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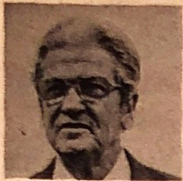


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## I must say it

Charles H. Ashcraft / Executive Secretary

### Go willingly or be pushed

One of the perils of tranquility is that good people settle into a pattern of indifference which in turn brings back again the turmoil and turbulence. Good people bring bad things upon themselves by sheer lethargy and unconcern. Eras of peace in nations may indeed be the breeding grounds for wars and all forms of tribulation just because people let up and coast when righteous goals should be pursued most vigorously. Good people seem to handle adversity more competently than prosperity and peace.

Our nation and many of our churches are exactly in that position this moment. This "business as usual," "let George do it," "I'll get mine while the getting is good" leads to a situation in which the Lord God has no option but to shake things up real good. History is replete in this direction.

At crucial periods in the projection of the Christian faith in bible times persecutions arose, all things were shaken up, good people were uprooted and God got back into business with noticeable results (Acts 8:1). The Christian faith enjoyed its greatest growth and deepest penetration into pagan society in the midst of those shakened and shattered times. It was a big price to pay and a hard decision for God to make, but no other course of action was open. We are at that crucial point now in our nation and many of our churches. When "we never had it so good," and when "we can rest on our laurels," the enemy is sowing tares in the wheat field and we have but to awaken to see it.

I see no answer for many of our nation's problems nor the indifference in un-renewed churches but a major shake-up and it will surely come. Those who have been unaware or unconcerned about certain mission needs may find themselves uprooted and transported "far beyond the northern sea," with nothing to hang onto but the sure knowledge God means it when he says carry my love to all nations.

The Bold Mission Thrust of our denomination represents the most enlightened, most aggressive, most determined effort (with the exception of the first century) which has ever been conceived and projected by any fellowship of the body of Christ on the earth to date. It is my conviction God does not plan to fail in this regard and he will shake us up aplenty to accomplish his purposes, you just believe it. If one is not alert and obedient to the degree he will voluntarily go to Nineveh, Judea, Samaria or North Dakota, he surely will be pushed a mite or more than a mite by a God who will not allow man's indifference to defeat his purpose. Be seeing you in Judea or Samaria or on mission elsewhere, huh?

*I must say it!*

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## A look at the convention

## The editor's page

J. Everett Sneed



The annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention will convene June 13-15, in Atlanta, Ga. These business sessions are always vital to our denomination because they provide opportunity for Baptists from all across the nation to assist in directing our work.

We believe unquestionably that this democratic process is right from both a biblical and a practical standpoint. Yet, such an approach does pose some problems. Occasionally, special interest groups try to take over. There is never enough lay participation, and some of the fulltime religious workers who go don't really attend much of the convention. Others fail to understand the purpose of the messengers.

Sadly, our denomination has sometimes been confronted by small groups who attempt to force everyone else into their own particular mold. These groups who attempt to control by functioning as a power bloc have usually been unsuccessful because Southern Baptists refuse to allow small groups to think for them.

The methods used by these would be dictators include harrassement, name calling, and attempting to elect men from their own group to places of leadership. Such methods are usually unsuccessful and offensive to most Southern Baptists, because they are totally contrary to Baptist polity. Organized power blocs have absolutely no place in the life of Southern Baptists, since our convention is a voluntary association of messengers from cooperating Baptist churches.

Would be power blocs have their greatest opportunity for success because of the apathy of messengers. Apathy may take various forms. Some messengers fail to inform themselves of the real issues of the conven-

tion. Others regard the convention as a time of vacation and attend very few sessions. Still others look to a friend to direct them in casting their ballot. Each messenger has an obligation to be informed to the best of his ability, to attend the sessions and to seek the leadership of the Holy Spirit in voting. A ballot should never be cast because a friend is voting a certain way or because of the popular appeal of someone running for an office.

One of the greatest strengths of the Southern Baptist Convention is its use of and involvement of lay people. Yet, the percentage of lay people serving as messengers at the SBC is far too small. Churches should encourage their lay people to participate in the Southern Baptist Convention by providing their expenses if necessary.

Finally, the purpose of our annual convention is not to give detailed instructions to our agencies and institutions from the floor. It is impossible for 15,000 messengers to deal with the technical problems confronting our agencies and institutions. What messengers can and should do is to adopt broad guidelines which gives a sense of direction to our work. Detail matters should be left to our elected trustees and board members. These fine conscientious people who come from our ranks serve us well and deserve our statements of appreciation.

We believe that the 1978 Southern Baptist Convention will be one of our finest, under the capable leadership of President Jimmy Allen, pastor of First Church, San Antonio, Tex. Dr. Allen is a unique mixture of vision, courage and concern. His commitment to the Mission Service Corps should continue to provide impetus to our Bold Mission thrust. We believe that this convention should help point the way to a brighter future for Southern Baptists.

## Guest editorial

### Tax credits violate Constitution

The U.S. House of Representatives passed and sent to the Senate a bill providing for tax credits against college, elementary and secondary school tuition on June 1. We believe that this clearly is a violation of separation of church and state.

If the basic House bill were to become law, it would be disastrous to our long-standing concept of separation of church and state. Baptists have traditionally believed that the government should not exercise authority over any church nor should any church exercise any control over the government. Even a tax credit arrangement such as this would inevitably lead to governmental controls over religious schools. It also would force those who do not agree with the religious teachings of these schools to support them.

The basic House bill calls for a direct credit to the income tax of 25 percent of the college or other post-high school tuition. This includes tuition, and academic fees but not books, board, room or incidentals. There would be limits of \$100 this fall, \$150 in 1979, and \$250 in 1980. After that, Congress would

have to decide whether or not to continue the program.

The same 25 percent of tuition would be available to those who were sending their children to private, elementary or secondary schools but the limits would be lower. For those attending pre-college private schools the limits would be \$50 this year and \$100 for each of the next two years. Educators feel that this program would be disastrous for public education.

Attorney General Griffin B. Bell has issued an opinion that the tax credit bill for parochial schools is unconstitutional and is a violation of separation of church and state. HEW Secretary Joseph Califano Jr. said that parochial schools "will never see a dollar of the unconstitutional aid the House voted . . . because the courts will invalidate it."

It is time for those of us who believe in the doctrine of separation of church and state to take a stand. We must quickly let our senators know our feeling on this matter. We should write to Senators Dale Bumpers, and Kaneaster Hodges, United States Senate, Dirksen Building, Washington, D.C. 20510.





## One layman's opinion

Daniel R. Grant / President, OBU

### The impact of teaching and impact of life

Many of us at Ouachita Baptist University have been trying to figure out why Professor J. W. MacGorman and President Russell Dilday, both of Southwestern Seminary, made such a hit at the first Statewide Pastors' Bible Conference on our campus last month. I am not suggesting we were surprised that they were well received. It is just that, in a day of easy access to all kinds of teaching and preaching via tapes, books, and television, it was surprising that they were received well above and beyond the normal call of courteous receptivity.

It certainly didn't hurt the conference for Drs. MacGorman and Dilday to teach and preach well — even very well — but I got the distinct impression that their impact on the conference was even more powerful than just the quality of their teaching and preaching would have produced. There simply had to be some additional ingredient.

In talking with Gene Petty, Ouachita faculty member and conference director, I came to the conclusion that the secret ingredient was the opportunity for conference participants to get to

know these two outstanding Christians on a personal basis, and to hear their generous sharing of their Christian testimonies.

Dr. MacGorman, for example, told of his leaving his native Canada to come to a Boston hospital, only to discover that a pathological condition he had was declared to be inoperable. He left Boston and came to Texas for more sunshine than Canada provided, arriving in 1942. He commented puckishly that God is getting a lot of mileage out of an old 1921 model, and at the age of 57 he is still going strong. He said that with an inoperable condition he long ago stopped thinking of life as a right and "began thinking of life as a wonderful privilege, to be appreciated and enjoyed 24 hours at a time."

As president of Ouachita Baptist University I especially appreciated hearing these two men describe the joy that comes from investing a life in an institution dedicated to preparing thousands of young people for Christian ministry. They spoke powerfully to us with their teaching and preaching; they spoke even more powerfully to us with their lives.

## Share Team includes Arkansas student

NASHVILLE — Four Christian international students were selected recently to form the first International Share Team to travel to college campuses this summer promoting international student ministries.

"Their main work is to bear testimony on campuses and in churches about their commitment to the Lord," said Rollin Delap, consultant in the Sunday School Board's National Student Ministries, sponsor of the team.

In addition, they will be training lay persons and students in beginning international work, and they will be visiting international students and foreign student advisers.

The four students are Pratima Borde, India, a student at Mississippi University for Women, Columbus; Kehinde Anifowoshe, Nigeria, Florida State University, Tallahassee; Jose Morelos, Colombia, Montclair State College, Upper Montclair, N.J.; and Annie Khoo, Malaysia, Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Ark. The coordinator of the team is Bill Barnett, international student coordinator at Texas A & M.

"We hope that campuses' ministries to internationals will be stronger as a result of the witness and impact of this team," said Delap.



## Woman's viewpoint

Marian Dickson

### Make every day count

On Feb. 2, 1978, in a tragic fire, a woman in our town lost her husband, a five-year-old son, her home and all its contents. In the closing moments of the funeral service she rose to her feet, turned to the congregation and spoke these words: "Make every day count!"

What was the message she meant for us to grasp?

Somehow I think she was saying that life is lived one day at a time, and that it is brief. We must use wisely those hours which are given to us. We must not allow lethargy to consume them; nor can we afford to fill our days with useless activity.

Make every day count! The time to begin is now. Make every day count! The place to begin is wherever you are. Make every day count! The impact of

those words upon my own life is expressed in this poem:

#### As I Live This Day

*If I knew that little figure  
running barefoot in the rain,  
would be called away tomorrow,  
would today be just the same?  
Or if perhaps my own life  
the Lord should choose to claim,  
once again I ask the question:  
Would today be just the same?  
Would I take the time to listen?  
Would I take the time to look?  
Would I dare assume a servant role  
like the one my Saviour took?  
If the man I share my life with;  
or, even the neighbor down the street,  
were gone this time tomorrow,  
would the hours we shared be com-*

plete?

*Am I aware of people  
when they hurt from pain or grief?  
Do I allow the Spirit of God  
to bring, through me, relief?*

*Lord, I pray you'd make me sensitive,  
and direct me in such a way,  
that I might know just how to live  
eternal moments today!*

Teach us to number our days and recognize how few they are; help us to spend them as we should (Psalm 90:12 L.B.)

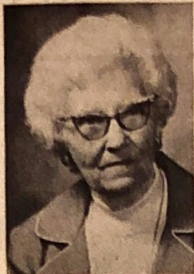
Marian Dickson, of Stuttgart, is a housewife, mother, Sunday School teacher, VBS worker, and Registered Nurse (currently inactive) who also finds time to work in immunization programs and be a Girl Scout leader.



**Lillian Rutherford** retired May 28 as children's choir director at Park Place Church, Hot Springs. She has served 32 years in this position. Miss Rutherford came to Hot Springs from Tahlequah, Okla., and began choir organizational work immediately. In 1956, she became a public school music teacher, but continued to maintain and direct the three children's choirs.



Stege



Bailey



Rutherford

**Bob G. Crabb**

has resigned as pastor of First Church, Kensett, effective at the close of morning services June 11.

**Milt Loftis**

is serving as summer youth/education minister for First Church, Crossett.

**Colleen Thompson**

will do summer mission work with Park Hill Church, North Little Rock. She is a senior at Trinity University in San Antonio, Tex.

**Bob Batchelder**

has resigned as pastor of Caudle Avenue Church in Springdale. He and his wife, Joyce, have moved to Flagstaff, Ariz., where he has accepted a pastorate.

**Bill McDowell**

has resigned as pastor of First Church, Hindsville. He and his wife, Sue, and their two daughters have moved to Westcliffe, Colo., where he has accepted a pastorate.

**Thomas Simmons**

has resigned as pastor of the Angora Church, Van Buren County Association.

**Eugene Ryan**

has resigned as pastor of the Harmony Church, Conway-Perry Association.

**Rev. and Mrs. David Wood**

were honored by the Northvale Church, Harrison, on May 21. The church held a "Pastor Appreciation Service" on the third anniversary of the Woods' service there.

Special music was presented by the adult choir and other members of the church. Testimonies and letters of appreciation were read. Lehman Webb, Field Missionary for Church Extension, State Missions Department of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, was speaker. The service was followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall where Rev. and Mrs. Wood were presented with a love offering.

**Doyle B. Bledsoe**

has accepted a call to serve as interim pastor of Matthews Memorial Church in Pine Bluff. Bledsoe was pastor of Forrest Park Church in Pine Bluff for 7½ years

before his retirement. He has just completed a 4½ month interim pastorate at First Church, DeWitt.

**Paul Gilbreath**

has resigned as minister of music and youth at Kelso Church, Rohwer. Sardis Bever is the pastor.

**Steve Stege**

has accepted the call to serve as minister of education and administration for Beech Street First Church in Texarkana. Stege, a native of San Antonio, Tex., is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University. He has almost completed his master of religious education degree at Southwestern Seminary. Stege has been serving as minister of education and outreach at Bammel Church in Houston, Tex., and has served as associational Sunday School Director for Union Baptist Association. He has been a guest director for church growth and action campaigns in Phoenix, Ariz., and Beaumont, Tex. Stege was nominated as one of the "Outstanding Young Men of America in 1978." He and his wife, Rhonda, are parents of a son, Christopher.

**Gladys Bailey**

was honored by Central Church, Jonesboro, May 21 when the church observed "Heritage Day." Miss Bailey, a charter member of the church, has worked 44 years as a children's teacher and is still actively involved in the church's work. The church honored her with a "This is Your Life" program, a special presentation and a reception.

Others participating in the service were Leo George, Mark Tolbert, Laverne Pickett, Mrs. Norman Sherrod, and Pastor R. Wilbur Herring.

## Letter to the editor

### Baptisms: our failure

As I read the May 18th publication I was startled at a letter appearing in the Letters to the Editor column, "Why Baptism Decline" The answer to this is as old as the Bible itself, W.O.R.K. Jesus said to go into the highways and byways and compel them to come in.

Then it would do us all well to look closely at the experience of Philip in Acts 28: 26-35. One quickly notes that in V-26, God sends an Angel to speak to His servant, in V-29, The Holy Spirit directed His servant, in V-32, we have the Word of God, then in V-35 God's servant becomes an instrument for God to use in reaching the lost for Christ. There is a simple pattern that any

Christian can follow, obedience and work.

It is the printed letter that I wish to call your attention to. The 5th paragraph, quote: "Many questions enter my mind as to why? Are we failing God, or is God failing us? Only God knows the answer." Unquote.

My brethren, God does not fail. God has given our church 147 additions in the past 20 months and over half of those were by salvation. No man can preach God's Holy Word, casting doubt on the ability of Almighty God and win the lost to Christ.

Let us stick with the old fashioned preaching, Sin is cleansed by the blood

of Jesus. There is a place called Heaven for the saved and safe to spend eternity. There is a place called Hell, where the unrighteous and the damned shall spend eternity. Nothing takes the place of old fashioned Gospel Preaching. Never let the devil disrupt the great Christian fellowship or draw us away from the fundamentals of the faith, of our forefathers and our predecessors. Let us realize the modern approach will never win the world to Jesus.

Angels may fail, we may fail, but God will never fail. Let the church of the Lord Jesus Christ take note of this important fact and preach thus. — Bob Atwood, Pastor, Trinity Church, Franklinton, La.





First of a four-part series

## Jordan: the new and the old

**Editor's note:** Recently I was one of six Baptist editors who were privileged to be the guests of the Jordanian and Israeli governments. We were flown to Amman, Jordan on Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline, and spent the major portion of our time there.

Four articles will be carried in the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* which should provide perspective and insight into the land where our Lord lived. It will be my purpose to tell of the biblical sites against the backdrop of today's world. The articles will be as follows — **Jordan: the new and the old; Biblical sites in Jordan; Our mission work in Jordan; and The majesty of Mt. Sinai (in Israel).**

### The land and its history

Jordan is a developing Arab country which has 35,000 square miles of territory and a population of 1,747,000. An additional 2,640 square miles is located on the West bank region which has a population of 720,000. The total size of Jordan is about the same as that of Georgia. The West bank of Jordan was occupied by Israel in the 1976 war.

The country has three other regions — the East Bank Uplands, the Jordanian Desert and the Jordanian Rift Valley. The desert is about four-fifths of the total land space and is part of the Syrian Desert.

The Jordanian Valley is almost 1,300

feet below sea level at the Dead Sea and is the lowest point on the surface of the earth. The Jordanian River travels south, draining the water of the Sea of Galilee, the Yarmuk River, and the valley streams of both plateaus into the Dead Sea. The Dead Sea, which is 45 miles long and 10 miles wide, is far saltier than the ocean. The salt will support a person lying motionless on his back.

In 1977 Jordan began a project of solar evaporation which will soon be recovering 1.2 million metric tons of potash annually. The \$425 million project is the largest in the history of Jordan and is believed to be one of the most complex and challenging of its kind ever attempted anywhere.

Approximately 10,000 years ago, the Jordanian Valley was the site of one of the first organized communities. It was a place where man turned from hunting, as a total way of life, to form organized communities. Remains of these communities can be seen at Petra and other locations.

The country has witnessed many different and significant cultures. It has been controlled by the Canaanites, Egyptians, Babylonians, Persians, Greeks, Romans, Byzantines, Crusaders, and many others.

In 636 A.D. the followers of the Islam faith took the land from the Byzantines. Today, about 95 percent of Jordan is

Islamic and about five percent are Christians. At birth everyone's religion is placed in his birth certificate.

In 1099 A.D. the Crusaders captured the area and remained until 1187. After the Crusaders retreated the history of Jordan remained uneventful until the 16th Century when it was overrun by the Ottoman Turks. The Turks did little for Jordan but their rule lasted until the first World War in 1918.

In 1916 the people of Jordan supported the allies against the Ottomans and the Germans. At the end of the war the Arabs were placed under the mandates of France and Britain. In 1921 Emir Abdullah was instrumental in establishing Trans-Jordan which was recognized as an independent constitutional state in 1923, under the protection of Britain. In 1946 it was declared a kingdom under the rule of King Abdullah.

### Today's government

Today the government is a constitutional monarchy, with a parliament consisting of an upper and lower house. King Hussein, the grandson of King Abdullah, is on the throne.

The executive authority in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan resides in the monarchy. The monarchy is hereditary, the crown being passed by the King to his eldest son. But the King may, at his discretion, nominate one of



**OPPOSITE PAGE:** The new is Jordan's capitol city, Amman.



**LEFT:** The old is the ancient village of Petra, built into the hillside. **BELOW:** On top of Petra, a Southern Baptist missionary (right) speaks to a Bedouin man and his daughter. Maryland editor Gene Puckett wears a Bedouin headdress for protection from the sun.



his brothers as the heir apparent. The monarch must be a direct heir of King Abdullah Iban El Hussein.

Prince Hassan, the brother of King Hussein, was proclaimed the Crown Prince of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan on June 1, 1965.

The King is the supreme commander of all military forces. He declares war, concludes peace, and signs treaties. He appoints the president and the members of the Senate. He orders the holding of elections for the House of Representatives and appoints the Prime Minister. He also appoints the ministers of the government upon the recommendation of the Prime Minister.

The Senate is composed of 30 members appointed by the King on the basis of their meritory service, or other special qualifications. The House of Representatives is composed of 60 deputies, elected by the adult male and female voters.

#### **The people**

Most of the people of Jordan are Arabs and speak Arabic. There is a small percentage of the people who come from various ethnic backgrounds. These ethnic groups continue their traditional dress which relates to their secular background.

Jordan's population is very youthful. More than half of the people are under

19 years of age.

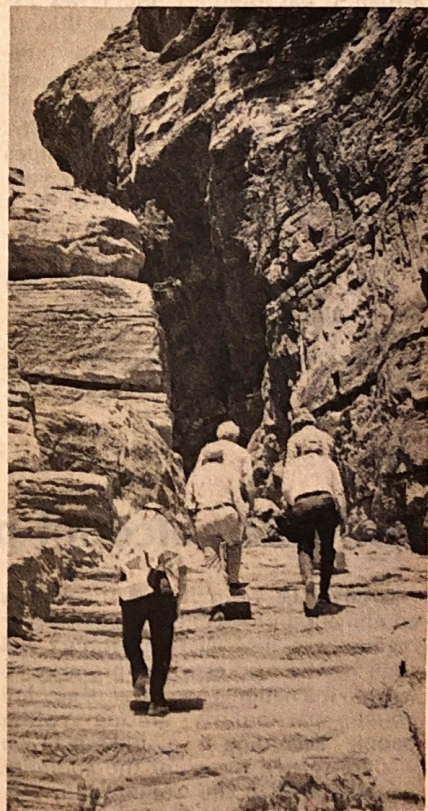
Almost every area of life has been affected by the refugees. In 1966 there were 700,000 refugees in Jordan, and 350,000 more arrived after the Arab-Israeli war in 1967. Many have acquired citizenship and are now making significant contributions to the country. Thousands continue to live in 29 refugee camps.

Training programs have been developed for the refugees. Teenagers are being taught useful trades.

Since many of the refugees who inhabit the camps insist on eventually returning to their homes, they are officially classified as, "Displaced persons who resist efforts at resettlement." As such, they are supported by the United Nations Relief Agencies for Palestine Refugees in the Near East.

The Bedouins of Jordan are among the most colorful people of the country. Their home is the desert. There are three principle tribes. At one time they were all cattle drivers, but they have now added sheep and goats to their flocks. Their traditions include chivalry, courage and hospitality.

The Bedouins have great respect for King Hussein. In his biography he says of them, "When I visit my tribes, I sit at the head of the tent with other guests around me. Members of the tribe stand



The journalists climb Petra's ancient steps. They had ridden horses 11/2 miles to the bottom, and then walked up for an hour. (ABN photo)



in front, dancing their traditional dances and singing. When my name is mentioned in a song, they shoot their rifles in the air as a salute. After I sit down, coffee is served. The chief of the tribe then makes his traditional welcome speech, composing it as he goes along. Soon a poet appears and makes up a poem as he talks."

When guests are present no women are allowed to be seen and no member of the tribe, not even the chief, eats until all the guests are finished. Often camels are raced to entertain the guests while the meal is being prepared.

The meal is served buffet style with neither plates nor flatware. Everyone eats from the same dish with his right hand. Bowls of warm water, soap and towels are passed around so that each person can clean his hands before eating.

### Petra

Petra was a stronghold of the early Arab people as they turned from hunting as their total support and formed communities. This ancient Nabataean village is one of the chief attractions of Jordan. It was forgotten until it was discovered by a Swiss explorer in 1812.

The word "Petra" means "rock." But the rock cave used as the Nabataeans' home and burial places only convey half of the beauty and fascination of the city. The city was constructed on the slopes of hills with giant chasms on every side. As one stands on the precipice of Petra brilliant colors can be seen in every direction.

Petra was constructed during the Roman and Hellenistic eras. The ancient people carved the giant caverns little by little starting at the top and going downward. Many of the tombs, in par-

*Tour leaders and Baptist editors were (left to right) Igor J. Farradj, Associate Director General, Ministry of Tourism of the Jordanian government; Gene Pucket, editor of the "Maryland Baptist"; Julian Pentecost, editor of the "Religious Herald" of Virginia; W. C. Fields, Director of Baptist Press; Don McGregor, Editor of the "Baptist Record" of Mississippi; John Roberts, editor of the "Baptist Courier" of South Carolina; Arkansas Editor J. Everett Sneed; and Harry Prior, public relations representative for North America for Alia, the Royal Jordanian airline.*



ticular, have very decorative carvings.

In order to view Petra one must first ride a horse down a narrow trail for approximately one and one-half miles. Then after arriving at the foot of the hill it is necessary to climb the ancient steps that were made in the rock by the Nabataeans. It requires approximately one hour to climb from the bottom to the top of the mountain with three brief rest stops.

Today many of the tombs and caves of Petra are occupied by Bedouin families.

These families earn their living through the herding of cattle, sheep and goats and by furnishing horses for tourists to ride.

### Tourism

Jordan holds many attractions for the visitor. The country is rich in sites of religious and historic interest. There are also many archaeological and scenic attractions in the country. Many in the Jordanian government believe that tourism holds the country's greatest potential.

## Powdered alcohol poses new threat

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Thanks to a combination of American and Japanese ingenuity, a new alcohol product will soon hit the market which promises to worsen the national hangover of alcohol abuse, particularly among young people, according to a spokesman on alcohol-related issues for the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission.

Powdered alcohol, an "all you add is water" product, is now being test marketed on the west coast, and Americans can anticipate an onslaught of advertising, says John A. Wood, director of program development for the Christian Life Commission.

Developed by the Japanese, the first powdered alcohol products are being

introduced by Global Marketing Services, which is hoping for nationwide distribution by the end of the year.

The final obstacle keeping powdered alcohol from entering the market was removed recently when the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms reached a decision on how to tax the product.

The "instant cocktails," which follow the introduction of the six percent alcohol candy bar and the alcohol milkshake, are further evidence of a trend in the alcohol industry to make alcohol "as acceptable and accessible as possible," Wood claims.

"Once again we are faced with the basic problem of regulating alcohol," he says. "Powdered alcohol is another idea

whose time hasn't come. It should never have been placed on the market. Even the social drinker should recognize the enormous potential for abuse in this product. It is a product aimed at getting the new drinker and getting the present drinker to drink more. And it is tailor made for abuse among young people."

Wood said that concerned persons who are interested in how the new product will be controlled in their state should contact the state's alcohol control agency, which is responsible for regulating where alcohol may be sold. The only way to keep the product off the market in a state, he explained, is through legislative action.



## McDonald's money rumor is false

Several Arkansas Baptists have asked the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* staff about a rumor about McDonald's Corporation, their founder, and contributions made by the corporation and by Ray A. Kroc.

The following letter from Kroc was published in the April 5, 1978, issue of the *Baptist Standard*, state paper of Texas Baptists, in response to inquiries they received from readers.

In his letter to the *Standard* Kroc explains that the corporation will seek legal action against persons involved in the spread of the unfounded rumor.

*I was absolutely appalled to learn of the false allegation that my personal funds, and those of McDonald's Corporation, had been donated to the church of Satan. Such a donation would be contrary to the corporate contributions policy of McDonald's and to my personal beliefs.*

*Please give my personal assurance to concerned citizens and religious and community groups that this vicious rumor is completely untrue and without basis in fact.*

*Although we have only rumored reports of the source of these allegations, if you have any information which will aid us in locating the person or persons responsible, it would be greatly appreciated. And once we have identified the source of these irresponsible and malicious statements, we shall immediately take appropriate legal action in accordance with our rights under the law.*

Ray A. Kroc  
Senior Chairman of the Board  
Founder, McDonald's Corporation,  
Oak Brook, Ill.

Fourth in a series

## Deacons: in this mold

by Larry Baker

"Pastor, our church needs to ordain some deacons. What kind of person shall we choose?" I've heard those words often in the churches I've served and from members of other congregations.

Fortunately we're not left to answer that question alone. The New Testament gives us help — especially in Paul's words.

In 1 Timothy 3:8-13 one finds a discussion of the deacon's qualifications. Look at the list. All are "qualities;" none are "skills." The most important factor in choosing deacons should be spiritual; concern should focus on attitudes and relationships, and on the spirit of the person.

Paul said persons who lead the church should be of "serious outlook," "temperate," "not greedy," and "of sincere conviction." Likewise, they should hold the mystery of faith with "complete sincerity." Paul was saying that the church's leaders should be persons of character and integrity.

The Christian faith is deeply concerned about the character of its disciples; it says clearly that its leaders should be marked by Christian character. Persons who lead the church must be like the little girl who told her teacher that she was going to draw a picture of God. The teacher said, "But Mary, no one knows what God looks



Dr. Baker

like." To which Mary responded, "They will when I get through."

Also, according to Acts 6:3, persons who lead the church are to be spiritually-minded. They are to be far more than religious errand boys or organizational mechanics; they are to be concerned with matters of the Spirit.

To be spiritually-minded is to know that life is more than food, clothing and shelter. Spiritually-minded persons have their priorities in order, know where their primary loyalty lies, and live accordingly. To be spiritually-minded is to be concerned for the spiritual welfare of others; also, it is to practice the spiritual disciplines faithfully, regularly, and creatively so that one knows the richness of life in Christ and can point others, by experience, to it.

A Christian church can function effectively with limited skills but never without Christian character in its leadership. Your dentist performs very personal services for you and you need to trust your banker; but their value to you does not necessarily depend upon Christian character. The Christian faith, however, often rises or falls on the basis of its leaders' lives. And, surely, the church will never achieve its potential unless its leaders embody the character of its Lord.

Woodrow Wilson's word about the minister applies as well to the deacon: "The only profession that consists in being something is the ministry of our Lord and Savior — and it does not consist of anything else."

Larry Baker is pastor of First Church, Fayetteville.

## Southern Baptist College awards 100 diplomas

Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, which is Arkansas Baptists' junior college, awarded diplomas to 100 students in exercises May 11.

Commencement speaker was Harry D. Trulove, president of the Arkansas Baptist Foundation. Dr. Trulove challenged the graduates to look at the abilities and possibilities of their lives and decide how to use what they possess.

He said that, generally, people use what they are given in three ways: they believe their gifts to be for their own use; or they believe themselves to be insignificant; or they completely dedicate

themselves to God and his purposes. Dr. Trulove said that the latter option results in "growth through study, pride in workmanship, and the satisfaction of a life rightly related to the Lord, self and one's fellow man".

Following the address, diplomas were awarded and awards were made to six others. Honorary degrees awarded were associate of arts to Raymond Atwood, and diploma of theology to Dale Barnett.

Named Distinguished Baptist Minister was Johnny Jackson. S. Ray Crews was honored as Distinguished Alumnus, and

Dr. Orman W. Simmons was named Distinguished Baptist Layman. Mrs. John Wright was named Distinguished Baptist Lady.

Other activities of the day were the baccalaureate sermon by Johnny Jackson, pastor of Forest Highlands Church, Little Rock, and President of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention; and a Former Students Association Luncheon where College President D. Jack Nicholas reported on the 1977-78 school year, and S. Ray Crews brought the inspirational message. Graduates and their parents attended a reception in their honor early in the afternoon.



# 'Wills for Ouachita' program established for continued excellence

ARKADELPHIA — Entering the celebration of its Centennial Decade, Ouachita Baptist University, founded in 1886, has designated 1978 as "Wills for Ouachita" year.

The emphasis for the year is designed to provide continued academic and Christian excellence at Ouachita and heading the program as Director of Planned Giving will be Lloyd Cloud, former pastor of Hot Springs First Church.

"Setting aside in your will some portion of your estate for Ouachita is an investment that has long reaching effects," Cloud said, adding that gifts made today will shape lives that can in turn shape more lives in positive ways.

Specific objectives of the program, according to Cloud, are (1) to provide, in wills for a minimum of \$20,000,000 for endowment; (2) to encourage each of Ouachita's graduates, friends, faculty, and staff members to create a will and to consider a provision for Ouachita; (3) to provide adequate information concerning ways to make bequests to Ouachita; and (4) to provide aid to lawyers of Ouachita constituents who wish to prepare for a bequest to the University.

Monies received through various deferred giving methods, including wills and trusts, can and will be used in a variety of ways, contingent upon the desires of the donor. According to the amount given, specific endowed chairs and scholarships.

A chair of instruction will be endowed for gifts of \$300,000 or more. The endowed chair will be a position of highest honor in the academic community and will be recognized by a memorial name in perpetuity.

For a gift in endowment of \$100,000 or more, the University will establish a pro-

fessorship with financial arrangements similar to those of the endowed chair. The continuance of the memorial named professorship will be subject to review by the University after 20 years.

Gifts in the amount of \$5,000 or more may be used to establish a named perpetual scholarship fund. The income from such funds will be used to provide scholarships for worthy and deserving students.

An alternative arrangement is a pledge for an annual gift equivalent to the income from such an endowment.

Specifically, a donor may choose to endow a position or scholarship in such academic areas as business, economics, education, psychology, modern languages, or in numerous other fields of study.

Scholarship opportunities also include those supporting Ouachita's program of intercollegiate athletics.

Campus gardens will be established in honor or memory of named individuals by the University for a minimum gift of \$15,000. "Campus gardens" include such things as riverfront and ravine beautification, walkways, meditation gardens, flower beds, and central campus beauty centers.

Other areas monetary gifts may be directed to include building needs in which the gift is used to renovate or construct edifices for the University.

"Probably the most frequent bequests made are undesignated gifts which are used to meet the most pressing needs of the University as determined by the administration and board of trustees," Cloud commented. He added that this form of gift allows the greatest flexibility for the University.

As director of planned giving, Cloud talks with people, explaining ways of giving through wills. There are five main

methods employed:

First, an outright bequest of a fixed sum of money.

Another way is to give a percentage of the total estate.

A charitable remainder trust provides for survivors until their deaths and supplies future monies for the University," Cloud said.

A residual clause can be employed. Specific provisions are made for the named beneficiaries and any residue of the estate goes to Ouachita.

The final means of making a bequest is the contingency provision. An entire estate or a portion goes to Ouachita, contingent upon certain possibilities such as the common death of husband and wife or of the entire family.

"Wills for Ouachita" is more than a development program for Ouachita, according to Cloud. It is also a service to the graduates and friends of Ouachita.

"Everyone should have a will and this provides excellent opportunity for persons to make one," Cloud explained, naming several reasons for wills:

"Wills provide for one's estate to be distributed according to one's own desires rather than by a formula fixed by law, and allows one to name his own executor, name the guardian when there are minor children, saves administration costs, and can provide many tax advantages.

"We provide assistance in the making out of wills as a service to the graduates and friends of Ouachita," Cloud said. He added that neither he nor others on the OBU staff actually draw wills nor practice law and recommend that people use their own attorney.

Anyone interested in the "Wills for Ouachita" program may write Lloyd Cloud, Director of Planned Giving, Ouachita Baptist University, P.O. Box 754, Arkadelphia, Ark. 71923 or call 246-4531, ext. 169.



Four Ouachita University officials are leading in the "1978-Wills for Ouachita" year headed by Lloyd Cloud (r.), director of planned giving at the University. The officials are (l. to r.) Ben M. Elrod, senior vice president and director of development; Daniel R. Grant, OBU president; and Jay Freeman of Little Rock, chairman of the Development Committee of the Board of Trustees.



**Dallas Avenue Church, Mena** was in revival May 8-14. W. T. Byrum, a former pastor who is now Director of Missions for Caroline Association, was evangelist. George Duke, minister of music for Glenwood First Church, directed music. There were 10 professions of faith and five joined by letter. Max Deaton is pastor.

**Alma First Church** observed the "Weekend of Champions," on May 20-21. Marvin Delph, All-American basketball player was speaker. Paul Stockemer is pastor.

**El Dorado First Church** honored Donna Axum, Miss America of 1964, on May 24. Miss Axum, author of "The Outer You the Inner You," is a former member of the El Dorado church and was honored with an autograph

party in the church's conference room. She was also featured soloist at the Wednesday evening prayer service.

**Harmony Church, North Little Rock** held a ground breaking ceremony for additional building space on April 30. The space will provide six classrooms, a fellowship hall, kitchen and pastor's study. The building program will include remodeling and expansion of present worship and educational space. A choir loft will also be added. Bill Meadows will be architect. Norman Powell is pastor.

**Green Meadows Church, Pine Bluff** was in revival May 14-19 with Bill Fitzhugh as evangelist. There were 30 professions of faith and 14 joined by letter. Claire Langley Jr., church music director, led revival music. J. W. Whitley

is pastor.

Graduates of the church were honored with a breakfast on May 28. They were presented with engraved Bibles at the morning worship hour.

**Lake City First Church** Woman's Missionary Union, in the past months, has been involved in mission action work. The members made over 100 dolls and also various pieces of clothing to be used for children at the Migrant Mission Center, Hope.

**Plainview Church, Little Rock,** honored high school graduates Sunday, May 28. Seniors who were presented Bibles and tie tacs were David Eason, Raymond Zimmerman, and Bill Bowen.

The church will hold vacation Bible School June 12-16.

**Hardy First Church** held a special recognition day for its graduating high school seniors on Sunday, May 21. They were presented a copy of the New International Version New Testament at the morning worship hour. Youth of the church presented special music. Glenda Fontenot, associate director of the Baptist Student Union at Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, was speaker at the morning worship Service. Seniors were honored with a dinner at noon. The evening service was testimonies and songs by youth of the church.

**Arkadelphia First Church** began Sunday evening services at Lake DeGray on May 28. These services will be held through the month of June. Activities with boating and recreation begin at 4 p.m. Doctrine study and crafts are from 4:30-5:30 p.m. A family supper is served at 6 p.m. followed by a vesper service at 7.

**Pike Avenue Church, North Little Rock** held an Acteens Coronation service on Sunday evening, May 21. Those receiving crowns were Jonna Clark, DeeAnn Johnson and Elizabeth Gwin. Completing steps for crown with scepter were Sandra Huey, Tonya Rhodes, Marla Nichols and Carla Wilkerson. Each girl, dressed in white, was escorted to the altar by her father.

Charges were given and crowns or scepters were presented by Fran Nichols, former Woman's Missionary Union Director. Doris Miller, Acteen Director, was assisted this year by Carolyn Ward and Glenda Huey.

Mrs. Miller, who is resigning, was surprised during the service. She was presented with a silver tray from the Pike Avenue WMU. Each Acteen presented her with a long stem red rose as an expression of their love for her. Lex Eaker, pastor; Dennis Scudder, music director; and Lou Net Rickett, WMU Director; also participated in the service.



## Food and fellowship

Virginia Kirk and Jane Purtle

### Tribute to a father

*"To have faith is to be sure of the things we hope for, to be certain of the things we cannot see. It was by their faith that people of ancient times won God's approval." (Hebrews 11:1-2)*

Before the Korean War when things were tough economically, my dad was supporting us by selling aluminum cookware. One morning I saw him put his head down on the table and cry. "It's hard to raise children these days," he said. I had never seen him cry before. Many years later I understand what he meant. To be faithful through it all — that's what fathers and mothers are called to.

These days we know men by their occupations. He's a carpenter, an accountant, a banker, or a teacher. My dad was a pipefitter when he wasn't a farmer, a salesman, a plumber, a draftsman, or a carpenter. He did whatever was necessary to support his family. I was always a little embarrassed by that. He was a self-educated man; but for many years I was too young to appreciate that kind of wisdom. Being someone was more important to me than being faithful.

Hebrews 11 records one list of heroes, men and women of faith. No matter how many mistakes Abraham, Jacob, Moses, and all the rest made, they remained faithful. Their faithfulness was the basis of their heroism. My dad's name lengthens this list of heroes.

A dish he made often while he was demonstrating and selling cookware in the late 40's was chicken paprika. His adaptation of the recipe made a large potful and would feed a dozen or more people when served over rice.

#### Chicken Paprika

- 1 fryer, boiled, boned and chopped
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 2 tablespoons oil
- 2 heaping tablespoons flour
- 2-3 teaspoons paprika (more if desired)
- salt and pepper to taste
- 3 cups chicken broth
- 1 cup sour cream or thick cream (optional)

Brown onion in oil. Add salt, pepper, paprika, and flour. Gradually add chicken broth, stirring constantly to avoid lumping. Add sour cream. (For economy, my dad did not use cream.) Add more water if mixture is too thick. Add chicken and simmer for about 15 minutes. Serve over rice.



## Committee endorses World Hunger Day

A committee of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention has endorsed Aug. 2 as "World Hunger Day" and issued a statement encouraging Arkansas Baptist churches to observe the day in a "financial and educational way".

The seven-member committee met May 16 at Little Rock and drafted the World Hunger Day statement and one encouraging churches to participate in relief efforts of the SBC Foreign and Homer Mission Boards. That statement

also urged Arkansas Baptists "not to be unmindful of the hungry people in Arkansas".

James Smalley of Little Rock had been appointed chairman of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention Committee on World Hunger by Johnny Jackson, convention president. The committee elected H. E. Williams of Walnut Ridge as vice chairman, and named Margaret Kolb of Little Rock as secretary.

John Cheyne, who works with the

Foreign Mission Board in disaster response and world hunger ministries, met with the committee.

The committee will see that materials or forms to order materials from the Christian Life Commission be made available to pastors so churches may have educational items for their world hunger emphasis.

The World Hunger Committee plans to share other information with Arkansas Baptists during the year, and they will make a report to the Convention messengers in November, according to Smalley.



Participating in the committee meeting were (left to right) Ron Freeman, John Cheyne, H. E. Williams, Charles H. Ashcraft, James Smalley, Mike Beaty, Barbara Wikman, Margaret Kolb, and J. T. Harvill. (ABN photo)

## State golf tournament planned June 23

The annual State Golf Tournament for pastors and other church staff members will be held Friday, June 23, at Burns Park in North Little Rock beginning at 9 a.m. There will be two flights of play: the championship flight for those shooting 89 or better and the first flight for those shooting 90 and above.

Contact Johnny Jackson, 1717 North Mississippi in Little Rock (663-6317) for additional information.

**Did you know** that the Foreign Mission Board receives almost half of the total Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program budget?

## Churches commended for their giving

Independence Baptist Association, on Tuesday evening, May 16, held a Stewardship Clinic at Pilgrims Rest Church, Batesville.

Total receipts, total missions giving, Cooperative Program gifts and associational gifts for each church within the association were shown through a graph study presented in booklets and on opaque projection presentation. The project was a joint effort of the churches, associational office, S. D. Hacker, director, and the budget and finance committees.

Committee members were Raymond Morris, chairman; R. A. Bone; Joe Chumley; Jim Knight; Coy Cowell; Vernon Jones; and Jim Hunter.

The graph study revealed that the average missions giving of the Independence Association churches had increased, in a 10-year period, from 14 to 18 percent. Hacker said, "this came as the result of additional churches within the association and increased church budgets."

The associational budget has in-

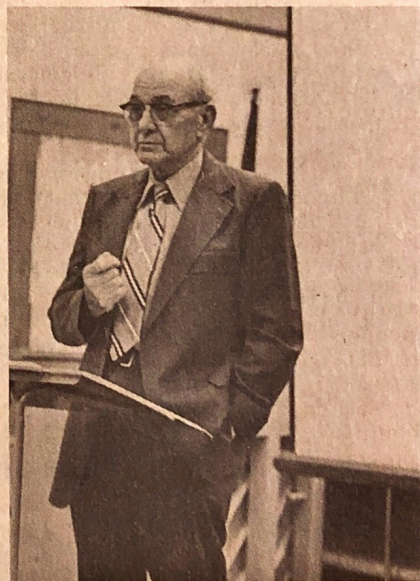
creased from \$13,000 to \$82,000 in this period. "However," Hacker said, "our average Cooperative Program gifts have remained at seven percent."

"If we are to be a vital link in the Bold Mission Thrust," Hacker concluded, "our churches must become aware of the need to increase their gifts to the Cooperative Program."

Lehman Webb, Field Missionary in Church Extension of the State Missions Department, Arkansas Baptist State Convention, was speaker.

"A steward is one who owns the Lordship of God," Webb said. "Stewardship and Redemption are inseparable," he said, "therefore we must take on new boldness both in our giving and in our witnessing that the Bold Mission Thrust will be the success for God that Southern Baptists want it to be."

"Through Bold Missions," Webb concluded, "God is calling us back from mediocrity to deep personal commitment. We are being called to be consistent and effective in sharing what God has given us."



Raymond Morris explained the graphs as they were projected on a screen. (ABN photo)



# Your state convention at work

## Top 25 churches in Baptisms in 1977 are listed

Church	Baptisms	Pastor	Association
1. Springdale, First	171	Clifford Palmer	Washington-Madison
2. Ft. Smith, First	145	William Bennett	Concord
3. Open Door	126	*Rex Easterling	Benton
4. Grand Ave, Ft. Smith	116	Don Moore	Concord
5. Elliot, Camden	108	Gene Pritchard	Liberty
6. North Main, Jonesboro	102	Bill Lewis	Mt. Zion
7. Lee Memorial, Pine Bluff	99	Jack Ramsey	Harmony
8. Mulberry, First	87	Bill Spears	Clear Creek
University, Fayetteville	87	H. D. McCarty	Washington-Madison
9. Windsor Park, Ft. Smith	85	*Bill Sutton	Concord
10. Watson Chapel, Pine Bluff	83	Edwin Hinkson	Harmony
11. Rogers, First	81	Ben Rowell	Benton
Forrest City, First	81	Kerry Powell	Tri-County
12. Immanuel, Little Rock	77	W. O. Vaught	Pulaski
13. West Memphis, First	74	Thomas Hinson	Tri-County
14. Pocahontas, First	69	Curtis Smith	Current-Gaines
15. Dumas, First	62	Dennis Baw	Harmony
Park Hill, North Little Rock	62	Cary Heard	North Pulaski
16. East Side, Ft. Smith	59	Truman Moore	Concord
17. Highland Heights, Benton	50	Lloyd Sparkman (Interim)	Central
18. Russellville, First	48	Jack Riley	
19. Little Rock, First	47	John Wright	Pulaski
West Side, El Dorado	47	Jerry Wilson	Liberty
20. Oak Grove, Van Buren	46	*Wayne Davis	Clear Creek
Van Buren, First	46	Bruce Cushman	Clear Creek
Calvary, Paragould	46	Junior Vester	Green
20. Central, Jonesboro	46	Wilbur Herring	Mt. Zion
Holly Springs, Little Rock	46	Z. A. Oliver (deceased)	Pulaski

\*Present Pastor

These statistics were compiled from annual church letters by the Evangelism Department. Questions or corrections should be directed to the Evangelism Department.

## I believe in the BSU Third Century Campaign

These are some of the reasons I believe in BSU and why our church is supporting the "BSU Third Century Campaign."

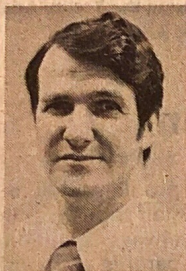
\*BSU is one of a few religious organizations going directly to the college campus to influence young peoples' lives for Jesus Christ.

\*BSU is "evangelistic" and is zealous in winning college students to Christ.

\*BSU involves young people in a "ministry" and not just another program.

\*BSU at LSU in Shreveport, LA., is meeting the needs of my daughter and her husband in the areas of counseling, participation in ministry, and Christian fellowship on campus while they are away from parents.

\*BSU met my needs as a 35 year old late-comer into college life.



Freeman

\*BSU changes lives as evidenced by the many young people going into all areas of ministry directly from the college campus.

\*BSU is preparing youth today to lead out tomorrow.

\*BSU does not compete with the



church; it points people to the church.

\*BSU is vital to our state in reaching, teaching, and preaching Jesus Christ on college campuses. Pastors should feel an obligation to lead their churches to support this very worthy campaign by doing the following:

1. Pray about your position as pastor to share the BSU Third Century Campaign with your congregation.

2. Mention the BSU regularly in your efforts on its behalf.

3. Start NOW to promote for the fall budget to include the full 1 percent in the 1978/79 budget.

4. Be positive. BSU is positive.

In conclusion, I feel that the pastor is the vital key to inform, to insure, and to lead the church to support this campaign. The goal of \$1,000,000 is a challenge that can be met if pastors will rally to the cause. One percent of a \$120,000 budget is only \$100 a month. I believe in BSU. Won't you? — Tommy Freeman, Pastor, Keo Church

## Ouachita meeting planned at SBC

Alumni and friends of Ouachita University will get together for a time of fellowship Tuesday, June 13, after the evening session of the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in Atlanta. The place will be the Peach Tree Plaza in the French and American Suites.



# Associational music tournament winners 1978

## Arkansas Valley

- Piano, Jr. High: Melanie Gadberry, Hughes  
Jeanette Goacher, Hughes  
Organ, Jr. High: Brad Permenter, Hughes  
Song leading: Les Tainter, Marianna  
Scott Beene, Hughes  
Voice, Sr. High: Joyce Bradley, Marianna  
Melanie Whitworth, Marianna  
Voice, Jr. High: Lei Malone, Marianna

## Benton

- Piano, Jr. High: Christine Whitehead, Hiwasse

## Black River

- Piano, Sr. High: Mary Burton, Swifton  
Piano, Jr. High: Ellen Stoddard, Tuckerman  
Song leading: Kevin Lee, Alicia  
Voice, Sr. High: Nancy York, Alicia  
Karen Daniel, Walnut Ridge  
Voice, Jr. High: Steve Belew, Walnut Ridge

## Caroline

- Ensemble: "Children of the Sun", England, First  
"Reflection", Cabot, First  
Piano, Sr. High: Lisa Nevin, Cabot  
Susan Wilson, England  
Piano, Jr. High: Jessica Tucker, England  
Janet Tullos, Cabot  
Song leading: Phillip Griffin, Cabot  
Voice, Sr. High: Tommy Lyons, Lonoke  
Phillip Griffin, Cabot  
Voice, Jr. High: Larry Bennett, Cabot

## Faulkner

- Ensemble: Youth ensemble, Wooster Baptist Church  
Piano, Sr. High: Karen Carter, Wooster  
Piano, Jr. High: Martha Wilson, Wooster  
Song leading: Jerry Nash, Wooster  
Voice, Sr. High: Tanya Thomas, Damascus  
Voice, Jr. High: Danny Smith, Wooster

## Independence

- Ensemble: Duet, West Baptist, Batesville  
Duet, Salado Baptist, Salado  
Voice, Sr. High: La Wanda Fulbright, Batesville  
Kimberly Seuberth, Batesville  
Voice, Jr. High: Coletta Jones, Batesville  
Tracy Creighton, Batesville

## Mississippi

- Ensemble: Youth Ensemble, Osceola, First  
Piano, Sr. High: Michelle Gillespie, Osceola  
Pam Tucker, Blytheville  
Piano, Jr. High: Dana Jones, Osceola  
Stefanie Perkins, Osceola  
Voice, Sr. High: Clark Wooten, Osceola  
Tina Quarles, Blytheville  
Voice, Jr. High: Candi Bray, Blytheville

## Mount Zion

- Ensembles: "Psallo", Central, Jonesboro  
Piano, Sr. High: Polly Pickett, Jonesboro  
Piano, Jr. High: Carole George, Jonesboro  
Song leading: Joey George, Jonesboro  
Voice, Sr. High: Polly Pickett, Jonesboro  
Mike Deiter, Jonesboro

## Pulaski

- Ensembles: Youth Ensemble, Calvary, Little Rock  
Boys Quartet, Calvary, Little Rock  
Organ, Jr. High: Diana Faas, Little Rock  
Voice, Jr. High: Deana Ashworth, Little Rock

## Tri-County

- Piano, Jr. High: Janet Immel, Wynne  
Cynthia Rolland, Wynne  
Voice, Sr. High: Sandra Ziegenhorn, Fair Oaks  
Larry Killian, Forrest City  
Voice, Jr. High: Janet Immel, Wynne  
Dennis Lawrence, Wynne

The Associational winners will participate in the State Music Tournament on June 20, during the Youth/Adult Music Conference held at Ouachita University, Arkadelphia.

## Child Care

# Christian foster homes needed for children

(Fourth in a series)

"A child has many reactions to being placed away from his own home. No amount of preparation can remove from deep down inside a feeling that he is being abandoned and that he has no control over his change of living status. More often than not, he feels himself responsible and seeks for some specific aspects of his own behavior upon which he can fix the blame."

This thought, lifted from a current child care publication, pinpoints a common problem which faces many of the children with whom we work: "that something must be terribly wrong with me" or "I must not be a very worthy person". Psychologists tell us that children often blame themselves for family failures.

We in child care want to help the

child obtain a more realistic picture of his own worth as an individual, created by God, and to develop his individuality to its fullest potential. Often we feel, and always for the pre-school age child, his needs can best be met in a Christian foster family setting. Children who need the close relationships of parental figures are placed with Christian foster parents.

Ideally, it is a home where a child can live with a mother and a father who love each other and who care about the child. These substitute parents draw the child into their family circle of love and balance this love with the essential ingredient of discipline. These foster parents want to help the child become what he has the capacity to become. It is not an easy task and there are daily

problems that must be worked out. Our staff supervises the foster homes and are always available to help the foster parents and work with the children.

There are many Baptist couples throughout the state who have opened their hearts and homes to help a child through our foster care program. Some have remarked how rewarding it is to involve themselves in the life of another person. During the past year, our agency joined hands with a number of Baptist families across our state in providing foster care for 16 children.

We need additional foster homes. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact one of our workers. — Johnny G. Biggs, Executive Director, Arkansas Baptist Family and Child Care Services.



## Stewardship Fund raising projects questioned

A generation ago Baptists argued about pie suppers as a means for raising church funds. Preachers thundered that churches ought to be supported by the tithes and offerings of church members.

The pie suppers died. Churches turned to biblical stewardship in their motives and methods. But from the dust of dried meringue a new phoenix has come to life in church finances.

Baptists are staging all kinds of fund raising efforts. Youths wash cars, offer their services as slaves and sell candy or discount coupons from door to door. Adults encourage the activities because it gives the kids something to do. A mission tour is worthy of support. Six Flags is wholesome entertainment.

If Moonies sell a thirty-four-cent box of candy for two dollars, Baptists object. We don't like the idea of young people selling four-cent flowers for a dollar to support religious causes. In some Southern towns the Moonies aren't permitted to peddle their wares. Somehow, the Baptists get by.

A Texas pastor said he was offered a chance on a new car at least once a year. A local church uses this method to raise needed funds.

An Illinois church came up with the best plan for raising funds. The church's pastor teamed up with a Dallas oil man. Together they leased a jet that had belonged to the late Elvis Presley. They're touring the country, and for a \$300 donation to the church, fans will be granted admission to the plane.

Who's screaming about the methods used by churches to raise funds? Madalyn O'Hair for one. Mrs. O'Hair and her son want to challenge church bingo games in Texas.

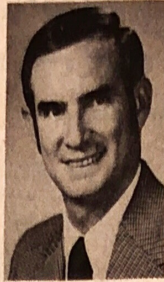
Commend every valid mission project. Say a good word for young people who are committed to week-long mission projects. Churches with vision look for places to establish a witness.

But someone needs to sound a warning. By quietly accepting various fund raising projects we're conveying the idea that "raising money" is total stewardship. It's better to teach the joys of sharing, even sacrificial sharing. Fund raising can accomplish immediate goals. It's more difficult to raise people to levels of biblical stewardship. I respect the person who works and then freely gives because he knows the grace of giving.

Future generations may respond, when confronted with a stewardship campaign, "Let's have a cake walk or sell chances on a trip to Hawaii." Our Lord had a different emphasis in Luke 6:38. — Stewardship Secretary, James A. Walker

## VBS: The good news is coming in already

Would you believe the first Vacation Bible School reports for 1978 have reached my office. Two reports were received today, May 23. These two churches have completed their Bible school while other boys and girls are still in public school. Oh, to be out of school early.



Vernon

The two churches are from different parts of the state, which of course means different associations. They are New Hope Church, Sparkman, which is in Carey association and Union Church of Harrison, which is in North Arkansas association. I congratulate these two churches first for having a Bible school, in which boys and girls might learn about Jesus and also for being prompt in reporting their school.

I can only hope that all churches in our state will be as prompt in reporting

their schools as these two churches. Their school began May 15, and their report was postmarked May 22. Your Bible school is not over until the report forms have been filled out and mailed. Please report your school as soon as it is over.

There are two sources of report forms that are available to all churches. One set of forms is in the center of the VBS Planbook. Then each church should have received from the associational VBS director or Director of Missions, a free pack of material about VBS. In this package was a report form. Please use either of these to report your school.

Why is reporting valuable? Reports can and do show the good that is done; such as the number reached, the number of conversions and the number of prospects found. A composite picture shows what the state and convention do in reaching people for VBS.

Get in the picture. Send in your report as soon as your school is over. — Harold Vernon, VBS Consultant



### Summer missions support

Westark Community College BSU Director Rosie Simpkins (second from right) shares the good news of Westark's summer mission gift with Robert Cox, BSU Mission Chairman; Margaret Fisher, hostess at the BSU Center; and Carl Humphreys, BSU President at Westark. The \$1,000 check is the largest contribution ever made by the BSU at Westark and one of the largest in the state. Humphreys is also one of the 26 students sent out as a summer missionary by his fellow students.

The above caption is a corrected version of one that appeared on page 5 of the May 25 issue of the ABN. That caption, which listed persons in the wrong order, was supplied by the Student Department.



## Annuity benefits help pastor's widow begin people-helping career

"The temporary income which the SBC Annuity Board paid me after my husband died enabled me to become a nurse," Mrs. Henry Evans said. Mrs. Evans, who is now a medications nurse at the Arkansas Baptist Medical Center, Little Rock, was able to train for this new occupation because of the 18 months temporary income provided by the Annuity Board. Her regular widow's pension now supplements her salary.

"After Henry's death I wanted to be in contact with people," Mrs. Evans said. Henry had taken me with him on visitation much of the time. I was used to being at the hospital, and felt that as a nurse I could continue the ministry that we had started. When he was called to preach, I felt that I was also called. So during the 27 years Henry served in the pastorate, I was ready to go or to do whatever he felt was God's will."

Mrs. Evans met her husband in Pine Bluff. Shortly after their marriage he entered the military service. After his discharge they moved to Ft. Worth, Tex., where he felt God's call to preach. After graduation from Texas Wesleyan College and Southwestern Seminary, both in Ft. Worth, they served churches in Arkansas. He was pastor of Coal Hill; First Church, Gould; Bellaire Church, Dermott; Union Church, El Dorado; Spradling Avenue Church, Ft. Smith;

First Church, Crawfordsville; and First Church, Mountain View.

Evans had felt called to preach before entering the Army but had not surrendered to the ministry. When the Evanses moved to Ft. Worth he was working for the railroad. While carrying out his duties, he was knocked off the top of a boxcar. Mrs. Evans said that this convinced him that he had better follow the leadership of the Lord.

Mrs. Evans said that First Church, Mountain View was exceedingly helpful and kind at the time of her husband's death. The church not only let her stay in the parsonage, but continued the pastor's salary for three months. "Even so, it was a difficult time for me," Mrs. Evans explained. "Henry had surgery in 1970 when they discovered his lung problem. The difficulty reoccurred in March, 1975." He was in the Baptist Hospital for 33 days and died in the Mountain View Hospital on Nov. 3, 1975.

Entering nursing school was difficult for Mrs. Evans. "I tried to get in," she said, "only to find that they were completely filled up. They suggested that I take some science and math prior to my enrollment. I was able to actually start at the Baptist School of Nursing on July 2, 1976."

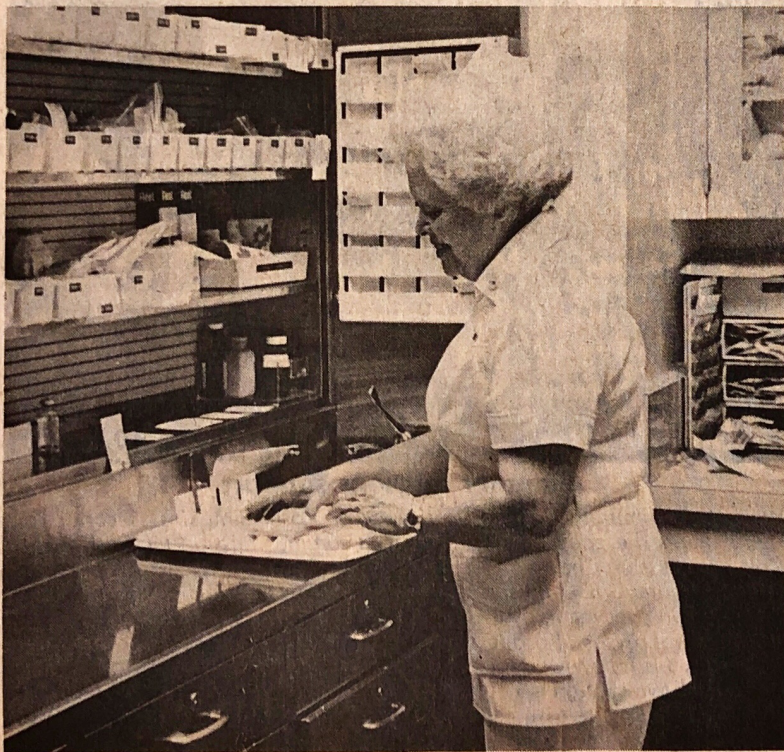
Mrs. Evans enjoys her work. "They call

me the smiling nurse," she said, "Patients sometimes hate to see you come with all those medications. But it makes a big difference if you are happy. Often the patients ask for me when I am away on my day off."

Mrs. Evans has opportunity to provide spiritual counsel for patients. "A lot of times patients will talk to me when they won't talk to anyone else. I have had them say, 'You are a Christian aren't you?' Then I can talk to them about their spiritual condition."

Mrs. Evans has several hobbies which she enjoys. She paints, plays the piano, and likes to spend time at her farm. "I began painting while we were at Crawfordsville," Mrs. Evans said. "I became interested through one of our members who was 76 years old. She didn't have a way to go to art school, so we went together." Mrs. Evans has painted a western scene, a bayou, a mountain, a mountain behind a cabin, a barn, and a broken down fence. She said that she liked to do landscape painting best.

Often, on her day off Mrs. Evans goes to her farm near Clinton. She and her brother-in-law, Pastor James Evans, own it together. "I enjoy getting out in the country," Mrs. Evans said. "If I can be happy, have a comfortable living, and help some people, then this makes my life worthwhile."



Mrs. Evans prepares medications at Baptist Medical Center at Little Rock. Her job gives her opportunities to minister to persons with spiritual needs. After work (above) she pursues one of her hobbies, music. (ABN photos)



## SBC annuity pays me more

For 19 years, it was my privilege to represent the Annuity Board and its program in Florida. During this time I went all over Florida telling our people about the unexcelled programs offered our churches, agencies and institutions.

Last year, I retired and for over a year I have received the benefits of my own participation in these programs. The benefits I have received have more than met my expectations. Over 30 years ago, I began participation in the program. At the same time, I invested in two other retirement programs with two well-known commercial companies. When I retired, these two companies began paying exactly what they had promised in my contracts; however, the benefits I receive from the Annuity Board are almost twice as much as I was promised.

Because the Annuity Board is a nonprofit trust agency of the Southern Baptist Convention, it is in a position to provide larger amounts for less money. Like any other good investment, the more money you place in the program, the larger your return. Experience has shown that a minimum investment of 10 percent of total compensation for each individual is the best way to provide adequate retirement income. The majority of pastors, church staff members, agency and institution personnel will live to retire. The income received is dependent on what is being done NOW.

As one who is receiving the benefits of good stewardship from churches and the Convention, I would strongly urge our churches to move into the 10-plus program and give salaried personnel the peace of mind that comes in knowing that someone cares. — Phil Maxwell, Jacksonville, Fla.

**Did you know** that the Annuity Board pays its operating costs from investment earnings and not from the Cooperative Program?

**Did you know** that the Arkansas Baptist State Convention contributes, through the Cooperative Program, to the retirement program of every minister and staff person enrolled in the Annuity Board's plan?

## Tucker Church is organized

Tucker Baptist Chapel, Harmony Association, became Tucker Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon, April 23. Gary Hargrove, UALR student, will continue to serve the congregation as pastor.

The new church was a mission of the Southside Church, Pine Bluff, since its beginning in 1961. Several members of the mother church were present for the organizational service, including Mrs. Douglas Pittard who, with her late husband, helped start the mission.

Mrs. Pittard presented a list of 39 persons lettered out of the Southside Church to become charter members of the new Tucker Church.

Deacon Mac Hunter, who is Chairman of the Missions Committee of the Southside Church, served as clerk of the organizing council. He announced that title to the property used by the chapel would be transferred to the new congregation. R. H. Dorris, Director of State Missions, served as council moderator.

The new church voted unanimously to adopt the Baptist Faith and Message, the Church Covenant, and to cooperate with the association, the Arkansas Baptist State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention. Jimmy Slaydon and Arnold Brown were elected trustees.

The sermon was delivered by Lex Eaker, pastor of the Pike Avenue Church, North Little Rock, who once assisted the mission while serving as as-

sistant pastor of the Southside Church.

In his message he discussed the meaning and purposes of a New Testament church. He emphasized the church as a medium of service, stating that "God wants his church to be a mission church."

He specifically defined the task of the Tucker Church to be an effort "to reach everybody possible in the community through prayer, witnessing and enlisting." He declared that "churches should grow, for growth means a church is succeeding in its task." — R. H. Dorris, Department of Missions



Gary Hargrove (left) was called as pastor by the new church, and Lex Eaker preached the sermon for the service.

## Music ministry growing in scope and size

NASHVILLE — Music ministry is alive and growing in Arkansas, says William J. Reynolds, secretary of the Sunday School Board's church music department.

Last year, Arkansas was second in church music enrollment gains with an increase of 2,195 over 1976 to 40,935. Nationwide, Southern Baptist church music enrollments rose 10,000 to 1.38 million.

"Ervin Keathley, Arkansas state music secretary, has provided the leadership at the state level to make this growth possible," Reynolds said.

A major reason for the numerical growth and the increasing significance of music in the life of churches is the broadening scope of church music.

"A balanced music ministry includes choral programs for adults and youth, music education for preschoolers and children and an instrumental program that may range from handbells to brass and woodwind ensembles to a full orchestra," Reynolds said.

In addition, the minister of music seeks to stimulate the singing of the congregation — through hymn rehearsals, information about how hymns came to be written and working with the pastor to plan a total worship experience.

"Music is part of the total ensemble," Reynolds said. "The spirit of the singing and the radiance of the faces reflect whether the church is alive or not."

The department works closely with state music directors, college and seminary professors and ministers of music in developing training efforts for church musicians.

In addition to field service events in states and associations, next year the church music department will sponsor five seminars in Nashville. Seminars for ministers of music, church pianists and younger children's choir leaders will be held March 12-16, 1979. And seminars for music/youth directors will be held April 30-May 4 at Glorieta and May 14-18 at First Church, Myrtle Beach, S.C.



## Sunday School Board invites tourists

NASHVILLE — The Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is inviting messengers to this year's SBC annual meeting to tour the board's facilities on the way to Atlanta or on the return trip home.

The tour, which lasts approximately one hour, includes visits to the agency's Van Ness Auditorium, Dargan-Carver Library and museum, Founder's Room, church literature order filling assembly line and the Church Program Training Center. Additionally, other selected areas of special interest may be visited upon request.

Tour guides describe the current work of the board and tell of the institution's history, and guests are given a souvenir booklet that includes photographs and information about the board's mission.

Tours may be scheduled from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., central daylight savings time, Mondays through Fridays. Interested persons may schedule individual or group tours by contacting Mrs. Lynn Walker, Office of Communications, The Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tenn. 37234 or by calling (615) 251-2796.

## Anita Bryant may be SBC nominee

MIAMI (BP) — Anita Bryant has been asked to accept a nomination for a vice presidency of the Southern Baptist Convention when it meets in annual session in Atlanta June 13-15, but she hasn't decided whether or not to accept.

Miss Bryant and her husband Bob Green agreed in separate telephone interviews that it would be an "honor" for the entertainer to be nominated. But she said that since she knows little about the position and doesn't want to become part of anything she can't be active in, she could not say whether she would accept a nomination.

Miss Bryant, a Southern Baptist, will address the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference June 11 during an auxiliary meeting preceding the annual SBC meeting in Atlanta. Organized protest had been announced by the newly formed Atlanta Human Rights Coalition, established by the Atlanta Gay Rights Alliance, the American Civil Liberties Union, socialist groups, Unitarian ministers, some rabbis and others in

Atlanta.

The request to accept a nomination for vice president came "many weeks ago" according to Green, who manages his wife's career and appearances. He said he couldn't remember who made the request. SBC leadership positions are elective and traditionally "candidates" are unannounced. The SBC has two vice presidential posts.

"Whether it (a nomination) will happen or not, I don't know," Miss Bryant said. "I don't worry about those things. I would be very honored, but whether it will happen, I'll just have to wait and see."

## SBC ushers trained in first aid technique

ATLANTA (BP) — Messengers attending the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta, June 13-15, will have medical care geared to just about any need.

Georgia Baptist Medical Center will handle medical care for convention sessions as well as other related meetings.

Since last December, Dr. James Maughon, director of graduate and continuing medical education at the hospital, has chaired a committee setting up medical care facilities for the SBC which meets at the Georgia World Congress Center.

Plans include two separate medical care areas; one for minor medical attention and the other for more serious needs. Emergency transportation will also be standing by at the Congress Center to transport anyone to a hospital if the need arises.

Judy Suidan, RN, director of nursing staff development at the medical center, set up a training session for volunteers who will serve as usher captains during SBC sessions.

Captains were given special training in coronary pulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

"By having CPR trained ushers on the scene, medical attention can start at once and continue until other medical personnel can reach the victim," said Dr. Maughon.

The usher captains, under direction of usher committee chairman Jim Cook, will be stationed throughout the main convention area during all SBC sessions.

## Travelers warned of Georgia stations

ATLANTA (BP) — Rip-off artists in service stations along Georgia's Interstate 75 effectively fleece unsuspecting motorists — mostly vacationers — according to a recent report by the New York Times News Service.

Baptists using that route to attend the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Atlanta, June 13-15, have been warned to beware of dishonest stations. Timothy Ryles, administrator of Georgia's Office of Consumer Affairs, said complaints from motorists indicated that up to one-fifth of the 500 service stations along the route prey on unsuspecting tourists.

The New York Times report listed some exotic swindles such as:

—Dropping Alka Seltzer tablets into the battery which causes a minor explosion, smoke and foam — clear evidence of the need for a new battery.

—An attendant may slice a tire, then spray water on it to show a leak.

—Barbecue sauce mixed with alcohol, then sprayed on the alternator creates a cloud of smoke and the smell of electrical disaster.

—With the car on the service rack, the attendant squirts oil under the shock absorbers, giving the appearance of a dangerous leak, and then issues a pitch for new shocks all around.

Convention participants are advised to be doubly sure their vehicles are in proper running order before setting out for Atlanta.

## Deacon ministry growing rapidly

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — More than 7,740 Southern Baptist churches, or 20 percent of the total number, have adopted the Baptist Sunday School Board's Deacon Family Ministry Plan as a means to improve the overall ministry to church families.

Charles Treadway, national consultant in deacon ministry at the Sunday School Board, said the plan is a relatively new effort, in which local churches divide congregations into equal groups and assign deacons for personal ministry.

In the Deacon Family Ministry Plan, deacons minister to families in hospitals, during family difficulties and at other times of special need. Sometimes deacons refer members to someone else in the church, such as the pastor, Sunday School director or Church Training leader for more specialized



consultation.

The 1977 Uniform Church Letter was the first time churches have been asked to indicate whether or not they had a Deacon Family Ministry Plan. Of churches reporting use of the plan, nearly half in medium or large cities and in churches with 300 members assign deacons specific families for a personal ministry.

"Every church, regardless of size or location, can profit from the plan," Treadway said. "In the family ministry plan, deacons are concerned about people more than things."

Treadway said several pastors had expressed support for the plan, saying the fellowship in churches is stronger and members receive a more thorough ministry as a result of it.

"As deacons seek to minister to families, their own spiritual lives are strengthened and they have a clearer concept of the mission of the church and their personal relationship with Christ," he continued.

Through the Deacon Family Ministry Plan, he said, the "Deacons grow in their own Christian experience and have the satisfaction of seeing their church become a more meaningful institution in the community."

Treadway said churches using the plan experience a "strengthened fellowship and encouragement of members to minister to one another, plus a pastor, church staff and deacons who become a ministry team and are drawn into a more meaningful fellowship."

National deacons ministry conferences are scheduled regularly around the country and supportive materials are produced by the church administration department of the Sunday School Board.

## Supreme Court upholds state sodomy laws

WASHINGTON (BP) — States may continue to enforce their laws against sodomy, the Supreme Court has said in effect by refusing, 7 to 2, to hear the appeal of a North Carolina homosexual convicted of violating the statute.

Eugene Enslin of Jacksonville, N.C., was convicted four years ago of engaging in oral sex with a 17-year-old marine in the back room of a combination massage parlor, pornographic bookstore, bar, and sporting goods store. Both sides acknowledged at the trial that detective Sam Hudson of the Jacksonville Police Department set up Enslin in order "to run (him) out of

town." Enslin was nevertheless convicted and sentenced to one year in prison.

Enslin's attorney argued in a written brief that "private consensual adult sexual behavior" should not be regulated by statute. He also held that the U.S. Constitution guarantees personal privacy "from unwarranted governmental interference."

He argued that North Carolina's anti-sodomy law violates the establishment clause of the First Amendment, although he failed in the legal brief to explain.

Commenting on that argument for the state, North Carolina Attorney General Rufus Edmisten said that the law does not "impose a rule of conduct on citizens for basically religious objectives." The law, he said, was enacted for the protection of public decency, not for specifically religious reasons.

The case has been in both state and federal courts for the past four years. Earlier, two North Carolina courts, including the state Supreme Court, as well as a federal district court and federal court of appeals had declined to review the conviction.

## Seminarian contributes to original translation

FT. WORTH, Tex. (BP) — Douglas Waruta, a student at Southwestern Seminary, has helped an interdenominational team of translators achieve a "first" in Africa.

Waruta's team, after four years of intensive work, has produced the first translation of the New Testament into the Kiswahili language done by nationals for nationals. The current Kiswahili version of the Bible, in use for 25 years, employs archaic expressions and too-long sentences, according to Waruta.

Waruta, proficient in koine Greek, said the translators, which included an Anglican and a Roman Catholic, used "dynamic equivalence" as the principle in their translating. "This," he explained, "is what the Biblical materials are saying and how we can put it into our language so that people can understand what the author was saying in his time."

The New Testament has been completed and has been printed. The United Bible Societies expects to have published the entire Bible by 1982.

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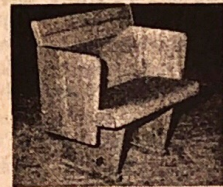
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# Retirement just step to next job for Naylor

by Donald S. Hepburn

FT. WORTH, Tex. (BP) — The long Texas summer was nearing its end when the daily Santa Fe train pulled into the Ft. Worth depot. A tall, lanky youth of 19 stepped from the aging pullman. His long anticipated journey to Ft. Worth had become a reality.

Surveying the sprawling north central Texas town, he was impressed. The bustling city was a far cry from Ada, Okla., the community of 12,000 from which he'd come.

A trolly takes him to "The Hill" south of town. Standing out on that bald prairie surrounded by Johnson grass, brown from summer's heat, he is greeted by three plain but imposing structures. At long last, Robert Ernest Naylor had arrived at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary to prepare for ministry.

That day in August, 1928, marked the beginning of a relationship between the man and institution which would flourish over the next 50 years. So unique would the relationship be, that each would become the personification of the other.

Naylor, who retires in July as president of the world's largest theological seminary, traveled through Oklahoma Indian Territory as a child with his preacher father. But he planned a career in business. He was a senior at East Central State College of Oklahoma when he felt God was "calling him into the ministry."

He had his first pastorate at a small church in his home town area by his second year in the seminary. "It was 180 miles by the Frisco Railroad from Ft. Worth to Ada," Naylor says. "I was working my way through school at J. C. Penney and Co. and didn't get off until about 10 p.m. Saturday night.

"I would catch the 11 p.m. train to Ada, sleep all the way, and arrive about 5 a.m. I preached first in Ada, then made the rounds to three or four congregations, and after the last evening service caught the 3 a.m. train back to Ft. Worth."

It was also during his second year in the seminary that Naylor met a young coed from Virginia. Goldia Dalton was studying for the diploma in religious education. The romance grew and on August 29, 1930, they were married.

After graduating with the master of theology degree in 1932, Naylor was prepared for his task of ministry. "I had been prepared to go out into the world

with a ministry that God would give me. Place had no significant identity. Anywhere would describe that for me," he says.

That "anywhere" became Arkansas. During the next 13 years he served as pastor of the First Baptist Churches of Nashville, Malvern, and Arkadelphia.

During these years the Naylor's became parents of three children.

From Arkansas, the Naylor's went to Enid, Okla., where he served as pastor of First Church. In 1947 he was called to the First Church of Columbia, S.C. There he served until 1952, when the congregation of Ft. Worth's Travis Avenue Church sought him to return to Ft. Worth and serve as pastor.

Although only graduated from the seminary nine years earlier, Naylor had been elected in 1941 to the seminary's board of trustees. By 1955 he had chaired several trustee committees and had been elected board chairman. When seminary President J. Howard Williams died in 1958, the board of trustees named Naylor acting president; then president.

The presidency of a seminary was not a job which Naylor would have sought. "I believe God chose me, and I must do the best I can," he would often remark. To the uninitiated, his comments would be somewhat disarming. But, they reflected a deep sense of humility which the man held for his appointment.

"Christian commitment and calling, service, what we refer to as the will of God in the individual life, has this quality (humility)," he says. "There isn't any job that we would call a Kingdom job. The bigness of it has very little to do with it. As far as I am concerned, it could have been president of the whole wide world or just two of the continents, and I would have felt no different.

"Or, it could have been pastor of one of the smaller churches here in Ft. Worth, and I would have felt no different. It's the same sense of privilege, of unworthiness, and of divine choice before which any man ought to remain humble but a little bit in awe, never presuming to understand why."

When Naylor became president of Southwestern in 1958, there were 2,395 students. Twenty years later, there are over 4,100 students.

Careful to claim no personal credit for the growth, he says "An institution that

is what it ought to be has its growth and has its response. And our growth represents the approval of our people." Naylor feels an institution like Southwestern "changes the kind of world in which we live."

"The dynamic to which it is geared flows in the bloodstream of a world's life," he says. "Just as much as a transfusion changes the course of a human body, it changes the course of world history."

Considering physical growth, the seminary's more than 200 acres have been settled with over 500 married student housing units, a medical center, a student center, a children's center, and a physical fitness center now under construction.

The operating budget has grown from \$1.4 million to over \$6.4 million, always on the basis of solvency. Endowment funds are up from \$3.7 million to the present \$12 million. Net assets total \$35 million.

Although he will not pinpoint his accomplishments, Naylor does have a definite idea of how he would like his administration to be evaluated.

He would, "like for the years to be measured in terms of my original commitment to the institution, to my own commitment to God. I would like for it to be said, in the context of all that has taken place, simply, that he was true to the basic principles of the institution and to his own personal integrity as a man called of God to a task. If the final verdict in it is faithfulness, then I will be more than satisfied that it had been adequately measured."

Naylor's attitude reflects an expression which he has often quoted to his students. That is, "No man is greater than the institution."

Expression of such an attitude helps one to understand this complex, yet private man — particularly when he talks about his pending retirement from the seminary presidency.

"The idea of relinquishing or turning loose, or turning away or stepping aside are not actually phrases with me," he says. "I want it to represent as having no claim to the enterprise."

Rather, he would prefer his retirement to have, "a sense of stepping into the next job. Just like I came to the seminary, from a job that was enough for any man in life. I have no sense of changing that flow of life at all."



## Resolving conflict

June 11, 1978

Acts 15:1, 2, 22-31

by Richard A. Lisk, pastor,  
First Church, England

The Christian faith was born and nurtured in a thoroughly Jewish setting. The founder was a Jew. The first disciples were Jews by heritage and by personal choice. The first missionaries were also Jewish and their missions were oriented toward Jewish communities. Circumstances were such, however, that before many years passed, a large number of gentiles were brought into the movement. This truth sets the stage for one of the most important decisions the early Christians were called upon to make. It was a contributing factor to the most divisive issue to ever face the early church. It also forms the basis of our lesson for today.



Lisk

### The battle is joined

Chapter 14 of Acts draws near to a close with the statement that God "... had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles" Act 14:27 (Revised Standard Version). This is not the first mention of Gentiles and Christian faith. Cornelius in Caesarea with his family were mentioned earlier (Acts 10). But his was a rather special case as he was already a Jewish proselyte. Furthermore he was geographically removed from the center of Jewish/Christian activity. His conversion, which took place several years prior to the events in today's lesson, apparently caused no major problems in the fellowship.

The missionary activities of Paul and Barnabas changed this. Many of those won on their journeys were gentiles. This posed a threat and a fundamental question to many. As long as the converts were Jews affirming their faith in their promised messiah, the situation remained rather static. But the wholesale inclusion of gentiles in the body of believers posed many new questions that were of vital significance.

Was the gospel intended for gentiles and if so on what terms? If salvation were for them, were the terms the same as for Jewish converts? Traditionally there was no social intercourse between devout Jews and gentiles. Did the gentiles conversion change this?

Some men went from Judea to the church at Antioch with answers to these questions. We are not told by what authority they went with their answers. We are told what they said. They told the disciples at Antioch, which was the center for missionary activity, that gentile converts must become Jewish before they could be considered Christian. The real issue was whether or not a man could be saved by faith as Paul and Barnabas had proclaimed or whether there were additional and legalistic claims that had to be satisfied before a man could be saved.

Paul and Barnabas, and others, sharply disagreed with these men from Judea. Paul and Barnabas understood that the issue must be solved as it was a question of the very nature of the gospel. They further realized that the solution needed the blessing of more than just the local church in Antioch. Hence the decision to go to Jerusalem and seek assistance there among the disciples and fellow Christians.

### The brethren are confronted

Although they are not part of our lesson text proper, verses 3-21 are of interest for they tell of the journey to Jerusalem. They also tell of the heated debate that took place when they arrived. The debate was so vehement that the suggestion has been made that the solution was reached in private conference among the leaders. They then, apparently presented the proposed solution to the church.

### The solution is presented

In the debate, the demand was made that gentile converts be circumcised. This was a sign of the covenant between Israel and God. The demand was also made that such converts keep all the Mosaic law (verse 5). We must remain forever grateful that the council rejected this demand.

The solution to the problem is in two parts. The first part affirms the position of Paul and Barnabas. Gentiles do not have to keep the law of Moses. This decision was based on the testimony of Peter, the experiences of Paul and Barnabas and the reasoning of James. Salvation by faith was, in effect, af-

firmed.

The second part of the solution had to do with social relationships between Jews and gentiles. Although the text is highly complex, the prohibitions given to the gentiles appear to be ritual in nature. If these prohibitions were observed, there was no reason why they could not fellowship with their Jewish/Christian brethren on a social level.

We have already indicated that this matter was of fundamental importance. Luke indicates this by the amount of space devoted to it. Had the disciples reached a decision supporting the contending brethren from Judea, Christianity would have disappeared from the pages of history. In all probability, it would have been swallowed up in the passing of time as were the Pharisees and Sadducees. But the disciples did not support the legalists and the Christian faith has not disappeared.

The way this explosive and divisive issue was handled should teach us a few things. The truth is that we still have issues that divide us and cause breeches of fellowship. Apparently we always will have them. Our differing values and experiences make conflict certain. Our only question is how we shall deal with the conflict.

One thing we should learn is that we must never surrender the essentials of the faith. There are some things not open for debate. What must a man do to be saved is one of these.

Many questions, however, are not of such fundamental importance. These can be accommodated in a number of ways. Our problem is that we often cannot distinguish between the two. It is often a hard distinction that must be made. But it must be made.

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## Jacob: When a man meets God

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Genesis 27 through 32

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The story of Jacob's life spans a large section of the book of Genesis, (25-50). Some of the Bible's greatest drama can be found in this block of material. The reader will see, again and again, what God can do with a man with as many faults as Jacob, and will be encouraged. God's Patience toward the weak in faith suggests that no Christian should feel there is no place for him in the Church and the Kingdom.



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### The high cost of misplaced values

Because Jacob placed such high value on a birthright and the blessing that would accompany it, he showed a ruthless disregard for his family which led to a breakdown in relationships. He incurred the wrath of his brother, joined in subterfuge with his mother, and deceived his aging father. In spite of his selfishness and dishonesty, the providence of God worked in his life to develop his character and shape his life. At the time of his greatest weaknesses and sins, he maintains a strong faith in God, and in redeeming power and mercy, God works in his life for good.

### Jacob at Haran

The infamous act of Jacob in obtaining Esau's birthright and Isaac's blessing incurred the hatred of Esau and the wrath of his father. It drove a wedge in the family that caused Jacob to run for his life. His mother sent Jacob to Haran to live with relatives until things could cool off. This was to be the last time Rebekah would see her favorite son. Such a favoritism will destroy the unity of a home.

For 20 years Jacob was in and around Haran living with his mother's people. It was at Bethel, on his way to Haran, where Jacob had his first recorded religious experience (28:10-22). God renewed his promise made to Abraham, and Jacob vowed his tithe. The story of Jacob's marriages is full of romance, trickery, jealousy, and greed. He learns how it is to be severely treated by one who has no regard for the rights of others. Jacob met his match in Laban for

shrewdness. Had the providence of God not prevailed, Jacob might never have found his way to Canaan and Esau.

### Brothers reconciled

Jacob could have settled much closer to where he was than his 200 mile move that would bring him to an encounter with his brother, Esau. Perhaps finding peace with Laban encouraged him to deal with his problem of reconciliation with Esau. A visit from "God's army", (32:2) assured him that God would be with him to sustain him in his goal of reconciliation.

When the messengers of Jacob returned from their peace mission to Esau, they reported that Esau also had an army, his being 400 men. At this, Jacob was "greatly afraid and distressed" (32:7), for he assumed that Esau would attack and destroy him.

In preparing to meet Esau, Jacob made careful plans, and prayed a lot. This would seem to be the way to prepare for all great encounters in life. His preparation was found to be largely unnecessary, for Esau wanted the reconciliation and ran to meet Jacob and kissed him (33:4). How the conscience is troubled when one has wronged another!

When Esau suggested a joint partnership, Jacob graciously rejected the offer (33:13). The troubled conscience projects unworthy motives upon others. Not until Esau leaves for Seir can Jacob relax. They would live in peace — apart from one another.

### Jacob reconciled to God

Jacob could be reconciled to Esau because — and only because — he had been reconciled to God. Another dramatic incident in this material is Jacob wrestling with an angel.

Whatever the modern mind makes of this account, the truth of it must be admitted because the experience seems to come out of the diary of Everyman. To wrestle with God is a common experience. To come away lame from such an experience is also a common testimony.

When one is determined enough to hold on until he has known the mighty

power of God in healing judgment, his life will always be marked by the experience. From that point on, everything will be interpreted by that encounter.

Out of the dust of such an encounter with God, will rise the new man. He who begins the night in strong self-confidence will see the morning dawn weakened from the conflict, hurt, and dependent. Boldness that once grew out of self-confidence will become the boldness of faith and humility.

Only after a long-night encounter with God that leaves the divine mark on a combatant, is a Jacob able to become Israel. Only then can he enter the promised land. Have you ever challenged your God (or god) to test his power? Some are afraid their god will not be able to prevail, and so they do not challenge him. They cover this up with pious phrases that sound good but never say anything.

If you are determined to know the power of God you can know it, but in the knowing of it, you can never be the same. You cannot "watch" the power of God. You can only "experience" it. And, it will never leave you as it found you. The mark of dependence will always be on your life. But, with the limp comes a new name. You will be "Isarel", "Prince of God", and have power both with God and with men (32:28).

The power of God is always expressed redemptively. When we talk about God's power, we must do it in terms that speak of redemption. The only kind of power you can test is the "power that brings salvation". The great demonstration of God's power is the cross (which the world thinks is weakness). Cling to it and it leaves its mark on you. You limp, but you limp taller than you have ever walked before because you will have "seen God face to face", and your life will be preserved (32:30).

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Alpena, First	62	16		Hope, First	315	70	
Ash Flat, First	58	18		Hot Springs			
Batesville, First	202	84	2	Harvey's Chapel	99	74	2
Berryville, First	137	39		Park Place	255	97	1
Booneville, South Side	74	61	1	Huntsville, First	58		
Bryant, First Southern	149	87		Jacksonville, Second	148	35	1
Cabot				Jonesboro, Nettleton	196	86	
First	367	98	3	Kingston, First Southern	56	28	
Mt. Carmel	270	75		Lavaca, First	281	139	
Camden, Cullendale First	533	96		Little Rock, Martindale	96	33	
Conway, Second	305	126	1	Magnolia, Central	504	153	4
Crosssett				Mulberry, First	209	115	
First	442	95	3	Murfreesboro, First	150	37	
Temple	179	74		North Little Rock			
El Dorado, West Side	425	425	4	Harmony	57	39	2
Forrest City, First	417	84	1	Levy	306	57	1
Fl. Smith, Grand Avenue	893	189	9	Oppelo, First	22	10	
Mission	18			Paragould			
Hampton, First	145	66		Calvary	233	146	
Hardy, First	131	34		Center Hill	105	91	1
Harrison				East Side	320	168	2
Eagle Heights	187	61		First	365	71	
Woodland Heights	113	52		Pine Bluff			
				Centennial	142	42	
				Central	101	47	
				East Side	128	58	
				Lee Memorial	243	100	
				South Side	585	74	
				Sulphur Springs	125	68	
				Watson Chapel	371	110	
				Rogers, Immanuel	386	133	5
				Russellville, Second	110	48	3
				Springdale, First	1210		11
				Texarkana, Shiloh Memorial	185	77	2
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# President Carter confirms address to Baptist Men

WASHINGTON (BP) — President Jimmy Carter has accepted an invitation to address the National Conference of Baptist Men on June 16 in Atlanta, the White House announced.

The address by one of the Southern Baptist Convention's leading laymen in the 16,500 seat Omni Coliseum will climax a rally closing out the conference.

The rally was moved up an hour to 9:30 a.m. to permit President Carter to continue on schedule to Panama where he will participate in Panama Canal

several thousand Southern Baptist laymen, women and pastors are expected to attend 19 vocational breakfasts in Atlanta hotels.

During a two-hour period, starting at 7 a.m., prominent Southern Baptists will relate how they use their vocations to share their Christian faith.

Among the breakfast program personalities are Skylab 3 astronaut William Pogue, a country comedian, Jerry Clower, Metropolitan Opera soprano Irene Jordan, General Charles W. Bagnal of West Point, N.Y., former Alabama governor Albert Brewer, U.S. representative Claude Pepper (D-Fla.), Liberian ambassador Francis A. Dennis, and SBC president Jimmy Allen.

Breakfast groups are planned for Baptists in agriculture, arts, business and

professional positions, church related vocations, communications, education, engineering, government, health services, law enforcement, legal professions, management, military, retirement, sales, technical skills, sports, transportation, and young adults in search of a vocation.

Conference registration is \$12.50, which includes admission to a vocational breakfast and the rally. The conference is open to women.

Tickets are available from the Brotherhood Commission, 1548 Poplar Ave., Memphis, Tenn., 38104, and at two booths in the Georgia World Congress Center during SBC sessions. Persons should identify the breakfast they want to attend and enclose a check when ordering by mail.

## Bold Mission conference draws record attendance

GASTONIA, N.C. — Indications of increased awareness and interest among Southern Baptists in the denominational goal of Bold Missions was heavily underscored last week in the Gaston Baptist Association.

More than 2,500 people turned out for the four-night conference, representing more than five times the largest number of people ever to attend any similar meeting in the association.

The Associational Bible Conference was one of many being planned throughout the Southern Baptist Convention by associational directors of missions and church leaders.

The Associational Bold Mission Bible Conference was designed to help churches in the 1100 Southern Baptist associations involve more people in studying the biblical basis of missions. Associations, by jointly supporting, financially and organizationally, an associational Bold Mission Bible Conference can reach more people than most individual churches, because of the cooperative effort.

Plans for the meeting were taken from a manual prepared by the Sunday School department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. The manual is the first time for a suggested project for the associations that involves members of churches in Bible study related to the denominational emphasis of Bold Missions.

The manual already has been sent, free of charge, to over 450 directors of

associational missions who requested it. A total of 54 Associational Bold Mission Bible Conferences have been conducted, or are in the planning stages.

A common theme of the Gaston Conference was changing lifestyles for Southern Baptist church members to recognize the fact that missions start locally.

Yates Campbell, director of Christian social ministries for the Gaston Baptist Association, challenged adults in one of the meetings, saying, "Bold Missions is God's plan for Southern Baptists."

Separate meetings for youth and adults were held simultaneously at eight churches each night of the Gaston Association's conference. Speakers included local pastors, ministers of education, state convention workers and a Southern Baptist missionary on furlough from Honduras.

Study books for adults and youth have been produced by the Sunday School department of the Sunday School Board, and are sold to associations from the undated materials order form, to keep prices as low as possible. *God's Mission and Man's* is the adult study guide and youth study *Youth in/on Bold Mission*.

The Southern Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Boards have kits available to associations for use in connection with the Associational Bold Mission Bible Conferences. The kits relate to mission service opportunities, mission service commitments and mission work information.

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Glendon McCullough, executive director of the Brotherhood Commission at Memphis, said he invited President Carter to the conference as part of a long range effort to involve more Southern Baptist lay people in denominational activities, particularly the annual meeting of the SBC, which closes a three-day run on June 15.

President Carter was the Georgia Baptist representative on the board of directors of the Brotherhood Commission for six years, resigning after his election as president.

Prior to the president's speech,