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NEWSMAGAZINE



Jerry Clower



H. Franklin Paschall



One layman's opinion

Tennis and male chauvinist pigs



Dr. Grant

Male tennis players have been through some difficult days recently since the defeat of "Male chauvinist pig" Bobby Riggs by Women's Lib leader Billie Jean King in Houston's Astrodome. On the evening of that much publicized television tennis match I was invited to a "male chauvinist pig party" at the home of one of Ouachita's faculty members.

The party seemed doomed to failure from the very beginning. Many of the men who were invited could not come because their wives would not let them out of the house. My wife gave me permission to attend — she must have known by feminine intuition how it was going to turn out. Refreshments had been advertised as pickled pigs' knuckles, and that is what was served, but no one had the nerve — or the stomach — to try this. Finally, the party ended in total disaster when the tennis match was won by Billie Jean King as the result of (1) the miserable playing of Bobby Riggs, (2) the brilliant playing of Billie Jean King, or (3) both, or possibly even (4) a bizarre conspiracy to pave the way for many hundreds of thousands of more dollars in a rematch in Madison Square Garden early in 1974. We may never know what really happened on that dramatic and fateful evening.

I felt a lot like the *Literary Digest* pollster who predicted Alf Landon would defeat Franklin D. Roosevelt for the presidency in 1936, and like Dr. George Gallup who was sure that Thomas E. Dewey would beat Harry Truman in 1948. It is disturbing to remember that, although the Gallup Poll survived, the *Literary Digest* went out of business.

My wife was very Christian about the whole thing, and my secretary showed similar restraint. Only once or twice did they remind me with a smirk that I had assured them there was no possible way for Bobby Riggs to lose to Billie Jean King. I had spoken not as a male chauvinist pig, of course, but as an old-timer tennis player who just happened to be a male.

Frankly, I was as much disturbed by Bobby Riggs' braggadocio showmanship as I was by Billie Jean King's post-victory statement that she could not comment on it until she had "had a beer." Whether Billie Jean drank her beer or not, I was completely ready for Bobby to eat his crow.

Come to think of it, that chicken pot-pie Betty Jo served me for lunch the next day did have a very unusual taste. — Daniel R. Grant, president, Ouachita Baptist University

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Is God the author of suffering?



Editor Sneed

Several years ago a lady declared "I will never go to church again. My husband died in a car wreck. My son, who was a law enforcement officer, was killed in carrying out his duties. Both were active in the church, holding places of significant responsibility. God has been unfair with me."

These sad events in the life of this wife and mother are not really unusual. Such events raise the important question "Is God the author of suffering?"

In answering, one must consider man in his original state of innocence. God had given him the free right of choice. But man transgressed God's law. Because of sin God placed a curse on both man and earth. (Gen. 3:17-19) Hence, sin and suffering came into existence as the result of man's disobedience.

As one studies the Genesis account of creation, man's fall and God's dealing with him, it becomes clear that an occurrence may be either God's decreed will or his permissive will. An example of God's decreed will is the creation of the universe. God purposed it and all of nature responded.

On the other hand, God certainly did not coerce or compel Adam and Eve to sin, but he did permit them to follow their own desires.

Suffering is the result of sin. Sometimes one may suffer as a result of their own sin. On other occasions

a person may know suffering because of the sin of another. One may even suffer due to the disorders of nature herself. Nature, too, was a recipient of the curse. (Gen. 3:19.)

It should be emphasized that suffering is not, necessarily, the result of individual sin. Jesus clearly stated this as his disciples asked "Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? Jesus answered, neither has this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him." (John 19:2-3.)

God, in his benevolence, will take the natural events which occur as a part of his permissive will and develop and strengthen us as Christians.

The most important thing is the way one reacts to the problem which may come into his life. Paul said "... for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." (Phil. 4:11.)

Paul's happiness was not based upon physical circumstance, but upon his relationship with God through the Lord Jesus. The apostle's service to God meant whippings, beating with the rod of iron, shipwreck, stoning and imprisonment. Yet, he was able to be content. These things, of course, were not good within themselves. But the way Paul related to them produced good ends.

The objective of each Christian should be to obtain maturity so as to know victory regardless of circumstances. May God help each of us to find this joy.

The function of a trustee

The office of trustee is quite important to a Baptist church. But the function is sometimes misunderstood. Such was the case a few years ago as an angry man announced during a church business meeting "You can exclude me as a member, but I won't sign the papers to sell the property."

The church had voted with only a few dissenting, to sell their present property and to build a new church plant in another location. Obviously, the trustee had not rightly understood his position.

A trustee may be defined as one who holds property in trust and legally signs for another, in this case, a Baptist congregation. This office is necessary because of the relationship of the church to the state. Legally, a voluntary unincorporated group, such as a Baptist church, can not be sued; hence, they can not hold legal title. The trustees, therefore, are the legal representatives of the congregation.

Even if a church is incorporated, trustees are still

needed to represent the congregation in legal transactions. They sign in behalf of the church in sale of property, purchases, mortgages, rentals of property, etc.

It is important to recognize that the trustee does not function as an individual, but as a representative of the church body. He must function as the majority of the congregation instructs him.

In the case of the trustee mentioned earlier, the congregation simply removed him as a trustee and elected a new one who was willing to abide by the instructions of the majority of the church. If a trustee were to act without authorization of the body he would become personally responsible.

Trustees, like others in positions of service in a church, are important, but subject to the desires of the congregation. In the case of a legal problem a competent attorney should be obtained to provide needed legal counsel.

I must say it!

Pornography — there is no private sin



Dr. Ashcraft

There is no definition of pornography apart from theological considerations. Supreme Court justices and municipal magistrates will never be at peace with themselves, the citizens, or Almighty God until they accept this premise.

Nothing is right or wrong, moral or immoral, except as it is in contrast or resemblance to the standards of a Righteous and Holy God. Pornography literally means

harlot-ography and carries with it obscene, licentious, lewd and carnal connotations.

In generations more religious than ours the tests of materials, literature, paintings, and films were that of (1) redeeming social values; (2) serious literary, artistic, political or scientific values. The pornographic matters were considered as all that was patently offensive, prurient in nature, and usually involved representations and descriptions of ultimate sexual acts, normal or perverted, actual or simulated, along with lewd exhibitions.

Our generation claims there can be no definition of pornography and, therefore, anything must be acceptable. Perhaps this generation really would repeal any law which would jeopardize the life style of

libertines but in the same motion jeopardize the life style of the greater majority of those who would still cling to the concept of righteousness, Godliness and human decency.

Libertinism avows I can do as I wish with my life. I can see what I wish, behave as I wish and as long as I do not harm others, no one should bother me. My private life is my own and what I do in secret is nobody's business but mine.

Homosexuality, wife swapping, drug orgies, inhumane and unnatural sex acts, porno parties, all between consulting parties behind closed doors fall into this general category of personal freedom and uninhibited behaviour claimed by our generation.

In these rising tides of free life styles some things should be said. I propose to say them. Among those things is — There is no private sin. There is no sin but which effects others. There is no sin which is against self only. There is no sin which is against another only. There is no sin which can be disassociated from God. All sins, performed privately or openly have their dark influence upon society as a whole. What people see effects what they do. Pornography is a sin against God and society. (To be continued)

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

Letters to the editor

Eating in the church

In your newsmagazine of Sept. 20th 1973, I noticed an article by John Rutledge titled meat crisis causes menu changes in Texas churches. I was much concerned to learn that so many churches carry on merchandising, some even having a cafeteria, a soft drink and sandwich dispenser, pool tables and other things of a worldly and commercial come on. In John 2:14 thru 16 we find that when Christ went into the temple at Jerusalem he found in the Temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves and the changers of money sitting. And when he had made a scourge of small cords he drove them all out of the temple and the sheep and the oxen; and poured out the changers money and overthrew the tables, and he said unto them that sold doves, "take these things hence, make not my Fathers house an house of merchandise." Pretty strong actions and words is it not?

Now concerning eating in the church we find the following in 1st Corinthians 11:18, For first of all, when you come together in the Church, I hear that there is division among you, and in Verse, 22

we find the following, What? have you not houses to eat and to drink in? or despise ye the church of God.

Here we find where people were gathering together to eat the Lords supper, but instead were bringing their own supper and they were plainly told by the writer not to eat or drink this food in the Church or God. Yet today we find most all churches serving food and drink for money and eating it in the Church house.

Now some will say, our social hall, kitchen or dining room is not in the auditorium, nor sanctuary it is in the basement or in an adjacent room. Well as I see it and I believe as God sees it as long or at any time this merchandising is done anywhere in the Church house or on the Church property that has been dedicated to God we come into condemnation and Pastors and Deacons as well as those members that condone and permit it will have to answer before God.

Beginning Dec. 1, 1973, letters to the editor must be limited to 250 words or less. All letters must be signed, although names will be withheld on request.

Some churches today have fallen to such a low ebb that they are nothing more than a convenient place for people to gather and eat, drink and be merry and when a church membership falls that low they have surrendered the great commission to go preach the Gospel (the good news) to all the world.

According to this scripture I believe if Jesus Christ was to come to most churches in America today he would clean them out because they are buying and selling and he would take an ox-whip and drive them out and tell them the church-house is a house of prayer. I have been a member of First Baptist Church Paragould for 41 years. — Tom J. Crowley, 503 North 9th St., Paragould

Ouachita Club to meet

The first meeting of the 1973-74 year for the Greater Little Rock Ouachita University Club will be held Friday, Oct. 12, at 12:30 p.m. The meeting place will be Immanuel Baptist Church. Reservations may be made by calling Mrs. J. V. McKinney at 753-8162.

Gearing completes 20 years as missionary



Gearing

John Gearing completed 20 years as superintendent of missions of Mississippi County Association on Sept. 1.

The association is the only one in the Southern Baptist Convention which has been 100 percent in Vacation Bible Schools for 19 consecutive years.

During this time the association exceeded its goal in the "Million More in '54" campaign.

The association, under the leadership of Missionary Gearing has built a home and office. The office provides space for the missionary's study, secretary's office, and the housing of equipment. Gearing utilizes high quality printing equipment which enable him to provide assistance directly to the churches as well as to promote associational activities.

Currently the association is in the process of developing an assembly ground. The buildings are now under construction and most of the equipment has been purchased.

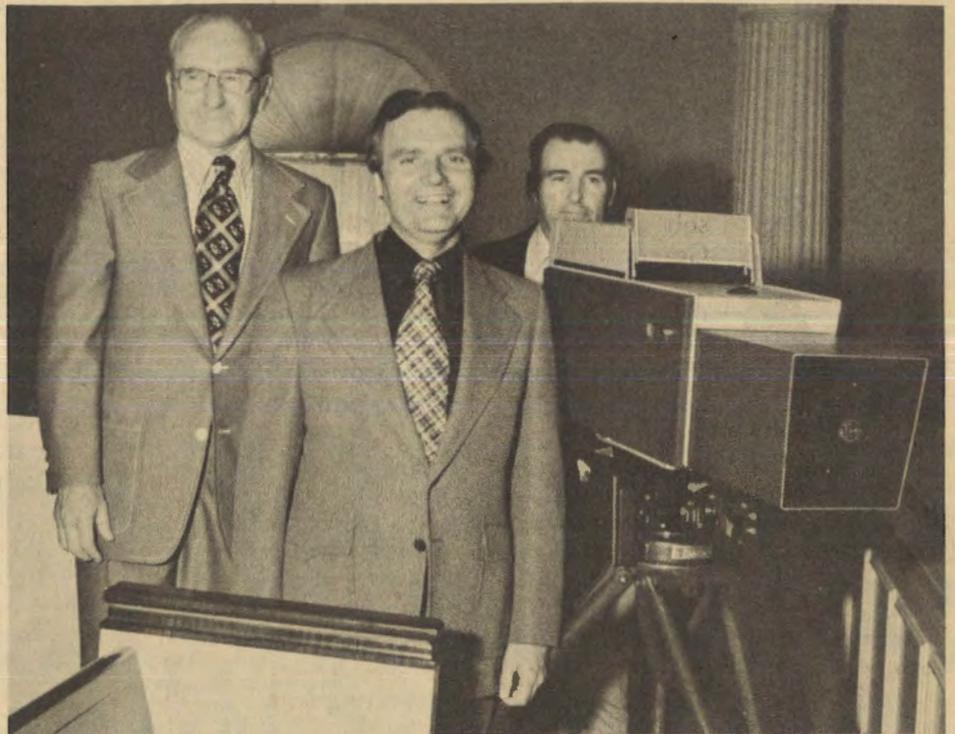
"It is impossible for me to remember all the moments of happiness and joy that my family and I have enjoyed in your churches and in many of your homes. I thank God for leading me to serve as your superintendent of missions," declared Gearing.

News briefs

- Earle Church recently ordained Kinley L. Ray as a deacon. Robert F. Tucker, superintendent of missions for Tri-County Association brought the ordination message. Elected as active deacons were Ben Hodges, Lowell Layton, and Billy Rogers, who were ordained previously.

- The Acteen girls of Elmdale Church, Springdale, were featured in the October issue of *Accent*, a monthly magazine published by the SBC Woman's Missionary Union.

- Buffalo Chapel, Caraway, recently added a new vestibule for the church and installed a new heating and air conditioning unit. Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Tompkins donated a water cooler to the church and also sold an organ to the church.



First Church, Ft. Smith, began broadcasting their Sunday morning service on color television on Aug. 26. The church has been on black and white television for many years. Simultaneous with the broadcast of the service on a local radio station is the telecast on KFSA-TV, Channel 5. The night service is on radio only. Surveying the broadcast setup are Weldon Martindale, Pastor W. L. Bennett, and Dick Cousins. Dr. Bennett feels that the colorcast has provided the church with many new opportunities to confront people with the gospel. (Photo by T. P. Davis Studio, Ft. Smith)

Woman's viewpoint Count again the stars

By Iris O'Neal Bowen

When I was young and counted stars,
I could not comprehend
their quantity nor distance.
The night-blue sky sang couplets to my name
and each star asked an answer . . . Could I send,
far reaching on their rays,
the thoughts I could not spell?
Yes, following their call, I found the start
Of knowledge loaned to little ones.

I did not know my path, starting some eons ago,
when God's great finger wrote the words:
"Here at this place shall begin
a never-ending path," I did not know
my path would wind only a little way
through verdant lands, along the troubled streams,
down highways built by busy men . . .

I did not know the shortness of this walking span,
but when men say "Infinity,"
I count again the stars, my stars,
And hear the sky sing couplets to my name . . .



Mrs. Bowen

First part of OBU megastructure dedicated in ceremonies today

ARKADELPHIA — Dedication of the newly-constructed Lile Hall classroom building at Ouachita University will be held today, October 11, at 2 p.m.

Ben M. Elrod, Vice President for Development at OBU, will preside over the program which will be followed by an open house from 2:45-4 p.m. in Lile Hall.

The dedicatory address, entitled "Lile Hall: an Educational Challenge," will be delivered by Hugh Wilborn Jr., chairman of the board at Allied Telephone Company. OBU President Daniel R. Grant will make a short response to

Wilborn's speech.

The invocation will be given by H. E. Raines, chairman of the OBU board of trustees, and Carl Goodson, Vice President for Academic Affairs, will offer a dedicatory prayer.

Mrs. Monroe Scoggins of Camden will present a tribute to the late Professor J. G. Lile for whom the building is named. Members of the Lile family present at the dedication will be recognized.

A native of Waldo and a graduate of OBU, Professor Lile was a longtime member of the Ouachita faculty (be-

ginning in 1890) who spearheaded some of the school's earliest fund drives. He was also a lawyer and served as president of Central Baptist College in Conway for six years.

Lile Hall is the first of a five-building megastructure to be completed at OBU.

Staff changes

Ray Canary, pastor of First Church, Cotter, has announced his retirement, effective in November. During his 30 years in the ministry he has served churches in Arkansas, Oklahoma, Nevada, and California. He worked in the pioneer area of Nevada and California, supporting his family by working as a machinist. Canary and wife will live at Flippin and he will be available for supply and interim pastoral work.

David Willard is serving First Church, Bay, as music and youth director. He is from West Memphis and is a student at Arkansas State University. He served as a summer missionary in Arkansas this past summer through the B.S.U.-sponsored program.

Jack Clack has resigned as pastor of First Church, Russellville, to become industrial chaplain for Valmac Industries, Inc., working out of the Russellville headquarters of the firm. Clack has served the church for the past 2½ years. He is a graduate of Howard Payne College, Southwestern Seminary, and Northgate Graduate School. He also has served church at Brinkley and Lewisville and in Texas.

J. A. Harvey is now serving as pastor of Old Austin Church at Austin. He came to the post from the Rover Church in the Dardanelle-Russellville Association.

Lew T. King has accepted the call of Calvary, Little Rock, to serve as minister of music and youth. He is from the Highland Church, Arlington, Tex.



Canary



Arkansans serve as volunteer missionaries in Colombia

The Russell Fox family of Newport spent much of August in Barranquilla, Colombia, S. A., working as volunteer missionaries. Fox served as a consultant for building and remodeling, and his wife worked in the Baptist Hospital during their 15-day stay. Initially, they had made application to the Home and Foreign Mission Boards. But due to the age of their children the Foreign Mission Board felt that it was not wise to appoint them even though Fox is a licensed architect and builder in Newport and his wife a registered nurse. When the members of First Church, Newport, learned of these plans some wished to help with the expenses. The gifts helped to defray some of the expenses of the trip. "The example of this dedicated family could challenge others to find ways for God to use their talents in his service," said Pastor Leslie Riherd.

State Convention dates changed

The dates for the annual meeting of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention have been changed to Nov. 6-8 at Immanuel Church, Little Rock. This change was voted at the 1972 annual meeting.

Ouachita adds 10 to faculty

ARKADELPHIA — Ten full-time faculty members have been added to the Ouachita Baptist University staff with the beginning of the 1973-74 academic year.

Mike Arrington, instructor in history, came to OBU from the University of Florida where he has been working on his doctor's degree. A native of Nashville, he received his M.A. degree from the University of Arkansas.

Ft. Worth, Tex., native Tom Auffenberg is a new assistant professor in the history department. He holds Ph.D. and M.A. degree from Vanderbilt University.

Tom Bolton, instructor in music, comes from Plano, Tex. He earned his bachelor's degree in music from OBU and his master's from North Texas State University.

In the mathematics department, Don Carnahan is a new assistant professor. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Arkansas and his hometown is Waldron.

Sgt. Bruce Freeman has joined the military science department as a drill instructor. He is from Dallas, Tex.

Raouf Halaby, assistant professor of English, received his master's degree from OBU and an Ed.D. degree from East Texas State University. He came to the United States from Jerusalem.

The church music department has added instructor Paul Hammond. He received his masters in church music from Southern Seminary and is currently working on his doctorate at the same institution. His home is Cincinnati, Ohio.

Richard Mills is a new assistant professor of sociology. The Jonesboro native earned a doctor's degree from East Texas State University after receiving his master's from Ouachita.

Capt. Cliff Schaaf, a St. Louis native, has joined the military science faculty. He holds a bachelor's degree from Ouachita and a master's from State College of Arkansas.

John Wink has been added to the English department as an assistant professor. He holds a Ph.D. degree from the University of Arkansas.

In addition to those teaching full-time, other new faculty members include Thad Flenniken, part-time instructor in art; James Reese, part-time instructor in history; Gary Cook, graduate assistant in biology; Zernon



NASHVILLE — Fifty-four church training special workers from 29 state conventions gathered here recently to receive instruction for conducting conferences in their respective state conventions on church training children's work. Arkansas workers shows (l. to r.) with William E. Young, supervisor, children's section, church training department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, are Mrs. James Zeltner, Ft. Smith, and Mrs. Les Gillemard, Hot Springs.



Nashville — Foy Valentine, executive secretary of the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, greets George Purvis of Little Rock during the recent annual Commission meeting. Purvis is the new Commission member representing Arkansas Baptists.

Evans, graduate assistant in elementary education; Jimmy Lea, graduate assistant in chemistry; Gene Vestal,

graduate assistant in secondary education; and Charles Wilson, research assistant.



Jerry Clower
Closing message



H. Franklin Paschall
Wednesday message



Milton Ferguson
Theological address



Rheubin L. South
President's message



George T. Blackmon
Convention sermon

PROGRAM

Arkansas Baptist State Convention

Little Rock, Ark.

Nov. 6-8, 1973

Theme: Share the Word Now

Tuesday evening, Nov. 6, 1973, Immanuel Baptist Church

6:45 p.m. Prelude — handbells with organ
 6:55 Ouachita Baptist University Choir
 7:05 Scripture and prayer ... Don Norrington
 7:10 Hymn — "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" — Men's quartet
 7:20 CONVENTION ENROLLMENT AND ORGANIZATION
 Appointment of Committees
 Welcome
 Committee Chairmen Statements
 Fraternal Greetings
 Recognize foreign missionaries, other visitors
 Forecast of Program, announcements.
 7:45 Ouachita-Southern
 Campaign Report Jim Tillman
 7:55 Ouachita Baptist
 University Daniel R. Grant
 Southern Baptist College D. Jack Nicholas
 8:05 RESOLUTIONS AND
 8:15 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS
 Southern Baptist College Choir
 8:40 Hymn
 Special Music Russell Newport
 8:50 MESSAGE Harper Shannon
 Benediction

Wednesday morning, Nov. 7, 1973, Immanuel Baptist Church

8:45 a.m. Prelude
 8:55 Hymn Jim Raymick, leading

9:00 Memorial moments, prayer . H. L. Lipford
 9:10 BIBLE STUDY Curtis Vaughan
 9:25 Welcome from host church W. O. Vaught
 9:30 Welcome to new Arkansans, Tribute to retiring ministers Charles H. Ashcraft
 9:45 Special music Mrs. William Rice, Mrs. Wesley McCoy
 9:50 PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS Rheubin L. South
 10:20 ELECTION OF OFFICERS
 10:35 Miscellaneous business
 10:50 Hymn Wesley McCoy, leading
 10:55 Special music Mrs. David Scott
 Scripture Leroy French
 Prayer Ernest Coleman
 11:00 CONVENTION SERMON
 George T. Blackmon
 Alternate Paige Patterson
 Benediction

Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 7, 1973, Immanuel Baptist Church

1:45 p.m. Prelude
 1:55 Hymn Amon Baker, leading
 Special music . Mr. and Mrs. Amon Baker
 Scripture and prayer ... Robert Ferguson
 2:05 BIBLE STUDY Curtis Vaughan
 2:10 ELECTION OF OFFICERS — continued
 2:25 Miscellaneous business
 2:35 Baptist Book Store Robert Bauman
 2:45 REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE
 Andrew Setliffe, Chairman
 3:10 EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT
 Dillard Miller, President
 3:40 Hymn Amon Baker, leading
 Special music Mrs. Ann Rice

3:50 THEOLOGICAL ADDRESS
Milton Ferguson

Benediction

4:30 Executive Board Meeting — Room 230

Wednesday evening, Nov. 7, 1973,
Little Rock Convention Center

6:45 p.m. Prelude
6:55 Hymn Jim Raymick, leading
7:00 Scripture and prayer Don Cooper
7:05 PEOPLE TO PEOPLE Allen B. Comish
7:30 Hymn — "I Love to Tell the Story"
7:35 Baptist Building pictorial presentation
7:55 Music medley — People to People
8:15 MESSAGE — "Share the Word Now"
Franklin Paschall

Benediction

Thursday morning, Nov. 8, 1973,
Immanuel Baptist Church

8:45 a.m. Prelude
8:55 Hymn Bob Hatzfeld
Special music Bob Hatzfeld
9:05 Scripture and prayer Wilson Deese
9:10 BIBLE STUDY Curtis Vaughan
9:25 Recognition of Southern Baptist
Convention representatives
Miscellaneous business
10:00 REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE
10:25 Hymn Bob Hatzfeld
10:40 Special music Mrs. Duke Dougan
10:50 MESSAGE Jerry Clower
11:25 Closing remarks
Adjourn

Music coordinated by Jim Raymick
Organists: James Hogan — Ronnie Ballard
Pianist: Mrs. George Vandegrift

Arkansas Baptist Pastors' Conference

Nov. 5, 6, 1973
Immanuel Baptist Church
Little Rock

Theme — *Fulfil Thy Ministry*

*"But be thou sober in all things, suffer hardship, do the work of
an evangelist, fulfil thy ministry." (2 Timothy 4:5, ASV)*

C. A. Johnson, president

Monday evening

The pastor as an individual

6:45 p.m. Hymns Jerry Fugate
Scripture and prayer W. E. Dragoo
Special music Richard Bradford
7:00 p.m. "The Call to the Ministry" Jimmy Millikin
7:30 p.m. "The Pastor's Personal Preparation"
Dickson Rial
8:00 p.m. Hymn Jerry Fugate
Offering
Special music Richard Bradford
8:15 p.m. "The Pastor and His Family"
H. D. McCarty
8:45 p.m. "Saved by His Grace" Tommy Phelps
9:15 p.m. Benediction Bobby Crabb

Tuesday morning

The pastor as a shepherd

9:00 a.m. Hymns Jerry Fugate
Scripture and prayer Wayne Davis
Special music Richard Bradford
9:15 a.m. "Loving the Flock" Dickson Rial
9:45 a.m. "Feeding the Flock" Jerry Abernathy
10:15 a.m. Hymns Jerry Fugate

Offering

Special music Richard Bradford
10:30 a.m. "Leading the Flock" Johnny Jackson
11:00 a.m. Hymn Jerry Fugate
Special music Richard Bradford
11:10 a.m. "Exalting the Chief Shepherd"
Clifford Palmer
11:45 a.m. Benediction Roy Johnson

Tuesday afternoon

The pastor as an evangelist

1:30 p.m. Hymn Jerry Fugate
Scripture and prayer .. Wendell Bradford
Special music Richard Bradford
1:40 p.m. "The Pastor Leads the Way" Dickson Rial
2:10 p.m. Election of officers
Hymn Jerry Fugate
2:25 p.m. "Reaching People through
the Bus Ministry" Garland Morrison
2:55 p.m. Special music Richard Bradford
3:00 p.m. "Preaching for a Verdict"
Harper Shannon
3:30 p.m. Benediction Carroll Gibson

Arkansas Baptist Religious Education Association

Pulaski Heights Church

Tuesday, Nov. 6, 1973

Theme: *Sharing, Teaching and Singing the Word*

Robert Hatzfeld, President

Tuesday morning

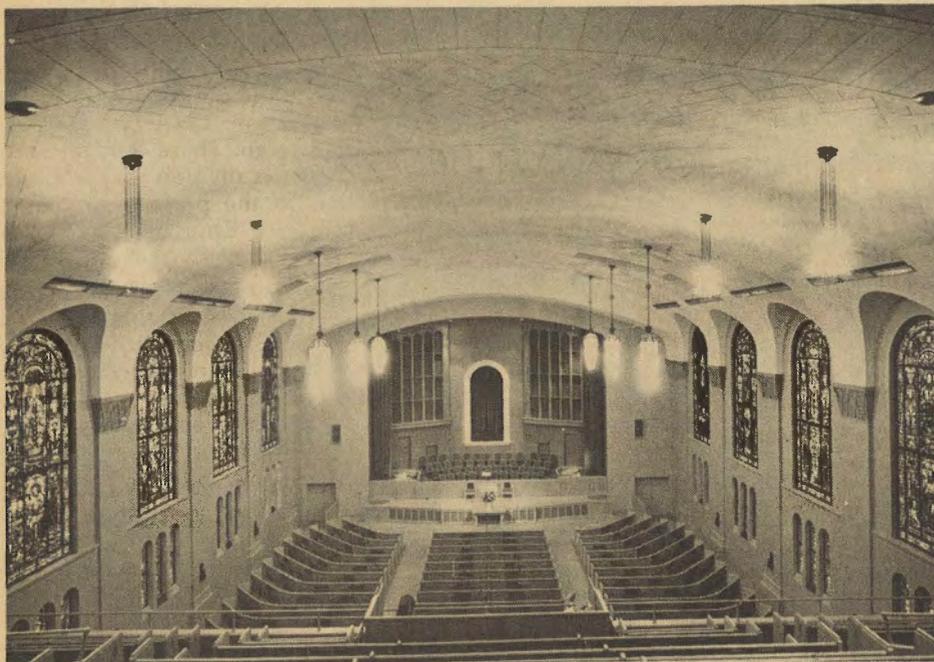
- 9:30 Fellowship and registration
 10:00 Singing praise John Farris
 Olivet, Little Rock
- Scripture and prayer
 Col. 3:12-17; Matt. 28:18-20 Willard Zeiser
 Park Hill, North Little Rock
- 10:15 A Colloquy of Emphases
 from the departments
- 10:45 Who's New? Andrew Setliffe
 11:00 Inspiration through singing .. Robert Hatzfeld
 11:15 "The Bend of the Board" Alan B. Comish,
 Director
 Church Services and Materials Division
 Baptist Sunday School Board

- 11:45 Dismiss
 12:00 Luncheon Pulaski Heights Dining Hall
 The "J.C.P.&L." ... Ouachita Baptist University

Tuesday afternoon

- 1:30 The fellowship of singing A. Kay Mansell
 Levy Baptist, North Little Rock
- 1:40 Business session — election of officers
 2:00 A singing witness Pat Bachelor
 East Main, El Dorado
- 2:10 "Home Missions Include Staff Members"
 Nathan Porter, Pastor
 First, Arkadelphia
- 2:45 Dismiss

The cover



Four of the five sessions of the annual meeting of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention will be held in the auditorium of Immanuel Church, Little Rock.

Ministers wives to meet

The annual luncheon for ministers' wives, to be held in conjunction with the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, will feature a musical program by Russell Newport. The meeting will be held at noon, Nov. 6, at Calvary Church,

Little Rock.

Officers of the ministers' wives are Mrs. Al Sparkman, president; Mrs. Jerry Warmath, vice president; Mrs. Wilbur Herring, secretary; and Mrs. Padgett Cope, social chairman.

Convention host church welcomes messengers



Dr. Vaught

The entire membership of Immanuel Church joins with me in extending to you our hearty welcome to the Arkansas Baptist State Convention Nov. 6-8. We always delight to be the host

church for this great meeting, and especially are we glad to welcome Arkansas Baptists at a time when our spirit of cooperation and achievement is at an all-time high.

I would encourage you to come to this meeting in the spirit of high anticipation and fervent prayer, asking God to make this the greatest gathering of our Baptist people we have ever known. Be assured that the entire staff of Immanuel will be here to serve you during this convention. We will try to anticipate your needs, but if we can render some additional service while you are here, we urge you to call on us.

I urge you to come, planning to stay through to the end for the program has been planned to come to a grand climax in the closing session. We welcome you to Little Rock, to all of our Baptist institutions here, and especially to Immanuel Church.
 — W. O. Vaught

WMU

Leader training featured



Miss Martin

Conferences will be offered at afternoon and evening sessions of each WMU District Meeting, Oct. 18-Nov. 1, for leaders of WMU age-level organizations. Miss Mickey Martin, Girls in Action and Missions Friends Consultant for WMU, SBC, will

lead ones on Mission Friends during the week of Oct. 22-26.

Miss Martin, a native of Virginia, came to her present position in 1971 from a similar one with the Church Training Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Others who will serve include the three state WMU age-level directors, Misses Jane Hix, Betty Jo Lacy and Julia Ketner; Mrs. Phillip May of Smackover; Mrs. Ervin Keathley of Little Rock; Mrs.

The Southern accent

A little black book



Tucker

A traditional custom in a delightful pastorate fascinated me. In the fall of each year the ladies of the church prepared a meal for the membership. From the very first it had only one name. The Budget Supper. Usually about half of our members at-

tended. When most folk were through eating and the program was ready to begin, our treasurer went alone into the church parlors. He arranged a table and took his seat beside it. On the table he placed a small, black notebook. Across the top of a page he had written: "With God's help and blessing I promise to pay to my church for this year the amount set opposite my name."

While the program was continuing, one after another left the table to sit a moment with the treasurer where each wrote his own commitment into the common pledge book. None seemed ashamed of himself or of others as the list of names grew. None who attended the supper avoided the moment with the open book. The budget was always

J. A. Hogan and Miss Nancy Cooper.

Morning sessions will feature a missionary speaker and overview of WMU '73-74. Gilbert Nichols of Paraguay will speak at each meeting except ones at Paragould and Brinkley where Edwin Pinkston of the Ivory Coast will be presented. Mrs. J. A. Hogan, state WMU president, will preside.

Meetings are scheduled as follows: Oct. 18 (10 a.m. and 7 p.m.), East Side Church, Paragould; Oct. 19 (10 a.m. and 7 p.m.), First Church, Brinkley; Oct. 22 (10 a.m. and 7 p.m.), First Church, Paris; Oct. 23 (7 p.m.), and Oct. 24 (10 a.m.), Elmdale Church, Springdale; Oct. 25 (7 p.m.) and Oct. 26 (10 a.m.), First Church, Mountain Home; Oct. 29 (10 a.m. and 7 p.m.), Central Church, Magnolia; Oct. 30 (7 p.m.) and Oct. 31 (10 a.m.), First Church, Dumas; Nov. 1 (10 a.m. and 7 p.m.), Central Church, North Little Rock. — Nancy Cooper, Executive Secretary and Treasurer

underwritten. A sense of spiritual oneness possessed the people. If ever a question was raised about whether or not such a method would work, I do not remember it now.

Recently, in recording on tape some services of that church which had been earlier recorded on wire in the late 1940's, I came upon a section where the treasurer was honored for 42 years of service to the church. In speaking of his experiences he said, "I could not do many things, but I could do this. I am glad you allowed it." Much of our successful stewardship was due to him, his integrity, his influence.

Across Arkansas the time is near when churches will be making and subscribing their budgets for a new year. Budgets are pole stars for adventuring into the new and challenging opportunities of faith at work.

From the campus of Southern Baptist College we send expressions of appreciation to all who are faithful stewards through their churches. We urge you to be part of the budget planning and subscription in your churches. Probably there will be no single book on a table in your church parlors, but there will be a place and time for commitment. Let this be an appointment we all will keep. — Lawrence A. Tucker



The Ouachita-Southern Advancement Campaign
The Arkansas Baptist Campaign for Ouachita Baptist University and Southern Baptist College

Real leadership

By Jim E. Tillman, Director

With every challenge, the demand for leadership becomes a priority. There is nothing as beautiful as the surfacing of leaders to meet the demand. The Arkansas Baptist Campaign for Christian Higher Education is affording many the opportunity to step into the leadership circle.

God has always sought out his leader to lead the people to the divine objective. It is a very simple formula, "As the leader goes, so go the people." This is seen in hundreds of our churches in Arkansas in the person of the pastor. Without a doubt, he is the key.

I cannot help but mention the fact of leadership on the part of 106 of the 119 Advance Division Churches involved in this Campaign. There are still other churches in this division that will have a part, and at the present 89 percent of the Advance Churches are participating.

This same principle of leadership is seen in the lives of the Campaign Chairman, W. O. Vaught Jr., and Campaign Vice-Chairman, Rheubin South. The churches these men pastor have pledged \$250,000 and \$100,000 respectively to this effort.

Our Executive Secretary, Charles H. Ashcraft, has been active in the Advancement Campaign from the beginning. Because of his outstanding ability as a leader and his dynamic concept of leadership, he continues to offer himself to this noble cause. A letter is being mailed from Dr. Ashcraft to approximately 400 churches offering his services in promoting a freewill offering for Ouachita and Southern. The anticipated response from these churches will bring numerous blessings to many areas of our Lord's work.

As I reflect on these remarks, I am aware that our people expect their leaders to lead. This is true in the Campaign, in the Baptist Building, and in the pulpit of every local church. "May the Lord continue to bless and encourage his leaders."



the Church the Sunday Night Place!

Program highlights

Visit the Church Training Fair 9:00-10:00 a.m.; 1:15-2:00 p.m.; 6:30-7:00 p.m.

Morning session

10:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

- Inspirational music
- Message by Dr. Charles Ashcraft
- Conferences

Afternoon session

2:00-4:30

- Inspirational music
- Message by Dr. Philip Harris
- Conferences

Evening session

7:00-8:30

- Music by 100-voice choir, Ervin Keathley, director
 - Message: "Long Ago on a Sunday Night" – Dr. Nolan Howington
 - Drama: "The Sunday Night Place"
Written by Mrs. Sarah Miller – Directed by Mrs. Leslie Wilfong

Thursday, October 25, 1973

Immanuel Baptist Church

Little Rock, Ark.

10:00 a.m. — 8:30 p.m.

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Executive Secretary
Ark. Baptist Convention



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Secretary
Ark. Church Training Dept.



Dr. Philip Harris
Sec., Church Trng. Dept.
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Robert Holley
Associate
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Dr. Nolan Howington
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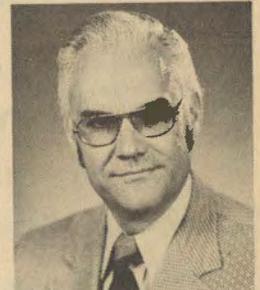
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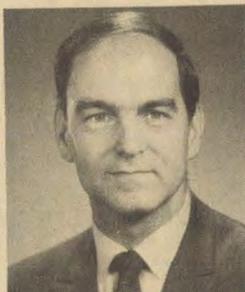
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Miss Margaret Sharp
Church Training Fair
Sunday School Board



Mrs. Leslie Wilfong
Drama
Immanuel, Little Rock

Businessmen donate their services

I was talking by phone with a banker. He said, "Would you believe I have spent almost all morning working on these investments."

The man speaking was a vice-president and trust officer of a bank in Arkansas, but he was not talking about the investments of his bank.

He is also a member of the board of directors of the Foundation, and he was talking about some Foundation trust funds which had just been re-invested.

The dedication of this man is typical of the nine men who comprise the board of directors of the Foundation. Like trustees and directors of other convention agencies, they receive no compensation for the services they perform.

Quarterly business meetings are held in Little Rock, but the time spent in these meetings is relatively small. Most

of the men also have other committee assignments which require a considerable amount of their time each month and in some cases even weekly.

In carrying out my responsibilities as a paid employee of the Foundation, I find it necessary to consult with these men frequently. They are always as near to me as the telephone and give unselfishly of their time. In several cases, I may spend hours in their offices, discussing Foundation business or receiving necessary guidance and counsel concerning Foundation matters.

The services of these men could not be purchased if it were necessary for the Foundation to adequately compensate them for services rendered; the Foundation simply could not afford a budget that large. Their services are given without charge because of their Christian dedication and their willingness to serve the cause of Christ. — Roy F. Lewis, Acting Executive Director

Arkansas Acteen wins in writing contest

Miss Vicki Hale, a 13-year-old Acteen from Cane Hill, won third place honors in her age division in Accent's creative writing contest.

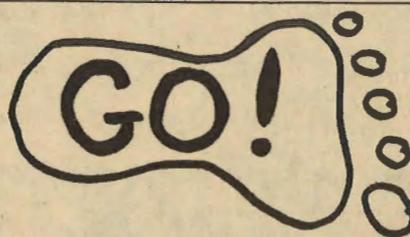
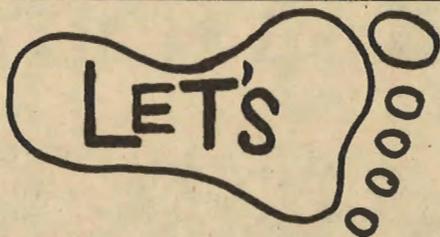
Miss Hale's poem, "Blessings?," was among 650 other entries from Acteens throughout the Southern Baptist Convention.

Her poem, along with other junior high school winners, will appear in the November, 1973, issue of Accent, the magazine published by Woman's Missionary Union for girls, grades 7-12. Older winners' creations will be in the December issue.

Blessings?

*Think of what you've done today
while lying in your bed.
Think of all the things you've done or
think of what you've said.
Did you tell anyone about the Lord or
have you just ignored
All the things he's given to you
And all the things you've been able
to do?
Don't forget to say a prayer because
you know he'll always care.*

—Vicki Hale



WMU district meetings

Oct. 18 – Nov. 1

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| Oct. 18th | – 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. | East Side Church |
| | 7-8:30 p.m. | Paragould |
| 19th | – 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. | First Church |
| | 7-8:30 p.m. | Brinkley |
| 22nd | – 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. | First Church |
| | 7-8:30 p.m. | Paris |
| 23rd | – 7-8:30 p.m. | Elmdale Church |
| 24th | – 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. | Springdale |
| 25th | – 7-8:30 p.m. | First Church |
| 26th | – 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. | Mountain Home |
| 29th | – 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. | Central Church |
| | 7-8:30 p.m. | Magnolia |
| 30th | – 7-8:30 p.m. | First Church |
| 31st | – 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. | Dumas |
| Nov. 1st | – 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. | Central Church |
| | 7-8:30 p.m. | North Little Rock |



Edwin Pinkston
Ivory Coast
Oct. 18-19



Gilbert Nichols
Paraguay
Oct. 22-Nov. 1

Bring a sack lunch

- **Obscenity** — Professor Walter Berns has made the point that no society can be utterly indifferent to the ways its citizens publicly entertain themselves. "Bear-baiting and cockfighting are prohibited only in part out of compassion for the suffering animals; the main reason they were abolished was because it was felt that they debased and brutalized the citizenry who flocked to witness such spectacles." The question raised by pornography and obscenity is whether they can or will brutalize and debase the citizenry. "We are, after all, not dealing with one passing incident — one book, or one play, or one movie. We are dealing with a general tendency that is suffusing our entire culture."

(By Earl Nightingale, "The Real Disasters")

- **Murder Victims** — "A black resident of New York City is eight times more likely to be murdered than a white resident of the city" according to a study of who kills whom in New York City made by *The New York Times*. A second key finding of this study is "that in slightly more than four out of five New York homicides, the killer and his victim are of the same race." According to social scientists who deal with the problem of "Why Blacks Killed Blacks," this phenomenon occurs because of the economic and social frustrations of a sharply segregated society and because of the pressures of poverty which might lead to violent acts against the first available target. Also a factor is the cultural heritage of violence which characterizes some low income groups in the United States and which results in the sharply varying rates of homicide.

(By David Burnham, *The New York Times*, pp. 1 & 46, Aug. 5, 1973)

Cooperative Program

A bold step in world missions support

Think about it! Is your church willing to take a bold step in world missions support? October is Cooperative Program Month. The theme of the suggested emphasis is Operation One: One Lord, One Mission, One People.

Churches are challenged to increase gifts through the Cooperative Program by at least 1 percent of the total church budget income and increase associational mission giving in keeping with the amount suggested by the local association. The association and state conventions are working hand in hand. It takes each one doing his part to carry out our mission task. People in your association and state, as well as people around the world, await your response.

Sunday, Oct. 28, has been designated Church Commitment Day. Ask your church budget committee to recommend church goals for Cooperative

Program and associational missions giving. Preach a sermon on the Cooperative Program. Lead the church in a period of commitment. Call for a standing vote of approval of the mission giving goals for your church.

Churches in most states have received a commitment card such as the one shown here. Just as individual church members are asked to make a commitment to the local church budget, churches are challenged to make a written response to the association and state offices. If you did not receive a card from your state office, use this one to indicate your church's response.

Will your church take this bold step in world mission support? Pray about it! — Michael L. Speer, Director of Cooperative Program Promotion, SBC, Stewardship Commission (Reprinted from the *Baptist Program*, October, 1973.)

Many pastors said needing better insurance coverage

DALLAS — Thousands of pastors and other church workers in the Southern Baptist Convention are not insured or lack adequate insurance coverage, officials of the SBC Annuity Board here reported.

The Annuity Board announced it has launched an effort to enroll these pastors and full-time church workers in its "Designed Insurance Protection."

"We are convinced pastors and church staff members need and want adequate protection. Our program with Aetna Life Insurance will meet their needs," said Gene P. Daniel, the board's vice president for insurance services.

He said the "Designed Insurance Protection" will offer (1) life insurance with accidental death and dismemberment benefits, (2) paycheck protection during disability, and (3) medical insurance.

The insured's spouse and unmarried dependent children also are protected under life and medical plans, Daniel continued.

"The Annuity Board believes this to be high quality protection under the best of many programs available," he said. "It is underwritten by Aetna, one of the country's largest and most respected life insurance companies."

Additional information on advantages of this insurance program may be secured from T. K. Rucker, annuity

field representative for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, with offices at 525 West Capitol, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201.

Bagley named to Alabama ethics post

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (BP) — George E. Bagley, executive secretary of the Alabama Baptist Convention, has become the first appointee to the State of Alabama's newly-created Ethics Commission.

The Ethics Commission was created as a result of a tough new ethics bill passed this year by the Alabama legislature.

Commission members will be called on to interpret the new ethics law, some provisions of which are already under fire.

A controversy already wages over a section of the law requiring press personnel to make financial disclosures and obtain a special pass from the commission to attend state government meetings. The provision has been challenged in Federal Court as unconstitutional.

Bagley, who also serves as president of the organization of state Southern Baptist Executive Secretaries, was appointed by Alabama Supreme Court Chief Justice Howell Heflin.

Missionary to Brazil is speaker for supper



Spiegel

Brazil Missionary Donald J. Spiegel is to be the speaker at the Thirty-fourth Annual Royal Ambassador Supper Nov. 5.

Spiegel, a native of Missouri, is stationed at Teresina, in the State of Piani. His mission work is in the field of

preaching. He serves as pastor of the Catarina Baptist Church, however, like most missionaries he is also active in other fields.

Spiegel is an executive of the Piani Baptist Convention. As an official of the convention, he is in close contact with all phases of work throughout the state.

Spiegel was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1958. While on furlough he and his family are living in Little Rock.

His mission information will be a challenge and inspiration to all who hear him.

The supper will be at Immanuel Baptist Church in Little Rock. We will begin serving at 5:30 p.m.

The cost for the meal is \$2 per person. Advance reservations are necessary. Tickets for the supper will be mailed to those making reservations by Oct. 31.

The Singing Ambassadors from Martindale Church will sing at the supper. There will be other features on the program.

Every counselor and pastor should plan to have chapter members in attendance. If possible bring the entire group.

Make your reservations now. Reservation forms have been mailed to counselors and pastors. See you at the Supper. — C. H. Seaton, Director

Groups ask voting rights for overseas personnel

By W. Barry Garrett

WASHINGTON (BP) — Baptists have joined a number of bipartisan groups in asking Congress to enact a law guaranteeing the right of U.S. citizens living overseas to vote in federal elections.

Some 750,000 Americans living overseas have been prevented from voting because of the variety of state election laws. These citizens include missionaries, teachers, retirees, business men and women, news correspondents and a variety of others.

James E. Wood Jr., executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, testified before the Senate Subcommittee on Privileges and Elections of which Sen. Claiborne Pell (D. —R.I.) is chairman. He asked the Senate to act favorably on S. 2102, a bill to make it possible for overseas citizens to vote in federal elections.

Wood testified on behalf of six Baptist foreign mission boards that requested him to represent their viewpoint before the Senate committee. These were foreign mission boards of the Southern Baptist Convention, American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A., Baptist General Conference, North American Baptist General Conference, Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., and Seventh Day Baptist General Conference.

Sen. Charles M. Mathias Jr. (R —Md.) explained to the subcommittee that the 750,000 citizens abroad were disenfranchised because of many state election laws.

Some of these states require a voter's actual presence or maintenance of a home in the state as a requirement for voting. Some raise a doubt of voting eligibility for nonresidents because their return date is uncertain. Some citizens are unsure that they will return to the state of their last residence.

Many citizens abroad refrain from voting because of fear that they will then become subject to state income taxes in the state where they vote.

S. 2101 and H.R. 9023 would:

— Allow the otherwise qualified citizen to vote in the state in which he or she had last voted or registered to vote, or if the citizen had not voted or registered, in the last state in which he or she maintained a domicile before departure from the U.S.A.;

— Assure the American citizen overseas that exercising the right to register and vote absentee would not jeopardize tax exemptions from state income tax laws and

— Recommended that a uniform application form, similar to the federal post card application, be used for application registration.

Wood stated that Baptist support of S. 2101 is motivated by commitment to three propositions: (1) The right of all citizens to vote in federal elections is a basic right of U.S. citizenship and integral to American democracy;

(2) The right of suffrage should be compatible with basic American concepts of equity and justice as applied to all without discrimination between private citizens and those associated with government and military service; and

(3) The right of a private citizen to movement and travel (as guaranteed by the 14th Amendment), including the maintenance of a permanent residence overseas for legitimate purposes, should not be the basis of a citizen's disenfranchisement.

In addition to the Baptist spokesman, the National Association of Evangelicals was represented by Floyd Robertson of the NAE Office of Public Affairs. He took a similar position to that of the Baptists in support of voting rights of overseas citizens.

Other senators testifying for the bill were Barry Goldwater (R. —Ariz.) and William V. Roth Jr. (R. —Del.).

These were joined by William G. Whyte of the Chamber of Commerce of the U.S. Nathan Lewin, former Deputy Assistant Attorney General of the U.S., Sargent Shriver, former ambassador to France and other notable citizens groups.

The two-day hearing is but the beginning of the legislative process on a bill for voting rights. The measure must be cleared by the subcommittee, then the full committee on Rules and Administration, then a vote in the Senate.

The same procedure must be followed in the House of Representatives. Then, if there are differences in the Senate and House bills, a conference committee must iron out the differences, present an identical bill to both houses of Congress. If a favorable vote is secured, the bill must be signed by the President before it becomes law.



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Mission agency to enlist high school volunteers

ATLANTA (BP) — In an attempt to tap an unused missions resource, the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board here is developing two mission opportunities for high school juniors and seniors.

The board will use high school students in a 10-week assignment in youth summer missions and high school graduates in a one-year ministry called "Sojourner."

In both instances, the parents, home church or the individual must provide all expenses.

To develop the mission opportunities, the Home Mission Board has appointed Clay Price, 24, to a one-year missionary associate position to plan and coordinate the program.

A native of Ft. Worth, Tex., and graduate of the University of Texas at Austin, Price served for two years in the board's US-2 program, where he worked as student coordinator for the San Jose Baptist Association in California.

"I understand the Mormons have 15,000 young people out as volunteers for up to two years," said Price. "I think Baptists will respond also."

Don Hammonds, head of special missions ministries department out of which Price will work, said, "We've had mission personnel ask us for years why we didn't get into this."

"And young people returning from special youth projects have written us."

Price said he expects no conflict between his work and that of Barry St. Clair, who works in high school evangelism for the Home Mission Board. "St. Clair recruits for work in high schools themselves. I will recruit young people from the high schools to work in other missions fields," Price said.

Foreign mission briefs

KANO, Nigeria — Although the featured evangelist was absent and rain threatened almost continually, hundreds of Nigerians attended the eight-day Kano Evangelistic Campaign. As one of the 18 Nigerian citywide campaigns, the Kano event included a lay witnessing school and revival. Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Humphrey of Amarillo, Tex., were instructors for more than 600 people in the lay witnessing school. Humphrey, president of Texas Baptist Men, based the teachings on the tract "How to Have a Full and Meaningful Life." During the series of revivals led by Paul O. Ebhomlelien and S. A. Ungbo, more than 300 decision cards were completed.

FMB reviews requests for more missionaries

By Jesse C. Fletcher

RICHMOND (BP) — A growing need for overseas workers was evident as the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's administrative staff completed its annual review of new missionary requests.

Despite the promise of over 200 new missionary appointments during 1973, the personnel secretaries, looking to 1974, were faced with calls for approximately 900 missionary additions to the board's overseas force of just over 2,500 missionaries assigned to 77 countries.

Several fields are in critical need of reinforcements, according to Louis R. Cobbs, secretary for the department of missionary personnel.

"We are convinced God is calling men and women to join hard pressed missionaries in these areas," Cobbs said. "If we can communicate the needs, perhaps this call can become clear."

Winston Crawley, director of the overseas division, pointed out that a major need exists for replacements as well as for capitalizing on unprecedented opportunities to begin new work and to continue advance in established work. Over 150 missionaries have to be replaced each year due to rotation of short-term personnel, resignations, deaths and retirements.

General evangelism headed the "type of work" request list. Cobbs explained this is perennially true because evangelism and church development are at the heart of Southern Baptists' overseas strategy.

Despite the priority given to requests for general evangelists in the past, Cobbs indicated that Taiwan, Vietnam, the Philippines, Colombia, Peru, and Uruguay have not been reinforced in this category in over two years.

Forty-one missions filed requests for general evangelists. Language study is imperative for missionaries meeting these needs, Cobbs stressed.

Other requests included calls for a total of 14 pastors for international English-language churches. Cobbs expressed hope that these vacancies will be filled quickly.

"Some of the congregations include overseas Americans, others English-speaking internationals and others a combination," Cobbs explained.

Requests for religious education workers, music workers, women's workers and theological teachers were processed for missions in Asia, Africa and Latin America.

Ministries for university students constituted the largest single "type of work" request after general evangelism, according to Cobbs. He noted that the growth of this work overseas has been rapid, but response to student worker requests has lagged noticeably.

Christian education headed a series of needs including school administrators, elementary, secondary and college teachers. Asia, Africa and Middle America fields filed such requests.

Shortages of physicians, dentists and nurses continue, according to Franklin T. Fowler, the board's medical consultant. Other requests in the medical field included hospital administrators, medical technologists and technicians and chaplains.

Calls for specialists in a variety of technical fields were prevalent in the lists compiled from the seven administrative areas. Cobbs pointed to agriculture, radio and television and business as areas of special need.

Cobbs and Crawley both indicated that the Foreign Mission Board's strategy puts priority on new missionary personnel. Financial pressures resulting from dollar devaluation and inflation are requested in decreased operation and capital budgets rather than holding back on funds to send new missionaries.

"But we must keep before Southern Baptists the problems created for mission programs when adequate operating and capital funds fail to arrive," Crawley said.

Summarizing the findings of the group, Baker J. Cauthen, the board's executive secretary, said, "The obvious implication is that we must call Southern Baptists with new intensity to give both life and substance to the task. Opportunities must be matched by lives and lives must be matched by dollars."

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Committee blazes new trail in presidential search

By Gomer R. Lesch

There seems to be a policy, procedure or bylaw to cover every circumstance at the Sunday School Board.

Except one — the selection of a new chief executive for the agency.

When James L. Sullivan began making preliminary plans for his mandatory retirement at age 65, he knew for sure only one thing about the selection of his successor — that the Board trustees would do the selecting. Nowhere is it written what the procedure is to be.

"They could do it by drawing names out of a hat or by sticking a pin into a page of the SBC Annual if they wanted to," says Sullivan.

Although these methods are close enough to the scriptural plan of casting lots, nothing so frivolous was favored by the trustees.

At the semiannual meeting in February of 1973; trustee chairman Scott Tatum of Louisiana appointed a committee on policies and procedures headed by John Jeffers of Alabama, asking for a report at the following meeting, in July.

Jeffers' committee suggested a five-man nominating committee plus two ex officio members who would seek a nominee whose name is to be presented as the trustees meet in February, 1974. The candidate, if approved, would begin work as soon thereafter as possible, serving along with Sullivan until his retirement in February 1975.

The policies and procedures committee of its report stated that the document provided "some additional tools which may be used in the choosing process — means by which the will of our Lord may be more accurately discerned and followed."

Five qualifications were suggested for the new president: (1) Personal: A man within the general age span of 40-55; physically, emotionally and domestically stable; possessing a history of good interpersonal relationships.

(2) Educational Intellectual: Adequate formal education based upon significant native intelligence.

(3) Experience: A history of successful achievement accomplished with integrity in current and previous positions in business, education and theological endeavors.

(4) Denominational: A man committed to the Bible as the word of God, the diversity and integrity of the churches, the doctrines expressed in "The Baptist Faith and Message"

and who is "in tune" with the total life of the denomination.

(5) Spiritual: A man who is a born again believer; prayerful and spiritual in all things and faithfully involved in a local church in friendly cooperation with the Southern Baptist Convention.

The trustees want to make it clear that any Southern Baptist should feel an opportunity and obligation to have a voice in naming the Sunday School Board president. They urge anyone with a nomination to send it, along with a biographical sketch of the nominee and reasons for the nomination, to the nominating committee chairman, Dr. Gene Wofford, East Grand Baptist Church, 6211 East Grand Ave., Dallas, Tex. 75223.

Other members of the nominating committee include another pastor, two laymen and a minister of education. Hankins Parker of Florida is the pastor. Mahlon Morley of Kansas and Paul Henry of Maryland are the laymen, and James Neyland of Alabama is the

minister of education. Scott Tatum of Louisiana, a pastor, and DeVaughn Woods of Nashville, a layman, are ex officio members by virtue of their Board officer positions.

A timetable of events calls for the board's chairman and vice chairman to appoint a committee to nominate the executive vice president in February of 1974, looking to the retirement of J. M. Crowe the same day as Sullivan. This committee will report at the July, 1974, meeting, having worked in the consultation with the president-elect.

At the July, 1974, meeting, another committee will be appointed, to plan for formal installation of the new president, now scheduled for February, 1975.

Sixty-five of the 67 elected trustees were present in July for the initiation of the nominating process, a better record than that of the first trustees. In 1891, only 10 of the 40 trustees gathered in the study of the pastor of First Church, Nashville, to secure a chief executive.

"Even some of the men named as trustees of the new Board were less than enthusiastic about the enterprise," explains historian Robert Baker in "The Story of the Sunday School Board."

Great Day in the Morning

High Attendance Day in Sunday School

October 7, 1973

Report

119,755 attended as reported by 928 churches. A projection of this report reveals the total attendance of 145,497.

This is 69 percent of the enrollment as compared to the average of 52 percent.

It was a great day in the morning!

Businessman to direct mission volunteers

ATLANTA (BP) — The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board has accepted the offer of a Georgia businessman volunteer to correlate and direct its expanding Christian Service Corps.

William L. Wilson, a successful landscape and nurseryman in Decatur, will be responsible for the correlation of Baptist volunteers with mission opportunities throughout the nation.

Hundreds of volunteers spend from a few days to a lifetime in mission work, paying their own way. Many take jobs in mission areas to support themselves while they strengthen Baptist work there.

Don Hammonds, secretary of the Home Mission Board's department of special mission ministries, said the Christian Service Corps coordinator will have an office at the HMB building in Atlanta and will spend 15 to 20 hours a week directing the work.

Wilson, 55, who sports a new bushy mustache he plans to keep, said, "I've

been giving my money so long that it's no longer exciting. I wanted to give more of myself."

He has been giving more than his money for years. In fact, he looked for an outlet beyond his church because he feels if you give too much of your time at church, "people think you are trying to run things."

A native of Atlanta and a graduate of the University of Georgia, Wilson has spent a lifetime active in First Church of Decatur, with a five-year hiatus at Columbia Drive Church, once a mission of First Church.

At both churches he served as chairman of the deacons, and he has held most other leadership positions during his 41 years as a church member.

He replaced his father on the mission committee of First Church and took part in starting eight churches now among the strongest in the Atlanta area.

He was chairman of the missions

committee for six years, a period of important transition that brought from Wilson a new commitment to missions.

"We had worked our way out of immediate prospects for starting new churches in the suburbs, which had been the major thrust of our church in cooperation with the Atlanta Baptist Association.

"We began to see the needs of the inner city and shifted our emphases and resources into ministries in a number of local areas, not always with success, but it gave me a new insight into missions."

Wilson's mission interests have taken him on Christian Service Corps-type trips to work with language missions in California and church extension efforts in Wyoming.

Baptists will help families of runaways

HOUSTON (BP) — Southern Baptists here have implemented a pilot project, Operation Peace of Mind, to help families hear from runaway children.

Texas Governor Dolph Briscoe announced the project after he became concerned, in the wake of Houston's mass homosexual murders, about families who just want to hear from runaway teenagers.

Operation Peace of Mind, operating out of a Holiday Inn, takes toll free phone calls from youths who want their families notified they are alive and well. The nationwide number is 1-800-231-6946. For calls from within Texas, the number is 1-800-392-3352.

Phil Strickland, an associate in the Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission, enlisted the Houston Baptist Association to initiate the plan of Briscoe, who attends a Baptist church with his wife.

The volunteers, collected from area churches by Travis Key, the Baptist association's director of missions and social ministries, rotate on a 24-hour-a-day basis.

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Missionary from Chile optimistic about future

RICHMOND (BP) — A Southern Baptist missionary to Chile expressed optimism here about the future of Chile and mission work in that country following the recent military takeover.

John McTyre, an evangelist and pastor in Santiago, Chile's capitol, and his family felt they were in no immediate danger during the takeover, but they could hear "the ringing of bullets" and the sounds of guns firing near their home.

"My first night in Richmond was the first night since June 29 that I spent without hearing dynamite and gunshots," McTyre said in an interview at the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board here during a visit planned before the military takeover.

Some Chilean Baptists have been wounded and some are dead, reported McTyre, one of 49 Southern Baptist missionaries assigned to Chile. "We know of no Baptist people who were killed as a result of the political situation directly. Instead, they were killed accidentally with stray bullets because they were in the wrong place at the wrong time," he said.

Mass arrests have taken place and have included Baptists, McTyre reported. The president of the Baptist youth organization in Chile was included in a mass arrest along with several "leftist extremists" because he lived in an area where these people lived.

On the day of McTyre's departure from Chile, word came that the young Baptist was being released from an island where he had been taken. At least two members of the church where McTyre serves as pastor are missing. "They may be in prison or they may not be alive," he said.

The curfew has had a direct effect on churches. "Our Sunday evening church services start at 8 p.m., also the time of the curfew. Therefore, we have not been able to conduct them," he said.

Asked about reasons for the coup, McTyre replied, "The military has stated that their action was a patriotic move to restore law and order and to bring back productivity and put the country on the move."

McTyre, who also serves as treasurer of the Chilean mission, questioned news reports of indiscriminate executions by the new government. He said

those who have been killed or executed were alleged by the guilty of "illegal acts" such as sabotage, distribution of arms, attacks on police and military authorities and similar forms of resistance.

Commenting on the future of the country under the new government, McTyre said, "The outlook for Chile is optimistic. The Junta has stated they will present a new constitution and the people will be able to decide on a new government." However, no date has been set for either of these actions, he noted.

Responding to questions on church life under the government of former President Allende, McTyre said. "Allende did not persecute the

churches or religion. He openly stated he was not opposed to them. However, everyone knew he was a Marxist and did not believe in God."

Although churches experienced no direct interference during the Allende regime, subtle economic pressures were brought to bear, primarily including taxation on equipment or the prevention or slow down of importation of equipment for use in church-related organizations.

When asked about the future of mission work in Chile, McTyre responded. "Last July, due to recommendations from Chilean Baptist churches and based on what we knew about the situation, we felt led to tell missionaries on the way to Chile to look for other fields. But now we urge and plead with missionaries to come to Chile and also urge the Foreign Mission Board to look for other personnel to come our way."

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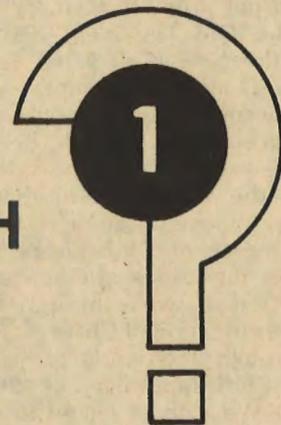
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Reconciliation through the cross

By E. A. Pipkins
First Church, Clinton



Pipkins

Careful preparation has been made for this section of the epistle. The author has set out man's need for the righteousness of God (1:18-3:20); the way this righteousness becomes available to man (3:21-30); and, with the example of Abraham and the testimony of David, the consistency of this idea with Old Testament revelation (3:31-4:25.)

Justification is the way men are brought into right relations with God. It is an already accomplished fact. Man could not justify himself, as is attested by the Old Testament (Psalm 143:2) and the New (Gal. 2:16.) Justification is a work already accomplished by God, and accomplished through the death of Christ. Note carefully here, and in the next section, how the author moves from the work of God that demonstrates his love to the sacrifice of Christ. The mercy of Christ is not set over against the justice of God. Justification was God at work through the death and resurrection of Christ (4:24-25.)

Through the work of justification, Jesus Christ introduced us to God (Eph. 2:13.) We gained access to the grace of God. Here the grace of God is God himself. Through Jesus Christ, God gave us himself. This truth gives the believer something to stand on and something to shout about (5:2.)

Adequate for the future, this new relationship with God in Christ is also effective for the present. The believer takes a realistic look at life. Becoming a Christian does not spare one from the hardships of life. Suffering and tribulation are as much a part of the Christian's vocabulary as of the pagan's. The only difference is that the believer's hardships can be constructive. They can build character and they can test endurance (5:3-4.) For the true believer suffering does not dim hope, it establishes hope. A strong relationship to God is discovered through suffering that enables the believer to have confidence in God for the final victories in life.

Having shared sufferings with God, the believer's hope is established and expressed without fear of disappointment (5:5.) Hope's enemy is fear of

disappointment. One will say, "do not hope for much and you will never be greatly disappointed." The gospel gives men hope. It is a hope that will never disappoint, because it rests in the abundant love of God. The love of God has already been poured out, as rain from a cloud, into the believer's heart through the Holy Spirit, who already indwells the believer. The hope of the believer is a hope that has already begun to be realized. God has done too much for the believer in the past to disappoint him in the future.

The love that made it all possible (6-11)

This love that is poured out by the Spirit is redeeming and justifying love. When we were weak, Christ was strong. It was our sin, our un-God-likeness, that made us weak. That Christ died for us when we were so ungodly proves God's love for us (5:8.)

Such love is without equal. It would be rare to find one man willing to die for another, even for a good and just man (5:7.) Human love falls far short of divine love, and finds it impossible to understand. Men say in astonishment, "Die for the ungodly! Why, a man will hardly die for the just!"

This death of Christ happened at the right time (5:6.) The time had already been determined by the Father (Gal. 4:4.) Man had to go thru a long time of preparation, finding out what he could do and could not do to help himself. A faith that happens in history must cope with historic circumstances. We can only speculate whether the wrath of God would have been released upon man, had Jesus not died when he did. Christ is the turning point and center of history. He is the end of the old and the beginning of the new humanity.

The believer shall be saved from the wrath of God (5:9.) The wrath of God (1:18) is an objective force at work in the world, bringing sin to its own natural conclusion. This process culminates in final judgment (1 Thes. 1:10), which, through Christ, the believer need not dread, for his hope is secure.

Justification and reconciliation have to do with the death of Christ, but salvation is more closely associated with the resurrection. The believer is saved by his life (5:10.) The central focus for

the believer is new life in Christ. Christ is living Lord. We live "in him" or "in the Spirit", and the love of God is mediated us to through his Spirit.

The characteristic emotional experience of this new life is one of joy (5:11.) Joy should be conspicuous in the life of the believer. Not a frothy emotional high, joy is a quality of life sustained by deep well springs of faith and spiritual renewal. The joy of the redeemed comes from knowing the love of God as demonstrated in the deed of the cross. In this Christ has "shown us the Father", and he has reconciled us together and given the believer the light of hope that could not be darkened by a thousand midnights. No new "secrets" need to be learned for the Christian to live a joyful life. To be reconciled to God through the work of Jesus Christ, to be confident of the love of God, and to have the fellowship of the living Christ, gives more joy to life than the believer can contain.

Provision for all (5:12-21)

It might be wondered how the death of one man in an obscure part of the world, at a time far removed, could do so much. Granted Jesus was a good man. He lived a wonderful life, and died a death of perfect self-sacrifice. But, he was only one man. How could his death avail for all men?

Difficult as this passage may seem the basic truth is that through Adam all men became sinners and were separated from God; and by the righteousness of Jesus Christ all men can become righteous and be restored to right relations with God. (Read 1 Cor. 15:21.)

Wherever you touch life at any time in the history of mankind, you find man, without Jesus Christ, hopelessly dominated by sin, as was Adam. By who Jesus is, what he has done, and the life he shares with man, Jesus enables man to escape this situation.

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Sharing my personal experience

James A. Walker Jr.
First Church, Warren

Life and Work

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Acts 26:1-29



Walker

You have an experience to share. God's work of grace is worth telling.

But many are hung-up on the "how" of "can I witness?" The experience is ordinary. Words are limited. Tongues seem to be tied. A new convert was timid. Yet

he stood before others to share a witness. It was simple, but sincere. No arrogance; just a quiet sharing.

A chain of events brought Paul and Agrippa together. One was a king with robe and throne. The other a prisoner, arrested and chained. Both had strong personalities. Agrippa's life was marked by personal ambition. He desired to be king over all Judea. Paul's life was also marked with strong ambition. He craved to share the Christ event in his life.

Paul and Agrippa had a common language. Paul was well versed in Jewish customs. Agrippa, having to endure the Jews, had studied their laws. Paul was on familiar ground when he launched his witness.

This chapter on sharing an experience may be dismissed as an interesting story. While studying the material, reaffirm the fact of your salvation experience. You do have a faith to share. Someone waits for your witness.

Life a witness (Acts 26:4-11)

In an unusual setting Paul was set to give more than a historic defense of the Christian movement. Agrippa was familiar with the reports. Paul was to give gospel facts to what the king knew as theories. His life, as redeemed by Christ, was on the line.

The Apostle was grateful for the occasion to share. No open door should be entered grudgingly. Paul was always anxious to share whether before a king or a run-away slave.

What about his past? Should he mention it? His enemies had probably advertised the fact that Paul was a turncoat. Paul made no attempt to deny his yesterdays. He used the events of his life to show his accusers, if they stuck by their laws, didn't have a basis for their charges. His life had been an open book. He had lived in Jerusalem. No man could charge him with laxness. The fire of his Jewish faith burned in

his bones and licked out at believers.

A Christian doesn't have to hide his past. God knows it. Not boasting, Paul took the sad events and turned them to the glory of Christ. All changes were traced to the Christ he proclaimed. James Denny once claimed the function of Christianity was to make bad men good. Paul had been transformed.

His changed life became a witness. The charges against him were, (1) he witnessed to the resurrection (v. 8); (2) he preached salvation to the gentiles (v. 17); and (3) he claimed Jesus was the expected Messiah (vs. 6-7). These charges contrasted with his past life. Only a conversion experience could explain the difference.

Conversion is a witness (Acts 26:12-18)

Trace the naturalness of Paul's witnessing. From one tragic event, persecution of the saints, to encounter with Christ, Paul captured his listeners. They knew this man wasn't a phony.

He left Jerusalem as an apostle of the Sanhedrin. When he arrived at Damascus he was an apostle of Christ. Between the two points he had been converted. Luke has provided us with interesting sidelights into the conversion of Paul.

It happened at midday. Travellers usually stopped during the middle of the day to rest and seek relief from the heat. So intense was his mission of persecution, Paul kept driving.

A voice from heaven asked why he kept kicking against the pricks. Kicking young oxen were pricked with sharp sticks when hitched to a plow. Submission was learned the hard way. Stubborn Paul was no exception. All his kicking brought him to his knees.

How did the voice from heaven explain what had happened? After identifying himself as Jesus (v. 15) the purpose was stated. ". . . you are to tell others what you have seen of me today" (v. 15 TEV.) Every conversion leads to a witness. Encounters with Christ give us something to share. These words never ceased to burn in the soul of Paul. He knew why he had been converted.

Now what did this conversion mean? Verse 18 is a good description. Conversion is a new vision. God opens eyes. After the Damascus Road experience, Paul had new light. He was trying to

get Agrippa to open his eyes to the glory of life in Christ. In Ephesians 4:18 those outside of Christ are described as "having the understanding darkened . . . because of the blindness of their heart."

Conversion is turning from darkness to light. God's bright spotlight fell on Paul. From that moment he was a child of light, not darkness. Through his light he wanted to direct Agrippa to the light of the world. See John 8:12.

Conversion is a transfer of leadership. Satan was no longer the ruling force. Christ became his master.

Conversion is the forgiveness of sins. The past would not be held against him. He was free from the burden of guilt. These four sides of conversion were evident, when Christ encountered his man. Paul was sure it could take place in the royal hall. He shared his experience hoping the man in purple would see the wonder of it all in Christ.

His works a witness (Acts 26:19-26)

Witnesses aren't limited. A changed life can't be ignored. Conversion, dramatic or quiet, is real. We have a third tool for witnessing with our works. In this section Paul shared his active faith.

"And so, King Agrippa, I did not disobey the vision I had from heaven" (v. 19 TEV.) An assignment was given at conversion. A Jonah might run in the opposite direction only to suffer. A Paul didn't hesitate. He obeyed, "first in Damascus, and in Jerusalem, and then in the whole country of Judea" (v. 20 TEV.)

God's instructions to us aren't any less clear than those given to Paul. His word is specific. The instructions aren't blurred. We are witnesses! Obedience to the commission becomes an evidence of our faith. Non-believers are most impressed by those who sincerely believe and eagerly do. Those who reject their Christian orders negate their testimony.

Paul preached wherever God gave the opportunity. Every effort was made to share an intelligent witness. Festus accused Paul of being mad because of his learning. His preaching was a working way of witnessing.

The witness closes on a warm personal confrontation. One man reaches out to another. God's man was facing death as a prisoner but he wished all who heard would become as he was

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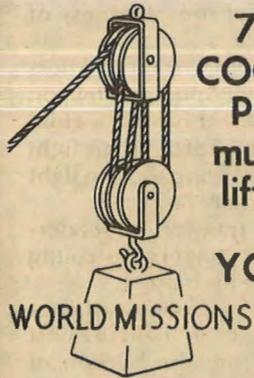
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Life and Work lesson

(From page 22)

... a free man in Christ. Note his tenderness. He would give all the privileges minus the burdens, his chains.

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A smile or two

An Easterner was being driven over a blistering and almost barren stretch of West Texas road when a colorful bird scurried in front of the car.

"That's the bird of paradise," his host informed him.

After a moment of pondering the Easterner replied, "Pretty long way from home, isn't he?"

The little one was riding on the back seat with his nurse. The child became fretful. The mother heard the nurse say, "No, you can't have it."

The mother instructed the nurse, "give him anything he wants."

All was quiet for a few minutes, then the little fellow began to scream.

"What in the world is the matter now?" the mother asked from the front seat.

"He got it," was the nurse's calm reply.

A wasp in the car had been sitting quietly on the window until the three-year-old was allowed to grab him.

A group of small boys at Sunday School listened intently as the teacher told them the parable of the Prodigal Son.

After emphasizing the disagreeable attitude of the older brother, the teacher described the household's rejoicing at the return of the Prodigal Son.

"In the midst of the celebration, however," said the teacher, "There was one who failed to share in the festive spirit! Now, does anyone know who it was?"

Waving his hand frantically, one small boy said, "The fatted calf!"

Inflation is when your pockets are full and your stomach isn't.

Reporting attendance

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Attendance report

Sept. 30, 1973

Church	Sunday School	Church Training	Ch. addns.
Alexander, First	77	48	5
Alicia	42	33	
Alpena	75	24	
Banner, Mt. Zion	34	27	2
Bentonville			
First	291		
Mason Valley	83	35	
Berryville			
First	175	52	
Rock Springs	83	54	
Booneville, First	239	215	1
Camden, First	477	181	
Cherokee Village Mission	56	22	
Clinton, Friendship	63	20	
Conway, Second	329	110	4
Crossett			
First	485	160	2
Magnolia	179	124	
Mt. Olive	386	220	7
Dardanelle, First	181	59	
Dermott, Temple	127	90	1
Elaine	186	65	
Forrest City, First	836	130	4
Ft. Smith			
First	1260	378	11
Temple	162	75	1
Gentry, First	170	65	
Grandview	90	62	
Greenwood, First	350	155	
Greers Ferry, Westside	110	47	2
Hampton, First	170	70	1
Hardy, First	78	42	5
Harrison			
Eagle Heights	278	100	4
Woodland Heights	86	47	
Helena, First	232	80	1
Hope			
Calvary	193	97	
First	460	112	3
Hot Springs			
Grand Avenue	271	174	15
Leonard Street	92	70	2
Park Place	399	122	2
Hughes, First	243	68	
Jacksonville, First	404	48	
Jonesboro			
Central	526	172	20
Nettleton	263	90	1
Lake Village, Parkway	75	52	9
Lambrook, First	123	119	2
Lavaca, First	320	125	
Lexa	167	80	
Little Rock			
Crystal Valley	147	77	1
Geyer Springs	652	198	2
Life Line	601	175	22
Martindale	117	66	
Sunset Lane	226	109	
Woodlawn	115	46	
Magnolia, Central	641	191	1
Melbourne, Belview	178	96	
Monticello, Second	222	116	
North Little Rock			
Calvary	447	148	9
Gravel Ridge	193	75	3
Paragould			
Center Hill	185	97	2
East Side	200	115	2
First	518		
Paris, First	403	110	
Pine Bluff			
Centennial	162	59	
East Side	185	114	5
First	653	119	
Green Meadows	48	26	
Second	155	65	
Prairie Grove, First	177	81	1
Rogers, First	595	133	2
Roland, Natural Steps	84	41	
Russellville			
First	483		1
Second	186	86	2
Sheridan, First	284	101	1
Springdale			
Berry Street	116	47	
Caudle Avenue	119	45	1
Elmdale	327	93	1
First	932		6
Oak Grove	61	21	
Van Buren, First	549	221	4
Mission	35		
Vandervoort, First	41	21	
Vimy Ridge, Immanuel	70	39	
Warren			
Immanuel	242	65	
Westside	59	43	
West Helena			
Second	190	92	
West Helena Church	253	96	
W. Memphis, Vanderbilt Ave.	131	60	
Wooster, First	122	98	2

Church literature prices will increase in April

NASHVILLE (BP) — Increased cost of paper, postage, printing, binding, packaging and shipping will raise prices of most Southern Baptist Sunday School Board church literature materials about five percent next April.

"We want to give churches an opportunity to prepare for this in their 1974 budgets so we are making this announcement well in advance," said board president, James L. Sullivan.

"In the past year we have been able to absorb a portion of cost increases," said Allen B. Comish, director of the board's church services and materials division. "Raising prices is never a pleasant experience.

"We had originally scheduled a price increase for October, 1973, but delayed six months," Comish explained. "As a result, we have absorbed more than half the calculated 11 percent increase allowed by the current Phase IV program of the federal government."

All but three of the board's 111 church literature periodicals, (*More, Bible Reader's Guide and Test Your Knowledge — Life and Work Series*) will be affected by the price increase, with the majority receiving a one to four cent increase, Comish said.

A survey of sample publications shows that *Outreach, Church Training, The Church Musician and Church Ad-*

ministration magazines will cost four cents more each quarter than previously.

Church Recreation and Media: Library Services Journal magazines and *Advanced Bible Study* will receive an increase of two cents quarterly, *Home Life* cost will increase three cents each quarter; *Baptist Adults*, one cent, and *Collage*, three cents.

Due to paper shortages, all major grades of paper used by the board have increased in cost by 18 to 21 percent in the last year, said John O. Jackson, manager of the procurement department. At the same time, printing, binding, and typesetting costs have risen approximately seven percent.

"Because of the shortage, paper mills are discontinuing less profitable and lightweight grades of paper," added Jackson. "In most cases, we have had to go to heavier paper at additional cost. However, the crisis is yet to come. This problem will be with us for quite some time."

Bulletin, a publication of the National Association of Purchasing Managers, reports that practically every paper mill in the country has announced increases.

The report, by Gerald Ward of the *Kingsport (Tenn.) Press*, said marginal grades of paper have either been with-

drawn or are available in limited increases.

While in a position to force the buyer to use more profitable grades, "paper mills are determined that profits will improve remarkably and now have the leverage to make it happen," Ward's article said.

"Some printers and publishers," the article said, will be "hard pressed to keep pace with the race already on."

Paper industry publications generally attribute increased costs to increased demand, shortage of pulp, pollution controls and increased costs of fuel, freight and labor.

Reportedly 66 paper manufacturing machines were closed in 1972 because of high costs of pollution abatement. Estimates indicate the industry will spend over \$500 million for pollution controls this year and a similar amount in 1974.

In addition to the paper crisis, postage increases have added to the Sunday School Board's publishing costs. "Second class postage has risen 12.5 percent over last year," said H. S. Simpson, materials services department manager.

"The board mails approximately 14 million pounds of materials each year, of which 12 million pounds require second class postage.

"The cost of packaging materials has risen 25 percent while other transportation costs of shipping materials have risen 10 percent, Simpson said.

Increased prices of all church literature materials for the April, 1974, quarter will be listed on the Church Literature Order Form for the January, 1974, quarter.

Home Mission offering tops \$6.6 million goal

ATLANTA (BP) — The annual offering by Southern Baptists for home missions topped its 1973 goal of \$6.6 million in mid-September, the earliest in history.

The offering, known as the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, totals \$6,603,226, with additional funds expected through December.

The offering is 12 percent above the amount received at this time last year.

Many states showed significant increases in giving to the offering, and for the first time one state — Texas — gave more than \$1 million.

Arthur B. Rutledge, executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, said, "This will give us great help in moving into some fields and projects we were not able to budget for."

All funds above \$6 million are earmarked for advance in church extension, television evangelism, Christian social ministries and special mission ministries.

"I believe victory in the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering came as a result of divine blessing on human efforts," said Alma Hunt, executive secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union, Southern Baptist auxiliary which sponsors the offering in consultation with the Home Mission Board and promotes it along with the SBC Brotherhood Commission, missions organization for men and boys.

"These efforts are gradually awakening churches to an awareness of our opportunities through home missions," Miss Hunt said. "I believe the success of the offering began in most churches with the study of the home missions graded series books.

"Concern was deepened through the prayer experiences during the Week of Prayer (for home missions). The result is the convincing evidence that God answered prayers and blessed the sincere efforts of thousands of Southern Baptists," Miss Hunt said.

The goal for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering has been set at \$7.2 million in 1974.

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