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January 27, 1983

Arkansas Baptist

NEWSMAGAZINE



Don Moore, Executive Secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, Harry Trulove and Lewis Beckett of the Arkansas Baptist Foundation, represent the channels that the John Blythes chose to use in providing financial support for Baptist causes beyond their lifetimes. Through their Wills, John and Mildred Blythe join hands with missions now and forever.

Correction

A story on Baptists' relief aid on page 8 of the Jan. 20 issue of the ABN should have stated that disaster funds sent to the Arkansas Baptist State Convention from whatever local source (WMU, Brotherhood, Sunday School class, individual, church, etc.) may be matched in some portion by state convention funds. Pete Petty, director of missions ministries for the state convention, says that HMB funds are then approved on an equal match basis with state and local funds.

In this issue

4 Eventful February

Arkansas Baptists have conferences for training and emphases for informing during the month ahead. The activities are listed in a new feature which is planned for each month.

8 Children at stake

Arkansas Baptist leaders in child care have made known their views on minimum standards for child care facilities run by religious organizations as the matter comes to the Arkansas legislature.

Arkansas couple joins hands with destiny

With the rap of the judge's gavel, the will of Mildred Blythe is accepted by the court and the hands of John and Mildred Blythe are joined with destiny.

For John and Mildred Blythe, the sound of the judge's gavel was not confined to the walls of that courtroom. It will echo out across our country and even to lands beyond. It will allow the Blythes to stand by some student in a summer mission program; or alongside a preacher in a pioneer area of our country; or by a Christian worker in some ghetto section of a great metropolitan city. In fact, the Blythes will go wherever the hand of our Lord is extended through the ministry of the Home Mission Board.

This did not happen by accident. It grew out of a commitment on the part of John and Mildred Blythe to see that the material things God had given them would always provide financial support for God's work. This commitment was translated into action as they contacted the Arkansas Baptist Foundation and their attorney. Their plans were outlined and the information translated into a will.

Having a properly written will is a vital part of Christian stewardship. Basically, the laws of our land allow us the right to give things to whomever we please in whatever amount we desire. However, at death, that right ceases and any distribution on the part of the deceased becomes a privilege. This privilege can only be exercised with proper estate plans.

The basic tool in an estate plan is a prop-

erly written will. A pamphlet from the Arkansas Bar Association states . . .

- (1) The maker of the will must be 18 years of age or older.
- (2) The maker of the will must be of sound mind.
- (3) The will must be written.
- (4) The will must be prepared and executed in special manner provided by law, particularly for wills.

(5) To be effective, the will must be proved and allowed by the court."

"No will becomes final until the death of the Testator and may be changed or added to at any time by the Testator, so long as the person is mentally competent."

A married person may not exclude the spouse and a joint tenant cannot prevent the survivor from becoming the owner of the property.

In recent years, there have been several instances where assets did not pass by will because the deceased had joint bank accounts (checking, savings, C.D.'s) with other family members or with friends. In such cases, the assets passed to the surviving owner.

Materials to help you plan your estate are available from banks, your bar association, and your Arkansas Baptist Foundation office. At your request, the Foundation staff will be pleased to become a member of your estate planning team. This team should be composed of an attorney and your other financial advisors.

For further information, contact: Arkansas Baptist Foundation, Box 552, Little Rock, AR 72203, telephone 376-0732.

Arkansas teen on WMU panel

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — An Arkansas teenager has been selected to the seventh Acteens National Advisory Panel.

Shannon Brawley, of West Memphis, was selected from approximately 80 teenage girls nationwide who applied to serve on the six-member panel.

Selections are based on scholastic achievement, school and church activities, and accomplishments in Stuidact, the individual achievement plan for Acteens.

In addition to their applications and written testimonies, candidates had to be recommended by their pastor and Acteens leader.

The chosen panelists, sponsored by Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to Southern Baptist Convention, were announced by Marti Solomon, national Acteens consultant, during the WMU Executive Board meeting this week.

Brawley, 17, is a member of First Baptist Church. She has been an Acteens for six years, and has achieved the level of Queen Regent in Service.

A high-school senior, Brawley is a member of the Beta Club, the Student Council, and is editor of the school yearbook.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Brawley.

Panelists will be introduced in the April 1983 issue of *Accent*, the monthly missions magazine for girls in grades seven through 12.

Their duties will include writing for *Accent*, and appearance at state and association WMU-related meetings. They will also serve as pages at the WMU Annual meeting, June 12-13 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and at the Southern Baptist Convention, which immediately follows.

They will serve until December 1, 1983, when selection for new panelists begins.



Conceit can damage the best of human character. Many a gifted person has lessened his effectiveness by allowing conceit to have control of him. Conceit is having an exaggerated opinion of one's self, abilities or worth. The solution to this potentially devastating problem is for a person to see himself as he really is.

One of the reasons conceit can be so devastating is that it thrives on our virtues. For example, a student who is quite intelligent can become conceited and believe that his intelligence places him above everyone else. Or he may decide that those who are less intelligent are of little worth or value.

Conceit doesn't need a large base to grow. Someone who is mildly gifted or slightly successful can be so consumed by conceit that he believes that no one can compare with him. However, the more gifted a person, is the greater damage conceit can do.

Good people can become conceited because of their office or position. Anyone is vulnerable, from the president to the pastor, from administrators to editors, from college professors to Sunday School teachers. Conceit tells a person, "You have the position, therefore, you are qualified for it. You can perform your important job better than anyone else."

Conceit can lead to abuse of power. A person may think that, because he has power, he must exercise it regardless of whether or not it is appropriate. When a person with power becomes conceited he may use the full force of his power in small or unimportant matters.

Perhaps the worst characteristic of conceit is that it blinds a person to his own need. Conceit makes a person insensitive and leads him to believe that he can accomplish things in his own strength. Such rejection of one's need for God and for others assures failure and produces harm sooner or later.

The most crucial question is, "How can conceit be controlled?" First, care should be taken not to give a person a place of responsibility too quickly. No one builds a bridge or a machine of materials that has not been tested.

Similarly, those who have leadership responsibilities should have proven maturity and leadership ability. Our churches, in particular, should exercise great care in choosing leadership. When a young man surrenders to ministry he should be licensed for a time of proving prior to ordination.

Second, a person with a place of leadership or power should recognize the peril of conceit. To combat conceit, a person should recognize that every ability he has is a gift of God. It is God who gives us our abilities and he can, also, take them away. Thanking God daily for our abilities and places of responsibility should help an individual to know that all he is or has come from God.

Throughout the New Testament we are told that a person's gifts come from God. A gift (Greek charisma) is something given to a person by God which the person can not acquire or attain on his own. A person might practice the piano for a lifetime and yet never play as well as a renowned concert pianist. Those who do, have a God-given talent.

It is also helpful to recognize our weaknesses. There is no one who can do everything. Everyone needs others who can do the things which he can not do. The greater a person's leadership responsibilities, the more he needs other people to assist him in the areas where he is deficient.

One of the basic commandments for the Greek wise man was, "Man, know thyself." To the extent a person is able to do so, it will protect him against conceit and against depression. A Christian leader will not accomplish much until he knows what he can and cannot do. An honest assessment of one's capabilities without conceit or without false modesty is one of the essentials for a leader. It is important to know, understand and to accept one's self.

A person in any office or position needs God's help. This is true for those who are intelligent or powerful, or who have prestigious positions. As a person recognizes that all he is or has or ever will become is from God, conceit will die. Let's elevate Christ in all that we do!

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The Southern accent

D. Jack Nicholas/President, SBC

Does our media reflect our society?

A free press is one of the most valuable resources of our nation and one of the most precious defenders of our liberty. There is tremendous power in the written and broadcast word and that ominous power entails an awesome responsibility — responsibility which is all too frequently violated.

Manipulation of the news is obviously a far more serious threat when the news is delivered by a few rather than many. In our day the news, both broadcast and print, is in the hands of a relatively few. Tom Johnson, the publisher of the *Los Angeles Times*, stated: "In the more than 1,500 cities in this country with daily newspapers, fewer than 50 have two or more under competing ownership. The 10 largest newspaper chains have 1/3 of the nation's total readership." Regarding broadcast journalism the power is even more concentrated and more pervasive.

Added to the problem of the concentrated power of the media is the problem of media bias. A recent study by S. Robert Lichter and Stanley Rothman involving 240 journalists and broadcasters representing the most influential news organizations of the nation revealed a clear "liberal" and

"secularist" bias. Lichter and Rothman report: "Ideologically, a majority of leading journalists describe themselves as liberals. Fifty-four percent place themselves to the left of center, compared to only 19 percent who choose the right side of the spectrum."

The researchers further state: "In their attitudes towards sex and sex-roles, members of the media are virtually unanimous in opposing the constraints of both government and tradition . . . 90 percent agree that a woman has a right to decide for herself whether to have an abortion. Fifty-four percent do not regard adultery as wrong and only 15 percent strongly agree that extramarital affairs are immoral."

The American press can generally be described not only as "liberal" but also as "secular." In comparison the general population of this country where seven out of 10 Americans say that they are church members and six out of 10 claim that their religious beliefs are important to them, among the press, 50 percent of those surveyed had no religious affiliation and 86 percent had seldom or never attended religious services.

Some of the other frightening implications of these observations will be discussed in my next article in this column.

D. Jack Nicholas is president of Southern Baptist College at Walnut Ridge.

MK Prayer Calendar

Home and foreign Missionary Kids
who attend college on the Margaret Fund

February

- 5 Martyr Spiegel (Brazil) OBU Box 1531, Arkadelphia, AR 71923
- 20 Susan Nichols (Paraguay) OBU Box 839, Arkadelphia, AR 71923
- 24 Laura Eford (Hawaii) OBU Box 1473, Arkadelphia, AR 71923
- 28 Bonnie Pinkston (Ivory Coast) OBU Box 1501, Arkadelphia, AR 71923

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Next month in Arkansas

January 31-February 4, Associational training schools for Sunday School workers (suggested dates for associations to hold clinics). Christian Focus week at Ouachita Baptist University at Arkadelphia.

February 6, Baptist World Alliance Sunday (suggested date for local church emphasis).

February 8, Vacation Bible School Clinic at Baring Cross Church in North Little Rock which includes conference on Backyard Bible Clubs.

February 11, Single Adult Conference, sponsored by Church Training, at Pulaski Heights Church in Little Rock, with J. Clark Hensley as featured speaker.

February 13, Race Relations Day (sug-

gested date for local church emphasis). Associational Hymn Sing (suggested date for association-wide event). Focus on Woman's Missionary Union (suggested emphasis in local church).

February 14-17, Religious Emphasis Week at Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge.

February 14-17, Regional DiscipleYouth Workshop, sponsored by Church Training and Evangelism Departments, at Park Hill Church in North Little Rock to train youth workers and youth leaders.

February 18-19, Volunteer/Part-time Music Leader workshop at Camp Paron to train leaders who are not fulltime paid music staff of churches.

February 20, Baptist Seminars, Colleges, and Schools Day (suggested

date for local church emphasis on Baptist higher education).

February 20-23, Home Mission Study (suggested dates for local church program)

February 21-24, Church Administration workshops in four locations offer help for pastors, church staff members, church secretaries and deacons.

February 25-26, Statewide Actives Event at Southern Baptist College at Walnut Ridge will encourage girls in grades 7-12 to adopt lifestyles that allow them to give more to missions.

February 26, Developing Believers Launch Meeting for the associational director of missions, Associational Church Training Leader and a pastors' leader, at Olivet Church, Little Rock.

by Don Moore

You'll be glad to know . . .

... Another essential to building a strong and exciting church. Since God, the Holy Spirit, inspired the Word, and since the Word bears witness to Jesus Christ, then the Holy Spirit becomes mightily involved when the Word is given its proper place in the ministry of a church. Sometimes, we



Moore

preachers preach ourselves, our frustrations, our anger even, and sometimes, our programs. None of these are given the heaven-born endorsement and enforcement "to prosper in the thing for which I sent it". (Isaiah 55:11) Our people know the difference in a preacher filling the time with mental meanderings and personal prejudices and Spirit-anointed exposition of God's word. No church grows without the earnest and enthusiastic proclamation of God's truth. I am also inclined to say that no such preaching is carried on without a growing audience. People need and want such preaching. God blesses such preaching. From this, great churches evolve.

... Everyone who claims to be a biblical preacher may not be one. Our understanding of biblical preaching may be inadequate. It really has little to do with length, loudness or style. It is chiefly a matter of content, anointing and application. Such preaching can only come from those who prepare and have unmistakable confidence in the scriptures.

... But pastors, the pulpit is only one way to proclaim the Word. Do not neglect the Sunday School. It, too, shares your task of helping people know God through his Word. WARNING: Both pastor and people are perverted when worship becomes a time for the pastor to perform and the people to watch. Pastors, doing this primary task well, does not relieve us of doing our other tasks as well as we can.

Don Moore is Executive Secretary/Treasurer of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

missionary notes

Mr. and Mrs. C. Thurman Braughton, missionaries to the Philippines, have completed furlough and returned to the field (Box 7480, Airmail Exchange, Manila Int. Airport, Philippines 3120). Born in Altus, Okla., he also lived in Hot Springs while growing up. She is the former Kathleen Blount of Little Rock, Ark. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1967.



Music dean at OBU challenged by job

by Deannette Ashabraner

ARKADELPHIA — Taking over the Ouachita Baptist University School of Music is no easy task and Dr. Charles Wright, the new dean for the school, realizes that. He says he loves his new position but also finds it very challenging.

Schools are in a period where music enrollments are dropping because fewer people are going into music, according to Wright. This, he says is a challenge. "We, as a school of music faculty, have got to do a better job of teaching and of recruiting students."

He went on to say that he thinks Ouachita has the best faculty in the state or anywhere around; therefore, the School of Music has a lot to offer. "We just need to go out and sell that to the prospective students and encourage them to become a part of our school of music," he said. "So, it's a big job, a big responsibility, and it's challenging to try to find ways to do that."

Wright says there is a long list of responsibilities that accompany his new title. Primarily, he says, they include staffing the School of Music with faculty members when vacancies occur, handling the music school's budget and working with the faculty in setting objectives and goals for the school.

"We must decide where we want to go and how we want to get there," he said. "In working with the faculty, I must also do my best to keep the morale high and help them in doing their job as efficiently as possible."

The new dean also coordinates all of the music school's activities that are related to the entire university and community. And when he's not busy with his other responsibilities, he is directing the University Choir, Ouachita Singers and teaching music courses.

"I don't feel this hinders me because I like the student contact. I wouldn't be happy if I had to stay in the office all the time and I had no opportunity to meet with classes and see the students," he said. "So, I have the best of both worlds and get to do both administrative and teaching work."

Wright believes that for the most part

that he has a positive relationship with his students. "I think I'm very demanding on the students, especially on the choral groups, but I think our students are the kind who respond to those demands," he said. "As a result, our groups perform better."

He continued by saying that all of the faculty members have been "very supportive" and said that it can be difficult when one comes from the ranks into the position.

Because of the faculty and reputation of Ouachita, he says the school draws the top students in the state. "We hold our own with anyone and better even than most. We're not as large as a couple of other schools, but quality wise it's the strongest music department in the state."

One of Wright's major goals is to get more students from outside the School of Music involved in the ensembles and in music courses. "We've got a lot to offer and we're even making an effort to try to offer more courses that are non-major courses that will benefit these type of students," he said.

He also wants to strengthen the graduate music education program and to acquire more scholarship funds. "We're in a period where scholarships are very important to students going into music," he said. "We're in pretty good shape and I hope to continually improve our situation with scholarships."

When asked if he ever had time for interests outside the school, he said he still finds time to play tennis three or four times a week. "I love that and I still have time for my wife and I to do things together and go places."

His daughter, Kimberly, a sophomore at OBU, is enrolled in the music school. "I enjoy having her around and seeing her everyday. It's fine for me but I'm not sure how good it is for her," he said laughing.

All in all, the man is flattered to be where he is. "It's exciting because there's so many opportunities to work with highly qualified and talented faculty and students," he said. "They're as talented as you'll find anywhere."

by Millie Gill/ABN staff writer

Jim Wright

has joined the staff of Dumas First Church as minister of education/music according to pastor Rick Erwin. Wright, a Texas native, is a graduate of Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, Tex., and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, La.



Wright

His church ministry experiences include those in Okinawa while serving the U.S. Army and with churches in Texas and Louisiana. His wife, Mary, is also a native of Texas and is a graduate of Baylor University.

Leroy Stringfield

will join the staff of Jacksonville First Church Feb. 1 as minister of education/youth. Dr. Stringfield, a native of Louisiana, is a graduate of Louisiana State University, Shreveport, and of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, La. He has been pas-

tor of churches in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama, as well as served as a professor at Judson College in Marion, Ala. He is married to the former Betty Joyce Smith of Prattville, Ala. They have two adult sons, Craig and Kevin.

David Frierson

is serving as interim minister of education/youth at Augusta First Church. He is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University and is a former employee of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission. He will enroll in Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in June. Frierson and his wife, Janet, and their two sons, Ryan and Ross, moved on the church field in December, 1982.

Tracy Tyler

has resigned as associate pastor at the Brush Creek Church at Springdale.

Dennis Vowell

is serving as pastor of the Fontaine Church at Bono.

Carl Herrington

will join the staff of Paragould First Church Feb. 13 as minister of youth, coming there from the College Heights Church in Manhattan, Kans. He is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University and attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has served as a summer missionary with the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Herrington and his wife,

Virginia, have a 10-month-old daughter, Heather.

Elijah L. Pearce

was recently honored by the Elmdale Church at Springdale in recognition of his 17 years of service as church clerk. He and his wife, Joyce, were honored with a Sunday evening fellowship at which they were presented with a gift.

Ray Melton

is serving as pastor of the Bear Creek Springs Church at Harrison. He was pastor of the Grubb Springs Church in North Arkansas Association.

Stanton Cram

is serving as pastor of the Eagle Heights Church at Harrison, going there from Pea Ridge First Church.

Les Frazer

is serving as pastor of the Everton Church.

missionary notes

Mr. and Mrs. G. Dean Dickens, missionaries to the Philippines, have returned to the field (address: Box 7, Baguio City, Philippines 0201). They are natives of Arkansas. He was born in Little Rock and lived in Clinton.

briefly

Fayetteville First Church

ordained Rick Tanneberger and Mike Young as deacons Jan. 23.

Crossett First Church

honored Rev. and Mrs. Al Sparkman Jan. 9 in recognition of their five years of service with the church. Charlie Miles, Hoy Crigsby, Bill Fuller and Donald Fulcher, newly elected deacons, were also honored.

Beech Street First Church

in Texarkana held deacon ordination services Jan. 23 for Charles Attaway and Larry Crank.

Lecture series set

Three outstanding speakers will be presented in the 18th season of the Ecumenical Lecture Series in Little Rock: Rabbi Harold Kushner, author of *When Bad Things Happen to Good People* (Feb. 3); Francis L. Filas, S. J., charter member of the Shroud of Turin research project (Feb. 17); and, James H. Cone, Ph.D., the nation's leading authority on Liberation Theology (March 24).

The lectures will be held at 8 p.m. at the Second Presbyterian Church, 600 Pleasant Valley Drive, Little Rock.

Tickets may be obtained by phoning 225-6774 (during business hours) or 227-0256.



Sent To Africa — The old communion set of First Church, Grady is being sent to Liberia, where it will be carried from church to church by missionaries Lawrence and Alice Hardy and Steve and Kay Armstrong. The entire service at the church was centered around the concept of "Giving out of God's blessings to us." Lehman Webb, church extension associate, led the prayer of dedication. After the service, the church enjoyed a fellowship supper. Holding the set is Grady pastor Kyle Johnson.

ABN photo/Keven Jones

Church leadership clear, even to child

Bert Thomas, pastor of Toltec Church at Scott, was pleasantly surprised in his children's sermon time Jan. 16 as he explained to his young members the significance of the noteburning service that was to occur later in the worship service.

Seeking the answer to the question 'who has led us in this successful achievement?' and apparently expecting the children to respond with 'the pastor,' he appeared surprised, but pleased that two-year-old Garrett McGhee stole his punch line. The youngster already knew Jesus was leader in all church accomplishments.

Thomas later commended his adult congregation on the early retirement of their indebtedness as he reminded them that a fire in the church parsonage had led them to begin building improvement programs.

"God has given you 'beauty for ashes' because of his love for you and your commitment to him," he said. — Millie Gill



ASH PHOTO/CG

A miniature church was used by pastor Bert Thomas, in his children's sermon, as he explained to them the steps that lead to a noteburning service. These charred remains of notes, indicate that Toltec Church at Scott is debt free. Three notes were burned Jan. 16 to celebrate payment on all improvement programs, including construction of a new parsonage, addition of a church educational wing and a church remodeling program.



Benton County Baptists now have a past

A history of the Benton County Association from 1840-1982 has been published.

Compiled within the book are the histories of the 31 churches recorded in the association, with references and historic records of the more than 100 churches that have existed in the county.

Though published annual association minutes have been used to document the details and historical points of the history, the author, Mrs. Maggie Aldridge Smith, a fourth generation Benton County Baptist, has called on her own memories and associations to tell the story.

The personalities of those who planted churches, shaped communities and ministered in the county are included. One such pastor is Jasper Dunigan, who, after he came to Benton County in 1845, led nearly every church in the eastern and central parts of the county, sometimes starting churches. His story and those of many others are told in *Great is the Company*, available through Simon Sager Press, Box 411, Siloam Springs, 72761 in both cloth and paperback.



Rector Heights Church in Hot Springs celebrated payment of its indebtedness with a noteburning ceremony Dec. 26. Participating were: (left to right) Donald Tankersley, Carolyn Clark, Jim Owen, Charles Keith, James Standiford and Frances Howard. Pastor Gene Bates is pictured in the background.

Children at stake in licensing debate

by Kevin Jones

The advocates of a bill in the state legislature to remove religious child care facilities from licensing say they are doing so to protect the separation of church and state.

"It's just the fundamental religious belief (that the state) should not tell you what to do with your children," said Rep. Lloyd George, the bill's sponsor. A coalition of ministers, led by Rev. Roy McLaughlin, of Vilonia, the state Moral Majority chairman, were at the capitol lobbying for the bill beginning Jan. 17.

Southern Baptists, both local churches and state denominational leaders, appear to be squarely on the other side. "We have not found state licensing to be an infringement of our religious liberty," said Johnny Biggs, director of Child Care Services for the state convention.

Biggs' view is apparently shared by many Southern Baptists, though many church-affiliated centers have applied for the limited exemptions now available, not one of the applicants has been associated with a Southern Baptist church or child care center.

"Licensing is just for the protection of the child," said Marilyn Hall, child development center director at Park Hill Church in North Little Rock. "They in no way tell us what to teach. They don't even talk about curriculum. They give us good guidelines to work from as far as establishing the proper ratio of teachers to children, amount of room per child and in making nutritious

meals."

The push for removal from licensing comes from the residential child care facilities, where abused, abandoned, neglected and troubled children stay, as opposed to day care facilities.

Through a "grandfather clause," any religiously affiliated center which was in operation prior to the institution of licensing in 1969 could apply for a religious exemption from licensing if they "substantially complied" with the state standards. A Texarkana orphanage received an exemption and was found later by the State Child Care Review Board to have allowed six documented instances of physical abuse. According to the Board's report, these were putting a child's head in a toilet, humiliating a child who wet his bed, permitting unsafe sanitary conditions, and a staff member sexually molesting a child.

After that investigation, the orphanage proposed and spurred the passage of a bill that prohibits any religiously exempt facility from being inspected, saying it was to prevent them from being "harassed."

Doug McWhirter, administrator of a Southern Baptist run emergency care home for abused, abandoned and neglected children, said, "These facilities that want exemptions often differ with state standards on physical punishment. We believe that a child who has never been taught right from wrong, who has been frequently beaten, who has seldom heard a caring adult voice

is not helped by physical punishment. We have found that we can correct their problems, and achieve a real healing without whipping them. I can see corporal punishment if a child is raised in a good relationship with a parent, but not with these abused children who are in the residential centers."

A similar law to the one proposed by George was passed two years ago in Alabama. "They haven't had any more complaints than before," said Carolyn Deeter, child development specialist with the Social Services Department, "but when they have had complaints, such as about poor quality meals or overcrowding, there was nothing the parents could do to change things; All they could do was remove their child or talk to the center director. In contrast, she cited an incident the previous week in which an inspector had visited a licensed center, seen a non-nutritious meal, told them to change and gone back the next day to make sure the food was better.

"I think the people who are afraid of licensing are afraid that it will open the door to more state control," said Kathy Stegall, staff manager of the child development unit of the Social Services Department. "They say if they can license a center, the next step will be total control of the program and licensing of care that parents give in their homes." She said that the lengthy procedure required to change licensing regulations, which includes public hearings, would effectively prevent that

Scottish Baptist leader dies

Alex M. Stewart, 75, widely known Baptist Leader of Scotland, died early Jan. 17, following complications from heart attacks suffered in December, 1982.

Stewart, retired from a 17-year pastorate of Lochee Baptist Church in Dundee, Scotland, was making his home in Arbroath, Scotland at the time of his death. He was long active in the Baptist Union of Scotland and had made numerous preaching missions to the United States over the past 20 years. He had preached in sections of Arkansas on these missions.

In 1961, Stewart helped to organize and direct an evangelistic crusade in 30 Scottish Baptist churches in which 50 ministers, musicians and Sunday School leaders from the churches of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention participated.

As a result of this crusade, many of the Scottish churches established all-age Sunday Schools patterned after those of the Southern Baptist Convention.



Arkansas Baptist State Convention Christian Life Council recently presented plaques of appreciation to Judy Petty, Tom Alstadt and George Hatch for their work with the Governor's Task Force Against Drunk Driving. Don Moore, Executive Secretary for the convention, made the presentations for Bob Parker, CLC director. Pictured (left to right) are Moore, Petty, chairman of the Task Force; Alstadt, Hatch, representing families of drunk driving victims, and Parker.

Update

The fate of legislation to exempt child care facilities owned by religious groups from state licensing was uncertain at press time.

On Jan. 18 the Arkansas House of Representatives passed House Bill 54, which would allow institutions exemption from all but annual state inspections for fire and health codes.

But the next day the Senate voted 24 to 9 for a compromise bill that would grant the exemptions only if the child care facilities acknowledge compliance and then to show they meet state standards in several areas of their operation. Attempts to introduce the House version in the Senate failed as members tabled the motion to consider.

A hearing by a House committee on the compromise bill was scheduled for Monday, Jan. 24.



ABN photos/Kevin Jones

The day care program at Park Hill Church in North Little Rock is, in many ways, typical of the ministries of Baptist churches across Arkansas. Growing demands for quality child care lead church groups into the field, the subject of current legislative debate.

ever happening.

"One thing we tend to forget when the church state issue is raised," Biggs said, "is that we are dealing with dependent children, perhaps the most helpless creatures on the face of the earth. What happens to him is determined by those around him. We are for licensing because we want some assurance that his basic needs will be met. In the medical field, both religious and secular hospitals are licensed to ensure a proper level of care. That same care should be taken with small children — standards are not an infringement on our religious liberty, but guarantees that ensure that children are cared for."

missionary notes



Mrs. Nell Ponder, of Mountain Home and Keith Johnson, of Monticello, recently began serving on the board of Trustees of Arkansas Baptist Family and Child Care Services for the first time. Jeff Cheatham, not pictured, re-elected onto the 18 member board at the same time.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Conley Williams, missionaries to Uganda, have arrived in Kenya for language study (address: P.O. Box 49889, Nairobi, Kenya). They are natives of Arkansas. He was born in Greene County and considers Springdale his hometown. The former Kaye Lamb, she was born in Paragould, Ark., and considers Springdale her hometown. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1982.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. Orr, missionaries to Colombia, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Apartado Aereo 6613, Cali, Colombia). He is a native of Hot Springs, Ark. The former Violet Rogers, she was born in Helena, Okla., and also lived in Hunter, Okla., and Midland and Odessa, Texas, while growing up. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1951.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald E. West, missionaries to Taiwan, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: P.O. Box 27-24, Taichung 400, Taiwan, ROC). They are natives of Booneville, Ark. She is the former Elinda Tidwell. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1978.

Dr. and Mrs. Walter M. Moore, missionaries, retired Jan. 1. Appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1952, they served in Nigeria until they resigned in 1971. They were reappointed to Ghana in 1973. He served as a public health physician and she was a church and home worker in Nalerigu, Ghana. They are natives of Oklahoma. He is from Beggs, and she is the former Charlean De Berry of Martha. They may be addressed at 54 Oaklawn Dr., Mena, Ark. 71953.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex F. Garner, missionaries to Paraguay, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Casilla 1171, Asuncion, Paraguay). They are natives of Arkansas. He is from Fort Smith, and she is the former Charleta Beindorf of Pope County. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1952.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim C. Dillard, missionaries to Kenya, have returned to the field (address: P.O. Box 895, Nyeri, Kenya). He is a native of Tyronez, Ark., and she is the former Janet Davis of Owensboro, Ky. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1969.

Your state convention at work

Church Administration

Area workshops scheduled

Arkansas pastors and church staff members, church secretaries and deacons will have opportunity to strengthen their work and ministry through area workshops to be offered the week of Feb. 21. Church Administration Workshops will be conducted for these key church leaders in four areas of our state during that week.

Pastors and staff members will be led in their conference by David Gilleland, pastor of Westside Church in Snellville, Ga. He will deal with the subject, "Managing Stress in Your Ministry." Gilleland is well trained and experienced in leading conferences on this critical issue.



Holley

The conference for secretaries will be led by Lucy Hoskins, consultant in the Church Administration Department at the Sunday School Board. The deacon conference will be led by Henry Webb, also a consultant in the Church Administration Department and author of *Deacons: Servant Models in the Church*.

The workshops will be held at Central Church in Jonesboro on Monday, Feb. 21; East Side Church, Ft. Smith on Tuesday, Feb. 22; Olivet Church in Little Rock on Wednesday, Feb. 23; and at First Church, El Dorado on Thursday, Feb. 24. The sessions will meet 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. except on Wednesday. The Wednesday conference in Little Rock will meet 10 a.m.-12 noon and 2-4 p.m.

These workshops should offer some very practical helps, encouragement and support for these key church leaders. — Robert Holley, director

Sunday School

Reach people through Backyard Bible Clubs

Is your church looking for a way to actively involve church members in outreach? Large numbers of unchurched people are being reached through Backyard Bible Clubs.

Although the clubs are designed for elementary children, grades 1-6, the reaching process extends into the homes of these children. Unchurched and unsaved parents are discovered. Adult Sunday School leaders then have opportunity to witness to these prospects and to invite them for ongoing Bible study.



Edwards

Our State VBS Clinic, to be held Feb. 8, at Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock, will offer a conference on planning, conducting, and following through on Backyard Bible Clubs. (Conference leader is Marvin Fitts, Minister of Education at First Church, West Memphis) Any church interested in this conference is invited to attend. All other conferences are by invitation to associational teams only.

Phone the Sunday School Department before Jan. 31 to make your reservations for this conference. A lunch will be provided at a nominal cost. — Jackie Edwards, VBS Consultant, Sunday School Department

Evangelism

A soul winner's life

God has a definite word to say about the Christian soul winner in Proverbs 11:30. The Bible states, "The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise." It is very interesting that in God's divine economy, the soul winner is described as a wise person. I am sure that every child of God wants to be wise in the eyes of God.

A soul winner needs patience. Sometimes it takes weeks, months, or even years of sowing, watering and cultivating before we see that person harvested by our Lord. This is illustrated in the life of a group of soul winners who set out to win a selected group of lost prospects. They



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kept records of every visit made. When all the hundred had been reached for Christ and all the visits had been totaled and averaged out, surprisingly, each prospect had been visited an average of 13 times. The Bible says that one plants, another waters but God gives the increase. We must keep on keeping on if we are going to reach the lost for Christ.

A good personal witness lives the praying life. God said in Jeremiah 33:3 "Call upon me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not." God cares more than we ever could care about lost souls. He is in the prayer answering business. When we honestly pray over lost souls, we will begin to see things happen. God calls upon us to call upon him and he will do great and mighty things. As a witness, our life is an open book before God. — Clarence Shell, director

Family and Child Care Services

We need cow feed

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hunt of Greers Ferry have given Arkansas Baptist Family and Child Care Services 10 cows for beef. Their generosity is a repeat of last year when they gave us 12 cows.

Now we need some feed grain to feed them. I realize Arkansas is not in the corn belt. However, some of you farmers may have some grain you could give. You can get a tax write-off on it if you desire.

God has bountifully provided for all our needs. Even the need to give has been made broad enough for us to give what we have.

Henry W. Longfellow said, "Give what you have. To someone,

it may be better than you dare think." So if you have cow feed (grain or other protein feeds) you wish to give, contact Charlie Belknap, P.O. Box 180, Monticello, AR 71655, phone 367-5358. Hopefully, we have enough hay.

We also have some horses the children ride. They have to be fed. So we can use a sizable amount of feed.

Aren't you happy the Lord gives us the privilege of sharing with others what we have? Thank you for your participation. — Homer Shirley, director of development

Fitness a lifestyle . . . not a fad

by Jerry Johnson

Over one million people will die in 1983 of heart attacks and circulatory diseases according to the American Heart Association and based on the latest information. The last complete information available was 1980 when more than 566,000 people died in this manner.

In my opinion this should be considered a National disaster. Sure people are living longer, thus the greater chance for heart failure, but more and more people are dying in their twenties, thirties and forties than ever before.

Much of this can be attributed to our lifestyle, which has already been described as an "age of spectators" or a "sedentary society" in a previous article. Our lack of activity, plus a fat-rich diet contributes to the development and growth of a disease of the arteries called Atherosclerosis. Atherosclerosis is a thickening of, and a loss of elasticity in, the inner walls of arteries. This is accompanied by fatty deposits building up on the inner wall until it is completely cut off, resulting in a heart attack.

This is a disease not unlike the disease that many of our parents and grandparents died of, called "hardening of the arteries" or Arteriosclerosis. The main difference being that the first disease begins from the inside and is found in young as well as older adults and the second is generally considered an aging process which causes the arteries to thicken and lose their elasticity. Responding much like a garden hose left outside during cold weather.

Accompanying the 'fatty deposit' situation as a major problem today is the problem of high blood pressure. It is estimated that at the present time over 30 million Americans have high blood pressure (The shame being that only about half of them know it). Many factors enter into this situation but two that come to mind immediately are excess

weight and stress.

A growing number of doctors are prescribing exercise and weight reduction rather than medication to control and take care of this condition. It is unfortunate that most of us are willing to pay a doctor to prescribe for us medication that will control or cure an ailment, when a little preventative medicine such as diet and exercise would be much better and much healthier for us generally.

Let me say here that one thing that you or your church could do at this time is to provide blood pressure checks regularly. This can be done with very little

pumps more than 4,000 gallons of blood a day through thousands of miles of blood vessels. Converted into fuel for your car, this would be enough to operate the car for its life time. This your heart does in one day with very little effort on our part. The average heart beats between 70-80 beats a minute depending on the individual and whether male or female. Computed at 72 beats a minute, your heart beats 4,320 times an hour, 103,680 times a day, 37,843,200 times a year. That's almost 38 million times a year your heart beats. We are marvelously made!

The heart, as other muscles do, responds very favorably to a regular program of exercise. The exercise should be enough to bring about an overload, or training effect but not too much to endanger the individual's well being.

Thus my reason for suggesting that you first visit your doctor and get his advice and permission. Second, begin your own program or locate one near you. Third, don't get discouraged.

Some references for you as a leader or individual to consider are *The Aerobics Way*, Dr. Kenneth Cooper; *Building God's Temple and Lifelong Fitness and Fulfillment*, Dr. Dick Cooney; and *Body Recall*, Dorothy C. Christman. The latter deals specifically with programs for Senior Adults.

The article next month will deal with pulse rate training or how little, how much, also with a tried and tested way of controlling your weight without dieting by knowing more about who you really are.

Johnson is Christian Family Life Minister of Little Rock's First Church and is widely used as a conference leader. He has spoken to many groups in the Southern Baptist Convention on the subject of personal fitness.

For and about



senior adults

cost or space requirements. Records should be kept by individuals.

David says in Psalms 139:14, "I will give thanks to Thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Thy works, and my soul knows it very well." (NAS) During the past 15 years this scripture has become very meaningful to me as I have both experienced and witnessed the ability of the body, we have been given, to respond in some marvelous ways and to do some marvelous things.

To illustrate this let's look at the heart a minute. The heart is a muscle, as unromantic as that sounds. Not only is it a muscle, but a pumping muscle that

Surinam church continues

PARAMARIBO, Surinam (BP) — Baptists and missionaries in Surinam are continuing normal church programs despite a 7 p.m. curfew resulting from an abortive coup attempt early in December.

In at least one case Baptists arrived at a missionary's home before the curfew for prayer services and then spent the night there.

A number of families from America and Holland have left the country. Economic uncertainties have developed, with a freeze on imports and strict control of money flowing out of the country, according to Leo Waldrop, Southern Baptist missionary press representative.

Stewardship

Cooperative Program report: December

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8,329,844.63

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1982

Gifts for December

\$ 801,449.57

Budget for December

759,888.73

Over (under)

41,560.84

Budget for year

\$9,118,665.00

Gifts for year

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Over (under)

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Arkansas Baptists concluded 1982 with a 7.8 percent increase, or \$651,208.65, over 1981. We reached 98.49 percent of our budget goal. A record number of our churches shared in world mission support through the Cooperative Program in 1982. Our challenge and our work is represented in the \$10,000,000 goal for 1983. —

James A. Walker, director

Cothen calls for emphasis on democracy, soul competency

by Linda Lawson

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — A failure to understand and teach the Southern Baptist ideals of individual soul competency, a free church in a free state and democracy at every level of the denomination is a major source of current problems "plaguing the Baptist Zion," Grady Cothen said.

Cothen, president of the Sunday School Board, spoke to state convention executive directors and program leaders attending December planning and promotion meetings.

"I'm suggesting the Baptist ideals that have allowed us to be independent and taught us to be interdependent, that have led us to this good hour, are precious beyond our ability to imagine and ought to be protected and nurtured and discussed and promulgated and taught and saturated in every church in the Southern Baptist Convention," said Cothen.

Cothen cited a 1964 document on Baptist ideals written by a convention-appointed committee chaired by Ralph A. Herring and including Gaines Dobbins, Theodore Adams, T.B. Maston, Cothen and 15 other SBC leaders. The document is available as a tract from the board.

Cothen emphasized that biblical and theological orthodoxy are "infinitely important" and have been more adequately emphasized in churches than Baptist polity principles.

"Now hear me, I believe the Bible, all of it," said Cothen. "I do not understand all of it. What I do not understand I accept on faith. I believe it is the truth without any mixture of error."

At the same time Cothen said recent moves toward having delegates instead of messengers at the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention show that "democracy in the denomination" is in

danger in our time.

"We have moved to the time where there appear to be groups that seem to be instructed; when this happens they become delegates," he said.

Cothen said he was not concerned that there were arguments about abortion and prayer in the public schools at the 1982 convention.

"I do not take exception to a group deciding what it believes about a specific issue. But when it attempts to force anyone to believe what it decides, it ceases to be baptistic," he noted.

"I was concerned there was evidence of political structures of America at the Southern Baptist Convention pushing various political agendas," Cothen added. "When the White House discusses ways to persuade the SBC to do its business as it relates to resolutions, something is amiss."

Democracy for Southern Baptists means freedom, not toleration, said Cothen.

"We are free from each other and for each other. We are independent and interdependent. We believe in soul-competency not only for me, but for you and anybody else. The only coercion which should be among us is that of the Holy Spirit," he emphasized.

Despite the problems, Cothen said allegations by some that the denomination is drifting toward liberalism "are not substantiated by the facts."

"Not in my lifetime have the agencies of the SBC and the state conventions been so keenly sensitive to the will of Baptists as they are today," said Cothen. "I believe that with all my heart."

At the same time, he said, "I am aware that there is great diversity among Southern Baptists. May it ever be so."

OBU Professors take summer sabbatical

ARKADELPHIA — Four Ouachita Baptist University professors have been chosen to participate in Ouachita's third summer sabbatical program.

Through this program Betty Berry, assistant professor of art; Gilbert Morris, professor of English; Herman Sandford, professor of English, and Ray Granade, associate professor of history, have each received a \$3,500 grant for summer study.

Mrs. Berry's six-week sabbatical will include travelling to Rome, Italy, where she will study art and painting at Louisiana Tech's Rome University.

Morris will be gathering material for a

novel based on the life of Charles Dickens. He will follow the travels of four of Dicken's characters in England for two months. He will also visit Dicken's home and the places he frequented during his lifetime.

Sandford's sabbatical study will take place at the School of Criticism and Theory on the campus of Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill.

After spending one month of reading books written about the military side of the civil war, Granade will tour the civil war battlefields east of the Mississippi River in 11 states for the remainder of the summer.

missionary notes

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin R. Reynolds, missionaries to Botswana since 1967, resigned from missionary service Dec. 31. They were the first Southern Baptist missionaries to Botswana. They are natives of Arkansas. He is from Pine Bluff. The former Elizabeth Haley, she was born in Monticello and lived in Pine Bluff and Little Rock while growing up. They may be addressed at P.O. Box 34, Alicia, Ark. 72410.

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International**Teaching about stewardship**

by Jere D. Mitchell, First Church of Fayetteville

Luke 16:1-13

Central truth: We are stewards in this world and not owners.

Since I am a Christian and my citizenship is in heaven, what should be my attitude toward the material goods of this earth?

Jesus answered this question many times during this earthly ministry. We are stewards or overseers and not owners. God is the owner and has given us the responsibility and privilege of looking after his things.

Being a steward calls for wisdom. (The first point of wisdom is to remember we are stewards.) We should be wise in how we spend our money, our time, and all of our life.

Being a steward calls for diligence. A lazy person or one who is always wanting someone else to do something for him is not a good steward.

A good steward is one who remembers who the owner is and is faithful and loyal to him. Good stewardship involves preparing for what is forever and not just living for the "right-now." We prepare for the future by laying up treasure in heaven. There are probably many ways a person can do this. One of the best and certainly one of the essential ways is through your local church. The money given through your church is used to care for people that God has called to serve. It is also used to do God's work in your local community.

If your local church gives to the Cooperative Program, that money goes all over the world paying for the work of the Kingdom of God. The more you give, the more your church is able to give to world causes.

Another way of laying up treasures is to individually help people in need. Jesus said that to give a cup of water in his name is to serve him.

The primary motive for our being good stewards is our love for the Lord. Another motive is our love for people. And still another motive that Jesus teaches us is that one day we will have to give an accounting of our stewardship.

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Life and Work**A supreme allegiance**

by Winfred P. Bridges, First Church of Paragould

Basic passages: Matthew 6:19-24; 8:18; 13:44
Central truth: A commitment to Christ requires our possessions serve us.

Upon the baptism of a certain individual in a church, someone was said to have remarked, "I hope he had his billfold in his pocket so it could be baptized." How is a Christian to regard possessions in this life? We are certainly not to adopt the value system of the world. Our possessions are not to possess us! We are to allow them to serve us. How is this to be done?

1. We are to put Jesus Christ and the priority of our relationship to him above our possessions. This does not mean that we are not to have money. It indicates that the purpose of our lives becomes that of manifesting the presence of Christ in our being, rather than giving the lost world an impression of how wealthy we may be.

2. Our security lies in our relationship to Christ, not to possessions. In these turbulent economic times, it is easy to put our confidence in what we own. If, however, we were called upon to give an account of ourselves before God today, what we own would not impress him. He allows us to have possessions. We are his stewards. Nor would we be tremendously concerned about our holdings. Our work for Christ done in this life would concern us.

3. We need to keep our focus on Christ. James says, "A double minded man is unstable in all his ways." Our allegiance fixed on Christ and our value systems adopted from Scripture will assure us of evaluating what we own in light of God's will for our lives.

It is easy to view possessions by the world's standards, but when Jesus became our Saviour, he also became our Lord, the ruler of all we have. We have an obligation to allow him to set the rules for how we use what he has allowed us to be stewards of in this world.

Bible Book**Freedom through Christ**

by Jack Bledsoe, Des Arc First Church

Basic passages: Romans 6:1-4, 11-12, 23; 7:4-7, 14-15, 24-25a

Central truth: Believers are dead to sin, and alive to God, the greatest freedom that exists.

One of the most effective ways used in the scriptures to describe the difference between the state of the saved man in comparison to the unsaved man is given to us in this passage by the apostle.

The beautiful picture of New Testament baptism by immersion in water does this. The immersion pictures our burial to the old life of sin and the raising up pictures our new life in Christ Jesus. You do not bury a person until he has died. The symbol is only effective by baptizing one who has been saved, or has died to sin.

The new life is a life of a different quality. Before salvation man is a slave to his sin nature, willingly following the dictates of the flesh or the world where the satanic influences are dominant. But when salvation occurs, that man receives a new nature, a life that is now in spiritual bondage to Christ, who has redeemed him. The quality of this new life is best described by freedom. He has changed not only his master but also his destiny, from death in sin to life in Christ.

While under bondage to sin, man is subject to the ways of sin which is spiritual death. When he gets saved, he becomes the bondservant of God, separated unto righteousness and the wages of that new relationship, which is eternal life.

In chapter seven, Paul discusses the conflict that rages between the two natures. The older sin nature continually seeks to destroy the effectiveness of the new spiritual nature in the life of the saved person. Just because he is saved, a person is not insulated from evil, and unless he pursues a course of total commitment to Christ through prayer, Bible study, private and corporate worship, he may find himself drifting back into the same behavior patterns of his former unsaved life. This does not mean a loss of relationship, only a loss of fellowship.

Paul concludes that even though the Christian in and of himself is unable to withstand the onslaughts of evil, there is hope and deliverance for him. Jesus Christ will set him free from the love of sin and death through the indwelling Spirit. The realization of this freedom brings great encouragement that the battle is already won.

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Bonds offered by HMB for local church issue

ATLANTA (BP) — Directors of the H.M.B. Service Corp. have approved documents putting into operation a new church bond program offered by the SBC Home Mission Board's "Broadway Plan."

"As of Jan. 11, the church bond program at the HMB is operational," said Robert H. Kilgore, director of the HMB Church loans division and president of the H.M.B. Service Corp., the subsidiary corporation which acts as broker-dealer for the bonds.

Directors of the corporation approved an inch-thick stack of legal documents necessary for the bond program to begin.

H.M.B. Service Corp. plans to register as a broker-dealer in 30 states: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Washington and West Virginia.

Although the first bonds have not yet been issued by a local church through the "Broadway Plan" of H.M.B. Service Corp., Kilgore said there are about 20 churches now in process of applying for bonds.

Kilgore said it has taken much longer to work through all the legal procedures to begin the bond program than he had hoped, primarily because of the "Tax Reform Act of 1982" passed by Congress to go

into effect Jan. 1, 1983.

This new law prohibited issuance of "bearer bonds" payable on maturity to the "bearer," and required all churches which sell bonds to record the Social Security numbers of each person buying a bond.

Kilgore explained the new law requires bond holders and the bank which serves as trustee to report all interest income on church bonds. He cited one report indicating that prior to the new law, an estimated 23-30 percent of the interest earned by bearer bonds has not been reported to Internal Revenue Service as taxable income.

Although the new law will require much more record-keeping, Kilgore said Southern Baptists should support laws aimed at preventing fraud and tax evasion. "Baptists are honest, law-abiding people, and I know our churches will willingly abide by the new law," he said.

Kilgore said he believes the HMB "Broadway Bonds" will become the "most prestigious church bonds in the United States." Trustee for the bonds will be Citizens and Southern (C&S) National Bank of Atlanta, which Kilgore said is one of the largest in America, offering the highest possible interest rate on the interest of the churches' sinking funds. The bond program will also utilize one of the best computer systems available to keep records, Kilgore said.

HMB appoints Arkansans

Members of the Home Mission Board executive committee approved 83 persons for assignments in 24 states and Puerto Rico during their January session.

Named to receive church pastoral aid from Arkansas were Paul and Barbara Hampton, of Homer, Gustavo and Diana Suarez of West Memphis were approved for language pastoral aid.

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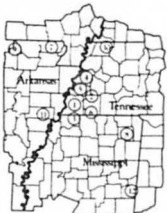
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QUALITY HEALTH CARE: A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

People serving people. Doesn't that sound familiar? It should. That's been the emphasis of Baptist Memorial Hospital since Southern Baptist in Arkansas, Mississippi and Tennessee started the institution 125 years ago.



That principle springs from the Southern Baptist concept of Christian ministry. And it's one of the reasons Baptist Memorial and quality health care have become synonymous in the South.

That insistence upon the personal touch is now the watchword of Baptist Memorial Health Care System, Inc., new parent of Baptist Memorial Hospital and nine other health care institutions in the Mid-South.

The health care system was organized in December 1981 to ensure quality health care for the Mid-South at the lowest possible cost and nearest the homes of the patients. Rapid changes are occurring in the health care field. One of the major changes is the disappearance of the freestanding community hospital.

Within the next 10 years at least 90 percent of the community hospitals in the United States will affiliate with health care systems, experts predict.

Faced with deteriorating facilities, growing medical technology, lean medical staffs and limited capital, owners of community hospitals are facing three choices: increased taxes, affiliation or closing the institution. County governments are choosing affiliation.

Affiliation with a non-profit health care system can help the community several ways.

Free from the threat of increased taxes, the community stands to receive better health care while contributing to make input into help the affiliate hospital prosper.

AMONG BEST IN SOUTH
Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, is one of the 13 best hospitals in the South.

That's the way Ladies Home Journal, a nationally circulated publication, evaluated Baptist Memorial in its November, 1982 issue.

Charles Seabrook, medical writer for the Atlanta Journal, developed the list after talking with leading physicians, hospital administrators, state-hospital associations, medical school faculty members, health educators and other medical writers.

While describing Baptist Memorial as the largest private general care hospital in the United States, the article said "this is one case in which you can say that 'largeness' does contribute to excellence. Its main strength is community health care, especially providing the most up-to-date therapies for cancer and cardiovascular disease."

Other hospitals cited are in Nashville, Birmingham, Durham, Miami, Dallas, Atlanta, Richmond and Houston.

The health care system provides for capitalization, upgrading or replacing facilities, adding new medical equipment and recruiting other medical staff. Its contributions also include bulk purchasing economies, modern clinical services and management expertise.

During the last twelve months five hospitals in three states chose affiliation with Baptist Memorial.

They are Baptist Memorial Hospital-Boneville, Miss., with 136 beds; Baptist Memorial Hospital-Union City, Tenn., with 113 beds; Baptist Memorial Hospital-Eastern Ozarks, Hardy, Ark., with 46 beds; Baptist Memorial Hospital-Forest City, Ark., with 112 beds; and Golden Triangle Regional Medical Center, Columbus, Miss., with 276 beds.

These hospitals joined institutions already in the system such as the three units of Baptist Memorial and Trevear Manor in Memphis, Baptist Memorial Hospital-Lauderdale, Ripley, Tenn., Baptist Memorial

Centered Axial Tomography (CAT) scanners for taking pictures of cross-sections of the head and body while the Medical Center unit also added a digital subtraction angiography (DSA) unit to improve tests for diseases that may lead to heart attack, stroke or hypertension.

The system introduced an emergency and program in the Mid-South through Baptist Memorial-Tipton with the inauguration of Lifeline, permitting the elderly and handicapped to live independently with dignity and security.

A regional emergency medical service began operations in Union and Tipton counties with plans to offer the centralized ambulance service to other West Tennessee counties.

Baptist Memorial's Regional Rehabilitation Center, hundreds of crippled children from Tennessee and Mississippi began receiving medical assistance monthly at 13 clinics.

"We are looking far beyond 1983 in health care. We're making improvements which will ensure quality health care for the Mid-South into the 21st century. But we want to continue to do it in a team personal way. With people serving people."

Joseph H. Powell, President

BAPTIST MEMORIAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEM, INC. AFFILIATES

Facilities	Beds*
① Baptist Memorial Hospital-Medical Center 899 Madison Avenue, Memphis	1,500
② Baptist Memorial Hospital-East 609 Walnut Grove Road, Memphis	417
③ Baptist Memorial Hospital-Regional Rehabilitation Center 1025 E. H. Crump Boulevard, Memphis	151
④ Baptist Memorial Hospital-Lauderdale Ripley, Tennessee	64
⑤ Baptist Memorial Hospital-Tipton Covington, Tennessee	70
⑥ Trevear Manor and Allen Morgan Nursing Center 177 North Highland, Memphis	60
⑦ Corning Community Hospital Corning, Arkansas	40
⑧ Baptist Memorial Hospital-Boneville Boneville, Mississippi	136
⑨ Baptist Memorial Hospital-Eastern Ozarks Hardy, Arkansas	40
⑩ Baptist Memorial Hospital-Union City Union City, Tennessee	173
⑪ Baptist Memorial Hospital-Forest City Forest City, Arkansas	112
⑫ Golden Triangle Regional Medical Center Columbus, Mississippi	276

Hospital-Tipton, Covington, Tenn.; and Corning Community Hospital, Georgia, Ark.

Quality health care accompanies affiliation, in the cases of Baptist Memorial.

The Ripley, Boneville and Corning institutions were accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals (JCAH) during their first full year in the system.

And Baptist Memorial, Memphis, Baptist Memorial Hospital-Forest City, Baptist Memorial-Union City and Golden Triangle brought accreditation with them into the system.

The JCAH requires hospitals to meet 118 rapid standards in 24 categories to receive accreditation.

The quality synonymous with BHM also extends to buildings, with new construction under way at Baptist Memorial-Eastern Ozarks, major renovations at Baptist Memorial-Boneville, a new 70-bed facility at Baptist Memorial-Lauderdale and a new medical office building at Baptist Memorial-Tipton.

And new structures are in the planning stages at Forest Memorial and Baptist Memorial-East in Memphis.

A new School of Nursing campus at Baptist Memorial-Medical Center, scheduled for completion late this year, will provide nurses to staff these enlarging health care efforts.

Besides the new buildings, the health care system installed expensive equipment and programs, all designed to improve health care.

Baptist Memorial-Medical Center and East each received new Comput-

erized hearing in the business world, the system introduced a hearing conservation program for 18 industries in West Tennessee, Arkansas and Missouri. The program, which includes education to employees on the ear, ear protection devices and administration of noise and hearing screening tests, is the first step in a total health care package for industry.

As the nation's largest private hospital with 2,388 beds and 90 hospitals, Baptist Memorial, Memphis, admitted 61,728 patients in 1982, provided emergency services to 41,042 and performed 4,496,377 laboratory procedures.

Surgical procedures totaled 30,654; x-ray examinations, 190,878; and births, 3,261.

During the year Dr. Frank S. Glover, president emeritus of Baptist Memorial, received the prestigious Award of Merit of the American Protestant Hospital Association for his outstanding contributions to and demonstration of unusual leadership in the field of church-related health care delivery.

While guaranteeing a bright future in quality health care for the Mid-South with new facilities, modern equipment, innovative programs, the system did not forget the indigent.

At Baptist Memorial Hospital alone, more than \$8,855,000 was spent on charity care.

Looking toward the future, the Baptist Memorial system will continue to respond to the requests for improved health care in communities throughout the Mid-South.



BAPTIST MEMORIAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEM, INC.

Foundations for Christian citizenship

Editor's note: This is a compilation of the second and third articles on Christian citizenship by James Leo Garrett Jr., professor of theology at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. The first section looks at New Testament examples of citizenship, while the closing portion deals with Christian historical examples.

New Testament

1. Jesus in his wilderness temptations and later in his ministry up to his trial before Pilate turned away from an earthly, political messiahship and kingdom.

2. One of the twelve chosen by Jesus had seemingly been one of the Zealots, the Jewish party favoring a revolutionary overthrow of the Roman rule. This was Simon the Cananean (the Aramaic equivalent of the Greek "Zealot").

3. The ensnaring question concerning paying taxes to Caesar which was put to Jesus by a consortium of Pharisees and Herodians was answered by him in his oft-quoted utterance, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's" (Mark 12:17).

4. Jesus' response to the "two swords" remark of his disciples in Gethsemane (Luke 22:38) was wrongly used for centuries to enforce the doctrine of "two powers" and is being misused today by those who would misidentify Jesus as a Zealot in order to give sanction to terrorism, guerilla warfare, and revolutionary violence.

5. Jesus was tried and put to death under both Jewish and Roman authorities.

6. According to Paul (Rom. 13:1-7) and to Peter (1 Pet. 2:13-17), Christians ought to obey civil rulers as "ministers" and "servants" of God, for government is ordained by God.

7. According to Paul (1 Tim. 2:1-3), Christians ought to pray to God in behalf of civil rulers.

8. Paul admonished the Corinthian Christians (1 Cor. 6:1-11) not to take their disputes with fellow believers to courts presided over by unbelieving judges but to settle these within the community of believers.

9. Although the early Christians had no active participation in the process of government by the Roman Empire, Paul relied upon his Roman citizenship for protective purposes.

10. Whatever the modern interpreter's approach to the New Testament book of Revelation may be, the central conflict portrayed in that apocalypse was/is/will be between the religious and the political, between the Lamb and the beast, between Christ and Caesar.

Historical

1. Christians living in the Roman Empire endured ten major persecutions before the

time of Emperor Constantine — from Nero's to Diocletian's — yet Christianity spread during and after such persecutions. Tertullian wrote of "the blood of martyrs" as "seed."

2. The first city-state to have Christianity as its established religion was Edessa at the end of the 2nd century A.D. The first kingdom to have Christianity as its established religion was Armenia (A.D. 301). The first empire to have Christianity as its established faith was the Roman under Emperor Theodosius I (A.D. 380). Constantine had made Christianity a favored religion, and Ambrose, bishop of Milan, was asserting the independence of the church. The West would look to the bishop of Rome for its authority, whereas the East would look to the emperor of the Eastern Roman (later Byzantine) Empire.

3. After Augustine of Hippo Regius had contrasted two distinct societies existing throughout history — "the earthly city" and "the city of God" — terms which should not be equated with the Roman Empire and the Catholic Church, Pope Gelasius I expounded the concept of two authorities, the civil and the priestly, and his medieval successors elaborated on the idea until Pope Boniface VIII could say (A.D. 1302) that the ecclesiastical sword was exercised by the church, whereas the civil sword, coming from God through the church to the state, was exercised for the church by the state. The state later began to have its defenders when Dante, Marsilius of Padua, and William of Ockham asserted that the civil sword was derived by civil rulers directly from God, not mediately through pope or church.

4. Although Western medieval civilization (*corpus Christianum*) was unified in philosophy, language, economics, art and architecture, and the like, schismatics, heretics, apostates, Jews, and pagans were proscribed and were the objects of severe discrimination. Augustine justified coercion against the Donatists and Thomas Aquinas sanctioned it against the albigenses.

5. Although Anabaptists formed congregations apart from the political structures, most of the Protestant Reformers perpetuated the pattern of established churches.

6. John Calvin in his holy commonwealth of Geneva taught that tyrants must be obeyed, but subsequently John Knox in Edinburgh allowed citizens the right to revolt against "idolatrous" rulers. Yet for the peace churches — Mennonite, Quaker, Brethren — obedience to the state stopped short of participation in and support of war.

7. Religious freedom for all men, not merely religious toleration as advocated by John Locke, began to be advocated by Balthasar Hubmaier, Thomas Helwys, Roger Williams, and even Vatican Council II in

1965 would agree.

8. After the rejection of the "divine right of kings" and on the basis of fundamental human rights, democratic states were constituted in the Western world, differing from the fascist states, which were dominated either by clericalism or by totalitarianism, and from the socialist states, chiefly of the Marxist-Leninist type. Christians in the democratic states had the opportunity for the first time in history to choose their governors, their lawmakers, and their judges and to help to shape the political order. Unlike their Anabaptist predecessors, Baptists held that Christians could in conformity with the will of God hold public office.

9. The United States of America was constituted a secular state in that no religion, such as Christianity, was declared to be the official or established religion and yet the state must not "prohibit the free exercise" of any religion. The people of this nation were mostly theists — indeed many were Christians, and the values and the laws of this nation were largely derived from the Judeo-Christian heritage.

10. Christians — both Evangelicals and the advocates of the Social Gospel — have been in the vanguard of great societal reforms in the modern era; for example, the abolition of the slave trade and of human slavery (William Wilberforce, the Anglican), the temperance or anti-liquor movement (Frances E. Willard, the Methodist), the civil rights or racial justice movement (Martin Luther King, Jr., the Baptist), and the political independence movement in Africa (graduates of missionary schools).

These themes from the Bible and from the post-biblical history of Christianity can serve as the foundation for and prelude to our consideration of the challenges and responsibilities which Christians as citizens face today.

New churches organized in Honduras

TRUJILLO, Honduras — Two new churches have been organized in the lower Aguan Valley in Honduras, bringing the total to 38 churches in the Honduras Baptist Convention. The two new churches were missions of First Baptist Church, Trujillo. Baptismal services preceded organizational services at both Lerida and El Coco. A wedding ceremony highlighted the El Coco service where two newly baptized members reaffirmed vows they had said in a civil ceremony. They were married in order to be baptized and become members of the church; they had lived together in a common law arrangement and had several children before becoming Christians.

Growth, conflict reported in house churches

HONG KONG (BP) — Recent eyewitness reports filtering out of China portray rural Chinese "house" churches growing at a phenomenal rate but beset by increasing conflict with government and public church authorities.

The unconfirmed accounts, reported by the Hong Kong-based Chinese Church Research Center, estimate 15 counties in Henan province with an average of 100,000 Christians worshipping in house fellowships. House churches are reported in nearly all of China's 22 provinces, five autonomous regions and three metropolitan districts.

Estimates of the number of Christians in China vary widely. The Three Self Patriotic Movement, the government-recognized Chinese Protestant organization, estimates three to five million Protestants and Catholics nationwide. Several Christian "China Watch" agencies in Hong Kong and the United States count as many as 50 million believers, almost five percent of the population.

Independent verification of any estimate is impossible, but numerous accounts report rapidly multiplying house churches in the southern coastal provinces of Zhejiang, Fujian and Guangdong as well as interior Sichuan and Henan, where a religious revival has reportedly been in full force for several years. Extensive church growth also is reported in inner Mongolia.

Increases in the size and strength of the informal house fellowships, however, are causing their numbers to run afoul of some local authorities and public church officials, according to accounts.

Reports claim house church leaders and itinerant preachers have been harassed, arrested and sometimes beaten by local police and Three Self functionaries in several provinces. House churches in Shanghai,

Shandong and parts of central China have been ordered closed or forcibly disbanded.

A few believers in Henan have reportedly threatened or engaged in violent reprisals against those who attempted to limit religious activities.

Some house church leaders — most of whom are untrained laymen — have accused Three Self leaders of cooperating with the government in limiting or suppressing unauthorized worship. Three Self Chief Ding Guangxun, also president of the Chinese Christian Council, denies the charges.

Ding has repeatedly rejected allegations the Three Self Patriotic Movement is controlled by the government, or that it opposes house churches. He has attacked the Chinese Church Research Center by name, calling its findings "fabrication" intended to drive a wedge between "open" churches and house fellowships and deceive Christians outside China.

Formed in 1951 with government consent, the Three Self movement (named for its ideals of self-support, self-government and self-propagation) has sponsored the reopening of more than 250 Protestant churches in China since 1979. Public church activity virtually ceased during the 1966-76 cultural revolution, when radical students and Red Guards violently suppressed religion. Similar public organizations oversee Catholic, Buddhist, Islamic and Daoist (Taoist) activity.

Three Self supervised the reopening of a Protestant seminary in Nanjing in 1981, and another seminary reportedly began classes for 50 students in Shen-Yang in November. The organization also distributes Bibles to churches and plans to publish a new Chinese hymnal in 1983. Some 270,000 Chinese Bibles were reported printed in 1981 and the official new China news agency report-

ed in September that one million Bibles will have been printed by the end of 1982.

Three Self leader Ding also served on the committee that recently revised China's national constitution. Joined by Buddhist and Islamic representatives, he successfully lobbied for deletion of a phrase giving citizens the right to propagate atheism. No similar right is explicitly granted to religious believers to propagate their faith.

Three Self and the Chinese Christian Council are forming provincial and local organizations to meet the needs of local churches, officials say. But critics allege the organizations are seeking to "manage" and contain the growth of Protestant faith for the government.

Informed observers see a situation more complex than "Three Self versus the house churches." The Three Self Patriotic Movement, like all public organizations in China, must pursue its goals while promoting support for government policies and the Communist party. The organization's leaders, and their supporters outside China, insist Three Self is doing its best to open churches, train pastors and distribute Bibles within the strict limitations placed on its existence.

Members of the house church movement generally resist public association with Three Self or its open churches, some observers say, because of the religious repression of the cultural revolution era, when Christians of all stripes were persecuted. Many suspect Three Self motives, but others simply fear being identified by the government.

While it is growing rapidly the house church movement also is reportedly plagued by an extreme shortage of Bibles and trained leaders. This deficiency leaves members open to heresies and mixtures of Christianity and Buddhism, Daoism and Chinese folk religions.

ERA is reintroduced

by Larry Chesser

WASHINGTON (BP) — Sending a signal of continued strong support for the controversial Equal Rights Amendment, more than half the members of the new U.S. House of Representatives joined in reintroducing the measure on the first day of the 98th Congress.

Though a 10-year effort to win ratification of ERA by three-fourths of the state legislatures fell three states short when an extended deadline expired last summer, backers of the measure remain optimistic of its eventual passage.

That optimism is partially fueled by the growing political strength American women demonstrated in November's elections, according to Rep. Patricia Schroeder, D-Colo., and co-chair of the bipartisan Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues.

"The women's vote proved a critical factor in the recent elections, both at the state and federal levels," she said. "Significant gains have been made in the number of pro-ERA legislators, thanks to women voting en bloc."

Rep. Peter W. Rodino, D-N.J., said the newly-introduced amendment (H.J. Res. 1) will be "one of the principal items" on the agenda of the House Judiciary Committee he chairs.

"The women of America have already waited too long for justice and equality," Rodino said.

Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights Chairman Don Edwards, D-Calif., said his panel will promptly schedule hearings on the measure which he predicted will win overwhelming approval by the House.

"I challenge the Republican-controlled

Senate to do likewise," Edwards said. "Only in this way can the Senate show that it is truly committed to women's equality. Symbolic, piecemeal measures simply will not do."

Senate backers of the amendment are expected to reintroduce it when the Senate returns from an adjournment in late January.

The one-sentence amendment states, "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex."

ERA remains a controversial issue among Southern Baptists. During its 1981 annual meeting in Los Angeles, the Southern Baptist Convention passed a resolution on the role of women which stated the convention "does not endorse the Equal Rights Amendment."

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HAMBURG 1ST	2,400.00	6,204.81	GRUDDS 1ST	1,627.37	437.02	PINE RIDGE		332.10
JARVIS CHAPEL	851.48		HONOLUIE	97.37	16.00	BIG FORK MSSN		15.96
KANOKIA	17,789.12	2,502.94	MOBIE 1ST	2,175.46		ASSOCIATION TOTALS	33,399.85	9,215.21
MARTINVILLE	589.00	965.34	IMBODEN 1ST	7,049.37	3,691.28	CALVARY ASSN		400.00
MERODIAN	5,956.00	2,787.16	IMBODEN NEWPORT	5,023.27	2,277.86	ANTIOCH		400.00
MT PLEASANT	25,198.10	426.25	JACKSONPORT	2,163.87		ARGENT 1ST		10,710.93
NORTH CROSSETT 1ST	7,133.92	3,882.62	MURPHY'S CORNER	130.00	40.00	BEBE 1ST		9,767.13
SARGIS	375.48	151.26	NEW HOPE 2D HARDY	533.57	411.52	BETHANY		836.10
TEMPLE	22,090.05	6,599.85	NEWPORT 1ST	32,759.15	7,941.63	CAJON PLANT 1ST		252.00
PLEASANT LAKE	1,288.93	584.87	OLD WALNUT RIDGE	1,281.11	279.37	CROSBY		22,719.81
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	241,295.02	44,493.08	PITTS	249.33	21.59	EL PADO		144,446.76
			RAVENEN 1ST	738.86	30.00	GOOD HOPE		854.21
BARTHOLDREW ASSN			SENEGWER	948.53	30.00	GRACE		2,400.00
ANTIOCH	624.93	213.50	SMITHVILLE	3,102.75	732.72	GREGORY		1,247.00
COMINTO	20.00		SPRING LAKE	2,651.01	796.52	JEFFERSON		2,568.37
CORINTH	848.05	433.02	SWIFTON	2,184.11	490.07	JOHNSON 1ST		2,399.35
EAGLE LAKE	172.48		TUCKERMAN 1ST	1,460.62	1,258.26	KERRICK 1ST		9,832.80
EENEZER	2,919.10	595.88	WHITE DALE 1ST	21,405.72	9,524.14	KERRY 1ST		9,131.97
EMON	2,522.00	830.78	WALTON	627.81	514.43	MCCORD 1ST		820.35
FLORENCE	1,192.00	132.25	SOUTHSIDE	791.50	626.00	MIDWAY		5,999.82
HERITAGE	6,197.73	1,245.97	CROSSROADS CHURCH	106.81	29.25	MORROW, DISBANDED		3,400.27
IMMANUEL WARREN	10,290.52	5,990.16	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	95,295.08	33,829.34	NORTON		1,671.17
KANOKIA 1ST	1,071.33							
MACDONIA	108.10	150.00						
MARSDEN	150.00	5,741.03						
MONTICELLO 1ST	26,830.18	2,391.87						
MONTICELLO 2ND	7,366.91	307.70						
NO SIDE, MONTICELLO	1,676.13							
UNION	337.75							
PLEASANT GROVE	30.00							

CHURCHES	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM GIFTS	DESIGNATED GIFTS	CHURCHES	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM GIFTS	DESIGNATED GIFTS	CHURCHES	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM GIFTS	DESIGNATED GIFTS
MT HEBRON	2168.52	729.51	HELLDALE, ALEXANDER	1,227.88	150.00	ROSEVILLE	800.00	208.25
PANGBURN 1ST	4972.74	35.00	HOT SPRINGS FIRST	38,397.70	12,923.40	RYE HILL	12,178.52	2,137.94
PATERSON 1ST	931.09	257.31	HOT SPRINGS 2ND	70,384.47	12,131.45	SOUTH SIDE/BONNEVILLE	3,623.59	1,981.12
PELAGIAN GROVE	1,845.55	2,037.27	HURRICANE LAKE	5,501.92	1,332.21	SOUTH SIDE FT SMITH	7,038.12	5,098.15
PLEASANT VALLEY	771.12	200.75	HURRICANE LAKE 2ND	7,077.82	7,077.82	SPRING LAKE	1,800.00	1,800.00
RIDGE 1ST	157.50	25.00	LAKEHORE HEIGHTS	3,315.10	2,542.83	TEMPLE FT. SMITH	9,917.55	2,197.24
ROCKY POINT	1,071.00	1,071.00	LAKESIDE	7,855.28	3,192.44	TRINITY FT. SMITH	10,230.25	8,425.18
RUSE BUD	2,716.00	1,076.55	LEE CHAPEL	3,563.00	1,523.31	UNION HALL		
SEARCH 1ST	73,934.46	17,398.62	LEONARD ST, HOT SPGS	8,371.21		VESTA		
SEARCY 1ST	1,600.02	1,600.02	LONGDALE	19,997.79	5,212.74	WINDSOR PARK	4,900.00	1,540.84
TEMPLE, SEARCY	18,247.95	2,032.78	MALVERN 3RD	4,985.29	1,311.08		3,112.89	292.25
TRINITY, SEARCY	6,220.72	1,301.80	MEMORIAL	1,938.70	1,722.50	MOFFET MISSION		
UNION VALLEY	1,305.42	1,083.23	MT VERNON	1,648.20	1,722.50	WESTSIDE	645.27	1,388.29
WEST HENT	620.03	233.48	OLD UNION VALLEY	2,857.00	1,906.00	BREAK BREEK	411.72	1,800.00
WALL 1ST	6,627.00	40.00	OWENSVILLE	1,501.45	1,576.19	CENTRAL 1ST SOU	2,400.00	920.70
POTENTIAL	95.18	95.18	PARCY	1,501.45	1,576.19	SOUTHSIDE WSM, PARIS	250.00	302.70
DENMARK	944.00	944.00	PINEY	6,893.44	1,025.61	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	745,313.24	234,972.12
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	228,726.47	85,683.49	RODGEGRET	1,038.34	352.68	CONWAY-PERRY		
CAREY			SALEM	2,189.00	68.81	CONWAY-PERRY ASSN		
CAREY ASSN			NORTH MAIN	18,125.32	3,839.04	ADONAI, DISBANDED		
BEARDEN 1ST	6,486.97	2,457.00	SHOREWOOD HILLS	1,248.65	960.28	BIGELOW	970.15	369.35
BETHESDA	942.71	75.00	TRINITY + BENTON	13,625.09	2,953.15	CASA 1ST	833.05	438.23
CALVARY + CAMDEN	8,350.46	1,703.00	TRINITY, MALVERN	4,164.88	2,071.16	CENTRAL 1ST	2,489.00	626.07
EAGLE HILLS	350.00	146.00	WALNUT VALLEY	3,714.09	757.93	HOUSTON	247.29	488.18
FALMOUTH 1ST	1,427.00	1,427.00	BERLEMA ROAD	7,168.20	2,940.43	MORRISON 1ST	10,274.48	7,001.89
FORDICE 1ST	20,000.00	18,376.30	TRINITY	667.26	1,371.38	NIMROD 1ST	1,088.59	1,000.00
HAMPION 1ST	8,948.67	398.93	MAGNET COVE	2,702.14	426.00	PERRY	273.65	450.00
HARDY	1,999.41	1,999.41	MEADOWVIEW	430.71	419.09	PERRYVILLE 1ST	5,745.39	7,888.79
HOLLY SPRINGS	1,202.02	175.00	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	344,737.20	114,649.29	PLEASANT GROVE		
MANNING	1,543.33	175.00	CLEAR CREEK			PLUMBERVILLE 1ST	12,620.00	268.09
NEW HOPE	1,328.17	294.33	CLEAR CREEK ASSN			SULGONACHIA	908.16	673.50
QUACHITA	998.00	761.00	ALMA 1ST	1,424.49	687.91	STONY POINT	2,075.90	1,190.04
PROSPERITY	703.71	186.31	ALMA 2ND	1,424.49	687.91	UNION VALLEY	640.12	839.45
SHOOTING GROVE	431.00	431.00	ALBUS 1ST	433.69	801.11	OPPELO	480.00	314.40
SOUTH SIDE + FORDICE	1,577.26	538.00	CASS	53.56	100.00	CIRCLE H CHAPEL		81.09
SPARKMAN 1ST	30,742.00	17,249.00	CEDARVILLE	3,710.85	614.72	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	28,026.90	21,573.83
THEODORUS 1ST	11,748.93	625.65	CLARKSVILLE 1ST	20,932.12	8,839.07	CURRENT-GAINS		
TINSMAN 1ST	180.00	150.00	CLARKSVILLE 2ND	2,145.24	1,180.09	CURRENT-GAINS ASSN		
TULIP MEMORIAL	347.58	150.00	COAL HILL 1ST	1,019.08	304.43	RIGGERS		
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	86,102.35	63,609.52	CONCORD	10,142.04	1,488.78	BROWN'S CHAPEL	2,160.17	278.71
CAROLINE			OYER 1ST	1,154.84	232.00	CALVARY, CORNING	1,804.24	350.55
CAROLINE ASSN			EG. MT Zion, TRINITY	1,182.14	291.46	COLUMBIA JARRETT	5,978.34	6,745.10
AUSTIN STATION	1,654.00	100.00	HARTMAN 1ST	1,021.94	274.00	COLUMBIA JARRETT	1,309.09	270.49
BAUGH CHAPEL	1,848.03	430.00	LEBAR	11,854.35	3,748.20	EMMAUEL - PIGGOTT	1,385.00	125.00
BISCOTE 1ST	5,213.97	1,830.98	MOUNTAINBURG 1ST	800.64	932.34	GREENWAY 1ST	8,822.80	862.00
BROWNSVILLE	2,622.11	899.00	MULBERRY 1ST	12,026.29	2,766.81	HOLLY ISLAND	1,400.03	931.80
CALVARY 1ST	51,276.13	11,055.16	OLDS	8,492.00	3,499.50	HOPWELL	1,370.39	435.00
CARBOT 2ND	330.80	587.00	OLDS	22,617.33	3,979.59	HOPEWELL	1,370.39	435.00
CAREY CHAPEL	2,597.34	199.71	OLDS	1,559.21	892.80	INDIAN 1ST	249.30	249.00
CROSSROADS	1,785.63	199.45	SHADY GROVE	738.11	1,000.00	MDAR	248.00	100.40
DESBAR 1ST	29,320.01	4,434.27	SHIBLEY	1,049.59	188.76	MT PLEASANT	980.44	1,233.80
DEVALS BELUF 1ST	3,396.17	551.21	SPRING LAKE	172.03	172.03	NIMMONS 1ST	170.00	60.00
ENGLAND 1ST	26,062.96	5,793.94	TEMINIT, ALMA	1,838.00	856.73	OK GROVE	708.00	536.58
HAZEL 1ST	21,282.23	4,887.95	UNION GROVE	1,893.06	570.23	PEAK CHARD 1ST	25,431.97	7,772.29
HICKMAN 1ST	1,355.72	1,355.72	UNION TRINITY	3,575.38	359.35	POKACHONTAS 1ST	12,148.78	5,622.00
IMMANUEL, CARLISLE	3,365.40	1,365.40	VAN BUREN 1ST	32,623.34	9,366.47	RAVENWOOD 1ST	1,878.80	2,004.13
KEY	8,417.57	8,635.09	VINE PARK 2ND	916.60	28.75	RECTOR 1ST	10,400.00	9,472.00
LOCKE	22,188.08	4,443.04	WILSON CITY	2,810.39	1,403.58	RECTOR 2ND	2,411.82	288.75
MT CARMEL	26,880.50	4,789.33	WOODLAND	100.00	390.00	SHANNON	354.83	81.25
NEW SPRINGS	1,620.65	1,011.07	EAST SIDE MISSION			SKYLIN, CORNING	3,600.00	2,108.58
NEW HOPE	494.93	245.00	CLEAR CREEK SO BAPT	20,298.63	8,361.34	SUCCESS 1ST	3,168.33	738.21
OK GROVE	1,132.90	1,363.78	DARK	478.52	180.00	TIPPERY	175.00	100.00
OLD AUSTIN	1,089.02	196.40	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	166,851.99	53,285.99	WITT'S CHAPEL	3,637.67	1,807.53
PLEASANT HILL	1,152.55	405.40	CONCORD			YOUNG GROVE	88.55	89.00
STEELE BRIDGE	100.00	405.40	CONCORD ASSN			ASSOCIATION TOTALS	89,725.03	36,866.99
TOLTEC	3,872.22	2,789.95	BANK OF AMERICA	4,293.84	1,087.20	DARDANELLE-RUSSELLVILLE		
WARD 1ST	6,770.11	1,871.18	BETHEL	251.26	196.39	SCRANTON 1ST	3,296.60	4,008.58
WATKINSLAND	5,293.07	1,278.95	BLOOMER	125.00	100.00	SEARCY 2ND	800.00	800.00
SOUTH BEND	347.84	255.61	BUHLF AVE. FT. SMITH	3,210.03	1,278.01	ATKINS 1ST	6,024.76	4,208.29
CALVARY, WARD	3,376.88	340.01	BONNEVILLE 1ST	21,830.13	7,400.04	BAKERS GROVE	537.44	110.00
ROBERSON MEN BAPTIST	788.88	340.01	BRAINCH	5,014.73	1,000.00	BLUFFTON	3,900.24	457.72
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	268,786.73	67,750.70	BURNSVILLE	23,990.98	7,000.93	CENTERVILLE	457.72	491.14
CENTENNIAL			CHARLESTON 1ST	14,505.83	4,127.10	DANVILLE 1ST	9,403.59	3,975.35
CENTENNIAL ASSN			CHARLESTON FT SMITH	19,997.79	7,978.19	DARDANELLE 1ST	18,102.84	1,800.00
ABERDEEN 1ST	1,460.83	309.00	ENTERPRISE	2,813.32	347.41	DOVER	4,231.19	2,050.16
ALBYRA 1ST	25,986.00	4,241.85	EXCELSIOR	184,000.00	352.56	EAST POINT	1,978.18	802.06
ALPHEA 1ST	14,758.00	8,640.00	GLADDALE	2,555.33	756.80	FAIR PARK	283.72	1,234.20
EAST SIDE/DEWITT	1,183.00	386.60	GRAND AVE. FT SMITH	222,141.24	33,242.53	GREENWOOD 1ST	1,311.84	1,292.44
GILBERT 1ST	200.00	283.00	GREENWOOD 2ND	33,488.78	7,235.62	HAYANA	1,031.00	1,283.39
HAGLER	50.00	1,621.21	HACKETT 1ST	1,430.18	115.11	HECTOR 1ST	733.00	1,173.87
NORTH MAPLE, STUTTG	2,769.92	1,127.86	HIGHWAY LIGHTS	11,167.45	3,866.00	HOPWELL	745.74	1,200.00
REDFORD	1,127.86	724.37	HIGHWAY 96 1ST	33.29	4,473.41	IMMANUEL, RUSSELLVILLE	2,482.20	782.00
SOUTH SIDE, STUTTG	7,215.09	913.39	IMMANUEL, FT SMITH	20,162.29	8,909.82	KELLEY HEIGHTS	988.90	624.61
ST CHARLES	3,491.19	17,871.72	JACK SMITH 1ST	1,428.00	1,242.00	LAKESIDE	2,146.20	2,146.20
STUTTGART 1ST	49,976.88	1,200.00	LAVACA 1ST	18,916.42	6,236.44	LONDON 1ST	927.61	511.70
TELMOR	80.00	659.49	MAGAZINE 1ST	6,029.93	916.79	MORLAND 1ST	181.84	125.00
FAITH	1,800.07	1,800.07	MEXON	1,254.89	592.29	NEW HOPE	1,686.30	1,686.30
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	109,367.81	34,381.39	MT. HARRONY	175.80	175.80	OLA 1ST	5,036.43	1,827.75
CENTRAL			NEW HOPE	15.00	15.00	PITTSBURG	35.00	1,983.00
CENTRAL ASSN			NORTH SIDE-CHARLEST	1,097.51	837.35	PLAINVILLE 1ST	1,983.00	1,855.13
BENTON 1ST	39,324.23	2,238.08	NORTH SIDE-FT SMITH	3,993.80	935.82	PLEASANT VILL	429.92	143.78
BULL	151.46	62.00	OKLA CLIFF	6,358.59	3,224.08	POTTSVILLE	9,296.92	963.16
CALVARY, BENTON	12,304.74	4,822.45	PALESTINE	358.64	511.33	REVER	873.79	3,766.58
CENTRAL HILL SPRING	22,358.13	8,315.84	PARIS	14,300.00	1,909.00	RUSSELLVILLE 1ST	18,483.58	1,848.35
GRAVEL, MOUNTAIN	1,618.37	70.72	PHOENIX VILLAGE	8,143.46	2,294.04	UNIONVILLE, DANVILLE	2,940.75	1,886.46
HIGHLAND HEIGHTS	20,952.70	6,748.13	PIKE LOG	2,800.92	495.19	CALVARY, DANANELLE	891.00	640.00
			RATCLIFF 1ST	2,280.92	342.87	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	894,088.22	30,359.89

CHURCHES			COOPERATIVE PROGRAM			DESIGNATED GIFTS			CHURCHES			COOPERATIVE PROGRAM			DESIGNATED GIFTS			
ROSA TRINITY, BLTYTHEVILLE			15,764.70	3,257.39		CENTRAL, NLR	21,670.55	4,075.10		WOODSON	1,253.44		914.23					
WARDLE		710.00		260.00		CHAPEL HILL	1,755.80	8,778.78		SPANISH DISCION			1,623.74					
WESSIDE, MANEIA		710.00		260.00		CRYSTAL VALLEY	12,036.00	9,946.18		NICHOLS ROAD			152.52					
WHITTON		754.38		123.08		FOUR SEVENTH ST	6,673.00	1,046.67		TRINITY	2,843.38		984.99					
WILSON 1ST		12,489.90		2,110.90		GRACE	1,414.80	1,141.56		GRAVES MEMORIAL			630.81					
WOLKLAND CORNER		82.36		17.39		GRAND RIDGE 1ST	12,028.43	2,412.68		OTTER CREEK CHAPEL	230,330.21		418.10					
YARBRO		7,266.78		2,116.00		HIGHWAY	14,939.00	1,812.91		ASSOCIATION TOTALS	1,055,043.51		4,663,329.82					
FRIENDSHIP		1,521.37		311.30		HILLTOP		25.00										
BETHEL		616.86		235.28		INDIAN HILLS	32,221.79	785.75		RED RIVER								
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	281,501.49	52,516.20				INDIAN HILLS	18,213.72	2,571.76										
						NEW ANNIAND LAKE	45,535.00	17,108.19										
						JACKSONVILLE 1ST	15,888.81	4,088.28										
						LEWY	31,005.98	6,984.33										
						MARSHALL RD., JMWILLE	15,477.73	2,707.07										
						MORRISON CHAPEL	816.89	75.00										
						N LITTLE ROCK 1ST	19,800.00	4,877.12										
						ODAKWOOD	614.60											
						PARK HILL	114,144.00	54,342.85										
						POLK MEMORIAL, NLR	8,845.75	9,426.77										
						REUNION	5,973.00											
						RUMFAY 1ST	3,614.65	681.39										
						SHERWOOD 1ST	9,287.16	4,025.25										
						SIXTEENTH ST, NLR	2,088.89	325.00										
						STAMFILL	150.00											
						SYLAR HILLS 1ST	19,200.00	13,866.36										
						ZION HILL	2,500.00	2,266.36										
						MILITARY ROAD CHURCH	2,708.31	1,542.05										
						MARLENE	1,611.16	1,102.11										
						GETTSBERG	9,714.25	1,881.60										
						ASSOCIATION TOTALS	552,310.87	233,074.68										
						QUAICHITA ASSN												
						QUAICHITA ASSN	418.75	310.72										
						ACORN	512.74	474.06										
						N LITTLE ROCK 2ND	2,820.71	194.34										
						BARDAY, MENA	2,752.63	200.00										
						CHERRY HILL	385.48	152.23										
						CONCORD	660.79	786.32										
						LOVE 1ST	791.95	780.32										
						DALY BROS, MENA	2,945.21	24,956.21										
						DEQUEEN 1ST	2,839.50	399.56										
						GILHAM	1,395.53	363.03										
						GRANNIS	1,117.65	2,315.60										
						HATFIELD 1ST	1,204.90											
						HUTTON	36,104.09	10,899.81										
						LOWER BIRD FORK, INAC	583.10											
						NEW HOPE	761.76	217.01										
						SALEM	480.00											
						TWO MILE	2,447.85	393.17										
						VANDERVOORT 1ST	2,203.90	1,499.09										
						WICKES 1ST	987.97	150.00										
						YOCAMA												
						ASSOCIATION TOTALS	100,623.09	35,272.09										
						PUASKI COUNTY												
						BRYANT 1ST SOUTHERN	26,532.37	2,303.34										
						INDIAN SPRINGS	5,023.00	2,900.00										
						NEW HOPE	7,410.25	1,286.99										
						ALEXANDER 1ST	12,311.47	5,570.60										
						ARCHVIEW	12,681.44	3,346.12										
						PARKWAY PLACE	3,593.73	65.05										
						BARNETT MEMORIAL	1,891.95	1,519.40										
						BINGHAM ROAD	5,749.44	569.99										
						BROOKWOOD 1ST	74,370.52	15,903.43										
						CALVARY LITTLE ROCK	826.30	728.90										
						CHECOT ROAD/MARBLEV	2,222.20	787.81										
						CRISTAL HILL	6,719.00	2,845.04										
						DOUGLASSVILLE 1ST	440.54	1,446.00										
						EAGLE HILLS	84.31	2,625.61										
						FOREST HIGHLANDS	28,116.34	21,280.21										
						FOREST TOWER	1,109.44	315.80										
						GARDNER	687.94	321.22										
						GRACE SPRINGS 1ST	124,195.83	33,184.30										
						GREEN MEMORIAL	6,801.03	1,801.89										
						HERGON	1,895.14	1,195.11										
						HOLT SPRINGS	2,522.35	461.10										
						IMMANUEL, L	276,732.88	151,771.82										
						IRONTON	6,073.28	2,000.00										
						LAKE SMOKE DRIVE	2,392.95	2,157.22										
						LIFE LINE	42,613.76	86,299.44										
						LITTLE ROCK 1ST	102,149.58	52,321.36										
						LITTLE ROCK 2ND	17,199.09	17,199.09										
						MARHAM STREET, L	15,104.57	7,689.97										
						PARISHALLE	16,907.90	6,830.72										
						RAILS MEMORIAL 1ST	5,373.83	3,573.90										
						NATURAL STEPS	5,038.83	351.00										
						NORTH POINT	487.36	525.00										
						OSAGE	32,749.28	12,619.42										
						PINE GROVE	3,615.75	1,826.13										
						PLAINVIEW	2,776.18	267.20										
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New publication named 'SBC Today'

by Jim Newton

ATLANTA (BP) — SBC Today has been selected as the name for a new national publication dealing with issues facing the Southern Baptist Convention, Editor Walker L. Knight said.

Knight, director of the editorial department for the SBC Home Mission Board for 23 years, recently requested early retirement to start the new independent publication. Although general plans for the publication were announced then, a name had not been selected.

SBC Today was picked from a list of more than 50 possible names, said Knight, because "it best describes what the publication is."

"It conveys the feeling that this is news for the SBC, and that it deals with what is happening in the SBC right now," Knight said.

The name is also "in vogue" currently, said the editor, who cited as examples, *USA Today*, a new national newspaper published by the Gannett newspaper chain; *Christianity Today*, a long-time nondemonstrational magazine; and the NBC-TV "Today" show.

It is also a name without any "loaded connotations," said Knight. He explained that one name given serious consideration, "Forum," was rejected when it was discovered *Penthouse* magazine publishes a sexually-explicit monthly called *Forum*.

The name, SBC Today, was selected by a mission group from Oakhurst Church where Knight is a member. More than 45 persons responded when Knight challenged the church to form a mission group to help him with editing and production, circulation promotion, bookkeeping and office management.

The church also is providing office space in their building at 222 East Lake Dr., Decatur, Ga. Office furnishings have been donated by friends and family members.

Knight said an attorney is now drafting articles of incorporation under Georgia law, and that he hopes a board of directors for the publication can be enlisted and announced within the next two months.

First issue of the 24-page monthly tabloid is planned in April. Knight, 58, will retire from the Home Mission Board on March 1.

The publication will be financed, Knight said, with contributions from individuals, churches, and from subscriptions and advertising.

Hospital staff aiding victims of Yemen quake

JIBLA, Yemen (BP) — The staff of Baptist Hospital in Jibla received authorization to bring additional surgical personnel into Yemen to help treat victims of the worst earthquake to strike the country in 16 centuries.

Ministers to lose double tax break

by Larry Chesser

WASHINGTON (BP) — Ministers buying their own houses will no longer be permitted the double benefit of a tax-exempt housing allowance plus tax deductions for mortgage interest and property taxes under a new Internal Revenue Service ruling.

The new ruling, set to take effect no later than June 30, 1983, disallows ministers a federal income tax deduction for any portion of mortgage interest and real estate taxes for which they have received a tax-exempt housing allowance. In cases where the housing expenses are greater than the housing allowance involved, a portion of the interest and taxes will remain deductible.

The IRS action revokes a 1962 revenue ruling which specifically permitted such deductions even though the law also entitled ministers to a housing allowance exclusion.

Revenue rulings are issued by IRS to provide administrative solutions to problems encountered in interpreting and applying tax laws consistently in individual cases. Such rulings may be overruled by Congress or by future administrative review and revision.

Based on a section of the IRS code designed to prohibit double tax benefits, the new ruling also bars veterans and other students from deducting education expenses when they have received tax-exempt veterans benefits or scholarships to pay those education costs.

Explaining the stark reversal of IRS position, a spokesman for the nation's tax-collecting agency said the 1962 ruling was an "interpretation of how IRS saw the law at that time."

Since then, the spokesman said, individual cases where IRS has disallowed double benefit deductions have accumulated and the new ruling represents an effort to "be consistent" in its application and interpretation of the law which bars double tax breaks.

Specifically, the law (Section 265 of the IRS code) disallows normally deductible expenses for which a taxpayer has received tax-exempt income.

The IRS spokesman also pointed to court cases where IRS application of Section 265's ban on double benefits has been upheld.

In announcing the revenue ruling, an IRS publication cited a U.S. Supreme Court decision that the Internal Revenue code "should not be interpreted to allow ... the practical equivalent of double deductions" ... absent a clear declaration of intent by Congress.

Although the spokesman said it would be "risky" to predict IRS would never return to its former interpretation of the law, he emphasized the new ruling is based on a thorough review of congressional intent in writing Section 265.

For ministers, the new ruling will take effect at the end of their current contract year, or by June 30, whichever comes first.

Tennessee board restores Estill Springs property

BRENTWOOD, Tenn. (BP) — The Tennessee Baptist Convention Executive Board has voted to convey the property of Bethel Church of Estill Springs to the newly-organized Paynes Church.

In August, Franklin County Chancery Court Judge Earl H. Henley ruled that the property of Bethel Church (formerly Paynes Church) revert to the TBC because of a breach of trust.

The decision followed a July 29-30, 1981, trial brought by members and former members of the church, charging that the (Bethel) congregation did not fulfill a provision in the deed requiring the church to "adhere to, maintain and propagate the doctrines, faith and practices of missionary Baptist churches to cooperate with the local Baptist Association, Tennessee Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention."

Following the decision, Bethel Church filed an appeal.

Bethel's attorney, Gary Gober, surfaced

the issue in the November annual convention of the TBC, making a motion that the convention restore the property to Bethel Church. Messengers referred the motion to the executive board. Gober attended the convention as a messenger from Park Avenue Church in Nashville.

During its December meeting, the Executive Board unanimously adopted a recommendation of its administrative committee "that the property of Paynes Church be conveyed to the plaintiff at the proper time in the appeal process upon the advice of the Tennessee Baptist Convention attorney."

On Sept. 19, a new Paynes Church began meeting in the office building of Duck River Baptist Association. That congregation, which now has 53 members, was acknowledged by the association at its annual meeting in October.

On Dec. 12, the membership of Paynes Church voted to ask the Executive Board to convey the title of the property to its trustees.

'Liberated' Palestinian now active reconciler

ATLANTA (BP) — When Israeli tanks rolled through his Palestinian homeland in 1948, Anis Shorosh vowed revenge.

This December, 34 years after the Israeli invasion left his father and cousin dead, Shorosh made his twentieth visit to Israel. But now Shorosh bombards Israelis with "the love of God in Jesus Christ."

Two generations ago, family members dead and his mother and sister forced to flee and join his brother in Jordan, Shorosh decided to wage a personal war against Jews.

"My home was gone and it didn't seem I would have a future at all," Shorosh said. "If there had been terrorist organizations, I would have probably been a member of them. I would say that I could have blown

aries he earned both college and seminary degrees. Yet, despite personal peace in Christ, he remained bitter. Failing a Hebrew course helped him recognize his suppressed hatred toward Jews.

"I was saying I loved the Jews," Shorosh said, "but I still hated them. I didn't want to learn their language." Determined to change, he prayed "every Saturday for four years for the Jews.

"I learned the way to love your enemies is the way Jesus demonstrated: pray for them, do good to them that despitefully use you and persecute you. In other words, not retaliation, neither being a pacifist, but be an active lover, forgiver, intercessor, reconciler."

At the end of four years Shorosh again took the course — and passed. "Forgiveness is one of the most effective means to find peace of mind," he said.

Following graduation from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, he and his family returned to the Middle East where Shorosh became pastor of East Jerusalem (Arab) Baptist Church until 1966. He then entered full-time evangelism and in 1967 returned to the United States and set up the Anis Shorosh Evangelistic Association in Mobile, Ala.

In the past 16 years Shorosh's preaching tours have taken him around the world six times and to Israel 19 times. In each country his message remains simple: God forgives and empowers people to forgive others.

His extensive travels have allowed him to view Southern Baptists' mission efforts in dozens of countries. While Shorosh applauded Southern Baptists' intentions to take the gospel to all the world he warned "there is a danger that the missionaries of Christianity could alienate themselves from the people with whom they work because of an extremely high standard of living. How in the world are you going to win people to Jesus when they think Jesus is an

emperor?" he added.

He challenged Baptist missionaries to not only learn the language but to identify with the culture and lifestyle of the people with whom they work.

He also chastised Southern Baptists in America who "declare to the world that we are missionary-minded" yet build "multi-million dollar" centers for worship. "We should put our money where our mouth is," claimed Shorosh, "not where our feet are."

Increased tensions in the Middle East merit Southern Baptist concern, Shorosh said, although he usually avoids political debates and concentrates on preaching. He thinks Baptists need to "do something substantial for the people in the Mideast," and suggested studies on Middle East issues and providing food, clothing, shelter and educational ministries "because of compassion."

He primarily stressed the need for the gospel and pointed to the massacre of Palestinians in Beirut, Lebanon, as an example of how "desperately we need reconciliation and love instead of hate."

"This is what is missing," Shorosh asserted. "Neither Jews nor Arabs, not even the so-called Christians, know Jesus. That's why the bloodshed, the hate and the misunderstanding."

During his last visit to Israel Shorosh told a group of Israeli soldiers how he once hated Jews, but "I found peace with God through Jesus, the Messiah. Because of this I stand before you to say I love you because of Jesus."

Shorosh said the event convinced him peace is possible in the Middle East, but warned that both Jews and Arabs must forgive and accept one another before hostilities will cease.

Shorosh intends to emphasize reconciliation again during this trip to Israel. "We need to forgive each other and not destroy each other," he explained. "Guns have not produced a solution, but I believe the gospel will."

Annie Armstrong gifts top \$20 million

ATLANTA (BP) — For the first time, Southern Baptists in 1982 gave more than \$20 million through the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions, even though contributions were about \$1.25 million short of the goal, HMB directors were told.

"We're extremely grateful that in a year of economic recession, Southern Baptists have given sacrificially because they care so deeply about winning America to Christ," said HMB President William G. Tanner.

Final unofficial tally of the gifts indicated \$20,709,206 was given in 1982, Tanner said. The total is 94 percent of the \$22 million goal, and an increase of 11.7 percent over the \$18.5 million given in 1981.

In major actions, the HMB Executive

Committee appointed 16 new missionaries and approved 28 for mission pastoral aid.

Elected to a new position as assistant director of the special mission ministries department in charge of adult mission groups and construction teams was Mike Bailey, 32, pastor of Pine Grove Baptist Church in Camp Hill, Ala. Bailey will also be responsible for SPOTS (Special Projects Other Than Summer).

Bailey, a former construction contractor, will succeed Bill Wilson who retired Dec. 31 as a national consultant in charge of adult groups and construction teams.

Don Hammonds, director of the department, told HMB directors that teams enlisted by Wilson in the last two years have built 71 new churches.

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up planes and killed people with no regrets."

But plans for violence and an attempt to take his own life went awry. Influenced by his mother, one of the first Palestinians to profess Christ as a result of Southern Baptist work in Palestine, Shorosh made a profession of faith.

"It gave me hope that in the midst of hopelessness God can still work," he said, "and in the midst of war and conflict you can have peace with God."

Despite only a seventh-grade education, Shorosh came to study in the United States. With the help of Southern Baptist mission-