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# Great Day in the Morning

High Attendance Day in Sunday School

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## One layman's opinion

# When too much help can hurt



Dr. Grant

Every now and then I come face to face with that old paradox that the more you try to help some people, the more you hurt them. It is easy to believe this for the wrong reasons, of course. It is easy to preach rugged individualism and self help because it is consistent with protecting your own pocket-book. But even when the motive of the non-helper is wrong, there are times when the kind of help a person

needs most is to be told he will have to sink or swim on his own strength.

I am deeply grateful for the many different kinds of financial assistance available to help students get a college education today, and am glad to say that the vast majority of students I know are very appreciative for this assistance. At Ouachita we try to give most of our financial assistance on the basis of a nationally administered survey that evaluates family financial need. This applies not only to most scholarships, but also to the awarding of jobs on campus, and the determination of how much a student can work.

It is more than just a little disturbing, however, when I hear of a student who has been awarded work assistance but turns it down because he or she has been assigned to a difficult job in the dining hall or with the campus maintenance crew. Someone has failed when this happens. We may have failed to challenge the student to pay whatever price is necessary in hard labor to get a college education. The parents may have failed to help their child to learn the dignity of hard work and to experience it as a regular part of growing up in the home. Or the student may have failed to respond affirmatively to all that their parents and others have tried to do in teaching a healthy attitude toward hard work. Most discouraging of all is the case of the parents who complain if the student draws a difficult or unpopular work assignment.

Although there are many administrative problems involved, I have always had a healthy respect for the plan of Berea College in Kentucky, where every student is required to serve a period of time in working for various college enterprises, crafts, or industries, in order to be admitted as a student. One student at Ouachita recently worked for Data Processing Coordinator Bill Allen, without pay, just so she could gain experience in the field of computer science. Ouachita is in the early stages of a new cooperative education program that blends theory and practice for the student who spends a semester or more of full-time off-campus employment related to his full-time studies. This program is based on a good idea, but it is probably not the answer for the student who finds certain kinds of work beneath his dignity.

If anyone finds a good way to predict when help will really hurt, please let me know. — Daniel R. Grant, President, Ouachita Baptist University

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## Is growth the only measure for a church?



Editor Sneed

In our Baptist life great emphasis is placed on church growth and rightly so. Yet, it should be remembered that every church does not have the same opportunity or potential to reach new people. It is self-evident that a church in a suburban area where new homes are going up every day, has a greater opportunity than a church in a rural community which is declining in population each year.

Sometimes in an area of limited opportunity, pastor and people may be depressed because of wrong standards. An old story tells of a pastor who, on Monday, after again not reaching the only known lost man in the little village walked down the road. His head was lowered. He was extremely depressed as he met one of his neighbors who was headed toward the river with his old decrepit dog. "What are you doing today?" asked the pastor.

"Oh, I'm on my way down to the river to drown my dog," the neighbor replied. "He is so old he can hardly see. His teeth are so bad he can barely eat. He can't hunt anymore. He is just good for nothing."

"Give him to me," the preacher said, "I know just how he must feel."

Now, it well may be that this pastor was doing an excellent job with his church. He may have just had wrong standards. As someone has said "You fish differently if you are fishing in a pond with only one fish than you do in an ocean where there are thousands of fish."

It takes a particular type of man to pastor in a rural

community which is losing in population or in an inner-city area where everyone is moving out to the suburbs. Fortunately, God in his wisdom has called such men. Some of the characteristics of such a person are as follows:

- His main objective must be to minister to the needs of the people in the community. He will need to be able to relate to all of his people.

- Spiritual growth of his flock must give him great joy. Since there are not a large number of lost he must gain satisfaction from the maturity his congregation obtains.

- He must never lose sight of those who are lost in his area. No matter how few there may be he should remember their plight without Christ.

- He must gain his satisfaction from his own local church relationships. It may be that sometimes he will go unnoticed. Each of us must always be aware that God does not always evaluate in the same way that people sometimes do. God will judge our success on how well we fulfill our responsibility as related to our opportunity.

- He sometimes must be willing to support his family, at least partially, at a secular vocation. There are many churches which do not now and will never have the potential of providing complete support for a pastor. These churches need spiritual guidance. It is a great service to the kingdom when men are willing to accept God's call to such places.

We salute the men who are serving God in these places. If your church is located in such an area and your pastor has the qualifications we have outlined, you should thank God for him. Be sure to let your pastor know that you appreciate him. In so doing both you and he will be blessed.

## The importance of the annual association

Many people are in busy preparation for the annual associational meetings. It would be extremely difficult to over-emphasize their value.

The association is the most basic unit outside the local church. Historically, it was established to provide fellowship for people of various churches. Although, many changes have taken place since its inception, this need has not changed. Much strength and encouragement can be gained as church members share their joys, heartaches, and victories.

The annual church letter provides an overview of the work done by each church. This information not only points up the strength and weaknesses to provide guidance for the upcoming year's church program, but also serves as a valuable historical record.

During an annual meeting projects of mutual interest are presented. Such things as youth camp programs, area revivals, training programs, etc., are

studied and adopted. Often these endeavors could not be carried on by a single church.

Annual associations, also, provide an opportunity for outstanding preaching. Some of the best sermons we have ever heard were during these meetings.

Included in each associational session are reports of Southern Baptist and state work. Experience shows that people who are properly informed are more active and effective in the Lord's work.

Your own association will be holding its annual session in the near future. It would be exceedingly helpful if every church member would plan to attend. We believe that this year's meeting will reveal that a great year's work has just passed. Baptisms in many of our areas will reach an all-time high. Many are, also, making plans for an even greater year in 1974. Let's unite in prayer for all of these important meetings.

**I must say it!**

## The team relationship



Dr. Ashcraft

I have found these facts to be universally true of our Baptist people. Baptists love a warmly presented Bible sermon. They will listen to a good sermon. They enjoy equally a great crowd in God's house. No one likes to view an acre of empty pews. Baptists find their highest delight in seeing people saved and brought into the church. This may be their finest emotion.

Baptists also take great pleasure in seeing their children called into special service. They are happy when this happens. They also enjoy receiving a great mission offering. Christmas is always brighter when the Lottie Moon offering exceeds its goal.

Baptists love to be challenged to worthy projects. I have found this to be universally true. They enjoy equally the delight of following strong, determined, dedicated leaders. They love this, they really do.

There is one quality however, which may represent the highest hope of the Christian faith. They love to work in "concert of action" with their sister

churches. They love to do it, but they love to "do it together."

Our history is replete with such examples as the Advancement Campaign for Christian Higher Education. Churches should be allowed to work together in concert of action as this is their nature.

This is where the water hits the wheel. It touches upon leadership. Great leaders are team people. Such leaders are great because they subject themselves to the same team relationship they require of their disciples. Over one-half of our churches have not participated in our Higher Education Advancement Campaign.

I believe these churches, wish to be in on this thrilling team-action enterprise. Arrangements have been made so every church can have a worthy part. Great damage is done to our corporate witness when leadership breaks down at the harness-team level. The "one man band," the "grandstander," or the "loner" never wins the big battle. They who cannot or will not serve in the harness with fellow chiefs will encounter great trouble motivating others. One must be an Indian before he can be chief.

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

## Southern accent

### Tolerance or indifference?



Dr. Nicholas

Samuel Taylor Coleridge said "We are none of us tolerant in what concerns us deeply and entirely."

We are some years into an era which has been characterized by a pervasive pressure upon us to be broad-minded, tolerant.

Our culture has exploded during this era with diverse and sometimes bizarre fashions, life-styles, values and religious forms. With this explosion has come the plea that "straight" people be open-minded and accepting of deviant values, fashions, lifestyles, and religious forms regardless of how weird and obviously false they may seem to be.

Many Christians have over-reacted to the contemporary appeal for tolerance, and often at the cost of diminishing their Christian witness. We have been taken in by the notion that one who is tolerant is necessarily intellectual and sophisticated and one who is intolerant is necessarily dull, narrow-minded, and

illiterate.

We have responded to the appeal for tolerance almost to the point of abdicating moral leadership in our nation. There exists a general unwillingness to state standards. We have, in our exercise of tolerance, become unsure of our values and reluctant to assert and stand by them. The family, the schools, the courts, and even the church appear intimidated when forced to take a stand on moral issues. We have almost reached the point that we refuse to call anything bad, wrong, criminal, sinful, or just in poor taste.

The insistence that one should be tolerant of diverse values, lifestyles, religious forms, and fashions is based upon the assumption that there are no absolute or ultimate values, that one thing is as good as another. However, the Bible states clearly and emphatically that there are some absolutes. One thing is not as good as another. Some things are good, some things are evil. Some things are lovely, some things are ugly.

One religion is not just as good as another. One life-style is not just as good as another. The habitual criminal,

the child-molester, the prostitute, the drug-pusher all have life-styles, and their own values. Surely none would suggest that society should be so tolerant as to accept their values and life-styles. Accept them as persons, yes, and with loving compassion and help. But accept their values, life-styles, no!

May Baptists never fail to temper their convictions with love and compassion for our fellow man, but God forbid that the appeal for tolerance shall ever dissuade our confidence in the inspiration and authority of the Bible or for one moment silence our witness that man is lost and in need of God's redeeming grace, and that Jesus is "the way, the truth, and the life."

Let us make certain that our broad-mindedness is not rather indifference. "We are none of us tolerant in what concerns us deeply and entirely." It is imperative that we be deeply and entirely concerned about consistently living and fervently promulgating the Christian ethic regardless of the vacillating moral moods of the world in which we live. —D. Jack Nicholas, President Southern Baptist College

## Letters to the editor

### Information services are not Baptist way

Dear Fellow Baptists

Well meaning men have again gone out of our "Baptist" way of doing things in quest of a better way of handling a constant problem.

This problem is that of helping churchless pastors and pastorless churches get together for the work of the Lord. This is a worthy goal. The method in the past has been left to the local church and the individual pastor with the Holy Spirit as the agent. This method, as compared to secular business or other denominational bodies, presents many problems of communication and slows down the process.

These well meaning men have met in our executive board meeting and decided to establish a position and attendant resources to help solve this problem. They met on the eve of the 1972 Arkansas Baptist State Convention. Their decision to deviate from time tried methods was not presented to the Convention. It was not debated or revealed. They, of course, felt it unnecessary to discuss it and after several months had elapsed announcement was made in the Baptist paper of a new "information services" office to open in January, 1974. This new office would use this new system of solving the old problem.

I remember a similar situation of a few years ago in the Southern Baptist Convention annual session. Literature had been printed in all areas of promotion, education, etc., about the new "solution" to a weakened Training Union. It would now be known as "Quest." It had been decided, thousands of dollars expended and plans made; but, it seemed to the messengers that it was not the Baptist way. They voted it down and went on without the benefit of "Quest." I haven't missed it; however, it may have served to challenge us to do a better job in our old Baptist Training Union and that has value.

I believe this new idea of "information services" may stimulate both pastors and churches to do a better job of communicating with each other and also with the Holy Spirit. It will therefore have served a valuable purpose.

However, it is not the Baptist way. I don't accept it. I have several reasons why I don't. I would like to share them now for your consideration:

1. This is a quest for a better method that disregards the Baptist way. It is protestant or denominational, but not Baptist.

2. Such a drastic change from our patterns deserves an open debate by our Convention.

3. It is expensive. It requires salary, space, furniture, supplies, overhead, etc.

4. It is unnecessary. The Baptist way works well enough to produce spiritual results above all others who use such a structure.

5. It will increase the already excessive burden and power thrust upon the State Executive Secretary's office.

6. This is capable of becoming a "Pastor's Placement Bureau."

7. The new office could be degrading to the office of Pastor: a) The unscrupulous could patronize the office and falsify information; b) personal "politics" could elevate one man over another; c) someone must select who is "eligible", or "qualified" or "acceptable" to the church making inquiry: Who will decide who is to be selected from the files? What is the basis for the selection? Is it to be based on education, ability, social graces, size of present church salary requirement??? d) will such denominational suggestion interfere with the work of the Holy Spirit in the minds of prospective pastors or laymen involved?

It seems to me that more dignity is lent to the office of pastor if it depends on the Holy Spirit and the man who wants to preach bad enough to find a place if it is only a street corner or a new mission site.

I believe the solution found by those in this "quest" for a better way is in error. It could be far worse than the problem they seek to solve. I pray we abandon it before it gives birth to a "problem child" we cannot discipline or disown. —Wayne B. Davis, Pastor, Oak Grove Church, Van Buren

### Praises column

Let me simply express my appreciation for a series of articles being written by Dr. Dan Grant of Ouachita Baptist University. I've appreciated all of them but his last article concerning the importance of personal evangelism was not only excellent but absolutely strategic. I appreciate so very much the sentiments which he expressed in this article. Coming from an educator who directs the work of one of our institutions of higher learning here in Arkansas, it is both inspiration and encouragement to all that we are attempting to do for the cause of Christ.

Thank you for allowing him this column in the Arkansas Baptist. —Paige Patterson, pastor, First Church, Fayetteville

### Lay evangelism school highly recommended

Our church conducted a Lay Evangelism School July 18. Prior to the actual training session we had 16 weeks of intensive training. During this time we baptized 28 people. This is four times as many people as the church normally baptizes in a year.

To date, our church has baptized 33 people with much of the credit belonging to the Lay Evangelism School. I would encourage every church to become involved in the Lay Evangelism program.

I first attended a clinic at First Church, Little Rock, then a Lay Evangelism School at First Church of Gravel Ridge, North Little Rock, which was held by State Evangelism Secretary Jesse Reed. This gave me opportunity to prepare myself to conduct the school in my own church. —Pastor James McGill, First Church, Ward, Ark.

### State Convention dates changed

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

### News briefs

• Raymond Brown and Calvin Wilmoth were ordained as deacons in the morning worship service at First Church, Morrilton. Pastor W. Coy Sample served as moderator. The ordination sermon was brought by Pastor Bill Brown of Bayou Meto Church, Jacksonville.

• First Church, Strong, recently voted to begin a kindergarten. Sardis Bever is pastor.

• First Church, Ozark, is in a seven-week "Stand for the Lord" Sunday School attendance and new member campaign. Also, the church recently purchased an offset press.

• Deacons ordained recently by Grand Avenue Church, Hot Springs, were Jerry Brown, Bill Heaton and Bob Dennis.

• Vista Heights, Hot Springs, recently ordained a father and son as deacons. They were Dean Bradley Sr. and Dean Bradley Jr.

• Piney Grove Church, Lewisville, voted to build six new class rooms.



Pastors such as J. A. Hogan (right) attended along with evangelist Bill Lewis.

## Witnessing retreat held at Paron

The Pastors' Witnessing Retreat was held Sept. 6-7 at Camp Paron. The program utilized primarily Arkansas people. The pastors' wives also conducted a conference with some sessions involving both pastors and their wives.

Among the highlights of the occasion was a message on "Finding People," by Eugene Skelton of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. Dr. Skelton traced his own ministry to show that, for a church to grow, it must constantly keep a list of good prospects. In his experience, his was true regardless of the size of the church.

He stressed that finding the prospects is work. "Almost every area has unreached people which a census will reveal," he said. "A census can be made by a door-to-door search or by using the telephone."

A somewhat different method of discovering Sunday morning visitors was outlined. Pads with blanks are distributed at each pew. Members and visitors alike are asked to fill out the infor-

mation sheet. During the service the deacons or ushers sort these to determine the visitors. When the invitation begins, two of the deacons come down the aisle with the information, give it to the pastor and sit on the front pew. The deacons serve as counsellors for any who respond to the invitation. The visitors are introduced by the pastor at the conclusion of the service. On Sunday afternoon all the prospects are visited by church members.

Several persons gave testimonies on the evangelistic activities of their church. Among these was Pastor Carol Norman, Piney Church, Hot Springs, who reported the excellent effect produced by the Lay Evangelism School on his field. Norman stated that Sunday School attendance had increased 40 percent. Church Training 30 percent, and offerings 35 percent. This, he said, was a direct result of the Lay Evangelism School and the bus ministry. In addition, he has trained those who completed the Witnessing School to counsel persons making decisions in

the regular church service.

Pastor James Dwiggin, First Church, Van Buren, gave a testimony on "The Importance of Bible Preaching." He told the group that this emphasis had completely changed the activities of his church. The witnessing and outreach of the congregation has increased significantly. He said that his Bible-Study radio program had opened many opportunities to reach people. He urged other pastors to consider a similar type radio program.

Tommy Bridges, director of special ministries, Arkansas Baptist State Convention, stressed the importance of witnessing in every way possible. After enumerating ministries which churches are using to reach people for Christ, he said, "Special ministries is not giving something away. It is caring for people who hurt."

Executive Secretary Charles H. Ashcraft reported on the way our total Baptist work is progressing. He said that the Higher Education Campaign is moving well ahead of schedule. "Baptists love to do things together," emphasized Dr. Ashcraft, "and success will be ours as long as we keep reaching people as our major priority."

Dr. Ashcraft challenged those in attendance to plan to reach people. "I have preached over 300 revivals and loved such opportunities, but when we train our church members to witness we multiply our ministry," he said.

The retreat was closed with a message by Missionary Leo Hughes of Hope Association. He spoke on the subject "I Want it in my Record." He said that he wanted God's record to show that his sins were forgiven, that he was scripturally baptized, that he affiliated with a church, that he believed the Bible, that he was a soul winner and that he was faithful to God until he called him home.



Among the speakers were Leo Hughes...



... Dick King ...



... and Jesse Reed.

## Arkansan gets post with Indiana convention



Dr. Halsell

Thomas E. Halsell was recently elected as director of evangelism and stewardship for the Indiana state convention. He is the son of the W. C. Halsells of Little Rock. His father is a retired Arkansas pastor.

Dr. Halsell is a graduate of Ouachita University and holds the Th.D. degree from Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky. He has done post graduate study at Union Theological Seminary, New York, N. Y., and Oxford University, Oxford, England. His pastoral experience includes Walnut Street Church, Evansville, Ind.; Popular Avenue Church, Memphis, Tenn.; and Alberta Church, Tuscaloosa, Ala. He served as missionary to Brazil from 1955 to 1969. During this time he was president and a professor at the Equatorial Baptist Theological Seminary. His wife is the former Mary Elizabeth Tolson of Rison. They have four children.

## Arkansan gets post at academy for deaf



Barnes

Jim Barnes, interpreter for the Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy Preparatory program for Deaf Students, has been named Dean of Students at the school, effective this fall, according to an announcement from Hubert B. Smothers, academy president.

Barnes, a native of Hartford, is a graduate of Ouachita University and Southwestern Seminary. He and his wife, the former Edna Harris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Garland Harris of Alma, have completed two years of service in the US-2 Program of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, the last year of which was spent at Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy. Their first year of US-2 service was spent at Lee Junior College in Baytown, Tex., working with deaf students.

As Dean of Students, Barnes will work with head residents of the three student dormitories and will assist with the coordination of student activities.



Dr. Rheubin South, Pastor of the Park Hill Church in North Little Rock and President of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, presents a check for \$2100 to Jerre Hassell, staff chaplain at the Baptist Medical Center. The check is to provide the furnishings for a semi-private room in the new Baptist Medical Center under construction in western Little Rock. A plaque will be placed on the door denoting that the Park Hill Church gave the furnishings. Several churches, individuals and one Baptist Association have committed themselves for rooms so far. Anyone who is interested should contact Hassell, who is directing the project to seek money from interested Baptist people who want to provide the equipment for the rooms. The cost of a private room is \$1600.

## Staff changes

**Ed Lewis** has been called as pastor of First Church, Roseville. He is a student at Mid-America Seminary. He will be ordained to the ministry Oct. 7 by First Church, Paris, where he was formerly a member.



Lewis



Kennedy

**William Kennedy** has resigned as pastor of First Church, Star City to accept the pastorate of Central Church, Livingston, Tex. He has served the Star City church since November, 1968. He is a native of Camden, and holds the B.A. degree from Ouachita University

and the M. Div. degree from Southwestern Seminary. He and his wife, Rebecca, are the parents of two daughters.

**Hamp Valentine** is now serving Park Place Church, Hot Springs, as minister of education, music and youth. He is a graduate of William Carey College, Hattiesburg, Miss., and Southwestern Seminary. He has served churches in Texas, Mississippi, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Tennessee. He and his wife, Sandra, are the parents of a son and a daughter.

**David Finch** is the new minister of music at Second Church, Clarksville. He is a graduate of State College of Arkansas, and is band and choral director at Danville High School.

**Bedford Jackson** is now serving as superintendent of missions for Benton County Association. He has served as missionary for Camden and Laclede Association in Missouri for the past 11 years and eight months. Jackson is a graduate of Bentonville High School, and attended Ouachita University and Southwestern Seminary.



# Woman's viewpoint On moving the cat

By Iris O'Neal Bowen



Mrs. Bowen

When Franklin said three moves were equal to a fire, he was talking about the furniture. He never mentioned what moving can do to a working woman, strong-muscled young men, helpful daughters, or, for that matter, the family cat.

When we moved recently, our final act was to move Mama Cat. Now Mama Cat has been with us nine years and is set in her ways. The only times she was ever in a car was for trips to the vet's, and the moving activities has her upset.

Daughter had her plans well laid. She had saved back an egg case, and after retrieving Cat from under the shrubbery, she taped her into the box. Of course Cat was out before we got the car door open.

When we caught her again, I slid into the car with her feet securely locked in my hands. We did get the car doors closed before she clawed her way out of

custody. We made the trip (four or five miles by speedometer and an African safari by cat tracks) with Mama Cat clambering about the car, panting like a thirsty dog and yowling as if she had found her beginnings in a tree somewhere.

On arrival, I hand-locked her feet again, Daughter opened the house door and came back to open the car door. I started out of the car, leg over leg, and the cat tore from me again. Daughter slammed the car door on my leg, I screamed in pain, Cat screamed in terror and Daughter wailed in sorrow.

A towel finally wrapped up our problem and Mama Cat was installed in her new home. She spent two days under the couch, and still refuses to venture outside!

Age must have something to do with it. We once moved two black kittens from Oklahoma on top of the truck load of furniture and Brother and I thought it was great fun as we rode along up there with them.

Then it was supposed to be bad luck to move a cat. Today it is just bad judgment!



L. to R. standing: John Maddox, Erma Morris. Seated: W. R. Rogers, Mrs. Rogers.

## Couple is recognized for 11 years' teaching

Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Rogers of the First Church, Bearden, were honored recently by the Liberty Association and Ouachita District Joint Committee for 11 years of teaching service in the Extension Center at Camden. Rev. and Mrs. Rogers began teaching while they served Second Church, Camden, and continued to teach after moving to Bearden.

The Extension Center has majored on continuing adult education for pastors and church leaders in National Baptist churches. Mrs. Samuel Morris, in presenting a silver tray to the Rogers, complimented them on their work "which has benefited the churches in the area."

John Maddox, pastor of First Church, Camden, is chairman of the Joint Committee and has served with the couple in the Center's activities. The Center building was sold recently, and the program of work is making changes under the combined efforts of National and Southern Baptist leaders in the Camden — El Dorado area. —Robert U. Ferguson, Director, Work with National Baptists

### New subscribers:

Church	Pastor	Association
<b>New Budget:</b> Windsor Park, Ft. Smith Buffalo Chapel, Caraway Bowman, Lake City Macedonia #2, Bloomburg, Tx.	J. Harold Smith Ray Hoggard J. L. Simpson A. V. Smith	Concord Mt. Zion Mt. Zion Hope
<b>Three months free new church:</b> Open Door, Rogers	Rex Easterling	Benton
<b>One month free trial:</b> Hebron, Little Rock	James M. Evans	Pulaski
<b>New budget after free trial:</b> Mt. Olive, Arkadelphia White Oak, Walnut Ridge Wilmar	John E. Small Frank Shell Terrell Wallace	Red River Black River Bartholomew
<b>New Budget:</b> Perla	Kyle Johnson	Central



## Woman's viewpoint

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Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Rogers of the First Church, Bearden, were honored recently by the Liberty Association and Ouachita District Joint Committee for 11 years of teaching service in the Extension Center at Camden. Rev. and Mrs. Rogers began teaching while they served Second Church, Camden, and continued to teach after moving to Bearden.

The Extension Center has majored on continuing adult education for pastors and church leaders in National Baptist churches. Mrs. Samuel Morris, in presenting a silver tray to the Rogers, complimented them on their work "which has benefited the churches in the area."

John Maddox, pastor of First Church, Camden, is chairman of the Joint Committee and has served with the couple in the Center's activities. The Center building was sold recently, and the program of work is making changes under the combined efforts of National and Southern Baptist leaders in the Camden — El Dorado area. —Robert U. Ferguson, Director, Work with National Baptists

### New subscribers:

Church	Pastor	Association
<b>New Budget:</b>		
Windsor Park, Ft. Smith	J. Harold Smith	Concord
Buffalo Chapel, Caraway	Ray Hoggard	Mt. Zion
Bowman, Lake City	J. L. Simpson	Mt. Zion
Macedonia #2, Bloomburg, Tx.	A. V. Smith	Hope
<b>Three months free new church:</b>		
Open Door, Rogers	Rex Easterling	Benton
<b>One month free trial:</b>		
Hebron, Little Rock	James M. Evans	Pulaski
<b>New budget after free trial:</b>		
Mt. Olive, Arkadelphia	John E. Small	Red River
White Oak, Walnut Ridge	Frank Shell	Black River
Wilmar	Terrell Wallace	Bartholomew
<b>New Budget:</b>		
Perla	Kyle Johnson	Central



## McRae Children's Colony chaplain is employed



Pearson

Kelly Wayne Pearson has been employed as chaplain of the McRae Unit of the Children's Colony, Alexander. Kelly is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Paul Pearson of Carlisle and a sophomore ministerial student at Ouachita University.

Chaplain Pearson is employed as a student preacher and will be supported in salary and travel expense by the Missions Department of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. He will conduct worship services, counsel with residents and staff of the Colony, coordinate on-campus and off-campus activities, and represent the colony on special occasions.

Thomas M. Lewins, Cottage Life Director for the Colony, will be supervising Chaplain Pearson. Bi-monthly reports will be made to the Director of Chaplaincy Ministries of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. Pearson will be available to serve students, staff and families each Saturday and Sunday. — Wilson C. Deese, Director of Chaplaincy Ministries, Missions Department.

## Cope to preach crusade in Nigeria



Dr. Cope

Padgett C. Cope, pastor, Calvary Church, Little Rock, has been invited by the Foreign Mission Board to preach an area crusade in Ilorin Nigeria. Immediately preceding the central crusade will be a Lay Evangelism School which will be led by Dr.

Cope, Oct. 1-5. The final facet of this endeavor will be simultaneous revivals in all of the local churches of the area.

The Calvary Church voted unanimously to sponsor their pastor in this evangelistic effort which is one of 17 to be conducted by the Nigerian Baptist Convention. Two have already been held with great success.

One of the laymen from the Calvary Church will be in Ilorin during this period and will spend some time with Pastor Cope.

Other places which will be visited by Dr. Cope include Britain, Italy, Ghana, Ivory Coast, and Liberia.



Chaplains attending were (l. to r. Front Row) Harry Jacobs, Jim Kelly, Charles Ashcraft, Wilson Deese, Doyle Lumpkin, Ed McDonald, Dewie Williams. (Back Row) Jim Conard, Greg Kirksey, Roby Goff, Joe Rubert, David Crouch, Herman Voegele.

## Arkansas chaplains hold meeting

Chaplains representing four areas of service met with Chaplain James Kelly and Dr. Charles Ashcraft Aug. 19. Dr. Ashcraft, Executive Secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, welcomed Chaplain Kelly, Director of the Chaplains' Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, Atlanta, Ga., and the chaplains.

Industrial, institutional, hospital, and military chaplains participated in discussing denominational training, obligations, endorsements, and opportunities. Chaplain Kelly spoke of the investment of Baptists in each chaplain and of the denomination's right to expect certain things. He also spoke of the different areas covered by the endorsement and of the necessity to update one's endorsement when a chaplain moves from one area to another, such as moving from the military chaplaincy to industry.

Arkansas Baptists now provide the salary and support of five full-time chaplains and two part-time chaplains in our state institutions. Ours is the first state to elect a state director of chaplaincy ministries. North Carolina and Georgia have since elected state directors. State directors work with the Chaplains' Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention in promoting and encouraging all areas of chaplaincy. Some states are more involved in business and industrial chaplaincies, whereas Arkansas Baptists are in-

involved more in institutional chaplaincies. If our good rural and agricultural state continues to change to that of urban and industrial, more mission opportunities will be afforded the chaplaincies.

The chaplaincy is one way of going where people are with the Good News. It is not to keep people from coming where we are assembled, but it is to invite them to come to know God, and then to come to church. —Wilson C. Deese, Director, Chaplaincy Ministries

## Gets masters degree



Robertson

Kenneth G. Robertson has been awarded the master of arts degree in human relations by the University of Oklahoma.

Robertson is pastor of Dalark Church in Carey Association. He holds the B. A. degree from Ouachita Baptist University and the B. D. (now M. Div.) from Southwestern Seminary in Ft. Worth, Texas.

Mrs. Robertson is the former Margaret Howard of Arkadelphia. The Robertsons have two sons.

# Your state convention at work

## Foundation

### Giving through life insurance

Through the years Southern Baptists have been generous in supporting the work of their churches and their denominational causes.

People give what they can afford. Some are able to make very substantial gifts; others find it easier to give small amounts periodically. Many in the latter group would like to make a contribution that would provide something significant for Christian causes, but they feel that they are financially unable to do so.

Substantial gifts are not always beyond the means of persons with moderate income. There is a method by which every individual can make a substantial contribution and still not overburden himself financially.

Whether you are a person of moderate means or considerable wealth, life insurance provides a method for you to increase your giving power. A growing number of people have discovered that life insurance is a unique and effective means of providing money for charitable gifts or bequests.

Let's consider a man of moderate means first. How can life insurance help him make a substantial gift to his church or Christian cause?

Let's say that he has been giving his tithes and offerings regularly to his church and that he intends to continue doing so. However, he would also like to make a substantial gift that will provide something meaningful and ad-

ditional for the cause of Christ. Considering his moderate means, how does he go about this?

He can do so by purchasing a \$10,000 life insurance policy and naming the church, or the Arkansas Baptist Foundation, or some other Christian cause as owner and beneficiary. Assuming that he is 40 years old at the time of purchase, his annual premium will be approximately \$275, but the actual cost to him will not be nearly that much, not after he takes his authorized income tax deduction.

The Internal Revenue code provides that an individual taxpayer can deduct charitable contributions of up to 20 percent of his adjusted gross income, and this limit is increased to 30 percent if at least 10 percent of it represents contributions to an educational organization, a church or association of churches, or certain other qualified organizations.

If we assume that our donor is in the 32 percent tax bracket, then the premium on his policy will actually cost him a net of only \$187 annually, as compared with the \$275 before tax deductions, and, for this relatively small annual cost, a \$10,000 bequest or endowment will be provided to his church or college or other Christian cause. A donor in the 25 percent tax bracket would have a net cost, after tax deductions, of only \$206.25 for the same \$10,000 policy.

Now consider someone of the same age in the 50-percent tax bracket who wants to make a truly substantial gift to some Christian cause. He buys a \$100,000 life insurance policy and names the Arkansas Baptist Foundation or his church as owner and beneficiary. The annual premium is approximately \$2,708, but, after tax deductions for charitable contributions, his net cost is only \$1,354, a small amount when the amount of the eventual gift is considered.

There are other distinct advantages to the use of life insurance for charitable contributions. Gifts of life insurance do not significantly deplete the donor's cash assets while he is alive, but enable him to make his gift a significant one at the time of death.

Another major advantage is that life insurance proceeds payable to a charitable organization are not subject to federal estate tax in the estate of the donor.

If you wish assistance in utilizing life insurance as a means of contributing to Christian causes, contact your local insurance agent or the Arkansas Baptist Foundation. —Roy F. Lewis, Acting Executive Director

### McCall to coordinate Black studies at seminary

LOUISVILLE (BP) — Emmanuel L. McCall, associate secretary of work with National (black) Baptists at the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta, has been named coordinator of an expanded Black Church Studies Program during three annual, month-long "mini-mesters" at The Southern Seminary here.

McCall, who will retain his Home Mission Board post, has accepted the assignment for three years, 1973-76, as the seminary seeks "to increase its efforts to fill a critical need for black seminary graduates and increase understanding among whites about black church life and culture and realistic approaches to ministry in a multi-racial society," a seminary spokesman said.

A 1956 graduate of Southern Seminary, McCall, a black, has served as a visiting professor during the seminary's January interterm for three years in the Black studies program.

The seminary will add two other visiting professors to supplement McCall's efforts — William H. Rogers, director of the department of interracial cooperation for the Kentucky Baptist Convention, and Edward L. Wheeler, a black Baptist pastor from Atlanta.

## Church Training

### More about the Celebration

CHURCH: the Sunday Night Place Celebration, to be held at Immanuel, Little Rock, Oct. 25, will be a big one-day meeting similar to the State Training Union Conventions of the past. Over 1000 adults are expected to attend.

Conferences will be conducted during the morning and afternoon sessions for leaders and members in the following departments:

Preschool — Sunday School Board Worker

Children — Robert Brown, Sunday School Board

Youth — Martha Jo Glazner, Sunday School Board

Adult — Gene Wright, Sunday School Board

General Officers — Margaret Sharp and Dr. Philip B. Harris, Sunday School Board

Associational Missionaries and Directors — James Jones, Church Training Department, Louisiana

Library — Carlton Carter, Sunday School Board

A men's quartet will sing at the morning and afternoon sessions and at the banquet. A 100-voice choir under the direction of Mr. Ervin Keathley will sing at the evening session.

The climax of the one-day, three-session Celebration will be the drama, "CHURCH: the Sunday Night Place" written by Sarah Walton Miller of Houston and presented by a group from Immanuel Church under the direction of Mrs. Leslie Wilfong. Don't miss this drama which has been written specifically for this Celebration. —Ralph W. Davis

## Books offer guidance for parents

In the preface of the best-selling book, *Between Parent and Child*, by Dr. Haim G. Ginott, we find "no parent waking up in the morning plans to make his child's life miserable. No mother says to herself, 'Today I will yell, nag, and humiliate my child whenever possible.' On the contrary, in the mornings many mothers resolve 'this is going to be a peaceful day — no yelling, no arguing, and no fighting.' Yet in spite of good intentions, the unwanted war breaks out again. Once more we find ourselves saying things we do not mean in a tone that we do not like."

In our society we place a high value on our children. Yet surprisingly, we offer parents very little instructions to help them fulfill their important role as parents. We feel that parenting is "doing what comes naturally." Most of the time parents seem to know what to do and when to do it just because it seems right. However, for those

### Stewardship

## Non-Baptist praises Cooperative Program

Southern Baptists have never been particularly slow to express an opinion about those of other denominations or persuasions. Sometimes it would be well for us to listen to what others may say about us.

In recent issues of the *Baptist Standard*, the state paper of Texas Baptists, several writers have written letters to the editor concerning students from other denominations attending Southern Baptist seminaries.

The exchange of letters resulted in one from James T. Hickman, who identified himself as a member of the Assemblies of God. Hickman was a student at Southwestern Seminary in Ft. Worth and was scheduled to graduate this past May.

Hickman wrote, "We have made many friends and developed high regard for faculty and leaders, not only at the seminary but also at all SBC levels. The programs of the SBC are fine examples of an intelligent commitment to the work of Christ."

Another statement which Hickman made stood out to me. He said, "The Cooperative Program is a masterpiece."

What a testimony! This was not the promotional writing of one professionally related to the Cooperative Program,

relationship-discipline problems with children, many parents are interested in guidelines to help them improve their relationship with their children. Often I have heard parents remark, "I wonder how other parents handle these daily problems with their children."

The above-named book is simply stated, with specific words and ideas that parents can use in child guidance. His other book, *Between Parent and Teenager*, offers help in communicating with teen-agers. Both books combine good science with good common sense. The presentation is direct, fresh and easy to understand. They are practical guides; they offer concrete suggestions and preferred solutions for dealing with daily situations and psychological problems faced by all parents. While the books give specific advise, they also set forth basic principles to guide parents in living with children with mutual respect and dignity. —Johnny G. Biggs, Executive Director, Arkansas Baptist Family and Child Care Services

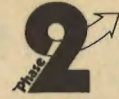
like this writer, who might be expected to say such things. This was the observation of one of another faith, who for three years had observed first hand the workings of that which Southern Baptists developed almost 50 years ago.

All of us are tempted to take those things for granted which oftentimes are most precious to us. The Cooperative Program has suffered as a result of that.

Those of us who serve in denominational life are perhaps more conscious of the value of the Cooperative Program simply because our day to day responsibilities relate more directly to it. However, it is even more vital to the churches because it makes possible an effective and economical implementation of the Great Commission, and it provides an opportunity for every Christian steward to participate in the total missionary work of his denomination.

If church leaders could, at least temporarily, stand aside and gaze objectively at the Cooperative Program like Hickman has done, perhaps the genius of the missionary tool would be impressed anew upon our minds. Then, with that vision we could lead our churches to enlarge their missionary vision and to accelerate the mission work of our denomination.

Thank you, James Hickman, for taking time to tell us something about ourselves that we sometimes forget. —Roy F. Lewis, Secretary, Stewardship-Cooperative Program Department



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

## Progress report

By Jim E. Tillman, Director

The following report reflects a concentrated effort on the part of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention to close 1973 with a decisive victory for Christian Higher Education through the Advancement Campaign. Pastors are finding their congregations eager to participate in this historic effort.

Association Program Planning Committees are including a time of recognition in the Annual Meeting this year for the churches participating in the OBU/SBC Campaign. A certificate, suitable for framing, will be presented to each of the churches involved in the Campaign.

This progress report reveals 21 churches entering the Campaign in the past 90 days. This represents approximately \$30,000 in new pledges.

Churches making commitments to the Campaign not listed in the *News-magazine* to date are:

Blue Eye, First  
Bono, Damascus  
Cedar Creek, Heavener, Oklahoma  
Elmwood, Harrison  
Emmanuel, Batesville  
Fisher Street, Jonesboro  
Freeman Heights, Berryville  
Grandview, First  
Green Forest, First  
Greenway  
Gum Springs  
Immanuel, Newport  
Lincoln, First  
Northside, Fort Smith  
Rose Bud  
Rover  
Rudd, Rule  
Salem, First  
Smithville  
Trinity, Blytheville  
Turrell, First

Associations with over 80% of their churches participating are:

Ashley .....	84%
Carroll .....	100%
Dardanelle-Russellville .....	88%
Independence .....	85%
Little Red River .....	85%
Ouachita .....	81%



# Great Day in the Morning

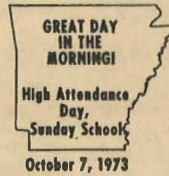


Eighth in a series of nine

Great Day in the Morning is the designation given to Sunday, Oct. 7, as a reminder to make it a high attendance day in Sunday School across the state of Arkansas.

In recent weeks a sample of special free materials was mailed pastors and Sunday School directors in over 1100 churches. This included two pieces: first, a poster to be used by classes and departments with 30 spaces for members to sign-up their intention to attend Sunday School on Oct. 7, and secondly, a sheet of 30 pin-on lapel badges to be used as reminders to everyone to truly make High Attendance Sunday a great day of attendance.

## Response overwhelming



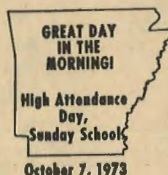
This may be the one best thing in Sunday School promotion in Arkansas to catch the imagination of leaders in many years. Our phone and mail orders and walk-in orders have sent us back to the presses three times.

Of course, the climate is right. This is the first Sunday in a new church and Sunday School year. Newly elected teachers and officers like to have a good start in a new year. This seems to help assure a good attendance. Many churches have already experienced a good year in 1972-73 in Sunday School work. For example, the state gained 6,702 in enrollment. This gain contributed significantly to the gain in baptisms last year.

Another thing in the "right climate" in Arkansas is the optimistic and positive attitude among Arkansas Baptists in the success of the Ouachita-Southern campaign. Again, cooperative program receipts are up and many churches are reporting good revivals. There is a great spirit in our state. We ought to have a Great Day in the Morning.

Another good factor in the picture is that most leaders see there is much work yet to be done. More victories to be won. More people to be enrolled. More lives to be redeemed.

## Caution



But, caution is also a good thing to remember.

A set of posters and a lapel badge will not produce a miracle. A miracle attendance can be produced only by the spirit of God as God works through Sunday School leaders and members.

Are you planning a Great Day in the Morning, the morning of Oct. 7?

Set a challenging goal. Visit and contact more people than ever before. Believe in the miracle. Believe in the goal, and work hard.

## Results



The results?

The day will prove again that a high attendance can be reached in some churches that have drifted for years at the same attendance level.

Many people will become thrilled again with joy of Christian fellowship in Sunday School.

Many people will renew their happy experience of regular Bible study.

Many people will start attending worship services.

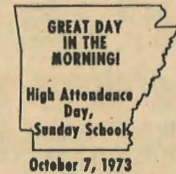
Many people will find Christ as Saviour and Lord.

Many people will be added to the church.

Many people will become better stewards.

If only a part of these things happened in some churches, it would be well worth every dedicated effort.

## The association's part



Many associational superintendents of missions have been the distribution source for the materials and promotion of Great Day in the Morning. In some associations that do not have a superintendent of missions the associational Sunday School director and moderator are helping promote the Great Day!

One key is a telephone reporting system the state Sunday School department has suggested. We have sought through the channels of associational leadership to designate one volunteer reporter who will receive by phone the Sunday School attendance from each church. We are overwhelmed that 100 percent of the associations are organized to receive this telephone attendance report. We encourage every church Sunday School director, or person designated, to phone his designated group leader and report the Sunday School attendance. He will, in turn, report final and total figures by phone to designated state Sunday School department men. The grand total attendance will be reported in the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*, Oct. 11 issue.

We encourage every church to participate, we hope for 100 percent participation in reporting.

Is your church in the plan?

Every church is asked to report its morning attendance even if posters and other special promotion was not used.

Great Day in the Morning could become an annual state project.

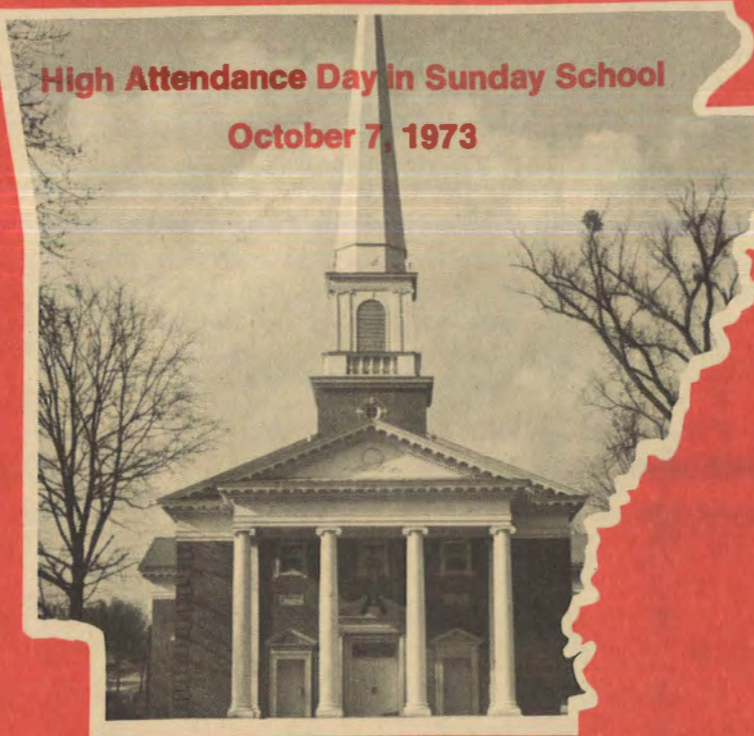
Likely it will be a national plan next year for the Southern Baptist Convention.

Have a Great Day every Sunday morning, especially Oct. 7. — Lawson Hatfield, state Sunday School department.

## Great Day in the Morning

High Attendance Day in Sunday School

October 7, 1973



Pastor Klois Hargis (right) and Chairman of Deacons Sawyer Goodwin participated in the actual burning of the note on debts of First Church, Hamburg, Aug. 26. The \$58,000 debt was to be paid in 12 years and one month, but was paid in seven years and seven months. This leaves the church also totally free of debt.

### Ten Arkansas youth on Glorieta staff

GLORIETA, N.N. — Ten youth from Arkansas have been employed this summer at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center here. Staffers from Arkansas were Elizabeth Shouse, Searcy; Jay Clack, Russellville; Carol Polk, Monticello; Bruce Hartsell and Craig Westbrook, Magnolia; Gail Burr and Janet Turner, Pine Bluff; Becky Walker, Russ Whitfield, and Teri Rosett, all from Ft. Smith. Situated on 2,500 acres in the beautiful Sangre de Christo Mountains, Glorieta Baptist Conference Center is owned and operated by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

### Two Southern Baptist TV shows accepted by Armed Forces

FT. WORTH (BP) — Two television series, "The Human Dimension" and "JOT," produced by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, have been accepted for distribution around the world by the American Forces Radio and Television Service.

"The Human Dimension," a half-hour color television series, and "JOT," a five-minute animated color cartoon for children, will be on 10 Armed Forces television circuits consisting of 55 stations in such countries as Germany, Crete, Japan, Taiwan, Thailand, Iran, Turkey, Australia, Iceland, Greenland, and the Navy base at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba.

Besides broadcasts heard in foreign countries, AFRTS' 10 circuits include a number of ships at sea with television outlets. Present ones include the USS Lexington, Constellation, J. F. Kennedy and the Independence.

The programs will be viewed by about one and a quarter million servicemen,

their families, civilian personnel attached to the Armed Forces, state department personnel in various countries and, in some countries, English-speaking members of the local population.

"Some countries restrict our broadcasting to Americans only, and we're set up on a closed circuit," said Col. Albert E. Audick, AFRTS commander. "Agreements with the countries vary and in other countries we are allowed to broadcast freely."

"The Human Dimension" and "JOT" were accepted for use by AFRTS after careful scrutiny at the Pentagon by a five-member board of Protestant, Catholic and Jewish chaplains.

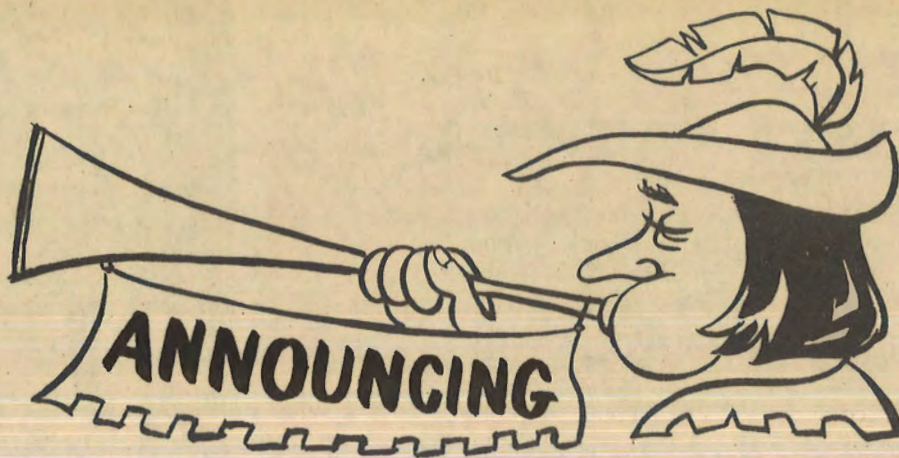
"We are excited about this new opportunity to minister to service personnel through AFRTS television outlets," said Paul M. Stevens, president of the Radio-TV Commission. "Two of our radio programs — "Country Crossroads" and "Master Control" — are already heard regularly on American

Forces radio circuits."

AFRTS previously used the commission's "The Answer" television series.

"The Human Dimension" series of dramas and documentaries is designed to help people cope with such current problems as divorce, aging, ecology, the demise of small towns, and death. "JOT" teaches children how to cope positively with such problems as stealing, lying, disobedience to parents, selfishness and unfair play.

Colonel Audick cited the programs' quality, craftsmanship and the spiritual insights they offer to persons of all faiths. Both series include segments which have won critical acclaim and national awards for excellence.



## Eight district Baptist Men's meetings in October

### Theme: Sharing the Word – through Brotherhood

All meetings will feature good singing and an inspirational message. All meetings will begin at 7:15 p.m.

October 1	North Central	Mountain Home, First Joel Moody, speaker
October 2	North West	Elmdale, Springdale Joel Moody, speaker
October 4	South West	Hope, Calvary Church William Burnett, speaker
October 8	West Central	Paris, First Lex Eaker, speaker
October 16	South East	Monticello, First Paul Dodd, speaker
October 18	Central	Lakeshore Drive, Little Rock Padget Cope, speaker
October 22	North East	Blytheville, First Darrell Whitehurst, speaker
October 26	East Central	Brinkley, First W. W. Dishongh, speaker



## Young named Baptist Press feature editor



Young

NASHVILLE (BP) — James Lee Young of Mill Valley, Calif., has been named to the newly created position of Feature Editor of Baptist Press, news service of the Southern Baptist Convention. He will begin duties in Nashville, Oct. 1, according to

W. C. Fields, director of Baptist Press.

Young, 30, a student at Golden Gate Seminary, Mill Valley, has served since March as media representative for Family Stations, Inc., an Oakland-based company which operates a string of radio stations in six major metropolitan areas.

Mrs. Katherine Bengé Chute, 22, a former copy writer for Broadman Press, publishing arm of the SBC, will also join Baptist Press, Oct. 1, as editorial assistant. She will work with Robert O'Brien, who became Baptist Press

News Editor, Aug. 15, succeeding Jim Newton.

Miss Teena Andrews, 22, currently a BP editorial assistant, will work with Young.

Before joining Family Stations, Inc., a Christian radio operation, Young served for two and-a-half years as director of news and information services at Golden Gate Seminary.

Young formerly reported for the *San Diego Evening Tribune* and managed a news and public relations operation for the U. S. Navy Seabees in Gia Le, Vietnam, and Gulfport, Miss.

He also was minister of music at First Church, San Rafael, Calif., for two years.

A native of Oklahoma, Young earned a journalism degree from California State University, San Diego, where he served as Baptist Student Union president and was managing editor of the school's daily newspaper. He was cited for achievement by both the school's journalism department and Sigma Delta Chi, national professional journalistic society.

He has completed 30 hours toward

a master's degree in religious education from Golden Gate Seminary.

Young will be responsible for feature and interpretive articles released through Baptist Press to the 33 Baptist state papers, the religious press and secular news media.

Baptist Press is a cooperative news operation among Southern Baptists, involving five bureaus, about 300 Baptist news and public relations personnel, numerous "stringers" or part-time correspondents and press representatives in 76 countries around the world.

"We are fortunate to find persons as qualified as Young and Mrs. Chute to fill out our staff and strengthen our efforts to increase the quality and breadth of Baptist Press," Fields said.

Mrs. Chute, a native of Brookhaven, Miss., is a graduate of William Carey College, Hattiesburg, Miss. She is married to Michael D. Chute, information specialist for the SBC Sunday School Board's public relations office.

Young is married to the former Glenda Charlene Melton of El Cajon, Calif.

# NEW LIFE REVIVAL

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

1200 LOUISIANA STREET — LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

SEPTEMBER 24 — 30

EVENING SERVICES  
7:30

MORNING SERVICES  
(Tuesday — Friday)  
10:00

PREACHER  
JACK TAYLOR

SOLOIST  
MARTHA BRANHAM

MUSIC DIRECTOR  
URAL CLAYTON

John B. Wright, Pastor



Rev. Jack Taylor



Mrs. Martha Branham

## Gifts by Southern Baptists still climbing

NASHVILLE (BP) — Showing a \$2.1 million increase over the first 11 months of the 1971-72 fiscal year, gifts to world missions through the Cooperative Program unified budget of the Southern Baptist Convention continued to increase through August.

When the fiscal year closes at the end of September, SBC officials feel the convention will not only reach the 1972-73 operating goal of \$31,826,184 for 19 SBC national agencies, but also may surpass all capitol funds needs through 1973.

Gifts of Baptist church members through the SBC Cooperative Program through August totaled \$30,903,115 according to figures released by John H. Williams, SBC finance planning director. That's an increase of \$2,165,628 due on the 1971-72 capital funds and the \$1,050,000 in 1972-73 capital funds," said Porter Routh, executive secretary-treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee.

"This may make it possible for the first time in many years to catch up on capital funds due and have some advance funds to help meet the erosion of inflation," Routh said. "This increase in Cooperative Program funds will be especially helpful in face of the devaluation of the U.S. dollar overseas."

Southern Baptists gave an additional \$28,629,824 in designated gifts, including contributions to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions.

Designated giving for the first 11 months was up \$3,042,317 over the same period last year. That's an increase of 11.89 percent.

Combined world missions contributions, including both designations and Cooperative Program gifts for the first 11 months, totaled \$59,532,993 — a 9.59 percent increase of \$5,207,946 over the same period last year through August.

For the month of August alone, both Cooperative Program receipts and designated giving showed large increase over August, 1972. August's Cooperative Program receipts, inflated by checks from several state conventions which failed to arrive in time for the July tabulation, totaled \$2,834,045. That's an increase of \$452,913 — or 19.02 percent — over last August.

Meanwhile designations for this August jumped 34.05 percent over last August, rising from \$305,883 to \$410,038. Designations and Cooperative Program gifts were up 20.73 percent in August, rising \$557,068 from \$2,687,015 last August to \$3,244,083 this August.

## New York Times says Baptists in Texas socially active

DALLAS (BP) — The social activism of the Southern Baptists in Texas during the recent session of that state's Legislature prompted former Presidential aide Bill O. Moyers to call it "the most effective voice in Texas on concerns of the Christian faith," a *New York Times* story reported.

The *Times* reported that Moyers, once a Baptist minister in Texas, said he overheard an oil executive in Austin, Tex., remark, "I'd rather have been Jacob wrestling with the angel than to see James Dunn walk in the door of my office."

The *Times* article continues, as follows:

Dunn is the secretary for the Christian Life Commission, the social action arm of the Baptist General Convention of Texas that works to insure passage of legislation it supports.

This year, for the first time in its 10-year history, the commission registered in Austin as an official legislative lobbyist.

Backed by an army of 1.9 million letter-writing Texas Baptists, the commission teamed up with unlikely forces to apply pressure for what Dunn calls "people-helping legislation."

After losing its bid to strike a drinking clause from the rights bill for 18-year-olds, the commission joined the brewers' lobby to successfully press for passage of traffic safety laws and family code revisions.

With Common Clause, it battled for legislative reform. While the bill was battered before passage, Dunn's associate, Phil Strickland, a lawyer, conceded that it was "basically sound and better than we had."

The Baptists were joined by Methodists and the Texas Bar Association in successfully pressing for juvenile court reform and revision of adoption processes. And they teamed up with Roman Catholics to persuade legislators to pass bilingual education bills.

They opposed aid to parochial schools and a bill to pave the way for lotteries and race track gambling. Both measures were killed in committee.

When bills concerned with drunken driving, abortion reform and school

financing were dodged by the Legislature, Dunn and Strickland vowed to apply pressure to have them introduced again during the new session.

For several years, the Baptist advocacy for social and moral reform in Texas has kept tabs on all legislators and pending bills.

"We can tell a lot about a person," Dunn said, "by finding out who serves as his campaign manager, how he feels about minorities, who is his brother-in-law, if he is a swinger . . ."

With this information, commission members appraise legislative proposals to match them with potential voting power.

"In a three-man subcommittee," Dunn said, "one vote can make the difference. If we are one vote shy on an important bill, we consult a legislator who appears to be on the fence and attempt to influence his position."

Legislative briefings are a vital link to the commission's effectiveness. Key laymen, lawyers and judges are drawn into these meetings held throughout the state.

"We give them a rundown on personalities, issues and processes," Dunn said, "and then trust them to be good contact persons for shared interests."

The Baptists are the only denomination in the state known to support an official lobby, and their diligence in speaking to moral and social issues is praised by other churchmen and legislators.

"This is one of the few groups in America that speaks to major and social issues that affect people," said Zan Holmes, Methodist superintendent and former legislator.

Joe Gordesky of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith cited the commission for "maintaining a careful, watchful eye as it promotes legislation for the people of Texas in a responsible way."

Praising its progressive approach to social issues, Representative Jim Mattox of Dallas said the commission "is extremely effective as a lobby, sometimes swaying just enough votes. It operates on a one-to-one basis by knowing a Representative and his supporters."

# Church buildings damaged by disasters in Mexico

MEXICO CITY (BP) — Several Baptist church buildings and homes of many church members were damaged in the earthquake that struck South Central Mexico Aug. 27 and in a flood a week earlier in Irapuato in Central Mexico, according to David Daniell, Southern Baptist representative in Mexico.

Reports indicated no harm to property of Southern Baptist representatives — just local Mexican Baptists.

Although worship services were held Sunday, Sept. 2, at the Baptist church in Calipan, the building was so damaged structurally by the earthquake the government condemned it.

"It will take at least \$40,000 to rebuild and repair these church buildings and homes," said Agustín Acosta, promoter of missions for the National Baptist Convention of Mexico.

Eduardo De La Flor, president of the Central Baptist Association, Acosta and Daniell toured the earthquake area, observing Baptist families living in the open air until they could secure some free building materials from the government.

A Baptist church in San Gabriel, Chilac, suffered extensive damage and, according to Daniell, will probably need to be rebuilt. The church's pastor, Lazaro Gonzales, said, "Things were falling all over the place and pure

instinct told us to get under the bed for protection.

We recalled the recent earthquake in Nicaragua and the extensive damage and suffering there and wanted to visit all the church members immediately," he continued. "All were in Sunday School this morning, praising God and content to be alive."

A doctor whose husband is pastor of the church in Tehaucan said the most urgent need among earthquake victims is not food and clothing but architects, contractors and bricklayers to help reconstruct homes and churches.

Carlos Medellin, pastor of First Baptist Church, Puebla, having returned from a medical mission trip to the stricken area, said the tragedy had opened doors to witness about the love of God.

"People who don't normally seek God are doing so in this time of great need, presenting a tremendous evangelistic opportunity for the church," reported Medellin.

Baptists in Irapuato were also thankful to God for saving their lives during the recent flood. Evangelical churches of all faiths rushed aid to the people of Irapuato, Daniell said.

One week before the earthquake, a ruptured dam forced water from the Lerma River down on Irapuato, a city of 150,000 people, leaving 45 persons

dead and 300 missing. Residents had only a few moments to evacuate after being told of the break in the dam.

Eight of the 40 families at Irapuato's First Baptist Church lost all of their possessions and all church families suffered some loss.

Some people took refuge in First Baptist Church during the ordeal. Drinking water was scarce and police distributed chlorine tablets for the available water and plastic garbage sacks for the debris.

Conasupo, the government's basic commodities bureau, distributed beans and rice to the hundreds of people who stood in line for food, but there was not enough to feed everyone.

One elderly woman said during a thanksgiving service at the church, "We haven't eaten in two days, but thanks be to God for saving our lives and leading us through the difficulty."

Josue Gonzales, pastor of the Irapuato church, has named a committee to give aid to stricken refugees, including some church members.

The most pressing needs in Irapuato are for mattresses, blankets, clothing, food and medicine, Gonzales said.

Charles Bryan, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's area secretary for Middle America and the Caribbean, said, "As relief funds are received by the board, money will be made available to Mexican Baptists to purchase these needed items."

In addition, Bryan said, the board is in contact with the Southern Baptist representatives in Mexico, and is ready to provide other relief money upon receipt of specific requests from the Mexican mission.

From Washington, D.C., Carl Tiller of the Baptist World Alliance said the BWA also "stands ready to lend additional assistance as we receive reports of needs." The BWA has already sent \$1,000 to the National Baptist Convention of Mexico.

Tiller said no reports have yet come in from three other BWA affiliated bodies who have "fraternal ties" with Baptist work in Mexico. They are the American Baptist Churches, the Baptist General Conference and the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference.

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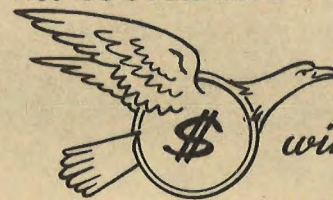
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## Experiences of Antigua mission change lives of Georgia youth

By Robert E. LaFavre  
Associate Editor, THE CHRISTIAN INDEX



**YOUTH CHOIR VISITS LEPER COLONY:** Mrs. Frances Attwood, from the Pearn's Leper Colony on the British West Indies island of Antigua, sang and played with the youth choir of the First Baptist Church of Marietta, Ga., during the choir's recent mission tour. (BP) photo by Robert LaFavre

ANTIGUA — In 10 days on the island of Antigua a Georgia youth choir conducted church services, street meetings, witnessed in a leper colony, produced radio shows, appeared on live television twice and visited homes of the unsaved, a home for the aged and a delinquent boys home.

They saw 20 decisions made, five of them professions of faith. They experienced some warm welcomes, and some not so warm. They went without electricity and water, ate exotic foods and gained experiences that would affect them all their lives.

Months of preparation and prayer

sent the youth choir of First Baptist Church, Marietta, Ga., to the British West Indies island of Antigua to witness and do mission work through arrangements with the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

The 21 young people, 15-17 years old, had worked in integrated Vacation Bible School and were prepared to minister to the 90 percent black population on the island.

The people of Antigua are a religious people, but not a spiritual people. Conversations in stores and shops will often center around the Bible and use the name of Jesus, but usually just to gain one's particular point. The Bible has been used to justify killing and violence, even acts of immorality. Everyone knows who Jesus is, but few have really let Him have an impact on their lives.

Baptists are the smallest group on this tropical island where most everyone claims membership in some church. Into this Southern Baptist Foreign mission point went the Marietta church minister of youth Jim Ramsey, minister of music Fred Hood, sponsors Mrs. Evelyn Garrett and Mrs. Beth Elkins and the 21 youth.

Their 2,000 mile journey led them one afternoon to the Pearn's Leper Colony where they met an old woman whose skin seemed both wrinkled and drawn. Her hands were nubs, her legs unable to support her. She pulled herself across the rough unpainted planks of her porch to talk with her visitors.

They sang. She played a hymn on her harmonica, later bursting into singing "Lord Speak to Me that I May Speak." She launched into a sermon that would drop many a preacher into second place.

Another day the Marietta group set up speakers at a bus station in a heavily populated area. They sang, passed out tracts and spoke personally of Jesus Christ.

An Antiguan policeman stopped to listen and Beth Elkins shared scriptures passages with him from a Bible she later gave him. Before the afternoon was over he said, "I want to accept this Jesus who can heal my sinful ways."

On Sunday of the group's visit 216 persons came to Sunday School at St. John's Central Baptist Church, host for the Georgia group. Many of the visiting young people helped with the children's departments. During the service the choir sang, members gave testimonies and Ramsey preached. People left their seats to kneel in prayer

at the front of the church, and discuss their decisions with interim pastor Lambert Mills.

Mills, a native of St. Kitts, Antigua, interrupted his studies at Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, to serve as pastor of the church at the request of the membership and Foreign Mission Board personnel.

The choir sang each night at the church. The members went into the congregation to welcome each person.

Monday afternoon the group and church members went by pairs to witness in the homes of the islanders. A beach picnic on Tuesday brought the choir and the teens of the church together. Diving for coral and octopus hunting were part of the afternoon's festivities.

On a visit Wednesday to the Fiennes Institute for the aged and ill, the group was confronted again with the physical and spiritual needs of the people.

The choir visited St. John's Boys Training School on the crest of the highest hill overlooking the harbor city. Choir members witnessed individually to the boys housed in the unlocked, unfenced facility. Many of the boys are there because of violation of laws, others because they need protection from home environment.

The Georgians went into the Villa area to witness in homes and on the streets. An unmarried young woman lived in one house with her three children and great-aunt. She had a 10-day-old baby in her arms. She was told of the love of Jesus, given one of the 200 New Testaments the group brought to Antigua and invited to church.

The United States Naval facility on Antigua was the site of special services on Saturday.

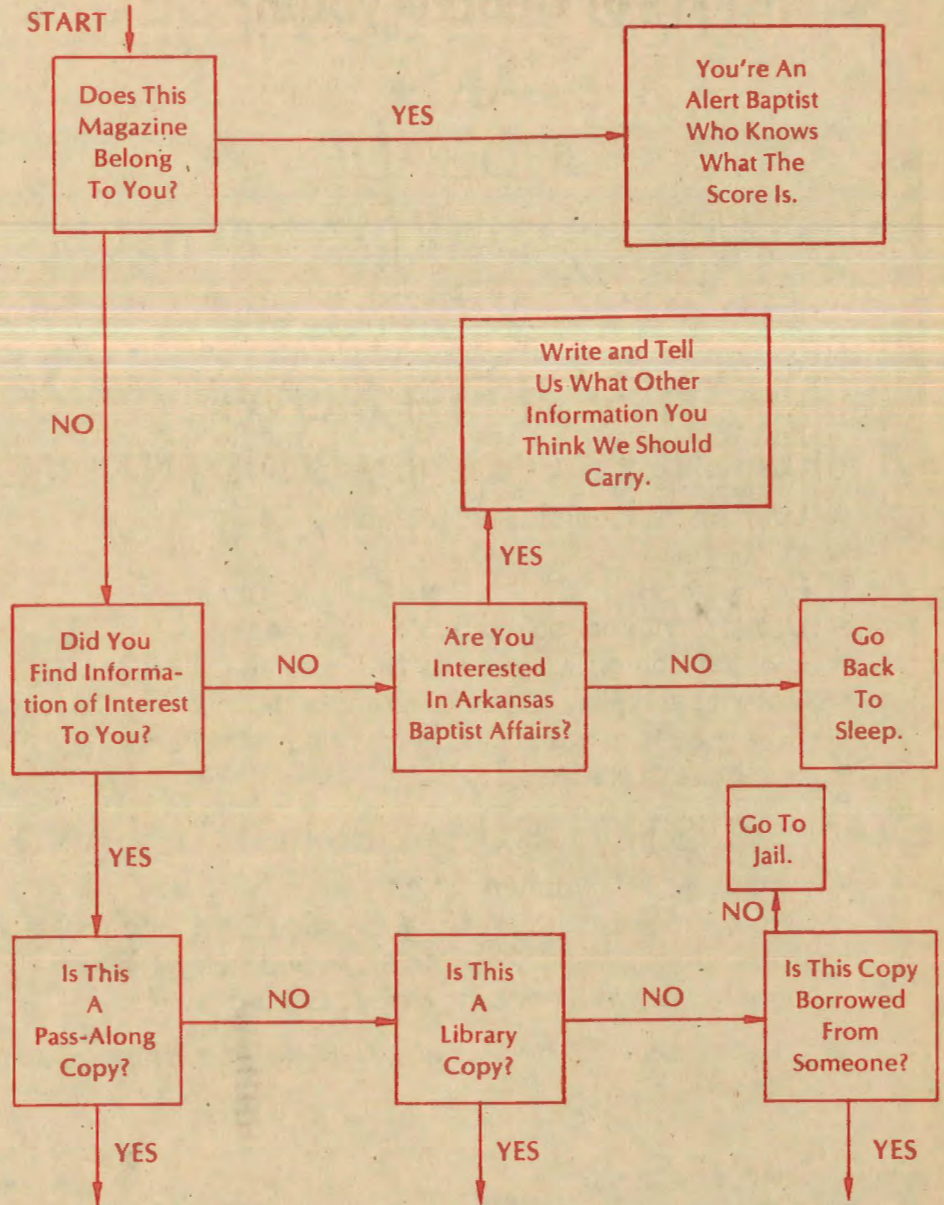
Sunday the two closing services of the revival had good attendances. Genuine expressions of appreciation for the ministry of the Marietta Baptists were expressed.

During their stay on the island the group had seen poverty beyond their expectations and natural beauty that enhanced their concept of God's creativity. They were shaken by the suffering they witnessed and strengthened by their own deprivations during a utility crisis.

The choir took home lovely memories, but most of all they carried back with them experiences that changed their lives and would shape their destinies.

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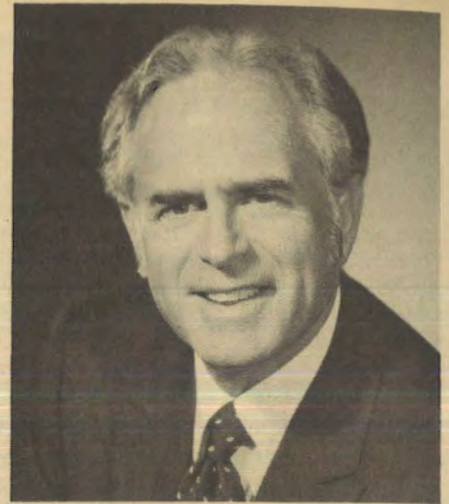
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# Ministers of reconciliation

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The preceding studies in this unit have made clear the difficulties and divisions that threatened the effectiveness of the church at Corinth. Disobedience, disbelief, and disharmony were eating away like a deadly cancer at the very

heart of the church's fellowship. Church members had allowed human weakness to rob them of the power of God. As Paul wrote in I Corinthians 3:1-3, they were carnal and not spiritual. There was an obvious need for radical and drastic spiritual revival.

Reconciliation was the great need at Corinth. Reconciliation is the urgent need among our churches today. The word Paul uses in these verses for reconciliation is a combination of two Greek words. The literal meaning of the compound word might be translated "to be changed in conformity with." Paul is calling for church members, as well as those outside of Christ, to be changed in conformity with the will of God.

As Paul points out in II Corinthians 5:18, all Christians have been changed with the ministry of reconciliation. The motto of the Army Chaplaincy is "To bring men to God, and God to men". The military chaplain is a man who stands in the gap, making clear the claims of God on the lives of men. He is basically a ministry of reconciliation. So it is with all of us who are truly "in Christ," for we must mutually share Christ. We must speak at all times in the name of the Lord. We are not responsible for the message, but only for transmitting it rightly. It is from start to finish a message of reconciliation, and we are all the ministers of reconciliation.

### The need of reconciliation (II Cor. 5:19)

Man's most basic need is reconciliation with God. Basically, the root of the evil conditions in the world is sin, and sin separates men from God. The mere fact that man must be reconciled with God implies a broken relationship. Paul insists that the grounds of this broken relationship is man's own trespasses and sin.

Man was created for the express purpose of serving God. When sin entered

into his life, he ceased to serve God and was hopelessly separated from God. The relationship was broken, and reconciliation was needed. In his sinful condition, man continues to transgress against the will of God. He still needs to be changed in conformity with the will of God. Reconciliation is still his most basic need.

### The manner of reconciliation (II Cor. 5:21)

Sinful man cannot change himself into the likeness of God. He lost the perfect image of God in Genesis 1:27 through his own deliberate sin in Genesis 3:6. He cannot recover that likeness through his own efforts, goodness, or determination. He cannot change, but he must be changed. The transformation took place on Calvary, and in II Corinthians 5:21, Paul says that Christ wrought the change on man's behalf. A great substitution took place. He was made sin for us, and we are counted righteous through him.

Dr. B. H. Carroll called this verse the strongest passage in the word of God on the doctrine of substitution. He wrote, "The method of reconciliation is to impute the man's sins to Christ, and not to the man, an impute Christ's righteousness to the man. Christ is to be accounted a sinner in the place of the man, and the man righteous in the place of Christ. God made the just one to take the place of the unjust one."

The change has been effected through substitution. The sinner is declared righteous, and the debtor is declared free. Dr. Carroll writes "If a brother owes \$100 and the surety pays it, the creditor cannot collect that \$100 from the original debtor, for the debt has been paid by the surety." So it is with our sin debt, so long as we willingly accept the finished work of Christ which has wrought reconciliation on our behalf.

### The results of reconciliation (II Cor. 5:15-17)

In order to see the full benefit of reconciliation, we need to begin reading with verse 15. Paul mentions three changes that come through being

brought into conformity with the will of God.

First, having come to Christ no man any longer lives unto himself. (II Cor. 5:15) He ceases to live for his own interest, desires, and advantages. He begins to live solely for Jesus and for his glory. Whatever he does, he does for Christ. Christ increases, and he decreases.

Second, he no longer judges others according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit of Christ. (II Cor. 5:16) Human standards of judging men were abolished at the cross. That man truly "in Christ" recognizes and loves his brother in Christ, regardless of money, intellect, race, nationality, birth, appearance, etc. The love of Christ transcends all human values, and the great common denominator to Christians everywhere is that Christ loves us, died for us, and rose again! He is our identity.

Third, all things are become new (II Cor. 5:17.) He is re-made. He is infinitely different now from what he was at his best before. His appearance may or may not be radically changed, but all things appear different to him. The substance around him may or may not be changed, but he is substantially changed. He has a new name, a new heart, a new outlook, and a new destiny.

### The time of reconciliation (II Cor. 6:2)

James Reid writes in the *Interpreters Bible* that "The most tragic thing in the world is to see slaves who refuse freedom, sick persons who refuse healing, and exiles in bitter need who will not see that the Father's door stands open." Paul declared that anything so great as this new life in Christ must not be put off, but should be put on immediately. It's a free gift, available to sinners, in the accepted time. "We pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God;" and . . . "now is the accepted time."

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# Zechariah: our God is able

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lieve it.

The non-Christian does not know "our God is able;" nor is he able to say it. But, the Christian should anchor his hope upon the fact and allow our God to prove that he is able.

The captive Jews who returned to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple and the city found themselves discouraged, despondent, hopeless, and at a standstill in the reconstruction efforts. Zechariah faced the situation. Zechariah said to the people "our God is able."

Zechariah's name was a common one in Israel. It means "Remembered of the Lord." He is described as the son of Berechiah and the grandson of Iddo the prophet (1:1). This means that Zechariah was a member of the priestly family of Iddo. This family came from Babylon when Zerubbabel led the group back to Jerusalem.

He was a co-laborer with Haggai. He began his work about two months after Haggai began but continued about two years longer. He was idealistic and used colorful word pictures. Yet, he insisted on the necessity for political and religious action.

Sixteen years previously they began to rebuild the temple but opposition, poverty, and enemies delayed their work. Now the people had been awakened from their lethargy and began to rebuild the temple. Their enemies were persistent and cruel. They were poor. Drought and disease had ruined their crops. They were discouraged. It seemed that even God was against them.

Haggai had aroused their enthusiasm and they had begun anew the work on the temple. Then the younger prophet Zechariah came to his aid. The book opens with a call to repentance. This is followed by eight visions. These are to encourage the Jews to finish the temple, to rebuild the city and to re-establish their religion and government.

## The measuring line

The man with the measuring line was the third recorded vision of Zechariah (2:1-5.)

A surveyor came into Zechariah's vision. He has his measuring instrument in his hand and he is going about his business. The "measuring line" seems to be a sign of hope for Jerusalem. It was the normal process to get the correct measurements for the construction of anything, including a city, or wall, or building.

When asked where he was going, the man with the line says he is going to take the measurements of the city Rebuilding Jerusalem was the issue of the day. This was a man of purpose; a man with a vision. He was going to relate his vocation and life to the issue. This man had not fallen to apathy and indifference. The things of the nation and his people were more important than his personal affairs.

This man looks like a leader. He knows what he is doing. He has taken hold of his task. He is serious about it. He is an example for this modern age.

In verse 3 two angels appear. The angel that had been interpreting the visions to Zechariah "went forth" and the second angel appeared with a message. The meaning of the measuring is explained to Zechariah through the brief interchange between the two angels.

The angel who was to speak to the young man was instructed to run. He was moving rapidly to his task. He was a man of zeal. The angel had to run to intercept him. The young man felt it urgent to rebuild the city. The temple must not lie in ruins any longer. But his plans needed correction. He was going to measure walls. Jerusalem was to be a city without walls. This was to be God's city and he would give instructions concerning it.

"Jerusalem shall be inhabited as towns without walls for the multitude of men and cattle therein" (v. 4). The people of Zechariah's time could not even imagine today's modern city with its suburbs extending in all directions without visible limit. They thought a great city must be protected by mighty walls. Those who lived outside the city could retreat to the walled city for pro-

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## Life and Work

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Zechariah 2:1-5; 4:6-10; 7:8-10

tection during time of crisis.

The Lord will be like a wall of fire protecting the city. (v. 5.) The presence of the Lord in the city will provide the glory and the distinctive characteristic that is needed. Fire and glory were signs of God's presence.

## God will enable completion of the assignment

Zerubbabel was the governor of Judah, who was given the responsibility for rebuilding the temple.

The last part of verse 6 is so often quoted, "Not by might, nor by power, but my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." Zerubbabel may look forward to the completion of his task, but the accomplishment belongs to the Spirit of God.

"Might" refers to collective power, force of men or of means, military or governmental power. "Power" signifies force. Taking both phrases together ("Not by might, nor by power") means that success in our task as a church or an individual does not depend on the combined strength of men or the ability and drive of any individual.

Zerubbabel was to rely completely upon God. The Spirit is the source of all moral achievement. God expects us to do our very best and to make every effort of which we are capable, but the power is from God. We are to understand that, admit it, and rely upon it.

Even the great mountain (v. 7) before Zerubbabel would melt away and become like a plain. The mountain represents a hindrance to the completion of the task. It may be a great pile of rubble left from the destruction of the former temple and city; or the lack of effective leadership, temporal or spiritual, which loomed like a mountain over the people; or the opposition provided by their enemies. Whatever it might be, it would be no obstacle for people under the power and leadership of the Spirit.

"The headstone" which Zerubbabel would bring forward could mean the foundation or corner stone; or it could mean the keystone in the arch. In either case it was to be brought forth with great rejoicing on the part of the people; with mighty shouting.

Verse 9 recognizes Zerubbabel's work in beginning the rebuilding of the temple and carries the promise that he will complete it. Success was assured as long as they followed the Spirit's leadership.

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## Life and Work lesson

(From page 22)

"Who hath despised the day of small things" (v. 10.) Any small thing done for the glory of our Lord is not to be taken lightly or despised. In this case "day" seems to refer to the day they began reconstruction of the temple.

The "plummet" in Zerubbabel's hand indicates a lead weight used by a mason to determine if a wall is truly perpendicular. "Those seven . . . are the eyes of the Lord." They range through the whole earth as instruments of activity of an unseen God.

### God instructs in right relationships

Zechariah again speaks for God. He pointed out the kind of life God requires of his people. Justice and compassion are to be shown to our "brother." True judgment is faithful to its standard, to the law, and to the Lord, who gave the law. Mercy and compassion should season even their just treatment of one another.

These are the same ethical practices God had commanded earlier. Disregard of God's requirements led to the eventual downfall and captivity of the children of Israel. The prophets had continually warned the people. They did not listen. Now Zechariah is again confirming these practices as God's requirements.

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"My husband has disappeared," a lady explained to the girl at the classified desk of the local newspaper, "I'd like to put an ad in the paper to ask him to return. How much will it cost?"

"Our standard charge is a dollar an inch," replied the girl.

"Well, I guess I'd best forget it then," said the woman, "I can't afford that much money. My husband is six feet four!"

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Two exasperated company executives were discussing a scatterbrained office boy who had a habit of fouling up important errands.

"How long has he been with us, anyway?" asked one of the executives.

"He's never been with us," replied the other. He's been against us from the start."

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When Harry Truman became President, Sam Rayburn took him aside to give him some advice. "From here on out you're going to have lots of people around you. They'll try to put a wall around you and cut you off from any ideas but theirs. They'll tell you what a great man you are, Harry. But you and I both know you ain't."

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A farmer was filling his lamps and trimming the wicks one day when a stranger stopped and asked for a drink of water.

The visitor said he was surprised to see the farmer still using kerosene lamps when rural electricity was available.

"Don't you want electric current?" he asked.

"Oh, we've got it in case we ever need it," the farmer replied. "But so far we haven't had to use it because we've never run out of kerosene."

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Bentonville			
First	252		2
Mason Valley	81	46	
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First	157	54	
Freeman Heights	131	37	
Rock Springs	87	49	
Blytheville, Gosnell	214	88	4
Booneville			
First	223	200	1
Glendale	99	54	
Cabot, Mt. Carmel	213	79	
Cherokee Village Mission	73	22	3
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Conway, Second	393	86	3
Crossett			
First	510	151	2
Magnolia	170	109	
Mt. Olive	368	202	4
Dermott, Temple	135	66	2
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Grand Avenue	753	358	13
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Grandview	82	56	
Greenwood, First	313	104	3
Greers Ferry, West Side	116	44	3
Hampton, First	139	81	3
Hardy, First	68	26	
Harrison, Eagle Heights	310	120	
Helena, First	269	86	
Hot Springs			
Grand Avenue	252	163	1
Leonard Street	92	69	4
Park Place	414	114	9
Hope			
Calvary	180	91	
First	467	111	6
Hughes, First	242	61	6
Jacksonville			
First	405	64	6
Marshall Road	309	104	
Jonesboro			
Central	483	161	6
Nettleton	269	85	
North Main	1620	284	35
Lake City, Dixie	46	54	2
Lake Village, Parkway	58	34	
Lambrook, First	139	93	1
Lavaca, First	367	138	
Lexa	171	85	1
Little Rock			
Crystal Hill	163	83	
Geyer Springs	744	193	2
Life Line	658	173	
Martindale	119	62	4
Woodlawn	103	42	
Magnolia, Central	682	229	2
Melbourne, Belview	177	97	1
Monticello, Second	250	108	3
Mountain View, First	162	84	6
North Little Rock			
Baring Cross	597	162	
Calvary	425	160	1
Gravel Ridge	201	87	
Levy	454	160	2
Park Hill	842	84	5
Paragould			
East Side	217	94	1
First	500	147	
Paris, First	585	90	19
Pine Bluff			
Centennial	155	65	
East Side	232	137	1
First	694	137	1
Green Meadows	78	35	
Second	161	60	7
Prairie Grove, First	174	83	
Rogers, First	660	151	3
Roland, Natural Steps	84	45	
Russellville			
First	475		3
Second	146	78	1
Springdale			
Berry Street	114	61	
Caudle Avenue	119	43	
Elmdale	352	102	1
First	944		5
Oak Grove	82	27	
Uniontown	110	69	
Van Buren, First	530	259	1
Mission	31		
Vandervoort, First	48	22	
Warren			
Immanuel	217	51	
Westside	67	45	
West Helena			
Second	216	110	4
West Helena Church	282	69	
W. Memphis, Vanderbilt Ave.	116	55	1
Wooster, First	90	75	

# Meat crisis causes menu changes in Texas churches

By John Rutledge

DALLAS (BP) — Members of many Texas Baptist churches may find themselves eating Wednesday night supper at home now that the meat price ceiling has been lifted.

Rising food costs and the meat shortage have already forced most church kitchens to raise their prices and change their menus. Skyrocketing meat prices expected in the fall may prove these measures to be too little, too late.

First Church in Dallas, largest church in the Southern Baptist Convention, which operates a seven-day-a-week cafeteria, has raised the price of its plate dinners 25 cents and is serving more casseroles, dietician Eva Gass said.

"I hear that meat will be so high you can't serve it. We've already started serving meat with soy additives," she said.

There are no plans to cut down on serving hours.

"Most church kitchens operate in the red," Miss Gass said. "We've managed to keep our heads above water until now."

Cecil Douglas, music-youth director at Grandview Baptist Church, El Paso, Tex., described the meal situation there as a "losing proposition."

He said he began buying food six months ago from a neighborhood grocer who gives the church a discount, but it may not help after the ceiling is lifted.

"It hasn't been discussed in any church committee, but my personal opinion is that we might discontinue the supper or go to a covered-dish meal," Douglas said.

Travis Avenue Church, Ft. Worth, has not raised its meal prices, but, "we're hurting," business administrator Doyle Chauncy said.

"I haven't run any cost analysis, but we need to go up on our prices. We are losing money," he added.

He said some dishes had been cut from the menu and the quality had gone down. "We've gone to more precooked foods like lasagna rather than cook it ourselves."

First Church, Wichita Falls, Tex., raised the price of its Wednesday night supper 35 cents at the first of the summer and has been serving more fish, poultry and meat loaf dishes. Business administrator Lloyd English said the new prices may affect attendance during the school year.

"We'll just face it when it comes," he said.

First Church, Irving, Tex., has informed its members that meat dish prices will be figured on a weekly basis. Sagamore Hill Church, Ft. Worth, began pricing food items individually rather than by the plate. First Church, San Antonio, has raised the price of its Wednesday night meal from 75 cents to \$1.

First Church, Beaumont, Tex., is considering raising its price because "it's costing us way more than we're taking in," business administrator Jimmy Sheffield said. "Everything is so unsettled, we're just waiting to see what happens."

Some Texas Baptist churches were more fortunate than others during the beef shortage. First Church, Longview, has a larger-than-average freezer and bought the beef it needed in advance.

"We have a multitude of pensioners and we're trying to work this to their convenience, but sometime we will have to impose the cost on them," Charles Vermillion, business administrator, said.

"Three weeks from now, though, we're going to be in such a drastically different arena that I don't know how we'll manage."

First Church, Amarillo, which serves an average of 30,000 meals per year, has raised the price of its dinner from \$1.25 to \$1.55 and has bought food to last a month.

Dietician Mrs. H. C. Burke Jr. said she feels the kitchen should be non-profit but self-supporting and therefore prices will have to go up.

"I'm scavenging meat substitute recipes like never before, but I have to please little children and older people with finicky appetites," she said.

"I haven't seen the supply problem this bad in the eight years I've been dietician," she said, "but I'm not pushing any panic button."

Mrs. Burke said she tries to ease the problems by reading agricultural reports, buying in advance and informing the church members about the situation.

"I try to take time to explain to the people why this year's banquet costs more than last year's, she said. "We need to work at communicating with the people."

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## HMB adds staffer, reassigns another

GLORIETA, N.M. (BP) — The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board meeting in summer session here added a research consultant for planning national missions strategy and reassigned another staff member to the department of interfaith witness.

Leonard O. Hinton Jr., for 10 years with the research section of the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, was named research consultant in the planning and coordination section of the mission agency effective Oct. 1.

Kate Ellen Gruver, book editor for the past 13 years, accepted a position as a specialist related to the Muslim religion and Arab language work, utilizing skills gained while serving for 12 years as a missionary in Israel.

Hinton, a native of Dacula, Ga., and a graduate of Georgia Tech, was a textile engineer before going to the Sunday School Board in 1963.

Leonard Irwin, executive assistant over the planning and coordinating section, said Hinton would provide instruments for planning a national Baptist mission strategy, work with state conventions in special projects related to their planning, and aid in the evaluation process of a national strategy.

Miss Gruver, also worked at the Baptist Sunday School Board before coming to Atlanta in 1960.

She was children's book editor with Broadman books. At the Home Mission Board she has been responsible for production of books needed for mission work.

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