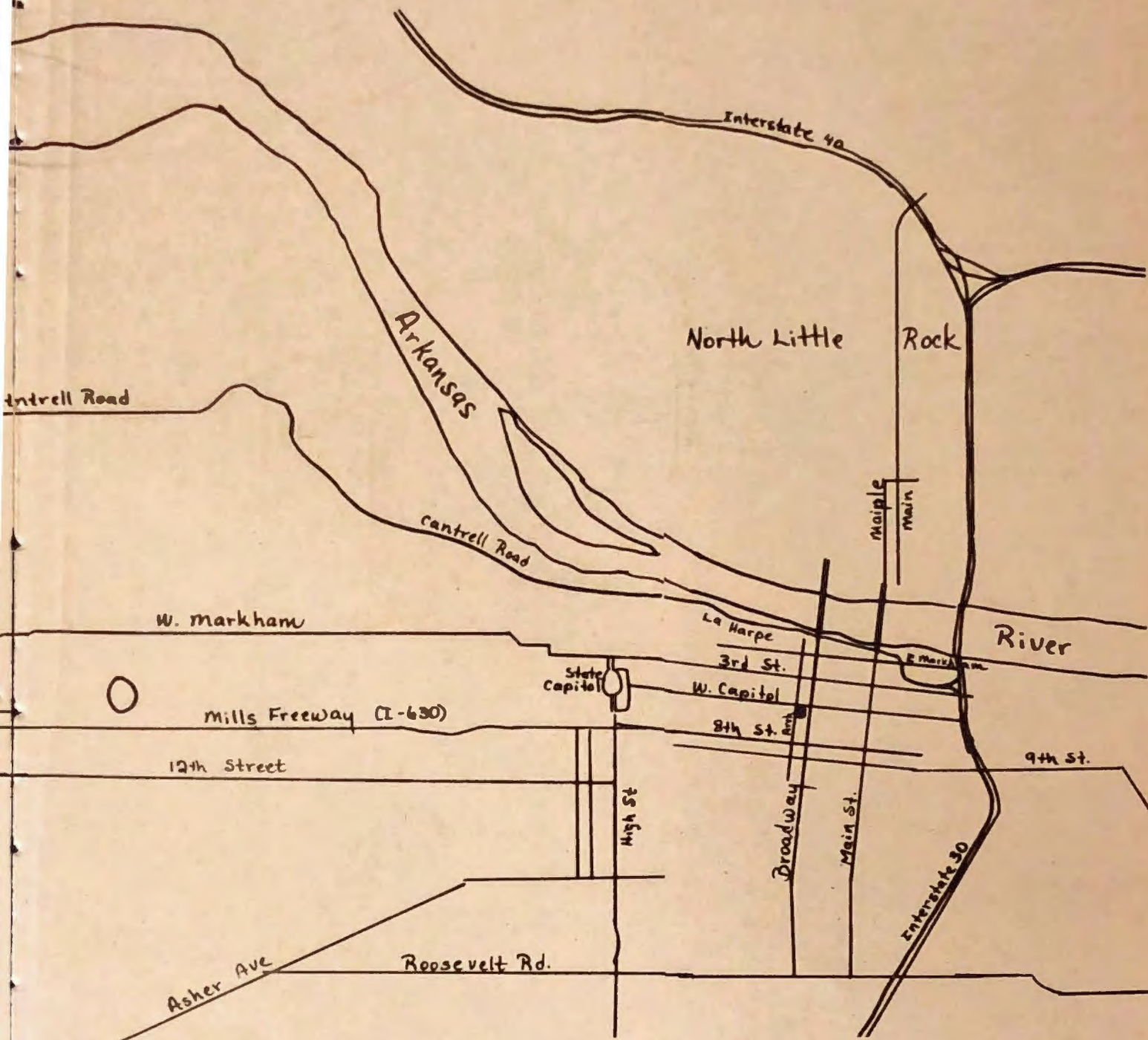




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# Pastors Conference

Arkansas Baptist State Convention

Nov. 18, 1974

First Church  
Little Rock, Ark.

Monday evening

## "Building Super-Aggressive Evangelistic Churches"

6:45 p.m.	Hymn Scripture and prayer Special music	Scott Killingsworth Billy Walker Scott Killingsworth
7:00 p.m.	"Great Things are Happening"	Bill Powell
7:30 p.m.	Message	Jack Scott
8:00 p.m.	Hymn Offering Special music	Scott Killingsworth Scott Killingsworth
8:15 p.m.	Testimony	Carl England
8:45 p.m.	Message	David Stockwell
9:15 p.m.	Benediction	Gene Pritchard

Tuesday morning

## "The Pastor is the Key to Building a Super-Aggressive Evangelistic Church"

9:00 a.m.	Hymn Scripture and prayer Special music	Bob Barnett John Finn Bob Barnett
9:15 a.m.	Message	David Miller
10:15 a.m.	Hymn Offering Special music	Bob Barnett Bob Barnett
10:30 a.m.	Message	David Stockwell
11:00 a.m.	Hymn and special music	Bob Barnett
11:10 a.m.	Message	Bobby Moore
11:45 a.m.	Benediction	K. Alvin Pitt

Tuesday afternoon

## "The Bible is the Message in Building a Super-Aggressive Evangelistic Church"

1:30 p.m.	Hymn Scripture and prayer Special music	Glenn Lewis Russell J. Clearman Glenn Lewis
1:40 p.m.	Message	Bobby Moore
2:10 p.m.	Election of officers Hymn and special	Glenn Lewis
2:20 p.m.	Message	Bill Powell
2:55 p.m.	Hymn and special	Glenn Lewis
3:00 p.m.	Message	Adrian Rogers
3:30 p.m.	Benediction	Glenn Riggs

## Recommended changes for Foundation by-laws

In view of the enlarged opportunities facing the Arkansas Baptist Foundation and to allow for a wider participation of people, the Board of Directors of the Arkansas Baptist Foundation will recommend to the state convention that their By-Laws be amended to provide for 15 members rather than nine members. The wording is as follows:

### ARTICLE I

Membership in the corporation shall consist of fifteen directors; the members of the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention; and, in addition, the accredited messengers to the annual meeting of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, such membership to continue until their successors are elected.

### ARTICLE V

#### Directors-Method of Election and Term of Office

Section 1-Directors: The Board of Directors shall consist of fifteen members. Five directors shall be elected for a three year term by the Arkansas Baptist State Convention during its annual meeting. The Executive Secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention shall be an ex-officio member with full voting privileges. The President of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention and the President of the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention shall be advisor members.

### ARTICLE VI

#### Meetings and Extent of Authority

Section 4-Quorum: A quorum of the Board of Directors shall consist of nine members, and all matters properly coming before them shall be determined by a majority vote of those present.

## 1974 Officers Pastors Conference

President: Garland Morrison

pastor, North Main, Jonesboro

Vice President: Billy Walker

evangelist, Walnut Ridge

Secretary: John Finn,

Superintendent of Missions

Boone-Newton Association



# 1975 Budget

(Executive Board Recommendation to Convention)

# Hotels/Motels

(From page 13)

## I. STATE CAUSES

1. ADMINISTRATION	\$ 43,052	\$ 43,052
2. BUSINESS SERVICES	105,250	105,250
3. DEPARTMENTS		
(1) Annuity-Operating	\$ 13,274	
(2) Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine	44,161	
(3) Baptist Student Union-Operating	210,716	
(a) B.S.U. -Buildings	11,744	
(4) Brotherhood	31,419	
(5) Camp Paron-Operating	20,779	
(a) -Improvements	6,000	
(6) Church Music	33,369	
(7) Church Training	60,002	
(8) Evangelism	68,125	
(9) Missions	138,222	
(10) National Baptists	44,206	
(11) Siloam Springs Assembly-Operating	16,875	
(a) -Improvements	15,007	
(12) Stewardship-Cooperative Program	46,739	
(13) Sunday School	85,110	845,748
4. OTHER SERVICES		
(1) Baptist Building debt	95,000	
(2) Convention	24,400	
(3) Contingency	10,000	
(4) Reserve	20,000	
(5) Retirement Dues	125,000	274,400
5. WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION	97,409	97,409
6. ARKANSAS BAPTIST FAMILY & CHILD CARE	\$118,759	\$118,759
7. ARKANSAS BAPTIST FOUNDATION	50,542	50,542
8. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION		
(1) Ouachita Baptist University	568,409	
(2) Southern Baptist College	108,848	
(3) Ministerial Education Loan Fund	53,433	730,690
		\$2,265,850
II. SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION	1,499,271	1,499,271
		\$3,765,121

## III. ADVANCE

1. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION		
(1) Ouachita Baptist University	227,520	
(2) Southern Baptist College	101,225	
(3) Ministerial Education Loan Fund	27,768	356,513
2. OTHER		
(1) Baptist Student Union	37,138	
(2) New Mission Sites	29,711	
(3) Arkansas Baptist Family and Child Care	44,766	
(4) Assembly Improvements	37,961	
(5) Camp Improvements	12,656	
(6) Baptist Building Improvements	10,181	172,413

GRAND TOTAL

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50th ANNIVERSARY



# Arkansas Baptist State Convention

Theme: "...a people zealous of good works" Titus 2:14

First Church, Little Rock, Ark.

**Tuesday Evening  
Nov. 19, 1974**

	Prelude Music	Choir, First, Little Rock
6:45 p.m.	Call to Order Welcome Fraternal Greetings Acknowledgements	Don Moore John Wright
7:00	Service of Praise (Hymn Medley) Scripture and Prayer	Phil Whitten John Matthews
7:15	<b>ENROLLMENT OF MESSENGERS AND ORGANIZATION</b> Appointment of Committees Committee Chairmen Statements Adoption of Order of Business Announcements	
7:45	<b>RESOLUTIONS AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS</b>	
8:00	<b>COOPERATIVE CONQUEST</b> The Challenge of Tomorrow	Charles Ashcraft
8:35	Hymn Special Music	Phil Whitten Frances Scott
8:40	<b>MESSAGE</b> Benediction	Adrian Rogers Paul Dodd

**Wednesday morning  
Nov. 20, 1974**

Prelude Singing Women

11:00	Miscellaneous Business Arkansas Baptist Foundation Recommendation
11:20	Hymn Special Music
11:30	<b>PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS</b> Benediction

Jim Little  
Ruth Ann Price  
Don Moore  
David Miller

**Wednesday afternoon  
Nov. 20, 1974**

	Prelude	Singing Men
1:50 p.m.	Hymn Prayer	Charles Butler Gene Pritchard
2:00	<b>BIBLE STUDY</b>	J. Sidlow Baxter
2:30	<b>ELECTION OF OFFICERS-continued</b>	
2:40	Miscellaneous Business	
3:00	<b>REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE</b>	Carl Bunch
3:20	Scripture and Prayer Special Music	John Wright Singing Men and Women
3:30	<b>CONVENTION SERMON</b>	C.W. Caldwell
4:00	<b>EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT</b>	Wilbur Herring



Cal Guy



Bill Elliff



Adrian Rogers



8:55 a.m.	Hymn Prayer	Jim Little James Walker		ARKANSAS BAPTIST CAMPUS MINISTRY IN REVIEW Our Leaders Our Boards-Committee Our Faculties Our Students Our OBU-SBC Report
9:00	BIBLE STUDY	J. Sidlow Baxter		
9:30	Memorial Moments	D.W. Stark		
9:40	Welcome to New Arkansans Tribute to Senior Ministers	Charles Ashcraft	8:25	Hymn Special Music Carl Sewald Ensemble, Ouachita Baptist University
9:55	Hymn	Jim Little		
10:00	SBC UPDATE Film Premiere "Rope of Sand"	Albert McClellan	8:35	MESSAGE Benediction Bill Elliff Paul Stockemer
10:45	ELECTION OF OFFICERS Moment of Commitment	Lloyd Cloud		<b>Thursday morning Nov. 21, 1974</b>
	<b>Wednesday night Nov. 20, 1974</b>			
	Pre-Session Concert "The New Creations"			Prelude "8th Street Singers"
			9:00 a.m.	Hymn Prayer Ural Clayton James McDaniel
6:55 p.m.	Hymn Prayer	Carl Sewald James Wilson	9:05	BIBLE STUDY J. Sidlow Baxter
7:00	76 LIFE AND LIBERTY PREVIEW Organizational Structure Introduction of Personnel Preview of Mass Evangelism Plans	Wilbur Herring	9:35	REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE
7:40	Special Music Ensemble, Southern Baptist College		9:50	Miscellaneous Business
			10:15	Hymn Special Music Ural Clayton Mr. & Mrs. Amon Baker
			10:25	"THE WAITING WORLD" Benediction Cal Guy W.O. Vaught

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Secretary-Treasurer-Charles H. Ashcraft, L.R.

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Mrs. Don Johnston  
Lyndon Finney  
Dr. Bill Trantham

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Archie McMillan  
Mrs. Euel Forrest

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Guy, Cal-Southwestern Seminary, Ft.		

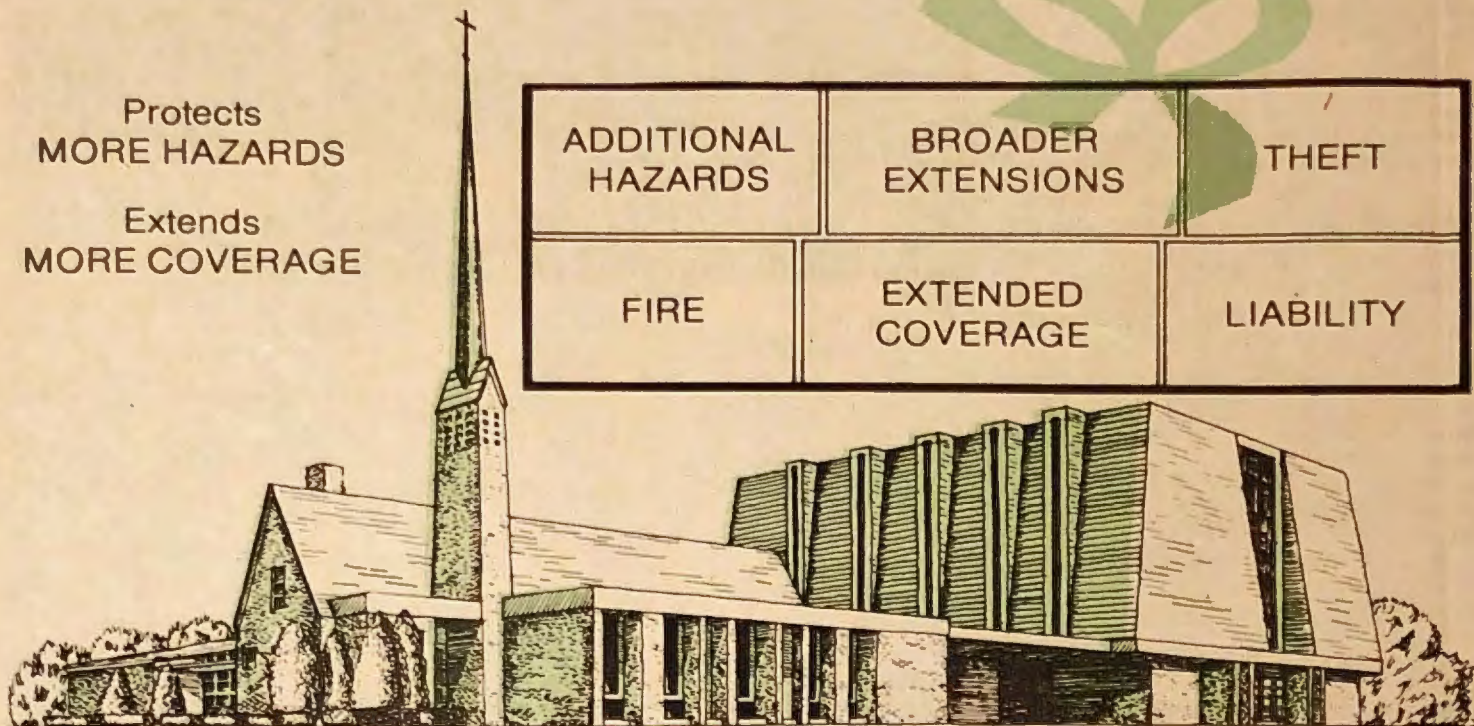


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## Other meetings

### Southwestern alumni



FT. WORTH, Tex. - Dr. Cal Guy, Bottoms professor of missions at Southwestern Seminary's Arkansas alumni association Nov. 20, during the meeting of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

Dr. Guy

The group will meet at 12 noon for lunch at the First Church, Little Rock.

Don Cooper, assistant Sunday School director for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, is president of the seminary's Arkansas alumni association and will preside at the meeting.

### Ministers' wives to meet

The Arkansas Ministers' Wives Association will meet during the Pastors' Conference on Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 19, at the First Church.

Program plans call for a business session to begin at 1:30 p.m. Scheduled for 1:45 is special music by Mrs. Orman Simmons, followed by an address by Mrs. Peter Lord.

Mrs. Lord is the wife of a pastor, and the mother of four children, ages seven to 22.

A fellowship time will be provided.

The wives of staff members, evangelists, and denominational workers are invited to attend.

The officers for 1974 have been: president, Mrs. John Wright; vice-president, Mrs. Don Cooper; secretary, Mrs. Bernes Selph; social chairman, Mrs. Paul Roberts; associate social chairman, Mrs. Charles Atkinson.

### Missionaries to meet

Arkansas superintendents of missions will meet Tuesday, Nov. 19, at 5 p.m. in room three, new Baptist Medical Center. The group will view slides of the spring retreat and elect officers. A tour of the center will be conducted if time permits.

Officers of the group for 1974 are president, James Griffin; vice president, Robert Tucker; and secretary-treasurer, Carl Overton.



50th ANNIVERSARY

## On the cover



The new facilities of First Church, Little Rock, will be the site of meetings of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention for 1974. (See map on pages 12 and 13.)

## Host pastor says welcome to Baptist



Wright

It is with a glad heart we welcome to our church the annual meeting of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. Ours is a hospitable church, and if there is any way we fail in providing for your needs while within our gate it will be an error of the head and not the heart.

Our sanctuary with a seating capacity of 1600 will be adequate. Our W. Dawson King Educational Building, which is only our first education unit is not as spacious as we would like, but we believe will care for our banquet and exhibit needs. As you know, this year we moved from our downtown location to the western section of the city. Our Editor, Dr. Sneed, has provided a map in this edition of the *Arkansas Baptist* that will make it easier for you to find us.

Some of our firends have expressed concern about motels

and restaurants not being located in close proximity to the church. While I have no desire to be defensive, I do want to be helpful and encourage you by speaking to that question. Regardless of the meeting place in the city it would be necessary for messengers to drive their car to and from motels and restaurants. The only difference is that you will drive a few minutes longer. Actually, it requires only five minutes driving time to University Avenue where a number of restaurants are located. From our church it is closer to the cafeterias than from downtown. You will be interested to know that in recent months a number of eating establishments have been opened no more than three or four minutes from the church. While the majority of the motels are in the downtown area, they are only minutes away. I really don't believe you'll find this to be a serious problem. We are just so happy you are coming our way we don't want anything to keep you from having a good time. All that we have will be yours that week. Come and make yourself at home.—John B. Wright, pastor, First Church, Little Rock.



# Arkansas Baptist Religious

## Education Association

Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock

2200 Kavanaugh Blvd.

Tuesday, Nov. 19, 1974

Theme: Share His Love Now...

### Tuesday morning

9:30 Fellowship and registration  
10:00 Singing Praise  
Scripture and prayer  
10:15 Your Youth, Your Church,  
and Education  
10:55 Who's new?  
11:05 Special music  
11:15 A Look to the Future  
Associate Executive Secretary and Director  
of Program Planning  
Baptist Sunday School Board  
11:45 Dismiss  
12:00 Luncheon  
Entertainment

Dennis Scudder  
Pike Avenue, North, Little Rock  
Dwayne Fischer  
Calvary, Little Rock  
College presidents  
John Parker  
Robert Hatzfeld  
Pulaski Heights, Little Rock  
Dr. Albert McClellan  
Associate Executive Secretary and Director  
of Program Planning  
Baptist Sunday School Board  
Pulaski Heights Dining Hall  
Lew and Linda King  
Calvary, Little Rock

### Tuesday afternoon

1:30 Fellowship of singing  
1:40 Business session-election of officers  
1:50 A Singing Witness  
2:00 What Computerization Can Do for Your  
Church

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#### ARTICLE III. Membership:

Section 1. The Convention shall be composed of messengers from regular Baptist churches which are in sympathy with the principles and purposes of this Convention, and which desire to cooperate with the other churches through this Convention.

Section 2. Each cooperating church shall be entitled to three messengers, with one additional messenger for each additional one-hundred members, or major fraction thereof above one-hundred, provided however, that no church shall be entitled to a total of more than ten messengers.

Section 3. The Convention may appoint a committee on credentials at each session which will make recommendations to the Convention with reference to seating messengers from any church not hitherto affiliated with the Convention.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
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Messenger's location during Convention: \_\_\_\_\_

### Elect messengers now

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## God's concern about daily living

Oct. 20, 1974



Robertson

Proverbs 3:5-8, 13-14 15:1-4; 23:19-21

It is relatively easy to fall into the trap of thinking that God is not really concerned about our actions in everyday life. We tend to think that God must only be interested in the intensely, deeply spiritual and not in the more

insignificant matters of our existence. The truth is, however God is vitally concerned with every attitude, every thought, and the most minute action of the routine of life. Because of this if Satan can convince us of God's relative unconcern he has won a tragic victory in our lives. These passages in the book of Proverbs reveal plainly God's concern in every day and every area of life.

### God is concerned that he remain central (3:5-8, 13-14)

Proverbs is an intriguing and different book from most of the other books in the scriptures. One of the purposes of this writing was that the wise teachers were seeking to instruct and inform and discipline the mind and life of their youth while they were young and impressionable. They were seeking to make sure that the youth had firm moral convictions and a steadfast belief in God. In light of this we may have a tendency to feel that such ancient writing for the purpose of instructing youth of another era is not relevant for us. Actually, the opposite is true for this teaching is extremely valuable and timely for us today.

One of the primary concerns of the writer in chapter three is to encourage a God-centered life in which man seeks the wisdom, way, and guidance of God and proceeds to follow it. We are told not to rely on our own insight, but let God guide us and control us in every area of life. We are never to compartmentalize life and yield part of it to Him, rather we are to yield everything to Him, including social life, political life, and home life as well as religious life. All of life is to be under His Lordship and rule. How many times have we gotten ourselves in trouble by trying to do things our way because we thought we knew better than anyone else? The writer of this passage even says the Lord will remove obstacles from our way and keep us from deviating into dangerous places when we depend upon Him, keep Him central, and follow His guidance rather than our own insight.

This passage seems to form a basis for

the other passages involved in this lesson. If we lean upon God and follow Him the practical problems that are later mentioned will cease to be problems.

### God is Concerned That Our Tongue Be Controlled (15:1-4)

Contrary to many of our ideas, God has enormous concern for us in the matter of controlling our tongue. The tongue is one of the most damaging weapons we possess as this passage makes very plain. We are here informed that our speech should be more conciliatory than retaliatory for irritating, harsh, sharp words stir up anger while a soft, soothing answer lessens tension and calms troubled, angered lives. The one who speaks gently and lovingly causes healing to take place, while the one who speaks harshly and cuttingly damages himself, the one to whom he speaks and sometimes makes the situation almost beyond solving.

We may have an occasion called the one who speaks gently and lovingly a coward because he did not stand up and be counted, but there obviously is also a time to soothe the trouble makers and fill the role of peacemaker. There is no calculating how many fractures in the fellowship of churches could have been healed if some godly person had spoken compassionately rather than angrily.

If a person is seeking to live a God-centered life the control of his tongue and right use of it will be very important to him.

### God is concerned as we make moral choices (23:19-21)

Here the writer makes us aware that moral choices must be made in the Christian's life if he is thinking straightly. One of these choices involves alcoholic

beverages. The instruction is not to be among the winebibbers or one who drinks wine to excess. Alcohol destroys lives, families, and influence for Christ and if we are concerned about our testimony for Christ we will choose to reject all alcoholic beverages and never make them a part of our lives.

The moral principle Paul sets down in I Corinthians 8:13 should settle this matter entirely for us. As he discusses with the Corinthians the rightness and wrongness of eating meat that has been sacrificed to idols he feels that he, personally, would not be hurt by it. Yet, if a weaker Christian observes him eating such meat, misunderstands, and stumbles then Paul would be damaging that person. In light of this he concludes that if eating meat will cause his brother to stumble he will eat no more meat that has passed through an idol's temple. By the same token if we do anything that will wound a weaker Christian's conscience and cause him to stumble we should simply avoid doing it. We do not want to be the instrument that causes another to stumble, rather we want to help him to grow in the likeness of Christ.

The writer also makes us aware that absurd eating (gluttony) and abhorrent inactivity (laziness) are not to be a part of the godly, straight-thinking person's life. These are not only distasteful and outside the will of God, they result in poverty which none of us wants.

### Conclusion

Obviously God is concerned with every action of our lives. The question is are we sufficiently concerned? Are we ready to live the God-controlled life?

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## The joy of reconciliation

Oct. 20, 1974

II Corinthians 2:12-17 6:11-7:16

Sometimes it is difficult to be human. We want to be wise as God. We want to see as he sees, understand as he understands. These passages help us see how Paul was able to experience a bit of the divine in the Joy of Reconciliation.

**The hand of providence (II Cor. 2:12-13)**  
Paul had indicated his plan to visit them and how the hand of God had intervened. Here he picks up the account of his trip from Ephesus to Philippi. What started out as trouble ended in triumph. This happens often in the Christian life. Paul came to Troas and could not find Titus, but the Lord used him to preach the Gospel. Wherever the Lord leads us there is always an open door to service. Joseph turned trials into triumph in Egypt and Paul did at Troas. But Paul longed to see Titus and get word from the church at Corinth.

Because Titus was not there, he did not have the heart to preach as he did at other places. Paul had been stoned and left for dead. He had suffered physical opposition from Jews and pagans. He had been arrested and beaten. These things had never silenced Paul, but the feeling that the congregation at Corinth was at odds with him, he could not overcome. He could not preach his best. So he left Troas and made his way to Macedonia.

Only eternity will reveal the battles lost because of hostile feelings in the church. Few encounters with satan from without hurt the testimony of the church, but many are his victories when there is strife within the congregation. It is interesting to note that the devil used a lack of information to defeat Paul. The problem

at Corinth had been solved, and Paul had been vindicated, but the devil was using his lack of knowledge of this fact to draw him of his energies. The devil meant it for bad, but God used it for good in helping Paul share with us the great values of reconciliation.

### The heart of joy (II Cor. 7:2-13)

The arrival of Titus was a source of great comfort to Paul. He admits he was troubled. The arrival of his friend brought him great relief. It was a comfort to see Titus again, but an even greater comfort to hear the good news that Paul's letter had brought results.

Verses 7 and 11 indicate the results: They had an earnest desire to see Paul again; they had mourned over their sin; they had rekindled their love for Paul; and they had repented and dealt with the offender; they were full of concern to obey Paul; they sought to clear themselves with men and God; they showed indignation at sin instead of being puffed up; they feared lest God deal with them; and they were determined to obey God.

Paul had much about which to rejoice. The arrival of Titus and the blessed news that he brought were a comfort to him. He was also grateful for the reception the Corinthian Church had given Titus.

Paul had boasted about the church and now it had been proven true. How thrilled Paul was at the love the Corinthian Church had shown Titus.

To receive Titus so warmly was the same as receiving him. He knew his next contact with them would be an enjoyable one.

Paul had properly defended himself in replying to his critics. He had been assured of the love of the church toward him. There is no wonder he was rejoicing. "How wonderful it is, how pleasant, when brothers live in harmony! For harmony is as precious as the fragrant anointing oil that was poured over Aaron's head, and ran down onto his beard, and onto the border of his robe. Harmony is as refreshing as the dew on Mount Hermon, on the mountains of Israel. And God has pronounced this eternal blessing on Jerusalem, even life forevermore." Psalm 133. *Living Bible*

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Alpena	84	38		Second	205	97	1
Augusta, Grace	94	72	4	West Helena	285	98	
Bentonville			1	Wooster, First	102	91	
First	249						
Mason Valley	98	45					
Berryville							
First	161	67					
Freeman Heights	146	58					
Rock Springs	98	64					
Booneville, First	264	238					
Bryant, First Southern	51	27					
Cabot, Mt. Carmel	297	159	8				
Clinton, Friendship	85	42	2				
Concord, First	90	37					
Conway							
Pleasant Grove	87	55					
Second	332	104	2				
Crossett, Mt. Olive	402						
El Dorado, Trinity	176	86					
Forrest City							
First	677		4				
Second	180	73					
Fl. Smith							
Grand Avenue	851	323	5				
Moffett Mission	15						
Northside	119	69					
Temple	178	79					
Trinity	165	63	7				
Windsor Park	665	228	4				
Garfield	63						
Gentry, First	208	67					
Greenwood, First	266	111					
Hampton, First	152	73	2				
Harrison							
Eagle Heights	344	166	8				
Woodland Heights	101	62	3				
Helena, First	303	97	1				
Hope, Calvary	199	97	1				
Hol Springs							
Leonard Street	86	73					
Grand Avenue	513	244	9				
Park Place	398	109	2				
Hughes, First	191	75					
Jacksonville							
First	398	80	4				
Marshall Road	278	89					
Kingston, First	74	61					
Lavaca, First	504	134	4				
Lexa	174	77	4				
Little Rock							
Cross Roads	191	95	5				
Crystal Hill	171	75					
Geyer Springs	726	238	4				
Life Line	613	170	1				
Martindale	121	54					
Sunset Lane	218	111	4				
Wakefield	120	52	7				
Woodlawn	123	67	1				
Magnolia, Central	557	181					
Meibourne, Belview	132	84					
Monticello							
First	270	86					
Second	295	79					
Murfreesboro, First	138	63					
North Little Rock							
Calvary	434	141					
Gravel Ridge	213	100					
Levy	445	110	2				
Park Hill	744	114					
Paragould							
First	490	124	2				
East Side	204	94					
Paragould							
Calvary	241	190					
East Side	204	94					
First	490	124	2				
Paris, First	410	119	2				
Pine Bluff							
East Side	207	114	4				
First	666	136					
Green Meadows	54	42					
Second	131	63					
South Side	663	150					
Tucker	11	11					
Oppelo	17	13					
Prairie Grove, First	177	80					
Rogers							
First	501	220	2				
Immanuel	432	118	3				
Russellville							
First	297		1				
Second	146	66					
Sheridan, First	259	94	1				
Springdale							
Berry Street	103	53					
Elmdale	346	125	8				
First	1190		9				
Oak Grove	94	42					
Van Buren, First	567	207					
Mission	33						
Vandervoort, First	43	33	4				
Walnut Ridge, White Oak	102	60					

## Reporting attendance

Churches reporting attendance should send on a post card attendance figures, accompanied by church, town, and date of Sunday reported. Cards must reach us by Thursday morning after that Sunday, so they need to be mailed Sunday night or Monday morning. Only reports on postcards with date of Sunday reported will be used. No phone calls, please.



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## A smile or two

The Amherst College graduates in Spain once invited Calvin Coolidge, Class of '95, to send a message of greetings to be read at a big reunion of Amherst men in Madrid To make sure that Mr. Coolidge understood that the boys wanted him to go on as long as he liked, the dinner chairman cabled Coolidge that the group would pay for the cable.

From throughout Europe the alumni gathered. The Coolidge message from Northampton was saved until the last. When the applause at mention of the ex-President's name subsided, the chairman read the cablegram. It was: "Greetings. Calvin Coolidge."—*American Opinion*

Mailmen at a Des Moines post office discovered that one package in a sack of parcel post bundles had broken open. The damaged package contained U.S. Postal Service pamphlets that tell people how to wrap parcels for safe delivery.

A wealthy society girl fell in love with a beggar who was going door to door asking alms.

"Prove you love me," he told her. "Go begging with me for a year."

"I, with -my wealth and social background, go begging!" she said. "All right, I'll do it to prove my love."

After they had begged for a year, he said, "Well, darling, you have proved your love. Let's go home now and live a normal life."

"Good," she agreed, "but let's finish this last row of houses first."—*Leo Aikman, Atlanta Constitution.*

An Army personnel clerk received a document in the ordinary course of business, initialed it, and passed it on to the officer for whom it was intended. It promptly came back with a note reading: "This document did not concern you. Please erase your initials and initial your erasure."—*The Virginia Advocate.*

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AUGUSTA, Ga. (BP)—Thirty-one years ago, Millard Gooding picked up a Gideon Bible at the prison where he was serving time for two service station holdups.

Today, at age 57, he has completed 18 years as the highly respected warden of the Richmond County Correctional Institution near Augusta, Ga.

Gooding is respected not only because he was once an inmate himself, but because he practices the Christianity he professes, observers say.

He is a deacon at the Pine Hill Baptist Church in Augusta and is a men's Sunday School class teacher.

It wasn't always that way.

When he was 18, Gooding was given two prison sentences for two different service station holdups. One sentence was for life, the other 19-20 years.

"Moonshine country," he called it. "That was our chief industry. I made it, I drank it, I sold it."

After serving eight years in prison and twice being denied parole, young Gooding sat down on his bunk to take stock of his life. He realized that his problem lay within himself—not with others.

One night he found a battered, old Gideon Bible, the pages yellowed and so crisp they would crack if bent. For some reason, unknown to him then, he began to read in the Gospel of John.

The next night he did the same, beginning again at the first of that gospel.

By the third night he couldn't wait to get to his cell and "again read God's Word.

"No one had ever spoken to me about Jesus Christ," he said, "and for the first time in my life I was hearing some

wonderful news."

"I lay on my bunk and read that Bible and when I came to the sixth verse of the 14th chapter, 'Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father but by me,' I knew I had found my answer—Christ."

God began moving in his life, Gooding says. He was shortly released from prison and given a job with the institution as a heavy machinery operator. From this he rose through other positions until he was asked to be warden of Richmond County prison in 1956.

These past 18 years have brought to him accolades from inmates and governors alike. His list of awards and citations is long.

This past spring, officials of Richmond County held "Millard Gooding Day." He has twice been head of Georgia Prison Wardens' Association.

He rewrote the rules and regulations affecting the prison system during Gov. Maddox's administration. He is a recognized leader in seeking national standards for prisons.

Noted for his program of rehabilitation Gooding has but one philosophy—now chiseled in marble and placed on his prison's wall by county officials: "If you can get a man's heart right, you can get his head right."

Behind that philosophy is the firm belief that only Jesus Christ can make a

man's heart right, not social or psychological programs.

His institution was the second in Georgia to have a chapel.

Inmates themselves chose a name for the chapel—"Gooding Chapel"—a tribute to their warden.

Commissioner Allen L. Ault of Georgia Department of Corrections-Offender Rehabilitation said the warden's success as a reformer and rehabilitator of prisoners came because "he didn't forget to put God into rehabilitation."

An inmates eyes brightened when asked what he thought of Millard Gooding. A convicted murderer serving life, the man proclaimed the many things Warden Gooding does for inmates.

Through the chapel program a new life opened up for him. "There's been a big change in me since coming here," he said. "I found Jesus. He's in my heart all the time now."

Of all the awards the warden has received, statements like this mean most to him. He has been given the Liberty Bell Award by Augusta Bar Association, an award by the city's Jaycees and many others for his programs and activities.

But like he said, "A man must first find Jesus Christ. Programs are but the lace to add to the gingham of salvation."

Adapted from "The Christian Index," The Georgia Baptist state paper.

## Ex-convict now warden, Baptist laymen in Georgia

by Robert LaFavre

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