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# Influencing laws: how to do it

by Betty Kennedy

Frequent watchers of Saturday morning television often get a civics lesson from the cartoon character who starts out as "just a bill" on his way to Capitol Hill. Viewers are supposed to learn that making laws is not such an easy process.

The process from good idea to law is not so easy in Arkansas, either. Christians who are concerned that laws they oppose don't are sometimes frustrated and flabbergasted by the procedures.

A lot of the difference between success and failure in influencing legislation is in knowing what to say and where to say it, according to two Baptists who have a working knowledge of lawmaking.

Judy Petty, State Representative from Little Rock, and Albert (Tom) Collier, who is from Newport, have introduced in this 47th General Assembly the type of legislation that Baptists pay attention to.

Petty, a Republican, is the primary author of House Bill 91, known as the Omnibus DWI Bill. As of this writing, HB 91 has passed the House, gotten a "do pass" recommendation from the Senate Judiciary Committee and awaits action of the full Senate.

Petty's bill came out of the work of Governor Frank White's Taskforce on Drunken Driving and seemed to have wide public support. Then the proposal met resistance in the House Judiciary Committee and picked up criticism because of possible costs of workable remedies for the drunken driving problem.

Collier, a Democrat, saw his bill, House Bill 6, killed in committee. It would have increased taxes on alcoholic beverages.

Representative Collier is a licensed Baptist minister, now serving as pastor of the Horseshoe Church in Black River Association. He hears church people asking why they are not being as effective in lobbying efforts with the legislature as are those promoting the liquor industry. Collier says he has no answer at this point for the difference in success, but maintains that church people should keep trying to make their wishes known.

"The church can't speak as a church," he notes, "but an action group can be formed out of the members." He thinks church people should be firm with legislators by demanding that they vote for or against specific legislation. "And keep on doing it," he advises.

Both Petty and Collier advise concerned Christians to go to committees first with their support or opposition because the legislative committees can determine whether the measure ever gets to the House or Senate for a vote.

And constituents can write their lawmaker, but letters should be one page or



State Representatives Judy Petty and Tom Collier, who are among the many Baptists serving in the legislature, offer advice on working with the lawmakers.

less (they get more than enough mail) and hand written. "I think when people hand write they are giving part of themselves," Rep. Collier says.

Petty suggests that when people get together as action groups they should bring paper, envelopes and stamps. "Don't just talk to each other: talk to us," she advises. She explains that addresses of legislators are available or they can write in care of the state capitol.

"Call your legislator and ask what you can do," Collier advises. "They can tell you who is on the committee involved." He emphasizes again the importance of dealing with the bill while it is in committee.

"And don't forget that the magic words are 'I live in your district,'" Petty says.

The lawmakers have some advice for those who monitor action at the capitol: "Don't moralize, don't quote scripture," Collier admonishes. And give legislators the benefit of the doubt that they try to do what's right, Petty advises.

Both legislators have seen instances of persons who attended committee hearings angering legislators by their remarks. It can be counterproductive, Collier says. "Never threaten a legislator: you will lose that vote."

Churches inviting lawmakers to speak to groups could be very good to educate Baptist people, Petty thinks. "Don't forget that they are your representatives for two years, not just 60 days," she says. "And please don't harass them," Collier interjects.

Church members, as individuals, not being involved in the process is unthinkable to the legislators. "I understand one pastor asked how many of the congregation were registered to vote and only 50 percent raised their hands," Petty laments.

"All governments are of God," Collier says. "If Christians do not influence the governments, who do you think will?"



Representative John Miller of Melbourne (center) updates two other Baptists of the process of legislation. Talking about the current session are (right) Robert Parker, director of the Christian Life Council for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, and John Finn, who heads the Christian Civic Foundation of Arkansas for several denominations.

## In this issue

### Laborers: BSU 10

The third in a series of articles showing the work and the workers who labor together with Arkansas Baptist churches and individuals spotlights Student Department and its director.

### Backing CP 16

A study committee has reported to the SBC Executive Committee that they are withdrawing a recommendation that would allow "negative designation" to the Cooperative Program.

## The impact of a Christian home

## The editor's page

J. Everett Sneed



Some months ago I sat in the home of a loved one a few days after the death of his wife for more than a half a century. It was evident that there was loneliness, but there was certainly no sense of despair.

It appeared that this man of God had accumulated riches not measurable in a large bank account and vast holdings. As I reflected over the portion of his life that I knew, I remembered his fine sons — three deacons and a preacher — and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren who were all active in Baptist churches.

Suddenly, my mind flashed back to a funeral I had conducted several years ago. The despair had been unbelievable. There hadn't been a single Christian in the family. Several of the children, like their father, had criminal records.

What made the difference between the two families? Obviously, it was their relationship, or lack of relationship, with God. Much of the development of every family must center around what occurs in the home. The home, of course, was the first institution established by God. The second was the church. The "called out ones" often held their assemblies in the home. Paul, for instance, in writing to Philemon sent greetings to him, to his family, and "to the church that is in thine house" (Philemon 2). Similar references are found in other places in the New Testament.

The close relation between the two divinely established institutions is notable. Whereas each performs a unique function, in many respects one strengthens or complements the other.

Evangelism is just as much a function of the home as it is of the church. Often parents and other relatives err by leaving to the church the task of confronting their loved ones with the Good News of salvation.

It is true that when a parent witnesses to his children, great care must be exercised not to over-persuade. All too often, the tendency is to the other extreme, in which the child is never presented with the opportunity to receive Christ. Something must be wrong with the home where children make every other normal development and never become Christians.

In the home there are occasions to witness to the

adult members of the family who are not Christians. Here the opportunity should be greater than in any other relationship.

Teaching and training are a function of the church and the home. Parents have the advantage of training the child in the area of real life situations.

So often, the Hebrews were given instructions, "And ye shall teach them (commandments) your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up" (Deut. 11:19). When this method was followed, Israel had no problems. When it was forgotten they encountered great difficulties.

The ultimate goal should be to teach children in such a way that they will become mature Christian men and women. It should always be remembered that children follow the examples that are set before them. The old adage, "Don't do what I do, do what I say," will ultimately fail.

Worship should also be a function of the church and the home. Normally we think of the church as being the only place for such experiences. Certainly the corporate worship is vital to every life, but so is family worship.

The time for a family devotional will vary from home to home. In some cases the breakfast hour is better. For others, the evening is more satisfactory. The time is not important as long as a definite schedule is established. It is important that each member of the family participate. Materials are available through our Southern Baptist agencies which will aid in this endeavor.

The dedication of the individuals should be the goal. While worship is a marvelous experience, it is not an end in itself. The ultimate desire is dedication which will give strength to assist the individual through his life.

The Christian's ability to face death is related to the faith he has experienced in life. There is a dedication and hope which reaches beyond this life and finds its anchor in Jesus Christ.

What is the condition of your home? Is it a place of evangelism, teaching and worship — all leading to dedication? Is all well with thee and thine house?

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## The Southern accent

D. Jack Nicholas/President, SBC

### *The conclusions are not always supported by the data*

A well used expression among statisticians is, "figures don't lie, but liars figure." The expression pertains, among other things, to the tendency to force data to say what the writer or researcher wants it to say. I am not referring here to the cases publicized recently in which researchers have made up or "fabricated" data but rather of researchers having actually collected data and then forced it to yield the conclusions that suit the researcher. An illustration of this was found recently in an article in *The Chronicle of Higher Education* entitled, "Although Drinking Is Widespread, Student Abuse of Alcohol Is Not Rising, New Study Finds."

In comparing two surveys of drinking among college students, the article reports that 82.1 percent of the students in a 1982 survey reported that they drank while a survey conducted in 1974 reported that 79.4 percent of the students consumed alcoholic beverages.

The researchers described a "modest" increase in the proportion of heavy drinkers

from 1974 to 1982 — from 11.6 percent to 17.2 percent. The interesting thing is that the increase which is described as "modest" by the researchers was a bit over 48 percent, which can hardly be properly labeled as "modest" by any objective researcher.

The increase in the proportion of women as heavy drinkers was even more startling — from 4.4 percent in 1974 to 11.4 percent in 1982.

They further state that significant changes occurred in only three areas of alcohol-related problem behaviors — "an increase in the percentage of students reporting hang-overs, missing classes because of hang-overs, and drinking while driving.

It is patently clear that the wording employed in the above quote is calculated to minimize the significance of the changes, but the changes are by no means inconsequential in terms of the havoc they wreak in any serious educational setting, or, in the case of drinking while driving, the frightening statistics associated with alcohol-related accidents and fatalities.

The content and language of the article is reassuring and is calculated to calm the rising concern of college officials about alcohol abuse among college students. The message, however, is simply not supported by the data presented.

An honest analysis of data leads to the conclusions that the use of alcohol by college students is on the increase, that the proportion of the students who engage in heavy drinking is on the increase, that the proportion of women who identify themselves as heavy drinkers has shown a startling increase and that there has been significant increase in the percentage of students reporting hang-overs, missing classes because of hang-overs and drinking while driving.

Those conclusions should lead a researcher to cry out in alarm, not extend assurance.

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

## Letters to the editor

### *Subject: licensing*

Reference your magazine dated Feb. 17, page 5, Letter to the Editor, subject licensing.

My opinion for what it is worth on this subject is as follows.

1. You have to have controls for any organization whose mission is fiduciary or is charged with the welfare and care of other individuals. An example would be a nursing home or day care center.

2. In directing or mandating guidelines (i.e. controls) you must have some method of assuring that there is necessary adherence — by license or by certification.

3. The state legislature is empowered by duly enacted statutes to say where each and every Arkansas student (ages five through 21 years of age) will attend public school. Yes, the parent may remove their student from the public school. But the student has to be placed in an accredited educational facility. (Ref: a judge's recent ruling that a parent can not properly educate their children at home. The child must be educated in an accredited educational facility.)

4. A day care center is an educational facility (despite the fact that their duties may be that of baby sitter), and should be

required to meet certain sovereign guidelines in their day-to-day operation.

5. In order to insure that a given facility has been promulgated and is adhering to the statute that permitted the facility to come into being, it must either be licensed or at least be certified.

6. A substantiating point to the paragraph above: the society is responsible for education of its successions. The welfare and care of young people is the governing determinant in the mandating guidelines. Parents must meet these guidelines.

The church congregation is human, they must have guidance in order to insure compliance with the law. Therefore, license or at least certification. — George W. Douglas, Black Rock

### *Test the spirits*

Oral Roberts said recently, that Jesus appeared before him and they talked for seven hours. He stated, "Jesus told him to ask his faith partners to give \$240 each to help find a cure for cancer. This reminds me of the saying, 'O consistency thou art a jewel.'" The legs of the lame are not equal in this case.

Some time ago Roberts said he had a personal encounter with a 900 foot Jesus, who

told him to raise millions to finish the City of Faith. This could not be the Jesus that rose from the dead after his crucifixion. He was five to six feet tall. That means that Jesus would have to grow 894 more feet, after he arose from the dead and ascended back to heaven.

Roberts stated God told him to find a cure for cancer. This is strange indeed. I heard him say about 30 years ago, that he prayed for a woman with cancer and the cancer dropped off her head. What became of that cure? He claimed to have the cure then. The March issue of the *Readers Digest* states that scientists are closing in on cancer and will probably have the cure within another year.

The Apostle John, in 1 John 4:1, warns us to try or test the spirits whether they are of God because many false prophets are gone out into the world. I would like to ask our readers to read what Jesus and the Apostle Paul also warns us about those who make great spiritual claims in the last days. Test the spirits and see if they are of God, and know where your money goes. Read Matt. 7:22, Matt. 24:11, 2 Cor. 11:14-15, 1 Tim. 4:1 and 1 John 4:1. This is the day to turn from false prophets and turn to Christ and his church — Rev. A. E. Cooper, Muskogee, Okla.

## You'll be glad to know . . .

... About the new generation of Christian leaders. Recent reports indicate a significant swing back toward the "faith of our fathers." A national Christian magazine says the modern student is looking for authenticity. His actions and commitments revolve more around the scriptures than around social upheavals of a decade or two ago, or the tradition of three or four decades past. I think I recently brushed shoulders with their new drift when one of my children in the ministry attending a state university reported that he made straight A's during his first semester and memorized all of the book of Philippians and the first two chapters of the book of Romans. His goal is to memorize all of Romans and Ephesians during the next year.

God has mercifully used the "bunch" who came along with me. However, I sincerely hope the new breed will be more effective than we have been. May God bless them as they blaze a new trail of authentic Christian reality.

... **Help is available.** Public figures are assaulted more viciously than the little seen or known. For this reason, church leaders are the highly sought prey of "the roaring lion." No, we are not elevated above stress and conflict. God has left us in it to give us grace through it that we might reflect the truth of it. Our lives and families are the laboratory experience observed by our people. We do not need to try to portray lives without struggle. We need to show the way through the struggle. I'm glad to know we have a lot of help to offer our church staff leaders in coping with stress and conflicts.

Four area conferences on "Managing Stress" are being held this month. The Church Training Department is providing this.

A statewide conference, "Managing Stress in the Ministry," will be shared in November with Dr. McGriff and the Ministry of Crisis Support sponsoring it.

The Pastor's Retreat in the spring will be a choice opportunity for you to get a new grip on your life and ministry.

See, we have a lot to offer to see you through. The main requirement for attendance and full benefits is that you leave your halo at home.

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



Moore

Right photos: Betty J. Kennedy

**Singles together** — Worship, fellowship, and information was provided Arkansas singles adults at a statewide conference Feb. 11-12, held at Pulaski Heights Church in Little Rock. Centered around the theme of singles' personal relationship to God, the meeting included interest conferences on singleness and training for leaders of singles. J. Clark Hensley (below) was the featured speaker and Church Training was the sponsor.



## Letters to the editor

### Amen to Nicholas

The article entitled "Do the religious also have rights?" by D. Jack Nicholas deserves a standing ovation and a resounding "amen!"

How often are the convictions of those committed to God passed off as "superstitions" by those still under Satan's power or, worse yet, by those who profess to have belief in God and, sadly, nothing else to back it up?

People, almost as a whole, seem to forget that those who shaped our government and began the country we live in were mainly a people committed to God and his work.

But the fault does not lie only on the doorsteps of unbelievers and those of lukewarm faith. The "faithful" must get up off their pew cushions and let their voices be heard — just as others have. Maybe we've been expecting our prayers to do it all, forgetting that God's work here on this planet is often performed through our allowing him to work through us, not just around us. — Arleta Kersh, Star City

*Got an opinion?  
write a letter.*

### Who are we praising

The article in the Feb. 10 issue on church music was most interesting. There is a trend in some of our churches to have just such offensive music as was mentioned and the more raucous it sounds, the better response it gets, regardless of how nonscriptural the words are or how rinky dink the music is.

Some pastors seem to lead in the response and even loudly applaud if the music is sensational enough and has a good beat. The congregation often follows his lead. Word content doesn't seem to matter much and those with a good solo voice get loud ams or applause and those not so good, or who don't have a good beat get a loud silence. In these cases, it is rather embarrassing.

It seems as if putting on the best show and having music sufficiently jazzy enough to cause foot stomping is the performance that gets praise. And it makes one wonder, just who are we supposed to praise? The purpose of coming to church is to worship and with such music, sometimes this is very difficult for some of us. — Norman Frazer, Blytheville



by Millie Gill/ABN staff writer

## Rev. and Mrs. W. T. Byrum Jr.

will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary March 27 at the Lonoke Church. Their children, Don Byrum of Benton, James D. Byrum of Carlisle and Sue Stewart of Lonoke, will be host for a reception in the church's fellowship hall. The Byrums were married March 30, 1933, in Fort Smith. She is the former Marcella Taylor of Jenny Lind. He is director of missions of Caroline Association and has been pastor of churches throughout Arkansas.

## Gary Glover

has joined the staff of Sylvan Hills First Church in North Little Rock as minister of youth. A native of North Little Rock, he was a member of the Levy Church there.

## Jack Fendley

was ordained to the ministry Feb. 20 at the Mulberry First Church. He is pastor of the Webb City Church. Ordaining council members were George W. Domeser, director of missions for Clear Creek Association, Ray Jackson, Jim Edwards, David Moody, Danny Veteto, Dale Phelps, J. T. Keith, Jimmy Walker, Lance Massengill and Paul Wilhelm, director of missions emeritus of Clear Creek Association.

## David W. Green

has joined the staff of Alexander First Church as minister of youth. He is a student at Ouachita Baptist University.

## Ed Osborn

is serving the Shady Grove Church in Little Rock as music director, coming there from the Mount Vernon Church at Benton.

## Floyd Vineyard

is serving as pastor of the Shibley Church at



Rev. Byrum



Mrs. Byrum

Van Buren.

## Rick Caldwell

will join the staff of Geyer Springs First Church in Little Rock April 3, serving as minister of youth. He will be coming to Little Rock from the Dauphin Way Church in Mobile, Ala. He has served other churches in Texas and Alabama. He attended Ouachita Baptist University and is a graduate of both Samford University in Birmingham, Ala., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He and his wife, JoNell, have two children, Christopher and Catherine.

## Ina Miller

has been selected to represent Arkansas on the Southern Baptist Convention Home Mission Board's National Advisory Council for Women in Evangelism. She was in Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 22-25 to participate in a seminar/training session. Mrs. Miller is a member of the Mountain Home First Church.

## Ken Martin

will join the staff of the Rector Heights Church in Hot Springs, effective April 3. He will serve as associate pastor.

ARCADELPHIA — Tiger Traks '83, a fun and fund raising weekend, will take place on the campus of Ouachita Baptist University April 14-16. The event is sponsored by the Ouachita Student Foundation (OSF).

Tiger Traks was started by the OSF to raise money for scholarships for Ouachita juniors and seniors. Thirty scholarships, including five \$1,000 scholarships and 25-30 \$500 scholarships, all from money given by businesses and individuals, will be presented this year to students and the remaining monies will be placed in an endowment fund.

Events during the weekend will include a ragtime revue, a volleyball game played in six inches of mud, a tennis match, a fun run and 10K race, a student superstar competition, a bike race and a trike race. For more information, contact Carol Roper OSF director, OBU, Box 754, 71923 or call (501) 246-4531, ext. 173.

## Prayer day declared

A day of prayer on May 15 for the June Southern Baptist Convention has been declared in Arkansas and throughout the Convention. Churches are being encouraged to begin immediately setting aside a regular time of prayer until the convention, according to Emil Williams, pastor of First Church of Jonesboro, who has been named convention prayer coordinator for Arkansas.

## buildings

### Denmark Church

in Calvary Association dedicated a 20 by 60 square foot building Feb. 14, housing a fellowship hall, three classrooms, two bathrooms and a kitchen. Former pastor R. W. Flowers was the dedication speaker.

### Friendship Church

at Springdale dedicated an educational building Feb. 20. Harold Gateley, director of missions for Washington-Madison Association, was the speaker.

## Focus on youth

### Hensley East End Church

will observe Youth Week March 3-13 with a concert and a retreat. Youth-led Sunday services will close the observance. The Agape singing group from Ouachita Baptist University will present the March 9 concert.

## Indiana update

### McGehee First Church

Woman's Missionary Union has endorsed and is preparing for a summer mission program that will involve participation in the Arkansas-Indiana Linkup.

## briefly

### Lavaca First Church

held deacon ordination services Feb. 20 for Leon Meyer, Ralph Newman and Arnold Sexton. Pastor Harold Law was council moderator, assisted by Thomas Stout, Ron Williamson, Walter Andrews and Ferrell Morgan, director of missions for Concord Association.

### Douglas Church

was in a revival Feb. 14-20 led by Jim Box of Bald Knob and Mike Russell of Pine Bluff. Pastor David McCoy reported 15 professions of faith and two additions by letter.

### Bartholomew Association

will begin weekly English language classes this month at the Migrant Mission Center in Hermitage as a result of requests from

more than 100 Spanish speaking people. Spanish classes will be taught at the associational office in Warren, according to Raymond Reed, director of missions.

### New Liberty Church

held a recognition service Jan. 30 for Haskin Mitchell, chairman of deacons, D. J. Brewer, Eva Britton, Judy Sanders and Robert England, minister of education. They were awarded Continuous Witness Training Certificates, for completing 13 weeks of study led by pastor Alvin L. McGill. Henry West, director of missions for Mississippi County Association, was speaker. McGill reported 43 decisions during the study, including 20 professions of faith. He also reported seven additional teams now in CWT training.



## Food and fellowship

Virginia Kirk and Jane Purtle

### Kitchen doldrums

About March the kitchen walls begin to close in. Meal preparation is a chore, and you wish to escape the sameness of canned vegetables, ground beef, and chicken fixed in the usual ways. You have the kitchen doldrums.

Every homemaker experiences them one time or the other. It's a natural challenge to more creative cooking. It's God calling you to new life in the kitchen.

A potpourri of suggestions for overcoming kitchen doldrums follows. We hope each of you will find at least one suggestion to start the creative ideas flowing.

Buy a new cookbook. Go to the bookstore and look through the selection. Choose one that captures you but isn't the same old thing. Or, if money is a problem, borrow one from the local library.

Invite new friends for breakfast or dinner. Try a new dish or two and accept your compliments with pleasure.

Experiment with food from another culture. Prepare a Chinese meal of egg rolls, Wan ton soup, sweet/sour pork, and stir fried vegetables.

Invite some friends for a recipe sharing get-together. Or go through a friend's recipe file, chatting about her recipes and getting suggestions for new dishes. Share one of your experiments with friends, especially some older person who isn't cooking much these days.

Enlist your family's aid in menu planning and cooking. Let one of the children design his favorite meal. Let each of the children and your husband plan and prepare a meal. This takes patience and extra time, but it's worth the joy it brings to everyone.

Experiment with herbs to enhance the flavor of dishes. To salads, add tarragon, chervil, parsley, chives, or basil. Rosemary is excellent for meat, especially beef or chicken. It's also good in stewed summer squash, fried potatoes, or zucchini. Use it sparingly. Add caraway to cabbage, sauerkraut and soups. A sprinkle over baked potatoes filled with sour cream is delicious. Thyme enhances the flavor of almost any creamed dish — chicken pot pie, chicken divan, creamed vegetables, creamed soups, stuffings or omelettes.

This unique dish can be served warm or cold.

### Vegetable medley

Cook separately 2 packages of French cut green beans, 2 packages of baby limas, and 2 packages green peas. Drain and place in serving dish. Add sauce and toss lightly.

Sauce: (can be prepared ahead) 1½ cups mayonnaise, 2 hard boiled eggs, grated, 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce, 1 tablespoon prepared mustard, 1 medium onion, finely chopped, ½ teaspoon curry, ¼ teaspoon garlic salt, dash of Tabasco, 2 tablespoons lemon juice.

Virginia Kirk, professor emeritus at Arkansas College, is a member of Batesville First Church. Jane Purtle is on the staff at Christian Counseling and Teaching Center in Syria, Virginia. They have enjoyed cooking together for several years.

## Seminary professor dies, was Arkansas native

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Funeral services were held Feb. 24 for Donald L. Williams, a member of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary faculty since 1961, who died Feb. 21 in Louisville.

Williams, 49, was associate professor of Old Testament interpretation at his alma mater, where he received a B.D. degree in 1958.

Williams, native of Fort Smith, Ark., was also a graduate of Baylor University and Southern Methodist University. He was awarded the Ph.D. degree from Duke University in 1961.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hill Williams of Fort Smith, Ark.

## Mrs. Hickerson dies

Amy Compere Hickerson died Feb. 10 at her Richmond, Va., home.

She was the widow of the late Clyde Vernon Hickerson, a former Arkansas pastor, and the daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Compere. Dr. Compere served as editor of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention paper from 1919-1929.

A native of Columbia County in Arkansas, Mrs. Hickerson was a graduate of Central College, of Conway and of the Carver School of Missions in Louisville, Ky.

She was a former vice president and personnel committee chairman of the Southern Baptist Convention Foreign Mission Board, a former stewardship chairman of the SBC Woman's Missionary Union and a former trustee of the Virginia Baptist Hospital in Lynchburg and of the Carver School of Missions. She was the author of several books.

Survivors are four daughters, 10 grand-children, three great-grandchildren and two sisters, including Mrs. Lois Jimeron of Corning.

## Southern offers music scholarships

The Music Department of Southern Baptist College announces the two remaining dates for auditions for the Music Performing Scholarships. Music Performing Scholarships are awarded to selected members of the Southern Singers (an 18-voice touring ensemble) and to students who show ability as accompanists.

The remaining dates are March 26 and April 23, 1983, both Saturdays. Applicants should write or call in advance for an audition appointment or for further information to D. Brent Ballweg, Director of Choral Music, Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, Ark. 72476, or call 886-6741, ext. 150.

## OBU enrollment up

ARKADELPHIA — Spring semester enrollment at Ouachita Baptist University is 1,580, an increase of four over spring of 1982.

## Elrod named president of college group

Ben M. Elrod, president of Georgetown College (Ky.) and a native of Arkansas, has been named president of the Independent Colleges of Arkansas (ICA) and the Independent College Fund of Arkansas (ICFA) effective July 1.

Formerly vice president for development at Ouachita Baptist University from 1963 to 1968 and from 1970 to 1978, Dr. Elrod has also served as president of Oakland City College (Ind.) from 1968 to 1970 and as pastor of Baptist churches in Arkansas, Texas and Oklahoma. He became president of Georgetown College in 1978.

A 1952 graduate of OBU, Elrod earned the bachelor of divinity degree (1956) and the doctor of theology degree (1961) from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and the doctor of education degree (1975) from Indiana University.

The ICFA, formerly the Arkansas Foundation of Associated Colleges, is a cooperative fund-raising organization for the seven independent colleges in Arkansas: Arkansas College, College of the Ozarks, Harding University, Hendrix College, John Brown University, Ouachita Baptist University and Southern Baptist College.



# Arkansas church has Kenya ties

by J. Everett Sneed

Johnny Jackson, pastor of Forest Highlands, Little Rock, visited Nairobi, Kenya, East Africa, January 20-February 5. The purpose of the trip was to preach, visit friends and become better acquainted with our mission work in the area.

Jackson visited Missionary James Hampton, a friend of 35 years and Morris Wanje, who was won to the Lord by Hampton 25 years ago. The Forest Highlands Church has been providing support for the Wanje family for more than eight years. Direct support has gone to Wanje's church in Malindi, a resort coastal town on the Indian Ocean.

The Forest Highlands Church also assisted Elijah, Wanje's second son, to go to Southern Baptist College and later to Ouachita Baptist University. Two years ago a third son, Stephen, came to Southern College and is receiving support from the Forest Highlands Church.

"Through these two young men I have become very close to the Wanje family," Jackson said. "In the summer of 1980, Morris Wanje came to the Baptist World Alliance when it met in Toronto. Morris is currently president of the Kenya Convention for the time. He was its first president when the Convention was established 20 years ago. Since 1980 I have been planning to make this trip."

Jackson preached 12 times while in Kenya. Among the places he preached was the Mombasa High School, where 25 to 30 young people lifted their hands as inquirers. The inquirers were later counseled. Three days later Jackson saw Elijah, who is now a teacher at the Baptist high school of approximately 400 students. Elijah had counseled five of those who raised their hands and three had made professions of faith.

Jackson also preached at the market in Malindi on two occasions to several hundred people. "There were a number of inquirers in each service. I know of three who made professions of faith in one of these services before I left," Jackson related.

Jackson spoke with an interpreter at each service except at the Mombasa High School where the students understand English.

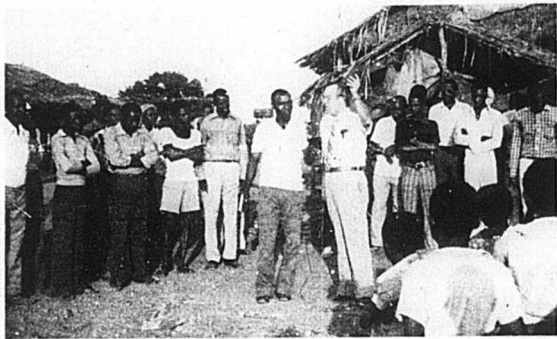
Jackson also baptized 54 people in the Indian Ocean. These were converts from four congregations who authorized Jackson to administer the ordinance. "This was a tremendous thrill," Jackson said.

Jackson said that Nairobi is a beautiful area with a pleasant climate. "Currently in Malindi the temperature is a little over 100 degrees and the humidity is very high," he said. "It is like Houston, Texas, in August. This, of course, is their summer, but it is hot there all year around. I really enjoyed eating the fresh fruit."

Jackson said that our own work is going

very well in Kenya. "Most of the pastors are bi-vocational," Jackson said. "But they are effective and doctrinally sound. I am ex-

ceedingly proud of the work that our missionaries have done. Our mission money is reaping excellent dividends there."



Johnny Jackson (top picture) preaches in a street market in Malindi assisted by Morris Wanje (left). Steve Wanje, Morris' son talks with Stephanie Norris, of Melbourne. The younger Wanje, a student at Southern Baptist College, was, along with Norris, a theme interpreter at the Acteens encounter at SBC at Walnut Ridge Saturday, Feb. 26.

## Are you telling others?

by Charles Rosson

Evangelism! Effective evangelism! An example of effective evangelism! An excellent example of effective evangelism! This is what we find in the latter half of the eighth chapter of the book of Acts.

In this section of the sacred scriptures we have the sent servant, the seeking sinner, the simple sermon, the sincere salvation, the subsequent submission and the significant sequel. Oh, that many more of us were like Philip! This dynamic, dedicated, deacon-evangelist was an obedient Christian who "opened his mouth" and shared the story of Jesus Christ with a government official from Ethiopia.

The psalmist wrote, "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so..." (Ps. 107:2). But many, if not most church members of all denominations seldom, if ever, open their mouths and share the gospel of Christ with lost sinners. Why do so many church members fail to evangelize?

Some church members never witness to others for Christ because they themselves are not saved! They do not share a conversion experience with others because they have never had such an experience. They never tell others of the saviour and his great gift of salvation because they do not know him. And just as they cannot return from a place they have never been, so they cannot effectively tell others of an experience with Jesus Christ they have never had.



Rosson

Other church members, who are genuinely saved, do not witness for Christ because they are out of fellowship with their Lord! Due to their own cold, apathetic, indifferent, spiritual condition they have lost the "joy" of God's salvation. Like David (Ps. 51:1-17), these dear people must repent of their sin, asking God to forgive them and restore their lost "joy" of divine salvation. Then, and only then, will they want to teach lost sinners the way of the Lord. Then, and only then, will they see their un-saved friends and family members converted to Christ.

Still other church members, who know Christ in the forgiveness of sins, do not witness to others for him because they are afraid! Some of them are fearful of being called religious fanatics. Many more are afraid of failure. They think if people show no interest in repenting of their sin and receiving Christ as saviour, they have somehow failed their redeemer. But just because some of the people we witness to regarding the gospel choose to reject Christ does not make us failures. If witnessing to others for Christ means being called fanatics then may God give all of us the compassion and courage to become "fanatical fanatics" for the Saviour!

The question is: Are you telling others that what Christ has done for you he can do for them? We have been saved to serve and what better way can we serve him who suffered and died for our sins than by speaking to others of his saving power?

**Charles Rosson is founder and director of the Berean Evangelistic Association out of Gravette.**

## Boyce Bible School term IV announced

Term III at Boyce Bible School has an enrollment of 38 with five classes ranging from 21 to 28 in attendance. Term IV will be held March 25-May 21. Pre-registration is now in progress.

Jim Byrd of Pine Bluff will teach "Personal Evangelism" and Glen McGriff "Introduction to Pastoral Care" on Friday

nights. Larry Maddox will teach "Church Administration" and W. T. Holland "Communicating the Gospel" on Saturday mornings. Lehman Webb will teach "Southern Baptist Missions" on Saturday afternoon.

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# Student work changes witnessed by long time director

by Betty J. Kennedy

Grateful former BSUsers and other friends always have had to deceive Tom J. Logue to honor him. When they wanted to celebrate his 25th anniversary as Arkansas student work director back in 1980, they had to secretly stage a dinner at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. Logue had to be detoured to the campus on his way to what he thought was just a quiet dinner with wife Ethel and two friends. Nearly 300 well-wishers greeted him for an evening of reminiscing.

It happened again week before last. Commendation for his work with the BSU Third Century Endowment Campaign had to be made to Logue at the meeting of the BSU Advisory Committee because he avoids the limelight.

Credit, however, comes to the self-effacing minister in student work from many sources, not the least of which is the success of student work in Arkansas.

Though Dr. Logue diverts much of the praise for reaching Third Century's \$1 million goal to leaders such as Jamie Jones, John Finn and Jon Stubblefield, co-workers know that his dream of providing better for campus ministries has been a primary force in the campaign.

The endowment means more ministries, like "student-to-student" workers, now placed on nine Arkansas campuses and in Chicago. It's part of a trend Logue has seen in the past decade in the state. "We do more and more outside the BSU centers," he notes. And STS is the vehicle for more Bible studies, dorm visitation and personal campus evangelism. Through the program that was begun seven years ago recent graduates are supported so they can be there to make less formal contacts with students who may not be reached through traditional programs. Third Century's endowment makes it possible.

Now Logue, Associate Director George Sims and the directors on 27 college campuses are looking toward expanding Bible study by setting up a program with the schools for credit for the students.

Yes, student work has changed, Tom Logue allows. He has witnessed BSU evolving from students reaching out through jail services, through folk groups sharing the

gospel and students witnessing on the Florida beaches during spring break. Students have worked alongside migrants in Idaho and helped repair homes of the poor in Baltimore. More recently students worked with BSUs in pioneer areas and ministered in the slums of Houston.

The past decade, especially, has warmed Logue's heart with the growth of outreach to international students. Some of the students are aided through a fund set up in memory of Tommy, the son the Logues lost in 1972 after a 14 year battle with muscular dystrophy.

And ministry to internationals is part of a trend of students acknowledging the campus as a mission field. But there's a growing number of non-resident students. Commut-



Tom Logue contemplates the business being discussed at a meeting of BSU's advisory committee.

ing to schools is increasing, Logue acknowledges, and that means different ministry methods. He tells about BSU centers providing low cost meals for commuters and local Baptist churches doing it in some cases.

The advent of community colleges in Arkansas also means change for BSU work. Now part-time workers are serving as directors on five of the six community college campuses.

With directors, part-time directors, associate directors and STS workers, Logue finds himself more of an administrator. He says he misses daily contact with students and recalls that he was the director for Little Rock when he first came to guide Arkansas work. (At the time there were only four other campus directors.)

Throughout the years the Logues have put on an extra plate and found an extra bed for many a student who dropped in at their home. Logue gives the credit there to Ethel, who, he says, always managed to keep home and four kids together while he traveled. "I never could have met my responsibilities without her," he declares.

Logue and his staff — the largest in the state convention structure — are aided, though, by an advisory committee, elected by the state convention. It's a recent addition to BSU's support system.

While the advisory committee concept is not unique to Arkansas, the state student department does claim a first with its alumni publication, *The Distant Drummer*. And, because they maintain a mailing list of alumni for the paper, they had up-to-date files for the Third Century Campaign.

After Tom Logue compares students work's past with the present, he tries to focus on the future. He sees the completion of a BSU center at Southwest Tech, a Camden branch of Southern Arkansas University. It's the first building constructed entirely with volunteer labor and the first to incorporate passive solar heating.

The state director explains that one of the major decisions for the future will be whether to build at community colleges.

But through more change or less change in the future, Tom Logue knows he wants BSU in Arkansas to stay committed to missions and evangelism, because that is what he thinks makes Baptist Student Union unique among student ministry groups.

Betty J. Kennedy is managing editor of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine.

## Christian Life Commission lauds family panel

WASHINGTON (BP) — A Southern Baptist family life specialist has applauded the formation of a temporary Select Committee on Children, Youth and Families by the U.S. House of Representatives.

Establishment of the new committee provides an opportunity at the national

level to focus on the growing crisis in family life, said Harry N. Hollis Jr., associate executive director and director of family and special moral concerns for the SBC Christian Life Commission.

The select committee, approved 312-69, will not process legislation but will make a

comprehensive review of problems encountered by children, youth and families and issue findings and recommendations to the various standing House committees now responsible for legislation affecting the nation's families.

## International

### An empowered fellowship

by Kerry G. Powell, First Church of Forrest City

Basic passage: Acts 2:1-28

Focal passages: Acts 2:1-4, 12-18, 37-38

Central truth: The early church was empowered from on high by the filling of the Holy Spirit . . . and they lived differently.

1. Fifty days after the resurrection of Jesus, the disciples (perhaps 120 of them) were all together in one place (the upper room of Chapter 1 verse 13) and with one accord. And they were both baptized and filled with the spirit, 1:5; 2:4. The baptism was once-for all, the filling was repeated.

2. The essence of Peter's sermon was that the resurrection of Jesus proves him to be the messiah; therefore, repent and believe on him. (This is the theme of practically every recorded sermon of the apostles in the book of Acts.)

3. After the sermon was over, the people wanted to know how to be saved. "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" They were convicted in their hearts of the sin of killing Jesus, and they wanted to know how to be forgiven and how to accept Jesus as Lord and Christ.

4. Peter's answer in the William's translation reads like this: "Peter said to them, you must repent — and, as an expression of it, let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ — that you may have your sins forgiven; and then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

(1) He told them what they should do. (a) They should repent, and (b) they should be baptized.

(2) He told them what they would receive (the gift of the Holy Spirit). (a) It was for Jews (you and your children). (b) It was for Gentiles ("to all that are afar off"). From the divine side — the Holy Spirit is promised to all whom the Lord calls. From the human side — he is promised to all who believe.

5. "For the remission of sins" the word "for" is a translation of the Greek word *eis*. *Eis* can and should be translated "because of" instead of "for".

6. We are baptized because we have been saved not in order to be saved. If you were baptized before you were saved, then you pictured something that had never taken place in your life.

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## Life and Work

### Relating to those in need

by W. Coy Sample, First Church of Morrilton

Basic passage: Matthew 25:31-46

Focal passages: Matthew 25:31-41, 45

Central truth: An end product of our relationship to Jesus and his love is our concern for all people, a concern that finds expression through our deeds, especially to the needy.

The unfortunate people of society received great compassion from Jesus. Quite naturally, he expects his followers to have this same compassion. In this teaching of the final judgment, God is seen as pronouncing his blessing on those who have given themselves in service to others.

In setting the scene of final judgment, Jesus used a familiar figure in Palestine — dividing the sheep from the goats. The sheep and goats will be separated according to the character which they bring to judgment, a character revealed by how one reacted to the needy about him.

It has been observed that in these verses Jesus includes six of the seven corporal works of mercy in Christian ethics, the seventh being the care of the fatherless (James 1:27).

Hardly anyone is excluded from these deeds, all can do these things to some degree, using our time and talents.

While commendation is pronounced on the righteous, there is condemnation on the unrighteous. The contrast between "blessed" in verse 34 and "cursed" in verse 41, is obvious.

What is the basis for condemnation? Not what the righteous did, but what they did not do. The righteous and unrighteous saw the needy around them, only the righteous reacted in Christ-like love.

Remember, our Lord did not say that people are saved or lost because of good or bad deeds. This picture of final judgment was not for the purpose of stating the way of salvation. Rather, Jesus deals with evidence of salvation as revealed in the character of those standing before him. The different characters are evident in the way man responded to human needs.

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## BSSB to provide jobs

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — A short-term jobs program has been announced under the sponsorship of the Baptist Sunday School Board to provide aid for unemployed persons.

Grady C. Cothen, president, said the program was initiated out of concern for people with families faced by bleak prospects for sufficient food and shelter because of long-term unemployment.

## Bible Book

### Christian obligations in society

by Francis Chesson, First Church, Camden

Basic passage: Romans 13

Focal passages: Romans 13:1-8, 10-14

Central truth: A Christian's behavior in this world is very important. Not only must he live a clean life, but he is also obligated to submit to governing authorities — prompted by love.

Some of the early Christians who lived in Rome must have been very perplexed in trying to live out their faith in a society which was not based on Christian principles. But Paul pointed out to them that even earthly government could be used by God to bring about law and order. Thus we are obligated to be submissive to authority.

It may have been difficult for some of those to whom Paul was writing to see any connection between one's faith in Christ and good citizenship. The same might apply to our country today. How much difference there would be in the United States — all the way down to our own community — if each Christian would apply the lessons of this chapter of Romans in his own everyday living. Too many evidently see no connection between being a Christian and a law-abiding citizen, which includes paying taxes (v. 6-7).

Paul used rather strong language in dealing with law breakers (v. 2-4). He pointed out good reasons for being a good citizen (v. 5): to keep out of trouble and also because it's the right thing to do.

Let one become legalistic in trying to obey laws, he is reminded that love is the "fulfilling of the law" (v. 8, 10). A Christian has the example of God's love to follow as his pattern — that love which Christ lived out on earth. Thus his attempts to be "law abiding" must be founded on his love for God and his fellowman.

The everyday behavior of a Christian need not only be exemplary in regard to his obeying the laws of the land, but also in avoiding all traces of immorality. Time is too short to live otherwise (v. 11-14). Besides, he has the living Lord as his example and helper.

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## Church Training

### MasterLife workshop scheduled

Arkansas' second MasterLife workshop will be conducted the week of May 16-20 on the campus of Ouachita Baptist University. MasterLife is an in-depth discipleship training course conducted in the local church over a period of 26 weeks. It is developed around the principles of abiding in Christ, living in the world, praying in faith, living in fellowship with believers, witnessing to the world, and ministering in Christ's power.

The workshop in May is planned primarily for pastors and staff members to equip them to lead a MasterLife group in their churches. The wives of pastors and staff members are also invited to attend. Participation is limited to the first 100 persons who register.

There were approximately 100 participants in last year's MasterLife Workshop. Many of them have now led a MasterLife group in their churches. Others plan to begin a group this spring or fall. Ideally, the pastor should be the leader of the first MasterLife group in a church.

The workshop will begin with a banquet on Monday evening and conclude at noon on Friday. Those who attend should plan to attend all sessions.

The leaders of the workshop will be Jimmie Crowe, MasterLife Workshop Coordinator at the Sunday School Board, and Val Prince, recently retired State Church Training Director from Fresno, Calif.

For reservations or additional information, write to the Church Training Department, P.O. Box 552, Little Rock, Ark. 72203. — **Robert Holley, director**



Holley

## Evangelism

### Comparison of SBC baptisms: 1972, 1981

The 1981 baptism statistics show that there is an increase in adults being baptized. In 1981 the medium age of persons baptized was 16.7 years. In 1972 the medium age was 14.8 years. The two year rise in medium age marks a significant change in evangelism results.

In 1981, 45 percent of baptisms were persons age 18 and over. In 1972, the percentage was only 33. During the nine year period, adult baptisms increased 22 percent from 148,000 to over 180,000. One half of the adult increase was persons age 30-59. The most rapid increase, however, was in senior adults with 28 percent increase.

There were 72,111 fewer children and youth baptized in SBC churches in 1981 than in 1972. In 1972, baptisms under age 18 numbered 297,000 but in 1981 only 225,000 were reported. The biggest loss occurred in youth age 12-17, a decline of 37,000 or 27 percent.

Another alarming statistic is that fewer churches baptized 10 or more persons. There were 1,205 fewer churches that reported 10 or more baptisms in 1981 than in 1972. This is a nine percent decline. At the same time, the number of SBC churches increased by 1,545 to a total of 36,079. Baptismless churches increased slightly over the nine year period from 5,763 to 6,097. This is up by six percent. It is very interesting in Arkansas that we have had a continual decrease in the number of baptismless churches with 221 in 1977 to 161 in 1982. We praise God for this victory and pray that God will bless our state and that each church will win and baptize some into their fellowship. — **Clarence Shell, director**



Shell

## Student Department

### Students plan for spring break

March has arrived with its balmy weather, the budding of trees and flowers and for college students, the anticipation of spring break. Some students look forward to a few days at home, others seek a vacation in the sun but many students, who have made Baptist Student Union a part of their collegiate life, are planning and preparing for Spring Break Missions. Approximately 200 students will be participating in mission projects that will take them across the nation or to places of service here in Arkansas.

Arkansas State University BSU will send one team to Indiana to work at Indiana and Purdue Universities and another to Camden, Arkansas, to help support the new BSU program at Southern Arkansas University Technical Branch. The BSU from Henderson State University will direct their efforts toward Cincinnati, Ohio, ministering through University Baptist Chapel. Chicago's Uptown Baptist Church is the destination of a team of BSU students from the University of Arkansas at Monticello.

Arkansas Tech BSU's Disciple Choir will be touring and performing at several locations near Jackson, Miss., and across the southern part of Arkansas. A 30 voice choir from the University of Arkansas BSU will be witnessing in the inner city areas of Kansas City during their break.

Southern Arkansas University will send a team to Espanola, New Mexico, in the late spring to work with Home Missionaries and lead a youth revival. A series of local projects will involve students from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock in assistance with Heiffer Project International. Churches in Washington, D.C. will receive the benefit of ministry from a group of students from Ouachita Baptist University.

Students filled with the energy of youth and the excitement of a vital growing Christian experience will be taking this opportunity to invest their time in meaningful ministry and to share their faith with others. With the rebirth of spring will come the rebirth of many lives through Spring Break Missions. — **George Sims, associate**



Sims

## Church Music

### Associational music program

Associational music is showing an increase in activities that provide for leadership training and musical development opportunities for the churches in the association. This year 13 associations reported their activities to the Church Music Department.

The associational reports for 1982 reflect an increase over previous years. There was a decrease in 1981 from 1980, and that year we found an extremely large number of our churches without a music staff person. This points up the vital role that the staff member plays in the healthy growth of not only the church, but also the association.

The association looks to the elected associational music director to lead in providing musical opportunities for fellowship, growth, training and development.

The following associations and their directors were recognized at the annual Associational Music Directors' Workshop for outstanding achievement: Bartholomew, Richard Wade; Caddo River, Gary Sheppard; Caroline, Jay Gore; Clear Creek, Charles Mayo; Faulkner, Dennis Bergfeld; North Arkansas, Wayne Bandy and North Pulaski, Rick Smith. They were presented the new book *Bold Mission Music Handbook*.

And 1983 looks even more promising with the Pedalpoint Clinics being encouraged in every association. — **Glen Ennes, associate**



## Church Administration

### Area summer youth ministry conferences planned

The summer season brings many familiar sights and sounds to churches across our state. Most of those sights and sounds center around youth. The Area Summer Youth Ministry Conferences, April 18-20, will provide training for the many college students and others who will be serving as summer youth ministers this year.

The conferences will be held in the following locations, Monday, April 18, Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Tuesday, April 19, Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge and Wednesday, April 20, Baptist Building, Little Rock.

Each conference will meet from 10 a.m. to noon and 1-3 p.m. The content will be the same in each location, giving the choice of three dates or locations for your convenience.

The conferences will concentrate on the "how to's" of summer youth ministry. Emphasis will be given to a philosophy of youth ministry, along with practical helps for programming. These conferences will be very helpful for pastors, staff, youth committee members and others involved with summer youth ministry. Plan now to send your summer youth minister or part-time/volunteer youth workers to this informative training event. Your youth will benefit as they experience a summer of Christ-centered youth ministry.

For more information about these events or youth ministry in general, contact Bill Falkner, Church Training Department, Arkansas Baptist State Convention, P.O. Box 552, Little Rock, Ark. 72203. — Falkner



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## Christian Life Council

### Pleading the cause

Among the many sins God condemned through Jeremiah, one is often overlooked, "Failing to plead the cause." "They do not plead the cause, the cause of the orphan, that they may prosper; and they do not defend the rights of the poor" (Jeremiah 5:28b).

The people of Israel were failing to stand up for the orphans and the rights of the poor. Apparently they were being ignored. Could it be that many of them were justifying failure to do so by saying, "They aren't worthy of our support — it's their own fault."

What if God today treated us as we do those less fortunate than we? What if action in his relationship to us depended on our worthiness? Is not our righteousness as filthy rags or do we deserve to be blessed? The truth is that none of us deserved the grace received through the gift of love in Christ. Aren't you glad that the Lord Jesus, like Abraham and Moses, continually pleads our cause to the heavenly father. Can we do less toward the orphan and poor of our day or shall we neglect them and be punished as was Isaiah during the time of Jeremiah?

Arkansas Baptists are doing well at this point but should we not be doing much better in providing for the poverty stricken? In his inaugural message at Nazareth, Jesus spoke first of being called to preach the gospel to the poor. Is it not true that the poor both at home and abroad will respond better spiritually when ministered to physically? Concern for the total need of others is good evidence of spiritual conversion. — Bob Parker, director

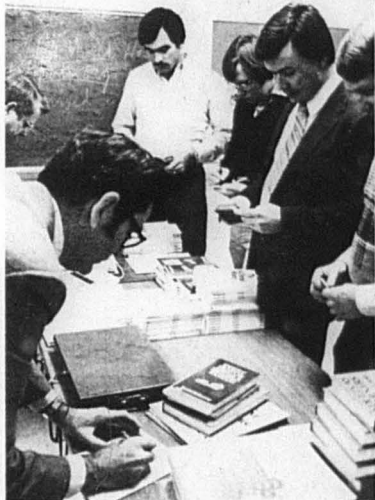
## Family and Child Care

### A rich heritage

Henry D. Clark Jr., of Grand Prairie, Tex., and his sister-in-law, Mrs. Robert Hyatt Clark of Arcadia, Calif., visited the Arkansas Baptist Home for Children recently to renew some memories and take a picture of a portrait of Hannah Hyatt Gardner, the lady who gave the 80 acres to start the Bottoms Baptist Orphanage. Perhaps Mrs. Gardner had an idea that when she gave land that would provide for some children to have a home, Arkansas Baptists would catch a vision of child care that would build into a state-wide ministry.

Today Christian counselors serving through Arkansas Baptist and Child Care Services are in every corner of Arkansas, with the executive director's office in the Baptist Building in Little Rock. Southern Baptist churches throughout the state lift up the ministry through prayers and financial support. Children are cared for, while troubled families receive help from a caring, concerned Christian staff. A rich heritage indeed, as well as a tremendous ministry.

I'm reminded of the words of Jesus, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 19:14). — Eula Armstrong, Director of Special Activities, Arkansas Baptist Home for Children.



After registering, students for the Little Rock Seminary Studies Program took advantage of the Baptist Book Store coming to them to buy materials. Thirty-two students registered for one or more of the three courses being offered this semester. Professors who are teaching in this session are Tom Urrey, of Southwestern Seminary; Ferris Jordan, of New Orleans Seminary; and Ray Kessner, of Midwestern Seminary. For further information contact Lehman Webb, P.O. Box 552, Little Rock, AR 72203.



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# Exec. committee backs building, budget, giving plan

by Dan Martin

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — In a marathon two-day session, the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) Executive Committee endorsed a new building to house seven SBC entities, adopted a \$125 million budget and approved a study of the unified giving plan, the Cooperative Program.

They also elected Tom J. Logue, state student director of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, as SBC representative on the Baptist World Alliance Youth Committee for 1980-85.

The committee selected sites for the 1989 and 1990 annual meetings, approved a \$31,740,000 capital needs budget for 1984-88, declined to convene a special ses-

Education Commission, Stewardship Commission and Southern Baptist Foundation. Messengers in Pittsburgh will be asked to approve an \$8 million capital funds proposal to construct the building.

The \$125 million Cooperative Program Allocation Budget for 1983-84, which gives 70 percent to home and foreign mission, exceeds the current budget by \$19 million. It includes a basic operating budget of \$114,500,000, a capital needs section of \$3,340,385, and a two-phase challenge portion of \$7,159,615.

A proposal to allow churches to exclude some SBC agencies from their contributions and still have their gifts counted as Cooperative Program donations was deleted from the report of the Cooperative Program Study Committee. The group's proposal to begin a 15-year plan to increase giving to SBC churches to \$20 billion a year by 2000 AD was adopted unanimously.

In an action which drew the most debate, members voted 32-20 to recommend Las Vegas, Nev., as the site for the 1989 SBC annual meeting. In contrast, members approved with little discussion and almost no opposition New Orleans as the recommended site for 1990.

The 1984-88 capital needs budget, nearly double the current, six-year capital needs budget, provides funds to 14 of the 20 SBC agencies, some of which have never before received capital needs funding. It provides funding for the new SBC building, as well as special projects for the six seminaries, Home Mission Board and Radio and Television Commission.

Committee members "respectfully declined" to convene a special session of the Executive Committee to discuss tensions in the SBC, despite requests from five persons and resolutions from three state conventions, Virginia, Alabama and Georgia.

The action also commended SBC President James T. Draper Jr. of Euless, Texas, "other convention officers, interested and concerned pastors and laypersons for their leadership in striving to bring peace to the convention."

An effort to delete Draper's name was defeated. John McCall of Louisville, Ky., urged that "personalities be removed" and saying: "The central issue of concern is peace in the SBC and there are huge chasms of difference as to how that peace needs to be achieved. There are significant differences in what he (Draper) believes to be right and what others believe to be right for the SBC. It is wrong to endorse what he has done . . . when some believe what he has done is not conducive to peace."

Jimmy Jackson of Huntsville, Ala., who said Draper "has done more than anyone else to spearhead this effort (for peace)," urged retention of the president's name be-

cause "we would be saying more by deleting than retaining."

The committee received a report from the convention's Public Affairs Committee, which relates to the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in Washington, D.C.

The report, prepared by Russell H. Dilday Jr., chairman, said the Public Affairs Committee expresses "its enthusiastic affirmation of the importance and value of the work" of the BJCPA.

"The (Public Affairs) Committee is also aware of the lively debate and the criticisms of the agency and its director (James M. Dunn) . . . focused at times on the vigorous style and vocabulary of the director and at other times on the fact that the position taken by the BJCPA in regard to prayer in public schools is inconsistent with a resolution passed in New Orleans (at the 1982 SBC)," it said.

The report added the committee is aware "that while the position taken on prayer in the public schools is not consistent with the recent resolution in New Orleans, it is in keeping with the previous resolutions passed by the convention . . . and with the vast majority of the statements made by the Baptist state conventions this fall."

The report urged the SBC to "continue to support strongly" the BJCPA.

In actions on the SBC Constitution and bylaws, the committee:

— Postponed consideration of revision or modification of Article III, on membership.

— Agreed to suspend consideration of modifications on Bylaw 22 (Committee on Resolutions) until procedures proposed by SBC President Draper to improve the resolutions procedure are tried at the 1983 annual meeting.

Draper is asking that resolutions be sent to the SBC Executive Committee in Nashville. In Pittsburgh, messengers will formally present their resolutions to a special resolutions desk where they will be assembled. The subject and author of the suggested resolutions will be announced by the convention's recording secretary and not read by the author as has been the case previously.

— Adopted further modifications to Bylaw 16 (Election of Board Members, Trustees, Commissioners or Members of Standing Committees) and Bylaw 21 (Committee on Committees).

In Bylaw 16, the committee in September approved modifications calling for persons nominated to serve on committees, boards, commissions and standing committees to "have resided in the state from which they are elected at least one year prior to election" and that the report of the committee on boards be released to Baptist Press "no later than 45 days prior to the annual meeting . . ."

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sion of the 67-member committee to discuss tensions in the 14 million member denomination and commented on the work of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in Washington, D.C.

Along the way, members also approved modifications in the SBC constitution and bylaws.

All of the recommendations will be referred to the 1983 annual meeting of the SBC in Pittsburgh, June 14-16, for final action.

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