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Baptist Foundation Month

## One layman's opinion

# Things of earth, dim or clear?



Dr. Grant

One of the little choruses I "grew up on" during my high school and college days and still enjoy singing, is "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus." Thanks to a European Baptist who helped me take a fresh look at the words I was singing in this chorus, I am about ready to propose a change in the wording of it.

As is so often the case, the title or first phrase becomes the theme that we think of when we sing it, and, as the years go by, it is easy to enjoy the melody without thinking in too much detail about the message. Dr. Klaus Meister, president of the European Baptist Federation, was speaking at the meeting of the Baptist World Alliance in Einsiedeln, Switzerland, and disagreed with the statement that "the things of earth will grow strangely dim" when we "turn our eyes upon Jesus." He suggested that the things of earth (our problems, the needs of our neighbor, and the opportunities of living in this world) will "grow strangely clear" — not dim — when we turn our eyes upon Jesus.

I had never thought of this before and found myself thinking "I wish I had said that."

It would be wrong to suggest an overly simplistic answer to every earthly problem simply by "one look at Jesus," but I do believe there is eternal truth in the unusual paradox that the answer to the problems of the secular world can only be found ultimately by looking away from the secular world to Jesus.

Of course, there is one sense in which the writer of the chorus was correct. As we look to Jesus our own worldly desires should become less and less important to us (taking thought for what we eat or drink or the clothes we wear), but I believe the world today needs the message in Klaus Meister's revised version more than it needs the original version.

A good daily prayer for each of us would be that the things of earth may become strangely clear, that God's will may be done on earth through us. — Daniel R. Grant, President, Ouachita Baptist University

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ARKANSAS BAPTIST NEWSMAGAZINE

## The church's constitution



Editor Sneed

It would be difficult to over-emphasize the importance of a church constitution. Unfortunately, many of our churches have never taken the time to develop such a document.

A constitution can make a smoother running organization and eliminate many potential problems. Since every Southern Baptist church is individually autonomous, each member should have an understanding of his own situation.

Many other denominations follow a fixed method of operation outlined by those having authority over the local congregation. In Baptist life there is no such ecclesiastical authority; therefore, each congregation develops its own pattern for caring on the Lord's work.

Such freedom is New Testament in origin. Furthermore, Christians responsible only to the Saviour seem to become more deeply involved in the kingdom's work. But serious misunderstandings do sometimes arise.

Several years ago a rural church congregation involved in a serious disagreement called a business meeting. A knowledgeable person had been enlisted to maintain parliamentary procedure. But some ill-informed members voted "not to have any" parliamentary law. "We'll make it up as we go along," a spokesman declared. Needless to say, chaos was the order of the day.

Had the church had a constitution at least some of their problems would have been avoided. Obviously, a part of every constitution should deal with the guidelines for business procedure.

In some instances the constitution can serve as legal protection for a congregation. A missionary in another state tells of a situation in which a well-written constitution discouraged a group of would-be thieves from plying their trade. It all began on a Sunday morning when the small Southern Baptist congregation beamed in wideeyed amazement as a large group of visitors arose on the first strand of the invitation and marched down the aisle to unite with the church on the promise of a letter. Before the week had passed the missionary received a visit from one of the group's spokesman who boldly announced their purpose. "You may have noticed that we have your people out-numbered, next Sunday it is our intent to exclude all the old members and take over the church. After that it will be a simple matter for us to withdraw the church from the Southern Baptist Convention and affiliate with our own fellowship."

"Perhaps," replied the missionary "but I doubt it will be worth your while, since the authorities will soon evict you from our property." So saying he showed his sad guest the constitution and the deed

which provided that the property must be forfeited if the church were to withdraw from the Southern Baptist Convention.

The next week there was a quiet exodus of the new members who had united with the church so unexpectedly. Thus the congregation was protected from the trauma of a legal involvement and the possible loss of their property which they had labored so long to provide.

A constitution should be carefully and prayerfully developed. It should contain guidance on such important matters as calling a pastor, the ordaining of deacons, the basic committees and organization of the church, etc.

If your church does not have a constitution, it would be wise to develop one. If you do, steps should be taken to acquaint the membership with its provisions. In so doing the Lord's work will be strengthened and your church will function more effectively.

## The unity of a church

One of the greatest joys both to God and man is a church which is working in unity and harmony. Sometimes this is not the case. It seems that a few feel called to oppose everything that is proposed. The question then arises "How can a church be unified?" "How can a congregation maintain its togetherness?" We have heard that "a house divided against itself can not stand." It should be remembered that there are several things which can and should unify a church.

Of prime importance in unifying a church is the Holy Spirit. The pastor, staff and deacons should receive power and direction of the Holy Spirit. Sometimes this may require time and prayer. The New Testament is clear that the Holy Spirit enlightens, motivates, and empowers. Once a direction has been determined the church leaders should magnify each other and work as one.

The mission work of the church will unify the congregation. We have yet to see a church which is experiencing significant disturbance where missions are being adequately supported on all levels. As one studies the question as to what a church should be, he will discover that missions is the plumb line. When a church makes missions its purpose for "being" and "doing" other sometimes irritating things will disappear.

The pastor, the staff, and the deacons can unify a church as they move together to accomplish their God-given purpose. It should always be remembered that the church is to heal a broken community. Sin

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## The unity of a church (From page 3)

has produced discord in the lives of scores of people to whom every church is commissioned to witness. Beyond doubt, confusion and inconsistent Christian lives are key factors in dulling a church's outreach.

Fellowship in a congregation is admonished in the Scriptures and evidences a healthy congregation. Fellowship in the New Testament sense can not be equated with youth activities, suppers, fellowship

**I must say it!**

### Witnessing is for everybody



Dr. Ashcraft

Baptists have the image of a witnessing people. They are excited about an exciting Christ and are always calling attention to it. Their most gratifying achievement is that witnessing is now considered everybody's business. They no longer employ an associate pastor or a church visitor to do all the soul winning.

They are practicing the ancient New Testament pattern of every Christian a witness of his faith in all the walks of daily life. This is the most advanced concept in the field of evangelical faith in the 20th Century.

Our pastors set a good example. They are also training the rank and file to present their faith in a meaningful witness. It is really working.

The executive secretary is committed strongly and deeply to this aspect of witnessing which encourages the lay people to exercise their gifts and talents in presenting Christ to others.

The Baptist Building staff is committed to this task and many prefer to do a lay witnessing school using WIN materials to conducting a revival because the school has the longer lasting influence. The execu-

tive secretary has taught two such schools and will accept as many as his crowded schedule will permit. He has observed witnessing on a greater scale by more people in this setting than he has in the 300 plus crusades he has conducted.

The formula for church unity is simple yet difficult, for when we take our eyes off of Christ, difficulties will arise. Let's all seek to follow our Master in Christian unity.

The executive secretary and the Baptist Building staff wish more than anything else to strengthen and encourage the practice of personal encounter by lay people as well as clergy with lost people and they hope you will afford them an opportunity to prove it.

The following offer is made. The Baptist Building will furnish to any pastor or church anywhere in Arkansas a crew of witnessing people to do personal soul winning upon your invitation.

Thursday afternoon is suggested for churches 100 miles or more from the Baptist Building. Thursday afternoon and night may be scheduled for churches nearer the Baptist Building. There is no obligation on the part of the church but to make enough preparation to assure a list of correct addresses and warm prospects.

There is no financial outlay necessary to bring a group to your church. You may contact the executive secretary or Jesse Reed, Director of Evangelism. Try us.

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

## Letters to the editor

### Reports progress

We recently had Dr. Ashcraft out to lead in a Lay Witness School, and he did a marvelous job in the teaching of the school. Our people really did appreciate him for taking time out of his busy schedule and do this for us and the Lord. We enrolled all together around 48, with an average attendance of 36. We had 28 visitors for visitation night, and one soul saved. This had as great an effect as a revival on our people.

We have just purchased a bus from Hyde Park Church to continue our bus ministry. We have been using a loan bus from Mr. White, who has several school buses in contract. We hope to be able now to really concentrate on filling it up for God's glory. (We now average around 24 riders, we are hoping for 50.)

We are in the process of building education space, a block building, 108' x 30' with six classrooms upstairs. The building will consist of 11 classrooms, kitchen, fellowship hall, 2 bath rooms and two storage and utility rooms. The men of our church are building the building themselves. I thank God for men who will go beyond their regular duties to serve the Lord.

The Lord has been good to us this year and we are grateful unto Him. Thank you for the good job you are doing with out Baptist Newsmagazine. —Joel Moody, Martindale Church, LR

### Missionary available

The mission Board usually sends a notice to the home state papers of

missionaries as they return to the States on furlough. Since we had advised them of our plans to stay in Ft. Worth the notice was sent to the Texas Baptist paper. My wife will be taking some courses here at Southwestern Seminary on a scholarship provided by the WMU of Arkansas.

I am available for what ever service I can render to the churches in Arkansas. It will be a real blessing to be in the churches of the state and help to promote the work of missions.

Our field of service in Brazil is in the state of Santa Catarina and is of a pioneer nature.

Thank you very much for your helpfulness. —Jesse L. Kidd, 1804 W. Broadus St., Ft. Worth, Tes. 76115, phone 817-923-9125

## Woman leaves money to church, missions



Mrs. Nelson

Mrs. Leora Nelson, charter member of Marrable Hill Baptist church, bequeathed \$10,688.71 to the church. Mrs. Nelson, the wife of the late Ben Nelson, died June 18, 1972, at the age of 83 of a heart ailment.

In her will she requested that 10 percent of her estate — \$1,068.88 — be sent to the Cooperative Program.

The remaining, \$9,619.83 was used in paying off the church building and land notes and remodeling the nursery and preschool departments. In these departments the sheetrock ceiling and walls were replaced with acoustical tiles and wall paneling. Floors were carpeted, central heat and air was installed and vinyl floor covering was laid in the halls.

The dedication service for the new nursery and preschool department was held by the church and the day was proclaimed as Leora Nelson day.

Mrs. Nelson was a past state chairman of the Community Missions Organization. She was a member of the El Dorado Gray Ladies and Pilot Club, attended church regularly and was active in mission work.

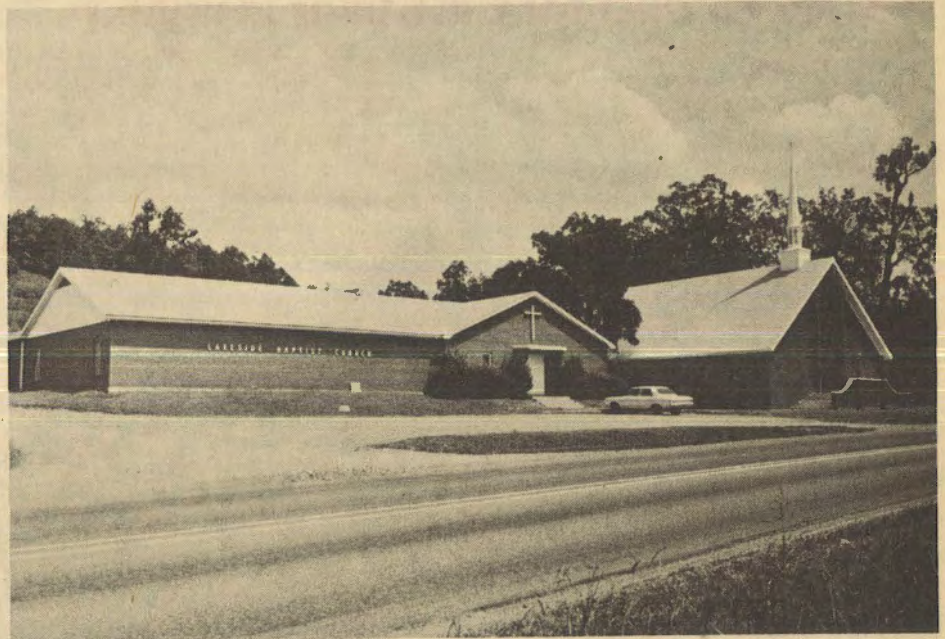
Pastor Walter Gilbreath said that a plaque is to be placed in the church, which was founded in 1952, in her honor.

## Grant will attend SBC committee meet

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Daniel R. Grant, president of Ouachita University, Arkadelphia, will be a program leader at a conference for state chairmen of Christian Higher Education Committees in Nashville, Sept. 17.

The major purpose of the conference is to establish cooperative priorities and goals between the SBC's Education Commission and the various state committees. Another purpose is preparation for promotion of the denomination's "Baptist Seminary, College, and School Day" in February, 1974.

The participants will also look at national education trends as they relate to Baptist schools and at the Commission's resources to meet such opportunities.



Lakeside Church, Hot Springs, dedicated this new auditorium (at right) recently. The building is 102 feet by 41 feet, with a seating capacity of 400. It includes seven classrooms, a pastor's study, and restrooms. The building cost \$86,000 with 4,643 hours of labor donated by the men of the church. Lakeside Church is eight years old, having been started as a mission of Grand Avenue Church, Hot Springs.

## Woman's viewpoint

### Where credit is due

By Iris O'Neal Bowen



Mrs. Bowen

Finding an outline Eldest Daughter had used in her Sunday School teaching, I called to ask if I could use it in my column. She agreed and I assured her she would get credit for it, although not to look for any money. "However" I told her, "there's

nothing like getting credit, if you can't get cash!"

—Which set me to thinking about credit — one of the biggest headaches in the grocery business. Of course we have had many good credit customers who pay their bills regularly and buy only what they can afford.

But you would not believe how many groaning Christmas boards we have supplied, never to receive recompense!

We have paid for many school clothes, made furniture payments, had utilities turned back on, and countless

other things to the tune of; "I couldn't pay you this week because..."

Why, we have even gotten people out of jail! It goes like this:

"Mister Bowen, the reason I have not been in to pay my bill is because Bill got drunk and got in jail and I had to get him out! But I'll pay you the first chance I get!"

We have had a few customers who think if they pay all their bill, their names won't stay on our books, so they are careful to carry a small balance every pay day!

I remember one such fellow telling me, "Don't you tell Mister Bowen I caught my bill up. He might not let me have anything else!"

One enterprising young four year old, seeing his mother "put things on the book," came in one day with a paper full of scribbles. He assured me that it was a list made by his mother and it said "candy!"

I gave him credit for being a smart boy — but no candy!

# New Ouachita military department head sees no conflict for Christians in military

By William D. Downs Jr.  
Director of Public Relations  
Ouachita University

Effective military leadership and Christianity are almost synonymous, says Lt. Col. Billy Williams, the new professor of military science at Ouachita University.

As he prepares to take command of one of the 10 remaining required college and university ROTC programs in the nation, the 1955 OBU graduate says that while no Christian is "for" killing other human beings, "Christians today are pragmatic enough to realize that the United States, as a Christian nation, cannot exist without a defense force."

Long active in church affairs, Col. Williams is presently a Deacon in First Church of Arkadelphia, has previously served as a Sunday School teacher and has worked with young people in Training Union.

Emphasizing the importance of military leaders being Christian leaders as well, Col. Williams asks where else can such persons be more readily found than on a church-related campus?

"I believe that such leaders will probably have an even greater reverence for life," he says. "In my own case, I would prefer that my child serve under a Christian leader than a non-Christian leader."

He points out that the military must depend on college campuses for military leadership since service schools such as West Point cannot produce the volume of officers needed for America's defense force. But since 1966, the number of colleges and universities offering required Army ROTC has fallen from a high of 106 to only 20 last year, with 10 of these being either military colleges or military junior colleges.

Col. Williams says many colleges and universities have dropped required ROTC and gone to a completely voluntary program simply because they still can meet production requirements of 25 officers per year and have 100 students in the basic courses. It is in order to meet these requirements that Ouachita has chosen to retain its compulsory program although the two-year requirement has been reduced to one year.

In addition to West Point being unable to supply a sufficient quantity of officers, the Officer Candidate School (OCS) program is being drastically cut back since the majority of people to draw from for this program "are either high school graduates or drop-outs."

"You just don't have the cream," he says.

But the decline in campus ROTC programs is only "a temporary thing," Col. Williams is convinced.

"How small can an army go?" he asks. "We have about 13 divisions and you can't get much lower than that for a sufficient defense force."

One of the major changes noted by Col. Williams is that from about 1966 until now, ROTC programs have attracted primarily "draft-oriented people" who simply wanted to escape involuntary duty. But, he adds, this is changing with "more and more students choosing to go the ROTC route as a means of serving their country, gaining leadership experience and having the opportunity of serving two years while selecting a civilian career."

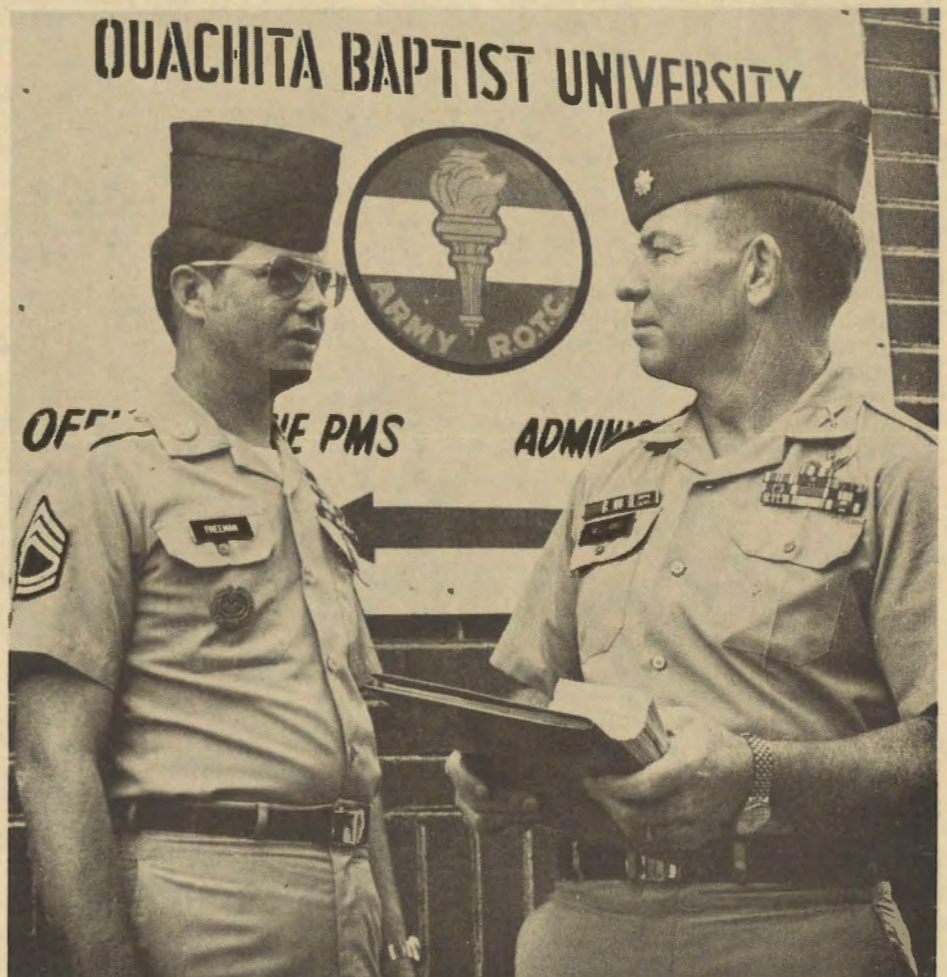
Many students in the United States, he says, are troubled by rumors about the difficulty of obtaining employment after graduation and others don't know what they want to do when they get out of college. Because of this, the two years in the Army gives them an opportunity "to examine other alternatives."

Col. Williams says he is no different from millions of other Americans in believing that "America is a Christian nation. I believe that the freedoms we have aren't necessarily given to us."

It is this belief in God and in Christian ethics that has kept Col. Williams in the Army.

"Justice, integrity and fair play are qualities that a Christian is expected to possess," he maintains, "and a church or a church-related college or university is just about the best place for these traits to be developed."

Col. Williams, the first officer to have a repetitive tour at Ouachita, having served here as assistant professor of military science from 1969 until 1971, expects a military science enrollment of 240 freshmen at Ouachita this fall.



Lt. Col. Billy Williams (right) discusses instruction plans with a member of his staff for the Ouachita ROTC unit.

"Let's face it," he says. "No matter if an ROTC graduate chooses to remain in the Army or be discharged after two years to take a civilian post, the leadership training he receives and the practical experience he gains in guiding other men will certainly increase his value in the job market and will better prepare him to assume an effective role in society."

An Army aviator in Vietnam, Col. Williams' plane was shot down during a support mission. "But I'm lucky," he says. "I've always been lucky. Lucky to go to OBU, lucky to be in the Army, lucky to be a flyer, lucky to be promoted along with my contemporaries and lucky to come back to Ouachita."

## Seminarian will be intern BSU director



Biggar

Thomas L. Biggar Jr. will be spending nine months in Little Rock as an intern Baptist Student Union Director related to the Little Rock Baptist Student Union program. The intern program is a cooperative effort of the Seminary, the State

Student Department and the Little Rock Baptist Student Union. Biggar was awarded his Masters of Divinity at Southern Seminary in May of 1973 and this work can be applied toward his Doctorate of Ministries degree.

Biggar is a native of Richmond, Va., and did his earlier college work at the University of Virginia where he received the M.A. degree in economics in 1970. While a student at the University of Virginia, he served as vice president of the Baptist Student Union and was a summer missionary.

## U.S. Constitution Week

The Daughters of the American Revolution announce that Constitution Week is Sept. 17 through 23. Each church is asked to call attention to the anniversary of the writing of this magnificent document both in their bulletin and in their prayers on Sunday, Sept. 16. George Washington presided over the convention, James Madison took most of the notes and was the "principle writer of the constitution" along with Benjamin Franklin. President Nixon has proclaimed that the week be celebrated throughout the United States of America.

## Dr. Olford to lead Christian life conference and crusade



Dr. Olford

The First Church in Conway, W. L. Probasco, Pastor, will host the "Central Arkansas Christian Life Conference and Crusade," Oct. 3-7. The conferences will be held in the building of the First United Methodist Church in Conway, since the facilities at First Baptist Church will be under renovation at that time. The crusade will be held in the 1,500 seat Ida Waldron Auditorium on the campus of State College of Arkansas in Conway.

The theme for the conference will be "His Life — Now" and will attempt to minister the message of the Spirit-controlled life to laymen, pastors, church staff members, and students in relatively smaller group sessions. The conference will feature Stephen Olford as main speaker, and group meetings will be conducted by John Wright of First Church, Little Rock; Herbert Hodges of Cherokee Church, Memphis; W. L. Probasco, pastor of the host church in Conway, as well as J. T. Adams, sacred music composer and recording artist of Dallas. Hosting the morning sessions, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, will be Steven Ulmer, associate pastor of the host church.

Additional conferences on the abundant life will be held for high school, junior high schoolers as well as college students on Saturday morning of that week and also will be conducted in the facilities at First United Methodist Church.

The evening Crusade will continue the theme, "His Life — Now" and will be evangelistic in nature, geared to a general audience. The emphasis will be on the coming to Christ and commitment of one's life to him as well as a co-emphasis on the Christ-life being lived out in the individual through the Holy Spirit.

The crusade leaders will be headed by Dr. Olford, preaching the evening messages. Music director will be Don Bingham, minister of music at First Church in Conway. Guest soloists will include J. T. Adams and others such as Beverly Terrell, well-known Southern Baptist soloist. Another feature, with special appeal to youth and children, will be two appearances of "Geraldine and Ricky," an outstanding Christian young woman ventriloquist and her

associate, Ricky, who have appeared on Billy Graham crusades with their unique witness for Christ.

For four successive weeks prior to the crusade, Dr. Olford will be featured on a Little Rock TV station, in a telecast, "ENCOUNTER" broadcast.

Pastors and congregations from the entire state are invited to attend this conference. Pastors in the state will be receiving further information in the mail, including the names of motels in Conway and the accommodations available through them during the conference.

A prayer campaign has begun, headed by Mrs. Robert Benafield of Conway as chairwoman. Prayer groups and home prayer meetings are being planned where intensive prayer is expected during the final weeks prior to the meetings, and in follow-up as well.

## Third Youth Choir Day scheduled at Ouachita

ARKADELPHIA — Ouachita University's third annual "Youth Choir Day," which will bring young singers from Baptist churches throughout Arkansas to the OBU campus for a special halftime show, has been set for Sept. 22.

The group will join OBU's Tiger Band in presenting the halftime show for Ouachita's first home game at A. U. Williams Field at 7:30 p.m. The Tigers will face Trinity College.

Ed Coulter, assistant to the president and director of institutional research at Ouachita, is coordinating the event. According to him, last year's "Youth Choir Day" drew over 2,000 youth choir members to OBU and the incoming reservations for this year indicate another big turnout.

After arriving on campus shortly after noon, the participants will begin rehearsals for the choral members which they will present at the halftime show. The selections include "Battle Hymn of the Republic," "The New 23rd" and "We've Only Just Begun."

The group will be directed by Dr. Charles Wright, OBU professor of music, and accompanied by the Ouachita Band under the direction of Marvin Lawson.

Entertainment and meals will be provided for the visitors during the day.



# The making of good custodians

By Dan McKee  
Administrator, First Church, Fayetteville

Next to the church sign, the church building is the best public relations a church has. In seven years a church building will take on the personality of the church people. Seldom is the care of the church plant equated with how much money is spent on it. Care of the church plant can be equated most of the time with how much the people care about themselves, about God, and about the purpose of the church. The key person responsible for the care of the church plant is the custodian but the custodian is usually the product of the administrative skills of the church staff, the property committee of your church, and the church family itself. Good church custodians just don't happen — they're made. Well now, how do we make a good custodian?

First, we hire the best available people. Hiring cheap custodial help is the most expensive custodial help possible. The idea that your custodian should be in the lowest pay bracket on your church's payroll may be costing your church a bundle. Today's church custodian must have superior technical skills unnecessary to janitors of the past. New products and new methods require above-average intelligence. Hire the best!

Then, secondly, train them well. Could this be your good Baptist church?

## Cuss the custodian

*There once was a good Baptist church,  
Who went on a custodian search.  
The church must be clean because it is  
seen,*

*By those who come in and perch.*

*So throughout the city they went,  
To get the best man they were bent.  
He must be the best, to pass their strict  
test,  
So they hired a suitable gent.*

*They gave him a mop and a broom,  
And showed him their district room.  
"Now go clean it up," they said rather  
abrupt,  
And with that remark, sealed his  
doom.*

*For with no training, no help or instruction,  
He could not keep up his production.  
Because try as he must, he let lay some  
dust,  
So, "Fire him!" was their only deduction.*

*So there was this good Baptist church,  
Who went on another custodian  
search.*

Tell your custodian in writing what is expected of him. Give him "guidelines," not "rules" or "policies." A custodian can't operate a church plant with rules and policies. About the time a rule is being observed a commode will run over and probably not covered by a rule, will be left unattended. Guidelines should be gentle, instructive and imaginative. They should stimulate your custodian to think — not simply take orders.

Our Baptist Sunday School Board is responding to the need for trained custodians. Winter Workshops are available at both Ridgecrest and Glorietta. Send your key custodial personnel to one of these. Get full details by writing Iduus Owensby, Consultant, Baptist Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tenn. 37234.

Train them well and your folks will seldom "Cuss the custodian."

Then, last, show appreciation often. Don't let your church train someone else a good custodian. Good, well-trained custodians can go to work in industry almost anytime. Make sure they are told that their ministry is just as important as the pastoral ministry, the teaching ministry, etc. Include them in an employee appreciation day once a year.

Look up to your custodian and the community will look up to your church.

## News briefs

• Bill Johnson, song leader and Sunday School superintendent of Southside Church, Fordyce, was presented a gift recently for his 21 years of service to the church.

• Construction has begun on a new auditorium for Barnett Memorial, Little Rock.

• First Church, Hughes, recently ordained as deacons Thomas Beene, Carl Conner, Hugh Monty Dillahunty, John Rodgers and Russell Slater. Executive Secretary Charles H. Ashcraft brought the ordination message and Carl Fawcett, superintendent of missions for Arkansas Valley Association brought the ordination prayer. Also elected as active deacons were Earl Crowder and Roy Chism who were ordained previously.

• New Liberty Church, Blytheville, observed their second annual homecoming Sunday, Sept. 9. The day's activities began with Sunday School which was followed by the morning worship service. The speaker for this occasion was Ray Tweed of Senath, Mo., who is a former pastor. The morning service

was followed by an old fashion "dinner on the ground." At 2 p.m. a gospel singing was held featuring various groups from the area. Jim Douglass is pastor.

• E. Butler Abington, retired pastor and evangelist, will be supply preacher for South Side, Pine Bluff, Sunday, Sept. 16.

• Second Church, Searcy, recently completed installed a new air conditioning system, laying carpet in the auditorium and choir area, and paving the newly enlarged parking area. These improvements will cost approximately \$10,000.

• The Cass church voted recently to rock veneer their church and paint the outside trim and gables. W. L. Heath, pastor for the past year, has resigned.

• The 29 feet by 62 feet church plant at Cedarville was begun and completed under the leadership of Roger Ghormley who has recently resigned. Roger has also been a student at West Ark College in Ft. Smith, served in the main encampment at Baptist Vista for two years, and was associate pastor of Mulberry First before coming to Cedarville.

• Oklahoma pastor, Dr. E. F. Hallock, conducted a "Bible and Prayer Conference" Sept. 9-12 at Clarksville First Church. The church recently purchased additional property for much needed parking space and the W.M.U. is providing a clothes closet of usable clothing to minister to needy families in the area. Billy R. Usery is pastor.

• Nine were baptized recently into the fellowship of Freeman Heights Church, Berryville, following the musical "Real" presented by Baptist Youth in Carroll County Association and directed by Miss Julia Baker. The first to respond to their appeal were parents of one young man who sang with the musical.

• Oak Grove Church near Ashdown will observe its 25th Anniversary at a homecoming Sept. 16. Lawson Hatfield, State Sunday School Director, will speak in the morning worship service. Hatfield was pastor of the sponsor church, First Church, Ashdown, when the mission was organized 25 years ago. Recently, Billy Pounds was ordained as deacon. Charles Gipson is pastor.

## News about missionaries

Rev. and Mrs. R. Perry Ellis, missionaries to Brazil, are on furlough in the States (address: 18 Barbara Dr., Little Rock, Ark. 72204.) He was born in San Antonio, Tex., and also lived in Norfolk and Roanoke, Va.; Mrs. Ellis, the former Roberta Johnson of Missouri, was born in Poplar Bluff and also lived in Malden and Bernie. Before their appointment by the Foreign Mission Board in 1969, he was an evangelist, serving on several Billy Graham Evangelistic Association teams with his wife.

Rev. and Mrs. Charles M. Hobson, missionaries to Paraguay on furlough in the States, are missionaries-in-residence at Ouachita University (address: 303 N. 5th St., Arkadelphia, Ark. 71923.) Born in Spur, Tex., he also lived in Roswell, N.M., and Berryville, Ark.; Mrs. Hobson, the former Wanda Nave, was born in Owensboro, Ky., and also lived in Newport, Ark. Before they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1963, he was pastor of First Southern Baptist Church and she was a substitute teacher in South San Francisco, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim C. Dillard, missionaries to Kenya, were scheduled to arrive Aug. 21 for furlough in the States (address: 1521 Maple Ave., Owensboro, Ky. 42301.) He is from Tyrone, Ark.; she is the former Janet Davis of Owensboro. Before they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1969, he had completed the master of arts degree in English at Indiana University, Bloomington.

Rev. and Mrs. Darrel E. Garner, missionaries to Malawi, were scheduled to arrive Aug. 23 for furlough in the States (address: Rt. 4, Box 528, Springdale, Ark. 72764.) He was born in Seminole, Okla., and also lived in Colorado and Arkansas; she is the former Judy Brown of Arkansas. Before their appointment by the Foreign Mission Board in 1969, they were students at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex.

David Cheyne of Ethiopia was scheduled to arrive Aug. 13 for a two-year term of service as a missionary journeyman in Kenya (address: P.O. Box 21140, Nairobi, Kenya.) Before he was employed in July by the Foreign Mission Board for student work, he was graduated from Ouachita University, Arkadelphia, Ark. The son of Southern Baptist missionaries in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Dr. and Mrs. John R. Cheyne, he was born in Ft. Worth, Tex., and has also lived in Rhodesia.

## The Southern accent Leather jackets

The church auditorium was too warm. As the minister began his sermon he noticed the eight-year old boy on the second pew. He was wearing a leather jacket which, in spite of the warmth, was buttoned all the way up to the top button. Not once, before he dozed off, did the boy unfasten a button. When the service was dismissed, the young fellow lingered to talk to the preacher. Having been curious about the buttoned coat in the warm room, he asked his young friend why it had not been taken off. "Well, you preach so long I get sleepy and my coat holds me up and I don't fall over." So that was it. He had learned that when he could not control the sleep situation his coat would hold him steady.

Maybe this offers a comment for the value of education in a Christian school. How many young people become involved in situations which they cannot control and need something to hold them steady? On the Southern Baptist campus we try to place around our young men and ladies the kinds of character, integrity, fairness and sound teaching which will give them many supports in slippery places.

Some students come from backgrounds where loose attitudes toward the sacredness of marriage vows and the enduring relationships of a home have obtained. A young man from such an environment impressed by the devotion he observed between a faculty member, his wife and family vowed that in his own home if temptation to faithlessness ever came he would be held true by the memory of that example of true Christian love. That's a leather jacket.

A young minister in southern Arkansas is held steady in his calling and ministry by the memory of fellow students who prayed him from an insincere agnosticism into the Lord's call. Another leather jacket! A prominent denominational leader is held steady by patience, fairness and kindness received at the hands of a history professor. Yet another jacket!

It would be wonderful if around every student who comes to Southern could be placed "leather jackets" so that in every circumstance — no matter how great the heat — they could be held steady. If we fail to do so it is not because no effort was made. Our faculty, administration and counselors find their truest life in being the kinds of persons, teachers and friends — before

God — to our students so that they not only will want to but actually will hold steady and ring true in every situation.

Viva the leather jacket! — Lawrence A. Tucker, Walnut Ridge

## Revivals

**New Hope, Pollard, Aug. 20-26;** Junior Vester, evangelist, Wilburn Griggs, song leader; eight for baptism, one by letter, two by statement. John E. Savage is pastor.

**Emmanuel, Batesville, Aug. 20-26;** Bill Fleming, evangelist, Vernon Cummings, song leader; one profession of faith, two by letter. David Coleman is pastor.

**First, Amity, Sept. 17-23;** Jimmy Watson, former pastor will be evangelist. Mike Rouse is pastor.

**New Hope, Mena, Aug. 19-26;** A. J. Cole, evangelist, Mr. and Mrs. Zeak Cummings, music; one by baptism. James E. Simpson is pastor.

**Floral Church, Aug. 19-26;** Jack Parchman, evangelist; 32 professions of faith with 24 for baptism, 80 commitments. Jackie Thomason is pastor.

## Ouachita recognized for students in missions

ARKADELPHIA — Ouachita University was listed among the top 20 U.S. colleges and universities in terms of 1973 summer missionary appointments, according to an announcement by the Home Mission Board.

With 303 colleges and four seminaries represented, the HMB sponsored a total of 1,016 summer missionaries, including 408 from the Baptist Student Union. Of these, 48 are from Arkansas BSUs, with 10 from Ouachita and 12 from the University of Arkansas.

Doug Dickens, BSU director at Ouachita, estimated that OBU had over 100 students involved in some sort of summer ministry this year. He said approximately 75 Ouachita students are serving churches as youth directors, and other students are working as church musicians, pastors or on revival teams.

# Your state convention at work

## Sunday School

### Children's division emphasis 1973-74

The work and emphasis of the Sunday School during 1973-74 will be on the Children's Division. A different age group division will receive special emphasis the next four years.

Children from six to 11 or first through sixth grades are included in the Children's Division. There are over one and a half million children enrolled in Sunday School throughout our convention.

Periodical support, special field service projects, promotional items and general support from the entire Sunday School department will be combined for this emphasis.

The on-going program of children's work will continue, but there will be an additional emphasis for each quarter of the 1973-74 Sunday School year. Much support for these promotional ideas will be featured in the curriculum material used in the Children's Division of the Sunday School.

From October - December, the emphasis will be on Bible-based children's

curriculum material. Churches will be encouraged to present a Promotion Day Bible to each child entering the Children's Division the first Sunday in October. These Bibles are published by Broadman Press and are available at the Baptist Book Store.

Parents can help with the emphasis on perfect attendance during the second quarter. Each child who has perfect attendance should be recognized by the church. The Sunday School department will also recognize these boys and girls in a special way. Of course, this means the local churches will supply a list of those to be honored. Our department will be in touch with the pastors and Sunday School Directors, and will provide an attendance chart for the departments in the local church. Send your request for the charts to Harold Vernon, P. O. Box 550, Little Rock.

Our curriculum material will undergird this emphasis with a special "Learning Is Fun" section in each pupil's book.

More and Adventure will carry an attendance check for each child to record his attendance.

A church/home emphasis will highlight the April - June quarter, encouraging stronger ties between the church and home. *Children's Leadership* will contain a list of ways to realize success in this quarter of the emphasis. A parent-worker meeting should be included in the activities for this quarter.

Workers in our departments are often neglected, or we fail to commend them, so worker appreciation will conclude the quarterly emphasis. Helps for this will be in the *Children's Leadership* and *Outreach*.

Promotional literature available includes two free leaflets, "Memory Verses in Children's Sunday School Departments" and "Children's Division Emphasis, 1973-74." These are available from the state Sunday School department.

As your children's consultant, I want to be of help to you in any way I can, in reaching and teaching children in the Sunday School. — Harold Vernon, Children's Consultant, Sunday School Department

## Summer youth camps are worth the price

Summer youth camps are exhaustingly exciting. For most adult counselors it takes three days and nights back at home to stop seeing children coming at them in their sleep. Just the luxury of an afternoon nap while at camp is out of the question. To really get

away from it all you must refuse to go in the first place, which none of us do.

But summer camp is a rewarding experience, too! This year at our National Baptist Camp we enrolled 269 young ladies and men with 29 of them accepting Christ publically and eight

making a decision for a Christian vocation.

Financially, camps are costly but the funds disbursed will be returning interest in the lives of young people for years to come. —Robert U. Ferguson, Director, Work with National Baptists



Mealtime at camp is always a priority activity for growing young people.



Norman McGill, camp pastor, assists campers in a craft program.

## Magazine provides budget help

The *Baptist Program* is a specialized magazine in Southern Baptist life. It is published by the SBC Executive Committee and distributed without cost to pastors, ministers of education, ministers of music, denominational employees, chaplains, and missionaries.

If you qualify in one of these categories and are not now receiving the magazine, all you need do is send a request, together with your correct mailing address, to Dr. Leonard E. Hill, Managing Editor, 460 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, Tenn. 37219.

The content of the magazine is designed especially to interest and assist persons in these positions of leadership. A major emphasis of the magazine is in the area of stewardship and the financial support of missions.

Almost every issue includes one or more articles on how to effectively promote stewardship in the local church or how to keep the people properly informed about Cooperative Program mission money.

Occasionally the magazine includes inserts, which are additional catalogs or

brochures that are distributed in this manner. For example, the July, 1973, issue included another copy of the SBC Stewardship Services catalog. The same catalog is distributed through this office once or twice each year, but many persons misplace theirs, and a third copy was thus made available just prior to budget emphasis time in most churches.

Laymen in the churches, who are involved in finance by serving on budget or finance committees or as church stewardship chairmen, would also receive much help from this magazine. The pastor could share his copy with others, or a copy could be placed in the church library and these particular laymen could be encouraged to read it regularly.

When I was a pastor, this was one magazine I always read thoroughly and without delay because of the help it provided me. I would encourage pastors and church staff members to read it regularly and to share it with key lay leaders in the church. —Roy F. Lewis, Secretary of Stewardship-Cooperative Program Department.

## Men's work consultant is speaker for clinic



Connell

Ben J. Connell will be a conference leader at the State Brotherhood Leadership Training Clinic. The clinic is to be held Sept. 28-29 at Camp Paron.

Since January, 1967, Connell has been a consultant in the Men's Department of the

Brotherhood Commission. He holds a B.S. degree in mathematics and English from Appalachian State University, Boone, N.C. He is a graduate of Southern Seminary, receiving the M.R.E. degree in 1958.

He has served as minister of education in Alabama and taught school in North Carolina. He has also served as minister of music for several churches in the Birmingham area. Connell is an excellent musician having served as soloist with the opera and operetta society in Charlotte and Winston-Salem, N.C., and Birmingham, Ala. He is a world traveler, having attended conferences in several parts of the world. He is a deacon, having been ordained in 1958.

Connell is best known for his mission enthusiasm and his ability in conveying it to others. He is constantly thinking missions and seeking opportunities and ways to get involved in mission activities through his church and in his church community.

All associational Brotherhood officers, especially the director, Baptist Men's leader and Royal Ambassador leader are urged to attend.

All church Brotherhood officers are invited and will profit by attending. The cost per person is \$6. This includes three meals, bed (bring own linens), insurance, and some instructional materials.

Send in reservations by Sept. 20. This will be helpful in planning to take care of everyone attending. Send reservations to Brotherhood Department, Box 550, Little Rock, Ark. 72203

Study and train to plan more effectively in providing missionary education for men and boys. In so doing you will also be more effective in serving Christ. — C. H. Seaton, director

## Work at Baptist Home is challenge



White

Dear Arkansas BSUs:

The experiences here at the Arkansas Baptist Home for Children have been many. There are very few moments that are dull. The children here offer a challenge for anyone.

We have started a Bible study group on Thursday night. Being the first one I ever led, it was not the best. The Lord was there and helped very much. Most of the kids really enjoyed it and are coming. I believe that it will grow and enrich their lives.

My duties consist of planning activities for every morning in the gym. Three days in the afternoon are taken up at the pool as lifeguard. The evening activities are varied between riding horses, the gym and the pool.

Some of the children have really opened up their lives to me. Actually, these kids are just like any other children. They have just had a rougher life. The Home is trying to play the role of the parents, but that is a tall order to fill. There are just too many children and not enough help.

Be thankful for your homes, even if there are problems. Parents' are, or can be, wonderful to have. Usually, they have only your concern and welfare in mind. Thank God for good parents. They seem to be a rare commodity.

Probably what this summer has done for me the most is that it helped me to be able to face and resolve my problems. Faith in God is one of the best ways. I truly hope everyone doesn't have to go on a mission field to find that out.

Yours in Christ,  
Michael White

(Mike is serving as one of the Arkansas BSU Summer Missionaries. He is working at the Arkansas Baptist Home for Children at Monticello and is a student at State College of Arkansas.)

## Church Training

# Nine highlights of the 'Celebration'

1. Oct. 25 is the date for the CHURCH: the Sunday Night Place Celebration at Immanuel Church, Little Rock, 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m. It's for all church leaders and Church Training members.

2. The purpose of the big state-wide meeting is to give support to the CHURCH: the Sunday Night Place emphasis for the next three years.

3. The Church Training FAIR prepared and directed by Sunday School Board workers will be open 9-10 a.m.; 1:15-2 p.m. and 4:30-5 p.m. DON'T MISS THIS FAIR!

4. Three messages — Morning: Dr. Charles Ashcraft; Afternoon: Dr. Philip Harris; Night: Dr. Nolan P. Howington — "Long Ago, on a Sunday Night."

5. Drama: "CHURCH: the Sunday Night Place to Be" — written especially for this meeting by Sarah Walton Miller, Houston, Tex., and presented by Mrs.

Leslie Wilfong and group from Immanuel Church, Little Rock, in the evening service.

6. Music led by Ervin Keathley, Arkansas Music Department. Men's quartet in morning and afternoon sessions and at the banquet. ONE HUNDRED VOICE CHOIR in the night session.

7. Two interviews, morning and afternoon, on "This Is How We Did It."

8. Seven Conferences during the morning and afternoon sessions for preschool, children's workers, youth, adults, general officers, associational workers, and church library workers — led by personnel from the Sunday School Board.

9. Banquet for associational missionaries, associational directors, approved workers, members of the State Executive Board, and program personnel at 5 p.m.

## Child Care

# Christian foster homes needed for children

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

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

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

Ideally, it is a home where a child can live with a mother and a father who love each other and who care about the child. These substitute parents draw the child into their family circle of love and balance this love with the essential ingredient of discipline. These foster parents want to help the child become what he has the capacity to become. It is not an easy task and there are daily problems that must be worked out. Our staff supervises the foster homes and are always available to help the foster parents and work with the children.

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

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

## WMU

# Forward in Arkansas

Traditionally September is the month for emphasis on state missions in Southern Baptist churches. It was in 1911 that a special season of prayer for state missions was instituted by the state WMU executive board with special programs prepared for organizational observances. Intermittently, state mission seasons of prayer were observed until 1927 when organizations were asked to take an offering. That first one totaled \$1,070.78.

Increasingly the Dixie Jackson Offering for State Missions has become a vital channel of support for the ministries of the state missions department which now number 37. Last year the offering was \$93,866 pushing the grand total of offerings received for state missions through this offering beyond the million dollar mark. The special offering was named in memory of Mrs. J. G. Jackson, former executive secretary of Arkansas WMU during whose administration the offering was initiated.

The slogan adopted for the emphasis is "\$99,999 from 999 Churches." This represents more than a 6½ percent increase in the offering from 83 percent more churches than last year. The offering is received by the treasurer of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, Dr. Charles

Ashcraft, and is administered by the State Missions Department. It represents 30 percent of the department's budget.

For these 62 years Woman's Missionary Union has planned and promoted a Season of Prayer for State Missions and provided suggestions for church-wide observances as well as age-level organizational ones. Mrs. Roy Hilton of El Dorado was chairman of the committee which planned for the 1973 observances. Information contributed by the director and associates of the state missions department was developed into age-level materials. Mrs. Robert Gladden, Little Rock, was the author of the program for adults. Mrs. Doyle Wright, Little Rock, enlisted aid of her Acteens and coordinated the program for youth. Plans for Girls in Action were developed by Mrs. James Zeltner of Ft. Smith. Mrs. Ervin Keathley of Little Rock prepared ones for preschoolers.

Special offering envelopes and informational brochure are available without charge for church-wide distribution. Order needed quantities from State WMU Office, P. O. Box 550, Little Rock, Ark. 72203. — Nancy Cooper, Executive Secretary and Treasurer, Woman's Missionary Union

## Foundation

### Film provides ideas for future stewardship

"Millions of dollars are lost to the cause of Christ." Such a statement was made by a preacher who was illustrating the results of man's failure in stewardship. He was thinking primarily of the money never given by individual stewards in tithes and offerings.

There is, however, another way in which multiplied millions of dollars are lost to the cause of Christ by those who consider themselves good stewards. Many of them simply fail to adequately plan their future beyond the time of their death. Then, because of their failure, money which could be used to accomplish the purposes for which they gave much of their life may be spent for other things and sometimes even for non-Christian causes because of some state law.

A new film is available to help impress these truths upon your church members. It is entitled "Watch Out! Tomorrow Is Coming."

The 15-minute, 16mm color film shows three men who recognize their Christian responsibility for the proper use of their material possessions. Each intends to carry out his plans — tomorrow. As the story unfolds, you become aware of the results of their actions — or their failure to act.

Through the film, the viewer is encouraged to apply the situation to himself and to recognize the urgency and the Christian responsibility involved in planning for tomorrow. The services of the Arkansas Baptist Foundation are then available to him on a personal basis to help him accomplish that objective.

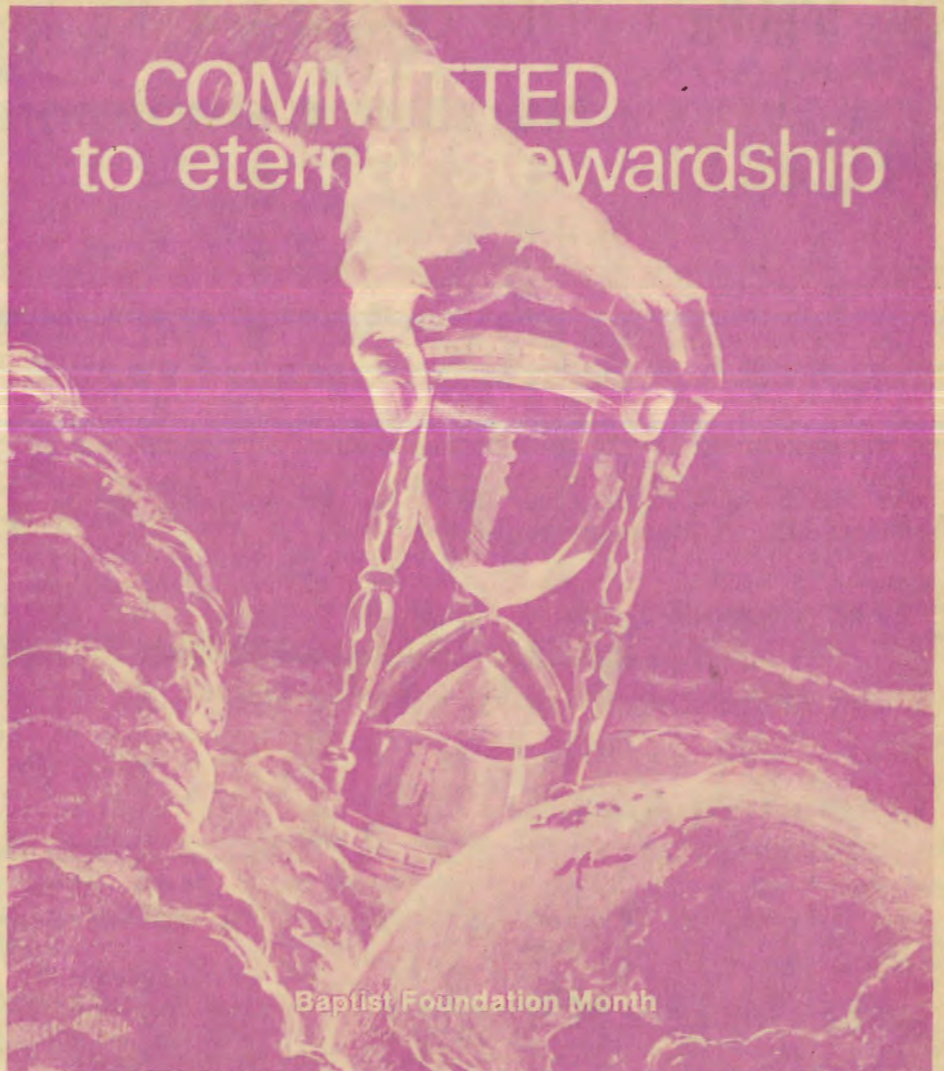
The film can be requested from the Arkansas Baptist Foundation, 525 West Capitol, Little Rock, Ark. 72201. There is no charge for use of the film other than the return postage.

Along with the film you will be provided a packet of materials which can be given to each person who views the film. The materials will include several items helpful to anyone who is considering the future use of his material possessions. —Roy F. Lewis, Acting Executive Director

### Area Pastors' Retreat

Baptist Vista Camp . . . . . Sept. 7-8  
Beech Springs Camp . . Sept. 14-15  
Mt. Zion Camp . . . . . Sept. 21-22  
Wolf Creek Camp . . . . . Sept. 28-29

## The cover



### The Ouachita-Southern Advancement Campaign

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

### Target date

By Jim E. Tillman, Director

Success involves goals and this includes a target date for reaching these goals: With "football fever" beginning to rise across the county, it is easy to illustrate this principle within the terminology of this sport. In order for a team to win a ball game, the goal line has to be crossed. This accomplishment must be done during the time limit of the four quarters; disappointment is the result if your team scores but the game has ended. You can make more points next week, and it will count on the total seasonal record, but you miss the joy of that initial victory.

Your church has a suggested goal to be a part of the OBU/SBC Advance-

ment Campaign. I am sure every church in Arkansas will want to at least reach this goal. The "target date" for this accomplishment is the fall of 1973.

Please, lead your church to enter this worthy venture of faith prior to your annual associational meeting. This will allow your church to share in the sweet fruit of victory with hundreds of other churches in Arkansas.

I hasten to say, you can enter the Campaign in 1974, 1975, etc., but this is the year for us to claim the victory for the Lord!

Your church may be unable to give any offerings for this Campaign for some time, but you will want to accept a goal before the annual meeting of your Association. Please call me collect, or drop me a card telling us of your church's decision.

I am looking forward to presenting your church with a certificate of appreciation in October in behalf of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention Campaign for Christian Higher Education.

# Sunday School literature distribution plan

Seventh in a series of nine articles



Most churches have next quarter's literature about ready to distribute.

Consider the following literature distribution plan as a part of an effort to have a high attendance on Oct. 7, which has been called "Great Day in the Morning."

**Purpose:** To place every piece of literature for every Sunday School member in every home, prior to every quarter.

This plan will guarantee personal delivery of Sunday School literature to every family in your Sunday School. Use the plan the week before the first Sunday of a quarter.

Briefly and simply here is the two step plan.

1. Provide an 8½ by 11 envelope for every family represented in your Sunday School. Write family name, address and phone number on the envelope and place in it the appropriate pieces of literature for each member of the family. Volunteers can help make up these packets.

2. On a specific evening lead Sunday School teachers, officers and other interested members to meet at the church for the purpose of collecting their own packets, then to visit and deliver all remaining family packets.

This plan does not provide for a teacher to visit his or her specific class or department members, since most packets will contain literature for individuals enrolled in different classes and departments.

The undelivered packets of "not-at-home" families could be distributed by team members the next day, or re-

turned to the church for reassignment. Accurate records should be made of each packet being assigned for delivery to avoid losing a whole packet containing several pieces of literature.

**RESULTS:** Use of this plan

- places the literature in the homes of the people ahead of the quarter in which it is to be taught
- stimulates some chronic absentees to attend Sunday School the first Sunday of a new quarter
- encourages the chronic absentee to read his Bible lesson at home — He can't read literature stacked on top of the piano in his department room at the church
- eliminates a 'pile-up' and waste of unused literature in department or classrooms
- helps teachers and visitors feel comfortable in making a purposeful visit
- opens doors for future visits and witnessing opportunities

In addition to this family visit, it is suggested that each teacher make a personal visit to every pupil every quarter as a part of the teacher's opportunity to better know the pupil and minister to member's needs.

Many churches have already adopted this plan for use each quarter.

If you have already distributed your literature for next quarter, you could use this plan in December just ahead of the January-March quarter. — Lawson Hatfield, state Sunday School director

## Weekday ministries are good outreach method



Dr. Bridges

whom the gospel message is an alien way.

Weekday ministries can be effective

Perhaps the most significant and most appreciated adaptation Southern Baptists have made in recent years is the program of weekday ministries. Weekday ministries reach beyond traditional patterns and present Christ compellingly to those

even when communication between church and neighborhood is at a minimum. Recently a concerned layman said, "Church community weekday ministries helps churches to realize their larger ministries in communities where such action can be meaningful and strong. All churches can demonstrate Christian love and concern for spiritual welfare by use of a program designed to meet the physical and social needs of the whole person."

One church, using a through-the-week program in the church building, declared, "We are facing the supreme opportunity of our life. A church open for a few hours on Sunday is a church divorced from human need where it presses hardest. Life is most difficult in the Monday-through-Friday world.

It is the day-by-day demands of a neighborhood that challenge a church to serve all week long."

A program of weekday ministries provides excellent experimental situations through which the whole church can explore the implications of the gospel. Woman's Missionary Union is making a significant contribution to these type ministries by building "mission actions" into its missionary education.

Possible weekday ministries through which any church can be involved include actions among the illiterate, among alcoholics, among drug addicts, among internationals, among the aging, among the physically handicapped or economically disadvantaged, among unwed mothers, through youth and family services, and through prisoner rehabilitation. — Tommy Bridges, Director, Special Missions Ministries

## Work with Indians is rewarding



Miss Forga

Dear Arkansas BSUers:

My summer has been very interesting to say the least! Nancy, who is my partner, and I have stayed in homes since we've been here and the people are simple marvelous to us. We are given everything we need, and they make us all feel right at home.

At first Nancy and I were responsible for Vacation Bible School for eight adolescents between the ages of 12 and 15. It was a rewarding experience in that I learned much from them. All of the pupils had knowledge of Jesus and had accepted his truths. Therefore, our class was one in which we stressed growing spiritually. I learned a lot about the capabilities and limitations of this age group. Sometimes I felt frustrated because they just sat and stared at me when I tried to tell them something important. I felt as if I hadn't gotten the point across to them at all. Later on one of them would say something to let me know they had heard after all.

Just in the last two weeks I have learned and experienced so much that I feel years older. I have been working on the Navajo Indian Reservation. It's a different world. Not only am I realizing the spiritual needs of the American Indian but also the physical and political needs. The first week I was counselor at Indian Camp, I was responsible for seven little girls. What an experience! I've never had to tell kids what to do, when to do it, and how.

While at camp, one of the Indians who had only recently accepted Christ was killed in an accident. The family depended on the missionary family to help them through it. Since I lived in the missionary's home, I was also involved. I learned much about the culture of the Navajo Indians through this. They have a tremendously hard life.

This week a group of high school kids from St. Louis came to conduct Vacation Bible School on the reservation in various places. I've been serving as a guide for one of the Bible Schools. We hold our school out in the middle of a vast desert. The only shelter we have is a tarpaulin that we carry along with us. We have nine children attending. The people live so far apart that these are the only ones we can reach. Before I came out here I never realized that there were such wide-spread places that were unsettled. It takes us 45 minutes to pick up children at three different homes.

The Mission here is really small. Very few people come to it. Therefore, there is a great need for the missionaries to visit the homes. Perhaps showing the Indian women how to use sewing machines would break down the barrier of these shy people.

I'm so thankful for this opportunity. More has happened than I could ever write.

Sincerely,  
Beverly Forga

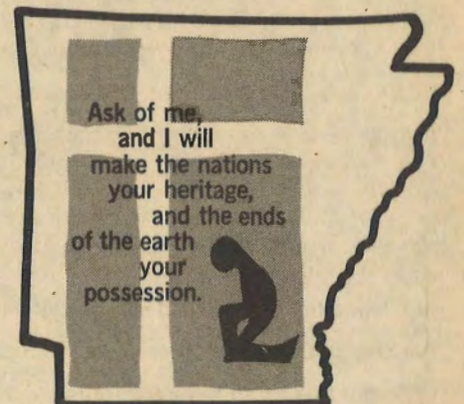
(Beverly is serving as one of the Arkansas BSU Summer Missionaries. She is working at the Navajo Indian Reservation at Show Low, Ariz., and is a student at Henderson State College.)

## The support of the ministry



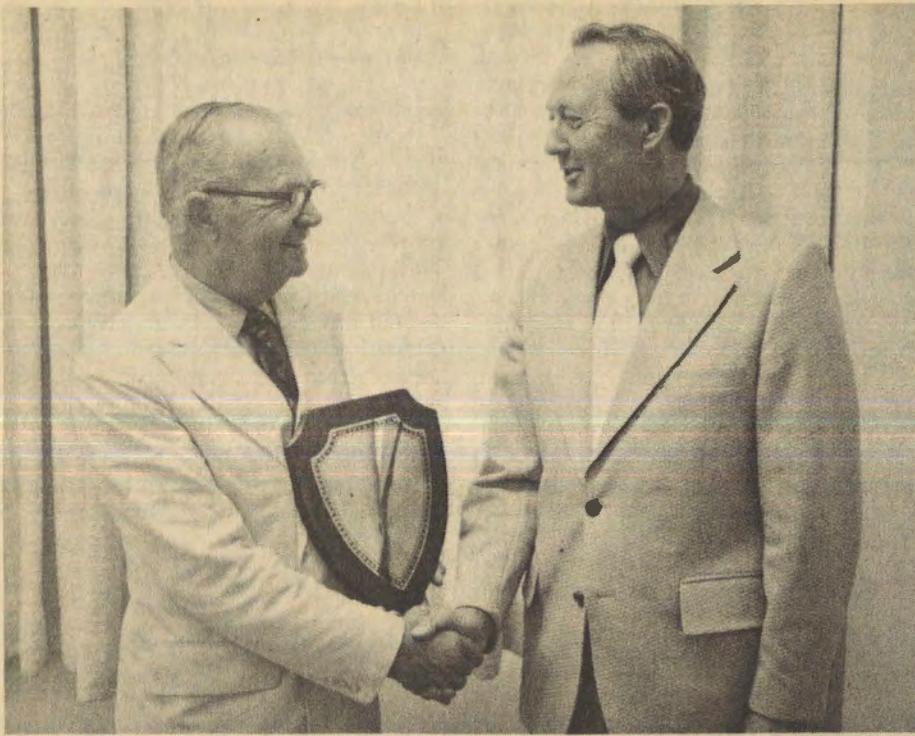
"That preacher shouldn't have time to be out here. Maybe we ought to cut his salary."

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Observe the Season of Prayer and the Dixie Jackson Offering for State Missions during September.





C. F. Landon (left), Arkansas' missionary to the deaf was honored by the Southern Baptist Conference of the Deaf, meeting recently in New Orleans for the 25th anniversary of the group. State Missions Department Director R. H. Dorris congratulated Landon on the honor and the plaque he received.

## Baptists responds to earthquake; Baptist damage report incomplete

MEXICO CITY (BP) — Responding to immediate needs from Mexico's worst earthquake in modern times, a Baptist church in Puebla, Puebla state, southeast of here, has dispatched its pastor and a team of physicians to assist victims.

The church, Primera Iglesia Bautista (First Baptist Church), is the nearest Baptist work to the earthquake epicenter, according to David P. Daniell, a Southern Baptist representative in Mexico.

Charles Bryan, area secretary for Middle America and the Caribbean for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, said the board is awaiting requests from the field before determining how possible relief funds should be designated.

Both Bryan and Carl Tiller of Baptist World Alliance headquarters, Washington, said they stand ready to respond as needs are known.

Tiller said three other BWA-affiliated Baptist bodies, besides Southern Baptists, have "fraternal ties" with Baptist work in Mexico — the American Baptist Churches, the Baptist General

Conference and the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference.

He said none of these four groups yet know what damage may have occurred to local Mexican Baptists because of crippled communications from the disaster area.

According to incomplete early reports, no Southern Baptist representatives in Mexico suffered harm and none of their property seemed to be damaged, Bryan said.

The pre-dawn earthquake, which wire service reports say may claim 1,000 lives, ripped through Mexico's midsection, devastating villages in Puebla, Vera Cruz and Oaxaca states, which form a belt across Central Mexico south of the capitol.

Thousands were injured and homeless in an area just recovering, wire reports said, from the effects of Hurricane Brenda and a month's torrential rains which had left hundreds without shelter, including some local Mexican Baptists, according to a report from the National Baptist Convention of Mexico, and killed 70.

- *Unequal Justice for All* — An exhaustive study of the justice system in Los Angeles County, one of the largest, most complex, and most respected justice systems in the country, helped confirm a dismal picture of criminal justice in the United States. According to the Rand study, "The pattern perceived is that most offenders are not arrested, most arrestees are never prosecuted, most convictions are accomplished by accepting guilty pleas to lesser offenses, and most defendants who are sentenced to correctional institutions return to criminal behavior soon after they are released."

(From "Newsline," pp. 14-16, *Psychology Today*, August, 1973)

- *Industry and Pollution* — At present rates of spending, U. S. business and industry will require more than three years to meet pollution-control laws and regulations now on the books. According to a McGraw-Hill survey, an expenditure of \$22.3 billion is needed to catch up, compared with planned outlays of \$6.2 billion this year. During the next three years, U. S. business expects to increase its total antipollution expenditures by only 15 percent. Capital spending on pollution in 1973 will amount to 5.9 percent of all capital investment — a figure that is expected to remain constant over the next three years.

(*World*, July 31, 1973)

- *Preposterous* — State Rep. Louis Maletto recently said the probability of television black-out of professional football games played in Connecticut this fall is "one of the great issues of our time. On football Sunday, it probably enrages more people than high meat prices, gasoline shortages or Watergate-stained politicians all put together."

(*The Nashville Tennessean*, Aug. 16, 1973)



NASHVILLE — Staff members of "The Student" look over past copies of the magazine as they plan for future issues. From left, they are John Teh, artist designer, Denise Jones, assistant editor, and Norman Bowman, editor.

## Magazine available for college students

NASHVILLE — *The Student* magazine first was published in 1922 when Southern Baptist student work was just beginning.

Primarily a leisure-reading piece for college students, it contains relevant material on ethics, theology, social issues, and devotional life, along with outstanding poetry and short stories.

*The Student*, a monthly magazine, is designed to challenge students to intelligent and committed Christian discipleship. Channels of information and ideas concerning Baptist Student Unions and campus ministries on a nation-wide basis also are included.

Norman Bowman, a native of St. Louis, serves as the publication's editor, only the fifth in its 51 year history.

The assistant editor, Denise Jones, has been involved with editorial work in national student ministries for 12 years.

John Teh, artist designer, is a native of Malaysia. He attended seminary in Malaysia and went to art school in Belfast, Northern Ireland. Additionally, he has won a number of awards for excellence in design and graphic art.

*The Student* has won numerous awards in the past few years including the National Award of Excellence in the Graphic Arts Competition of the Printing Industry of America and two awards of exceptional merit in 1973 from the Baptist Public Relations Association. The exceptional merit awards were in the magazine category and for cover photography on the January, 1973, issue.

Each month regular features in *The Student*, include Bible study, counseling student problems in the "Hangup of the Month" column and regular spotlights on outstanding Christian students.

*The Student* may be ordered by churches on the literature order form for 86 cents per quarter to be distributed by the church, or it will be sent directly to the students for \$3.50 each year. *The Student* is published nine months of the year by national student ministries of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

"They linked arms and formed a tight circle around us," Tippet said, "and when we tried to break out they slugged us a few times."

Tippet said they spent a lot of time counseling with the 200 who made professions. "As a result, they have invited me to several areas behind the Iron Curtain," Tippet said.

## Baptists' visit to East Berlin youth meet draws mixed response

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (BP). — A Southern evangelist said here that his street preaching and personal witnessing efforts at the recent Communist World Youth Festival in East Berlin evoked both hostility and positive spiritual response.

Sammy Tippet of San Antonio, Tex., visited the festival, attended by about 100,000 persons, along with two other Baptists from the States, Fred Starkweather, a member of Oak Grove Church, Pinckneyville, Ill., and Fred Bishop, former pastor of the church.

Tippet and his associates spent most of each day, as well as much of each evening, at the eight-day gathering on the Alexanderplatz in East Berlin.

Their witnessing, which Tippet estimates produced about 200 converts to Christ, began on an informal basis and ended with an informal "Jesus march" and street preaching.

"My first contact was with a German youth, who was wearing a one-way Jesus button," Tippet told the *Illinois Baptist*, state news publication of Illinois

Baptists.

"He told me he was not a Christian, but just wearing the button. I witnessed to him about 40 minutes. This attracted others and soon 200 to 300 Communist youth were standing around us, wanting autographs."

On the second day of the festival, which had been organized, Tippet said, to teach the youth how to propagate Communism, the trio of Americans knelt in the streets to pray publicly.

"When I got up, 100 people were standing around me," said Tippet, a former Chicago street preacher. "I started preaching and soon the number grew to 1,000."

At other times, Tippet's group faced hostility, as hecklers chanted slogans and circled them trying to keep interested persons away from their preaching.

Tippet said the greatest opposition occurred the final night, when a group of hostile Communist youth cornered them, then started pushing and shoving.

Home Mission Board photos  
by Jerome McClendon



Don Jackson leads in prayer during concert at Atlanta prison.

## Baptist youth sing on prison circuit

A Texas Baptist youth group went to prison this summer — seven times — in four states. The New Christian Singers, traveled from Bethany Church in Dallas, Tex., giving musical concerts in penitentiaries and correctional institutions in Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Kentucky.

An estimated 10,000 inmates were in their audiences this summer. The group was organized in 1967 and has performed Christian concerts in the New England states, on the Washington Capitol Building steps, and along the Gulf of Mexico.

This was their second summer of prison performances — their return to the "prison circuit" prompted by tremendous response from inmates, prison officials, and excitement instilled in the singers themselves. The 80 high school and college students who make up the New Christian Singers are under the direction of Don Jackson, minister of music for Bethany Church.

The choir was among an estimated 1,000 church youth groups which worked in missions this summer.



New Christian Singers' equipment is unloaded outside Atlanta Federal Penitentiary in Georgia for their performance.

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## Unique children's home gives youngsters new start

By Kim Larsen

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP) — For Lee Whitlock, "family" means a wife and nearly 30 children, and "home" stands for the three converted Sunday School rooms that house his "family."

Whitlock, a student at Southern Seminary, and his wife, Joey, both Baptists, work, live, counsel and serve as temporary "parents" at the Emergency Resource Home (ERH) at the Berry Boulevard Presbyterian Church.

The Emergency Resource Home, with one room for boys, one for girls and one room for Lee and Joey, provides not only the physical needs of food and shelter to delinquent and homeless young people, but also offers counseling, friendship and encouragement.

Since the home officially opened in January, nearly 30 young people, ranging in age from 1-17, have stayed at the home, four at a time, for an average of 30 days each.

"The young people who have stayed with us, and the area in general, show great potential," says Whitlock. "Besides that, we're a model situation — the first of its kind in the area. Hopefully we're the first of many such homes."

ERH was started because of the desperate need in this lower-middle class area for such a home, says Whitlock.

When Senate Bill 171A was passed, stating in part that children could no longer be sent to a juvenile home for running away, truancy or because they were beyond parental control, few places were left to house the young people who fell in these categories. The Emergency Resource Home was started by Berry Boulevard Presbyterian Church, which provides the building, and the local Department of Child Welfare, which offers counseling and placement of children in foster homes.

"The main problem which brings the young people to the home is rejection," says Whitlock. In some cases this rejection leads to auto or bicycle theft, drug abuse or similar crimes, he adds.

Whitlock, 28, has never worked in a similar situation but has found the

experience rewarding. "We want to set up a Christian home the young people can really call a home," he says. "We work as a family unit. When Joey and I go to the movies, so do they. When we go out to dinner, they come with us.

"But as things are now, we're only a temporary home for young people. We hope to extend this to the point where we will function not only in a temporary, 30-day situation, but also work on a long term plan, where the young people will stay with us up through their graduation from school.

"When young people are sent back to their own homes, or placed in foster homes, you often have the same problem you had before — rejection," Whitlock says. "Here, we think they at least have a chance."

**Kim Larsen, who served as a 1973 summer intern on the editorial staff of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, is a free lance writer in Atlanta, Ga.**



*Southern Seminary student Lee Whitlock and his wife, Joey, eat supper with one of the young women who is a resident of Emergency Resource Home, a Presbyterian-sponsored short-term "foster home" for delinquent or abandoned children. Whitlock is the home's associate director. (HMB Photo by Jim Wright)*



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# Unity at the Lord's table

By Paul W. Dodd  
West Helena Church

International  
Sept. 16, 1973  
1 Corinthians 11:17-26



Dodd

To rightly understand the focal passage in Sunday's lesson, it is necessary to know something of Paul's idea of the church as the "body of Christ." Indeed, his discussion of the Lord's Supper in chapter 11 leads naturally to a discussion of the church as a spiritual body in chapter 12. Paul was convicted that "there should be no schism in the body" (1 Cor. 12:25.) At the very beginning of this letter, 1 Corinthians 1:13, he asks "Is Christ divided?" The obvious answer is "No, Christ is not divided," and the clear implication is that it should be just as unthinkable for the church, the body of Christ, to be divided. There should be an overpowering oneness and unity about our fellowship.

Now, the manner in which a church family observes the Lord's Supper should give witness to their oneness in the Lord Jesus. Jesus said "Take eat, this is my body" (Matt. 26:26.) While Baptists do not hold to the Catholic doctrine of the elements becoming the literal flesh and blood of Jesus, we are deeply committed to the indwelling spiritual presence of Jesus. We see symbolized in the Lord's Supper our mutual sharing of the indwelling Christ. Christ in you, in me, and in another — that's what makes us one! In a beautiful and dramatic way, the Lord's Supper gives witness to this oneness. Paul insists that warmth of fellowship and unity of spirit are prerequisite to worthy observance of the Supper. He saw room for improvement at Corinth. In Corinth, the very observance of the Lord's Supper was doing...

**More harm than good (1 Cor. 11:17-19)**

Paul declared that they came "together not for the better, but for the worse." While their coming together, as the church gathered, should demonstrate oneness in Christ Jesus, it rather gave place for "divisions" among them. With this, Paul could not agree, nor praise them for it.

Man has always had a tendency to take God-given, meaningful symbols of the faith and turn them into empty, meaningless ceremonies and rituals. Through his prophet Amos, God

warned Israel: "I hate your show and pretence — your hypocrisy of 'honoring' me with your religious feasts and solemn assemblies." (Amos 5:21, LB) It was not that God despised the feast days and religious observances. He despised "that kind" of insincere, hypocritical, heartless religion. With God, right worship springs from a right attitude, and a religion of pretense is worse than no religion at all.

Members of the church at Corinth had turned the Lord's Supper into empty ceremonialism. Their very observance of the Supper was deceitful and pretentious. Their divisions contradicted the very unity the Supper symbolized. They were so filled with self that to claim the fulness of Christ was pure sham. Paul said for this reason their coming together did more harm than good.

Jesus declared "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." (John 4:24) Truth is essential for right worship. Nothing is more displeasing to the Father than dishonesty and deceitfulness in worship. Ananias and Sapphira committed the sin of pretense in worship, and lost their lives (Acts 5:1-11.) Jesus insisted we should "first be reconciled" to our Christian brothers, lest we worship deceitfully. (Matt. 5:24.) The scribes and Pharisees were strongly scolded for their insincerity in worship. (Matt. 23:27.)

The Lord's Supper should be a truthful and honest expression of a congregation's unity in Jesus. It should rightfully be an outward sign of an inward experience. Anything less than this does infinitely more harm than good.

Paul told the Corinthians that their worship services should be...

**More spiritual and less social (1 Cor. 11:20-22)**

Evidently, the church at Corinth had allowed the class distinctions of the world to disrupt the unity of fellowship in the church. Like many churches, they had let too much of the world get into the church, rather than the other way around.

Most Bible scholars suppose that

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these "love feasts" of the early church, as Jude 12 refers to them, were similar to our pot luck suppers today. There were evidently sufficient quantities of food present for some to make gluttons of themselves, and enough wine for others to get drunk. (1 Cor. 11:21.) The actual observance of the Lord's Supper came as a highlight of this fellowship meal.

Paul corrected the church members for not waiting on one another to begin the meal. (1 Cor. 11:21.) He further accused them in verse 22 of shaming "them that have not." Likely, the more prosperous members of the church were "hastily gobbling all the food" (LB), and not waiting for the poorer members to arrive, who could not so easily get free from their work.

Class distinctions, whether caused by wealth, race, nationality, culture, education, etc., have no place in the church. Those who can see nothing more in these verses than a condemnation of eating at church miss the point entirely. It is not so much the church dinners as it is the class distinctions that Paul condemns. Paul disapproves of the same unChristlike table manners here as he did in Galatians 2:11 FF, where Peter's prejudice weakened his witness.

Our churches need to be distinctively spiritual in nature, and overcome the social distinctions of the world. The spiritual unity we have in Christ spans social and cultural barriers. When allowed to shape the fellowship of the church, class distinction becomes a most effective tool in Satan's arsenal of weapons. It's to be avoided like the plague, and not tolerated within the church family.

Paul concluded his instruction on the right observance of the Lord's Supper by appealing to the Corinthians to let there be...

**More of the Lord, and less of self (1 Cor. 11:23-26)**

The Lord's Supper is to be first, last, and always an observance "in remembrance" of Jesus. We can be sure that we partake in an unworthy manner whenever anything is permitted to distract us from honoring Jesus Christ. Above all, when we gather around the table "He must increase, but (we) must decrease." (John 3:30)

## Ezekiel: God is our hope

By Andrew B. Setliffe  
Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock



Setliffe

Hope is a big word in the modern vocabulary. It is an element within every individual. We are always raising the question "how much hope?" or "is there any hope?"

Last fall when the plane in which Representative Hale Boggs was traveling was lost a great search began. The question was "Is there any hope he will be found alive?" For weeks searchers, friends, family, and the general public held onto hope for him and his safety.

In recent months when the Vietnam war prisoners returned, there were many who did not return. Most still have hope that their loved one is still alive and will someday return.

Today with the rapid rise in prices, especially food prices, the working man asks, "Is there any hope that we will be able to meet our financial obligations, be able to eat, and be able to live in any degree of comfort?"

The Watergate investigation, telecasts, and news reports raise questions in the minds of the public. People want to know if we can ever again trust our government and politicians? Is there any hope for our government?

Is there hope for our nation to survive? Is there hope that we will ever again have peace? Will our nation become second rate? Will we fall to communism? Will our land suffer the destruction brought about by war?

The Israelites were in captivity. Most of them had lost hope. They no longer hoped for a return to Jerusalem and the re-establishment of their national life. The answer to their despair, however, was "God is our hope." It is also our answer today.

The dictionary defines "hope" as "desire accompanied with expectation of obtaining what is desired, or belief that it is obtainable."

The name Ezekiel means "God will strengthen." He was a priest who was carried into captivity 597 B. C. by Nebuchadnezzar. He was a man of great intellect and was probably from the better class of people which were carried into captivity. He did not so much predict events as other prophets. He

saw visions and interpreted the messages.

### A hopeless situation

The Spirit of the Lord carries Ezekiel into the midst of a valley filled with dry bones. He probably had seen on occasion the dry bones of those who had fallen in battle and were left unburied. Judah was like a dead nation without a future, hopeless. In this vision Ezekiel saw all of Judah and Jerusalem in a state of hopeless death.

Scattered over the plain were bones bleached by the sun, very dry and brittle. As the prophet looks out over the scene it pictures to him the desperate situation of his people. The dry bones symbolize the Israelites in exile.

The Lord asks, "Son of man, can these bones live" (v. 3)? This is doubtless a question often raised by the exiles. First Corinthians 15:35 raises the same question. Natural man would answer with an unequivocal no. But Ezekiel's answer was conditioned by previous experiences with the Lord. "O Lord God, thou knowest." He had learned that matters such as this are better left to God. Only God could answer the question because the powers of life and death are in his hands alone.

### Words of hope

Ezekiel is commanded to prophecy, to proclaim "the word of the Lord" to these dried bones. He is to speak the word where there are none to hear. He must continue to teach and to warn even after the nation has ceased to exist. There seems to be no hope of success, yet he cannot abandon his mission or his calling. His faithful devotion to his duty will be the instrument used to release the powers which will bring new life to the people. Today many who have responded to God's call to serve as missionaries, ministers, etc. are turning from this service to some other. Sunday School teachers and other church leaders are dropping out. Is it because the road gets rough, there seems to be no hope of success?

The prophet is called upon to face the situation at its worst in the name of God. He is not a spectator. The miracle is going to be performed through

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Ezekiel 37:1-14

him. God gives him a message to proclaim. The thought of a resurrection of dead persons was not foreign to Ezekiel's thinking.

Jesus said, "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice and come forth" (John 5:28-29.)

### Responding

In response to God's command Ezekiel proclaimed his message. As God's word is spoken action occurs. The Hebrews thought of God's word as a creative agent working through his prophet. God's creative word recreated life where death had been.

Bones come together to form bodies. The "noise" and "shaking" is probably that of the bones as they come together. However, some suggest it may have been an earthquake which accompanied the miracle. Then flesh covers the skeleton and skin covers the flesh. At this point there is nothing more than an army of lifeless bodies.

At this point Ezekiel is instructed to call the wind to breathe upon them, that they may have life. Wind is so often used as a symbol of the Spirit. The Spirit is beyond all that can be seen or measured. The wind is as far as all about us but all the while invisible. We must never estimate a situation merely by those factors which can be observed alone.

The Spirit stands for vitality. In the New Testament we see the Spirit bring the young church to life. The Spirit did mighty works through them and spread the gospel around the world.

The Spirit moves at will. We do not control the Spirit and the Spirit does not respond just when we desire him to do so nor in the way we would dictate. The Spirit comes upon us when we are faithful. We are to be faithful to our present tasks, like Ezekiel, even though we see little success.

### Hope restored

God promises to open the graves of those who are dead and make them live (v. 12.) We know there will be a general resurrection at the return of Christ. However, this speaks to those for whom existence has become for all intents and purposes a grave.

Those who receive life from the dead are sure to recognize the hand of the Lord in such a resurrection. This is the greatest and most remarkable of all

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## Life and Work lesson

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changes a man can undergo. Man is brought out of the grave of spiritual death into the light and liberty of spiritual life. Only the one who gives life can accomplish this. This experience is available to all who will place their faith and trust in Jesus as Lord and Saviour, confess and seek forgiveness for your sins by calling upon the name of the Lord.

The presence of God's Spirit brings hope for national survival. The people are to be freed from the graveyard of the exile and returned to their homeland. Only the power of God can bring this to pass.

The coming of God's Spirit brings life. The same thrilling truth is still needed in a world that has dry bones everywhere.

The church is God's instrument for spiritual revival in the world. Too much has the church been more concerned about pleasing than changing; or co-existing than bringing spiritual revolution to the world. Today there is a watered-down concept of Christ's church. Church members walk down the church aisle to rededicate themselves and then go out to hate, criticize, and live ungodly lives. The church must face, individually and collectively, the fact that it is every Christian's obligation to witness. A Christian cannot hide behind such excuses as: "That's the pastor's job" or "I'll do it when it is convenient." The Christian has the witness that will save a lost person from eternal death and he must bear that witness or answer to God for his failure to do so.

## A smile or two

A very trying customer had handled almost every article in the hardware store but nothing satisfied her. Wearying of her criticism the harried clerk suggested inspection of a new lot of brooms just received.

"They're not even first class ones," the customer grumbled. "Cheap straw, flimsily made, shoddy material — and the handle is rough, too. Not like the ones they used to make. This would fall apart after one good sweep. What is it good for, anyway?"

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Cherokee Village Mission	86	20	
Clinton, Friendship	58	25	4
Conway, Second	323	74	4
Crossett			
First	388	114	
Mt. Olive	301	192	6
Dardanelle, First	143	40	
Des Arc, First	194	96	2
El Dorado, Caledonia	28	18	2
Ft. Smith			
Haven Heights	193	93	1
Temple	131	66	2
Greenwood, First	284	100	
Hampton, First	136	46	
Hardy, First	72	29	2
Harrison, Eagle Heights	273	98	6
Hope, First	390	96	
Hot Springs			
Grand Avenue	247	152	18
Leonard Street	99	90	2
Park Place	400	122	3
Hughes, First	195	58	
Jacksonville, Marshall Road	261	107	3
Lake Village, Parkway	48	24	
Lavaca, First	263	137	
Lexa	170	104	
Little Rock			
Geyer Springs	600	168	3
Martindale	99	51	
Sunset Lane	167	79	1
Magnolia, Central	541	185	5
Melbourne, Belview	165	88	5
North Little Rock			
Baring Cross	508	151	2
Calvary	308	85	
Gravel Ridge	164	80	1
Levy	313	71	3
Park Hill	664	63	3
Paragould			
Center Hill	160	91	1
East Side	176	82	
Paris, First	343	80	3
Pine Bluff			
East Side	199	122	1
First	527	127	5
Green Meadows	60	30	
Second	141	62	
Prairie Grove, First	159	78	1
Rogers, First	500	119	4
Russellville			
First	490		
Kelley Heights	40	25	
Second	155	61	
Springdale			
Berry Street	111	56	
First	1003		15
Oak Grove	74	20	2
Uniontown	110	69	2
Vandervoort, First	44	17	
West Helena			
Second	195	77	1
West Helena Church	221	62	1
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### California physician aids Nigerian Baptist hospital

By Barbara Epperson

OGBOMOSHO, Nigeria (BP) — Nigerians will not soon forget "the Big Doctor who can make crooked arms straight."

During an 80-day assignment at the Ogbomosho Baptist Hospital here, Dr. Jerrold K. Longerbeam, chief of surgery at Riverside (Calif.) Hospital, won the affection and admiration of missionaries and nationals.

"You need to take your knife and open our hearts and minds to see the depths of our appreciation, Mrs. Tina Oke, the operating room supervisor, told him.

Why was this "Big Doctor" in Ogbomosho?

In August, 1972, Dr. Longerbeam's pastor, Larry Nixon of Magnolia Avenue Church, Riverside, paid the surgeon's registration fee to attend a medical conference during Foreign Missions Week at Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist Conference Center.

At that conference, Dr. Longerbeam learned of the need for doctors to serve on a short-term basis on mission fields overseas.

Although interested and willing, he never dreamed that within eight months he would be on a short-term assignment in Nigeria treating hundreds of Africans and training others.

With the unexpected absence of the only general surgeon at the Ogbomosho Hospital, Dr. Longerbeam was contacted by Dr. Franklin T. Fowler, medical consultant for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

It seemed God had limited the surgical load — until he got there, that is. So many patients were waiting to see him when he arrived, he wondered if the other missionary physicians, Dr. Martha J. Gilliland and Dr. William C. Gaventa, had been saving cases for him.

The number of seriously ill and the delay in bringing patients for treatment amazed Dr. Longerbeam. He marvelled at those patients who came to him with complete confidence and trust, and he was moved by their charm and friendliness. They in turn were delighted when he greeted them in Yoruba.

Besides treating patients, Dr. Longerbeam led conferences to train Nigerian interns in surgical procedures. One intern even remained for the training sessions during his vacation period.

The staff also profited from his research and knowledge of physiology and pathology. He impressed his co-workers with his patience and the thorough way he dealt with each detail of a case.

Young Nigerian doctors appreciated his willingness to spend hours assisting them in surgery. After watching Dr. Longerbeam assist in preparing a child for surgery, one Nigerian staff member praised the doctor for "even doing nursing procedures."

He will be remembered for his energy to work without rest, his love for the patients and his attitude toward his work.

Dr. Longerbeam's attitude prevailed even as he prepared to return to the States when he reflected, "This is the greatest experience of my life. I would come again and I wholeheartedly recommend it to other doctors."

Yes, it's no exaggeration. After only 80 days, 118 major surgical cases and 51 minor ones, this "Big Doctor" will not soon be forgotten.

**EDITOR'S NOTE: Miss Epperson, missionary journalist, has editorial responsibilities at the Nigerian Baptist Woman's Missionary Union headquarters in Ede, Nigeria. She was appointed by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in June, 1953.**

### "Context" to follow Life and Work Series

NASHVILLE — Beginning in October, 1973, "Context," the Sunday School quarterly for college students, will follow the Life and Work Series according to Richard Harmon, new "Context" editor for the Sunday School Board.

Teachers of college students will be able to use the regular Life and Work teachers' quarterly and other teaching helps. Until October, "Context" has had its own unique content and few teachers' helps were available, which was a handicap to many teachers using the college materials.

"Context" is designed especially for college students and contains illustrations and applications that relate to the college setting. Churches should provide a copy of "Context" to college students in the Sunday School to help them apply the Bible to problems and opportunities of college life.

### New Orleans Baptist hospital is planned

NEW ORLEANS (BP) — A new \$20 million hospital, tentatively named Southern Baptist Hospital — West, will be constructed here by Affiliated Baptist Hospitals, Inc., operators of two former Southern Baptist Convention hospitals.

Raymond C. Wilson, executive director of the present Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans, has been named executive director of all three ABH hospitals, including the two in New Orleans and Baptist Memorial Hospital, Jacksonville, Fla.

George Mathews, administrator and executive director of the Jacksonville hospital, will become executive coordinator for the proposed New Orleans hospital, which will initially have 200 beds with capability of expansion to 500 beds as needed.

Besides the hospital building, the 14-acre tract will contain the power plant, a medical office building, a parking structure and possibly an apartment house for hospital personnel.

Joe H. Tuten, pastor of Calvary Church, Jackson, Miss., and president of Affiliated Baptist Hospitals, Inc., said the consolidation of the three hospitals under a single executive director could possibly result in interchange of personnel between the hospitals on a loan basis.

"We try to operate in close coordination with the SBC," Tuten said of the 50-member ABH board. "We want to be Southern Baptist, stem to stern."

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