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**Uplift America  
Be a Christian Citizen**

Observe Christian Citizenship Sunday  
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## I must say it

Charles H. Ashcraft / Executive Secretary

### The gospel of common sense

There is a time amidst political, theological, technological and ecclesiastical morass when common sense represents the only hope of a solution. When computers fail, theological concepts become hazy, ecclesiastical rulings impossible and politics unbearable, it is time for someone to make sense. Never have we needed plain, everyday, common sense moreso than now. Common sense is the universal ingredient of all deliberations and may become decisive when all else is exhausted. I would recommend common sense in all areas of daily struggle.

1. Declaring a war? Evaluate the resources of the enemy (Luke 14:31). 2. Building a structure? Count the bricks (Luke 14:28). 3. Wheat farming? Remove the tares later (Matt. 13:24-31). Mission project? Consider live missionaries (Romans 10:13-15). 5. Organizing a revolution? Check out your lieutenants. 6. Killing rats? Don't burn the barn. 7. Mutineers? Don't sink the ship. 8. Trouble with heretics? Convert them. 9. Witnessing to a lost person? Reason with him (Isa. 1:18). 10. Driving down Rodney Parham? Begin with a full tank. 11. Working with difficult people? Try coals of fire (Romans 12:20). 12. Taking up a collection? Give a good reason. 13. Mean kids in the neighborhood? Enroll them in Sunday School. 14. Speaking in unknown tongues a problem? Suggest better communication in understandable words (I Cor. 14:19). 15. Not enough money to go around? Spend less or earn more. 16. Upset over church literature? Write better stuff. 17. Worried about the theology of someone else? Develop your own. 18. Someone is prettier than you? Forget it, ugliness may come to be the mod look tomorrow. 19. Life thorny for you? Even a cow eats the hay, leaves the briars. 20. Health failing? Consult your doctor. 21. Growing old? Think young. 22. Nobody loves you? Buy a Beagle. 23. Car won't run? Negotiate. 24. Someone bugging you? Be grateful it is only one. 25. Clothes too tight? Lose weight. 26. Ignorant? Go to school. 27. Competition rough? Develop a better service. 28. Flat tire? Use your spare. 29. Bad grades? Read the book. 30. Someone after you? A moving target is harder to hit. 31. Tired of trying to help people with their problems? Rest awhile and start over again.

Common sense will not save a soul, only the gospel of Jesus Christ can do this. However, common sense may lead a person to the conclusion that Jesus made sense and hence make his confession of faith. I make my plea for cool heads in our stressful times, knowing that good sense and truth are not far removed. Until you can do better, common sense will help.

*I must say it!*

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## Pressure on the pastor

## The editor's page

J. Everett Sneed



For a man called of God, serving as the pastor of a church can be most rewarding. Yet, the pressure of the ministry may produce discouragement, heartbreak and frequent change of pastorates or even cause a preacher to drop out of the ministry. Often these problems include: (1) conflicts with the congregation; (2) inadequate time to meet all the demands of the pastorate; and (3) inability to cope with personal problems. We believe that when the pastor and the congregation work together under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, these problems can be solved.

Conflict between the pastor and a segment of the congregation may develop from a variety of causes. Often it grows out of a lack of communication or understanding. It is essential that a church and their pastor understand and agree on ideals and objectives. Basic concepts should be decided before the preacher accepts the call. Once they are agreed upon, everyone should assist in achievement of these objectives.

A closely-related problem is apathy. Sometimes a congregation would like to grow and develop, but is not willing to expend energy needed to assure success. These apathetic members feel that the pastor and the paid staff should do all the work. When they see that the church is not growing, they begin to criticize the pastor.

A second problem for many pastors is inadequate time to meet the demands imposed upon him. He may have to spend too much time in church administration or in smoothing ruffled feelings, leaving inadequate time for study and visitation of the lost.

## Guest editorial On coping with calamities

**Editor's note: This editorial was written several weeks ago following the April 4 crash of an airliner at New Hope, Ga. The suggestions for coping with calamity, however, are timeless.**

Last Monday was a day of tragedy for many Alabamians. Tornado winds brought death to people in Birmingham and St. Clair County. A plane crash in New Hope, Georgia, killed a number of Alabamians and others. Such tragedies are difficult to cope with, especially for those whose families were directly affected.

Coping with calamities in a creative way calls for *comprehending* life on a broad scale. Paul spoke of seeing things which happen in light of God's overall purpose and in terms of life's total. He said, "All things work together for good to those who love God who are the called according to His purpose." He did not mean that every happening was good, but the sum total adds up to something "good". Calamities which

Finally, undue pressure can be exerted upon the pastor by the opinion that he and his family should be exempt from the ordinary problems of life. While a minister should constantly have a spiritual relationship with God, the Bible never suggests that the Lord will protect anyone from difficulties. Often a preacher's problems are the direct result of the demands imposed by the congregation or inadequate financial support.

The solution of these pressures is the responsibility of both the pastor and the congregation. Lay leaders should assist the pastor in the training of the rest of the members. They should be led to consider the pastor's time as well as to recognize the financial needs of the pastor and his family.

The pastor should not only articulate his needs to the church, but he may need to explore other avenues to cope with his feelings. He may find help by discussing his problems with older, more experienced pastors or the associational missions director. The counsel of some knowledgeable person can be invaluable. Everyone needs someone in whom he can confide.

The pastor who serves a slow moving congregation may avoid a feeling of frustration by exploring additional ministries. He may, for example, serve as the chaplain to the police, a motel or a hospital. If he has a gift for writing, he may seek fulfillment through this media. Still other options may provide opportunity for service.

A church should be a partnership between members and the pastor under the leadership of the Holy Spirit. When everyone considers these needs prayerfully, the result is a Spirit-led church.

occurred last Monday aren't good, but they are just a part of a longer story.

Coping with calamities *confront* us with the things which matter most in life. Many things we value so much are swept away by a tornado or vanish in a plane crash. Jesus challenged us to "lay up treasure in heaven." True security, according to Jesus, did not come through the possession of things. Tragedies call us to think again about what is "permanent" and what is "passing" in life.

Coping with such calamities as occurred last week is a test of our *commitment* to Christ. Do we believe the words of Jesus, "In my Father's house are many mansions"? Do the words of Jesus, "Let not your hearts be troubled," really bring comfort when tragedy strikes? How much difference does our faith (commitment) mean in times of calamity? Do we "sorrow" as others who have no hope? — **Editor Hudson Baggett in the "Alabama Baptist"**



## One layman's opinion

Daniel R. Grant / President, OBU

### Fire worship in modern form

Last summer Mrs. Grant and I had occasion to visit some very unusual cave dwellings in the Soviet Union, alleged to be the homes of ancient Zoroastrian fire worshipers. They were located in the southern part of the U.S.S.R., near Baku in the Republic of Azerbaidjan. Baku is the oil capital of the Soviet Union and has some constantly burning flames like the ones we often see in our own American oil fields. It is easy to understand how fire worship might have been centered in this area.

As our Soviet Intourist guide described some of the pagan practices of the fire worshipers, we American tourists smiled in disdain that anyone would be so foolish as to worship fire. One American quipster in our midst attempted to inject a little humor into the situation by suggesting that we Americans are not really all that different. He said we are fire worshipers, too — we simply have enclosed the fire in the internal combustion engine and

have enshrined it in the automobile which has become our sacred cow.

His humor was sobering. It would be hard to prove to a man from Mars that we do not in fact worship the automobile. In *Fortune* magazine's recent list of the nation's top 20 industrial companies ranked according to dollar volume in sales, 12 of the 20 (including all of the top seven) are either giant oil companies or auto manufacturers.

Apparently they are producing and selling what we want most in life, and one might even say it is what we worship. Admittedly very few would agree that they worship automobiles, but I am not sure I want to see a comparison of the total money we spend on motor vehicles with the total we give to support our churches. Perhaps we can take some comfort in the midst of the energy crisis in the possibility that the fuel shortage will cause a decline in modern Zoroastrianism.



### Meeting the President

Introduced by Glendon McCullough (left), executive director of the Brotherhood Commission, agency trustee Billy Rogers of Earle shakes hands with President Jimmy Carter during the annual meeting of the Commission in Washington. (Brotherhood Commission Photo by Tim Fields)

## Letters to the editor

### Honoring Dr. Swor

I first ran across Chester Swor 35 years ago when I was a freshman in college. Or maybe it would be more correct to say that he burst upon my consciousness at that point. As a 17-year-old from a west Texas village, I had never heard anything before as I heard during a religious focus week when he spoke at Baylor.

Chester Swor is now a household name all over the nation, and his 70th birthday (July 8) will be observed during special services at First Church, Jackson, Miss., on July 10. He is a member of this church.

David Roddy, the minister of education at First Church, is leading a committee to give proper recognition to this occasion. He requests readers write to Dr. Swor before the occasion. They should address such to: Dr. Chester Swor, First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 1158, Jackson, Miss. 39205. — Donald T. McGregor, editor *The Baptist Record of Mississippi*

### Encourages letters

May I use this means of urging pastors and other church leaders to use the "Letters To The Editor" column to express your views and opinions. I know firsthand that our Editor, Dr. Sneed, also encourages this. — Bill H. Lewis, pastor North Main Church, Jonesboro

### Adults must learn how to play, prof says

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — "Leisure is an attitude out of which to live, not a time to be filled," according to William Hendricks, who recently delivered the Gheens Lectures in Religious Education at Southern Seminary here.

Hendricks, who is professor of theology at Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., argued with what he called our contemporary notion that "play is unimportant and work is important."

He said that people must learn to become more like children in their ability to enjoy play and leisure.

"In their play, children learn to vent their hostilities in creative ways rather than in violent ways . . . we need not only the faith of children but the play of children," the Texan asserted.

"If we don't enjoy leisure on earth, we shall not enjoy the blessedness of heaven," declared Hendricks.

Christian discipleship

## The cost of discipleship

by James C. Wright  
(Third in a series)

In the book, *The Cost of Discipleship*, Dietrich Bonhoeffer interpreted the requirement for discipleship to be stringent when he said, "When Christ calls a man he bids him come and die." The essence of discipleship is contained in these words. Bonhoeffer not only wrote about the cost of discipleship, but also paid the ultimate price when he was martyred by Nazi SS Black Guards on April 9, 1945.

Discipleship is the result of Christian principles being translated into human life through a lifestyle that constantly reflects the real presence of Christ as ultimate authority. The cost of discipleship will be fully realized only when our lives become a more determined quest for him who is the sole object of it all, for Jesus Christ himself.

Discipleship can tolerate no conditions which might come between Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as followers.



Dr. Wright

There are many Scripture passages that assist us in examining the cost of discipleship. Both Matthew and Luke record the statements of Jesus which set forth the demands of discipleship. However, it is Luke that plumbs the depth of the requirements. "If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple . . . so, likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:26, 27, 33).

The cost of discipleship requires self-denial, sacrifice and servanthood. The cross takes priority over all human relationships. If we claim to be Christian disciples, there is no room for expediency.

The cost of discipleship is vividly clear when we recognize we are called to die! But there is more to discipleship than death, there must also be a commitment to live! It is only as we live in Christ and for Christ that we are disciples. To be a disciple of Jesus Christ we must die to ourselves and live in him, moment by moment (Matt. 16:24-25).



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### SBC music

The Southern accent this week is on the Music Department. The Music Department is a part of the Humanities Division and is staffed by two full-time instructors and one part-time. Included in the curriculum are the traditional professional music courses required for the music major and applied music instruction in keyboard and voice. In addition, the department offers an elementary theory class, class piano and class voice for the student who wants to major in music but lacks the necessary background in music to enter the regular professional courses.

The Music Department has two choral ensembles: the Concert Choir and the Southern Singers. The Concert Choir is a campus ensemble, open to all students without audition. The choir performs a variety of musical literature ranging from Handel's *Messiah* to Faure's *Cantique de Jean Racine* to Daniel Pinkham's *In the Beginning of Creation*.

The Choir presents a Christmas and a Spring Concert each year in addition to several off-campus appearances.

The Southern Singers is an audition-selected, 18-voice mixed voice ensemble. The Singers each receive a performing music scholarship in the amount of \$800 for two years and travel extensively in the state of Arkansas singing in the schools and churches.

Each spring the Singers plan a tour which takes them into several churches and schools; this past spring they sang for 3,000 young people and adults during the five days of tour. The 1978 tour will center in the state of Oklahoma. The Southern Singers' repertoire includes both sacred and secular selections and a variety of styles including classical, popular, gospel and madrigal.

Southern Baptist College offers an associate in arts in music degree which consists of 36 hours of music courses, nine hours of English, nine hours of social science and religion, seven hours of natural science and two hours of physical education. Students receiving this degree are prepared to enter into junior-level courses when they transfer to another institution. The Music Department at S.B.C. continues to grow and expand, always keeping quality rather than quantity as the ultimate goal.



### Learning about religious broadcasting

Four Arkansans were among 84 Baptist leaders attending a recent radio, television and cable consultation at the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission in Ft. Worth, Tex. Receiving certificates of excellence from Paul M. Stevens (right), president of the Commission, were (from left) Tanner Riley, minister of music, University, Fayetteville, and Ken Proctor, the church's assistant television director; Robert S. Wheeler, III, broadcast committee chairman, First, Harrison, and Carbon Sims, minister of education and music, First, Monticello. (Radio-TV Commission photo by Rachel Colvin)

**BOLD  
BELIEVERS  
IN GIVING**

# Cabot First gets into ACTION

by Millie Gill  
ABN staff writer

Cabot First Church members, with concern and commitment to reach others for Bible study, entered the SBC Sunday School ACTION program last month.

Keith Loyd, pastor, with the assistance of staff members Jay Gore and Angus Emerson, led members in commitment and preparation for this program, which was launched on the weekend of May 14-15.

ACTION is a program to enroll in Sunday School Bible study anyone at any place and at any time. It is a plan leading to establishment of new Sunday Schools and to increases in the small Sunday School.

Cabot First Church, judging from reports from other SBC churches who have participated in ACTION, can expect to experience four basic results from the program.

The first is a 40 percent increase in attendance. The second is a public profession of faith to be made by one-third of these. Establishment of a pastor's class is another result of the ACTION program, and a home-bound ministry for those unable to come to church is the fourth result expected.

Frank Land, a layman and a deacon at Riverside Church, Ft. Myers, Fla., came to Cabot to assist in launching ACTION.

The weekend began with a Saturday evening prayer meeting at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Loyd, which Land led. There were 34 present at the prayer meeting. Loyd said of this, "I believe this was a vital link to the successful beginning of ACTION in Cabot. I have never been in a sweeter, more spirit-filled prayer meeting. I would recommend this type prayer meeting to anyone who enters the program."

On Sunday morning Land challenged members of the church in Sunday School general assembly and at the morning worship service to total commitment to this program. He also visited classes, giving detailed information for the afternoon enrollment canvass.

Land, who was enrolled in Sunday School through ACTION and became president of the Pastor's Class, told the congregation at the worship hour to go one on one to enroll and bring people in for Bible study so they might hear God's servant tell them about salvation. His scripture text was Isaiah 6:8.

He explained that in a three-year period 189,000 people have been reached through ACTION and that 50,000 of these have become new Christians. Land, who now travels approximately 40 weekends out of the year to assist churches in this program, shared what the Lord has done for him and gave examples of people's lives that have been changed by ACTION.

Marion Arnsdorff, also of the Riverside Church, assisted at Cabot and shared his personal testimony and the role ACTION has played in his life, using Matthew 6:9 for biblical reference.

Through the church staff leadership and that of Land and Arnsdorff, Cabot First Church members went forth on Sunday afternoon and, on the average, enrolled three persons each for Sunday School Bible study. They returned to the church and shared how easy it had been to enroll these.

Pastor Loyd, who made a telephone canvass of church members not attending Sunday School, enrolled 47 that afternoon. One week later, he said of ACTION, "I believe that this is putting God's people back to work enlisting others. One of the fantastic things about the program is that it does not have to be the entire congregation, but it can be any Sunday School class in the church desiring to reach others for Bible study."

When asked about advantages of a Pastor's Class, Loyd said, "I think this is an opportunity for the pastor to do some teaching that needs to be done. I think it is the pastor's responsibility to feed the flock and that he should be the most qualified teacher in the church. Therefore, he has the potential of developing workers to whom he can become closer, those who can really be a service to the church."

"Churches who have conducted this program have found the Pastor's Class should be used for a complete study of the Bible," Loyd concluded. "People enrolled in this class have been placed in key leadership positions in the church because they have been re-enlisted and re-inspired and feel a new awareness of God's call to become his servants."

Average Sunday School attendance at the Cabot church prior to ACTION was 410 to 440. There were 506 attending the first Sunday following the beginning of the program.

Andy Anderson, SBC promotion specialist for ACTION, founded this program while serving as pastor of Riverside Church. Anderson, seeing the need to reach more people for Bible study in Ft. Myers, fasted and prayed until the Lord led him to initiate this program. Riverside's Sunday School program was immediately changed by ACTION, Anderson claimed in the book *Where Action Is*.

Any Arkansas church wanting more information about ACTION should contact Lawson Hatfield, Sunday School Director for Arkansas Baptists, at P.O. Box 552, Little Rock 72203.

## How the church got into ACTION

(Clockwise from top right)

Frank Land instructs a women's Sunday Class in procedures for ACTION enrollment in preparation for their going out that afternoon to enroll Cabot citizens.

A commitment time at the altar concluded the morning service, at which Land was the speaker. Land asked the members to make a total commitment to the program.

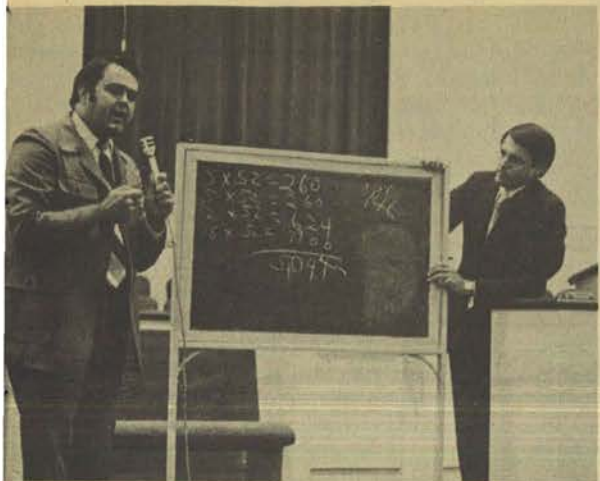
Pastor Keith Loyd used the telephone to enroll members not active in Sunday School. In 2½ hours he enrolled 47 persons, nearly breaking a record among SBC churches.

Members went from house to house (two photos) to enroll persons not enlisted in Bible study elsewhere.

Already enrolled through ACTION, Mrs. W. F. Wilson is a recipient of a new ministry of the church. Members, such as Dick Reynolds, teach the Sunday School lesson to homebound persons.

At the service that evening, Frank Land showed the members numbers of persons who could be enrolled if they continued enlistment.

ABN photos/Millie Gill





# Arkansas all over

**Richard Young**, a senior religion major at Ouachita University, has been called as summer minister of youth by Hillside Church, Camden.



Young

**Bill Milam**, who has pastored Phoenix Village Church, Ft. Smith, for the past 6½ years, has

resigned to become pastor of Kibler Church near Alma beginning June 19. Milam is a graduate of Ouachita University and Southwestern Seminary. He has served churches in Michigan, Texas and Arkansas.

**James B. Johnson**, minister of education for Pine Bluff First Church, is the writer for the week of Sept. 4-10 in *Encounter*, a youth worship guide published quarterly by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

**Janet S. Williams** of Little Rock received the bachelor of arts degree at Union University, Jackson, Tenn., on Saturday, June 4. She was among the 200 who composed the second graduating class from the campus of this new Baptist college.

**Robert Smith Jr.** and **Connie Terry** will serve as summer missionaries, sponsored by Dallas Avenue Church in Mena. They will hold Mission Bible Schools at state parks, help in Ouachita Association and work in the Summer Coffee House ministry. They will be under the direction of Max W. Deaton, pastor, and Phil Ayres, youth director.

**Mr. and Mrs. E. O. McKinney**, members of Sheridan First Church, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception at their home on June 12. Hosts for the event were their children, Mrs. Sarah Rippey of Los Angeles, Calif., and Leonard McKinney of Magnolia.

**Andy Malone** has accepted the call to become minister of music and youth for Paragould First Church. Malone has a degree in music education from Oklahoma Baptist University. He and his wife, Jessica, are the parents of a son.

**Mike Jones**, a senior at Ouachita University, is serving as summer youth director for Marked Tree First Church.

**Marc Bremer**, a senior church music major at Ouachita University, has been called as interim youth director for Hot Springs First Church. His responsibilities will include directing the chapel choir and serving as Vacation Bible School director. His mother, Mrs. Ruth Bremer, is serving the church as interim church choir director.

**Don Finley**, second year student at Southern Seminary, has been called by Arkadelphia First Church to become the youth director intern effective July 1. He is a graduate of Southwest College, Bolivar, Mo.

**Pamela Jayne Bozeman** and **Kimberly Ann Hume** are serving as summer missionaries for Washington-Madison Association. They will be living in a camper at Devil's Den State Park where they will be in charge of conducting day camp, sing-alongs and other regular planned activities at the Den. They will also be visiting and witnessing to campers in the park. Bozeman is from Englewood, Tenn., and Hume is from Louisville, Ky.

**Charles Beaver**, **Kenneth Keenen**, **Louis Satterwhite** and **Bill Stribling** have been elected to serve as deacons of Rogers First Church for the next three years. Ben J. Rowell is pastor.

**David Beecher** has joined the staff of Rogers First Church to assist through the summer months with a survey for a new mission. He is sponsored by the Rogers church and Home Mission Board.

**Cliff Mouser** of Dallas, Tex., has been called to serve as summer youth worker for West Helena Church. Mouser is a student at Baylor University. Paul W. Dodd is pastor.

**Mike Kinsey**, who has served Warren First Church as minister of music and education for the past four years, has resigned to assume the position of director of ministries of Lavaca First Church. Curtis Smithson is pastor of the Lavaca church.

**Joe Black** and **Millie Swift**, who teach in the Piggott School District, are serving Piggott First Church as summer youth workers.

**Bill H. Lewis**, pastor of North Main Church, Jonesboro, began his third year as pastor of the church the first week of June.

**Mike Sharp** has accepted the call to full-time summer music and youth director of the Joyce City Church, Smackover. Sharp is a junior at Ouachita University.

**Greg Smith**, a member of West Memphis First Church, has been selected to go as a missionary to Zambia. This BSU Summer Missions opportunity is sponsored by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. Greg will be working with other share teams leading in youth rallies, evangelistic and worship services, and youth ministries. Upon return to the United States these share teams will lead in retreats and youth camps in Arkansas.

**Erwin L. McDonald**, *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* Editor Emeritus, is the author of "Getting to Know Your Denomination", seventh in the Church

Secretary Study Series of the Church Administration Department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. Each unit of the study consists of a cassette tape recording and a workbook.

**Mrs. James F. Sawyer** of Benton, President of Arkansas Woman's Missionary Union of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, was selected by the trustees of Southern College as Distinguished Baptist Lady for 1977.

**J. Russell Duffer** of Corning, who is completing 50 years in the gospel ministry, was named by the trustees of Southern College as a Distinguished Baptist Minister. His service includes numerous pastorates, radio ministry and a term as Superintendent of Missions of the Current River-Gainesville Association. He retired from the active pastorate in 1974, but continues to serve as interim pastor and supply minister.

**David DeArmond**, a 1977 graduate of Ouachita University, is serving as summer youth director for Sherwood First Church.

**Charles Johnson**, who has served as minister of education and youth at Sherwood First Church, has resigned to enroll in Southern Seminary. Johnson, his wife, Sharon, and son, Charles Michael, will reside in Louisville.

**Tammy McCracken**, a student at Southern Seminary, is serving as summer youth and recreation director for Central Church, Jonesboro. While attending the seminary, she has served on the staff of Walnut Street Church in Louisville.

**Larry Horne** has been called to serve as pastor of Emmanuel Church, Hot Springs. He has been on staff at Shorewood Hills Church.

**Bob Taylor**, who for the past five years has served in the areas of education, youth and music at Hot Springs First Church, has resigned.

**Rodger Mills** was commissioned by Magnolia Church on June 5 to serve as a missionary to the Northwest. He is going to assist a church in Spokane, Wash.

**David Taylor** was licensed to the gospel ministry by Mt. Olive Church, Crossett, recently. Ferrell D. Morgan is pastor.

**Pam Martin** of Ft. Necessity, La., is summer youth worker for North Crossett First Church. She is a sophomore at Northeast University in Monroe. Orvell Bryant Jr. is pastor of the North Crossett church.

**Bill Elton** has been called to serve as pastor of Fellowship Church near Montrose. Elton is a native of Hamburg and is currently in Monroe. He and his

wife, Carol, are parents of two children, Ashley and Synder.

**Johnny Jackson** observed his 11th anniversary as pastor of Forest Highlands Church, Little Rock, on June 5.

**John Hough** has joined the staff of Little Rock Second Church where he will be supervising the food program and working with single adults. Hough attends University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

**Mrs. Sarah Rumens** was honored recently during Sunday morning services at Greenwood First Church. Mrs. Rumens, who has a Sunday School perfect attendance record of 29 years, 4 months and three weeks, was presented a 29-year attendance pin and certificate of appreciation. The presentation was made by Lavon White, Sunday School Superintendent. Milton James is pastor.

**T. K. Rucker** of Little Rock is serving as interim pastor of Elaine Church.

**Jan Atkins** is serving as summer youth worker for Mt. Olive Church, Crossett. Atkins is a student at Ouachita University.

**Robin Griffith**, who has been serving as minister of youth at Imboden Church, has resigned. He will be serving this summer with a mission team in Zambia, Africa, and in the United States.

**Harold Jones Jr.** of Ft. Worth, Tex., a native of Little Rock, has been appointed to the church music teaching staff at Golden Gate Seminary. Jones, a bass baritone, will be assigned voice teaching at the seminary. He received the bachelor of music degree in voice from Oklahoma Baptist University in 1971 and on May 13 of this year he received the master of music degree from Southwestern Seminary. Jones is serving as a teaching fellow in instrumental ensemble and a tutor of graduate-level conducting at Southwestern, where he has passed the doctoral qualifying exams for vocal music. He has served as minister of music for churches in Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas.

**Archie Rader** has been called to serve as pastor of Park Street Church, Bentonville. Rader, a native of Oklahoma, surrendered to the ministry in 1954 and was ordained by Rabbs Creek Church, Oologah, Okla., in 1958. He has served churches in Oklahoma and Colorado. He and his wife are parents of four sons.

**W. R. Edwards**, pastor of Elmdale Church, Springdale, recently conducted revival services at Prairie Grove First Church. Music for the revival was under direction of **Jim Walker**, minister of music and youth for the Elmdale Church.



## Woman's viewpoint

Betty Seay Crews

### Deacon care program

Many of our churches are entering into the Deacon Family Ministry program. My church has been involved in this program for nearly six years. As a result of this program I would like to share one phase of this ministry in the life of my family.

A few months ago my pastor husband had major surgery. It was such a joy and comfort to see and hear our deacons ministering to him as a patient. Not only did they minister to him, but took charge of the services on Wednesday evenings, visited the hospitals and helped care for the needs of the church families.

I've visited in the hospitals many times with my husband to see patients. He'd comfort the family, visit and have prayer. What a thrill it was for me when a deacon came and ministered to his pastor and family through prayer! Have you ever thought . . . "Who ministers to the pastor's needs when illness strikes or a crisis arises?"

Deacons and their families are needed to serve. They can serve many times

when a family will keep back from the pastor when they need help. Sometimes they think it's too trivial or else too embarrassed, but will share with their assigned deacon who has become their friend.

The Deacon Family Ministry program has been a blessing for me in another way. When my husband is out of town or can't be reached and I'm called on for help, I don't panic. I simply check the master file and call this family's deacon. If he can't go, I call some other deacon who can.

God's men need to serve by being ministers within their churches. This brings about a unity of love and concern which is unexplainable. During my husband's recovery, the mid-week services were talked about all over the community because the deacons had done such a tremendous job.

If your church is not using your deacons as servants and spiritual leaders of your congregation, your church is missing a blessing! I urge you to consider the Deacon Family Ministry program. It works!

### Preserving our heritage

## The Cooperative Program

by Bernes K. Selph

I first heard of the Cooperative Program among Southern Baptists in the fall of 1924. Allen Hill Autry spoke on this subject in the First Baptist Church, Sparkman. He was the first denominational worker I ever heard and looking back through adult eyes I see he did a good job of getting his point across.

The Cooperative Program grew out of the \$75 million campaign launched in 1919 by Southern Baptists. It was the first great effort to unite Southern Baptists into a compact body of believers for evangelism, education and missions. True, the Southern Baptist Convention had been formulated in 1845 for this purpose, but the state conventions had pretty well gone their separate ways toward realizing their goals. The sale of war bonds by the United States government in World War I had shown individual states could work together and not lose their identity; this being true, why couldn't Baptist churches and state conventions cooperate in their work and not lose their identity? Too, many

soldiers had returned home from war anxious to help spread the gospel. As a result Baptists sought to raise \$75 million for the cause of Christ. They were so successful that their efforts were solidified in the Cooperative Program.

Accepted by Southern Baptists as a group, it still took quite some time to get the idea across to churches whose programs of ministry and finance were simple in their methods and outreach. I found this to be true nine years later when I entered the ministry. I did not have the background of an enlarged concept and knew little about plans or methodology but I saw the sense in cooperation and in unity. It was a matter of education and understanding.

I sought to lead the churches under my ministry to support our total work. The idea of cooperation is God given. We do well to understand it and work together. If there is a better way to do our work, let us find it but continue to support the one we have until we find a more perfect way.

# Arkansas all over

**Marble Falls Church, Harrison**, recently held a study on "The Deacon Family Ministry Plan," taught by John Finn, Director of Missions of North Arkansas Association. James McBee is pastor.

**North Arkansas Association Woman's Missionary Union** will sponsor a "Missions Merry-Go-Round" on Aug. 8 at Lead Hill First Church. The event will be under the leadership of Mrs. J. A. Hogan, mission support chairman. Vera Farmer is associational WMU Director.

**Hot Springs Second Church** honored 41 graduates in morning worship services on May 22. Graduates were also honored at a pizza supper on Sunday evening. J. Sidney Sample is pastor.

**Antioch Church** near Royal honored its graduates by presenting them with Bibles and giving a reception in their honor. Dick L. Cayce is pastor.

**Ridgecrest Church, Benton**, ordained Wilbur Witham and Jackie Hardin as deacons on Sunday, May 29. Carl M. Overton, Director of Missions of Central Association, was moderator. Charles Jones, pastor at Salem, was elected clerk and Hugh Owen, pastor of South Calvary Mission, led the questioning. Candidates were presented to the council by J. B. Hutchison, chairman of the deacons at Ridgecrest. Chester Black, pastor of the Ridgecrest Church, led the ordination prayer. The sermon was delivered by John Clement, pastor of Riverside Church.

**Vista Heights Church, Hot Springs**, was in revival May 8-15 with Odis Chapman as evangelist. Joe Tillery is pastor.

**Central Association** held a workers' conference at Mountain Pine Church on June 9. Those on the program were Oscar Golden, B. K. Selph, Charles Jones, Charles Holcomb, and Harold Stephens. Bernard Ford is pastor of the host church. Carl Overton is director of missions.

**Eden Church** near Hamburg observed homecoming on June 5. Special music was under the direction of the Hill Family. Lane Amos is pastor.

**Jarvis Chapel** near Crossett will be in revival Aug. 22-28 with Scott Allison of Pine Bluff as evangelist. Lawrence Amos is pastor.

**Shiloh Church** near Hamburg was in a revival recently with Junior Vester as evangelist. Bill Goode is pastor.

**West Memphis First Church** youth are studying the book of First John in special "Youth Encounter" sessions led by Steve Smith. A handbell choir from West Lynchburg Church, Lynchburg, Va., will present a concert at the West Memphis church on June 17.

**Cabot First Church** began a deaf

ministry on Sunday, June 12. Interpreters will be Mr. and Mrs. Norman Matthews of Cabot. Si Moss is coordinator.

**Cross Road Church, Little Rock**, held a family outing at Lake Winona on May 14. Mission organizations of the church held meetings recently with Tudy Lovell, Sam Billingsley and Jim Hunt in charge. James Tinkle has served the church as music director in the absence of Chester Caldwell. Les Aldridge is pastor.

The youth choir of **Elmdale Church, Springdale**, returned yesterday from a mission tour in Espanola, N.M., where they assisted with Vacation Bible School. On June 12, they presented a musical program in the morning worship services of First Church, Loving, N.M. Jim Walker is minister of music and youth.

**Johnson Church** was host to the youth choirs of Shreve City Church, Shreveport, La., on June 3. The choirs presented the drama "Fabric of Freedom" at the Johnson Church. Sam Escue was speaker at Sunday evening services, May 29. James Threet is pastor.

The youth choir of **Calvary Church, Hope**, will be in Dawson, Tex., on June 26 to present a musical at Dawson First Church. The choir will visit Six Flags on June 27 and will tour Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth on June 28. Phil Pearson is minister of music and youth. Lawson Hatfield, Director of Sunday School work for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, will be guest speaker at Calvary Church on June 19. He will speak in absence of the pastor, Vernon C. Wickliffe.

**Haven Heights Church, Fort Smith**, will conduct "Teacher's Preparation Week," June 27-July 1. Jerry Satterfield, Sunday School Director, will lead this preparation study. Bob Wade is pastor.

**Piggott First Church** had as guest speakers on June 5, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Litzelfelner and Jack Nicholas, president of Southern College. They spoke in absence of the pastor, Leslie Elam.

**Crossett First Church** will have a family outing at Wolf Creek on June 19. The group will leave following morning worship services for an afternoon of

recreation, followed by a evening worship service in the Wolf Creek Tabernacle. Homer W. Shirley Jr. is pastor.

The Children's Choir of **Nettleton Church** presented a musical program on Sunday evening, June 5. The musical was under direction of Mrs. Bobby Jo Hughes. J. Russell Duffer, a former pastor, was a special guest at the service. Harold B. Ray is pastor.

**Augusta First Church** will be host to the Joybell Choir of Belflower, Calif., on Aug. 5. Eugene Ray is pastor.

**Geyer Springs First Church** honored graduates in services on Sunday, May 29. They also provided the 45 seniors with a dinner, a trip to Six Flags, and a book for spiritual growth. Paul R. Sanders, pastor, observed his 10th anniversary with the church in evening services on that date.

**Russellville Second Church** was host to the youth choir and puppet team from First Church, Lefors, Tex., on June 12. The group presented a program, "Missions on the Move." James Bryant is pastor of the Russellville church.

**Trinity Church, Fort Smith**, honored its graduating seniors in morning worship services on Sunday, May 29. Ken Freemyer is pastor.

**West Church, Batesville**, had as guest speaker on June 12, Harry Trulove, Director of the Baptist Foundation of Arkansas Baptist State Convention. Frank Shell, professor at Southern College, was speaker on June 19. They spoke in absence of the pastor, G. Phelan Boone.

**Trinity Church, Benton**, had as speakers on Sunday evening, May 29, Rev. and Mrs. Norman Coad, missionaries to Upper Volta. A fellowship followed the services. Harold Stephens is pastor.

**Woodlawn Church, Little Rock**, will have a weekend revival Aug. 5-7. Terry Barber, Bobby Boyles and Sherry Benton, a CONTACT team from Ouachita University, will lead the revival. The weekend will be climaxed with homecoming services. Sam Turner, Director of Missions for Ashley County Association, a former missionary to

## New subscribers:

Church	Pastor	Association
<b>New budget:</b>		
Pine Ridge	C. H. Moore	Ouachita
Yarbro, Blytheville	Jim Russell	Mississippi

Africa and a former member of Woodlawn, will be present for these services. Herman D. Voegelé Jr., is pastor.

**Hot Springs First Church** began its first Children's Church services on Sunday, June 5. These services are for children between the ages of four and eight. W. Lloyd Cloud is pastor.

**Highland Heights Church, Benton**, had as speakers recently, Don Halbrook and John Garner. They spoke in absence of the pastor, Royce Christmas, who was conducting revival services at Palestine Church in Quitman.

**Independence Association** will have its Children's Camp, June 20-23, with Larry Henderson, chaplain of the Boys' Training School at Pine Bluff, as featured speaker. Study will be "My Family: A Good Neighbor." Youth camp will be June 27-30 with Robert Crockett, missionary to Argentina, as speaker. Theme for this camp will be "Living the Christ Life." Woman's Missionary Union will hold their July associational meeting at Pleasant Plains Church. Miss Ruth Vanderburg, medical missionary to Indonesia, will be speaker. Mrs. S. D. Hacker is associational WMU Director. S. D. Hacker is Director of Missions.

**Rosedale Church, Little Rock**, had as speaker on June 12, Gary Hunt of Beebe, a former church member.

**Holly Island Church** near Rector was in revival recently with Reginald Barnard of Mid-America Seminary as evangelist. Paul Seagraves is pastor.

**Calvary Church, Corning**, recently began a bus ministry. Jerry Weaver is pastor.

**Pocahontas First Church** has voted to sponsor the Pine Grove Chapel near Gravesville. Lannie Younger, a student at Arkansas State University, is serving as mission pastor. Curtis Smith is pastor of the sponsoring church.

**Hopewell Church** near Atkins observed homecoming with special services on June 11-12.

**Pulaski County Association camp** will be held at Springlake Assembly on July 11-15. Red Baker will be director and Ken Jordan will be camp pastor. Ray McClung is Director of Missions.

**Calvary Church, Little Rock**, honored their pastor, Phil Lineberger, in observance of his second anniversary with the church the first week in June. Dwayne Fischer, associate pastor of education, observed his seventh anniversary with the church on that date also.

**Walnut Street Church, Jonesboro**, held a farewell fellowship in Barton Hall on Sunday Evening, June 5, honoring Rev. and Mrs. Max Alexander who are returning to the mission field in Thailand.

**Hamburg First Church** will hold a special youth weekend revival July 1-3. Leaders for the weekend will be Jim Daniel, Harold Wayne Owen, Carol Ann Clark, Pam Lagrone, and Kay Lagrone.

**Mountain Home First Church** presented Girls In Action awards to Laura Pratt, Melanie Huckaba, Christie McGinnis and Jennifer Taylor. These awards were presented in special services on May 29.

**Northside Church, Eudora**, ordained Bert Hensley as a deacon in services held on May 22. Pastors and deacons from Delta Association participated in the services. Thomas Darter, Director of Missions for the association, served as moderator. A fellowship followed.

**Little Rock Second Church** held its first picnic for staff members and their families on May 26. The event, a fish fry, was held at Lake Nixon. Supervising preparations were Pastor Dale Cowling, Jim Maloch, L. T. Jones, John Lockhart, Marie Foreman, Roger and Karen Copeland, Wendy Sapp, and Roy Madux. Cooking was done by Jimmy Jones.

**Mississippi County Association** camps will be held in the new facilities near Paragould the weeks of July 11-15 and July 18-22. Don Smith will be director for the first session and Danny Veteto will be director for the second week. John Gearing is Director of Missions.

**Westside Church, Manila**, was in revival recently with Danny Veteto, pastor of Dell Church, as evangelist. Don McQueen directed music. There were 20 professions of faith. Jim Box is pastor.

**Yarbro Church** was in revival recently. Bob Pittman was evangelist and music was led by Hugh Kirby. Jim Russell is pastor.

**Wardell Church** will hold its annual homecoming services on July 10. Cyril Miller is pastor.

**Marmaduke First Church** held a Lay Renewal Weekend May 27-29. There were six professions of faith and two joined by letter. Jack Porter is pastor.

**Faulkner Association** sponsored the first youth music tournament in the history of the association on April 9. There were approximately 150 in attendance for the event held at South Side Church, Damascus.

**Arabella Heights Church, Texarkana**, was in revival May 23-29. Kendall Black, pastor of Conway Second Church, was evangelist. Steve Spurgin, minister of music of Rose Hill Church, Texarkana, directed the music program. There were four professions of faith with one surrendering to the lay ministry. Elbert Warren is pastor. The church also held homecoming services on June 12.

**Dallas Avenue Church, Mena**, honored the 1977 graduating seniors from Mena and Acorn High School on Sunday, May 29, in morning worship services. Max Deaton is pastor.

**Lamar Church** near Clarksville was in revival May 15-20. Buddy Keim of Oklahoma was evangelist. There were 15 professions of faith and two decisions for special service. Newell Poteet is pastor.

**Cross Road Church, Little Rock**, will observe homecoming on Sunday, June 19. Joe Aldridge, pastor of Fisher Church, Trinity Association, will present a special afternoon music program and will preach at the evening worship service. Les Aldridge is pastor.

**Alexander First Church** puppet team presented a special program in Houston on Sunday evening, June 5. Aaron Thompson is pastor.

## Foreign mission briefs

**BANGKOK, Thailand** — Baptist women of the Thailand Baptist Convention met here recently to organize and to elect officers. The new organization, Thailand Baptist Women, elected Wilma Cheewewattana president. Ronald C. Hill, Southern Baptist missionary and administrator for the organization of Southern Baptist missionaries in Thailand, was guest speaker for the meeting.

**BANGALORE, India** — A new physical therapy department has been opened at the Bangalore Baptist Hospital here for both inpatient and outpatient treatment, with the unit being equipped as funds permit. A trained and experienced physical therapist has been employed to direct the new service and he subsequently has received four months of intensive training in leprosy physical therapy and treatment. The whirlpool bath already in operation is the only one currently in use in Bangalore, reported Dr. Rebekah A. Naylor, Southern Baptist missionary physician at the hospital. In addition, she says, a sandal-making shop has been opened and an orthopedic technician employed to make sandals of microcellular rubber, especially beneficial for patients with numb feet. Already, Dr. Naylor said, patients are coming long distances to receive help not found elsewhere. As they come, they not only find physical help, but spiritual counseling as well.

# Arkansas all over

## Southside Church, Fordyce

Southside Church, Fordyce, dedicated its remodeled sanctuary and new educational-fellowship and kitchen unit as they celebrated their 22nd anniversary.

The new building and extensive remodeling of the existing units was begun in the fall of 1974, under the leadership of the present pastor, Charles H. Jones, who has served since the fall of 1970.

The addition includes a large fellowship hall, kitchen, nursery and two additional classrooms. The structure is brick veneer and is designed to include a second floor which is expected to be needed in the near future.

The sanctuary and educational buildings have been completely remodeled. The sanctuary has been bricked and a newly-designed foyer extends to the front of the building. It features amber glass windows all around. Carpet, new upholstered pews, pulpit and table have been installed in the sanctuary, and carpet has been added in part of the educational area.

Members of the building committee were Gerald Totty, chairman; Gary Parker; and Janice Townsend. Cost of the work was \$25,000, with \$13,000 financed locally. Two of the three separate notes, already have been paid.

Most of the labor was provided by the



When the church built the education space at left, they also remodeled the sanctuary, changing its appearance on the outside by applying brick and adding stained glass for the foyer.

pastor and members. Pastor Jones drew the building plans and designed the new front of the sanctuary.

A drive is underway to install a double entry fiberglass baptistry, and \$500 has been given toward this project. Southside has done her baptizing in recent years at First Church, Thornton, about six miles south of Fordyce.

Enon Boyette of Wisner, La., a former

member and retired Director of Missions in Carey Association, brought the dedication message using the theme, "Except the Lord build a house, they labour in vain that build it."

The Liseby Family of Lake Charles, La., and friends of the church presented music for the day, including a gospel concert in the afternoon, which concluded the services for the day.

## Hilldale, Alexander



Hilldale Mission's prefab building provides them with 3,456 sq. ft. at a cost of just under \$21,000. They dedicated the building Sunday, June 5. (ABN photo)

Hilldale Church, near Alexander, dedicated their new building June 5. The 3,456 sq. ft. pre-fabricated building was completed for \$20,950.

The new facility consists of seven Sunday School rooms, a fellowship hall, two restrooms, a supply room and the sanctuary. The sanctuary itself consists of 1,460 sq. ft.

The church also has a separate children's building and pastor's home. The children's building consists of two rooms, a nursery and a room for the older children. The pastorium is a mobile home which has a living room, a dining room and kitchen and three bedrooms. The pastorium was purchased for \$12,000 and paid off in one year.

The Hilldale Church was begun three years ago as a mission of the Salem Church. For some time Hugh Owen, then director of missions for Central Association, served as the mission's pastor. In November of 1974, Rev. and Mrs. O. C. Sutterfield came to serve Hilldale Mission. On Oct. 19, 1975, the mission

**Calvary Church, Benton**, has voted to erect a new children's building. Ground breaking services for the facility were held on May 22. Oscar N. Golden is pastor.

**Meridian Church, Crossett**, has purchased a mobile home for additional Sunday School space. Dan M. Webb is pastor.

**Newark Mission, Independence Association**, began services in its new mobile chapel on Sunday, May 29. Emmett Powers, pastor of Cord Church, the sponsoring church, spoke at the services.

**White River Church** is building an addition to the auditorium. This addition will include classrooms, kitchen and fellowship hall. Jim Tirey is pastor.

**Pleasant Plains Church**, which recently purchased a baptistry with memorial funds, used the baptistry for the first time May 1 to baptize two candidates. David Coleman is pastor.

**Rector Heights Church, Hot Springs**, has been in a building program that includes a church nursery and a fellowship hall that will include both dining and kitchen areas. The church recently completed leveling two acres of land to be used for parking space. Joe Stevenson is pastor.

**Lake Ouachita Church**, located east of Mount Ida near Lake Ouachita, held ground-breaking ceremonies recently for the first phase of a building program. The church, organized on Sept. 2, 1975, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. William

Ritter, held its constitutional services on Sept. 29 of the same year, in a building located on property the church had purchased. Ross Williams is pastor. Building committee members are Jack Hanavan, Hattie Forga, Hubert Forga, Ivan McElroy and William Ritter.

**Mulberry First Church** held ground breaking services on May 29 for a \$225,000 auditorium and fellowship hall. The service followed a Sunday School high attendance drive and dinner at the church. A double-shovel plow with William C. Spears, pastor, and David Rouse, associate pastor, at the handles and pulled by 12 deacons of the church was used to break ground for the new facility. Paul E. Wilhelm, Director of Missions for Clear Creek Association, was speaker. Sunday School attendance for the day was 287 which included 28 visitors. Offering for the day totaled \$1415.66.

**Faulkner Association** has begun work on construction of facilities for an associational camp on Acklin Gap Road, northeast of Conway. Facilities, which are scheduled to be completed in July, include a 40 x 100 foot kitchen and mess hall, a 40 x 80-foot dormitory with a 40 x 40 foot basement to be used for offices and a workshop. The dormitory will accommodate 70. Buildings are being constructed by F and F Concrete Products Co. Inc. of Conway and the estimated cost is \$125,000. The project is under the direction of J. A. Kuehn, Director of Missions.

was organized into a church.

The Hilldale Church has received assistance from both Central Association and the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. The five acres of land on which the church stands was purchased jointly by the association and the convention. Central Association furnished a mobile chapel in which the congregation worshiped until their new facilities were secured.

Pastor O. C. Sutterfield spoke from Matthew 4:12-25 on "The Beginning of the Way" for the morning message. In his sermon he emphasized the beginning of Jesus' mighty Word, the beginning of Jesus preaching of the doctrine of "repent ye", Jesus beginning his ministry by the choosing of his disciples and the beginning of Jesus' ministry by the performing of miracles. Sutterfield said, "The best day for any church is when they are under the great preaching of the Word. The saddest day for a church is when preaching is not exalted. When both the pastor and the lay people are involved in carrying the

Word, a church will grow."

The dedicatory message was brought by Carl Overton, director of missions for the Central Association, who spoke from II Chronicles 7:11-18, on the subject, "God's Great If". Overton emphasized God's condition for reaping the harvest of souls and the need of dedication to guidance, instruction and the teaching of God's Word. In conclusion he said, "God's great if doesn't depend on others. God always talks about a remnant, a small group, so the question is not whether everyone will serve God, but the question is 'If my people'."

Others on the program included Charles Jones, pastor of the Salem Church which sponsored Hilldale, and Hugh Owen who gave the history of the beginning of the church.

Pastor Sutterfield is confident of the future of the Hilldale Church. He said, "We have a great opportunity in our community. Many of our members are committed to the growth of our church. As we continue to cooperate together under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, our growth is assured."

NEW YORK (BP) — Traditional conceptions of Bible translation must expand to include work in new media such as comic books for newly literate readers and sign language for the deaf, five translators told the audience attending the American Bible Society's annual meeting here.

"Scripture cartoons are certainly an effective means to communicate to the millions of new readers in the world," Eugene A. Nida, ABS executive secretary for translations, said. "Some estimate that nearly 50 percent of the readers in Latin America learned to read through comics."

He also added that the deaf often do not read much, because written English is different from the sign language which is their "native tongue". Recent Bible Society Scripture publications in signed English make the Good News available to them in a form they can easily understand.

Nida also reported that the United Bible Societies provided assistance to translations projects in 560 languages in 1976. These languages comprise tongues spoken by approximately 80 percent of the world's population.

He also told the meeting that there has been a dramatic growth in Bible translations work in the 35 years he has worked for the ABS. One growth sign is the Bible Society's expanding translations budget. When he first began work, it totaled \$100,000. Today the world translations budget reaches almost \$2 million.

The translators cited a rising ethnic consciousness throughout the world as one cause of this dramatic growth. As churches take greater pride in their own ethnic identities, they ask the Bible Societies to translate the Bible into their own tongues, they maintained. "The Bible Societies are not drumming up interest," Nida added, but rather are responding to genuine demand.

## News about missionaries

**Mr. and Mrs. J. A. (Jason) Lee**, missionary appointees to South Asia, have begun a 14-week orientation program at Callaway Gardens (address: P.O. Box 535, Pine Mountain, Ga. 31822). A native of Arkansas, he was born in Mountain View. The former Carolyn Stewart, she was born in Ft. Smith, Ark. She grew up in Madison Heights, Ferndale and Berkley, Mich.; and Excelsor, Norfolk and Little Rock, Ark. Before they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1976, they were students at New Orleans Seminary.

# Your state convention at work

Sunday School

## Preschool work helps are free

Did you know that in these days of rising costs, some items are still "free for the asking?" Help for your Preschool Sunday School work is free and available upon request.

"Responsibilities of Preschool Sunday School Workers" offers an overview of the duties of the department director, teacher and outreach leader for babies, toddlers, twos, three, fours and fives. Duties for the division director are also listed.

Three leaflets giving help for the Cradle Roll are also available. "Reach Out with Cradle Roll" outlines steps for organizing and maintaining a Cradle Roll ministry in your church. "Respon-



Ratton

sibilities of Cradle Roll Workers" lists duties of the department director, associate director and visitor-teachers. "Plan a Baby Hunt" presents simple, tried and true ways to help your church discover and reach families with young preschoolers.

"Preschool Books and Supplies, 1977-78" gives a list of recommended books and supplies available through the Baptist Book Store.

"Resources for Preschoolers in Sunday School and Church Training" describes literature items available from the Materials Services Department in Nashville, Tenn. An order form is included.

As I said earlier, these items are "free for the asking". Please request only the number that you can use. Write to: Sunday School Department, P.O. Box 552, Little Rock 72203. — Pat Ratton, Preschool consultant

## Looking ahead: Arkansas events

### June 1977

13-17	RA Camp (Grades 4-12) Paron
14-16	Southern Baptist Convention, Kansas City, Missouri
17-19	Baptist Men's Encampment, Paron
20-24	RA Camp (Grades 4-12) Paron
20-25	Adult/Youth Music Camp, Ouachita Baptist University
27-July 1	RA Camp (Grades 4-12) Paron
27-July 2	Siloam Springs Assembly (First Week)
21	State Music Tournaments, Arkadelphia

### July 1977

4- 9	Siloam Springs Assembly (Second Week)
7-10	Pre-Camp Training for Girls' Camps Staff, Paron
11-16	Siloam Springs Assembly (Third Week)
11-16	GA Camp, Paron
11-Aug. 11	Second Summer Term, Ouachita Baptist University
17	Day of Prayer for Associational Missions
18-23	Siloam Springs Assembly (Fourth Week)
18-23	GA Camp, Paron

THANK YOU, LORD...



## The gospel is preached in Sardinal

There are no cars in Sardinal — only horses and motorcycles. It is an isolated town in northwest Costa Rica. But to Jesus Mendoza it is home. When he was saved he wanted everyone in Sardinal to know his Lord, too. Jesus was active in the Baptist mission in Sardinal, and within three years felt God calling him to preach.

Jesus knew that a call to serve is a call to prepare to serve. He felt that he needed a theological education to preach the gospel more effectively to his people. The closest place to study was San Jose, four hours away by bus. For three years Jesus left his young family alone in Sardinal, returning on weekends to see them and to pastor the mission. During the week in San Jose he worked as a carpenter to support himself while attending the Baptist Theological Institute in the afternoon and evenings.

Jesus has returned to Sardinal full time after completing his theological education, and the mission has grown into a church. As Pastor, Jesus receives a salary of \$12 per month, so he works as a carpenter to help support his wife and four children. The young church now has two preaching points on Sunday afternoons which will soon be regular missions. Besides all this, another young man in the Sardinal church now feels called to preach and will be attending the Institute in San Jose next year.

One man's willingness to respond to God's call, and willingness to endure personal sacrifice, has again brought success. You have a part in that success by your support through the Cooperative Program. — Clive R. Buttetere, missionary to Costa Rica

...THROUGH THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

## Addition to top 25 churches in ratio of resident members to Baptisms

The following is an addition to the listing of churches, provided by the Evangelism Department of the state convention, which appeared in the May 5, 1977, *Newsmagazine*. These statistics also are provided by that department.

Association	Church	Pastor	No. of Baptisms	Resident Membership	Ratio
12. Southwest Arkansas	Pisgah Baptist	Elbert M. Warren	25	100	1-4.000

# National and Southern Baptists increase worship and study together

by Robert U. Ferguson

National and Southern Baptist churches in Arkansas are reporting more joint worship participation in 1977 than in any previous year. This growing awareness can add a new dimension in ministry to many of our churches.

Malvie Lee Giles of Magnolia recently sang for the Woodland Heights Church in Harrison during the spring revival. She has had a wide range of experience among Southern Baptists including special appearances at Woman's Missionary Union meetings, a conference center program at Glorieta and overseas evangelistic work in Rhodesia.

O. C. Jones, a North Little Rock National Baptist pastor, spoke May 15 for the 16th Street Church of North Little Rock where George Peters is pastor. Peters reports that Jones was "well received" by his congregation. Jones and Peters met as classmates in the Boyce Bible School which meets in Little Rock.

Robert Willingham, pastor of Mt. Pleasant Church in Little Rock, has spoken to Second Church in Little Rock and the Rocky Bayou associational evangelistic rally in Oxford. Willingham is always interesting and forceful.

Among the churches that observed Race Relations Day services are First Church of Little Rock, who had York Williams from Dermott; Indian Springs Church in Bryant who met with First Church, Rockport, in Malvern; First Church in Sheridan with St. Thomas Church in Hot Springs; Lake Hamilton Church with Gilead Church in Hot Springs; First Church of Russellville with Mt. Moriah Church of Russellville; First Church of Hot Springs with Union Church of Hot Springs; and the two First Churches of Malvern, (National and Southern).

For four years the two First Churches of El Dorado have shared a week of Bible study, alternating the teaching responsibilities from National to Southern Baptists each year.

The Pulaski and Union District Baptist Associational Pastors Conferences have for two years promoted a joint fellowship meeting of the pastors. Area fellowship meetings for National and Southern membership at large are being planned for Monticello on July 18, Texarkana on Aug. 23, Malvern on Oct. 18 and Camden on Nov. 3. Other fellowships are yet to be planned.

# BSU Third Century Campaign

With Jamie Jones on vacation, I have been given the privilege of writing the first regular column for BSU's Third Century Endowment Campaign.

Jamie Jones' willingness to come to Little Rock for two years is no less a miracle than the campaign itself. I've always wondered how Jamie would answer if the Lord gave him the chance of spending eternity in Fayetteville or in heaven. If you know Jamie, you know it would take him awhile to decide.

The flatland boy from Alabama has fallen in love with the Ozarks (especially its fishing streams), and the people of Fayetteville and Arkansas have fallen in love with Jamie and Beverly. I'm constantly amazed at the number of funerals this layman is asked to hold.

Typical of the esteem that Fayetteville people have for Jamie is an unsolicited letter received by Dr. Sneed from Professor Emeritus Robert Smith. "The primary desire of every Arkansas Baptist parent of a college or university student is for that student to have the opportunity for Christian fellowship with other students on the campus," Smith says.


"The Baptist Student Union is the most important organization on any Arkansas college or university campus for the promotion of Christian fellowship among students. Christian fellowship leads to a type of friendship which, more often than you may realize, terminates into a Christ-guided marriage so essential to a lasting home."

Smith bases his feelings on his own 20 years observation of the BSU at the University of Arkansas. His letter closes with a plea for strong support of BSU's Third Century Endowment Campaign.

With five new community colleges and with a 62 percent increase in Arkansas college students in the last 10 years, Baptists are challenged to complete the task started with the highly successful Ouachita-Southern campaign. Just as there was need to improve the ministry of our colleges, there is also the need to improve the ministry of our Baptist Student Unions on 27 Arkansas campuses.

Confronting the campus with Christ and his church! A successful Third Century Endowment Campaign will help us do a better job at this all important task.

— Tom J. Logue



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"Our church is more indebted to your work than perhaps some others. Were it not for your production of "The Good News" in Polish we would not have any effective means of getting the Gospel message to the 10,000 Polish people of Erie County."

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## WMU GA campers to hear teacher in Kenya

Girls attending the first week of State GA Camp, July 11-16, will meet Virginia Adian, Southern Baptist missionary to Kenya. Miss Adian works in Nyeri, Kenya, where she teaches biology and home science. She was appointed in 1973 after obtaining the master of religious education degree at Southwestern Seminary. Before attending seminary, Miss Adian was a missionary journeyman near Monrovia, Liberia.



Miss Adian

During the week of camp, girls will also be involved in a number of missions learning experiences including various aspects of both home and foreign missions. Campers will learn of state mission opportunities by hearing Bob Gross, director of the Migrant Mission Center at Hope, during one evening service.

The staff of the state GA camp will seek to blend missions education and Christian growth and witness with a well-rounded program of fun and fellowship. Activities of the week will include swimming, crafts, recreation, nature study, hikes and some surprises. The campers themselves will have opportunities to plan activities in which they have special interest.

More information about this and other state GA camps is available through local church GA leaders or the State WMU Office, Box 552, Little Rock 72203.

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## Laymen urged to assume New Testament role

WASHINGTON (BP) — Leaders of two influential Southern Baptist organizations urged Baptist lay people to recognize the breadth of their Christian influence and to assume their responsibilities as "pastors, prophets and priests," in the New Testament sense.

Jack Harwell of Atlanta, editor of the *Christian Index*, and James Landes of Dallas, executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, addressed trustees of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission during a four-day meeting at the Capital Hilton here.

Harwell is president of the Southern Baptist Press Association and Landes, president of the Baptist State Executive Secretaries Association.

The two presidents shared the program with representatives of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, who described the organization's assignments in Washington in behalf of Baptists.

Landes said the duty of the clergy is to coach, train and direct lay people so the church fellowship will become a ministering company.

"Too long, I suspect, we have been exclusive. We have erroneously thought the ordained person performed the ministry for and a ministry to the people.

"His (the ordained person's) task is to enable (lay) people to become pastors, prophets and priests in the New Testament sense," said Landes, a former pastor.

Landes decried the concept of lay people as sheep who are passive, silent, inactive and recipients of service rather than givers of service.

In speaking to the value of influence, Harwell recalled the testimonies of two newly appointed missionaries who cited the mission education instruction of Harwell's mother and the preaching of his brother as major influences on their decisions to volunteer as career missionaries.

Harwell also challenged the trustees to lead lay people to emphasize the good qualities of others and to take Christian stands on Biblical truths which may conflict with social practice.

Using the analogy of the doughnut and the hole, Harwell called on lay leaders to "stop telling people about the holes in their doughnuts and start telling them about the doughnuts around the holes . . ."

James E. Wood Jr., executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee, traced the activities of his agency from its inception in 1939 as a reaction to the suppression of human rights in Europe to the present when Southern Baptists receive daily reports on issues affecting religious liberty.

In earlier activities, the Commission trustees visited President Jimmy Carter (a former commission trustee) at the White House, lunched with 13 Baptist congressmen at the Rayburn Office Building and heard addresses by James Sullivan, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, David Wong, president of the Baptist World Alliance, Francis Dennis, Liberian ambassador to the United States, and Glendon McCullough, executive director of the commission.

## Evangelism Three special weeks at Pine Bluff

Matthews Memorial, Pine Bluff, E. V. Appling, pastor, had a WIN school April 24-28 with 50 adults and young people enrolled. Forty of those went out on Wednesday night, April 27, to share their faith. There were two professions of faith, including a 60-year-old man.

A WIN school breaks down the fear of communication for timid souls who want to share their faith. Reading the booklet relieves the fear of the one doing the witnessing and takes away the pressure of the one to whom he is witnessing.

Pastor Appling said, "It made the timid people bold and the bold people bolder. The greatest thing about the week is not that souls were saved, but that our people went out and learned to like it."

The stage was set for the school by a week of prayer meetings in homes. After the "People Search" members of the church were burdened for the lost and met in small groups to pray for them.

W. O. Vaught Jr., pastor at Immanuel Church, Little Rock, climaxed the three weeks with a week of preaching on the book of Revelation. All attendance records for both night and day services were broken. Lunch was served each day at the church. Those three weeks will be long remembered in the hearts of the people of Matthews Memorial. — Jesse S. Reed

## Conference speakers hit violence and crime on TV

by Carol Franklin

WASHINGTON (BP) — Viewing violence on television clearly increases violent behavior, a psychiatrist said here.

Stephen T. Hersh, assistant director of child and youth services at the National Institutes of Mental Health, Rockville, Md., told a conference at the Chevy Chase Baptist church here, "It is the consensus of the research community that there is no point in continued research on violence and television. The question has been answered — viewing violence increases violent behavior.

"It has been clearly established that television teaches the use of aggressive behavior in solving conflicts," Hersh asserted. He noted that this conclusion emerged at a recent meeting of the Society for Research in Childhood Development. "I didn't know that this feeling was so strong throughout the

entire research community," he noted.

Hersh was one of several speakers who addressed a conference on "Violence, Mass Media and Our Society" at the Chevy Chase Baptist Church.

Charles L. Updike, associate pastor and coordinator of the conference, said that the purpose of the conference was to create awareness of the problem of glorified violence on television and to develop constructive means of reducing the amount of violence in the mass media.

Thomas R. Estes, deputy chief of the Metropolitan Police Department here, was critical of media portrayal of law enforcement officers.

"The razzle-dazzle methods of TV supercops make the public expect miracles we can't pull off," Estes said. "Sensationalized TV portrayals of the

police are pitifully lacking in insight. One half hour of TV shows more police action than a real officer sees in his whole career.

"There's the grossest kind of misrepresentation when police kill (on TV). I've seen officers (in real-life situations) get physically and emotionally sick when they killed someone. There is often a long period of adjustment afterwards," Estes said.

Estes asserted that both the American public and law enforcement are done a great disservice by the "unsolicited dramatized violence which incidentally features police. The networks should have to prove their product will have no harmful effect as the medical profession does before it introduces any new therapy."

Estes noted that television teaches the "how-to" of crimes.

"Crime shows say to the non-conforming element of society — here is the way to do it," he said.

Estes suggested that adventure shows which portray man at his moral and physical best rarely make prime time television hours but would satisfy the need for action without the negative effects of present violent programming.

John Preston, vice president of marketing, Campbell Soup, explained the process of negotiation with the networks for advertising time. "The networks offer a package of many shows and different time slots for our advertising money. We then negotiate the details of the package. We look for three things in a show — ratings, the type of audience it attracts, and the environment for our product that fits the image we have of ourselves as a family product," Preston said.

Campbell Soup recently was listed as 12th in a list of 12 advertisers which sponsored the most violent shows. "That was a mortal blow to our ego," Preston said. "We carefully screen as many shows as we can before agreeing to include them in our package. Certain shows, such as 'Starsky and Hutch', we have never sponsored."

Paul D. Simmons, associate professor of Christian ethics, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., traced the history of violence in America. He observed that in our country in the minds of many "violence is equated with the highest goals and traditions of our society."

## 'Being a father is what you yourself can do for children'

by Nancy McGough

LOUISVILLE (BP) — Joe Adams realized this year that "being a father is what you can do yourself for your children, instead of what you might be able to give them."

Money wasn't always as tight as it is presently for the Adamses.

Joe, the father and husband of the clan, was a Naval engineering officer on submarine duty 16 years before coming to The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here last year.

Now that the finances are tighter, Adams says he has learned a great deal about being a father and thinks more about it as Father's Day, June 19, 1977, approaches.

Adams and his wife, Barbara, are from Buffalo, Mo., and have two teenage daughters, ages 14 and 16.

"People used to tell me, 'Look out when your kids become teenagers.' But I've found them to be a real joy in my life. They're not a burden but an encouragement."

Adams is a little older and more experienced than some other fathers on seminary campuses, but each has his own general philosophy of raising children and fatherhood.

Ron Brown, second year theology stu-

dent from Harrogate, Tenn., sees fatherhood as an expression of stewardship. He and his wife, Connie, have two children, ages 3 and 7.

"What children become depends on some things we do for them. So we look at ours as very special blessings from God. We need to be faithful in our stewardship of raising them," he says.

Brown, pastor of Corn Creek Baptist Church in Milton, Ky., says, "As a pastor I preach about fathers needing to be a better example and being responsible. Fathers need that — I need that. But I would also like father to stop and think:

'It's really great to have these children and this wife to love me. And I'm glad I've got them to love.'

Larry Davidson, a first-year theology student from Stone Mountain, Ga., takes time from studies at Southern to wrestle with his son — a favorite past-time for Bill, age 2.

As Father's Day draws nearer, Davidson reflects:

"In a way it's a neat time for fathers, but in another way it really bears on me — more so than other days — of a father's responsibilities.

"It causes me to think ahead, 'What will Bill be in the future?'"

# Uplift America, be a Christian citizen

by C. Welton Gaddy  
Pastor of Broadway Church  
Ft. Worth, Tex.

Christian citizenship is needed in the nation. Responsible citizenship is taught in the Bible. Responsible Christian citizenship is mandated by Christ.

Nationalism and Christianity must never be confused. However, the biblical view of government and the nature of faithful discipleship are such that the nation inevitably benefits from the presence of Christian citizens. Respect for government officials (1 Peter 2:17), prayers in behalf of those who serve in public office (1 Timothy 2:17), obedience to the law (Titus 3:1) and honest payments of taxes (Romans 13:6-7) strengthen the government of the nation as well as honor the Lordship of Christ.

Profound contributions to the character of the nation stem from distinctives of Christian citizenship. Exemplary are the person-centered approach to politics, the witness of authentic patriotism and the influence of moral conscience which characterize Christian citizens.

*Person-centered politics.* Respect for personal dignity and individual worth is affirmed in practice as well as in principle. No person is considered merely an opponent to be beaten. No group of people is impersonally counted as a bloc of faceless voters. Labels and stereotypes are carefully avoided. The institutions, programs and bureaucracies of government are supported as servants rather than masters of the public and evaluated in terms of actual performance. Though the two are not mutually exclusive, "winning one's cause", whether in an election, a legislative debate or a public forum, is subordinate to serving people in need.

*Authentic patriotism.* Aware that absolute allegiance belongs only to God, Christians exhibit a love for the nation which is both complimentary and critical. Through speech and action efforts are made to give the nation not what it wants but what it needs. Support is strong for democratic principles such as majority rule, citizen action and cooperation as well as for democratic provisions such as minority dissent, constructive protest and diversity.

*Moral influence.* A Christian citizen brings to the political process a conscience shaped by the ethical teachings of the Bible and inspired by the ministry of Jesus. Thus, the question of "is it morally right?" supercedes the question of "is it politically possible?" Efforts are aimed at maintaining that which is good and eliminating that which is evil in the

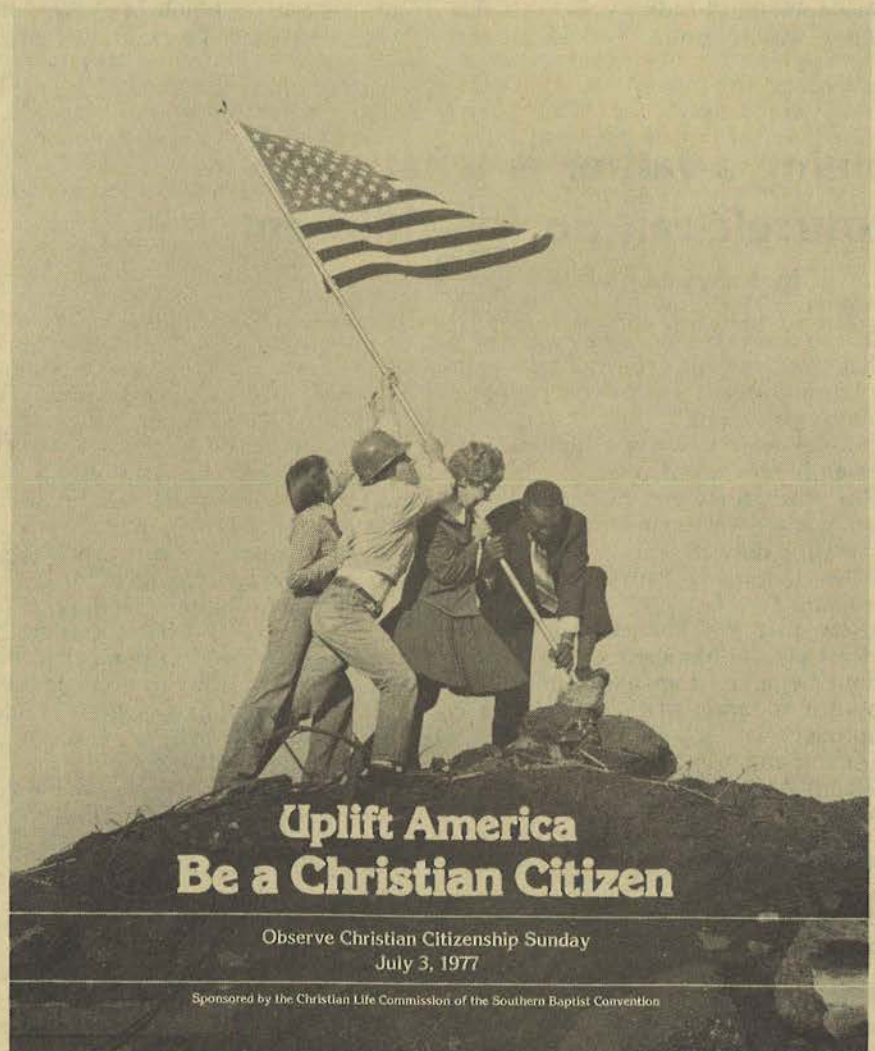
political process. As major government decisions are made, the strong voice of Christian convictions can occupy a position of major influence amidst considerations of public consensus, economic consequences, pressures from special-interest groups and political loyalties.

Christian Citizenship Sunday, July 3, 1977, is an excellent time for local churches to focus on the responsibilities of Christian citizenship in relation both to God and to the nation. Regular church activities — Bible-study groups, musical programs, mission action groups, Christian education sessions

and sermons — provide ample opportunities for considering scriptural teachings on government, crucial social issues and appropriate moral responses to the political problems of the local community. Special programs — a weekend Christian Citizenship Seminar, a series of Christians and Political Action conferences, a Know Your Community study — enable interested persons to become more knowledgeable about specific concerns.

As our nation moves into its third century of existence, Christian citizens should exercise a significant moral witness within it. The nation needs such citizenship. The Bible demands it. Observe Christian Citizenship Sunday, July 3, 1977. Uplift America, be a Christian citizen.

## On the cover



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# Ethiopia missionary finds prison journey of faith

by Ruth Fowler

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (BP) — Dr. Samuel R. J. Cannata Jr. spent 16 days in prison here in April, but says his jail term was "really a journey in faith."

Cannata, a Southern Baptist missionary, was arrested along with his family in their home in rural Ethiopia on April 3, 1977. The family was released after a night of house arrest here, but Cannata was imprisoned 16 days on a firearms technicality. At the conclusion of the investigation, Cannata was released with no charges filed.

The missionary said he knew the importance of "praising the Lord" in all circumstances and did keep on praising the Lord. But he admits it was praise without much enthusiasm or faith at that time.

"Especially that first night in prison," Cannata remembered, "it was such a humiliating and helpless feeling. There was nothing to do but trust the Lord, because no one else could do anything anyway."

Although he knew he was innocent of any wrongdoing against the Ethiopian government, Cannata said, during this period "the Lord made me more aware of the shortcomings and sin in my life."

God began to "show me that the victory was his," Cannata said. "I was not a prisoner of the government. He had allowed the whole thing to happen. Because it was of him, I would be blessed, his body, the church, would be

strengthened, and in the end he would get the glory.

Cannata continued, "God showed me that I was always praying to be more like Jesus, but when he starts really doing something about it, I get all upset."

A few days before Cannata's arrest, he was studying the Scriptures on suffering and "admitted to the Lord that I didn't understand fully their significance."

"Now I'm understanding a little more about their significance. Our family was blessed in the experience. We all grew a lot spiritually in a short time and we are closer than ever before," Cannata continued. "His body, the church, has been strengthened. We have received letters and cables from all over about people who prayed for us."

Cannata says he is convinced more than ever that prayer was the answer to his release: "Prayer alone can turn the tide against our only enemy — Satan."

During his imprisonment, Cannata said he handed out New Testaments and Bible correspondence school books to prisoners and policemen as he gave his testimony about "my Lord's love."

His wife, Ginny, also a missionary, has a story of faith too.

"Not until I heard our police driver telling people along the road that he was carrying prisoners in the car (referring to us) that day on April 3, did I really realize what freedom meant to me," Mrs. Cannata said. "Never again will I

take freedom lightly.

"The children rallied around me and helped me as never before," she said. "We knew the strength and peace we had and experienced each day was from God alone, and we give him all the praise."

The nights were the hardest for Mrs. Cannata, "because I couldn't see Sam. But I experienced much peace and found many new promises in God's word to claim, as I read, prayed, and praised God when sleep was impossible.

"I read through the Psalms and wrote down all the things God says he will be for us each day if we claim these in our lives," she added.

Mrs. Cannata and their children were allowed to visit Dr. Cannata and bring him food. As she drove to the police station each morning, she sang "praise songs," so that when she arrived the "knot in my stomach was gone," and she could greet her husband happy and relaxed.

"As I waited in officials' offices and met these top officials, doing what I could to follow Sam's case, I had only peace," Mrs. Cannata said. "I experienced such a wonderful presence of the Lord each day that I will never be the same again.

"Even though it was the most frightening experience of our lives, it was also the most wonderful experience for each one of us. Thank you for your prayer support which made it possible for us to call it a most wonderful experience."

The Cannatas are one of four Southern Baptist missionary families still hoping to obtain permission from the Ethiopian government to continue work in the rural areas of the east African country.

Each of the families will travel to Nairobi, Kenya, later in June to attend an agricultural missions conference. On July 11, they will meet with Davis L. Saunders, area secretary for eastern and southern Africa, to discuss the continuation of Southern Baptist mission work in Ethiopia.

A volunteer couple, a missionary pilot and his family, and a missionary journeyman already have left Ethiopia. Two more missionary couples and a second journeyman were to leave the first week in June, according to Saunders.

In recent months, missionaries in the outlying districts have been moved to Addis Ababa, the nation's capital city, and are confining their work to this area, Saunders said.



DR. CANNATA AT WORK — Samuel R. J. Cannata Jr., Southern Baptist missionary doctor, examines a child in Gabriel, Ethiopia, at a Baptist mobile clinic. Cannata was held for 16 days in Addis Ababa for questioning by Ethiopian government officials. He has been stationed in Ethiopia since 1968. (BP photo by Gerald S. Harvey)

# Baptists called to expand concern for the blind

NASHVILLE (BP) — Christian denominations in this country could fill a much-needed role by appointing "resource and information-oriented" missionaries to the blind and by greatly expanding denominationwide concern for sightless persons, the director of blind services for the State of Tennessee declared here.

The statement by William J. Farrell, 67, blind since high school and state employee for 32 years, has some backing among a growing number of Southern Baptists concerned that their denomination become more involved in ministry to and with blind persons.

The United States has some 468,000 legally blind persons and blindness — especially among older adults — is increasing, since people are generally living longer, Farrell, a United Methodist layman told Baptist Press. "Most blindness occurs in adulthood," he added.

Two Southern Baptists — one sighted and the other blind — are trying to alert the denomination to needs for ministry and involvement with blind persons.

Essentially, what Claud O'Shields, a vice president of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, and Jay Waugh, blind Southern Baptist from Burlington, N.C. want to see is a Southern Baptist Convention (SBC)-wide missionary and/or consultant program for the blind, coordinated through the convention's Home Mission Board.

"Acceptance and association are two needs usually denied blind people" said Waugh, blind since birth, "and the church should be in the forefront of eliminating this isolation.

"Churches and blind persons need involvement with and information concerning each other." O'Shields added: "Each needs to build bridges of understanding and mutual acceptance."

Their efforts — and the concern of others — have generated dialogue and heightened interest in ministry to the blind, with some preliminary steps already being taken.

The Home Mission Board, the agency that would field any missionaries to the blind or consultants on blind ministry, for example, earlier this year made an assignment to study a specialized program of missions for unsighted persons, under the agency's department of Christian social ministries.

Southern Baptists already have some resources for the blind. Some home

missionaries, across the years, have included blind persons in their ministries, although no specific program or policy on ministry to them has been formulated as yet, according to Gerald Palmer, director of the HMB's mission section.

Palmer agreed that some expansion — particularly in the area of missionaries and/or consultants — is needed.

"The Home Mission Board intends to become involved in ministry to the blind on an enlarged scale," Palmer said. "Anything it does in this area," he noted, "will be in cooperation with the Baptist Sunday School Board, Woman's Missionary Union (WMU), the Brotherhood Commission, and the Baptist state conventions."

The Sunday School Board for many years has published braille and large-print publications, including the "Braille Baptist" and other materials for blind persons. Taped instructional, inspirational and biblical-oriented materials are available and being expanded, a board spokesman noted. The "Media Library Services Journal" and other publications give information to aid ministry and services for the blind.

Woman's Missionary Union has provided "Royal Service" magazine material for the "Braille Baptist" for several years and publishes other printed materials for aid in ministry to the blind, including Mission Action guides. WMU recently released a taped teaching aid as a supplement to WMU manuals and are preparing an audio version of the Baptist Women's manual for release next year.

Several Baptist seminaries and colleges have blind students attending and provide special facilities and arrangements for them, where needed. Also, a few Baptist state conventions have work with blind persons. But where they do, observers say, it is an additional assignment, sometimes given to workers with the deaf.

"Any new, increased emphasis on ministry to the blind would eventually involve resources — including personnel — where needed," Palmer noted. "No timetable has been set for these, however. We at the board are still in the preliminary planning stages," he added.

Waugh and O'Shields were not critical of efforts already underway among Southern Baptists but said they felt the "missionary and information aspect" of ministry to and concerning the blind ought to be greatly expanded.

## 1,500 public decisions made in Liberia crusade

MONROVIA, Liberia (BP) — A total of 1,500 public decisions, including 641 professions of faith in Jesus Christ, were made during a nationwide crusade here.

A group of 22 pastors, four wives and four musicians from Louisiana conducted the crusade at the invitation of Liberian Baptists. The group included Robert L. Lee, executive secretary and Leonard Sanderson, director of evangelism, Louisiana Baptist Convention, Alexandria. Southern Baptist Missionary I. Earl Williams coordinated the crusade.

An invitation to Sanderson from Liberia Baptists launched the crusade two years ago. Sanderson and Charles Lowry, the Louisiana Convention's director of teaching and training, visited Liberia in November, 1976, for planning with national Baptists and missionaries.

The crusade, which included personal visitation, began with witness training in local churches, in the seminary and in Ricks Institute, a Baptist school. The training class included over 1,500 people, according to Sanderson.

Evangelistic meetings, preached in local churches, followed the witness training.

"Churches that were almost dead and had very little leadership responded beyond expectation," said Williams. "Even the first Sunday after the crusade there were 17 professions of faith. We had a record high of 341 in Sunday School."

"Added impact came to the crusade because of the participation of Liberia's President William Tolbert," said Sanderson. "He was with the group that gave us a reception on the night we arrived." Lee preached in President Tolbert's church and stayed in the Tolbert guest house. Tolbert is a Baptist preacher.

"I am of the personal opinion that our witness training will have the most long lasting value of all of our contributions," Sanderson said. "We continue to hear reports that this was true on our trip to India the previous year."

Williams, who is from Louisiana, received a special plaque during the crusade from his home church, New Chapel Hill Baptist Church in West Monroe, La. The plaque expressed "greetings, gratitude, commendations, support and prayers."

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## Let my people go

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Exodus 11:6; 13:17-22

The eleventh chapter of Exodus gives the climax of the 10 great plagues wrought in Egypt in the process of deliverance. The whole panorama of divine judgments ranged from the waters, to the dry ground, to the atmosphere, to the stellar heavens. Plant life, animal life and human life all felt the strength of the divine fury. In every case God's power was pitted against the power of the gods of Egypt. In each case the Egyptians had been unable, by calling on their gods, to cancel the effects of the plague.

The final plague dealt with human life and animal life — the firstborn males of both man and beast. God said to Moses of this plague, "Afterwards he will let you go hence (11:1). The strategy behind the tenth plague was deliverance through blood — the blood of a lamb without spot or blemish. It would be deliverance from death, through death — the death of an unblemished substitute.

Before the fateful night of the death of the firstborn — called the Passover — God told Moses to instruct the people to "ask every man of his neighbor and every woman of her neighbor, jewels of silver and jewels of gold." God gave the people favor in the eyes of the Egyptians, so that they let them have what they asked (11:2-3; 12:35-36). The Egyptians thrust upon their former slaves, as if in the face of an accusing conscience, a vast store of gold and silver wares.

Although Exodus 12:36 states that the Hebrews despoiled the Egyptians, we are not to assume that there was deception or theft on the part of the Hebrews. In the months ahead these precious metals would have two uses — the building of the Tabernacle and the making of a golden calf. One use was for God's worship, the other for idolatry.

### Deliverance by strategy (Ex. 13:17-22)

The closest way from Egypt to the Promised Land was through the land of the Philistines, along the way of the sea. God, however, led them through the wilderness, across the Red Sea and on toward Sinai "lest the people repent



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when they see war and return to Egypt" (13:17).

We must remember that this nation of slaves had not yet received the discipline needed for war. Further, they must be taught about God and the meaning of their redemption. God could have destroyed the Philistines had he chosen to do so, but this could only have complicated the problems of the fledgling nation. They must come to understand their responsibility under God. They must win their new homeland through battle. God would help them, but he would not do it all for them.

As the people moved toward the Promised Land, they carried the bones of Joseph which had been kept in a coffin in Egypt for over three centuries. Joseph was a believer in covenant promises. He had sworn the Hebrews with an oath, instructing them and their descendents to take his bones with them when God delivered them (13:19). This speaks also of the family solidarity of the Hebrew family. It was important to them to be buried in the family plot, to be "gathered unto their people".

As the children of Israel moved toward Sinai, they were guided by the pillar of fire by night and pillar of cloud by day. For 40 years God used this method to guide his people. When the Tabernacle was built, the cloud rested on the Tabernacle when they were to stay. It raised above the Tabernacle when they were to move. Over 40 starts and stops are listed in the Book of Numbers.

God's guidance of his people today may not be as spectacular as the pillars of cloud and fire, but it is just as real and as sure. Through his Word, by his Spirit and in the circumstances of our lives we can discover God's guidance.

### Conclusions

1. Gifts of gold and silver can never correct the abuses of the centuries.
2. God elevates his leaders to a place of respect among the people.
3. The judgments of God knows no favorites where sin is concerned.
4. As long as there is any humanity

among men, their families will take priority over their property.

The Egyptians had resisted God through nine plagues, only to harden their hearts when the plague was removed. Their land was devastated, yet their hearts were unbowed. But when their firstborn sons lay dead, they yielded at once, and Pharaoh permitted the people to go. The fact that he changed his mind later and sent his army after the Hebrews does not disprove this point. It only shows the reluctance men have to acknowledge failure.

5. God's people must be trained before they can assume full responsibility for life's struggles.

The way of the wilderness was better than the way of the seaside. The wilderness had testing, but it provided training. The people were not ready to do battle against the sophisticated Philistines. They must receive the law and establish a pattern of worship. They must learn to trust and obey. That generation failed and died in the wilderness. The next generation had received the necessary training. Under Joshua they were equal to the task before them.

There are many lessons for us from the experience of the Hebrews. Our natural desire is for ease, and we try to avoid struggle. We take the course of least resistance. Most of our prayers are for our comfort and ease. Of course, only neurotic people ask for adversity. The point we wish to make here is that when doing God's will calls for us to do the hard thing, the thing that may bring on criticism or suffering, then we must do God's will. Following his will does sometimes bring us into adversity, but it always brings blessings. These blessings outweigh the sufferings of the way.



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## The inspired scriptures

II Timothy 2:14-3:17

Focal: II Timothy 2:14-19; 3:10-17

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The opening verse marks the dividing point between the two parts of II Timothy. In his first part he stresses the need of Christian faithfulness. In the second portion we find him stressing the need of sound doctrine.



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### Grounded in the scriptures (II Tim. 2:14-15)

"Strive not . . ." (v. 14) Time was wasted when men stopped preaching the good news about Jesus and started arguing about the words they were using. This is a statement to the contemporary church today just as much as it was to Timothy then. For hundreds of years the religious leaders had confused the people by arguing over the scriptures. How far had the Kingdom of God advanced?

"Subverting . . . the hearers" (v. 14) in Greek means destruction or turning upside down. From it we get the English word "catastrophe". Many such debates increase rather than remove doubts and stir up passions wrongly.

"Shew thyself approved unto God" (v. 15) would mean make haste, to exert oneself, to be zealous or eager to be diligent. As a servant presents himself to his master for approval even so must Timothy present himself before God. Timothy's chief concern must be not to win the approval of men but of God.

"Workman . . . rightly dividing" (v. 15) is a word picture of a man who has earnestly and honestly given of himself to work, not a lazy or slow man. "Rightly dividing" may better be rendered "handling aright the word of truth". The idea of cutting a straight line is suggested. He is to handle the "truth" of God's revelation in the Gospel and to present it straight and simply without deviations.

### Dangers of groundless speculation and firm foundations (II Tim. 2:16-19)

"Shunning" (v. 16) means literally go around so as to avoid them. The proper attitude to them is contempt. Don't waste time on ridiculous religious clattering or empty discourses. Proclaim the weightier things of far more importance. The truth of God in Christ is simple and clear, but its demands for ab-

solute surrender and loyalty are hard. No doubt some of the trouble in the church today can be traced back to not heeding this very point. For men usually seek interpretations which fit their personal philosophies rather than submit to the direction of God.

The word "canker" (v. 17) is described by Hippocrates to be an "eating sore". Our word "gangrene" comes from the same root word. Error is a diffusive poison which, unless effectively checked, spreads rapidly through the whole body and leads to sure destruction. "Hymenaeus" (v. 17) had, no doubt, taught an errant doctrine and led others away to his teaching. In probability, he taught that there would be no future resurrection at the return of Christ.

Just because of those mentioned in previous verses don't think for a moment that God's true Church can be destroyed. This firm foundation (v. 19) of God's truth will stand in the face of attacks of error and unbelief.

"Let everyone . . . depart" (v. 19) is a double implication. The believer has the power to depart from iniquity, and all those who do depart from iniquity are blessed. We must be apart and "knoweth them that are his."

### Discipleship in difficult circumstances (II Tim. 3:10-13)

"Persecutions, afflictions" (v. 11) refer to the fact that Paul was persecuted and suffered in most of the places in which he preached. He was stoned, despitely used and lies were told about him to have him kept in prison. Surely, Paul is saying, if God has so marvelously taken care of me even in the midst of these things, he will keep you in the face of trouble.

"Wax worse and worse" (v. 13) is an indication that things are getting worse, not better and your future might well be like my past. Yet, resist the temptation to soften the gospel.

### Stability and truth (II Tim. 3:14-16)

You have a good past; you know the benefits of having received such a legacy of gospel truth. It isn't new. It has

been with you since you were a child. This will make you wise.

"By inspiration" (v. 16) means in this instance a "blowing breath into". It points to the fact that scripture owes its origin and character to the living Spirit of God. It is God-breathed. It then follows that it is "then profitable" proving to speak to the moral and spiritual needs of man. This profitableness is expanded in four points: (1) "teaching", for instruction concerning God's revelation in Christ; (2) "for reproof", detecting and exposing all that is false and convicting ungodly men of their way of error; (3) "for correction" or restoration, restoring the fallen sinner to an upright position and setting the erring one again on the right path; (4) "for instruction . . ." which is literally "child-training". Every believer, like a child, needs to be educated, trained and disciplined in righteousness, so that he may prosper in this sphere where righteousness is the norm of life.

### Maturity and spiritual readiness (II Tim. 3:17)

"That the man of God" Here it is directed toward Timothy; however, it applies to all in places of Christian leadership. The goal is that the believer, trained by the inspired Word, may be "complete" — "complete in all parts and proportions". There will be no lack of proportion or balance in any area of his being and everything he does will be directed toward honoring his Lord.

If the Christian today will or could realize the vast storehouse of resources which God has created and that he might use, it would boggle his mind. How can we continue to be weak and insipid spiritual people when so much has been allowed to make us giants?

It is well worth noting that "the man of God" who is deeply grounded in the scriptures is prepared for every good work. There can be no double standards between the man of the pew and the man of the pulpit. In the eye of God they both will be required to measure up to his standard, not the one which we might wish to use. The Word of God is the road map; however those who seek to follow it will have to have a basic knowledge of where they are and where they wish to go. For the Christian, he has been told of all of this from the Word of God and now is moving onward, ever onward, to fulfill the will of God.

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## Black-white lay renewal effort cracks barriers

by Oscar Hoffmeyer

MINDEN, La. (BP) — The spirit of Christian sharing came only after some mountains of apprehension had been overcome during the first Louisiana black-white lay renewal weekend here.

The event conducted by the Saint Rest Baptist Church, a black Baptist church in Minden, resulted from pastor B. F. Martin's attendance at the National Renewal Conference sponsored by the Southern Baptist Convention's Home Mission Board in Georgia last October.

"My wife and I were the only blacks there," Martin said. "But I realized this type of program would be good for my church. Later I asked Calvin Cantrell (associate director of evangelism for the Louisiana Baptist Convention) to help us since he had directed a number of renewal weekend programs."

Martin, also president of the Union Baptist Theological Seminary in Monroe, La., said one of his members remarked, "We saw Christian love bubbling over as the result of this meeting. We'll have more members at Saint Rest willing to work."

Mrs. Annie Jones, a widow and member of Saint Rest Church, said, "I was apprehensive about white people living in my home for the weekend because I had been taught to distrust them."

"I could not imagine that they came here just because they cared. But I soon realized they wanted nothing more than to share their Christian faith that all of us would be more deeply committed as Christians."

R. T. Tobin, a deacon, said during an evening share time, "Sports have done more to foster friendship among different cultures than the church has. The church is behind but it's catching up."

Martin said the renewal experience went beyond his expectations for the church. The pastor said his members reported the home meetings were exceptionally good because they reached a large number of persons who many times would not come to a church. "Even non-church members attended these group meetings," he said.

Attendance increased from approximately 100 participating in group meetings to more than 700 for the Sunday morning worship service that lasted

until 1:30 p.m.

Immediate results of the effort were seen following a Sunday morning prayer breakfast to which men from off the streets were invited. One of the men made a profession of faith during the morning worship service and was baptized that night.

While the purpose of the joint effort was not to unite the National and Southern Baptist congregations, Martin said one of the significant things was that the two races came to learn how to accept each other as persons.

Some 26 Southern Baptists from two states other than Louisiana served as team members. They were house guests of Saint Rest church members.

One of the church members said, "My home will never be the same because of the Christian love I saw in the lives of my guests."

Cantrell said the weekend program was conducted exactly as he conducts renewal in all Louisiana Baptist churches.

"The only thing different I ran into was the feeling some blacks have of accepting whites. This delayed the flow of the meeting for a short time. When true Christian love surfaced, the real depth of expressing the Christian faith emerged and we had an exceptional experience."

Martin said he believes other National Baptist churches will want to offer such programs. "We plan to continue with the entire program of prayer and Bible study groups at Saint Rest and have the second weekend program in eight months just as the plan calls for."

Austin Brown, a former prison inmate and now chaplain at the Florida State Prison, served as general coordinator for the weekend.

He told the congregation during the catacomb service, "One of the greatest hinderances to Christian witnessing is that we do not accept others as they are. People reaching out to one another is witness."

Following the radio broadcast of the evening service, Martin said a number of listeners called him to say they felt the power of God present as they heard the testimonies from those who participated in the worship service.

Church	Sunday School	Church Training	Church adds.
Alexander, First	92	52	3
Alpena, First	73	25	
Ash Flat, First	70		1
Batesville, First	181	106	1
Berryville			
First	159	52	
Freeman Heights	163	56	
Rock Springs	59		
Biscoe, First	72	31	
Booneville			
First	257		
South Side	101	66	5
Bryant, First Southern	154	69	
Cabot			
First	416	111	2
Mt. Carmel	247	111	
Camden, Cullendale First	471	102	
Cave Springs, Lakeview	96	40	
Charleston, First	181	68	
Conway			
Pickles Gap	185	104	
Second	379	131	3
Crossett, Mt. Olive	292	139	2
Danville, First	190	46	
Elkins, First	108		
Ft. Smith			
First	1205	194	4
Grand Avenue	957	207	2
Mission	16		
Trinity	156	51	
Fouke, First	74	33	
Gentry, First	158	51	3
Gillham	91	42	1
Grandview	76		
Green Forest, First	191	56	
Greenwood, First	270	117	
Hampton, First	148	100	
Hardy, First	117	47	
Harrison, Woodland Heights	133	63	
Hector, First	35	17	
Hope, Calvary	141	65	
Hot Springs			
Harvey's Chapel	119	67	2
Park Place	264	72	1
Jacksonville, First	375	90	1
Jonesboro, Friendly Hope	171	77	
Kingston, First	69	44	
Lavaca, First	288	121	
Little Rock			
Cross Road	85	78	1
Crystal Hill	167	55	
Life Line	438	111	2
Wakefield, First	78	22	
Magnolia, Central	617	186	2
Monticello, Second	249	73	1
Murfreesboro, First	153	32	
North Little Rock			
Calvary	400	106	3
Harmony	52	33	
Levy	383		1
Paragould			
Calvary	267	186	
East Side	304	152	2
First	439	95	2
Paris, First	358	67	3
Pine Bluff			
Centennial	153	61	
East Side	155	60	
First	590	62	2
Lee Memorial	240	120	1
Sulphur Springs	140	74	
Watson Chapel	424	148	8
Rogers			
First	527	160	5
Immanuel	416	128	4
Russellville			
First	526		3
Second	132	54	
Sherwood, First	231	70	3
Springdale			
Berry Street	78	29	
Caudle Avenue	149	56	
First	1292		8
Texarkana			
Hickory Street	119	20	
Highland Hills	150	59	
Shiloh Memorial	167		
Vandervoort, First	57	38	
Wabash, Immanuel	52		
West Helena, Second	172	112	
Wooster, First	117	74	
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# Ethnics are the answer in cities, Romo declares

by Everett Hullum

LOS ANGELES (BP) — The top priority for language missions in the decade ahead will be to perfect and implement an effective urban strategy, Oscar Romo told Southern Baptist "catalytic missionaries" and state mission leaders here.

Focusing on Los Angeles as a prototype of the nation's metroplexes, Romo, director of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's language mis-

"Ours is not the only way, but it is one way we think we can help local churches and local people get hold of the vast unchurched metropolitan areas."

Calling for a closer partnership between the Home Mission Board and local churches, Romo outlined a "church-centered approach" with four emphases:

—"Laser Penetration." Taking its name from the process that gathers diverse light beams into a single powerful stream, the laser gathers language missions experts for a concentrated, short term analysis of a metro area's language needs and opportunities.

—"Catalytic Action." Recognizing Home Board and local church limitations in funds and personnel, a "Catalytic" effort, using a single missions worker to reach several ethnic groups, will become more common in the future.

Such a "catalytic missionary" may begin new work wherever needs exist but the object will be to discover local, indigenous leaders and develop them before the missionary moves on to other projects.

—"Cross-cultural Approach." Churches, especially those in changing neighborhoods, must learn to cross cultural barriers to begin missions work with other groups.

Anglo churches must offer opportunities for ethnics to form sub-congregational units, for example. And, Romo added, more and more ethnic churches must learn to minister to different culture. He cited two ethnic Los Angeles churches now beginning programs for persons of another ethnic group moving into their area.

"Such outreach may use existing Southern Baptist programs and facilities," Romo said. "But cultural adaptations may be necessary for outreach to be most effective."

—"Kaleidoscopic Missions." As metropolitan area neighborhoods become more and more "multi-ethnic," existing facilities must be shared, Romo said. Pointing to the four independent language congregations meeting at Nineteenth Avenue Baptist Church in San Francisco, Romo said this approach may become the model for the future, as metro building and site costs soar.

"It is especially important to

propagate this concept in communities where ethnic composition is changing, or where a neighborhood has a mosaic of ethnic peoples," Romo said.

"Laser penetration" teams worked for four days in the Los Angeles area in preparation for the conference, assembling 24 missionaries from as far away as Hawaii and Puerto Rico.

The goal of the laser teams was not to begin new work, but to discover trends and movements of the ethnic composition of Los Angeles. Such discoveries are then used to determine ethnic population needs and the ways Southern Baptists can best minister to them, Romo explained.

The studies, including information from such diverse sources as public libraries and international business corporations, also alert existing churches to changes in their communities.

With 18 language groups represented by the laser effort, however, several opportunities for new work were initiated.

Bible studies for Greeks, Laotians and Arabs were proposed after local people expressed interest.

An evangelical Arabic group, needing facilities in which to meet, was discovered and paired with a local Southern Baptist church with facilities to share; a group of Russian immigrants of Baptist background were located and given information concerning Southern Baptist aid.

Data from the Los Angeles "laser penetration" will be compiled and made available to the local Baptist directors of missions, Romo said.

The laser effort and the conference itself were the result of three months planning and preparation, Romo said, involving not only the Home Mission Board's language missions department, but also the directors of missions of the five Los Angeles associations and the California state leadership.

Los Angeles was chosen for this laser effort, the fourth and largest laser, Romo concluded, because the state will become "the first third world state in the U.S." in 13 years when ethnic peoples become the majority in California, according to U.S. census projections.

"We felt we could help Los Angeles and California Baptists get a handle on future ethnic missions needs," Romo said. "We also felt no city would be a greater challenge, or teach us more about conducting a laser, than Los Angeles," he added.

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sions department, presented a four-part "predesigned plan," for starting and strengthening language missions in U.S. cities.

"In the age of the ethnic," Romo said, "we have to develop a strategy for reaching the cities, because most ethnic people are city-dwellers."

"If the cities are to be won for Christ," Romo insisted, "ethnics must do it." Ethnic people comprise a heavy percentage of most inner-city neighborhoods.

"Flexibility and creativity will be the key," Romo added. "We can give guidelines, but only local people can give adequate direction to it."