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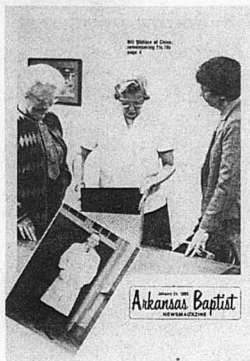
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On the cover



ABN photo / Millie Gill

Nancy Cooper (left), retired director of Arkansas Woman's Missionary Union, and Julia Ketner (right), present WMU director, watch as former missionary Cornelia Leavell returns the ashes of Bill Wallace to their container for the journey to their Knoxville, Tenn., resting place. A brief memorial service was held in Wallace's honor at the Little Rock airport Jan. 10 (See story, p. 4).

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Next month in Arkansas

February 3, Baptist World Alliance Day. A time to focus on the organization through which more than 100 Baptist conventions and unions around the world cooperate.

February 4-8, Christian Focus Week at Ouachita Baptist University at Arkadelphia.

February 5, State Vacation Bible School Clinic, Levy Church, North Little Rock. An annual event to train associational VBS teams to lead conferences in clinics in their own associations. The State Sunday School Department sponsors the clinic and will provide Arkansas as leaders.

February 8-9, Homecoming at Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge.

February 10-16, Focus on WMU. Local church event to help the congregation to evaluate their mission action ministry and

focus on the WMU organization and its part in mission action leadership.

February 17, Baptist Seminaries, Colleges and Schools Day. Annual emphasis on the Baptist colleges, all of which are owned and operated by state Baptist conventions, and Southern Baptists' six seminaries. This year's focus is on the partnership of Baptists which provides preparation of men and women to answer God's call.

February 17-20, Home Mission Study. Suggested dates for the local church to prepare for the SBC-wide Home Missions Week of Prayer in March. This year's study materials focus on the West Central states of the U.S., where the population boom in the "energy corridor" is impacting on missions work.

Rally planned for Brazil-Arkansas partnership

The Arkansas Steering Committee for the Amazon-Arkansas Partnership has planned a kickoff Missions Rally to be held at First Church, Little Rock, on March 15. The program will feature Keith Parks, president of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va. and James Smith, president of the Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, Tenn. The purpose of the program will be both informational and inspirational.

Information will be given on the needs in the Amazon Region of Brazil and how

Arkansans can assist Brazilian Baptists in furthering the Lord's work in the Amazon Region. Those in attendance will also be challenged to respond as God leads them.

Ervin Keathley, director of the Music Department for the ABCS, said "Music presented will also challenge and motivate those who are in attendance. The Singing Men of Arkansas will be a part of this rally."

Information on the World Mission Rally will appear in a full-page ad in the Feb. 7 issue of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine.

Deportation possible, prayer requested

Coy and Vivian Sample, Arkansans who have gone to Nigeria as missionary associates, may be forced to leave the country at the end of January since they have not been able to get residence visas.

The SBC Foreign Mission Board said last week that options with the Nigerian authorities had just about been exhausted, but that prayer might yet change the situation.

Sample, who was pastor of Morrilton First Church, is a general evangelist and his wife is a church and home worker. Sample is a native of El Dorado who grew up in Hot Springs. He is a graduate of Arkansas State University and has attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Mrs. Sample, a graduate of Henderson State University, has worked as a teacher. They were appointed in July of 1984.

In this issue

7-9 roll call

The 1985 Arkansas General Assembly has been constituted and is at work on the issues facing the state's citizens. A full list of senators and representatives is provided to help Arkansas Baptists keep their legislators informed about Baptist concerns.

12 just plain folks

Mildred McWhorter, a 26-year veteran of inner-city missions in Houston, Texas, told a group of Baptist students recently that God can use them in a remarkable way, regardless of how ordinary they think themselves to be.

Correction

An article in the Jan. 17 issue of the ABN by James A. Walker, director of the ABCS Annuity/Stewardship Department, incorrectly reported a date for the department's annual tax seminar. The correct date for the seminar is Jan. 30. It will begin at 9:30 a.m. at Little Rock Life Line Church.

Chaplain Lumpkin retires from Youth Center

Doyle L. Lumpkin, chaplain of the Youth Service Center in Alexander, retired Jan. 15 after 12 years of service with the chaplaincy division of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

Lumpkin, a Texas native, has served churches in Arkansas, Texas and Oklahoma. A former Air Force chaplain, he is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

As a student, Lumpkin served congregations in Wright and Dalark. After seminary, he ministered to congregations in Cotton Plant, Huttig, Sparkman, Lavaca and Barton. He joined the ABCS chaplaincy staff in 1973.



Lumpkin

Is hell real?

The editor's page

J. Everett Sneed



Most Baptists would agree that everyone will live forever, either in heaven or in hell. Yet, very little is said about eternal punishment. This, undoubtedly, is one of the reasons for a lack of evangelistic fervor on the part of many of our church members.

Some seem to believe that the concept of hell belongs to the antiquities of a former generation. Because no one is discussing hell in conversations, sermons, or books, some may believe that hell has been eliminated. The frivolous use of the word in jokes and profanity may have created in the minds of some that there is no place of punishment. Yet, the Bible clearly indicates that those who reject God will spend eternity in hell.

The question arises, "How can one read the Bible and deny the reality of hell?" Usually, those who deny hell know very little about the scripture. The agnostic and the atheist are not the opponents of eternal punishment. Nevertheless a few consistent Bible students depart from a biblical concept of hell. Origin, one of the early church fathers of the second century, denied the eternal existence of hell. He maintained that punishment was remedial; that is, that individuals would repent and be brought into the company of the bliss. He even maintained that the devil himself was capable of growing better and experiencing repentance. Although he rejected the allegorical interpretation that was prevalent in his day, and insisted on a historical—grammatical approach to the scripture, his non-biblical concept on hell has had a profound effect on the thinking of many.

Today, some believe the scriptural references to hell simply refer to the difficult time one has experienced on earth. This interpretation seems strange, indeed, since all references to hell apply to life after death.

A few others hold to the doctrine of annihilation. They believe the soul is not necessarily immortal. According to this view, the unsaved either do not exist beyond the grave or are immediately consumed by the lake of fire, thereby terminating their existence.

Even a cursory reading of the scriptures will convince anyone with an open mind of the following facts: (1) sin produces judgment; (2) God will separate the righteous from the unrighteous and (3) the unsaved will spend eternity in hell.

Four words occur in the scripture that are usually translated hell. The Hebrew word "sheol," found in the Old Testament, refers not so much to eternal punishment as to the place where

both good and evil people continue to exist after death. The Greek word "hades" has the same meaning as the Hebrew word "sheol."

The most prominent word translated "hell" is "gehenna." The word was used eleven times by Jesus himself. The only other reference is found in James 3:6 where hell is described as the source of the evil of an uncontrolled tongue.

The origin of the word "gehenna" is a region just beyond the southeast section of Jerusalem. It was known as "The Valley of Hinnom," from a Hebrew word which meant "lamentation." During the days of Ahaz and Manasseh some of the Jews erected a temple to the Canaanite firegod, Molech. The idolatrous worship of Molech included placing babies in the arms of a heated idol to be burned to death.

Josiah, king of Judah, destroyed the temple and forbid the worship of Molech. The Valley of Hinnom, totally despised by the Jews, became a dumping place for trash. Because the fire burned continually to keep the place sanitary, Jesus chose the word "gehenna" to convey the idea of the eternal punishment of the wicked.

"Tartarus," the final Greek word translated "hell," is used only once in the Bible. II Peter 2:4 says, "For God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved until judgement. . . ." Thayer's Greek Lexicon says tartarus is the exact equivalent of gehenna.

The Bible clearly emphasizes that both physical and spiritual suffering will occur in hell. The worst suffering we can imagine is banishment from the Lord. In Matthew 24:41 and 25:46 as well as Luke 13:28 the wicked are being "thrust out."

No one can fully conceive of eternal separation from God, since none of us has ever been apart from his love, his concern, his desire for the highest good in our lives and his redemption. Yet, because God has made us to be free moral agents, each one of us is personally responsible to God for that choice.

Finally, the Bible clearly speaks of degrees of punishment. Paul said, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that everyone may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad" (II Cor. 5:10). As we review in our minds the fate of those who reject Christ, we should pledge anew to hold up our personal responsibility to carry God's message of eternal life to a dying world.

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Bill Wallace of China remembered in Little Rock

by J. Everett Sneed

The remains of Bill Wallace, Southern Baptists' most famous missionary doctor, were brought to the United States Jan. 10. After a brief stop in Little Rock and following a memorial service at Wallace Memorial Church, Knoxville, Tenn., he was buried on Jan. 12 beside his parents.

Wallace was the only Southern Baptist missionary martyred in China during the Communist era. He first went to Wuzhou in 1935, where, for 15 years, he served as a surgeon and administrator of the Stout Memorial Hospital. He remained in Wuzhou during the upheaval of World War II, the Japanese Occupation of South China and the Communist victory over the Nationalist Chinese in 1949.

He continued working in the hospital after the Communist takeover, though, with the start of the Korean war in 1950, intense anti-American sentiment developed in China. Wallace was arrested in December 1950 and falsely accused of being a spy. He died in prison two months later and was buried in an unmarked grave in an old Christian cemetery near Wuzhou. At great personal risk, Chinese friends later marked the grave with a monument reading, "For me to live is Christ."

Thirty-four years after Wallace's death, retired missionary Cornelia Leavell received a letter from a Chinese friend stating that the old cemetery had been moved and that it might be possible to claim Wallace's remains and return them to the United States.

Miss Leavell was born in Wuzhou where her father, George W. Leavell, a medical missionary built the hospital in which Wallace later practiced medicine. After college and seminary, Miss Leavell returned to Wuzhou, China to serve as a children's worker. Leavell and Wallace were co-workers on the mission field during that period of time.

Nancy Cooper, retired executive director of the Woman's Missionary Union in Arkansas, met Leavell Jan. 10 at the Little Rock airport as she returned with the ashes of Bill Wallace. Cooper and Elma Cobb, a member of Arkansas WMU executive committee, drove Leavell to Knoxville, Tenn. where the interment took place.

Leavell and Cooper were classmates at the

Woman's Missionary Training School, Louisville, Ky. (now part of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary). Last summer, Cooper and Leavell met in Frankfort, Germany and Cooper invited Leavell to spend mid-January with her in Little Rock. Leavell went from Frankfort to Hong Kong, and it was there that she received the letter from her friend that Wallace's remains were available to be brought back to the United States.

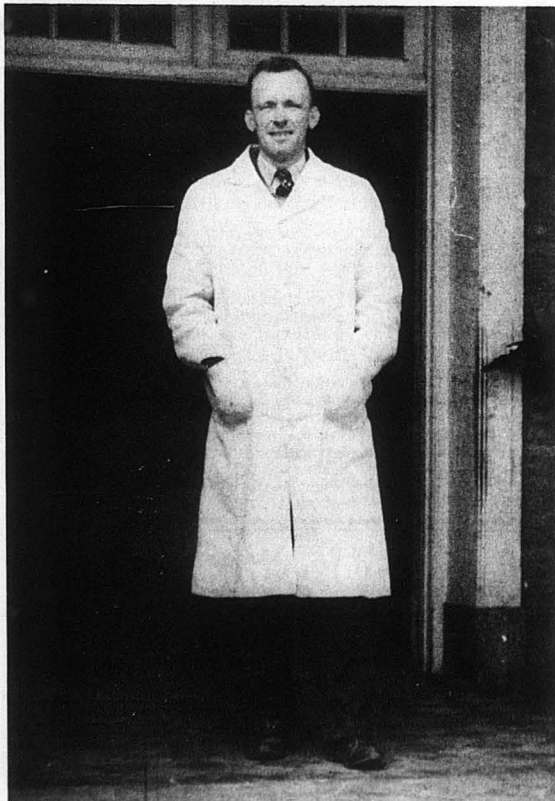
Leavell observed that the Chinese were quite cordial to her and that apparently conditions were improving rapidly in China. Although Christianity had been illegal for several years under the Communists, the number of Christians has grown dramatically. Currently, in the Wuzhou area 2,000 people are awaiting baptism.

Leavell, who had been in China approx-

imately a year ago, had found the hospital and the home in which she had lived in very poor condition. In fact, she said, "The poor condition of the hospital was more than I could stand emotionally, and I was unable to complete the tour." During her recent tour, she found the hospital in excellent condition and the home where she had lived refurbished also. She said it was a joy to have the opportunity to tour the hospital again.

Leavell and the others in her party claimed the bones and took them to be cremated. The entire process, including the urn cost 205.80 yuan (less than 100 American dollars). The cremation process is required by the Chinese health officials, she said.

J. Everett Sneed is editor of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine.



Bill Wallace, Southern Baptist missionary doctor assigned to China in 1935, died in a Chinese prison slightly more than a year after the Communist victory over the Nationalist Chinese in 1949. His remains were kept in China until recently when former China missionary Cornelia Leavell was allowed to bring them back to the United States. Wallace's ashes were laid to rest in Knoxville, Tenn., Jan. 12. A brief memorial service was held at the Little Rock airport as Leavell stopped there on her way to Tennessee.

Don Moore

You'll be glad to know...

...Things are coming along in our preparation for Arkansas Baptists' first World Missions Conference, March 15, 1985. It will doubtless be the largest meeting of its kind in our history. It is so exciting to meet and work with Baptist laymen in mapping out plans and preparations for this historic meeting. The meeting will be at First Church, Little Rock. A reception honoring Dr. Keith Parks and Dr. James Smith, along with other guests, will be held from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.



Moore

My thanks to the pastors who have sent us names and addresses of lay people to contact about the meeting. Other pastors should return their lists immediately. We want everyone included. Heaven and earth will have to take note of the meeting of the decades that will trust the men of our churches toward the front in mission awareness and involvement. It's exciting! Every church should have the pastor and his wife and at least one lay person and his wife at this meeting.

...Two things can change the evangelistic effectiveness of a church. (1) Desire to do better. (2) Plan to do better. Discontent over past failures will not prevent future failures. What are your plans, your church's plans to be more effective in reaching the lost? Proper use of the Sunday school, constant use of a personal soul-winning strategy, prayer-bathed revivals, vacation Bible schools and the enlistment of unsaved youth and children in attending associational or state camps will result in a high possibility of improving your effectiveness in evangelism.

...We can help! If your church had no conversions and baptisms last year, let us know, and we will be glad "to give a hand." We helped four or five churches like that last summer (no baptisms for the previous year), and saw over 30 people come to Christ.

...Now is the time to take action if 1985 is to be a better year in seeing folk saved.

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



'Herein is love' ...
(1 John 4:10)

Pray for Arkansas' Brazil partnership

Letters to the editor

For the record

I would like to correct erroneous information concerning Mississippi County in the November election.

It was reported that Mississippi County was the only county in the state to vote in favor of casino gambling (Amendment 66). This is simply not true!

Mississippi County soundly defeated the casino gambling issue by a vote 11,181 against casino gambling to 6,288 for gambling.

We just wanted to set the record straight for all the brethren. We here in the furthest corner of the state are with you all the way. Count us as a vital part of the team effort.
— Henry G. West, Blytheville,

Missing the ABN

I have missed receiving the Arkansas Baptist *Newsmagazine*. Arkansas' third largest publication has met my Baptist information needs for a number of years. My check for \$6.36 is enclosed to continue my subscription.

The local area church where I grew up and presently am a member provided a subscription to each family up until recently. The church allegedly voted to discontinue subscriptions due to some recently-published articles in the *Newsmagazine* over which there was some apparent disagreement.

I personally do not agree with each and every program or activity of my church nor do I agree with each and every article printed in the *Newsmagazine*. However, I do expect my church to continue its programs and activities and I do expect to continue to enjoy reading once again the excellent *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*. — Carl W. Gunter, North Little Rock

'Accusatory terms'

Over the past six months, I have noted that certain news articles in the *Arkansas Baptist*

Newsmagazine make frequent reference to terms such as "inerrantist political organization," "fundamentalist political machine," "Patterson/Pressler machine," "the Dallas warroom," efforts to "hijack the Southern Baptist Convention and numerous other thinly-veiled references to some organized effort to unethically take control of the democratic processes of the SBC.

The latest such reference was in the Dec. 13 issue, in the story covering the recent meeting in Pineville, La., of about 30 Baptists whose discussion of the state of affairs within the SBC focused on control of the convention by a "fundamentalist faction." The group expressed concern that "denominational loyalists" needed to "recapture" control "so the convention's democratic process can function as it is intended."

What concerns me is that the people who are frequently quoted as using these accusatory terms are responsible denominational leaders. I have never heard anyone admit to being a part of any supposed "political machine," nor have I heard of anyone who admits to being unduly influenced by it. If such an organization exists, it is time some of these men making such charges publicly bring forth some evidence instead of engaging in public innuendo. If not, a public apology is in order, not only to those charged, but also to Southern Baptists in general.
— Ellis F. Wright, Mesquite, Texas

Editor's note: Thank you for your letter to the editor and your accurate observations that terms such as "fundamentalist-political machine" are quotations of particular terms used by specific individuals. The Baptist Press articles have also included quotations by those of the other group such as the accusation that President Roy L. Honeycutt's statements were "manufactured accusations." The editor and staff of the *Newsmagazine* have tried ardently to eliminate all inflammatory terms that were not direct quotations. It is our desire to provide the news in as fair and impartial manner as possible. — JES

Cooperative Program report: December

January-Dec. gifts

Summary for Dec. 1984	Year	Over (under) budget to date	% increase over previous year
Received	1979	\$219,540.30	12.13
Budget	1980	329,935.43	9.62
	1981	295,706.63	12.19
	1982	(137,611.72)	8.70
	1983	(15,548.95)	11.17
	1984	(351,009.81)	5.20

The receipts for 1984 were almost five percent greater than those for 1983. In light of several factors, this was excellent. The 1985 budget will call for an increase of 8.5 percent above this year's receipts— L.L. Collins Jr.

by Milie Gill / ABN staff writer

people

Ruben Richard Shreve Sr. of Monticello died Jan. 10 at age 86. He was a retired Baptist minister. Funeral services were held Jan. 12 at Hot Springs Second Church. Survivors include four sons, Rex Shreve of Hot Springs, Richard Shreve of Greenwood, Heber Earl Shreve of Hatfield and Carroll Shreve of Sierra Vista, Ariz.; a daughter, Mary Elizabeth Trammell of Little Rock; 14 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Amos Felts Muncy died Jan. 10 at age 89. He was a retired Baptist minister. Funeral services were held Jan. 12 at Melbourne First Church. Survivors include six sons, C. Hillyard Muncy and Leander J. Muncy, both of Hot Springs, Keith Muncy and J. William Muncy, both of Garland, Texas, Charles E. Muncy of Fayetteville and James P. Muncy of Jackson, Miss.; two daughters, Mary Summers of Dallas, Texas and Martha Talbot of Shreveport, La.; a brother; two sisters; 21 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Winford Callison is serving as pastor of the Hopewell Church at Mountain Home. He and his wife, Raylene, and their two children moved on the church field Dec. 27.

Howard Kisor began serving Jan. 21 as pastor of Yellville First Church.

David Thompson is serving as youth director at First Church, Cherokee Village, coming there from Belton, Mo.

Ron Richardson is serving Conway First Church as interim minister of youth.

Michael B. Russell is serving as pastor of the Woodson Church in Little Rock, coming there from Marshall First Church where he served as minister of music and youth for almost two years. Russell will continue to serve as chief correctional counselor for the special program unit of the Arkansas Department of Corrections in Pine Bluff. He is a licensed social worker and counselor in mental health services. He is married to the former Brenda Davis and they have two children, Jonathan and Matthew.

Carl Riggins has been named as media director for Fort Smith First Church. He will be responsible for the supervision and expansion of the total media program of the church which includes television, radio and tape ministries.

Michael Hall White of Crossett is serving as pastor of the Emmanuel Church near Blytheville. He is a 1983 graduate of Ouachita Baptist University and a second year student at Mid-America Seminary. White and his wife, Joe Ellen, are parents of an infant daughter, Emily.

Vester Carter is serving as pastor of the Yarbrough Church. A native of Corinth, Miss., he is a graduate of Clark College, Blue Mountain College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He and his wife, Nell, have two married daughters.

Harvey Fowler has retired as pastor of Blackwater Church.

Alvin McGill has resigned as pastor of the New Liberty Church to become director of the Mississippi County Union Rescue Mission.

Barry Dean Baker was ordained Jan. 6 to the ministry at West Helena Second Church. He is a student at Mid-America Seminary.

Marie Hampton of Rogers died Jan. 14 following a lengthy illness. She was a member of Paris First Church and a former member of Mena First Church where her funeral services were held Jan. 15. Survivors include a son, James Hampton, a Southern Baptist missionary, who serves as associate to the area director for work in Eastern Africa and is now furloughing in Little Rock; a daughter, Mrs. Dean Newberry of Rogers; three granddaughters and four grandsons.

David W. Talbert is serving as pastor of North Crossett First Church, moving there from the Lawson Church. He is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Talbert and his wife, Dixie, are parents of one child, Danielle.

Bob Reeves is serving as pastor of the Winfield Church at Waldron. He and his wife, Kaye, live in Mansfield.

Allen Alford is serving as interim pastor of Lambrook First Church. A native of Ward, he is a student at Mid-America Seminary. He and his wife, Jeannie, are both recent graduates of Oklahoma Baptist University. They have a son, Daniel.

Donald Lee Pope is serving as pastor of Holly Grove First Southern Church. A native of Loris, S. C., he is a student at Mid-America Seminary. He and his wife, Deborah, have a son, Donald Lee Jr.

Bryan Webb is serving as pastor of Hatfield First Church. He and his wife, Mary Anne, have three children, Alison, Steven and David.

Alton Looney is serving as pastor of the Lower Big Fork Church in Ouachita Association.

Cody Rogers is serving as pastor of the Shady Grove Church in Pulaski County Association.

James Fitzgerald of Paragould died Jan. 14 at age 77. He was a retired Baptist minister. Funeral services were held Jan. 16 at Heath Funeral Home in Paragould. Survivors include his wife, Hester Fitzgerald; a stepdaughter, Betty Jo Frie of Shreveport, La.; two brothers; three sisters; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the organ fund at Paragould First Church.

briefly

Cherokee Village First Church designated Jan. 6 as appreciation day for a former pastor, Lowell Jamieson. He was honored with a reception, love offering and recognition certificate at the close of the evening service.

Faith Church at Colcord recently had three of its members, Everett Scott, Lowell Wood and Rick Taylor, make commitments to serve as pastors. Scott and Wood currently serve the church as deacons according to pastor Myrle DeMoss.

Beech Street First Church in Texarkana ordained John Morrison as a deacon Jan. 13.

Calvary Church in Osceola began preparation Jan. 20 for a spring lay renewal emphasis. Fred Rutledge of Marianna was speaker.

Sulphur Springs Church held a Jan. 6 service to honor Carroll Baxter and Jim Cherry, recognizing their services as active deacons. Baxter, who served for 46 years and Cherry, for 33 years, have been named by the church as deacons emeritus.

West Church in Batesville will observe Baptist Men's Day Jan. 27 with a deacon ordination service in which Tom LaFera, Eugene Mast and Roy Sullivan will be ordained to service.

Roster of the 75th General Assembly of the State of Arkansas

The following list of Senate and House members of the 75th General Assembly of Arkansas, listed numerically by District Numbers, was supplied by the Arkansas Legislative Digest. It contains the name, address, telephone number and religious preference of each legislator, as well as the area covered by each district.

Senate

*New in 1985.

(R) Republican; (all others Democrat. President—Lt. Gov. Winston Bryant
President Pro Tem—John F. Bearden Jr.
Secretary—Hal Moody

1st Dist. (Pt. Benton)

Joe E. Yates (R), 711 SW 2nd, Bentonville 72712 (273-7038) (273-5939) Baptist

2nd Dist. (Carroll, Madison, Newton, Pt. Benton, Pt. Washington)

Jonathan S. Fitch, Rt. 1, Hindsville 72738 (789-2608) Presbyterian

3rd Dist. (Boone, Marion, Baxter)

Steven Lueflf (R), Rt. 6, Box 439, Mountain Home, 72653 (425-7777) (492-5537) Congregational

4th Dist. (Izard, Fulton, Sharp, Randolph, Pt. Stone, Pt. Lawrence)

Nick Wilson, Box 525, Pocahontas 72455 (892-4517) (892-8853)

5th Dist. (Clay, Greene, Pt. Craighead)

Tom Watson, Rt. 1, Monette 72447 (486-2569) Methodist

6th Dist. (Pt. Washington)

David R. Malone, Box 1048, Fayetteville 72701 (575-5603) (442-0633) Disciples of Christ

7th Dist. (Crawford, Pt. Benton, Pt. Washington, Pt. Franklin)

Morril Harriman, 522 Main, Van Buren 72956 (474-1701) (474-0871) Methodist

8th Dist. (Johnson, Yell, Pt. Franklin, Pt. Logan, Pt. Pope, Pt. Perry)

Luther Hardin, 2905 W. 2nd, Russellville 72801 (968-1426) (968-4624) Methodist

9th Dist. (Conway, Van Buren, Searcy, Pt. Pope, Pt. Stone, Pt. Cleburne)

Allen Gordon, 7 Fairway Dr., Morrilton 72110 (354-0125) (354-2122) Methodist

10th Dist. (Independence, Jackson, Pt. White)

Jim Wood, Box 604, Newport 72112 (523-9814) Church of Christ

11th Dist. (Pt. Lawrence, Pt. Craighead)

Jerry P. Bookout, Box 415, Jonesboro 72401, (935-4952) (932-2381) Baptist

12th Dist. (Mississippi, Pt. Poinsett)

John Bearden, Box 446, Blytheville 72315 (762-2261) (763-9406) Methodist

13th Dist. (Pt. Sebastian)

Travis A. Miles (R) 220 N. Greenwood, Ft. Smith 72901 (785-2644) (452-2162) Disciples of Christ

14th Dist. (Scott, Pt. Sebastian, Pt. Logan, Pt. Polk)

Bill Walters (R), Box 280, Greenwood 72936 (996-2122) (996-4520) Catholic

15th Dist. (Montgomery, Pt. Garland)

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17th Dist. (Faulkner, Pt. Cleburne, Pt. White)

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18th Dist. (Woodruff, Pt. Poinsett, Pt. Cross, Pt. St. Francis)

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Southern Seminary produces Christian 'sitcom' pilot for acts

by Janis M. Whipple

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Three demons trying to tempt people into "rational human behavior" form the basis of a television pilot called "Irrational Acts" written, produced, directed by and featuring students and faculty at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. It's also a first: the pilot funded and produced by the seminary for possible national release on the American Christian Television System (ACTS) and their first attempt at the use of the situation comedy format as a gospel medium.

The title "Irrational Acts" is based on the idea that Christian acts such as love, care, forgiveness and self-denial are viewed by the world as irrational. In the 30-minute situation comedy the "supervisor" sends three of his demons to Wilburton College, a small Christian school, to report on and tempt an English professor and those around him into RHB, rational human behavior.

Unfortunately, Russell, portrayed by seminary professor Ragan Courtney, is not as easy to coerce as the demons had hoped. He seems stubbornly willing to exhibit "irrational acts" of kindness and forgiveness in

spite of all the unfolding temptations to do otherwise.

The premise of the show, according to producer-director and seminary professor Bob Hughes, was to create a satirical comedy aimed at young adults, carrying the gospel message "in a form that will be heard."

"We know from sociological studies that non-church people don't watch preaching services," explained Hughes, associate professor of mass media at the seminary. "If we really want to reach people with the gospel, we must take the same gospel and put it into a different format."

The whole project began over a year ago with a conversation between Hughes and Jimmy Allen, president of the Southern Baptist Convention's Radio and Television Commission which sponsors ACTS. "I asked Jimmy Allen what the ACTS network would be interested in," remembered Hughes, "and he said a 'sitcom.'"

The timing was right for the seminary to undertake such a project. Student organizations on campus such as a Christian Theater

Association and Media Ministry Workshop were providing more opportunities for student participation in media. The addition of new faculty members at the seminary—Courtney in church drama, William Hendricks in theology and the arts and Mozelle Sherman in church music drama—brought together a wealth of experience.

The event has been significant, according to Courtney, well-known across the convention as a writer and actor, "because the seminary admits that drama is a valid medium to communicate the gospel and recognizes that through video we can reach a much wider audience."

One of the most important elements in the production was the student involvement. Students participated in every aspect of production, from acting, set-building, make-up and props to public relations, directing, producing and editing. Those involved were members of a seminary class.

Such experience is at the root of the media program at the seminary. "We are trying to give major opportunities for students," Hughes noted.

The support that participants felt from the seminary throughout the project has been significant.

"It illustrates that Southern Seminary wants to address the world where the world is," concluded Hughes, "and also that Southern wants to support the ACTS network and what Southern Baptist are doing in television nationwide."

Janis M. Whipple is a second-year Christian Education student from Orlando, Fla.

Hastings featured at writers' conference

NASHVILLE—The annual Sunday School Board's writers' workshop for persons interested in learning or improving writing skills will be held in Nashville July 15-19.

Featured speaker will be Robert J. Hastings, retired editor of the *Illinois Baptist* state paper and author of *How I Write*, *Tinyburg Tales* and *A Nickel's Worth of Skim Milk*.

Editors of Sunday School publications will

lead sessions on writing devotional articles and writing materials for adults, youth, children and families.

During the week, participants will have an opportunity to have their writing evaluated.

The \$55 registration fee or requests for additional information should be sent to Church Program Training Center, Box 24001, Nashville, TN 37203 or phone 615-252-2294.

Your state convention at work

Sunday School

Starting new units

There is one sure way to reach the 8.5 by '85 goal: start new units! Yes, the heart of Sunday School growth is the beginning of new classes and departments. Starting new units is not only a sure way to reach our 8.5 by '85 goal, it is the only way we will reach our goal. The number of new units will determine your Sunday School enrollment. And when you increase your enrollment by increasing new units, you will increase your attendance.

New units will strengthen your Sunday School. They will strengthen your Sunday School by growing faster than older units. They will reach more lost people and provide more new leadership for the church. Also, new units give a new spirit, an enthusiastic spirit, to your church. — **Ed Hinkson, assistant director.**

Family Ministry

Single adults are family

"Single Adults Are Family Too," is the theme of Arkansas Baptists' Single Adult Conference at Little Rock's Calvary Church Feb. 8-9, 1985.



Knight

Pete Knight, minister of single adults, Pioneer Drive Church in Abilene, Texas, is the featured speaker for the conference. Inspirational worship, personal interest and leadership training conferences, and times of fellowship will highlight the

program.

The conference will begin at 7:00 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8, and adjourn at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, with sessions Friday evening, Saturday morning and afternoon.

Personal interest conferences will focus on developing a sense of family with God, others, and self. Knight will lead a conference for leaders in single adult ministry at the Saturday morning session.

Calvary Church is located at 1901 N. Pierce (two blocks east and one block north of University and Cantrell) in Little Rock. Additional information is available on a brochure sent to each church. Contact the Church Training Department, P.O. Box 552, Little Rock, AR 72203, (501)376-4791, for additional information.

Pre-registration is not required. A small

registration fee will be paid by each conference participant. — **Gerald Jackson, associate**

Christian Life Council

Stupid poking

There's absolutely nothing funny about sin or sinners. There is far too much fun-making of that kind going on. Tragic results often come from such stupidity.

If you are going to poke fun at sinners, you ought to go completely down the list. For instance, don't stop with just drunks and gays. There are also adulterers, thieves, slanderers and swindlers listed in 1 Cor. 6:9-10. And

don't forget to make fun of liars, murderers, cowards and others listed in the twenty-first chapter of Revelation.

The Bible plainly indicates that those who habitually practice such sins shall not enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

Many involved in sin are also hurting. Sometimes they probably wonder why Christians don't try and help them.

As the Apostle Paul reviewed his three-year stay in Ephesus, we noted his attitude as he dealt with sin and sinners in that ancient city. He began his ministry with humility and many tears (Acts 20:19). For three years he warned everyone night and day with tears (v.31).

We must not make fun of sin and sinners. We should, in humility, compassion and love, warn all of sin's terrible wages. — **Bob Parker, director**

Woman's Missionary Union

Acteans Encounters

"It's my world" is the theme of the Acteans Encounters this spring. Scheduled for four different areas of the state, girls may choose the place and time most convenient for them. All events, with the exception of Mt. Sequoyah, are scheduled at associational camps with winterized facilities. The first is at Beech Springs near Smackover on March 8-9. Spring Lake near Hot Springs is the scene of the second event scheduled for March 29-30. Mississippi County Camp near Paragould will be the setting for the April 19-20 event and the final one, April 26-27 will be at Mt. Sequoyah in Fayetteville. Meals and lodgings are provided for the girls at each site.

Each Encounter will have a different missionary speaker, music director, and other personnel. Missionaries are Jane Fray, Southern Africa; Martha Robertson, Peru;

Sherry Holt, Togo; Sylvia Fletcher, Peru; and Sharon Townsend, South Brazil. Leading the music and fun times will be Alan Moore, Peggy Pearson, Linda Smith and John Savage. Events will feature Acteans in theme interpretations, testimonies concerning Stuidact, mission action and summer missions. Skilled leaders will answer questions and give guidance in a session where Acteans will have a chance to discuss problems.

Acteans leaders have received publicity and registration forms. The Encounters are planned for girls in grades seven through 12. Churches without Acteans organizations may attend as long as there is a leader for every seven girls. Reservations are made through the state WMU office. For more information write Betty Jo Lacy, Box 552, Little Rock, AR 72203 — **Betty Jo Lacy, Acteans director**

Evangelism

Conference speakers

The State Evangelism Conference at Geyer Springs First Church Jan. 28-29 will feature an excellent variety of visiting speakers. There will be an emphasis for the music directors. Wesley Forbis, secretary of the Church Music Department, BSSB, Nashville, will speak on "Music in Evangelism".

James Eaves, professor of evangelism at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, will be our Bible teacher. He will help develop the themes of certain sessions and preach the closing message of the conference.

Leon Kilbreth is known across America as "Mr. Sunday School, USA". He is America's only full time Sunday School evangelist. He has now conducted over 500 Sunday School revivals in churches across our land. Kilbreth will give a special emphasis on "Evangelism through the Sunday School". He is a layman, and we encourage many lay people to come to the conference.

Dorothy Sample of Flint, Mich. is president of Woman's Missionary Union, SBC. Dr. Sample will speak to the total conference on "Women in Witnessing". She also will lead a special conference on "Women in Lifestyle Evangelism" in the Tuesday afternoon session.

William Tanner is president of the SBC Home Mission Board. Dr. Tanner is a very dynamic speaker and leader. He will be calling our conference participants to make a commitment to reach America for Christ. — **Clarence Shell, director**



Shell

Family and child care

Our children say thanks

"There's nothing like Christmas at the Baptist Home" is an expression I've heard many times. I've heard this from former residents as they reflected on their life at the Children's Home. Staff have said it.

Children in our care express it each year. I believe it.

Christmas is all about love and sharing. God loved us so much that he gave us his Son to show us the way. God gave Jesus to us, as a baby, and gave him for us, as our Savior. Because he loved us...

Through his word, he has commanded us

to love God with all our heart and to love our neighbor as ourselves. He has instructed us to love and share. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brother, ye have done it unto me."

Arkansas Baptists showered our children with gifts of love this Christmas. Hundreds of gifts, ranging from stuffed animals to stereo sets, came to our children living at the Children's Home, Group Home for Boys and our three Emergency Receiving Homes. Comments made by some of the children: "This is the best Christmas I've ever had." "I can't believe all of this." "I don't deserve all of these nice gifts." "Last year while home, I only got one piece of candy for Christmas."

Thank you for your generous expressions of love to our children. You are a valuable part of building wonderful memories of Christmas for our children. And, memories last for a life time. — **Johnny G. Biggs, executive director**

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10:00 a.m. hospitality room in Rose room, Southerland-Mabee Center
Southern Singer's reunion in Atrium of Maddox Fine Arts Center
noon Former Student's Luncheon in North Dining Room, Gwinup Cafeteria
Open house in residence halls throughout the afternoon
2:00 p.m. lady Eagles vs. lady Falcons
presentation of 1985 Homecoming Queen and her court
4:30 p.m. men Eagles vs. men Falcons
6:30 p.m. reunion get-togethers



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Missions

More new churches

It is evident from such New Testament passages as Ephesians 4:7-13, Romans 12:6-8, and 1 Corinthians 12:7-11 that God has given members of the "body" different gifts. Some church members will be very strong in ministries, others in teaching, and still others in different expressions of kingdom work.



Tidsworth

Whatever the special gift or interest of individual Christians, the ministry is most often motivated and carried out through the church.

The recent defeat of casino gambling in Arkansas could be partly explained on the basis of information and inspiration shared with people in churches. Finances and workers for resort missions, BSU, hunger relief, etc., come primarily from churches or Christians taught and encouraged by churches.

More churches means more people who can uphold moral issues. New churches provide more support for all kingdom enterprises. More people become available to be involved in the work of ministry both in and outside the church.

It appears that the strategy of Jesus for carrying out the Great Commission is the church. May their numbers increase! — **Floyd Tidsworth Jr., church extension director**

Missionary says God chooses ordinary people

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—Home missionary Mildred McWhorter told students attending Mission 85 that God can use them regardless of how ordinary they consider themselves.

"What is important is how much you love Jesus and how much you give of yourself," McWhorter told the 4,000 students attending the conference at the Opryland Hotel.

Mission 85 is sponsored by national student ministries of the Sunday School Board in cooperation with the Home Mission Board, Foreign Mission Board, Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhood Commission and the six seminaries.

McWhorter, who has been a missionary for 26 years in the inner-city of Houston, Texas, recounted for the students numerous incidents when God had protected her in threatening situations and other times when he taught her valuable lessons about love and caring.

When she was beginning to make career decisions, McWhorter said she ignored what God wanted and made all the decisions herself.

"I didn't ask God what he wanted me to do with my life," she said. "I carried the Bible and never read it. I knew how to pray but never did. And I was such a professional church-goer, I could look a preacher right

in the face and never hear a word he said.

"I wanted people to know Jesus, but I never told anyone about him," she added.

Then, she said, she finally started talking to God and asked where he wanted her to go. If God had told her from the first he wanted her in the inner city of Houston, McWhorter said she likely would still be running away from God.

"Don't you forget, God has kept his part of the bargain," she reminded the students.

"Jesus know what he's doing, even when it looks like a mess to us. I'm proud God chose me, even though I'm an ordinary person."

In an earlier address, Henry Cabalang, pastor of University Church, Manila, Philippines, pointed to the potential of Americans to share Christianity in parts of the world where persons have not heard the gospel.

"God has blessed the United States because it was founded on the Bible," said Cabalang. However, he charged, today "we are wrapped up in our own affluence while the rest of the world goes hungry."

"What is it that God wants you to do?" Cabalang asked. "Giving money is the easiest thing a person can do. When God gets you and me, He will have all that he needs."

Cabalang, who said his church's facility was built with Lottie Moon Christmas Offer-

ing dollars, urged students to listen to the call for help in spreading the gospel outside the United States. "Accomplishment is God really reigning in your life," he concluded.

Oscar Romo, director of the Home Mission Board's Language missions division, told students the task of Southern Baptists is to share the gospel amid the more than 500 ethnic groups in the United States who speak 636 different languages.

"Ethnics are building a new culture in our country," said Romo. "It is up to you to become a participant in sharing the gospel with ethnic America."

Noting ethnic persons created the United States, Romo said 25 million German-Americans constitute the largest minority in the U.S. which is also the fifth largest Spanish-speaking country in the world.

"We must confront the future for the future is here," Romo urged. "Our task is to win to Jesus Christ the mosaic cultures of America."



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Ecumenical Lecture Series announces '85 dais

Program personalities for the 1985 Ecumenical Lecture Series will explore the themes of love, prayer and spirituality as the series enters its 20th season.

Gerald G. Jampolsky and Diane Cirincione will address the topic "Love is the Only Answer" when the ELS opens Feb. 7. George A. Maloney will lecture on "Discovering the Hidden Reality: Deeper Prayer in a Nuclear Age" on Feb. 28. M. Scott Peck will speak to "Spirituality and the Psychology of Human Nature" on March 7.

All lectures begin at 8 p.m. in Little Rock's Second Presbyterian Church. For tickets, contact Marion Bonner, 224-4909.

Family and Child Care Services shifts staff

Arkansas Baptist Family and Child Care Services has shifted two of its staff members to new responsibilities within the organization.

Douglas McWhirter Jr., director of the FCCS Little Rock office, has been named director of program and staff development in the agency's state office. David Perry, director of the FCCS Harrison office, has replaced McWhirter as director of the Little Rock office.

McWhirter will coordinate and supervise the agency's direct services, including the area offices, Children's Home and emergency receiving homes. A Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and Louisiana State University graduate, he had directed the Little Rock office since 1977.



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Perry, a graduate of Baylor University and the University of Georgia, had directed the Harrison office since 1980. He joined the Family and Child Care Services staff in 1979 as a social worker in the Jonesboro office.

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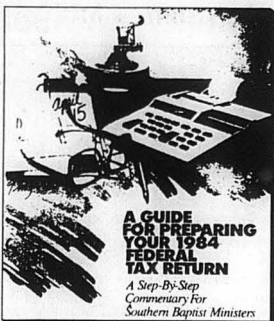
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Ministers' tax help is available in booklet

The Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, as an extension of services to ministers, has prepared a booklet to help the self-employed minister with 1984 tax return preparation.

Annuity Board President Darold H. Morgan prefaces the booklet by noting that several tax law changes were made in the past year and the board hopes to aid ministers in understanding how the changes affect them.

A major change in tax law covered in the guide is elimination of double deductions for housing for the minister. Also covered is a change that makes Social Security benefits over a certain limit taxable.

The booklet is prepared specifically for ministers and gives step-by-step help.

The guide is available from James Walker, Arkansas' Annuity Board representative, at the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, P.O. Box 552, Little Rock, AR 72203. His phone number is 376-4791.

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On February 9, 1985, from 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m. CST, the Home Mission Board will kick-off its annual Week of Prayer for Home Missions with the 2nd annual Home Missions Teleconference.

The telecast will be live on BTN with viewers being able to call toll free from viewing sites to ask questions of William Tanner, Carolyn Weatherford, and James Smith, executives of the Home Mission Board, the Woman's Missionary Union, and Brotherhood Commission, respectively.

Jay Durham, director of the Media Department for the Home Mission Board, will serve as host conducting interviews via telephone with home missionaries all over the United States.

Don't miss out on this exciting event—more than 70 associations throughout the Southern Baptist Convention plan to show the teleconference in their area.

BTN MESSAGES

Here are just a few messages being offered for the first time in February on BTN:

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The Judge of Life

by William Piercy, First Church, Manila

Basic passage: John 8:1-32

Focal passage: John 8:12-27

Central truth: We will face a judgment.

People would like to think that life can be lived without any responsibility. The people of the day when Christ walked upon the earth would like to have had no obligation to life. But they did and will one day stand in judgment.

The Pharisees continued their assault upon the Savior. Still, he stood his ground and continued to teach them. One thing they tried to do was to discredit his words and authority. They asked him by what authority he spoke against them. Their reasoning was that he was just a man whose word was against their word. Jesus replied there is Another who testifies of himself.

The Jewish system of law was supposed to be fair and just. In order to see to it that this was carried out, no one would be condemned by just one witness. That would be just one man's word against another. So they required two witnesses. Here they accused Christ of being his only witness.

Jesus replied to them he had another witness, his Father. God had borne witness to him through John, who claimed him to be the Lamb that takes away the sins of the world. At the time of his baptism, the Lord pronounced him to be his son in whom he was well pleased. So Jesus informed them that there was another who testified of him.

Jesus was not only qualified, but the Jews were responsible for the judgment they would endure. It is never the will of God that any man perish. If he does, it is because of man's own will. The will of the Lord is to save. His judgment upon them would be because of their own choice. He said "I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if he believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins" (Jn. 8:24). Because of their unbelief, they would face judgment upon themselves.

His judgment would be sure, but it would be right. We can be thankful that our judgment will be of the Lord himself. If just anyone gave it upon us, it might be out of anger, resentment or some other unjust purpose. But when the Master gives it, it will be as we have asked for it.

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Life and Work

Hope for the anxious

by Sandy Hinkson, Markham Street Church, Little Rock

Basic passage: John 4:43-54

Focal passage: John 4:45-54

Central truth: Anxieties can be calmed in a faith commitment to Jesus.

Our world today is characterized by anxieties. The dictionary definition of anxiety is "uneasy thoughts or fears about what may happen." Through the years, our world has become more and more sophisticated with our advances in so many areas of life. Even with all this intellect, mankind hasn't been able to do away with our anxieties. Actually, the more we've learned the bigger the unknown has grown, and for many, the more anxieties this produces.

In verses 46-47 of John 4, we find a nobleman who has come to Jesus with anxieties over the life of his son. He asks Jesus to come down to Capernaum and heal his son. In verse 48, Jesus rebuked him and told him that unless he saw signs and wonders he wouldn't believe.

How often in our own anxieties we try to dictate to the Lord how to act and what to do. We must not try to direct the Lord. He must be left to work in his own way. The nobleman had shown a small amount of faith in coming to Jesus and asking him to heal his son. Even after Christ's rebuke in verse 48, the nobleman still requested that Christ come to Capernaum and heal his son. Jesus told him his son was healed.

We read in verse 50 that the "nobleman believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him." How powerful God's word is. It brought healing to the young boy. It brought spiritual healing to the nobleman and his household. If Christ could heal this young man through his word, he can give eternal life today by his word.

God can use situations in our life that produce anxieties to bring us to him in a personal saving experience. Once we have accepted Jesus by faith, we have his words of encouragement to overcome our anxieties. In 1 Peter 5:7, we read, "Casting all your cares upon him; for he careth for you." Luke 12:32a says, "Fear not, little flock."

God has given us the privilege to taking all our cares and anxieties to him and leaving them. In exchange for that, he has promised us his peace. Why then should we want to spend days, weeks and even years of our life in misery and worry when we could live them in God's peace?

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Bible Book

Jesus begins his ministry

by George W. Domerese, DOM Clear Creek Association

Basic passage: Luke 4:14-5:16

Focal passage: Luke 4:16-30

Central truth: Even though Jesus came with redemption for every person, we must choose to accept him and his ministry.

John said, "He came unto his own, and his own received him not" (Jn. 1:11). After Jesus returned from the temptation, he came in the power of the Spirit to Galilee and taught in their synagogues. He became famous in all the region round about. He was glorified by all. He was accepted. His word was accepted. His ministry was accepted.

At home, in Nazareth, it became a different story. At first he is accepted, and his teachings are accepted. Then someone said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He was one of their own, a familiar person, and prejudice began to enter in. They found no fault in him but just simply rejected him. They concluded that such gracious words could not come from the lips of the carpenter's son. Today, some fail to hear the message of redemption because they have known the preacher as he grew up.

The ministry of Jesus was and is to the Gentile, the outsider. Redemption for everyone was rejected. The synagogue became hostile toward him. They ran him out of the city and would have shoved him off the cliff, but he passed through their midst and went his way. Those prejudices, hostilities and rejections are still with us today. The message and ministry of our Lord was rejected or not heard because the messenger/preacher grew up nearby. So we will only minister to those that meet their social and economic standards.

When Jesus began his ministry, it is clear that it was for all people. It brought him many enemies and finally to the cross, but he extended grace and redemption to all who would accept him: to the rich, the poor and all classes in between, to the morally pure and to those who had sunk into the depths of sin. All are precious in his sight.

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Country is small, need is great

EQUATORIAL GUINEA—It is often less complicated to leave the little-known countries of the world on the "back burner," thinking that any personnel at all is enough to hold the doors open for ministry.

Such is not the case for Equatorial Guinea, a country in west Africa which few have heard of and even fewer have realized the need for missionary personnel.

In 1981, Southern Baptists sent the first missionary couple to Equatorial Guinea. Jess and Peggy Thompson went through more than two years of difficult trail-blazing, laying the foundation to mission work. They spent years waiting for permits to come through.

In 1984, Charles and Indy Whitten, missionaries to Spain, transferred to the small African country to do general evangelistic work during their last term of service before retirement. Though Equatorial Guinea is

African in location and tribal traditions, its official language is Spanish. For 190 years the country was Spanish Guinea. The last 15 years have seen independence.

The result of the Thompson-Whitten work thus far? Two congregations have begun; many contacts have been made through agricultural work and a vaccination campaign they directed with volunteer personnel. Young professionals are studying English and the correspondence Bible course is sought-after throughout the country.

But the future remains a question for work in this country about the size of the state of Maryland. The Thompsons' furlough is set for 1985-86, and the Whittens retire in the latter part of 1987.

More personnel will be needed soon to minister and fill the spiritual vacuum in Equatorial Guinea. The need is great, though the country is small.

Church Training to focus on starting new programs

NASHVILLE—In an effort to reach the more than one-third or 36 percent of all Southern Baptist churches not reporting a training program, the Sunday School Board's church training department has launched a five-year campaign to provide individual consultation to these churches.

Steve Williams, growth consultant in the church training department, has compiled a booklet to be used in individual consultations to help churches to define and accomplish their training goals.

Introduced to state church training directors and associates during their annual December planning meeting, the resource contains sections on developing a church profile, assessing the needs of the congregation and determining available resources.

Williams said he hopes to see 1,500 new church training programs started each year.

Prospective churches are located from those reporting no training program through the Uniform Church Letter but are referred through state convention offices.

According to Williams, associational, state and denominational church training consultants will spend approximately three hours with church leaders, in most cases the

pastor, to discuss the types of training programs available.

"We try to determine what the greatest needs of the church are, then suggest resources to meet those needs," said Williams.

The flexibility of materials allows a church to determine which resources best fit their needs, explained Williams.

Noting that the majority of churches not reporting a training program have less than 300 members, Williams said, "The biggest barrier to church training is the myth that churches don't have enough leaders to offer training. But short-term equipping center modules provide leader helps and are usually only six to eight weeks long."

Williams said he encourages all sizes of churches to have a training program because of the value of learning about the history and heritage of Southern Baptists. "Small churches have just as great a need to train their members," he said.

Williams added that churches wanting to start a training program can write the Sunday School Board's church training department to receive \$75 worth of free literature for their first quarter.

SBC archives to open in February

NASHVILLE—The Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives will open to the public on Feb. 4, 1985. The new library and archives is operated by the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. For the past 31 years, the Commission's library and archival holdings have been a part of the Dargan-Carver Library. The Dargan-Carver Library was the joint library for two Southern Baptist agencies, the Historical Commission and the Sunday School Board.

The Commission moved to its own facilities in the new Southern Baptist Convention Building in January, 1985. The library will

serve as a research center for the study of Baptist history. The archives will be the depository for the official records of the Southern Baptist Convention and manuscript collections related to Baptists. The library will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Pat Brown serves as librarian and Bill Summers is the archivist for the new facility. For more information on the Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives, write: Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives, 901 Commerce St., Suite 400, Nashville, TN 37203-3620 (telephone 615-244-0344).

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