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## I must say it

Charles H. Ashcraft / Executive Secretary

### *The priestly and prophetic in major denominations*

Denominations rise and fall, come and go, bless first and curse later, all seemingly destined to falter in the course of time. If they could correct the imbalance of the priestly and prophetic roles in their structures, they could live on and bless all generations. Where there exists the wrong combination, wrong mixture, wrong priority between the priestly and prophetic, the land suffers. When the right relationship exists, the world is blessed.

Churchmen of our day must learn the right emphasis and put into action the measures which will correct the imbalance. One is easily convinced of the warm priestly, personal and individualistically oriented services and ministries the church is to perform. The prophetic role is not so easily accepted. The nature of God's enterprise of reconciling the world unto himself through Christ and his continuing life through the church is to bless the countryside, as well as the immediate household of faith. The life of all citizens, believers or not, should be measurably improved by the presence of the church in their midst. One Christian on any one city block should perform a role outside his church as well as within, of improving the lot of all the creatures nearby. This is accomplished when the prophetic role of the church comes into its rightful place.

God's experiment with the Children of Israel will provide the illustration of this other dimension of the faith. Israel was to occupy a very special and personal relationship to God and to provide for the needs of the household of faith as God's people, but they were also to bless all they touched as they lived out their days in this special priestly atmosphere. The presence of a church in any community should accrue a certain benefit to all the residents. Levels of human behavior, moral concepts, fairness and honesty, living standards, economic solutions, social relationships, wage scales, human rights and common decency are matters which comprise the prophetic scope of the church. The church cannot be silent nor apathetic on these matters and still be the true church of the living God.

I am amazed at the prophets who are predicting the demise of the Southern Baptist Convention, resting their case on subservient issues while never exploring the deeper nature of the historic church. God may look the other way on some matters, but he will never condone the exclusive priestly orientation of his dainty saints who are not concerned over the masses "outside the gate", whom God loves as much as those within. Our prophetic role must be discovered and developed accordingly. When the priestly and prophetic roles of the church merge into one, the people will sleep more soundly at night and serve more ardently in the daytime.

*I must say it!*

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## Maintaining a proper devotional life

All true Christians, to varying degrees, seek to maintain proper relationships with God. A consistent devotional life is essential if one is to be the Christian God desires. In our present world, there seems to be many barriers to proper communication with God. Among these are the apparent lack of time for private devotion and family mobility which discourages family devotion. These difficulties are superficial. The real problem is a loss of and understanding of the transcendence of God.

It is true that no society has ever been as mobile as ours is today. A busy involved life demands planning for devotional time. Everyone can, if they plan, have adequate time for communication with God. For some the time may be early in the morning. For others the best time may be at night or during meals. The real problem is not time, but a genuine desire for communion with God.

Even active Christians may become involved in superficial activities rather than in true commitment to Christ. This was Jesus' charge against the Pharisees as he said, "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithes of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone" (Matt. 23:23).

There was no question every Jew tithed his main crops. This had been the excepted plan for financing

## Guest editorial A junior's vote

Bobby noticed that the prayer meeting crowd was thinner even than usual. He wondered why. After Scripture reading and prayers for the sick, he heard the pastor say, "This being the first Wednesday night of the month, the church will now have its monthly business meeting."

Pained expressions on several of his neighbors' faces made it obvious to Bobby that not everybody was looking forward to the session. Some gave the appearance of being trapped — of having forgotten till now that this was the night. Others made no bones about it — they got up and walked out.

The Junior boy's mind recalled some things his pastor had said recently when he had talked with the pastor about church membership. There had been strong emphasis on something called "the New Testament pattern" and "Baptist democracy".

"As a Junior boy coming into our church membership, Bobby, you will have the same voting privileges as the senior deacon," the pastor had said.

Bobby looked around. He wondered where that senior deacon was tonight. He also wondered what 90 percent of the church members were doing, for they were nowhere in evidence.

## The editor's page

J. Everett Sneed



God's work almost from creation. The Pharisees spent much of their time counting the leaves of herbs in their kitchen garden. Mint, dill and cummin were all cooking herbs and were grown in small quantities. An entire garden patch of herbs had almost no monetary value. They consequently had no time for proper relationships with others.

This spirit is not dead. It will never be eliminated until Christ rules the hearts of men. There are some today who wear the right clothes to church, say the right words in their prayers and even give properly, but refuse to do an honest day's work or cheat others whenever the opportunity arises.

The solution to the problem of human relationships begins with an initial encounter with God through Christ. If we are to keep our priorities right, we must also maintain a proper devotional life.

A proper devotional life requires private time of communion with God, family or small group devotion and corporate worship. God speaks to us through the Bible and leads us in the presence of the Holy Spirit. Our personal experiences, however, must always be checked by the Bible. A true experience will always be in line with the scripture.

As one communes with God he recognizes that God is transcendent — that all we are or ever hope to be belongs to him. A proper devotional life will help to place God, self and others in proper relationship.

"What would Dad's bank do if only one out of 10 of its directors showed up for board meetings?" he wondered. "But that is different," he mused. "People are in business for what they can make out of it."

Suddenly Bobby remembered something from a recent Sunday School lesson. "One Out of Ten" had been the topic, and the lesson had been about Jesus healing a group of lepers.

"Why, there were 10 of them," Bobby mused. "And the Lord healed every one of them! But just one of them was thoughtful enough to come and thank Jesus, causing Jesus to ask, 'Where are the other nine?'"

"If just one out of 10 of the members of this church is going to use his right to vote, I guess that makes the vote of the one in 10 even more important," concluded Bobby.

So he got his mind back to the church business session. As the meeting moved on through reports, old business and new business, Bobby took great pride in voting. He had the feeling that the Lord was counting on him voting not only for himself but for that absent senior deacon and eight or nine other members who had the right to vote but were not using it. — **Erwin L. McDonald, Editor Emeritus**





## One layman's opinion

Daniel R. Grant / President, OBU

### Reflections on the Miami vote on homosexual rights

The recent fight in Miami over the legal rights of homosexuals was ugly, distasteful and appalling. This was one of those times when the American people wanted to close their eyes and make something go away. Yet there is much we can learn from that fight, as unpleasant as it was.

For one thing, I learned that large numbers of television entertainers and personalities appear to have a strong bias in favor of allowing homosexuals to teach in our schools, both public and private. The idea of legally requiring a Christian school to employ homosexual teachers is so repugnant that I find it hard to believe. Yet this is what the Miami law called for, and this is what one after another television personality defended in the days before the Miami vote. Never in my life have I seen such a vicious and obviously coordinated attack on one person as the barrage of jokes aimed at Anita Bryant for her opposition to the Miami law. With a strange unanimity they tried to clothe homosexual employment rights with the same virtue as religious freedom or racial nondiscrimination. If homosexuals are ever given such rights, I can see no reason why polygamists, nudists, or prostitutes could not claim the same rights.

All of this has convinced me that Christian people have been silent too

long on the problem of homosexuality. The subject has been a "no-no" for all of us until very recent times. Unfortunately those who have broken the silence have been the homosexuals themselves, and their strong sympathizers, and it has made for exciting reading, listening and viewing via the mass media. The tragedy is that it has been heavily one-sided. Suddenly Christian people are discovering that many television personalities are shocked that parents would not want their children taught by a homosexual. While the glib defenders of homosexual rights talked about "consenting adults", the press recently gave one inch to the news report about the New Orleans Boy Scout leader convicted for inducing members of his troop into homosexual activity.

Although it is comforting that the Miami vote was more than two to one against such a shocking law, I believe the time has come for Christians and others opposed to the insidious spread of homosexuality to begin to organize more effectively the resources available for an effective fight.

It might help to remind those who favored the Miami law for homosexual rights to remember that the employment rights of polygamists and drug-pushers might just as well be guaranteed in such a law. They too would love to teach our children.



## The Southern accent

### Admissions counseling

In our fast-moving world when decisions are made every minute that can directly effect our future, it is sometimes confusing and frustrating for a young person to choose the "right" college. This is when an admissions counselor steps into the picture. He is directly responsible for making sure the transition from high school senior to college freshman is as smooth and painless as possible. At Southern Baptist College the counselor visits high schools, speaks to church groups, discusses college problems with worried parents, conducts tours of the campus, and counsels individual students, just to name a few of his duties.

The admissions counselor must be informed but still express the friendliness and helpfulness common on the campus of SBC. Helping the student meet admission requirements is a major responsibility of the counselor. Once the student has submitted an application for admission, high school transcript and an application fee, he leaves the ranks of prospect and becomes an applicant. During the months before school starts these items will be used by faculty-advisors to personally acquaint themselves with the student. The applicant is further encouraged by the Admissions Department to reserve a dormitory room, fill out a physician's certificate, and have a recent picture on file which is used for future reference. When these items are taken care of the applicant is ready to enjoy the life of a college student. Care is taken to make sure this full-fledged college student feels comfortable at his new college, even before he arrives on campus.

Since Southern Baptist College is greatly concerned about the future of today's young people, we believe all phases of college life add to a total education and are needed to develop these leaders of tomorrow. That is why the admissions counselor is an integral part in the ministry of Christian higher education. — Mike Smith, admissions counselor, Southern Baptist College

## Letters to the editor

### Support for decency

If I were to give this letter a caption it would be Wake up United States of America. Are we now living in the time of Sodom and Gomorrah? Lets look and see. According to the news media we have the highest divorce rate, one out of every three marriages more murder's, wrape, robberies, hijacking and consume more beer, wine and liquor than any nation in the world. And now we are seeing homo sexuality spreading over our nation, sex acts openly performed in public. In fact I am led to believe there is more reason for God to rain brimstone and fire on the United States than he had to do so to Sodom and Gomorrah. What are we Baptist's and for that matter many other denominations doing about

it. How long has it been since you heard your Pastor denounce Homo-Sexuality, the sale of Beer, Wine and Liquor? Where does the Southern Baptist Convention stand on thes issues? I do not know, (see the SBC president's) views on page ten of the June 30, 77 issue of the *Ark Baptist Newsmagazine*, concerning Anita Bryant's crusade against Homo-Sexuality in Florida.

Could it be some Pastors might fear the loss of some wealthy Homo-Sexual contributors? Wake up Southern Baptists in support of decency, law and order, they that are not for them are against them. — Thomas J. Crowley, 503 North 9th St., Paragould, Ark. 72450

# BOLD BELIEVERS IN GIVING



**Murl Walker** is serving as interim pastor of Windsor Park Church, Ft. Smith.

**Scott Johnson** has resigned at Woodlawn Church, Little Rock, to become full-time music, youth and educational director of Centennial Church, Pine Bluff.

**David Hays** is serving Alma First Church as interim music and youth director.

**J. W. Royal** terminated his services as interim pastor of Park Place Church, Hot Springs, on June 19.

**Wesley Beavers** of Humboldt, Tenn., has been called as pastor of Bee Branch Church and moved on the field June 28.

**Don Mulford** of Desha assumed the pastorate of Pee Dee Church on June 20.

**Ron Marcum** is serving as minister of music and youth for Norphlet First Church. Marcum, a native of Fordyce, is

a graduate of University of Arkansas, Monticello. He has served on the staff of First Church, Caldwell, Tex. Marcum and his wife, the former Linda King of Dumas, are parents of one child, Gage.

Arkadelphia First Church has called **Don Finley** as associate pastor and minister of youth. Finley attended Missouri Baptist College in St. Louis and is a graduate of Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Mo. He is now a student at Southern Seminary in Louisville. Finley has served as minister of youth at Bethany Church in Godfrey, Ill., and at Riverview Church in Osage Beach, Mo. He was appointed as a summer missionary in 1976 by the Home Mission Board to serve as pastor of Gore Range Chapel in Kremmling, Colo.

**Scott Scherz**, a senior at Ouachita University and a member of Park Hill Church, North Little Rock, has been



Marcum



Finley

called by Graves Memorial Church, North Little Rock, to serve as minister of music and youth. He is the son of Mrs. Morene Scherz of North Little Rock. Tommy G. Cupples is pastor of Graves Memorial Church.

**Lisa Clay** has joined the staff of Hillside Church in Camden as summer music director. She is a Ouachita University graduate and has served churches in Lake Village, Stephens and Hampton. Randy Maxwell is pastor of the Camden church.

**Don Harper** has been called to serve as pastor of Boxley Church near Kingston. Harper, who attended Ouachita University, is coming to the Boxley church from Arizona.

**Henderson Brown** is serving as interim pastor of Grubb Springs Church near Harrison.

**Steve Yancey** is serving as pastor of Calvary Church, Crossett.

**Bill Elton** is serving as pastor of Fellowship Church near Montrose.

**Warren Evans** has resigned as pastor of Fair Park Church, Russellville.

**Lowell Jamison**, who has been serving Cherokee Church as interim pastor, has been called by the church to serve full-time.

## And some . . . evangelists

(Eph. 4:11)

**Don Crosswhite**, who has served as minister of music in churches in Tennessee, Mississippi and Arkansas and was ordained to preach in 1975, has entered full-time evangelism.

Crosswhite, who attended Southern College and Ouachita University, has recently released a long play album, "He Touched My



Crosswhite

Hand".

He and his wife, Patty, are parents of four children, Kim, 10; Don Jr., nine; Carrie, five; and Heather, two. They reside in Ft. Smith. Their mailing address is P.O. Box 3406, 72913.

Ernie Perkins, Director of Missions of Concord Association, says, "I would like to recommend to Arkansas Baptists the life and ministry of Don Crosswhite who has recently entered full-time evangelism. He is a great soloist but has also been called to preach. He is, therefore, available to help a church with either of these two talents."

## 6 Arkansans are Southwestern grads

FT. WORTH, Tex. — Six students from Arkansas received degrees during summer commencement ceremonies at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Friday, July 15.

The seminary's 164th graduating class received degrees and diplomas from the Seminary President, Robert E. Naylor.

More than 180 candidates from the seminary's three schools, including 14 doctoral candidates, were recognized.

W. E. Thorn, president of Dallas (Texas) Baptist College, was the commencement speaker.

Those receiving the master of religious education degree were Phillip

R. Ballard of Hope, Pamela Baker Drake of West Memphis and Douglas R. Boynton of West Ford.

Ted C. Darling of Tuckerman was awarded the master of divinity degree.

The doctor of ministries degree was awarded to Gary R. Cook of Little Rock and J. Ward Walker of Ft. Smith.



Ballard



Drake



Boynton



Darling



Cook



Walker



**Morrilton First Church** youth are being led in a Bible study this summer by W. Coy Sample, pastor.

**North Arkansas Association** pastors/staff members workshop was held at Northvale Church, Harrison, on July 5. Clarence Shell, associate/state evangelist of Arkansas Baptist State Convention Evangelism Department, was guest speaker. John Finn is Director of Missions.

**Independence Association** held an evangelism meeting at Mountain View First Church on July 19. Bold Missions Thrust was theme for the program, with James Scott, Thurlo Lee, Warren Miller, S. D. Hacker, Director of Missions, and Johnny Jackson participating.

**Trinity Association** executive board met at Freer Church on July 14. Jimmie Garner is Director of Missions.

**Murfreesboro First Church** was host on Sunday morning, July 10, to a youth group from Ft. Gibson, Okla. The group, "The Redeemed", gave their testimonies and presented a musical program.

**Big Creek Association** held its July workers conference at Viola Church. Those on the program were Bertie Ruth Horton, Clarence Talbert and Harold Dunham.

**Elmdale Church, Springdale**, was host on July 12 to the Clarion Choir from First Church, Dallas, Tex.

**Mountain View First Church** will be in revival Aug. 1-7 with Charles Sullivan, pastor of Southland Church, Memphis, Tenn., as evangelist. The revival will conclude with homecoming on Aug. 7. James Scott is pastor.

**Freeman Heights Church, Berryville**, will be host on Aug. 3 to the youth choir from Delta Church, Delta, Mo.

**Camden First Church** held dedication services on Sunday, July 10, at 2 p.m. for the Jimmy Smith Memorial Chapel. James C. Wright is pastor.

**Fountain Hill First Church** will observe homecoming on Aug. 21. Gene Gregory is pastor.

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

**Mt. Olive Church, Crossett**, held a youth led revival July 8-10 with Jan Akins as evangelist. Bruce Rainwater directed music. Ferrell D. Morgan is pastor.

**Mt. Pleasant Church** near Montrose will be in revival July 25-31. Morris Jones of Greenville, Miss., will be evangelist. Dudley Baxter is pastor.

**North Crossett First Church** is holding a youth-led revival beginning today and concluding on July 25. Lloyd Whitman, an evangelist from Louisiana, will be

speaker. Orvell Bryant Jr. is pastor.

**Sardis Church** will have homecoming on Aug. 7, followed by a revival Aug. 8-13. Clifton Howie will be evangelist. Larry Donaldson is pastor.

**Burlington Church** is in revival July 17-24 with Buddy Keim of Oklahoma as evangelist. Joe Morris of Green Forest is directing music. Leonard Herring is pastor.

**Northvale Church** was in revival July 8-10. Evangelist was Tal Bonham, past president of Arkansas Baptist State Convention and currently serving as Director of Evangelism of the Baptist General Convention in Oklahoma. David Wood is pastor.

Youth of **Hampton First Church** honored the "Over-60" group with an appreciation luncheon following morning worship services on June 19. O. W. Hogan is pastor.

**Wooster First Church** was host to Cliff Bailey and The Gospel Messengers from Benton on July 16.

**Star City First Church** will be in revival

Aug. 7-12 with Bill Fitzhugh of Pine Bluff as evangelist. Dennis Dodson is pastor.

**Forest Highlands Church, Little Rock**, was host on July 11 to the youth singers from Riverside Church, Ft. Myers, Fla. Don Reasons, gospel pianist, recently presented a mini concert at the church. Johnny Jackson is pastor.

**Hurricane Lake Church, Benton**, ordained Vance Boyd as a deacon on June 26. Participating in the ordination were Curtis Pennington, interim pastor of Mt. Vernon Church, as moderator; Charles Jones, pastor of Salem Church, as clerk; Hugh Owen, pastor of South Calvary Mission, led questioning; R. M. Blackwood, pastor of Indian Springs Church, led the ordination prayer. Clarence Shell, associate/state evangelist of Arkansas Baptist State Convention Evangelism Department, brought the ordination sermon. Others participating were Darrell Gray, Johnny Wallace, Dom Golden, Carroll Griffin and Mac S. Pates, pastor of Hurricane Lake Church.



## Woman's viewpoint

Jane Purtle

### My name: its uniqueness

I didn't have a dramatic name change like Jacob or Paul; but when I went away to college, I decided I wanted a slight shift in my identity. So I discarded the double name which my folks had fallen into and my first unpronounceable name that teachers had always insisted on and became just plain Jane.

My full name came to me from both my grandmothers, and I early perceived its uniqueness. I have never yet met anyone with my name, "Lura Jane".

For my folks, the name was full of aspirations and dreams. They went through the Depression, and they hoped that I would have more opportunities and make it better than they had. Like all parents, I'm sure they hoped that I might become famous or rich or successful. My grandmother had perhaps a clearer vision of my future. I am sure she hoped that I would be happy and know God.

My name, symbolic of my total self, signals my uniqueness before God. It is true that I am creature like all those around me, and that is comforting to know — that I depend on God for my life. But though I share creaturehood with all mankind, there is no carbon

copy of me. Recognizing my uniqueness and accepting it is part of the healing process I mentioned last week. I must say, "I am not Billy Graham or Jimmy Carter or Barbra Streisand or Billie Jean King or Simon Peter or John Doe, nor do I wish to be. I am glad to be myself right here where I am in 1977."

When I begin to recognize my uniqueness and really accept myself as a gift from God, then I'll begin to look at others differently. I will see them, not as my competitors, but as completers of me. I cannot be and know all there is to be and know; but through knowing and appreciating others, I can experience many facets of life that I would otherwise miss.

I have a friend who has the gift of enjoying the uniqueness in everyone she meets. She never says, "I wish I were like so-and-so." She says by her actions, "Isn't it wonderful that I can enjoy what I don't have through them?" She is a woman who loves herself and treasures the uniqueness that God has given her. She knows her name. I think that enables her to love her neighbor as she loves herself.





This building was built by Myron Church at a cost of \$25,000 because much of the labor was donated by the members. A grant and a loan from the state convention's Revolving Loan Fund also helped.

## Myron Church

Myron Church, Rocky Bayou Association, has dedicated its new building. Participating in the service were R. H. Dorris, Director of the State Missions Department, who brought the dedicatory message; and J. C. Montgomery, Director of Associational Missions.

The 4000 sq. ft. structure was erected at a cost of \$25,000 and includes an auditorium with a seating capacity of 250, fellowship hall, kitchen, nursery and five classrooms. Estimated value is \$50,000. Much of the labor was done by members of the church.

The State Missions Department assisted the church in its building program with a grant of \$2,000 and a \$10,000 loan from the Revolving Loan Fund.

Organized in 1960, the church had met in a community building until October, 1976, when the new facility, still unfinished, was occupied. Deacon L. A. Jackson, donor of the two-acre site, commented, "It's wonderful, after all these years, to have a place of our own in which to worship."

Serving on the building committee were Cletus Bailey, Don McGuire, Henry Parker and Jack Cliff. Graden Melton is pastor.

**Trinity Church** near Alma has begun construction of a brick auditorium and educational building. The building is situated on a three-acre site located across Highway 71 from their present church plant. The 3,624 square foot facility will provide seating for 140-150 people and has eight classrooms and a nursery. Rudolph Winborn is pastor.

## Christian Discipleship

### Can just anyone be a disciple?

by James C. Wright  
(Sixth in a series)

Discipleship is the result of a person becoming a disciple of Christ. Can just anyone be a disciple?

Yes! Just anyone can be a disciple of Jesus Christ. I honestly believe that anyone can be a disciple. Isn't that the basis for our

proclaiming the "Good News" of Jesus to everyone who will hear? That means that any and every kind of person in the world — should they choose — can be a disciple of Jesus Christ. "(God is) not willing that any should perish, but that all should come unto repentance." (II Peter 3:9) "(God) who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth." (I Tim. 2:4)

The reality that anyone can be a disciple is the basis for our evangelistic appeal. "(Jesus) is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the whole world." (I John 2:2) That means a murderer on death row can be a disciple. The most degenerate prostitute or homosexual in all the world can be a disciple. The most depraved derelict in all the world can be a disciple. The gospel applies to and can



Dr. Wright

be accepted by anyone! Discipleship is made available to all the world. Anyone can believe and be a disciple.

Can just anyone be a disciple?

No! Just anyone cannot be a disciple. Discipleship is open and available to anyone and everyone, but only those who live their commitment to Christ can be disciples. He who would be a disciple must deny himself. Self-denial is a tremendous spiritual concept and a difficult discipline to practice and maintain. Nevertheless, it is a requirement for those who would be followers of Jesus. Just anyone cannot be a disciple.

To be a disciple requires self-sacrifice — "take up his cross daily." Twentieth century believers call the most trivial things "sacrifice" and draw back from those areas of discipleship which are evident sacrifices.

To be a disciple means to live in, through, by and for Jesus Christ. Discipleship is not just a public decision, being baptized and having your name placed on some church membership role. It is rather confessing by undeniable life activities that Jesus is Lord in your life.

Can just anyone be a disciple? Yes, and No! God's offer is available to anyone and everyone, but only those who meet his requirements can be disciples.

## Ministers' golf set

The annual state golf tournament for ministers and other church staff members will be held this year on Monday, Aug. 8, at Long Hills Golf Course at Benton. Competition will begin at 11 a.m. There will be three flights — 89 and under, 90-99 and 100 and over. Each person will declare his own flight of play. Contact Johnny Jackson, 1717 North Mississippi, Little Rock 72207, for additional information.



# Annual meetings of Associations, 1977

Buckville	Sept. 24-25	Rock Springs
Van Buren	Oct. 3-4	Friendship, Clinton
Concord	Oct. 10	Paris, First
	Oct. 11	Bluff Avenue, Fort Smith
Benton County	Oct. 10	Cave Springs
	Oct. 11	Gravette
Trinity	Oct. 10	Corners Chapel, Trumann
	Oct. 11	Harrisburg, First
Delta	Oct. 10	Parkdale
	Oct. 11	McGehee, First
Centennial	Oct. 10	Stuttgart, First
	Oct. 11	DeWitt, First
Caddo River	Oct. 10	Pencil Bluff
	Oct. 11	Lake Ouachita
Little River	Oct. 10	Nashville, First
	Oct. 11	Ogden, First
Faulkner	Oct. 10	Brumley Chapel, Conway
	Oct. 11	Beryl, Vilonia
	Oct. 12	Holland
Dardanelle-Russellville	Oct. 10	Knoxville
	Oct. 11	Plainview
	Oct. 13	Russellville, Second
White River	Oct. 10	Eastside, Mountain Home
	Oct. 11	Yellville, First
	Oct. 13	Bruno
Carey	Oct. 11	Calvary, Camden
Caroline	Oct. 11	Carlisle, First
Clear Creek	Oct. 11	Clarksville, First
Buckner	Oct. 11	Mansfield, First
	Oct. 13	Crumptown Mission, Waldron
Central	Oct. 13	Piney, Hot Springs
Southwest Arkansas	Oct. 13	Shiloh, Hope
Red River	Oct. 13	Prescott, First
	Oct. 14	Park Hill, Arkadelphia
Rocky Bayou	Oct. 13	Franklin
	Oct. 14	Hardy, First
North Arkansas	Oct. 13-14	Berryville, First
Searcy	Oct. 14	New Hopewell, Leslie
Arkansas Valley	Oct. 17	Marvell, First
North Pulaski	Oct. 17	Bethany, North Little Rock
Washington-Madison	Oct. 17	Huntsville, First
	Oct. 18	University, Fayetteville
Current-Gains	Oct. 17	Rector, First
	Oct. 18	Corning, First
Ouachita	Oct. 17	Grannis, First
	Oct. 18	Mena, First
Liberty	Oct. 17	El Dorado, First
	Oct. 18	Camden, First
	Oct. 18	East Main, El Dorado
Tri-County	Oct. 17	Crawfordsville
	Oct. 18	Forrest City, First
Mount Zion	Oct. 17	Central, Jonesboro
	Oct. 18	Mount Zion
Black River	Oct. 17	Newport, First
	Oct. 18	Sedgwick, First
Greene	Oct. 17-18	Walcott
Pulaski County	Oct. 17	Calvary, Little Rock
	Oct. 18	Crystal Hill, Little Rock
Mississippi	Oct. 17-18	Eastside, Osceola
Little Red River	Oct. 17-19	Heber Springs, First
Independence	Oct. 17	Ruddell Hill, Batesville
	Oct. 18	Eastside, Cave City
	Oct. 20	West Baptist, Batesville
Ashley County	Oct. 18	North Crossett, First & Fellowship
Bartholomew	Oct. 18	Monticello, First & Warren, First
Calvary	Oct. 18	Kensett, First
Harmony	Oct. 18	Greenlee Memorial, Pine Bluff
Conway-Perry	Oct. 20	Oppelo, First
	Oct. 21	Houston, First
Big Creek	Oct. 20	Enterprise
	Oct. 21	Mammoth Spring, First



Dr. Goulding

Dorris

## BWA leader will speak at OBU commencement

ARKADELPHIA, Ark. — Sixty-three students will receive degrees from Ouachita University in summer commencement activities Friday, Aug. 12, at 10 a.m. in Mitchell Hall Auditorium, according to Registrar Frank Taylor. The total includes 35 bachelor degrees and 28 master degrees.

Charles R. Goulding of Washington, D.C., director of the division of evangelism and education of the Baptist World Alliance, will deliver the keynote address at commencement exercises.

The Rev. R. H. Dorris of North Little Rock, director of the department of missions of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention (ABSC), will receive an honorary doctor of divinity degree, and Dr. Leon Green of Austin, Tex., a member of the faculty of the University of Texas Law School, will receive an honorary doctor of laws degree from Ouachita.

Ouachita's Distinguished Alumnus Award will be presented to Brig. Gen. Edward J. Hopkins, USAF (RET.) of New York, executive vice president of the International Executive Service Corps (IESC).

A native of England, Goulding is a graduate of Spurgeons' College in London, England, and holds an honorary LL.D. degree from William Jewell College in Missouri.

He has served as Associate Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, Secretary-Treasurer of the European Baptist Federation and in many other capacities in Baptist organizations in England and Europe.

Dorris graduated from Ouachita in 1938 and received the bachelor of divinity degree from Southwestern Seminary in 1951. He has served as pastor of several Arkansas churches and has been a member of the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. He has been an employee of the Executive Board since 1968. Dorris is currently vice president of the Board of Trustees of the Baptist Medical Center in Little Rock.



# Your state convention at work



## Attends music conference

Ervin Keathley (second from left) of Little Rock, secretary of the church music department of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, welcomes Fred Bridges of Benton, minister of music at Calvary Baptist Church, to the 26th Annual Church Music Conference held last month at Ouachita Baptist University and First Baptist Church of Arkadelphia. Assisting Keathley at the registration table are his wife Marsue (l.) and his secretary Mrs. Annie Mary Wilson. More than 300 junior and senior high church choir members and their adult sponsors attended the week-long event.

## Looking ahead: Arkansas events

### July 1977

- 11-Aug. 11 Second Summer Term, Ouachita University
- 18-23 Siloam Springs Assembly (fourth week)
- 18-23 GA Camp, Paron
- 25-30 Siloam Springs Assembly (fifth week)
- 25-30 GA Camp, Paron

### August 1977

- 1- 4 Music camp for young musicians, Ouachita University
- 1- 6 Siloam Springs Assembly (sixth week)
- 1- 6 Acteens camp, Paron
- 8- 9 Church staff relations conference, Baptist Building, Little Rock
- 8-12 National Baptists Youth Camp, Paron (girls)
- 15-19 National Baptists Youth Camp, Paron (boys)
- 19-20 Associational WMU directors' retreat, Paron
- 19-20 Associational Church Training leadership retreat
- 21-28 Southwide Church Music Week
- 22-23 Graded choir methods and materials workshop, Immanuel, Little Rock
- 22-24 Fall semester registration, Southern Baptist College
- 26 President's hour for parents and new students, Ouachita
- 29-31 Fall semester registration, Ouachita University

## Stewardship

### Cash or charge?

Customers face a routine question in department store purchases. A friendly clerk asks, "Will this be cash or charge?" If the customer reaches for a pocketbook while answering, "cash", the programmed clerk asks, "Would you like to open a charge account?" Thrifty customers know the advantages of cash.

Our churches have found it easy to say "charge". Southern Baptists have passed the one billion dollar mark in church indebtedness. Many churches, interested in making the most of their resources, learn they can say "cash" when faced with building programs. Two Arkansas churches experienced victory after challenging their members to retire church debts.

Members of the Watson Chapel Church were two years into a 20-year note. The challenge of paying off the note came as a result of prayer. Members weren't asked for specific amounts. The church did not set a dollar goal. Families were encouraged to pray about their gifts.

After a brief period of preparation and presentation, the church came to the Sunday designated for special offering. The people gave \$87,000! Three weeks later they had enough to pay off a \$94,000 note.

Did the campaign hurt regular offerings? Pastor Ed Hinkson reports that the church had a record offering the month after the debt retirement campaign.

The Stewardship Committee of First Church in Heber Springs looked for ways to challenge their members to extend their Together We Build pledges. In consultation, with the state secretary of stewardship, they presented the idea of a commitment day to the church.

Without a pastor, the Stewardship Committee, Dr. Joe Scruggs, chairman, planned and promoted a day of commitment. On May 29, Memorial Day weekend, members pledged \$85,000! Additional pledges swelled the total over \$100,000.

These two churches, along with many others, know the fulfillment of saying "cash". Their good stewardship saves interest. Contact your Stewardship Office if you desire more information on going the cash route. — James A. Walker, Secretary of Stewardship



# BSU Third Century Campaign

## 'Why I'm involved'

One day last February I visited with Dr. Ashcraft in his office at the Baptist Building. Excitedly, he shared with me his dreams for strengthening BSU work on our college campuses in Arkansas. Then, looking at me squarely, he asked,



Dr. Stubblefield

"Jon, will you help?" At first, I wanted to say no. After all, I reasoned, I am new in the state. Since few people know me, my contribution would be minimal. Moreover, my responsibilities in the local church are too demanding for me to take on an outside assignment. However, in response to the question, I replied, "Yes, I will serve." Now, let me tell you why.

I am committed to the Third Century Campaign for two reasons: (1) BSU has played a major role in my personal and spiritual pilgrimage, and (2) I believe in what BSU is doing on our college campuses.

My life has been touched in a significant way by the BSU. In June, 1963, largely because Jamie Jones insisted, I agreed to attend Student Week at Ridgecrest. Unexpectedly, while I was there, God called me to preach. A year later the generosity of fellow BSU students made it possible for me to serve as a Summer Missionary to Thailand. That experience broadened my understanding of missions and deepened my commitment to share Christ with a lost world. It was also through the BSU that I met my wife. Indeed, my life has been greatly affected by BSU!

I also believe in what BSU is doing on our campuses. Each year more than 100 students make professions of faith as a result of the witness of our BSU's. Recently I baptized a young lady who had been led to Christ by concerned students. In addition, opportunities for spiritual enrichment and growth are provided through the BSU. It is not surprising to me that 50 percent of the enrollees at our six seminaries and more than 60 percent of our Foreign Mission Board appointees now come from non-Baptist schools. I am excited that three

## "Let's Go . . . to the Chautauqua!"

Senior adults in Arkansas . . . let's go to the Chautauqua at Glorieta, Oct. 3-7, 1977.

Join a charter bus of senior adults and leaders from Arkansas for a week of spiritual enrichment, worship, Bible study, interest groups, fellowship and fun. Forty-six Arkansans will leave Little Rock on Oct. 2 by charter bus and will join a host of Baptist senior adults from several states at our Western conference center in New Mexico.



Jackson

"Abundant Life Now" is the theme for the Senior Adult Chautauqua, an annual week for senior adults and senior adult leaders. Separate leadership conferences will offer basic and advanced

training, with a special conference for pastors of senior adults.

Earl Mead, Donald Aukland, John Ballard and Larry Sims are among those who are on the Chautauqua staff. The presentation of the new senior adult musical, "Count on Us", will be among the week's highlights.

The Chautauqua charter trip is a family ministry project of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention sponsored by the Church Training Department. Write Gerald Jackson, P.O. Box 552, Little Rock, Ark. 72203 for complete details about registration, schedule and costs. Check with your church staff and request the promotional information they will receive be shared with all the senior adults in your church. Plan now for an exciting spiritual adventure for senior adults and leaders.

Let's go to the Senior Adult Chautauqua at Glorieta Oct. 3-7, 1977!

## Sunday School

### Higginson story to break

(Third in a series)

The Higginson story will break into the news next week in the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*. You will not want to miss this story.

Higginson is a small church, but not nearly so small today as it was three months ago. The church engaged in a growth project and experienced phenomenal growth.

The Higginson experience demonstrates that growth in the small church is



Hatfield

neither impossible, expensive or complex.

Higginson growth is the result of using some specific existing resources and pinpointing leadership role assignments of three leaders in the small church. This means the Flake Five was put back to work where it first started in the small church. The Flake Five is a set of enlargement principles.

Growth clout was released at Higginson through the application of the Flake Five.

Regardless of the weather or if you are on vacation or not, do read next week's growth story.

The line forms to the right.

young people from our campus here at Southern Arkansas University, who surrendered for special ministry during their college experience, will enter two of our seminaries this fall.

There are more than 65,000 students on our campuses in Arkansas. We have active BSU work on 27 campuses. Other religious groups minister on only a few

campuses. If we as Southern Baptists don't share an authentic Christian witness with these students, who will?

**Jon M. Stubblefield is pastor of Central Church in Magnolia and co-chairman of the BSU Third Century Endowment Campaign.**



# Baptists asked to help nominate for state committees, boards

Members of the nominating committee for the 1977 Arkansas Baptist State Convention want Arkansas Baptists to submit names of persons for that committee to consider when they bring to the Convention nominations for state committees and boards.

The form printed here may be used or forms may be secured from all directors of missions, the office of the Executive Secretary, or from Johnny Jackson, chairman of the committee.

This recommendation will not insure nomination, but the committee will consider each recommendation. The committee will not contact any person recommended until they approve the nominations.

The nominating committee will hold their first meeting Thursday, Sept. 15, and they need all recommendations no later than Sept. 10. Members of the committee are Johnny Jackson, Wayne Davis, Mason Craig, Joe Chumley Jr., John Maddox, Kenneth Threet, Harold White, Judge H. Zed Gant and Jimmie McCluskey.

## Nominations for 1978 committees and boards

(For service as a director, trustee or committee member on the Arkansas Baptist Convention boards or committees)

Believing in this person's moral integrity, spiritual commitment and other qualifications:

1. I recommend \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_
2. Approximate age \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_
3. Is person an ordained minister? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Name and address of church where the above is a member \_\_\_\_\_  
Association \_\_\_\_\_
5. Give brief statement as to the past and present loyalty of this person to this church, and the programs of Arkansas Baptists  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. List service on boards or committees of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. List training, skills, experiences, etc., which would qualify for service recommended \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. List the place where you think this person can best serve:  
A. Trustee or director of an institution or agency or the executive board: (specify)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
B. Convention committee: (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of person making recommendation)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(mailing address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(occupation)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

PLEASE RETURN FORM TO: Rev. Johnny Jackson, 1717 North Mississippi, Little Rock, Ark. 72207.



Little Rock Center is part of it

## Boyce Bible School: Only Three, But Growing Fast

by Michael Duduit

LOUISVILLE (BP) — Only three candles will decorate the cake when Boyce Bible School here celebrates its third birthday in August, but each of those candles will burn bright with meaning for a school that some said would "never make it" when the doors opened in 1974.

That first semester there were only 48 students at the fledgling institution, begun by Southern Seminary to provide quality theological education for ministers who lacked a college degree.

This year, says executive director James Ryan, the cumulative enrollment topped 300 students and projections are for "a ten percent growth each year from now on."

"Our goal is that by the time the school is 10 years old we will have 800 students. That is 10 percent of the ministers in the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) who do not have college degrees," Ryan asserts.

(The other five Southern Baptist theological seminaries and the Seminary Extension Department of the six seminaries also offer diploma programs for persons without college degrees.)

Ryan believes that these ministers — ones without college degrees — pose a great challenge to the denomination.

"The Home Mission Board says 52 percent of our pastors have not been to seminary . . . there are 8,000 without college degrees in the SBC today. One of these days our whole denomination is going to focus on just this type of education — you just can't continue to neglect such a sizeable proportion of our people."

At the Boyce School, everything is geared to meeting the needs of this special category of student, usually older than the average seminarian, sometimes already in the ministry for several years, and without a college degree.

The faculty is composed primarily of part-time instructors who continue to serve in local churches and denominational positions. The three full-time professors include Ryan, a retired college professor and a retired pastor. The faculty has grown from 11 in 1974 to 31 today.

Ryan indicates that the choice of faculty is aimed at providing "practitioners with high academic qualifications."

The curriculum is specifically designed for the needs of the Boyce School's students. For instance, explains

Ryan, "one of our goals is to teach the principles and competencies needed so that wherever you go you can organize a Baptist church."

This is especially important since half of the students coming to the school are from outside the traditional SBC areas — they come to Louisville from the Northeast, Midwest, and Western states, the "pioneer territories" for Southern Baptists.

The executive director also emphasizes that the curriculum is denominationally and church oriented.

"We have a curriculum that talks about our Lord, the local church, and our denomination," Ryan stresses.

Course work is scheduled so that pastors may commute to the Louisville campus for several days or evenings each week, but according to Ryan, "more and more students are coming to live with us on the campus."

Yet many students are able to attend Boyce Bible School without ever coming to Louisville through two off-campus Boyce Centers that have been opened, with the sponsorship and support of state Baptist conventions, in Little Rock, Ark., and Columbus, Ohio.

Both centers enroll an average of 40 students per term, and each was

represented with one student in the recent graduating class of 27 students. Faculty members at the off-campus centers are drawn from among state denominational leadership, local pastors and others. Some Louisville faculty have also commuted to the centers.

Ryan says that he has had "a lot of inquiries" about opening centers in new areas, and expresses a willingness to investigate new locations.

"Where the state convention initiates a request and is willing to make the center their school, Southern Seminary, through the Boyce Bible School, is willing to help," Ryan explains.

Ryan notes feeling of excitement on campus as the Boyce Bible School begins its fourth year of existence. You can feel it among the faculty, who are pouring their own lives and ministries into these students. You can feel it among the students, many of whom say that the Boyce School is "just what I've been looking for."

Ryan shares that excitement — even more so on this third birthday than when the doors opened in 1974. He says confidently: "The sky's the limit on what we can do here at the Boyce School — God only knows what will happen."



*PREPARING PREACHERS: James H. Smith, executive secretary of the Illinois Baptist State Association, teaches a recent one-week course at Boyce Bible School, a division of Southern Seminary for ministers who do not have college degrees. Smith is one of a number of denominational leaders, pastors and others who serve as visiting faculty members for the Louisville school, which is beginning its fourth year in August. (BP) photo by Michael Duduit.*



# 'Soap' TV series blasted by Southern Baptist leaders

NASHVILLE (BP) — Three Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) leaders who have previewed the first two episodes of "Soap", an upcoming prime time series on ABC-TV, have unleashed vigorous protests against what one of them calls "a 30-minute dirty joke".

Foy Valentine and Harry N. Hollis Jr. of the SBC Christian Life Commission, Nashville, have written to ABC President Fred Pierce asking that "Soap" be cancelled before it is shown.

SBC President Jimmy R. Allen of San Antonio, predicts: "This may be the spark which will ignite the anger of a public weary of being inundated with filth and deeply concerned about the moral climate of our nation."

"Baptists have historically been and now are strong supporters of the First Amendment and its precious rights of freedom, but we also believe that with freedom comes responsibility," declared Valentine, executive secretary of the Christian Life Commission.

"Robert M. Bennett, vice chairman of ABC's affiliate board, calls 'Soap' a 'sophisticated adult farce,'" said Hollis, director of family and special moral concerns for the commission.

"He is mistaken. 'Soap' is not sophisticated; it is a 30-minute dirty joke," declared Hollis of the series which deals with themes of adultery, homosexuality, transvestitism and impotency.

Picking up on a New York Times quote from Fred Silverman, ABC's program chief, who reportedly said, "... in time it ('Soap') will be perceived as a moral show," Valentine declared:

"That statement has to rank as one of the truly ridiculous statements in the history of television. Some television people claim it will be a hit. I say it is a hit. It hits decency; it hits morality; it hits responsible sexuality; it hits family life; and it hits the values without which no civilization can survive."

Allen and Valentine predicted that Southern Baptists and others will join together to express outrage if the show is aired. Valentine called on advertisers to reject it and Hollis and Allen indicated that advertisers may face economic sanctions from indignant viewers.

"Southern Baptist can be expected to unite vigorously with Roman Catholics, Methodists and others of like mind to call a halt to TV's gross immoralities represented by ABC's offering of 'Soap,'" Valentine declared. "Advertisers ought not to identify with it. Local stations ought to reject it. TV viewers ought to refuse it."

Valentine also declared that a one-hour delay "proposed for the so-called Bible Belt (Central time zone) is not satisfactory at all."

"By scheduling this four-letter show, 'Soap', in prime time, ABC reveals it is willing to pollute the minds of children in order to make a profit," said Hollis. He said one study reveals that the number of children watching TV does not fall below one million before 1 a.m.

"When will these writers, these producers, the networks and the local stations learn that the American people are tired of contempt for family, perversion of sex and glorification of violence?" Hollis asked. "We are asking for a portrayal of genuine fellowship between human beings, for healthy laughter and for responsible drama."

According to reviews of "Soap" in news media across the country, the series has raised concern of some affiliates that it may cause them problems and reports indicate that the British Broadcasting Company, which bids for promising American TV shows, declined it without comment.

The soap opera involves two sisters. One is married to a wealthy executive who has several affairs going on the

side; the other to a man who secretly killed her first husband.

The rich sister has two daughters. One is described as 'latent nun' by her pornographic magazine-oriented younger brother; the other is a liberated young woman who usually returns home in time for breakfast. She and her mother are having an affair with the same young tennis pro.

The other sister's husband is impotent (related to his murder of her first husband, whom she thinks committed suicide). One of her sons, in the mafia, is being given a contract to kill his father's murderer (his step father) and the other son is a homosexual-transvestite who wants a sex-change operation.

The family has a black servant who exchanges racial epithets with a senile grandfather, who wears a Gen. Patton suit and thinks World War II is still going on.

"'Soap' is dirty," Hollis says. "It does not cleanse through healthy humor; it dirties through the use of base relationships and crude and lewd expressions. 'Soap' is the epitome of sex miseducation."

"'Soap' is prime time pollution," declared Valentine.



## Lead BSU committee

Recently elected officers for the BSU Area Committee for the University of Central Arkansas are Emmett Pipkins of Clinton, Chairman; Richard Boyles, BSU Director Secretary; and Ronald Raines of Conway, Vice Chairman. The committee heard reports on the BSU Third Century Campaign and the progress of the enlargement and renovation of the BSU Center at UCA at their last meeting.



# Arkansas Baptist State Convention

## CONTRIBUTIONS

Total cash contributions received in office of Executive Secretary of  
Executive Board during the months of January through June, 1977.

Notify Charles H. Ashcraft, 525 West Capitol, Little Rock, Arkansas, if any errors are found in this report.

CHURCHES	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM	DESIGNATED GIFTS	CHURCHES	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM	DESIGNATED GIFTS
MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS		6,927.25	BENTON CO. ASSOCIATION		
STATE AT LARGE			BELLA VISTA	3,195.28	2,329.95
INDIVIDUAL RECEIPTS			BENTONVILLE 1ST	5,000.02	4,564.41
ARK BAPTIST FOUNDATION	2,589.73	20,257.90	CENTERTON 1ST	1,403.73	755.00
CLINTON 1ST	3,407.27	11,768.87	CENTRAL AVE., BENTONVILLE	902.41	526.95
EUREKA SPRINGS 1ST	2,497.39	1,357.45	DECATUR 1ST	2,195.63	1,100.00
FAITH, BATESVILLE	595.65	707.00	GARFIELD 1ST	550.02	563.83
HALFMOON		180.00	GENTRY 1ST	7,842.71	2,497.87
MALVERN 1ST	4,909.06	3,368.22	GRAVETTE 1ST	1,272.16	1,063.95
RUSSELLVILLE 1ST	9,788.89	3,766.49	GUM SPRINGS	974.66	250.00
BERRYVILLE, 2ND	34.33	33.00	HARVARD AVE., SILDOAM SPGS	4,519.10	665.96
FAITH, TEXARKANA	1,964.98	865.89	HIGHFILL 1ST	1,173.29	1,884.00
IMMANUEL, ELAINE	658.37	644.65	IMMANUEL, ROGERS	4,965.79	2,672.90
SOUTH SIDE, JONESBORO	380.00		LAKEVIEW	466.22	162.50
CALVARY, WEST HELENA	347.50		LOWELL	1,020.27	363.00
BETHANY, MANILA	188.00	315.00	MASON VALLEY	879.11	1,770.79
TEMPLE, W. MEMPHIS			MONTE NE	1,318.41	364.60
FAITH, SILDOAM SPRINGS			OPEN DOOR		771.87
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	27,361.17	43,264.47	PARK STREET, BENTONVILLE	118.30	52.90
ARKANSAS VALLEY ASSN.			PEA RIDGE 1ST	3,567.31	1,465.43
BARTON	2,358.89	395.70	PLEASANT HILL	353.58	
BRICKEYS	130.20		ROGERS 1ST	17,225.87	4,967.45
BRINKLEY 1ST	5,296.34	9,790.09	SILDOAM SPRINGS 1ST	13,070.52	4,926.27
CHATFIELD			SUGAR CREEK	361.77	
CLARENDON 1ST	3,738.75	1,386.73	SULPHUR SPRINGS 1ST	235.69	79.87
ELAINE	7,091.44	1,576.84	SUNNY SIDE	1,676.66	516.66
FRIENDSHIP	277.00		TRINITY, ROGERS	160.18	
HELENA 1ST	10,435.26	2,413.93	TWELVE CORNERS	376.05	140.00
HUGHES 1ST	4,375.00	4,869.84	HICKORY CREEK MISSION		
LAMBROOK 1ST	962.32	205.27	RO-LYNN	245.53	
LEXA	3,061.86	1,302.00	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	75,070.27	34,456.16
MARIANNA 1ST	5,916.65	3,404.05	BIG CREEK ASSOCIATION		
MARVELL 1ST	2,395.80	139.46	CHEROKEE VILLAGE 1ST	706.75	593.00
MONROE	327.40		COUNTY LINE		18.37
MORD	700.00	1,632.00	ELIZABETH	12.00	
NORTH SIDE, HELENA	276.00		ENTERPRISE	60.00	
PETTYS CHAPEL	430.00		FLDRA	76.00	
SNOW LAKE	324.04	382.94	GUM SPRINGS	25.00	209.50
TURNER	601.77	96.56	MAMMOTH SPRING	12.50	51.00
WEST HELENA	8,095.52	4,417.40	MT. ZION	90.00	
WEST HELENA 2ND	3,293.14	1,775.48	SADDLE 1ST	30.00	
BROADMOOR MISSION	297.66	486.25	SPRING RIVER	315.11	320.29
WYCAMB			VIOLA	180.00	
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	60,385.04	34,274.54	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	1,507.36	1,192.16
ASHLEY CO. ASSOCIATION			BLACK RIVER ASSOCIATION		
CALVARY, CROSSETT	508.10	125.00	ALICIA	684.31	200.36
CORINTH	1,317.51	222.33	AMAGON	120.00	
CROSSETT 1ST	34,924.99	247.25	BANKS		191.65
CROSSETT 2ND	15.00	8,634.33	BLACK ROCK 1ST	840.12	300.00
EDEN	404.56	49.20	CAMPBELL STATION	200.00	
FELLOWSHIP	330.00		CLEAR SPRINGS		140.98
FOUNTAIN HILL 1ST	1,009.02	66.00	COLLEGE CITY	684.77	413.40
GARDNER	834.95	949.96	DIAZ	240.00	62.65
HAMBURG 1ST	9,125.70	116.67	GRUBBS 1ST	415.97	
JARVIS CHAPEL	70.00	3,220.22	HORSESHOE		590.69
MAGNOLIA	4,196.19	2,344.62	HOXIE 1ST	816.00	1,025.23
MARTINVILLE	190.00	34.95	IMBODEN 1ST	2,154.49	1,087.46
MERIDIAN	1,010.00	330.38	IMMANUEL, NEWPORT	1,280.00	
MT. OLIVE	10,762.26	2,153.30	JACKSONPORT	420.00	
MT. PLEASANT	655.50	205.00	MURPHY'S CORNER	40.00	25.00
NORTH CROSSETT 1ST	1,979.56	873.07	NEW HOPE #1, BLACK ROCK	158.61	50.00
SARDIS	25.00		NEW HOPE #2, HARDY	129.68	
SHILOH	244.63		NEWPORT 1ST	10,574.55	3,137.74
TEMPLE	5,506.99	113.55	OLD WALNUT RIDGE	326.63	222.21
UNITY		2,923.30	PITTS	25.12	
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	73,109.96	22,609.13	PLEASANT RIDGE		
BARTHOLOMEW ASSOCIATION			RAVENDEN 1ST	257.28	50.00
ANTIOCH			SEDGWICK	480.14	138.97
CDINTO			SMITHVILLE	1,056.17	312.50
CORINTH	168.96	30.00	SPRING LAKE	552.71	117.69
EAGLE LAKE	96.56		SWIFTON	637.65	485.12
EBENEZER	561.47	174.00	TUCKERMAN 1ST	786.50	604.00
ENON	753.00	311.66	WALNUT RIDGE 1ST	6,892.18	6,084.75
FLORENCE	30.00		WHITE OAK	250.00	
HERMITAGE	593.43	75.00	BAPTIST CHAPEL	142.98	
IMMANUEL, WARREN	7,592.26	194.00	SOUTHSIDE	120.00	
LADELLE	194.32	2,437.04	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	30,285.86	15,240.40
MACEONIA	70.00		BUCKNER ASSOCIATION		
MARSDEN			ABBOTT	127.56	45.00
MONTICELLO 1ST	8,460.72	3,668.35	BATES	44.86	69.41
MONTICELLO 2ND	3,532.80	676.77	CALVARY, BOONEVILLE		
NORTH SIDE, MONTICELLO	700.02	289.00	CAUTHRON		
OLD UNION			CEDAR CREEK	36.27	
PLEASANT GROVE	40.00		CLARKS CHAPEL	35.00	135.25
PRAIRIE GROVE	30.00		DAYTON	538.82	
SALINE	254.75		DENTON		
SELMA			EVENING SHADE	303.74	53.60
UNION HILL			FELLOWSHIP	247.57	427.15
WARREN 1ST	15,869.94	6,189.26	FRIENDSHIP	20.00	2.41
WEST SIDE, WARREN	1,182.30	123.00	HARTFORD 1ST	3,306.39	683.79
WILMAR	745.36	365.37	HAM CREEK	523.50	
SOUTHSIDE MISSION		56.11	HON	406.49	
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	40,875.89	14,589.56	HUNTINGTON 1ST	314.77	150.00
			IDNE		51.80
			JAMES FORK	746.49	509.24



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LONG RIDGE	300.00	184.32	WILLOW	30.00	84.75
MANSFIELD 1ST	2,715.82	1,524.92	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	28,277.54	8,260.47
MIDLAND 1ST	1,419.87	261.19	CARDLINE ASSOCIATION		
NEW PROVIDENCE	119.35		AUSTIN STATION	1,176.00	160.38
PARKS	324.28	282.63	BAUGH CHAPEL	983.00	447.00
PLEASANT GROVE #2, ABBOTT	235.44	65.00	BISCONE 1ST	1,784.67	337.75
PLEASANT GROVE #3, WALDRON			BROWNSVILLE	572.63	185.19
ROCK CREEK	106.36		CABOT 1ST	16,313.06	4,386.54
SHILOH	20.00	40.00	CABOT 2ND	364.98	80.84
TEMPLE, WALDRON	564.71	89.46	CANEY CREEK	1,095.78	300.00
UNION HOPE	164.00		CARLISLE 1ST	11,034.17	1,394.51
UNITY	84.00		CHAMBERS	67.63	55.00
WALDRON 1ST	6,889.41	1,319.69	COCKLEBUR	328.17	
WEST HARTFORD	174.48	333.51	COY 1ST	869.65	397.00
WINFIELD	222.20	107.00	CROSS ROADS		
CRUMPTOWN MISSION	162.17	74.72	DES ARC 1ST	11,222.70	1,341.10
BOLES MISSION	19.90		DEVALLS BLUFF 1ST	455.94	
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	20,173.45	6,410.09	ENGLAND 1ST	7,597.42	1,912.10
BUCKVILLE ASSOCIATION			HAZEN 1ST	7,449.92	2,160.44
CEDAR GLADES		319.59	HUMNOKE 1ST	300.57	88.00
CONCORD			IMMANUEL, CARLISLE	283.35	454.68
MT. TABOR	110.00		KED	1,623.76	2,750.00
ROCK SPRINGS	434.95		LONOKE	12,638.95	5,290.46
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	544.95	319.59	MT. CARMEL	4,253.69	854.80
CADDO RIVER ASSOCIATION			MTN. SPRINGS	968.22	349.25
AMITY 1ST	600.00	107.00	NEW HOPE	261.16	
BLACK SPRINGS	30.00	35.00	OAK GROVE	399.81	397.12
CADDO GAP	35.00		OLD AUSTIN	417.37	240.81
GLENWOOD 1ST	4,160.12	1,865.17	PLEASANT HILL	538.28	222.52
HILL SIDE	40.00		STEEL BRIDGE	169.57	302.05
LAKE QUACHITA	259.48	129.50	TOLTEC	4,575.31	2,738.45
LIBERTY			WARD 1ST	2,560.61	690.13
LITTLE HOPE			WATTENSAH	2,678.70	2,021.85
MT. GILEAD	130.00		SOUTH BEND MISSION		
MT. IDA 1ST	4,736.34	1,691.68	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	92,985.07	29,557.97
MT. OLIVE	152.37		CENTENNIAL ASSOCIATION		120.00
MURPHY			ABERDEEN 1ST	203.16	63.20
NORMAN 1ST	396.00	228.89	ALMYRA 1ST	13,017.00	4,622.18
OAK GROVE		22.00	DEWITT 1ST	4,400.00	5,275.50
ODEN 1ST	422.00	277.00	EAST SIDE, DEWITT	17.69	40.00
PENCIL BLUFF	432.17	167.00	GILLETT		
REFUGE	42.00	100.00	GILLETT 1ST	291.71	163.50
SULPHUR SPRINGS	141.71	196.55	HAGLER	266.64	
PINE RIDGE	12.00		NORTH MAPLE, STUTTGART	1,978.40	953.81
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	11,589.19	4,819.79	REYDELL	197.03	756.00
CALVARY ASSOCIATION			SOUTH SIDE, STUTTGART	654.82	922.70
ANTIOCH	175.00	300.00	ST. CHARLES	1,709.87	257.50
AUGUSTA 1ST	6,162.01	9,397.57	STUTTGART 1ST	21,000.00	8,829.42
BEEBE 1ST	3,833.43	3,918.64	TICHNOR	60.00	120.00
BETHANY	240.00		NORTHSIDE MISSION	169.89	305.83
CENTRAL, BALD KNOB	4,179.45	3,521.23	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	43,966.21	22,429.64
COTTON PLANT 1ST	1,470.99	1,356.00	CENTRAL ASSOCIATION		
CROSBY	140.00	70.00	ANTIOCH	652.23	208.25
EL PASO	150.00	115.25	BENTON 1ST	13,888.25	10,197.15
GOOD HOPE	173.67		BRYANT 1ST SOUTHERN	4,817.00	3,570.00
GRACE	685.01	533.74	BUIE	122.61	
GREGORY	619.00	75.00	CALVARY, BENTON	3,993.82	2,081.86
GRIFFITHVILLE 1ST	150.00	144.36	CENTRAL, HOT SPRINGS	6,793.44	4,201.94
HIGGINSON	1,306.71	1,477.02	EMMANUEL, HOT SPRINGS	844.43	336.80
HUNTER 1ST	950.45	566.51	FAIRDALE	699.25	485.38
JUDSONIA 1ST	2,641.49	3,421.63	FAITH, BENTON	230.87	13.98
KENSETT 1ST	2,234.97	680.32	GILEAD	171.84	149.19
LIBERTY	54.00	177.00	GRAND AVENUE, HOT SPRINGS	1,120.16	4,883.58
MCCRORY 1ST	1,727.39	1,204.00	GRAVEL HILL	634.45	
MCRAE 1ST	180.00	1,592.00	HARVEYS CHAPEL	1,929.87	1,162.46
MIDWAY	212.26	74.00	HIGHLAND HEIGHTS	8,903.16	6,340.86
MORROW	152.75		HILLDALE, ALEXANDER	1,032.40	107.00
MORTON	319.01	81.28	HOT SPRINGS 1ST	6,000.00	8,310.63
MT. HEBRON	251.50	143.00	HOT SPRINGS 2ND	17,655.17	8,092.86
PANGBURN 1ST	1,460.06	90.00	HURRICANE LAKE	1,284.48	217.00
PATTERSON 1ST	182.36		INDIAN SPRINGS	280.03	123.00
PLEASANT GROVE	272.51	60.00	JESSIEVILLE	597.99	117.95
PLEASANT VALLEY	207.46	51.00	LAKE HAMILTON	1,628.81	943.00
RAYNOR GROVE	225.00	60.00	LAKESHORE HEIGHTS	1,459.34	1,014.61
ROCKY POINT	268.43	109.00	LAKESIDE	1,768.00	458.33
ROSE BUD	1,114.14		LEE CHAPEL	1,317.05	213.30
SEARCY 1ST	20,724.28	7,738.39	LEONARD ST., HOT SPRINGS	1,240.00	180.00
SEARCY 2ND	678.90	218.32	LONSDALE	222.88	
TEMPLE, SEARCY	4,217.93	2,129.91	MALVERN 3RD	7,071.75	1,980.07
TRINITY, SEARCY	1,524.58	1,359.80	MEMORIAL	1,270.38	365.43
TUPELO 1ST	750.51	476.18	MILL CREEK	325.79	261.00
UNION VALLEY	287.96		MOUNTAIN PINE 1ST	1,552.76	535.64
WEST POINT	331.60		MOUNTAIN VALLEY	328.47	133.07
VALLEY MISSION	451.47	194.00	MT. VERNON	636.88	228.37
ROYAL HILL	36.68		OLD UNION	1,097.16	
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	60,742.96	41,335.15	OWENSVILLE	617.00	84.00
CAREY ASSOCIATION			PARK PLACE	8,874.66	2,661.69
BEARDEN 1ST	2,316.83	808.00	PEARCY	409.00	107.80
BETHESDA			PERLA		
CALVARY, CAMDEN	981.16	256.05	PINEY	4,107.45	964.34
DALARK	163.72		PLEASANT HILL	978.56	757.56
EAGLE HILLS			RECTOR HEIGHTS	585.39	426.00
FAITH	384.00	110.00	RIDGECREST	678.00	384.37
FORDYCE 1ST	12,329.37	833.70	RIVERSIDE	969.30	382.50
HAMPTON 1ST	2,616.52	479.50	SALEM	1,440.48	
HARMONY	44.03		SHERIDAN 1ST SOUTHERN	984.29	360.00
HOLLY SPRINGS	355.08		SHOREWOOD HILLS	798.24	208.00
HANNING	325.16	210.00	TRINITY, BENTON	2,290.82	1,041.00
NEW HOPE	335.76		TRINITY, MALVERN	2,069.19	1,255.82
QUACHITA	164.00	271.50	VISTA HEIGHTS	470.87	82.86
PROSPERITY	330.40		WALNUT VALLEY	886.07	307.55
SHADY GROVE	60.00		BARCELONA ROAD MISSION	677.30	170.00
SOUTH SIDE, FORDYCE	416.00	59.20	NINTH STREET MISSION		
SPARKMAN 1ST	6,618.00	4,618.50	SOUTH CALVARY MISSION	984.50	241.72
THORNTON 1ST	688.47	471.27	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	119,391.84	66,347.88
TINSMAN 1ST	105.00		CLEAR CREEK ASSOCIATION		
TULIP MEMORIAL	14.04	58.00	ALMA 1ST	9,909.49	6,606.86
			ALTUS 1ST	104.84	100.00



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BATSON	225.00	232.00	CORNING 1ST	2,291.47	2,198.41
CASS	97.28	50.00	EMMANUEL, PIGGOTT	194.01	319.74
CEDARVILLE	778.89	536.41	GREENWAY 1ST	629.00	611.05
CLARKSVILLE 1ST	5,692.95	3,698.99	HARMONY	151.42	235.50
CLARKSVILLE 2ND	915.88	525.91	HOLLY ISLAND	294.00	306.67
COAL HILL 1ST	391.38		HOPEWELL	428.52	294.07
CONCORD	2,346.71	1,923.71	KNOBEL 1ST	269.05	40.00
DYER 1ST	350.88		MOARK	169.20	28.50
EAST MT. ZION, TRINITY	413.21	82.00	MT. PLEASANT	118.50	50.00
HAGARVILLE	353.66		NEW HOPE	1,233.33	708.15
HARTMAN 1ST	416.73		NIMMONS 1ST		35.00
KIBLER	2,069.86	1,700.00	OAK GROVE	529.00	243.75
LAMAR	1,232.33	823.64	PEACH ORCHARD 1ST	11.05	
MOUNTAINBURG 1ST	789.20	131.00	PETTIT, DISBANDED		
MULBERRY 1ST	5,731.71	1,089.97	PIGGOTT 1ST	8,684.10	4,142.07
OAK GROVE	2,240.00	730.55	POCAHONTAS 1ST	3,807.39	2,313.96
OZARK 1ST	5,756.81	1,560.71	RAVENDEN SPRINGS 1ST	249.32	132.11
OZONE	545.43	210.15	RECTOR 1ST	4,030.00	2,010.69
RUDY	97.51		REYNO 1ST	636.91	140.75
SHADY GROVE	133.73		SHANNON	840.48	292.69
SHIBLEY	368.74		SHILOH, CORNING	120.00	81.90
SPADRA			ST. FRANCIS	1,000.00	1,369.37
TRINITY, ALMA	300.00		SUCCESS 1ST	783.98	448.73
UNION GROVE	368.63	157.42	TIPPERARY	183.54	
UNIONTOWN	757.31		WITT'S CHAPEL	584.00	535.50
VAN BUREN 1ST	11,200.00	7,891.30	ANTIUCH	23.48	
VAN BUREN 2ND	202.95	57.56			
VINE PRAIRIE	539.45	635.25	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	29,046.96	18,152.48
WEBB CITY	616.83	160.75	DARD-RUSS ASSOCIATION		300.00
WOODLAND	50.00	50.00	ATKINS 1ST	1,555.80	886.42
CENTERCROSS MISSION			BAKERS CREEK	323.08	
1ST BAPTIST MISSION			BLUFFTON	196.50	101.00
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	56,997.39	28,954.18	CENTERVILLE	326.08	109.00
CONCORD ASSOCIATION			DANVILLE 1ST	3,071.52	2,752.00
BARLING 1ST	1,448.74	696.80	DARDANELLE 1ST	5,538.15	2,758.03
BETHEL	1,023.05	180.61	DOVER	439.31	324.06
BLOOMER	50.00	100.00	EAST POINT	627.29	140.55
BLUFF AVE., FT. SMITH	2,795.82	551.05	FAIR PARK	82.41	212.14
BOONEVILLE 1ST	4,679.79	2,007.67	GRACE MEMORIAL	90.00	174.00
BRANCH	1,212.65	673.50	HAVANA	166.13	241.62
BURNSVILLE		50.00	HECTOR 1ST	139.27	373.31
CALVARY, FT. SMITH	5,343.66	4,660.83	HOPEWELL	277.92	75.00
CHARLESTON 1ST	3,882.89	1,674.26	IMMANUEL, RUSSELLVILLE	390.00	88.00
EAST SIDE, FT. SMITH	10,017.48	2,983.81	KELLEY HEIGHTS	320.26	397.50
ENTERPRISE			KNOXVILLE	760.76	400.05
EXCELSIOR	243.03	50.00	LONDON 1ST	1,036.53	65.10
FORT SMITH 1ST	54,277.07	27,912.97	MORELAND 1ST	158.68	65.10
GLENDALE	493.50	79.00	NEW HOPE	586.94	66.50
GRAND AVENUE, FT. SMITH	58,181.72	32,963.85	OLA 1ST	1,458.00	670.35
GRAYSON			PITTSBURG	30.09	
GREENWOOD 1ST	7,056.00	3,017.00	PLAINVIEW 1ST	392.38	455.00
HACKETT 1ST	350.30		PLEASANT VIEW	142.65	74.00
HAVEN HEIGHTS	4,436.00	1,675.50	POTTSVILLE	402.92	185.51
HIGHWAY 96 1ST			ROVER	306.58	
IMMANUEL, FT. SMITH	8,914.78	2,234.00	RUSSELLVILLE 2ND	3,874.56	2,687.86
JENNY LIND 1ST	2,914.76	1,088.42	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	22,693.81	13,537.00
LAVACA 1ST	5,243.08	3,284.76	DELTA ASSOCIATION		
MAGAZINE 1ST	1,186.76	215.60	ARKANSAS CITY	2,732.93	1,138.25
MEMORIAL	163.55	170.00	AULDS		
MIXON	191.00	335.75	BAYOU MASON	447.40	171.34
MT. HARMONY	66.54	66.54	BELLAIRE	1,746.50	1,330.00
MT. ZION		150.00	BOYDELL	91.62	
NEW HOPE	1,995.26	503.00	CHICKASAW	481.88	141.76
NORTH SIDE, CHARLESTON	358.03	858.62	COLLINS	1,724.00	350.00
NORTH SIDE, FT. SMITH	1,134.30	568.67	DANIEL CHAPEL		
OAK CLIFF	3,037.23	1,557.19	DERMOTT	6,682.38	10,920.16
PALESTINE	228.40	422.52	EUDDRA	4,870.00	2,303.59
PARIS 1ST	5,935.25	4,321.51	GAINES	37.96	76.99
PHOENIX VILLAGE	2,243.39	1,064.11	JENNIE	434.60	137.00
PINE LOG	143.39	189.62	JEROME	210.00	342.05
RATCLIFF 1ST	663.25	430.16	KELSO	750.00	463.93
ROSEVILLE	125.24	687.49	LAKE VILLAGE	1,974.44	1,709.50
RYE HILL	1,460.70	133.23	MCARTHUR		
SCRANTON 1ST	924.13	216.16	MCGEHEE 1ST	11,732.21	4,979.82
SOUTH SIDE, BOONEVILLE	678.81	1,152.96	MONTROSE	942.59	366.00
SOUTH SIDE, FT. SMITH	2,316.34	804.57	NEW HOPE	1,186.01	125.00
SPRADLING	630.00	1,349.62	NORTH SIDE, EUDDRA	725.30	580.00
TEMPLE, FT. SMITH	1,524.28	1,055.92	OMEGA	228.97	5.30
TRINITY, FT. SMITH	1,973.99		PARKDALE	40.00	165.00
UNION HALL			PARKWAY	495.00	37.00
VESTA			PORTLAND	2,992.76	1,919.76
WINDSOR PARK		2,100.00	RICHLAND	214.10	45.55
DELAWARE	620.24	68.50	SHILOH	707.26	79.18
HOFFETT MISSION			SOUTH MCGEHEE	344.80	475.00
WESTSIDE CHAPEL	585.69	192.50	TEMPLE, DERMOTT	1,267.38	
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	200,750.09	104,498.27	TILLAR 1ST	770.87	493.30
CONWAY-PERRY ASSOCIATION			WATSON	904.75	36.00
ADONA, DISBANDED			WILMOT	2,165.70	1,138.00
BIGELOW	514.28	370.75	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	46,901.41	29,529.48
CASA 1ST	293.09	123.84	FAULKNER CO. ASSOCIATION		
HARMONY	461.08	339.31	BERYL	1,540.09	513.52
HOUSTON	59.31		BONO	60.00	27.05
MORRILTON 1ST	3,578.81	2,985.50	BRUMLEY CHAPEL	701.24	119.00
NIMROD 1ST	680.99	355.43	CADRON RIDGE	259.98	352.75
PERRY	15.00		CONWAY 1ST	7,500.00	5,665.40
PERRYVILLE 1ST	600.00	2,279.28	CONWAY 2ND	7,340.94	2,273.84
PLEASANT GROVE	100.00	25.00	EMMANUEL, CONWAY	222.45	
PLUMERVILLE 1ST	600.00	1,166.30	ENOLA	140.00	
SOLGOMACHIA	98.64	100.00	FRIENDSHIP	442.49	126.49
STONY POINT	42.92		HAPPY HOLLOW	69.00	153.00
THORNBURG	612.60	429.90	HARLAN PARK	2,321.78	1,178.25
UNION VALLEY	663.42	1,006.88	HARMONY	250.03	235.27
OPPELO	439.00	75.00	HOLLAND	560.81	434.67
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	8,759.14	9,257.19	MAYFLOWER 1ST	1,090.90	315.83
CURRENT-GAINS ASSOCIATION			MT. VERNON	490.10	
BIGGERS	818.28	524.48	NAYLOR		
BROWN'S CHAPEL		15.00	NEW BETHEL		
CALVARY, CORNING	863.93	1,074.39	OAK BOWERY	1,229.15	
COLUMBIA JARRETT	103.00		PICKLES GAP	5,342.56	1,075.75
			PLEASANT GROVE	2,123.17	1,968.85



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SOUTH SIDE, DAMASCUS	1,185.69	200.00	LIBERTY ASSOCIATION		
UNION HILL		35.00	FAIRVIEW ROAD	80.00	28.00
WOOSTER 1ST	1,113.06	397.95	CALEDONIA	216.00	618.00
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	33,983.44	15,072.62	CALION 1ST	2,108.50	318.26
GREENE CO. ASSOCIATION			CAMDEN 1ST	23,552.51	16,702.86
ALEXANDER	1,111.49	275.00	CAMDEN 2ND	40.00	133.86
BEECH GROVE	74.03	80.00	CHIDESTER	723.09	1,250.00
BETHEL STATION	30.00		CROSS ROADS	1,351.00	
BIG CREEK	142.02		CULLENDALE 1ST	9,619.98	4,303.19
BRIGHTON	190.30	47.81	EAST MAIN, EL DORADO	7,142.62	4,776.54
BROWN'S CHAPEL	813.98	574.75	EBENEZER	3,415.81	1,485.64
CALVARY, PARAGOULD	2,110.85	418.13	EL DORADO 1ST	12,866.06	29,835.42
CENTER HILL 1ST	645.77	587.18	EL DORADO 2ND	14,691.31	7,609.95
CLARKS CHAPEL	214.50	196.00	ELLIOTT	8,248.95	2,108.32
DELAPLAINE	150.00	51.02	FELSENTHAL	345.00	
EAST SIDE, PARAGOULD	3,543.74	905.86	GALILEE	546.84	
FAIRVIEW	110.84	75.00	GRACE	708.79	735.07
FINCH	452.27	177.78	HARMONY	772.49	228.25
FONTAINE	64.55		HILLSIDE	1,633.00	646.00
IMMANUEL, PARAGOULD	2,022.34	885.30	HUTTIG 1ST	2,130.24	1,585.75
LAKE STREET, PARAGOULD	60.00	96.48	IMMANUEL, EL DORADO	12,493.11	6,076.78
LAFE	48.00	75.00	JOYCE CITY	3,425.01	414.96
LAKE STREET, PARAGOULD	60.00	96.48	JUNCTION CITY 1ST	2,823.39	1,018.05
LIGHT	324.22	257.50	KNOWLES	317.42	
MARMADUKE 1ST	2,166.80	490.00	LAPILE	392.37	
MOUNDS	185.18	130.00	LAWSON	297.40	138.77
NEW FRIENDSHIP	491.61	240.19	LIBERTY	578.26	68.89
NEW LIBERTY	114.09	87.47	LOUANN	51.00	61.31
NUTTS CHAPEL	316.23	506.00	MAPLE AVENUE, SMACKOVER	6,263.86	1,462.21
OAK GROVE	600.29	150.15	MARRABLE HILL	1,585.93	188.00
PARAGOULD 1ST	22,944.74	9,805.10	MIDWAY	488.00	216.75
PLEASANT VALLEY	146.25		NEW LONDON	473.59	
ROBBS CHAPEL	184.58	235.00	NORPHLET 1ST	6,206.43	2,355.57
ROSEWOOD	729.19	389.23	PARKVIEW	3,503.41	681.82
STANFORD	90.00	100.00	PHILADELPHIA	614.00	
STONEWALL	97.98		SALEM	849.00	275.50
THIRD AVE., PARAGOULD	30.00	28.80	SMACKOVER 1ST	9,932.89	2,570.40
UNITY	120.00	283.01	SOUTH SIDE, EL DORADO	1,934.87	574.50
VINES CHAPEL			STEPHENS 1ST	8,292.66	2,599.77
MALCOTT	1,326.43	137.00	STRONG 1ST	4,858.29	2,198.50
WEST VIEW	1,796.55	561.05	SYLVAN HILLS	30.00	75.00
ROCK HILL MISSION			TEMPLE, CAMDEN	861.31	94.25
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	43,448.82	17,845.81	TEMPLE, EL DORADO	480.68	42.00
HARMONY ASSOCIATION			THREE CREEKS	1,144.78	455.13
ALTHEIMER 1ST	1,358.56	467.61	TRINITY, EL DORADO	3,508.32	2,319.81
ANDERSON CHAPEL	83.50		UNION	2,914.67	463.00
BETHEL	364.32		URBANA 1ST	335.31	340.00
CENTENNIAL	4,569.40	1,631.36	VICTORY	286.13	222.45
CENTRAL, PINE BLUFF	3,028.73	846.00	VILLAGE	617.36	339.00
DOLLARWAY	1,269.34	437.00	WESSON	499.18	150.00
DOUGLAS	937.55	6,479.00	WEST SIDE, EL DORADO	20,711.71	4,203.76
DUMAS 1ST	9,413.26	6,136.48	WHITE CITY	20.00	
EAST SIDE, PINE BLUFF	3,648.15	1,257.50	WILDWOOD	465.50	
EVERGREEN	188.09		ASSOCIATION TOTALS	187,448.03	101,971.29
FORREST PARK	5,561.43	2,810.10	LITTLE RED RIVER ASSN.		500.00
GRADY 1ST	1,277.67	1,273.80	ARBANNA	90.70	
GRADY 2ND	125.00	257.74	BROWNSVILLE	194.71	
GREENLEE	3,967.00	1,252.68	CENTER RIDGE	100.00	25.00
GREEN MEADOWS	1,278.84	700.40	CONCORD 1ST	523.40	364.90
HARDIN	2,495.86	1,194.91	HARRIS CHAPEL	156.06	45.54
HICKORY GROVE	48.00	263.05	HEBER SPRINGS 1ST	12,040.78	3,043.92
HUMPHREY	1,024.06	496.00	LIFELINE		
IMMANUEL, PINE BLUFF	8,499.13	6,537.18	LONE STAR	60.00	
KINGSLAND 1ST	528.45	661.55	MT. OLIVE	30.00	50.00
LEE MEMORIAL	7,622.58	1,813.00	MT. ZION	105.19	117.00
LINWOOD	819.61	686.67	NEW BETHEL	91.61	25.00
MATTHEWS MEMORIAL	1,100.00	1,858.05	PALESTINE	612.51	299.00
NORTHSIDE, STAR CITY			PINES	133.52	256.00
OAK GROVE	746.16	137.50	PLEASANT RIDGE	184.91	100.00
OAKLAND	304.40	219.64	PLEASANT VALLEY	241.21	6.00
PINE BLUFF 1ST	22,946.53	11,817.28	POST OAK	60.10	25.00
PINE BLUFF 2ND	3,779.56	3,199.25	QUITMAN	1,022.87	468.50
PLUM BAYOU	513.59	100.00	SOUTH SIDE, HEBER SPRINGS	503.80	452.36
RANKIN CHAPEL	110.42	55.14	WESTSIDE 1ST	65.89	239.76
RISON	3,380.82	865.45	WOODROW	36.24	174.00
SHANNON ROAD	350.00	256.25	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	16,839.50	6,191.98
SOUTH SIDE, PINE BLUFF	13,121.86	3,548.71	LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION		
STAR CITY 1ST	10,116.10	3,548.19	ASHDOWN 1ST	8,634.60	4,569.84
WABBASEKA			BEN LOMOND 1ST	179.34	100.00
WATSON CHAPEL	11,054.34	2,308.50	BINGEN 1ST		
WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS	2,550.75	1,308.28	BROWNSTOWN		
YORKTOWN	382.29	85.00	CENTRAL, MINERAL SPRINGS	3,385.00	3,415.64
TUCKER CHAPEL			CHAPEL HILL	55.16	15.00
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	128,565.35	64,509.27	COLUMBUS	365.52	102.70
INDEPENDENCE ASSOCIATION			DIERKS 1ST	491.03	126.00
BATESVILLE 1ST	8,408.00	7,597.45	FOREMAN 1ST	1,400.10	598.07
CALVARY, BATESVILLE	10,198.12	3,592.29	HICKS 1ST	362.56	246.42
CALVARY, TIMBO	222.25	190.17	MORATID 1ST	600.00	1,093.00
CORD	414.10	543.67	KERN HEIGHTS	1,745.94	934.39
CUSHMAN	45.00		LIBERTY		
DESHA 1ST	535.12	63.31	LOCKESBURG 1ST	1,678.31	861.61
EASTSIDE, CAVE CITY	786.96	305.90	LONE OAK		
EMMANUEL, BATESVILLE	1,093.50	1,834.90	MT. MORIAH	84.80	
FLORAL	1,156.76	1,184.51	MURFREESBORO 1ST	1,919.98	1,640.30
MARCELLA	222.60	96.65	NASHVILLE 1ST	9,175.22	7,957.59
MOUNTAIN VIEW 1ST	2,840.21	2,847.91	NEW HOME		
MT. ZION	718.45	340.71	OAK GROVE	452.22	201.00
NORTHSIDE, BATESVILLE	269.16	160.00	OGDEN	239.89	185.90
PILGRIMS REST	277.70	503.75	OZAN		
PLEASANT PLAINS	333.20	259.32	RIDGEWAY	1,732.27	552.50
REHOBETH	395.04	190.57	ROCK HILL		
ROSIE	1,647.11	1,256.99	STATE LINE	100.00	100.00
RUDELL HILL	1,504.13	498.41	WASHINGTON	180.00	91.00
SALADO	259.47	200.00	WILTON 1ST	1,088.30	735.00
SULPHUR ROCK	223.79	118.00	WINTHROP 1ST	988.88	
WEST, BATESVILLE	7,495.68	4,565.10	GODD NEWS MISSION	452.01	79.00
WHITE RIVER	263.39		ASSOCIATION TOTALS	35,311.13	23,604.96
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	39,709.74	26,349.61	MISSISSIPPI CO. ASSN.		
			ARMOREL	754.64	360.60
			BETHANY, BLYTHEVILLE	23.43	



CHURCHES	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM	DESIGNATED GIFTS	CHURCHES	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM	DESIGNATED GIFT
BLACKWATER	172.62		ST. JOE 1ST	295.32	
BLYTHEVILLE 1ST	22,678.85	6,918.62	SOUTH SIDE, HARRISON	195.91	330.47
BRINKLEY CHAPEL	60.00		TRINITY	166.27	152.00
BROWN CHAPEL	183.21	60.00	UNION	98.76	
CALVARY, BLYTHEVILLE	1,188.29	488.26	VALLEY SPRINGS	305.00	350.00
CALVARY, OSCEOLA	1,865.01	434.73	WOODLAND HEIGHTS	2,175.75	1,089.72
CENTRAL, DYESS	992.00	393.00	MARBLE FALLS	25.16	
CLEAR LAKE	1,580.66	2,105.77	WESTERN GROVE CHAPEL	34.39	
COLE RIDGE	888.68	450.00	ZION'S LIGHT MISSION	5.86	
CROSSROADS	368.90	50.00			
DELL	1,213.74	303.75	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	55,952.68	24,744.18
EAST SIDE, OSCEOLA	652.36	341.50			
EMMANUEL, BLYTHEVILLE	424.40	45.00	NORTH PULASKI ASSOCIATION		
ETONAH			AMBOY	9,407.34	3,443.81
GOSNELL	1,825.30	1,401.65	BARING CROSS	19,315.00	11,606.88
JOINER	388.37	202.21	BAYOU METO	2,952.01	685.69
KEISER 1ST	659.88	40.00	BEREA	927.85	689.63
LEACHVILLE 1ST	6,126.00	1,802.00	BETHANY	700.00	354.19
LEACHVILLE 2ND	436.35	124.34	CALVARY, NO. LITTLE ROCK	10,783.68	2,933.63
LUXORA 1ST	1,506.29	386.15	CEDAR HEIGHTS	1,326.87	784.14
MANILA 1ST	4,332.15	662.20	CENTRAL, NO. LITTLE ROCK	8,577.60	2,513.00
MARYS CHAPEL	401.49	44.25	CHAPEL HILL	440.04	383.61
MEMORIAL	295.60	373.75	CRYSTAL VALLEY	3,286.00	1,887.10
NEW HARMONY	132.00		FORTY SEVENTH STREET, NLR	3,247.33	286.69
NEW LIBERTY	1,154.70	469.95	GRACE	1,143.96	875.00
NEW PROVIDENCE	1,410.33	907.63	GRAVEL RIDGE 1ST	3,456.00	420.67
NOODENA			GRAVES MEMORIAL	1,375.84	150.00
NUMBER NINE	643.26	424.16	HIGHWAY	6,985.00	5,515.00
OSCEOLA 1ST	13,699.05	6,047.16	HILLTOP		
RIDGECREST	689.00	480.50	INDIAN HILLS	5,505.58	1,401.08
ROSA			INDIANHEAD LAKE	1,821.32	534.89
TOMATO			JACKSONVILLE 1ST	14,504.97	9,930.67
TRINITY, BLYTHEVILLE	4,599.22	2,643.09	JACKSONVILLE 2ND	3,437.07	1,337.55
WARDELL	187.00		LEVY	26,624.04	3,629.22
WESTSIDE, MANILA	643.77	264.38	MARSHALL RD., JACKSONVILLE	3,948.21	1,073.76
WHITTON	370.53	238.35	MORRISON CHAPEL	366.21	59.00
WILSON 1ST	5,602.25	1,408.10	NORTH LITTLE ROCK 1ST	5,940.00	4,842.89
WOODLAND CORNER	238.29	14.76	DAKWOOD	25.00	12.52
YARBRO	1,375.11	235.50	PARK HILL	27,000.00	23,838.75
			PIKE AVENUE, NLR	6,138.76	4,035.49
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	79,762.73	30,121.36	REMOUNT	699.18	100.00
			RUNYAN 1ST	735.89	506.82
MT. ZION ASSOCIATION			SHERWOOD 1ST	4,982.49	2,076.04
ALSUP	40.29		SIXTEENTH STREET, NLR	563.39	86.00
BAY	1,663.47	612.00	STANFILL		
BETHABARA	122.36	50.00	SYLVAN HILLS 1ST	5,896.58	2,686.12
BLACK OAK	795.00	400.00	ZION HILL	752.24	227.00
BOND 1ST	310.29	93.00	MILITARY RD SO BAPT MSSN	450.00	161.00
BOWMAN	1,888.05	331.38			
BROOKLAND	533.81	246.60	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	183,315.45	89,067.84
BUFFALO CHAPEL	287.24	30.00			
CARAWAY	425.00	63.00	QUACHITA ASSOCIATION		
CASH 1ST	1,286.65	43.00	ACORN	60.86	
CENTRAL, JONESBORO	18,160.98	5,048.16	BETHEL		
CHILDRESS	90.00	201.25	BOARD CAMP	877.88	101.00
DIXIE	75.00		CALVARY, MENA	390.23	268.00
EGYPT	169.68		CHERRY HILL	60.00	39.50
FISHER STREET, JONESBORO	3,593.08	1,144.60	CONCORD	125.00	
FRIENDLY HOPE	413.52	291.65	COVE 1ST	620.82	257.20
JONESBORO 1ST	15,750.00	21,990.29	DALLAS AVENUE, MENA	2,934.63	801.73
LAKE CITY 1ST	2,749.67	1,544.76	DEQUEEN 1ST	4,077.96	6,124.82
LUNSFORD	534.24	107.00	GILLMAM	100.00	169.10
MONETTE 1ST	3,993.05	1,338.24	GRANNIS	222.39	
MT. PISGAH	583.89	198.16	HATFIELD 1ST	853.76	753.94
MT. ZION	1,585.40	1,193.38	HATTON	468.00	
NEEDHAM	578.47	168.38	LOWER BIG FORK		
NETTLETON	6,745.39	1,128.20	MENA 1ST	11,378.09	3,344.48
NEW ANTIOCH	706.34	281.83	NEW HOPE	82.58	13.80
NEW HOPE, BLACK OAK	135.39		SALEM	144.05	
NEW HOPE, JONESBORO	63.61	39.00	TWO MILE		
NORTH MAIN, JONESBORO	1,530.00	176.58	VANDERVOORT 1ST	574.27	193.05
PHILADELPHIA	3,386.40	1,167.00	WICKES 1ST	660.00	369.00
PROVIDENCE	252.41		YOCANA	517.90	393.95
ROWE'S CHAPEL	126.07	38.50	MIDWAY		181.04
STRAWFLOOR	180.00	203.41			
UNIVERSITY	796.15	278.03	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	24,148.42	13,010.61
WALNUT STREET, JONESBORO	14,184.96	4,018.43			
WESTVALE	591.55	139.67	PULASKI CO. ASSOCIATION		
WOODSPRINGS	267.24	217.58	ALEXANDER 1ST	1,678.97	17.93
			ARCHVIEW	4,051.56	2,980.06
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	84,554.65	42,783.10	BAPTIST TABERNACLE	7,143.72	8,340.50
			BARNETT MEMORIAL	1,099.98	1,356.62
BLUE EYE	792.23	306.76	BINGHAM ROAD, LITTLE ROCK	652.48	358.00
NORTH ARKANSAS ASSN.			BROOKWOOD 1ST	1,557.87	1,294.50
ALPENA	402.96	852.73	CALVARY, LITTLE ROCK	20,332.56	7,153.71
BATAVIA	346.00	22.00	CHICOT ROAD, HABELVILLE	588.31	205.76
BEAR CREEK SPRINGS	669.25		CROSSROAD	742.06	121.84
BELLEFONTE	145.00	55.00	CRYSTAL HILL	2,433.00	726.90
BERRYVILLE 1ST	6,684.42	2,965.41	DOUGLASVILLE 1ST		351.00
BOXLEY	449.12	513.99	EAST END, HENSLEY	3,060.10	1,762.16
BURLINGTON	553.25	384.50	FOREST HIGHLANDS	8,991.29	16,673.30
CASSVILLE	116.75	30.00	FOREST TOWER	297.92	
DEER	401.14	192.75	GARDEN HOMES	293.49	325.00
EAGLE HEIGHTS	5,523.57	3,280.48	GEYER SPRINGS 1ST	29,958.79	16,122.35
ELMWOOD	198.38	201.50	GREEN MEMORIAL	2,166.01	1,232.89
EMMANUEL, HARRISON	438.11	324.37	HEBRON	3,850.63	3,369.45
EVERTON	251.00	50.00	HOLLY SPRINGS	113.48	100.00
FREEMAN HEIGHTS	4,015.30	1,036.15	IMMANUEL, LITTLE ROCK	67,904.70	60,206.32
GAITHER	105.88	20.00	IRONTON	1,315.58	622.26
GRANDVIEW 1ST	945.74	409.74	LAKESHORE DRIVE	1,947.57	617.81
GREEN FOREST 1ST	2,016.46	1,156.26	LIFE LINE	11,916.72	4,016.06
GRUBB SPRINGS	251.67	201.32	LITTLE ROCK 1ST	22,195.50	21,705.02
HARRISON 1ST	17,169.66	6,590.02	LITTLE ROCK 2ND	10,666.68	9,248.25
HOPEWELL	190.62	100.00	MARKHAM STREET, LR	7,942.64	3,051.30
JASPER 1ST	1,347.11	275.00	MARTINDALE	3,516.03	565.85
LEAD HILL 1ST	643.55	674.00	NALLS MEMORIAL	1,820.86	473.30
MARSHALL 1ST	2,195.75	459.00	NATURAL STEPS	1,667.88	2,702.15
NEW HOPE	368.69	150.00	NORTH POINT	81.24	133.93
NORTHVALE	3,946.58	1,547.42	OLIVET	10,829.27	6,034.98
OMAHA	308.37	178.00	PINE GROVE	2,647.71	908.50
OREGON FLAT	788.19	200.00	PLAINVIEW	1,188.66	348.00
OSAGE	239.63	173.18	PLEASANT GROVE	864.40	200.00
PARTHENON	231.91		PULASKI HEIGHTS	31,726.82	7,908.56
ROCK SPRINGS	771.43	353.00	REYNOLDS MEMORIAL	677.86	233.95
RUDD	142.54	119.41	ROLAND	305.00	



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ROSEDALE	4,004.15	2,334.75	MACEDONIA #1	260.86	490.00
SHADY GROVE	861.00	626.11	MACEDONIA #2	390.00	138.00
SHANNON HILLS 1ST	299.49	202.53	MANDEVILLE	809.56	943.75
SHERIDAN 1ST	3,943.04	2,085.70	MEMORIAL	1,753.40	
SOUTH HIGHLAND	6,187.20	5,022.50	MITCHELL STREET, TEXARKANA	60.00	350.00
SUNSET LANE	4,526.28	3,261.42	MT. ZION	180.00	1,043.57
TYLER STREET, LITTLE ROCK	1,457.83	540.79	NORTH EAST, TEXARKANA	2,372.52	
VINY RIDGE IMMANUEL	903.39	699.92	PINEY GROVE	275.84	43.53
WAKEFIELD 1ST	250.00	180.00	PISGAH	261.66	
WEST SIDE, LITTLE ROCK	493.33	986.00	RED RIVER	90.00	
WOODLAWN	2,422.01	1,138.55	ROCKY MOUND	81.00	
WOODSON		138.50	SHILOH MEMORIAL	1,757.82	1,033.00
SPANISH MISSION	125.00		SOUTH TEXARKANA	894.31	242.76
TWIN LAKES CHAPEL			SPRINGHILL	237.89	
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	293,700.06	198,684.98	STAMPS 1ST	3,323.55	3,247.70
RED RIVER ASSOCIATION			SYLVERING	241.68	186.56
ANCHOR	268.08	81.60	TENNESSEE	634.11	815.74
ANTOINE	228.26	110.00	TRINITY, TEXARKANA	4,246.27	
ARKADELPHIA 1ST	9,860.78	7,134.88	WESTSIDE, MAGNOLIA	236.23	52.65
ARKADELPHIA 2ND	3,274.26	2,191.20	MILL MISSION		
BEECH STREET, GURDON	3,973.24	2,459.51	FIRST CORINTHIAN	55.66	
BEIRNE 1ST	529.94	246.33	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	107,806.50	72,409.76
BETHEL	287.23	404.75	TRI-COUNTY ASSOCIATION		
BETHEHEM	232.27		ANTIOCH	42.00	
BOUGHTON	50.52		BARTON CHAPEL	875.52	200.00
CADDO VALLEY	25.00		BECKSPUR	656.71	222.00
CEDAR GROVE	461.52	164.64	BURNT CANE		
CENTER POINT	171.00	100.00	CALVARY, WEST MEMPHIS	7,224.46	3,930.75
CURTIS		2,170.63	CHEERY VALLEY	1,426.00	10,228.83
DEGRAY	663.00	100.00	COLT	90.00	271.00
EAST WHELEN			CRAWFORDSVILLE 1ST	1,163.04	315.00
EMMET 1ST	30.00		EARLE	8,339.46	3,329.18
FAIRVIEW			EMMANUEL, FORREST CITY	1,225.44	222.25
HARMONY HILL	150.00	33.30	FAIR OAKS	1,911.96	802.95
HEARN		40.00	FAITH		
HOLLYWOOD			FITZGERALD	711.56	506.66
LAKEVIEW	77.68		FORREST CITY 1ST	7,083.30	5,596.62
MARLBROOK	227.64		FORREST CITY 2ND	2,376.19	926.14
MT. BETHEL	126.98		FORTUNE	116.75	
MT. OLIVE	45.00		GLADDEN	186.23	235.00
MT. ZION	90.00	76.00	GOODWIN	370.83	151.36
OKOLONA	35.00	5.00	HARRIS CHAPEL	373.10	65.48
PARK HILL	2,442.05	2,768.52	HYDRICK	120.00	
PRESCOTT 1ST	2,947.86	2,020.00	INGRAM BOULEVARD	2,942.45	100.00
READER 1ST	38.31		JERICHO	25.00	
RICHWOODS	926.28	222.00	MADISON 1ST	300.00	114.75
SHADY GROVE			MARION	3,508.64	1,048.18
SHILOH	415.57	326.06	MIDWAY	120.31	169.46
SOUTH FORK	330.10		PALESTINE	96.00	113.00
SYCAMORE GROVE		259.59	PARKIN 1ST	3,594.30	2,859.80
THIRD STREET, ARKADELPHIA	935.41	485.13	PINE TREE	40.00	37.18
UNITY	303.50	314.00	SHELL LAKE	443.00	149.20
WHELEN SPRINGS	143.52		TILTON	60.00	
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	29,290.00	21,713.14	TOGO	561.41	336.48
SALEM 1ST	863.53	416.65	TURRELL	686.92	184.20
ROCKY BAYOU ASSOCIATION			UNION AVENUE, HYNNE	2,343.11	215.11
ASH FLAT	40.00		VANDERBILT AVENUE	1,225.52	976.15
BELVIEW	439.38	72.80	VANNDAL	695.18	382.38
BOSWELL		127.91	WEST MEMPHIS 1ST	42,196.57	19,823.36
CALICO ROCK 1ST	671.14	619.00	WEST MEMPHIS 2ND	1,478.78	383.42
DOLPH	72.00		WHEATLEY	389.05	1,024.25
EVENING SHADE 1ST	389.09	197.12	WIDENER	250.00	
FINLEY CREEK	130.00		WYNNE	7,553.61	7,384.82
FRANKLIN	203.85	120.50	EAST BAPTIST MISSION	440.28	76.00
GUION		50.00	GATEWAY MISSION	46.09	
HARDY 1ST	1,634.61	1,467.18	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	102,888.77	62,380.96
MELBOURNE 1ST	1,231.00	716.00	CALVARY, LEPANTO	203.00	25.00
MT. PLEASANT	139.01	45.00	TRINITY ASSOCIATION		
MYRON	57.38	5.00	ANDERSON TULLEY	114.95	13.09
OXFORD	30.00	60.00	BETHEL	21.00	
SAGE	862.51	207.77	BLACK OAK	198.31	144.00
SIDNEY	535.10	212.22	CALVARY, HARRISBURG	1,190.03	1,230.55
SYLAMORE 1ST			CORNERS CHAPEL	1,161.43	395.71
WISEMAN	160.00	125.00	EASTSIDE, TRUMANN	116.53	45.00
ZION HILL	257.43	77.00	FAITH	104.02	20.00
HORSESHOE BEND MISSION	966.15	590.68	FISHER 1ST	408.60	670.96
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	8,682.18	5,109.83	FREER	356.70	
SEARCY CO. ASSOCIATION			GREENFIELD	738.00	236.75
LESLIE 1ST	1,025.36	656.00	HARRISBURG 1ST	2,666.41	900.00
MORNING STAR	117.90		LEBANON	418.22	
NEW HOPEWELL	74.88		LEPANTO 1ST	3,262.02	2,335.17
SNOWBALL	58.70		MAPLE GROVE	81.50	50.00
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	1,276.84	656.00	MARKED TREE 1ST	4,486.57	910.51
ROSE HILL	1,399.98		MCCORMICK		
SOUTHWEST ARKANSAS ASSN.			NEAL'S CHAPEL	237.06	219.50
ANDERSON	518.49	433.42	NEISWANDER		
ARABELLA HEIGHTS	1,471.15	80.00	PLEASANT GROVE	2,132.98	62.75
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BRADLEY	1,475.21	1,288.20	PLEASANT VALLEY	603.78	
BROWWAY HEIGHTS	486.01	45.58	PROVIDENCE	397.75	69.71
CALVARY, HOPE	8,401.41	2,267.27	RED OAK	20.00	
CALVARY, TEXARKANA	2,171.03	1,007.90	RIVERVALE	111.51	
CANFIELD	260.30	640.82	TRINITY		10.84
CENTRAL, MAGNOLIA	28,561.27	23,727.90	TRUMANN 1ST	5,439.25	3,077.03
FOUKE 1ST	1,524.00	420.75	TYRONZA 1ST	2,792.38	678.50
FULTON	900.00	25.00	VALLEY VIEW	287.08	39.65
GARLAND	37.00		WEINER 1ST	559.60	174.25
GENDA 1ST	1,197.45	478.53	WEST RIDGE		
GUERNSEY	90.00		SHILOH		
HALEY LAKE			WALDENBURG	89.75	
HARMONY GROVE			ASSOCIATION TOTALS	28,626.43	11,286.41
HICKORY STREET, TEXARKANA	704.69	577.96	ANGORA	17.03	
HIGHLAND HILLS	1,528.35	1,791.20	IMMANUEL, CLINTON	236.95	
HOPE 1ST	18,110.43	15,090.51	VAN BUREN CO. ASSOCIATION		
IMMANUEL, MAGNOLIA	830.40	1,157.24	BEE BRANCH	463.72	687.40
IMMANUEL, TEXARKANA	6,278.62	1,591.35	BOTKINBURG	15.00	
LEWISVILLE 1ST	3,222.11	998.27	CORINTH	47.87	
			FORMOSA	349.32	403.61
			FRIENDSHIP	635.73	367.79
			LEXINGTON	219.63	



CHURCHES	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM	DESIGNATED GIFTS	CHURCHES	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM	DESIGNATED GIFTS
PEE DEE	330.00	35.00	SOUTHSIDE, FAYETTEVILLE	232.49	17.97
PLANT	69.89		SPRINGDALE 1ST	31,367.94	21,963.06
PLEASANT VALLEY	104.59		SPRING VALLEY	302.01	20.00
RUPERT	437.28		SULPHUR CITY	563.23	288.86
SCOTLAND	574.82	46.06	UNIVERSITY, FAYETTEVILLE	9,000.00	13,157.18
SHADY GROVE	247.76		WEST FORK	1,249.84	736.90
SHIRLEY	264.65	132.20	WINSLOW	1,085.84	521.80
STANDLEY MEMORIAL	60.00	375.00	SANG AVENUE BAPTIST MSSN	123.86	
ZION	85.76		ASSOCIATION TOTALS	92,066.10	70,206.89
FAIRFIELD BAY MISSION	1,127.42	714.00			
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	5,287.02	2,761.06	WHITE RIVER ASSOCIATION		
WASHINGTON-MADISON ASSN.			ANTIOCH	32.75	
BERRY STREET, SPRINGDALE	1,285.52	508.93	ARKANA		
BLACK OAK	210.00	461.00	BRUND	183.55	
BRUSH CREEK	907.14	345.15	BULL SHOALS 1ST	499.73	155.00
CALVARY, HUNTSVILLE	330.27	207.00	COTTER 1ST	1,109.00	1,083.03
CAUDLE AVENUE, SPRINGDALE	2,109.71	595.18	EASTSIDE, MOUNTAIN HOME	2,622.35	1,557.93
COMBS	45.00		FLIPPIN 1ST	798.92	571.60
ELKINS	145.00		GASSVILLE	1,508.23	1,916.60
ELKINS 1ST	1,218.24	10.00	HENDERSON 1ST	197.09	67.89
ELMDALE	10,729.89	9,792.26	HOPEWELL	284.97	183.00
FARMINGTON 1ST	1,618.87	129.75	LONG ROCK	85.99	25.00
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FAYETTEVILLE 2ND	368.74	143.25	MOUNTAIN HOME 1ST	11,162.11	7,129.89
FRIENDSHIP	32.30		NEW HOPE	305.14	
GREENLAND 1ST	567.49	334.20	NORFORK 1ST	528.00	
HINDSVILLE	652.00	211.89	OAK GROVE		
HUNTSVILLE 1ST	837.78		PILGRIMS REST	100.00	297.95
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JOHNSON	799.12	282.00	REA VALLEY	198.49	378.79
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LIBERTY	1,051.35	469.10	TOMAHAWK	131.64	69.07
LINCOLN 1ST			WHITEVILLE	263.56	1,562.73
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OAK GROVE	490.23		BIG FLAT MISSION		
PRAIRIE GROVE 1ST	2,640.41	1,362.11	EROS MISSION	27.68	39.00
PROVIDENCE	804.24	83.85	HILL TOP	225.00	45.00
RIDGEVIEW		41.00	PEEL	254.96	
ROLLING HILLS	1,549.94	879.75	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	24,181.71	14,805.98
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## 'Mission Service Corps' to enlist 5,000 missionaries

NASHVILLE (BP) — The Mission Service Corps, designed to gear up the ambitious Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) goal of enlisting 5,000 short-term volunteer missionaries by 1982, was born here amidst an unusually intense air of urgency and excitement.

A special Mission Volunteer Committee of leaders of SBC agencies and state conventions, meeting within about two weeks after the SBC voted in Kansas City to add the beefed-up short-term emphasis to the denomination's Bold Mission effort, "met with the idea of un-stopping the channels for money and personnel to flow to areas of need," said W. Ches Smith, committee chairman.

Impetus for the eventual formation of the Mission Service Corps grew out of meeting, June 7 in the White House, between President Jimmy Carter and various SBC agency leaders. Carter urged his denomination to strengthen the short-term volunteer missionary phase of its Bold Mission plan, voted into existence the previous year in Norfolk, to proclaim the message of Christ to the entire world by the close of the century.

While expressing the need to overcome barriers which would prevent the effort from undergirding the Bold Mission effort, committee members emphasized the effort must be organized properly to keep it from floundering and collapsing under its

own weight.

"The idea is already catching fire around the Southern Baptist Convention, and we need to get organized without losing the momentum and urgency," Smith said. "Placement, training and utilization are important. We don't want wholesale sending without proper support. Great zeal without support will cause the effort to flounder. We want to do this in a way which will enhance, not harm, the SBC's Cooperative Program giving," said Smith, also chairman of the SBC Executive Committee.

The special committee laid out 10 principles; established three work groups (for enlistment and screening, identification of places of service and assignments, and financing and administration) and set the next committee for Sept. 1 in Nashville. It hopes to report to the SBC Executive Committee at its meeting in Nashville, Sept. 19-21.

Among the 10 principles, the committee expressed the hope that the churches will follow through on the SBC's action requesting a percentage increase each year in Cooperative Program giving and that they will seek to double gifts to the Cooperative Program by 1982.

"Much of the money going from Baptist pockets to para-church groups will go to this effort, if Southern Baptists can catch the spirit of it," Smith said.

The principles include the objective of enlisting the 5,000 persons for one or two years service in the U.S. or abroad and finding churches or groups of churches to fund the volunteers.

Other principles include statements:

—That the two mission boards and the state conventions will jointly work out fiscal administration procedures having to do with enlistment and utilization of volunteers.

—That all funds "flow through normal channels and that those not designated for specific activities or persons be divided by formulae to be agreed upon by the SBC and state conventions, recognizing the importance of the identification of church or individual support with the Mission Service Corps personnel."

—That the two missions boards and state conventions administer all personnel assigned to them.

—That the state conventions be encouraged to take the leadership in planning with churches and associations in cooperation with the SBC agencies involved in development of the Mission Service Corps.

—That the two mission boards, the Woman's Missionary Union (WMU), the Brotherhood Commission and the Sunday School Board work with state conventions in the promotion of the Mission Service Corps and enlistment of volunteers.



## Claiming the promised land

July 24, 1977

Joshua 4:4-7; 5:10-12; 6:1-5; 11:23

The events associated with Gilgal in this week's study are the direct opposite of those associated with Kadesh in last week's passage. To be sure, a generation had passed away in the forty years between.



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Joshua had stepped into the leadership role replacing Moses who had climbed Mt. Nebo to be with the Lord. The law had been written down at Sinai and the tablets of the law and the scrolls resided in the Ark of the Covenant. Joshua was again ordered to have recognizance made of the immediate objective, Jericho. Two young men had an adventure as they entered into the city and barely escaped. They would have lost their lives if it had not been for Rahab who hid them and later found safety in identifying herself with the people of God.

The way across the Jordan had been provided by the mighty hand of God Who stopped the waters of harvest-time flooded Jordan so that Israel could pass over to the plains of Jericho on dry land.

Passing the Jordan was a memorable experience. Crossing this river has come to suggest that God is with his covenant people as they cross fearful barriers into the future. Poetically, Jordan stands for the crossing out of this life into the loving presence of God in the eternal city. Such thoughts newly entered into the minds of God's people needed to be memorialized. They were memorialized two ways.

### Memorialized in two stony monuments (Joshua 4:4-7)

Twelve men, reminiscent of the 12 spies of Kadesh, were chosen to represent the tribes. There was no spying for them, but they were to participate in the building of the monuments.

Twelve stones from the dry bed of Jordan were taken up to be carried to the camp of Gilgal. Likewise, 12 stones from the bank were piled in the bed of the river in such a way that they could be seen when Jordan's water fell below flood stage. Our Biblical narrator says that he had seen the stones in his day. (Joshua 4:9)

The 12 stones taken to Gilgal were deposited in a certain way, perhaps in a

circle. The name Gilgal suggests this. The configuration was supposed to excite the curiosity of passers by in succeeding generations much as Stonehenge does to visitors there. Israel used the Gilgal site as a camp or base for the taking of Jericho and many other campaigns to follow.

More important than as a base for war, though, Gilgal became a shrine for remembering and perpetuating Israel's part in the Covenant. The pile of stones was also to remind them of Egypt, of the path through the Red Sea, of Covenant codification at Sinai and of God's preservation and selection of them from the dying, wandering older generation.

The strong memory in Israel also kept the memory of God's mighty acts strong among the Amorite and Canaanite kings whose hearts melted within them at the same recollections. This is the spiritual and psychological background for Israel's claiming the land.

Chapter 4 goes on to record the re-institution of circumcision as the symbol of individual relationship to the Covenant, much as baptism symbolizes the Christian's relation to the New Covenant.

### Memorialized in passover observance (Joshua 5:10-12)

There was still one more matter to be observed before taking possession of the Covenant Land. Passover was celebrated. Apparently Israel had not observed it during the Sinai sojourn or the wanderings. Consequently, only the very few faithful ones who had not died in the wilderness had an experiential memory of its history in Egypt.

To renew the rite was especially important now for several reasons. For one, the people needed to be instructed in the significance of Passover. It became the custom later for a younger member of the family to ask during the Passover meal, "What does this mean?" They needed to have the answer repeated again and again because ritual only has significance to the extent that meaning comes through to the observer.

Passover, in the Covenant context, meant that the Death Angel has passed

over the houses in Egypt that had been marked with the blood of a lamb, and the eldest son had not died. The people were thus reminded that the firstborn belonged to God in a special way. God's power to deliver needed to be a strong conviction of their hearts as they took up the tasks and struggles of claiming the land. The absence of awareness of the power of God had been the deciding factor in the failure of the Kadesh generation.

### Realized in taking Jericho (Joshua 6:1-5)

Jericho was the key to possessing the whole land. If God delivered Jericho into their hands, the possibility of their taking all Canaan was real. But, if they failed to claim Jericho, there was no way that the whole land could be theirs.

Who has not heard of the Battle of Jericho, of Joshua's dedicated leadership, and of the walls coming tumbling down? The selected passage tells us only of the plan. We must read on to complete the story of the fulfilled plan.

The plan was simple. The approach to Jericho was to be made openly, demonstrating in a parade around the city that they trusted God who had trusted them with the Covenant. Jericho's defenders did not venture outside the city gates believing that they were safe. The procession consisted of a vanguard of priests, seven in number, blowing their ceremonial horns. Levites followed the priests carrying the Ark of the Covenant. To most who witnessed the procession, the Ark may have seemed to be merely a good luck symbol. But the Ark, to those whose mind was on God, was the symbol of Covenant and of their relation to God. Forty thousand men of battle followed in full array, disciplined to strict silence. One circuit a day was made for six days. Then on the seventh day the circuit was made seven times, the soldiers shouted, the trumpets blew and the vaulted fortifications of Jericho fell flat.

Joshua 11:23 is a summary of the whole conquest of Canaan. Jericho was the key to the rest. The summary gives only the essence of victory and none of the human failure that is a part of the complete story. God had kept his part and Israel inherited the land and the land had rest from war.

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## No other gods

Exodus 20:3; Psalm 100:1-5  
Jeremiah 2:11-13; Matthew 6:24, 33

The four lessons of this unit of study deal with the first four of the ten commandments.

These lessons are concerned with our relationship to God. Man is prone to think that if he treats his fellow-man with justice, integrity and love

he has little need for God. However, the order of the commandments gives us an indication that God thinks otherwise.

The first of the ten commandments states, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me" (Ex. 20:3). Jesus emphasized this in his pattern prayer, "Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name" (Matt. 6:9). In each of these passages the emphasis is on the pre-eminence of God. Whatever comes first with us is our god. Unless God is first he is not God at all for us. It should not be difficult for us to recognize this, but it is. We can recognize the preeminent things in the lives of others but have difficulty in recognizing that which is preeminent in our own life. Especially is this true when it comes to spiritual things. God's firstness must be recognized and made a reality. To say it is easy but to do it is impossible in our own power.

One of the tragic experiences of the Israelites in the wilderness wanderings is that time Moses returned from Sinai to find them worshiping the calf. They had set up the calf so they would be able to see the God who had delivered them from Egypt. Even today we have the same problem. Church or the services or building stand for our God and we often, at least subconsciously, react as the little girl who turned as she was leaving the church house and waved, "Goodbye, God. I'll see you next Sunday."

The Bible frequently becomes our "golden calf" as we pay homage to its pages and fail to honor the God whom it reveals. Jesus condemned the Jewish leaders when he said, "You search the scriptures, because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness to me; yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life" (John 5:39-40, RSV). It is easy to con-



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vince ourselves that because we "love" the Bible we love the God of the Bible. We kid ourselves into thinking that because we "love" the church we love the Redeemer of the church.

Matthew 6:24 and 33 rather vividly call our attention to the impossibility of God being first if anything else has pre-eminence. In verse 24 Jesus points out that "no man can serve two masters." The word "serve" translates a word which means "to be a slave". If one is owned as a slave by one man he cannot — an impossibility — be, at the same time, a slave to another man. Neither can a man serve two gods. One will take precedence over the other and the lesser will not be god. A god is that person or thing which takes the preeminence.

In verse 33 Jesus teaches that concern for the kingdom of the heavenly Father is to take precedence to concern for the necessities of life. This is the conclusion of the argument in which he calls attention to the birds, the lilies and the grass. The labors of the birds are for immediate food needs. They do not lay aside for a rainy day. (This must not be used as an argument against man's preparation for the future care of his life.) The lilies and the grass are cared for by God and man in all his splendor cannot rival their beauty. If God is concerned about birds, lilies and grass, and he is, he is also concerned that man's necessities are cared for. As man gives first place to kingdom causes and right standing with God he will find that God also provides for his needs. This is no teaching for indolence. God is not going to feed man whether or not he works. But as man gives God his rightful place in life, man will be enabled to have the time and energy to provide for himself the necessities of life. At no place in the Word is there encouragement for man to sit idle while others provide for his needs, when he is able to work. These needs are to be provided by man's own labors. But God, given first place, will add to man's labors the fruits thereof and man will be cared for.

In Jeremiah's prophecy God accuses his people of an act that leaves us shak-

ing our heads in disbelief. His accusation in chapter 2:12 is that the people have sinned doubly. Can you imagine a man digging a cistern which can hold only stale water when there is a year round spring of crystal clear water flowing in the background? Then when all this time consuming, strength-taxing labor is complete it is all for nothing. There is a fault in the rock and all the water leaks out and is gone and man is still thirsty.

But this is what Israel had done. They had changed their god. No longer did they worship and serve the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. No longer did they turn to Yahweh who had brought them out of Egypt with a mighty deliverance. They turned to the gods of the people of the land, the gods of sensuality, lust, greed and self interest. They would soon discover that these gods held no supply for their needs in time of suffering and persecution. They had turned away from the "fountain of living waters", and dug for themselves leaky cisterns whose water was gone when it was needed.

Let us return in faith and commitment unto God. Let us turn away from our idols. Yes, even those religious things we have put before God. And let us "make a joyful noise unto the Lord" (Ps. 100:1) and serve him with glad hearts. For we "know that the Lord is God" (Ps. 100:3). He made us, we had nothing to do with it. Let us then come into "his courts with praise" (Ps. 100:4) and thanksgiving. "For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations" (Ps. 100:5, RSV).

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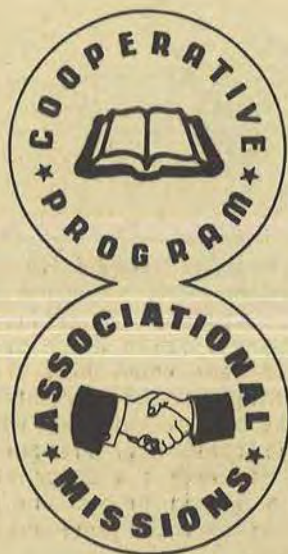
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Church	Sunday School	Church Training	Church adns.
Alexander, First	114	55	1
Alpena, First	70	22	2
Batesville, First	222	77	4
Bentonville, Central Avenue	73	31	
Berryville			
First	189	71	
Freeman Heights	148	47	
Rock Springs	54	47	5
Biscoe, First	89	39	
Booneville, South Side	93	83	
Bryant, First Southern	173	125	4
Cabot			
First	430	102	1
Mt. Carmel	230	101	5
Caledonia	39	28	
Camden, Cullendale First	478	112	1
Conway			
Pickles Gap	193	122	1
Second	388	172	7
Crossett, Mt. Olive	344	136	2
Danville, First	188	39	
Dell	111	52	
El Dorado, West Side	388	375	3
Elkins, First	113		
Ft. Smith			
First	1283	79	6
Grand Avenue	956	215	7
Mission	21		
Haven Heights	205	106	1
Trinity	141		
Gentry, First	159	45	6
Gillett, First	56	19	
Grandview	83	79	
Green Forest, First	169	56	
Greenwood, First	287	142	3
Hampton, First	140	59	3
Hardy, First	141	73	2
Harrison, Woodland Heights	133	69	
Hector, First	36	17	
Hope, First	340	84	
Hot Springs			
Harvey's Chapel	128	77	
Park Place	255	58	
Jacksonville, First	411	90	4
Jonesboro, Friendly Hope	136	86	
Kingston, First	56	26	
Lavaca, First	284	121	
Leslie, First	80	45	1
Little Rock			
Cross Road	74	63	1
Crystal Hill	128	59	
Life Line	431	119	3
Martindale	110	56	
Woodlawn	108	52	2
Magnolia, Central	534	206	1
Melbourne, Belview	186	74	3
Monticello, Second	219	80	
Mulberry, First	242	104	
Murfreesboro			
First	167	42	
Mt. Moriah	56	38	
North Little Rock			
Calvary	348	122	4
Harmony	56	34	4
Levy	382	85	1
Paragould			
Calvary	239	191	5
East Side	261	143	3
First	413	73	
Paris, First	367	76	
Pine Bluff			
Centennial	149	64	
East Side	147	73	
First	567	61	3
Lee Memorial	214	106	3
Sulphur Springs	146	74	
Watson Chapel	397	161	8
Rogers			
First	482	115	4
Immanuel	391	120	3
Russellville, First	513		1
Sheridan, First	149	55	
Sherwood, First	212	83	1
Springdale			
Berry Street	65		4
Caudle Avenue	168	82	4
Elmdale	300	78	4
First	1546		13
Texarkana			
Arabella Heights	86	38	
Hickory Street	102		
Highland Hills	106	35	2
Shiloh Memorial	212	69	
Van Buren, First	502	158	
Mission	17		
Vandervoort, First	65	35	
Wabash, Immanuel	48	29	
West Helena, Second	177	97	
Wooster, First	104	66	
Yellville, First	138	45	3

## On the cover



This historical monument at Helena marks the site where explorer Hernando DeSoto and his party erected a cross and held the first Christian service west of the Mississippi. (photo courtesy of Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism)



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## Cooperative Program 9.87 percent ahead

NASHVILLE (BP) — Through nine months of the 1976-77 fiscal year, giving to the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) national Cooperative Program unified budget is running 9.87 percent ahead of the same point last year.

The undesignated Cooperative Program funds tally \$38,594,179 through June 30, compared to \$35,127,028 at the same point last year, while total gifts, including \$40,132,459 in designated gifts, have reached the \$78,726,637 mark. Total gifts, which exceed last year's figure by \$6,191,863, are 8.54 percent ahead.

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have continued on an upswing since they slipped to 8.94 percent ahead of last year at the seven-month mark, after registering a 10.07 increase at the six-month point. After eight months, the undesignated receipts to fund the SBC's worldwide missions program stood at 9.59 percent ahead of the same point last year.

In June, Southern Baptist state conventions forwarded \$4,085,024 in Cooperative Program receipts for use in worldwide causes — 12.31 percent ahead of the \$3,637,350 given in June of 1976.

## Carter names Vatican envoy, Baptists protest sharply

by W. Barry Garrett

WASHINGTON (BP) — President Jimmy Carter has named David M. Walters as his personal representative to the Vatican, according to an announcement by the White House press room.

Walters, a Master Knight of the Order of Malta in the Knights of Columbus and a member of Serra International, is the first Roman Catholic named by an American President as an envoy to the Vatican. He succeeds Henry Cabot Lodge, who held a similar position under presidents Richard M. Nixon and Gerald R. Ford.

The White House announcement came following numerous "leaks" and news stories in a wide variety of secular and religious publications, which, until late afternoon on July 7, the Carter administration refused either to confirm or to deny.

Opposition to Carter's action came swiftly and sharply from three of his fellow Southern Baptists — Jimmy R. Allen, newly elected Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) president; James E. Wood Jr. of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs; and Foy Valentine of the SBC Christian Life Commission. All three have sent telegrams to President Carter.

Wood, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, reiterated the historic Baptist opposition to special recognition of a religious body by the government of the United States.

He blasted the appointment of Walters as an "ecclesiastical appointment." He pointed out that President Carter first cleared the appointment with the president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, Joseph Bernardin.

"This, itself, reveals the ecclesiastical nature of the appointment and the concern of the President for ecclesiastical approval of the Roman Catholic to serve as an envoy to the Vatican," he said.

"In a personal interview with Mr. Walters," Wood continued, "the new envoy indicated to me that he saw his appointment as representing the concerns of our government for 771 million Roman Catholics throughout the world." He then reported that Walters saw his role as primarily with the human rights of individual Catholics rather than the ecclesiastical structure itself.

Walters indicated to Wood that he would have no problem with the President's appointment of other envoys to other ecclesiastical bodies, such as the World Council of Churches in Geneva or to Buddhist or Muslim communities if the President were to decide to do so.

"Clearly the appointment does involve an official recognition and entanglement of the executive branch of this government with a particular church," Wood declared. "It also officially underscores the special concern of this government, to the point of preferential treatment, for one religious body not accorded any other church or religious body anywhere in the world," he said.

Wood's statement was in line with the historic position taken by the Baptist Joint Committee since its beginning in the 1930's. Both Joseph M. Dawson, the committee's first executive director, and C. Emanuel Carlson, his successor, vigorously protested ambassadorial representation at the Vatican by the United States government. The Baptist Joint Committee in its official actions supported its executive directors in leading Baptists to protest these actions by Presidents Roosevelt, Truman, Nixon and Ford.

Wood explained: "The committee has done so for the following reasons: (1) The Vatican can communicate with the U.S. government in the way any religious group communicates with it; (2) The Vatican maintains an apostolic delegate in Washington on Massachusetts Avenue in the manner of an ambassador; and (3) since Rome is at once the capital of Italy and location of the Vatican, the U.S. has an embassy in Rome already."

Allen, San Antonio pastor and SBC president, sent President Carter a telegram expressing regret over his decision to appoint a personal envoy to the Vatican. Allen told the President that he believes "that this practice is in violation of the spirit and probably the letter of the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States."

He urged the President to find other ways to maintain effective communication with the head of the Roman Catholic Church on matters of mutual concern.