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# I must say it

Charles H. Ashcraft / Executive Secretary

### Christ is real

There are many depressive ills which would crawl into the Christian's life if there was room. Sorrow, loneliness, emptiness, despair, failure, hatred, impatience, contempt, arrogance, resentment, wilfulness, conceit, disgust, and ugliness are but a few. These negative forces are surrounding the Christian, waiting only for the smallest available space.

They would destroy the testimony of the Christian if given place but they can never master any life in which the living Christ is allowed to dwell richly. The key to the Christian's happiness and worth is the realness of Christ living out his life within that Christian's life. This is a true and faithful

statement worthy of all acceptance.

When Christ is allowed his place in our lives there is really little room

for anything else, surely not the aforementioned depressive ills.

Among the 11 major religions of the world the Christian faith is unique in that the principle of the incarnation operates throughout. It was God in Christ reconciling the world into himself. It is Christ incarnate in his body the church, living out his life and ministry in a corporate witness.

It is Christ "inside the Christian" our only hope of glory or anything between here and our glorification. He is real, (Col. 1:27) "Christ in you,

the hope of glory."

Our handling of depressive ills is successful to the degree we make a place for him. His realness is only real when he lives (abides) within us. (Rev. 3:20) His presence within is our finest asset for by that we achieve all other assets. Without it we lose all.

No one but ourselves can jeopardize this endowment. Nothing can steal him out of our lives except as we allow it. He alone can dispel the

gloom, tedium, boredom and emptiness of ordinary lives.

Any life may be a radiant life if Christ dwells richly within. Any personality will be brightened and made more lovely by his indwelling presence. It is quite impossible for any person to be lonely in the presence of Jesus. Who can long be sorrowful when Jesus is near?

Is it not unlikely that hatred can find little comfort in the atmosphere of the indwelling Christ? Need we anything else but Christ to dispel resentment, disgust, arrogance, conceit, emptiness and ugliness? No.

The invitation is always open, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me" Rev. 3:20.

I must say it!

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### **Dealing with worry**

# The editor's page

J. Everett Sneed



Ordinarily, living is bound to involve worry. As one considers all the chances involved in the course of a normal week in this complex society, one finds life a worrisome thing and sometimes frightening. Yet, undue worry will destroy a person's happiness. The Bible advises the Christian, "Don't worry about anything, but in all your prayers ask God for what you need, always asking him with a thankful heart." (Phil 4:6 TEV)

The Philippians not only experienced the normal anxiety which we have today, but the added danger of being Christians. In their situation a person literally took his life in his hands by being a Christian.

In the midst of these dangers and difficult circumstances Paul advised Christians to go to the Lord through prayer for their needs. The apostle is clearly assuring his readers that "There is nothing too great for God's power and nothing is too small for his fatherly care." Commitment to God with thanksgiving will ease many of our burdens.

Jesus himself encouraged his followers to stop perpetually worrying about things. (Matt. 6:25) Certainly, if we can trust our Master with our eternal destiny, we can commit our lesser cares to him. Since, as Créator, Christ gave us life and all that we have, he will care for us in all of life's necessities.

Jesus also emphasized the uselessness of worry. (Matt. 6:27) The verse can be interpreted in at least two ways. First, no one can by worry increase his heighth by a cubit (18 inches). It is more probable, however, that our Lord was saying that a person could

not prolong his life through worry. Actually, the reverse is true — a person will reduce both the quantity and quality of his life through anxiety. In any case, Jesus is teaching the worthlessness and uselessness of worry.

Finally, Jesus advises his followers to live one day at a time. (Matt. 6:34) Often the events of tomorrow over which we worry, never come to pass. If we live each day as it comes, under God's leadership, the sum total of all our days are bound to be good.

For a person to eliminate his worries requires a definite act of trusting God with a particular problem. The apostle Peter encourages us "Cast all your worries upon him; for he careth for you." (I Peter 5:7) The word "cast" in the original Greek is a term which signifies a specific act in which we deliver our worries to God through Christ. The word "care" denotes God's concern for our total welfare.

An early Greek manuscript tells of a man called Titedios Amerimnos. The first name, Titedios, is a proper name, but the second is made up of two words meaning "not to worry." It is thought by many that this man was a pagan Greek who worried about everything before his conversion, but after being saved he stopped worrying. So his Christian friends called him "Titedios, the man who never worries."

Each of us can eliminate much of our worry by following the New Testament pattern. By God's help each of us should strive to become "a person who never worries."

## **Guest editorial**

### Christ of the pornographers

Nothing is sacred where there is perversion.

I have read lately of a pornographic film on Christ. It depicts him as a homosexual and as an adulterer with street prostitutes and is titled "The Many Faces of Jesus."

Script writer, according to *The National Catholic Register*, is Jens Joergen Thorsen and the producer-director is Joern Donner. Both are Danish.

When financial support could not be found in Denmark, the producer turned to Sweden where he found support from atheist groups.

Production of the film was banned by Italy, France, and Libya.

Strong public protests led Denmark and France to stop work on the film.

The Danish government has ruled the film unlawful in that it violates the moral rights of the original authors of the gospels.

Lutheran churches in Europe have circulated petitions protesting the film.

Harry N. Hollis Jr. told me The Christian Life Commission, SBC, was investing to see what could be done in the USA about the film. A news release from *Religious News Services* urges Christians to write the Swedish embassy to protest the film and to call on the Swedish Film Institute not to favor its production.

The Swedish ambassador is Count Wilhelm Wachtmeister, 600 New Hampshire Ave., Suite 1200, Washington, D.C. 20037. — Editor Elmer Gray in the "California Southern Baptist"



# One layman's opinion

Daniel R. Grant / President, OBU

### When Baptist colleges go back to Bethel

As a child I heard sermons on the need to go "back to Bethel." I had no idea at the time whether I wanted to go back to Bethel. As a matter of fact, I think it is fair to say I would have been downright unhappy if anyone had seriously tried to enlist me in such a journey.

It was years later that I learned what those words mean. I had to learn in self-defense because I was teaching a Sunday School class and I had to explain to the younger generation that Bethel was the place where Jacob had a vision of a ladder reaching to heaven and made his solemn covenant to serve God. As

is so often the case, the lesson had its greatest impact on the teacher. I have never forgotten the importance of going "back to Bethel" for a renewal of commitments.

Our Baptist colleges and schools went back to Bethel last month. What started out to be little more than just another conference turned out, in the American Bicentennial year, to be a most impressive joyous celebration and solemn restatement of our ultimate reason for existence.

Our Bethel was Colonial Williamsburg, rich in historic roots of American freedom, where the "National Col-

loquium on Christian Education" was sponsored by the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools, and the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. The usual annual meeting of presidents and deans was reinforced by an outstanding assembly of Southern Baptist leaders state executive secretaries, Baptist newspaper editors, state convention presidents, and trustees of Baptist colleges. It was a great meeting in several ways. The historic purposes of Christian higher education were strongly reaffirmed. The prophets of doom and gloom for the church-related college were no-where to be seen. The emphasis was upon gratitude to the denomination for strong and increasing financial support, rather than on complaints of lack of

Most impressive of all was a series of "Reaffirmations" pointing Baptist colleges toward the third century with confidence. One of the most important of the ten reaffirmations speaks of "our covenant relationship" as follows:

"As we look to the third century with confidence, we reaffirm our allegiance to the covenant relationship between our churches and our schools, a covenant which finds its unity in the purpose of God, the mind of Christ, the work of the Spirit, and the authority of the Scriptures, and which causes the churches and the schools to work together in freedom and faithfulness.

"We further reaffirm that providing a Christian education is, for Baptists, not optional, because it is our response to the mandate of our Lord to know and to teach the truth, and to the clear intent of the Scriptures that God shall not be left without a witness to the minds of his children."

With this kind of commitment I believe more than ever before that we can look with confidence to the future of Baptist colleges and universities in the third century. I will remember Williamsburg and Bethel for a long time.

# Southern to begin women's sports

Mrs. Jerry Ann Winters of Smithville, former S.B.C. student, has been hired in a part-time position to begin a women's varsity sports program at Southern Baptist College this fall. She is a senior P.E. major at A.S.U. and is active in intramural sports and community recreation. She has coached both basketball and softball teams in recreational leagues.

Her first task will be to begin a Women's Basketball Team at Southern. Some scholarships are available.

### On the cover



NASHVILLE — This year's On to College Day centers around the theme "Christ's Freedom Celebrated on Campus." The emphasis, sponsored by National Student Ministries of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, provides an opportunity for churches to honor students and for young adults to reaffirm their relationship to the church. Churches are encouraged to set aside a Sunday in August to celebrate On to College Day.

Greg Wallace has come to Indian Hills Church, North Little Rock, where he will work as associate pastor. His responsibilities will be with the youth and single adult ministries. He will also assist Jim Elliff, pastor. Wallace is a native of Little Rock



Wallace

where he graduated from Hall High School. He is a graduate of the University of Arkansas, where he earned a bachelor of arts degree in history. While in college he was named as one of the top 20 sophomore men and was a member of Blue Key, an honorary leadership fraternity. Wallace comes to the Indian Hills Church from University Church in Fayetteville where he served for three years as associate collegiate minister and minister of youth.

The pastor of First Church, Branch, Albert T. Suskey, died on July 3 at St. Edwards Hospital in Ft. Smith. A native of Harrison, Suskey is survived by his wife, Ethel; one son, John Thomas Suskey of Hot Springs; one daughter, Mrs. Margaret Schenebeck of Little Rock; one brother, Floyd Suskey, Tulsa, Okla.; and two grandchildren. Suskey's other pastorates in Arkansas were in the North Pulaski. Association. Central Associa-

tion and Clear Creek Association.

Chester Shepherd, a deacon in First Church, Dardanelle, died on Wednesday, June 30.

**Elbert Warren** has been called as pastor of Arabella Heights Church in Texarkana. He and his wife, Kathryn, are parents of three daughters. Warren comes to Arabella Heights from Pisgah Church, Fouke.

Harvey Maher assumed the pastorate of Shirley Church on June 1. Maher is a graduate of Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, and has attended Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, and University of Arkansas at Little Rock. He was ordained at First Church in Pocahontas. Maher has also served on the staff at Pocahontas First Church; Olivet Church, Little Rock; and First Church, Kennett, Mo. He and his wife, Helen, are parents of two daughters.

Three people from Arkansas churches are working on the staff this summer at Ridgecrest Conference Center, Ridgecrest, N.C. They are Don Phillips, a student at Ouachita University and member of Centennial Church, Pine Bluff; Melanie Orton, a White Hall graduate and member of Lee Memorial, Pine Bluff; and Martha Savage, a student at Southern College, Walnut Ridge and a member of the Walnut Ridge Chapel. As staffers, these young people will help accommodate an estimated 35,000 guests during the summer.



Don Moseley (right) who is pastor of Sylvan Hills Church, North Little Rock, was one of two Arkansans to attend the Billy Graham School of Christian Writing held recently in Minneapolis, Minn. He and Elizabeth White, a member of Olivet Church, Little Rock, were among 219 enrollees. The school was directed by Roger Palms, new editor of "Decision" Magazine (left).

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Kyung Chul Lim, former chairman of the Baptist Korean Convention, was guest speaker at Berry Street Church, Springdale, recently. Lim is in America to further his education at Luther Rice Seminary in Jacksonville, Fla.

# **OBU commencement** set August 6

ARKADELPHIA — Sixty-one students will receive degrees from Ouachita University in summer commencement activities Aug. 6 at 10:30 a.m. in Mitchell Hall Auditorium, according to Registrar Frank Taylor. The total includes 28 bachelor degrees and 33 master degrees.

R. Wilbur Herring, president of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, will deliver the keynote address at the commencement exercises. He currently serves as general chairman of the '76 Life and Liberty Campaign of the Convention, and is on the board of directors of the Affiliated Baptist Hospitals. Dr. Herring is presently pastor of Central Church of Jonesboro.

During graduation, Trozy Ray Barker, dean of men and director of missionary housing at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth, Tex., will receive an honorary doctor of divinity in religious education degree from Ouachita.

A 1949 graduate of OBU, Barker has served as pastor in Texas and as a recreational director in commercial and educational institutions and the United States Air Force. He is a native of Jonesboro, La., and is professionally listed in "Who's Who in American Education."

The Ouachita Former Students Association (FSA) will award the Distinguished Alumnus Award to Dr. George Truett Blackmon of Arkadelphia, retired professor of religion and history at OBU, and former member of the board of trustees at the school. He served on the University's faculty under five different presidents beginning with Dr. J. R. Grant in 1946 and continuing through the current president, Dr. Daniel R. Grant.

Dr. Blackmon, a 1930 graduate of Ouachita, also served as executive secretary of the History Commission of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. As the "unofficial historian" of his alma mater, Dr. Blackmon has researched the history of the University from its beginning in 1886 to the present.

The alumnus award will be presented during commencement by Dr. Daniel R. Grant, and Ed Snider of Arkadelphia, president of the FSA.

## Waldron holds dedication

The First Church, Waldron, dedicated a new sanctuary on June 27. The new facility has 8,973 square feet and was constructed at a cost of \$202,000. The church owes only \$27,000 on the new facility with over \$6,000 having been raised on the day of the dedication.

The new facility is colonial architecture and seats 450 people. The auditorium features nine chandeliers and is carpeted throughout. The new building has 30 tons of air conditioning and central heat. In addition to the auditorium the new facility contains a bride's room, a nursery, a choir room, a pastor's study, a secretary's office, a music-youth office, and seven restrooms. The new building is constructed so that additional educational space may be added to the wings. The church plans to continue its building program in the near future.

In November, 1968, a survey and planning committee for a new sanctuary was appointed with Knox Dozier serving as chairman. In June, 1970, the church elected a building committee. The members are: Ivan Plummer, chairman; Mrs. Curtis Lemons; Harold Thomas; Wendell Henderson; T. M. Works; Mrs. Earoll Cable; Nelson Wilhelm, pastor; and Jim Currier, chairman of the finance committee.

Joe Taylor of the Branch Construction Company, Paragould, constructed the new facility while Larry D. Nichols was architect. The morning message was delivered by Pastor Nelson Wilhelm who spoke on "The Purpose of Dedication" from Deut. 20:1-14. He emphasized that a person who was dedicated was one who was completely set aside for the work of the Lord. He said, "Dedication prepares men and women for

warfare in the service of God."

In conslusion Wilhelm pointed to some of the things that are to be dedicated. Among these he discussed — the home and earthly possessions, the family, and one's own life. He said, "The dedicated person will follow the word of God whether they understand it or not. The beginning of a dedicated life is at the foot of the cross."

During the afternoon dedicatorial service Pastor Wilhelm led in recognizing some who had rendered outstanding service in the erection of the new facility. The invocation was given by Elva Adams, Missionary for the Buckner Association; Paul E. Wilhelm, Missionary for the Clear Creek Association, led in the prayer of dedication; Ivan Plummer, chairman of the building committee, made the presentation of the building to the congregation; and Harold Thomas led the benediction. I. Everett Sneed, Editor of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine, brought the dedicatory message.

Dr. Sneed spoke on "A New Testament Church for Today's World" from Ephesians 5:23-27. He emphasized the preservation, the power and the purpose of Today's Church. In conclusion Editor Sneed emphasized the importance of worship and witness of the local congregation of people.

Pastor Wilhelm is excited about the future of First Church, Waldron. He said, "In the near future we will remodel the old auditorium to provide additional education space. It is also our plan to add additional educational space to the structure that we have just completed. As our people work together our opportunities for the Lord are unlimited."

## First Hamburg builds, remodels

With the dedication of the new fellowship hall on July 4, First Church Hamburg completed more than \$300,000 in building and remodeling. On April 27, 1975, the new parsonage was dedicated. On Feb. 8, 1976, the first unit of educational building was dedicated and on July 4 the second educational buildling was dedicated completing 21,500 square feet of new educational space.

Placed beside the sanctuary of the church facing East Parker Street is the new fellowship hall and kitchen. This building is connected to the auditorium by a carpeted hallway. There are two large restrooms located in this facility. Classrooms accommodate the Adult II Department of the Sunday School.

The kitchen is 35 x 25 feet in size with lots of counter top space. A special steam serving table, ice maker, commercial refrigerator and range, and dishwasher are installed.

The dining room will accommodate 300 people. All exterior brick work and roofing have been done to match the sanctuary of the church.

Building committee members were Jack Carpenter, chairman, Morril Harriman, W. T. Higginbotham, Fred Lagrone, James Stone, B. W. Allbritton Jr., Jimmy Murphy, Jack Shell, Willie Claude Kelley and Willard Noble.

"It took a vision, then a dream, then much planning and after the planning two years of hard work to complete our expansion program," pastor Raymond Atwood says. "We are now able to accommodate 650 people in Sunday School."



First Church, Waldron's new sanctuary is colonial architecture and features exposed beams and nine chandeliers. The building seats 450 people and was built at a cost of \$202,000. (ABN photos)

Hamburg, First Church's fellowship hall is the result of a building project which totaled \$300,000. Remodeling work was done in other areas.



### **Baker's Creek builds**

Dedication services were held June 20 for a new church building at Baker's Creek Church. The \$60,000 facility contains 4,400 square feet and provides space for nine Sunday School rooms, nursery, kitchen, office space, and auditorium. Construction was begun last spring.

The church honored Mrs. Bessie Mulder, who gave the land the church was built on, by presenting her a Bible and naming the fellowship hall in her honor.

The building committee was composed of Jim Murdock, chairman, True Smith, Lester Pittman, Wheatley Smith, and Royce Moore.

The building dedication message was preached by Tommy Bridges, representing the State Missions Department. A dinner was served following the dedication service and an open house was held from 1 until 3 p.m.

A local radio station recorded the dedication services and rebroadcast it in the Russellville area.

Jack W. McKinnon has been pastor of the Baker's Creek Church for the past two and one-half years.



The cost of Baker's Creek Church's building is about \$60,000.

and adults are enrolled in the classes. Christian influences are positive in the school.

In addition to adult education, a Baptist kindergarten is also operated for pre-school children. The significance of the educational ministry of Baptists is all the more important when government figures, just published, reveal that more than half of the students graduating from the seventh grade of government schools, could not find any place to attend school for more advanced education.

There are several mission stations in the city operated by Baptists, staffed by Africans, and aided by Baptist missionary personnel.

The Baptist Communications Center, adjacent to the Baptist Publications House on Likoni Road, provides radio, television spots and programs, as well as Baptist news, for both Kenya and Tanzania. The state owned radio and television industries welcome the programs offered by Baptists because of their high quality and moral content. Often, special opportunities are given Baptists to fill a time slot on one of the stations, when a program has been cancelled or changed. Thousands of shillings worth of time is given to Baptists free of charge each year. Millions are reached with a positive and dynamic Christian witness.

Other Baptist ministries include medical ministries, academics, social work, church assistance, stewardship training, conferences and seminars for church leaders, planning conferences for mission advances, child care services and other Christian activities.

Jesus came the first time on a visit. This time He seems to have come to stay. The work in East Africa, under the direction of Arkansan, James Hampton of Arusha, who has been here for twenty years, seems to be the type that will continue regardless of the exigencies of modern governmental change. Many of these ministries will prove self-perpetuating under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The African Baptist is maturing rapidly under his newly developing independence. Jesus will never again leave the vast African continent!

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# The minister and his ministry What is success?

by Larry Baker (13th in a series)

One question troubles us constantly, "What does it mean to be successful?" The need to succeed has its wholesome side. We are creative by nature and we feel a sense of satisfaction when we achieve our goals. But the need can also be



Dr. Baker

unwholesome — when it becomes a compulsion to excel in terms set by our

competitive society.

An unwholesome need to succeed may take its toll on ministers. Some may be marked by a competitive spirit and professional jealousy. Others, marked by a desire for promotion, may move from one church to another—because one pays more, has more prestige, or is larger. Still others, infected with an unhealthy need to succeed,

may fall victim to the pressure to conform — usually to widely held expectations of what a "good minister" says and does.

Look at what can happen. Ministers, like most of society, may judge success by bigness — of church, staff, popularity, authority, salary. Hence our images of success may be adopted from our society rather than the biblical witness

and the pattern of lesus.

Two such views of ministerial success are prevalent — the executive model and the million-dollar-round-table model. One measures success by the size of the church, the complexity of its organization, and the size of the staff. The other measures success by the number of "sales" a minister makes — the number of baptisms, additions, or Sunday School attendance.

But neither image finds its basis in the New Testament! Granted: the New Testament calls us to share the gospel with everyone created in the image of God. Granted: in the early chapters of Acts, the number of converts is given on several occasions. Yet, in the New Testament, numbers are never the basis for judging success!

In the church's history, the same has often been the case. Adoniram Judson and Luther Rice are not remembered for numerical success. Neither are Lottie Moon and Bill Wallace. And the Father's word, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased," didn't come to Jesus for his overwhelming numerical success in Palestine!

The word "success" needs to be defined and rehabilitated. How shall we understand it? First, ask several questions — what do we mean by "success"? How do we achieve it? How do we measure it? Is there a difference between success and faithfulness?

Then look at some definitions. To succeed is "to attain a desired object or end." Success is "the favorable termination of a venture." Those are accepted, technical definitions. They tell us that "success" doesn't stand alone; it is measured by the nature of one's calling or goals!

Here are some thoughts: One, the nature and purpose of the church and the meaning of ministry should shape our understanding of success. Two, our standard of success should reflect and measure our calling as ministers; we dare not gear our goals to a value system that seems to work in our society. Again, our understanding should be shaped by our perception of ourselves, our gifts and abilities. Also, our understanding of ministry should produce both legitimate ends and legitimate means. Likewise, one needs to understand that the place where he serves - with its opportunities and limitations - influence the shape and "success" of his ministry.

From the time he answers God's call and enters the ministry, one's ambition should be to become the most useful servant of Christ possible. But achievement of that goal shouldn't be measured by the standards of a competitive, quantified, status-conscious society. Rather it should be measured by that One who came not to be ministered unto, but to minister. When the minister's purpose and his achievement match, then he is "successful." And of such is the kingdom built.

Dr. Baker is pastor of First Church, Fayetteville.



# Woman's viewpoint

Iris O'Neal Bowen

### Change is not for me, after all

Scoffing at people who cannot adjust to change is one of my favorite activities. "You can learn to live with anything," I say, or, "You are getting old when you can't adjust to new situations."

Maybe I am the one who is aging, but the last few months, changes have come about that haven't done a thing for my

disposition!

As you know, the price of meat has zoomed, and though we pity the poor customer, we, too, are paying the price. Since the price graduations on our meat scales read only to 99¢, we found ourselves throwing the meat on the scales, multiplying by four and dividing by two to get the price.

So we put out about \$750.00 for a new pair of scales, and it took a lot of meat

slicing to pay for it.

Then came the two dollar bills, and I don't like them. They look like twenties. Customers are always giving me back the one I gave them and wanting two ones, instead. The worst thing is,

though, there is no more space in the cash register, so I am wondering if we will also have to buy new registers to accommodate our two dollar bills!

And last, but not the lightest, is our new metric system. It looked so difficult to me, I had already told myself I'd just give up and not try to learn the metric system. After all, some folks go through life, never learning how to read and write.

But, like the two dollar bill, it is being forced on us.

One cold drink company has already introduced us to the new "liter" size bottles and they are so hefty, one can hardly pick up a six count carton.

Out at the store one day, a customer brought her six-to-a-carton, liter size cold drinks up to the check-out stand, barely managing to hoist it to the counter.

"The sign back there said 'lighter'," she announced, "but this is the heaviest thing you have in the store!"

# Arkansans to serve in Chile, Jordan

RIDGECREST, N.C. — Two Arkansas couples were among 33 missionaries appointed June 30 at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center during a meeting of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel (Dan) R. South will be assigned to Chile where he will be a music promoter.

They have been living in Ft. Worth, Tex., where he has been a student at Southwestern Seminary and choir director at Southside Church, Granbury, Tex. Mrs. South has been an elementary teacher in Saginaw, Tex.

A native of Memphis, Tenn., South was graduated from Ouachita University, Arkadelphia, with the bachelor of music education degree and Southwestern seminary with the master of church music degree. He also attended Memphis (Tenn.) State University.

He was band director of Strong (Ark.) High School for three years and Corning (Ark.) High School for a year; choir director of Longview Heights Church, Olive Branch, Miss., for two years; and purchasing agent for Memphis (Tenn.) Furniture Manufacturing Company for a year.

The former Cheryl Davis, Mrs. South is a native of Little Rock. She was graduated from Ouachita University with the bachelor of science degree. She was an elementary teacher at Ark Academy and church custodian at Longview Heights Church, both in Olive Branch. She also taught school in Strong and Arkadelphia.

They have two sons. William Louis was born in 1968; and Paul Mark, 1970.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert (Bob) E. Geiger will be employed as missionary associates assigned to Jordan where he will be a hospital administrator.

They are living in Ketchikan, Alaska, where they are serving as Christian Service Corps volunteers under the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. They work with the Trinity Baptist

Mr. and Mrs. Geiger



Mr. and Mrs. South

#### **Especially for Baptist ministers**

## Seminar on alcohol abuse

Immanuel Church, Little Rock Oct. 4 9-12 a.m.

### Speakers

#### William Swank

Director of Intercity Ministries, Tarrant County Baptist Association, Ft. Worth, Tex. / works with alcoholics

### **Bill Cardwell**

Former director of Harbor House, Memphis, now editor of Christian Review, Blytheville / a recovered alcoholic

Conference is free and free lunch will be available to those who make reservations. Contact Bob Focht, Pulaski County Baptist Association, 1522 W. 12th Street, Little Rock 72202, or call him at 374-0319.

Sponsored jointly by Baptist associations of Central Arkansas and the Office of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism of Arkansas Department of Social and Rehabilitative Services.

Church there.

Born in Bakersfield, Calif., Geiger grew up near Huntington, Ark. He was graduated from George Washington University, Washington, D.C., with the bachelor of business administration degree. He also attended Ouachita Baptist College, Arkadelphia, and the United States Naval School of Hospital Administration, Bethesda, Md.

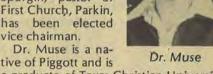
He served in the Medical Service Corps of the United States Navy for 23 years. He has also worked as manager of two discount stores in Mena, Ark.

The former Faye McClendon, Mrs. Geiger was born in Springdale, Ark., and grew up there, Waldron, Mena and Mansfield, Ark.; Heavener, Okla.; and Neosho, Mo.

They have three sons. Robert Grant and Lewis Milton are grown. John Clark was born in 1964.

# Muse elected area committee chairman

Jerry Muse, a Baptist physician in Piggott, has been elected chairman of the Area BSU Committee of Arkansas State University. Truman Spurgin, pastor of First Church, Parkin, has been elected vice chairman.



a graduate of Texas Christian University and the University of Arkansas Medical School.

As a student he served as a summer missionary to Hawaii the summer of 1956.

He is married to the former Linda Hawkins of North Little Rock, a graduate of the Arkansas Baptist Hospital School of Nursing, and also a graduate of Texas Christian University School of Nursing. The Muses have two children, Dana, eight, and Timothy, six.

Dr. and Mrs. Muse are active members of First Church, Piggott, where he serves as a deacon, teaches an Adult I Sunday School class, is an R.A. counselor, and is assistant choir director. Mrs. Muse teaches a Young Adult Sunday School class and is W.M.U. president.

In 1969 the Muses attended the Baptist World Youth Congress in Berne, Switzerland.

Dr. Muse also serves as the chairman of the State Baptist Student Union Advisory Committee.

# Is the Cooperative Program an expense?

Items listed in a church budget do not always accurately reflect the theology of the church or the intent of its members. The classic example is the confusion suffered by many young or new Christians who think pulpit supply refers to the supplies stored in the pulpit stand.

Many church budgets list Cooperative Program contributions and other mission gifts as expense items. To many persons, an expense represents a loss or something that is costly, even if the purpose is good. The words "expenditure" or "disbursement" might have a less negative connotation to many persons, but most dictionaries list them simply as synonyms of "expense." In fact, one dictionary defines "disburse" as "pay out" or "expand."

When a church contributes to the

Cooperative Program, it does not pay out, it pays in. It does not expend; it extends.

A better word for Cooperative Program and mission gifts would be "investment." The dictionary defines an investment as something expected to produce a profit, and what could be more profitable than the extension of the Kingdom of God and the winning of lost souls to Christ.

Perhaps the terminology in the church budget is not all that important if we understand that giving to missions is really an investment in things eternal, rather than an expense. On the other hand, it might be well to consider what effect our inaccurate terminology has on new or weak Christians. — Roy F. Lewis, Secretary of Stewardship-Cooperative Program

### Needed by Aug. 6

15 workers for Guatemala reconstruction

5 carpenters

5 brick masons

5 handyman workers

Will work Aug. 15-29. Must pay own way.

For more information contact C. H. Seaton, Brotherhood Department, P.O. Box 552, Little Rock, Ark. 72203 or call 376-4791.

### **Child Care**

# Teaching parent skills helps families

Arkansas Baptist Family and Child Care Services has begun offering a series of seminars on "parenting more effectively." These seminars have been presented to Church Training groups, Family enrichment conferences, and to other groups of interested parents. Parent Package groups, which applies the principles of Transactional Analysis to parenting, have been conducted for parents of children in our care or those involved in our counseling program.

The convent of the conferences centers on teaching skills to help parents enrich their relationship with their children and to focus on appropriate discipline aimed at rearing healthy, respectful children. Parents benefit not only from hearing ideas from professionals, but from sharing similar experiences and hearing how other parents

handled their situations.

Some of the parents who attended the conferences made the following comments: "The benefits I have received from this conference are still coming and will probably continue for years to come"; "As I have gained in self-understanding, I find that I can understand my children better"; "I have learned a valuable lesson, I have learned to listen to my children"; "I need to turn loose of my child and let her grow up."

Arkansas Baptist Family and Child Care Services plans to continue to offer this ministry through our churches in Arkansas. It allows both churches and our child care ministry the opportunity to minister to families in a unique way.

— Johnny G. Biggs, Executive Director, Arkansas Baptist Family and Child Care Services

# Church Training Now is the time . . .

Now is the time for churches to make preparation for the 1976-77 CHURCH: the Sunday Night Place emphasis on exploring discipleship. A copy of the "Church Guide" has been sent to pastors, Church Training directors and staff



Holley

members. August and September are preparation months with October designated as "Lift-Off Month" for the new year. The CHURCH: the Sunday Night Place emphasis, when followed carefully, will help your church enlarge its Church Training Program, enlist new members, and improve the quality of training.

Now is the time to select Church Training curriculum for the first quarter of the new year (October-December). A packet of materials has recently been mailed to pastors, Church Training directors and staff members containing descriptive folders on all Church Training materials. Next quarter's materials should be ordered by August 1.

Now is the time to complete the enlistment of leaders to adequately staff your Church Training Program. Leadership is the key to building a strong training program. Be sure every position is filled with committed leadership for the coming year.

Now is the time to build a strong training program in your church. It may not happen if you don't help make it happen. — Robert Holley

### **VBS** reports

Vacation Bible Schools are in full swing in some of our churches, and other churches are still planning for their school. To this date (June 17) 200 churches have reported their school to the state office.

These 200 schools have reported an enrollment of 18,445. The schools also report 225 professions of faith. Many of these churches also reported an Adult VBS this year.

If your church has had a VBS please use the VBS report card and send it to our State Sunday School Department, Box 552, Little Rock, Ark. 72203. — Harold Vernon, VBS Consultant

### 1976 R.A. Camps called a success

Royal Ambassador Camps for 1976 are now history. Only eternity will reveal the real value of the weeks of camp.

thanks to all of those who worked so effectively to make the camps a success.



Counselors are especially important to a successful camp; without them, camp would be

impossible.

For myself and all the campers we say, sincerely, "Thanks", to all the workers for a job well done. Especially do we appreciate Dr. C. W. Caldwell, Dr. W. W. Dishongh and Rev. Joel Moody, who served so untiringly as Camp Pastors.

To a fine staff of young men who served faithfully, the campers join with me in saying, "Thanks a million." The staffers included Ron Bohannon, Kensett; Jack Griebel Jr., Little Rock; Larry Garrison, Monticello; Jeff Norment and Carroll Hooker, Texarkana; Steve Taylor, Harrison; Russell Baker, Alexander; and Phil Hartsfield, Amity. Each young man did an excellent job in fulfilling his assignments.

All workers made a distinct contribution to the lives of the campers. All were influential and had a part in the decisions made at camp. The decisions included 11 boys saved, 8 for full time Christian vocations, five to be mission-

aries and 20 rededications.

We were highly elated by the increased number of Pioneer-age boys attending camp and their genuine concern for missions and reaching the lost. The young men volunteering for missions were very positive in their committal and certainty of the leadership of the Lord. - C. H. Seaton, Director, Brotherhood Dept.

> Wanted Church Bell 36 to 42 inches First Baptist Church DeWitt, Ark. Call 946-4361



Among Arkansas Baptist young people who have attained the "Level of Excellence" are these from First Church, Sherwood. Steve Shepard, Danny Boroughs, Tim Simpson, and Terry Smith (with sixth grade teacher Niki Warrell) have learned 40 verses, the divisions and books of the Bible, and four special scripture passages.

## **Sunday School**

# **Bible Searchers Memory Plan**

Oct. 1 will begin the second year the Bible Searchers Memory Plan has been used. This is a plan in which the pupils using Bible Searchers Sunday School curriculum can enter by signing a contract with themselves that they will learn a set number of Bible verses and other related Bible material.

The plan in use now until Sept. 30 carries a patriotic theme. The pupils could set a goal to be a Colonist, a Patriot, or a Son or Daughter of Liberty. This year's theme is "Sowing Seeds for Living." The levels of achievement are Planters, Cultivators, and Harvesters.

Each person signing a contract will need the special material that must be ordered with the literature. Each one will need his own copy for the certificates that are in it and also for keeping the record of verses learned.

The pupils entering the plan will set his own goal and will work at his own speed until he reaches the goal. Should he reach one level of advancement, he can continue until he reaches the highest level. The recognition for this achievement will be a certificate mailed from the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Encourage your Bible Searchers to enter the memory plan. Order the material with your October-December literature order. - Harold Vernon, Children's consultant, Sunday School De-

partment

# Renewal evangelism

by Neal Guthrie (first in a series)

Phase one: investigation

The first phase of the journey into lifestyle evangelism and ministry is an investigation of the meaning and the implication of renewal.

A consultation takes place with a renewal associate. The Home Mission Board has trained a



Guthrie

number of pastors and lay people, called associates, who serve as consultants for churches.

The renewal associate will explain the journey concept, suggest books to be studied individually or in groups, and make suggestions about the church

initiating the journey.

Renewal is not merely an event, but it is a process leading to a lifestyle of evangelism and ministry. It is a journey. Contact Neal Guthrie, Evangelism Department, ABSC, Box 552, Little Rock, Ark. 72203.

Seth and Ken Prickett, Janet Gober and Denise Fairchild directed many of the rally activities.

Bedford Jackson makes announcements to interested campers.



Campers from four states participated in a regional Campers on Mission Rally, June 24-27, at Beaver Lake. Ken and Marilyn Prickett of the Special Mission Ministries Department of the Home Mission Board directed the program.

Two "sing-alongs" and a big Baptist "potluck" highlighted the fellowship periods. Tammy Jo Jones and Sherri Lynn White, sojourners from Tupelo, Miss., led the fellowship period. Janet Gober and Denise Fairchild, student summer missionaries from Alabama, also assisted in one of the programs.

A craft display on Saturday afternoon drew many interested visitors to one of the designated camping spots. Mrs. Bedford Jackson coordinated the craft display, and a number of the campers participated in displaying items that were often made of nature materials.

Bedford Jackson, Director of Missions, Benton County Southern Baptist Association, preached at the Sunday morning worship service. Campers in the Prairie Creek Park were invited to participate in Bible study and worship with the Campers on Mission.

Arkansas Baptist campers have elected Raymond Reed as president, Bedford Jackson as vice president, and Mrs. R. P. Koonce as secretary-treasurer. The next Arkansas Baptist Campers on Mission Rally will be May 7-9, 1977, in Hot Springs.

Campers on Mission is an organization of Christian campers who desire to share their faith. It is a free service of the Home Mission Board with membership open to Christian campers of all denominations. Arkansas currently has 127 families enrolled in its Campers on Mission program.

For information concerning Campers on Mission contact Tommy Bridges, P.O. Box 552, Little Rock, Ark. 72203.

# Regional meeting held by campers

Campers crowd around numerous items in craft display.





A day camp was provided for children while parents attended state meetings.

# Joy Explosion

Aug. 6-7

Christ . . . Our Liberation

### College and single adult conferences

Second Church 222 East 8th

#### **Evening**

Aug. 6 - Early liberties

6:30 Registration in vestibule

7:00 David Butler

7:15 Jeri Graham

7:40 Charles Baker

8:15 Adjourn to conferences .

8:15-10:15 Conferences

Leaders: Charles Baker Ron Davis

David Blosch

 Fellowship celebration 10:30-11:30

Led by Vernard Johnson

and

Ronnie Davis

### Morning

Aug. 7 - Liberty when the sun comes up

9:00-10:30 Conferences

Leaders: Rod Minor, Jack Law

Charles Baker, Tom

Elliff

10:45 Ron and Pat Owens

11:00 Shirley Cothran, Miss America

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11:25 Tom Skinner

12:00 Adjourn

Final Liberation

2:00 p.m. Celebration '76 - Robin-

son Auditorium

Senior high conferences

> **Gaines Street Church** 1016 South Gaines

#### Morning

Aug. 6 - Early liberties

9:00 Registration in vestibule

10:00 Sing - Ron Davis

10:10 Vernard Johnson

10:25 Robert Dickerson

10:45 Small groups

11:45 Adjourn

#### Afternoon

Liberties continued

2:00 Small groups

2:45 David Blosch

3:00 Charles Baker

3:30 Adjourn

#### Evening

Liberty when the sun goes down

7:00 Ron and Pat Owens

7:30 Jack Law

7:55 Vernard Johnson

8:15 Rod Minor

9:00 Adjourn

#### Morning

Aug. 7 - Liberty when the sun comes up

10:00 David Butler

10:15 Ron Davis

10:30 Tom Elliff

11:00 Small groups - Dick King

11:45 Adjourn

Final liberation

2:00 p.m. Celebration '76 - Robin-

son Auditorium

Junior high conferences

> **Robinson Auditorium** Markham and Broadway

### Morning

Aug. 6 - Early liberties

9:00 Registration in lobby

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10:55 Rod Minor and Jack Law

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July 22, 1976

# Arkansas Baptist State Convention CONTRIBUTIONS

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SARDIS 25.00   NEW HOPE #2, HARDY 73.49	3,263.88
SHILDH 283-94 85-33 NEWPORT IST 11-440-72 TEMPLE 4-801-46 4-945-13 DLD WALNUT RIDGE 376-68	247.98
UNITY PITS 27-08	
ASSOCIATION TOTALS 70:138.06 24:068.51 RAVENDEN 1ST 147.28	25.00
SEDGWICK 194.09	164-00
BARTHOLOMEN ASSOCIATION SPRING LAKE 937-29 SPRING LAKE 554-73	238.25 135.69
ANTILLE SWIFTON 661.43	345.00
CORINTH B 266-93 55-00 WALNUT RIDGE 1ST 6-150-43	450.00 5,365.78
EAGLE LAKE S9-17 WHITE DAK 250-00	272.17
ENON 770-34 74-00 SOUTHSIDE MISSION 225-00	65.00
FLORENCE 36-00 75-00	
HERMITAGE 439.02 332.00 ASSOCIATION TOTALS 30.701.38	14,825.80
LADELLE 178.67 BUCKNER ASSOCIATION ABBOTT 131.65	
MARSDEN MONTICELLO 1ST 8,929.90 3.358.32 CALVARY, BOONEVILLE	
MONTICELLO 2ND 3,317-46 984-87 CAUTHRON **	of the second
NORTH SIDE, MONTICELLO 553.52 300.00 CEDAR CREEK 52.00 CLARKS CHAPEL 25.00	
PLEASANT GROVE DAYTON 322-30	1.40
PRAIRIE GROVE         35.00         39.13         DENTON           SALINE         170.60         27.25         EVENING SHADE         284.27	
SELMA 44.91 FELLOWSHIP 310.44	308+97
UNION HILL 30.00 FRIENDSHIP 24.00 WARREN 1ST 13,979.75 6.609.40 HARTFORD 1ST 2.915.49	746.67
WEST SIDE, HARREN 880.90 HAN CREEK 731-16	
WILMAR 599.61 494.85 HON 338.10 SOUTHSIDE MISSION 50.07 HUNTINGTON 1ST 268.32	39.19 150.00
IONE 232.86	105.33
ASSOCIATION TOTALS 37,907,55 15,092,62 JAMES FORK 609,91 LONG RIDGE 343,36	444-15
RENTON CO. ASSOCIATION MANSFIELD 1ST 2,661.55	25-00
BELLA VISTA 2+424-88 1+347-75 MIDLAND 1ST 1+181-15	25.00 1,960.56
BENTONVILLE 1ST 4.750.02 2.496.35 NEW PROVIDENCE 122.19 CENTERTON 1ST 646.00 908.00 PARKS 343.81	

CHURCHES CO	OPERATIVE PROGRAM	DESIGNATED GIFTS	CHURCHES	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM	DESIGNATED GIFTS
PLEASANT GROVE #2, ABBOTT	200.00	48.98	CABOT 1ST CABOT 2ND	13,187.55	4+310+37
PLEASANT GROVE #3, WALDRON ROCK CREEK	89.38	56.00	CANEY CREEK	595.98 1,427.60	318.63 400.00
SHILDH	20.00		CARLISLE 1ST	9,939.01	1,482.26
TEMPLE, WALDRON UNION HOPE	511.66 166.00	100.00	COCKLEBUR	173.85 265.96	95-50
UNITY	96.72		COY 1ST CROSS ROADS	937.71	373.60
WALDRON 1ST WEST HARTFORD	7,279,19 108,33	1,710.24 323.60	DES ARC 1ST	10,235,91	2,606.00
WINFIELD	137.55		DEVALLS BLUFF 1ST ENGLAND 1ST	733.46 7,359.93	- 1,510,16
CRUMPTOWN MISSION	132.58	94.25	HAZEN IST	5,730.23	2,311.66
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	19,698.42	6,358.95	IMMANUEL+ CARLISLE	326.69 521.49	493.62
BUCKVILLE ASSOCIATION			KEO	1,492.01	1,383.45
CEDAR GLADES	60.56	220.00	LONOKE MT. CARMEL	12,021.87 3,667.05	4,190,98 749,01
CONCORD MT. TABOR	145.00		MTN. SPRINGS	909.50	554+18
ROCK SPRINGS	250.81		NEW HOPE DAK GROVE	138.17	
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	456.37	220.00	OLD AUSTIN	456.79	291.45
CARRO RIVER ASSECTATION			PLEASANT HILL STEEL BRIDGE	312.20 82.20	310.00 171.00
AMITY 1ST	643-19	100.00	TOLTEC WARD 1ST	4,819.50	2,963.00
BLACK SPRINGS CADDO GAP	30.00	35.00	WATTENSAW	2,158.84	868.54 1,216.25
GLENWOOD 1ST	3,718.81	1,745.82	SOUTH BEND MISSION	1000	
HILL SIDE LAKE DUACHITA	60.00 270.88	158.00	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	83,192,94	27,513.11
LIBERTY			CENTENNIAL ASSOCIATION		120.00
MT. GILEAD	112.50		ABERDEEN 1ST	281.10	50.00
MT. IDA 1ST	4+320-00	2,248.09	DEWITT 1ST	13,425.00	3+994+99 4+947+23
MT. DLIVE MURPHY	208.45		EAST SIDE, DEWITT	186.35	32.20
NORMAN 1ST DAK GROVE	374.00	193.70	GILLETT 1ST	58.15 86.73	33.75 37.25
ODEN 1ST	424.83	225.00	HAGLER NORTH MAPLE, STUTTGART	211.55	25.00 1.731.35
PENCIL BLUFF REFUGE	434.46 42.00	56-00	REYDELL	1,880.69 210.06	1,138,25
SULPHUR SPRINGS	137.37	80-85	SOUTH SIDE, STUTTGART ST. CHARLES	3,469.39	831.61 266.50
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	10,806,49	4,842.46	STUTTGART 1ST	17,778,79	8,870.85
CALVARY ASSOCIATION	120/2004/0		TICHNOR NORTHSIDE MISSION	60.00 138.44	120.00 182.43
ANTIOCH	125.00	50.00	Constitution of the Consti	230-11	
AUGUSTA 1ST BEEBE 1ST	6+354-72 3+793-87	8,044.55 3,075.85	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	42,948.06	22,349,21
BETHANY	240-00	134.00	CENTRAL ASSOCIATION	40000000	222.00
CENTRAL, BALD KNOB COTTON PLANT 1ST	4,316,18	2,902.35 832.67	BENTON 1ST	583.58 13.249.98	222.65
CROSBY	140.00	70.00	BRYANT 1ST SOUTHERN	3,234.00	1,892.10
GOOD HOPE	150.00 231.63	90.00 26.00	CALVARY+ BENTON	210.56 5,208.04	3,435.72
GRACE	633-56	863-19	CENTRAL, HOT SPRINGS	5,601.32	7,868.04
GREGORY GRIFFITHVILLE 1ST	348.00 75.00	75.00 82.00	FAIRDALE HOT SPRINGS	900-08 652-12	271.77 284.52
HIGGINSON	597.90	584.33	FAITH	360.63	125.00
HUNTER 1ST JUDSONIA 1ST	875.14 2,659.26	655.00 1.931.54	GRAND AVENUE, HOT SPRING	98.45	76.00 6,837.00
KENSETT 1ST LIBERTY	2+216.31 36.00	566-00	GRAVEL HILL	679.51 2.045.08	838.82
MCCRORY 1ST	1,590.28	1,250.55	HARVEYS CHAPEL HIGHLAND HEIGHTS	7,011.75	5,170.00
MCRAE 1ST MIDWAY	150.00 152.08	1,453.00	HILLDALE ROAD, ALEXANDER HOT SPRINGS 1ST	1+181+02 4+290+00	74.00 4.121.02
MORROW	137.91		HOT SPRINGS 2ND	22,782.55	9+078-08
MORTON MT. HEBRON	280.02 171.04	60.00 106.00	HURRICANE LAKE INDIAN SPRINGS	1,016.77	290.00 150.25
PANGBURN 1ST	1,229,15	103.30	JESSIEVILLE	471.98	180.17 691.35
PATTERSON 1ST PLEASANT GROVE	103.42 246.01	60-00	LAKE HAMILTON LAKESHORE HEIGHTS	687.24 1,494.00	875.50
PLEASANT VALLEY	239.46	114.50	LAKESIDE LEE CHAPEL	1,105.41	430.60 233.16
RAYNOR GROVE ROCKY POINT	240.00 327.18	50.00 263.26	LEONARD ST., HOT SPRINGS	1,200.00	420.82
ROSEBUD SEARCY 1ST	726.81 17.659.95	768-62 6-980-18	MALVERN 3RD	266.83 6.442.94	799.41
SEARCY 2ND	398.20	622.67	MEMORIAL	1,409-11	197.37
TEMPLE, SEARCY TRINITY, SEARCY	4.067.88	2+149-10 1+120-98	MILL CREEK MOUNTAIN PINE 1ST	296.29 852.20	223-00 379-40
TUPELO 1ST	407-72	300.00	MOUNTAIN VALLEY	369.93	120.50
UNION VALLEY WEST POINT	245.08 585.33	170.82 82.14	MT. VERNON OLD UNION	451.46 540.52	1
			OWENSVILLE	669.00 8,579.35	169.50 4,446.36
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	54,258.61	35 - 701 - 24	PARK PLACE PEARCY	244-00	535.00
CAREY ASSOCIATION BEARDEN 1ST	2,328,92	685.79	PERLA PINEY	32.89 4,119.83	1,231.76
BETHESDA	29320072	30.00	PLEASANT HILL	745.52	613.05
CALVARY CAMDEN DALARK	1,110.84 89.64	675.65 59.98	RECTOR HEIGHTS RIDGECREST	323.64 802.00	125.00 545.16
EAGLE MILLS			RIVERSIDE	922.75	505.50
FAITH FORDYCE 1ST	352.00 7,500.00	125.00 5,294.60	SALEM SHERIDAN 1ST SOUTHERN	2,067.14 830.65	679.86 258.59
HAMPTON 1ST	2,348,20	261-85	SHOREWOOD HILLS	754.56	77-10
HARMONY HOLLY SPRINGS	43.12 145.99		TRINITY. BENTON TRINITY, MALVERN	2,691.40 1,443.19	1:111:52 967:48
MANNING	422-41	95.00	VISTA HEIGHTS	774-14	
NEW HOPE OUACHITA	278.82 69.00	23.00 130.00	BARCELONA ROAD MISSION	738.53 638.90	178-25 75-00
PROSPERITY	245.02		NINTH STREET MISSION		
SHADY GROVE SOUTH SIDE, FORDYCE	20.00 342.00	25.00	SOUTH CALVARY MISSION	540.91	84+25
SPARKMAN 1ST THORNTON 1ST	4,744.00 668.44	4+485.50 578.26	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	112,987.97	68,092.25
TINSMAN 1ST	90.00	E. Constant	CLEAR CREEK ASSOCIATION		
TULIP MEMORIAL WILLOW	25.59 52.47	50.00 68.85	ALMA 1ST ALTUS 1ST	7+125-02 87-93	5,975.32 150.00
			BATSON	258.00	111.00
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	20,876.46	12,588.48	CASS	107.72 529.05	50.00 329.28
CAROLINE ASSOCIATION	0.7 00	Vancas I	CLARKSVILLE 1ST	5,554.85	2,719.67
BAUGHS CHAPEL	947.00 1,116.00	128.25 305.27	CLARKSVILLE 2ND COAL HILL 1ST	757.16 409.87	881.45
BISCOE 1ST	922.59 818.23	120.50 359.43	CONCORD	1+942-25	903.97
BROWNSVILLE	018-23	327443	DYER 1ST	427.93	107417

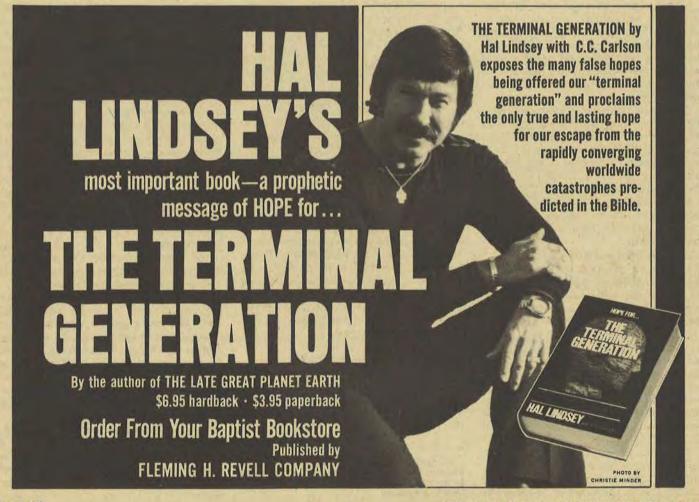
CHURCHES	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM	DESIGNATED GIFTS	CHURCHES	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM	DESIGNATED GIFTS
EAST MT. ZION, TRINITY	180.95	75.00	HT. PLEASANT	155.57	103.95
HAGARVILLE HARTMAN 1ST	280-34 208-00		NEW HOPE NIMMONS 1ST	889•34 20•00	839-34
KIBLER	2,515.81	1,550.08	DAK GROVE PEACH ORCHARD 1ST	386.00	300.00
LAMAR MOUNTAINBURG 1ST	510.34	1,253.25	PETTIT	48.00	100.00
MULBERRY 1ST DAK GROVE	3+801-60 2+066-00	1.115.00	PIGGOTT 1ST POCAHONTAS 1ST	4.001.73 2.861.18	5,839.10 1,206.95
DZARK 1ST	5,903.32	1,574.89	RAVENDEN SPRINGS 1ST	193.00	43-60
RUDY	482.81 54.13	342.00	RECTOR 1ST REYNO 1ST	3,860.00 461.60	2,260.95 116.85
SHADY GROVE	220-70	84-27	SHANNON	720.98	99.00
SHIBLEY	377-97 12-40		SHILDH, CORNING SHILDH, POCAHONTAS	100.00	21.60
TRINITY, ALMA	185.00	140.00	ST. FRANCIS	900-00	777.02
UNION GROVE UNIONTOWN	488-74 901-27	175.81 99.26	SUCCESS LST TIPPERARY	727.75 194.54	453.24
VAN BUREN 1ST	10,525.00	5+096+87	HITT'S CHAPEL	439.65	826.85
VAN BUREN 2ND VINE PRAIRIE	341.43	212.47 126.21	ANTIOCH		
WEBB CITY WOODLAND	698.68 50.00	234.85	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	21,187.28	18+814-83
CENTERCROSS MISSION	50.00	50.00	DARD-RUSS ASSOCIATION		300.00
1ST BAPTIST MISSION			ATKINS 1ST	1,207,65	862.75
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	48,036.52	25,545.12	BAKERS CREEK BLUFFTON	259.36 216.18	160.00
CONCORD ASSOCIATION			CENTERVILLE	237.67	10.00 2,925.65
BARLING IST	1+746-04	1,050.00	DANVILLE 1ST DARDANELLE 1ST	2,529.84 4,985.41	2,443.98
BETHEL BLOOMER	474.87 60.00	161.00 70.00	DOVER EAST POINT	344.86 578.80	193.76 136.65
BLUFF AVE. FT. SMITH	3,101.80	1,429.60	FAIR PARK	157.06	143.25
BOONEVILLE 1ST BRANCH	4+303-79 974-28	2,809,98	GRACE MEMORIAL HAVANA	107-23 182-15	62.50 106.04
BURNSVILLE	211.60	50+00 4+960+50	HECTOR 1ST	89.90	115-98
CALVARY, FT. SMITH CHARLESTON 1ST	5,903,97 4,993,12	2,110.87	IMMANUEL RUSSELLVILLE	108.25 285.00	114.00 200.00
EAST SIDE, FT. SMITH ENTERPRISE	7.785.02 409.80	3+125-13 44-85	KELLEY HEIGHTS	333.45	51.61
EXCELSIOR	378-61		LONDON 1ST	614.02 1.098.31	136.00 484.12
FORT SMITH IST GLENDALE	57+172-46 644-38	27+140+00 202+20	MORELAND 1ST	89.85	27.55
GRAND AVENUE, FT. SMITH		29,016.03	NEW HOPE DLA 1ST	500.04 1,425.84	50.87 453.01
GRAYSON GREENWOOD 1ST	7,109.00	3,787.00	PITTSBURG	25.00	
HACKETT 1ST	296.37	84.04	PLAINVIEW 1ST PLEASANT VIEW	374-11 115-96	426.85 40.00
HAVEN HEIGHTS HIGHWAY 96 1ST	5,636.00	2,734-10	POTTSVILLE	432.39	222.49
IMMANUEL, FT. SMITH	9,358.77	2,285.49	ROVER RUSSELLVILLE 2ND	237.44 4.644.71	3+144-67
JENNY LIND 1ST LAVACA 1ST	2,873.39 5,347.00	941.00 3.175.26			
MAGAZINE IST MEMORIAL	1+210-86 87-64	415-30 51-00	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	21,180.48	12+811-73
MIXON	146-20	100+00	DELTA ASSOCIATION	1.944.34	1,072.00
MT. HARMONY MT. ZION	69.00	69.00 195.00	ARKANSAS CITY AULDS	1+864-24	
NEW HOPE	1,229.00	542.95	BAYOU MASON BELLAIRE	482.30 1.613.79	132-84 905-25
NORTH SIDE, CHARLESTON NORTH SIDE, FT. SMITH	904.43 827.00	1,306.86	BOYDELL	67.23	
DAK CLIFF	2,999.27	1,908,99	COLLINS	543.16 1,459.28	100.00 330.00
PALESTINE PARIS 1ST	Z44.86 3.828.29	452.08 2.696.25	DANIEL CHAPEL		50.00
PHOENIX VILLAGE	1,988-61	936.94	DERMOTT	7+016-57 4+765-75	5+227+95 2+045+30
PINE LOG RATCLIFF 1ST	152.79 695.29	184.87	GAINES		
ROSEVILLE	105-81	126.00	JENNIE JEROME	2.107.53 175.00	247.00 341.15
RYE HILL SCRANTON 1ST	1+394-48 755-45	479.15 143.36	KELSO	900.00	389.43 1,300.73
SOUTH SIDE, BOONEVILLE	621-47	329.69	MCARTHUR	1,540.82	
SOUTH SIDE, FT. SMITH SPRADLING	5.720.50 731.20	797.50 558.30	MCGEHEE 1ST MONTROSE	10+234+94 858+93	4,116.17 341.35
TEMPLE, FT. SMITH	1,788-93	1+396+27	NEW HOPE	925-14	100-00
TRINITY, FT. SMITH UNION HALL	2+734-73	1,313.51	NORTH SIDE, EUDORA DMEGA	680-30 281-49	541.50 70.31
VESTA WINDSDR PARK		2+274.82	PARKDALE	140.00	33,00
DELAWARE CHAPEL	448.87	24214402	PARKWAY	528.00 2.331.83	2,580.61
MOFFETT MISSION WESTSIDE CHAPEL	309.94	428.83	RICHLAND	119.08	* 1000000000000000000000000000000000000
			SOUTH MCGENEE	351.80 409.32	134.50 144.00
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	197,244.37	103+075+26	TEMPLE. DERMOTT TILLAR 1ST	305.91 1,046.20	141.00 760.60
CONWAY-PERRY ASSOCIATION	Y.		WATSON	287-47	28.00
ADONA DISBANDED BIGELOW	511-40	159.71	HILMOT	2,137.85	1,545.33
CASA 1ST HARMONY	224.04 80.32	78.75 121.00	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	43,173,93	22,678.02
HOUSTON	52.08		FAULKNER CD. ASSOCIATIO	in:	
MORRILTON 1ST NIMROD 1ST	4.845.36 469.15	2+777+38 304+50	BERYL	1,246.30	453.85 79.05
PERRY			BRUMLEY CHAPEL	1.001.86	201.00
PERRYVILLE 1ST PLEASANT GROVE	450.00 50.00	1.864.62	CADRON RIDGE CONWAY 1ST	296.82 6.000.00	275.50 6.038.54
PLUMERVILLE 1ST	600.00	2,078.32	CONWAY 2ND	8,833-15	2,269,45
SOLGOHACHIA STONY POINT	123-13		EMMANUEL CONWAY	253.40 141.13	
THORNBURG	546.85	196.75	FRIENDSHIP	319.07	108-41
OPPELO MISSION	779.16 249.00	425.93 66.45	HAPPY HOLLOW HARLAN PARK	147.00 2:172.43	1,086,79
			HARMONY	148-37	133.68
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	8,980.49	8+098-41	HOLLAND MAYFLOWER 1ST	547.98 1,007.69	251.79 187.00
CURRENT-GAINS ASSOCIATIO	N		MT. VERNON	240.95	223-87
BIGGERS BROWN'S CHAPEL	668.48 25.00	225-65	NAYLOR NEW BETHEL		140.00
CALVARY, CORNING	1.041.77	1,553.88	DAK BOWERY	1,215.61	112.30 511.35
COLUMBIA JARRETT CORNING 1ST	61.92	2,661.67	PICKLES GAP PLEASANT GROVE	1,915.64	623-10
EMMANUEL, PIGGOTT	113.93	47.50	SOUTH SIDE DAMASCUS	1.020.15	230.00
GREENWAY 1ST HARMONY	565.00 184.56	578.90 225.00	WUDSTER 1ST	1,051.06	349.54
HOLLY ISLAND	7.00		ASSOCIATION TOTALS	32,568,74	13.429.22
HOPEWELL KNOBEL 1ST	164.01 196.37	419.08 46.25	The second secon	THE PERSON NAMED IN COLUMN TWO IS NOT THE PERSON NAMED IN COLUMN TWO IS NAMED IN COLUMN TW	de la cita
HOARK	317.00	38.45	GREENE CO. ASSOCIATION		

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ALEXANDER BEECH GROVE	671.89 80.00	7 365.22 7 113.00	ROCKY MOUND SHILDH MEMORIAL	27.00 1.738.45	820.79
BETHEL STATION	82.00 139.86		SOUTH TEXARKANA SPRINGHILL	838.75 323.47	146.50
BIG CREEK BRIGHTON	128-49	21.00	STAMPS 1ST	3,621.32	4+223-77
BROWN*S CHAPEL CALVARY, PARAGOULD CENTER HILL 1ST CLARKS CHAPEL	775.76 1.761.45	749-29 431-18	SYLVERINO TENNESSEE	249.96 410.00	326.00 150.00
CENTER HILL 1ST	746-88	642-86	TRINITY: TEXARKANA	6,301.48	2+500+46
CLARKS CHAPEL	180.00	245.43 85.24	WESTSIDE + MAGNOLIA MILL MISSION	211-61	61.75
DELAPLAINE EAST SIDE, PARAGOULD	130.00	1.086.95	and the second second	and the same	
FAIRVIEW FINCH	94.38	50.00 101.96	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	104:942-14	66,529,99
FONTAINE	278.88 77.00	33.57	INDEPENDENCE ASSOCIATION	1 172 00	6,061.00
IMMANUEL, PARAGOULD LAFE	2+057-01	780-34	BATESVILLE 1ST CALVARY, BATESVILLE	6,653.00 7,784.20	3,695.34
LAKE STREET, PARAGOULD		32+00	CALVARY TIMBO	171.54	96-21 364-00
MARMADUKE 1ST	241.54 1.547.50	66.60 635.00	CUSHMAN	642.00 7.50	
MOUNDS	220 42	124-00	DESHA 1ST	411-19	90.60 303.30
NEW FRIENDSHIP	467±30 136±82	196.69 83.09	DESHA IST EASTSIDE, CAVE CITY EMMANUEL+ BATESVILLE FLORAL MARCELLA	931-60	1,036.00
NUTTS CHAPEL	385.49	323.50	FLORAL MARCELLA	1.003.20	1,418.81
NEW FRIENDSHIP NEW LIBERTY NUTTS CHAPEL OAK GROVE PARAGOULD 1ST PLEASANT VALLEY ROBBS CHAPEL	340.69 22.544.59	203.76	MOUNTAIN VIEW 1ST	2.860.41	1,997.94
PLEASANT VALLEY	115.93		MT. ZION NORTHSIDE, BATESVILLE	573.06 632.72	223+38 198+00
ROBBS CHAPEL ROSEWOOD	219.47 622.93	420.00 297.23	PILGRIMS REST	266.50	532.75
STANFORD	180.00		PLEASANT PLAINS REHOBETH	282.89	253.62 169.50
THIRD AVE., PARAGOULD	55.49 62.79		ROSIE	381.78 1,461.21	1,359.76
UNITY	120.00	352.57	RUDDELL HILL @	1,544.03	567-79 195-00
VINES CHAPEL WALCOTT	1.330.09	89.48	SULPHUR ROCK	181.00	152.00
WEST VIEW	1,580.31	402+87	WEST. BATESVILLE WHITE RIVER	7,308,09 89-19	6,279,18 192,28
ROCK HILL MISSION	40.671.78	20.665.81	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	34+396=90	25+292+82
ASSOCIATION TOTALS HARMONY ASSOCIATION		20400001	LIBERTY ASSOCIATION	341390470	FAFACE OF.
ALTHEIMER 1ST ANDERSON CHAPEL	975.83 83.50	190.00	BUENA VISTA	180.00	19.50
BETHEL	158.43	31.00	CALEDONIA CALION IST	180.00 1,613.85	600.00 1,047.67
CENTENNIAL	3,984.56	1.552.61 805.00	CAMDEN 1ST	23,499,96	14,736.08 271.07
CENTENNIAL CENTRAL, PINE BLUFF DOLLARWAY	2 • 081 • 74 686 • 00	532-00	CAMDEN 2ND CHIDESTER	599.95	1,172.26
DOUGLAS DUMAS 1ST	686±00 859±43 8±012±16	1.808.25	CROSS ROADS CULLENDALE 1ST	1-563-00	3,409.74
EAST SIDE, PINE BLUFF	2,978.16	1.138.50	EAST MAIN! EL DUKADO	7,800,00 6,932,11	4.787.90
EVERGREEN	138.50 4,187.11	2,969,27	EBENEZER EL DORADO 1ST	2,450.11 11,883.46	1:402:22 31:771:96
FORREST PARK GOULD IST	956-40	1,243.68	EL DORADO 2NO	13,395.25	9,005-40
GRADY 1ST GREENLEE	75.00 2.868.88	591+12 1+030+81	FELSENTHAL	4.587.03 431.70	997-25
GREEN MEADOWS	1,216.56	411-65	GALILEE	569.65	213.50
HARDIN HICKORY GROVE	1,977.04 105.00	1:199:50 753:30	GRACE	783-14 853-71	782.89 212.00
HUMPHREY	864.59	483.00	HILLSIDE	1,434.24	601.67
IMMANUEL PINE BLUFF KINGSLAND 1ST	9,613.77 541.11	5+958+83 567-65	HUTTIG 1ST IMMANUEL, EL DORADO	2,361.83 10,202.64	1,092.52 6,760.10
LEE MEMORIAL	6,497.42	1.957.05	INVER CITY	3.022.35	415-13
MATTHEWS MEMORIAL	573.70 1,300.00	538.24 1.212.27	JUNCTION CITY 1ST KNOWLES	2+547-28 206-52	1+258+02
NORTHSIDE, STAR CITY DAK GROVE	47.80	310.00	LAPILE	450-22	121.25
DAKLAND	268.38	330.38	LIBERTY	256.39 487.06	37.10
PINE BLUFF 1ST PINE BLUFF 2ND	21,498.67 4,069.75	9+553+12 3+030+70	LOUANN	59-50	1.572.94
PLUM BAYOU	319.39		MAPLE AVENUE, SMACKOVER MARRABLE HILL	1,604,64	106.00
RANKIN CHAPEL	61.80 3,100.15	30.40 1.162.25	MIDWAY	383.00	- 72.00
SHANNON ROAD	267.29	402.00	NEW LONDON NORPHLET 1ST	391.46 6+312.86	2,473.57
SOUTH SIDE, PINE BLUFF STAR CITY 1ST	12,845.06 8,621.35	3,310.25 2,893.63	PARKVIEW	3,402.05 559.85	623.26
WABBASEKA			PHILADELPHIA SALEM	805-00	244-00
WATSON CHAPEL WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS	8.739.76 2.198.77	2,157.00 896.26	SMACKOVER IST	9,646.50 522.52	2,009.08 432.71
YORKTOWN	363.86	90.00	SOUTH SIDE, EL DORADO STEPHENS 1ST	6,772.97	2,379.19
TUCKER CHAPEL			STRONG 1ST	5,049.01 50.00	2,036.81
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	113.812.47	55+162+92	SYLVAN HILLS TEMPLE, CAMDEN	581-14	27.55
HOPE ASSOCIATION			TEMPLE, EL DORADO THREE CREEKS	644.03 1,073.08	47.00 460.17
ANDERSON	375.56	512.36	TRINITY, EL DORADO	4,917.32	1-146-91
ARABELLA HEIGHTS BEECH STREET 1ST	1,209,78 9,665,80	255.30 9.496.67-	UNION URBANA 1ST	2,000.32 236.58	205.00 400.00
BRADLEY	1,340.68	697.19	VICTORY	250.74	253+60
BRONWAY HEIGHTS CALVARY, HOPE	366.81 8.737.69	5.00 Z.166.44	VILLAGE	685.83	332.74 128.31
CALVARY, TEXARKANA	2,532.50	1,069.74	WESSON WEST SIDE, EL DORADO	13,515.81	3,210.58
CANFIELD CENTRAL, MAGNOLIA	291.85 29.588.30	700.72 21.951.33	WHITE CITY	50.00 126.00	
FOUKE 1ST	1,035.65	403.81	The state of the s		Total Control of the
FULTON GARLAND	425.00 32.50	31.91	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	163,352.68	98,876.65
GENDA IST	381-11	138.29	LITTLE RED RIVER ASSN.		500.00
GUERNSEY	60.00		ARBANNA	98.39 169.55	
HALEY LAKE HARMONY GROVE	25.00	125-00	BROWNSVILLE CENTER RIDGE	60.00	62.00
HICKORY STREET. TEXARKA HIGHLAND HILLS	NA 736.92 1.355.80	1.018.79	CONCORD 1ST HARRIS CHAPEL	389.88 151.28	311-00
HOPE 1ST	18,442.77	12,791.23	HEBER SPRINGS 1ST	12,314.45	4,256.57
IMMANUEL, MAGNOLIA IMMANUEL, TEXARKANA	901.47 4.913.32	951.62 1.033.84	LIFELINE LONE STAR		80.00
LEWISVILLE 1ST	3.005.54	1,101,50	MT. OLIVE	30.00	34.00
MACEDONIA #1	215.50 438.15	360.00	MT. ZION NEW BETHEL	105.15 108.45	62±00 25±00
MACEDONIA #2 MANDEVILLE	636.00	97.00	PALESTINE	655-17	124-00
MEMORIAL	1.562.04	851.00	PINES PLEASANT RIDGE	124.64 253.13	200±00 59±50
MITCHELL STREET, TEXARKA MT. ZION	180.00	484.20	PLEASANT VALLEY	59.64	There
NORTH EAST, TEXARKANA	2+117-64 254-26	934.26 56.35	POST OAK QUITMAN	140.00 825.10	25±00 497+26
PINEY GROVE PISGAH RED RIVER	257-46 75-00	58.78	SOUTH SIDE, HEBER SPRING: WESTSIDE 1ST	383.37 710.99	276.55 261.09

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WOODROW		122.00	STRAWFLOOR	236-46	131.50
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	16,579.19	6,895.97	WALNUT STREET, JONESBORO	701.56 13.985.39	203.82 3.387.40
LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION			WESTVALE WOODSPRINGS	968.04 365.40	427.04 67.35
ASHDOWN 1ST	6,668.99	4,320.33	COTHERN MISSION		
BEN LOMOND 1ST BINGEN 1ST	187.29		ASSOCIATION TOTALS	81,785.62	35+523.66
BROWNSTOWN CENTRAL MINERAL SPRINGS	2,563.00	3,081,50	NORTH ARKANSAS ASSN-		
CHAPEL HILL	65.71	35.00	ALPENA	501.97	756.29
DIERKS 1ST	342.36 432.60	147.75 488.90	BEAR CREEK SPRINGS	276-50 569-68	81.00
FOREMAN 1ST HICKS 1ST	1,120,57 460,10	538.35 481.25	BELLEFONTE BERRYVILLE IST	90.00	2,391.09
HORATIO 1ST	500-00	1.197.23	BOXLEY	431-69	350.00
KERN HEIGHTS LIBERTY	1,714.55	520-10	BURLINGTON CASSVILLE	389.02 80.00	512.50 10.00
LOCKESBURG 1ST	1,448.00	760-77	DEER	331.56 5.342.73	194.78 3.301.64
LONE DAK MT. MORIAH	111.66		EAGLE HEIGHTS ELMWOOD	114-77	300.00
MURFREESBORO 1ST NASHVILLE 1ST	1,640,40 8,435,74	841.00 10,422.27	EMMANUEL: HARRISON EVERTON	114.74 218.75	223.27
NEW HOME	278.26		FREEMAN HEIGHTS	3,643.05	831.21
OAK GROVE OGDEN	233-42	86.80 162.95	GAITHER GRANDVIEW 1ST	63.94 813.46	53.25 247.56
OZAN RIDGEWAY	1,410.20	631.66	GREEN FOREST 1ST GRUBB SPRINGS	2,038.77 345.67	1+135+10 276+96
ROCK HILL	330.56	452.00	HARRISON 1ST	17,144.30	9,952.42
STATE LINE WASHINGTON	150.00	153.98	HOPEWELL JASPER 1ST	217.04 1.085.02	337.16 312.85
WILTON 1ST WINTHROP 1ST	505 • 64 809 • 21	515.00	LEAD HILL 1ST	613-30	750-50 738-26
GOOD NEWS MISSION	357-86		MARSHALL 1ST NEW HOPE	300-00	450.00
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	29+783+62	24,384.84	NORTHVALE DMAHA	3,802.35 171.73	1,456.92
		211201101	OREGON FLAT	716.09	677.20
MISSISSIPPI CO. ASSN. ARMOREL	1,302.01	161.58	DSAGE PARTHENON	55.77 223.28	50.00 59.09
BETHANY BLACKWATER	109.74 188.02	16.02	ROCK SPRINGS RUDD	900-44	378.83 116.00
BLYTHEVILLE 1ST	23+278-02	7,813.48	ST. JOE 1ST	261.97	
BRINKLEY CHAPEL BROWN CHAPEL	77.00 225.25	25.00	SOUTH SIDE, HARRISON TRINITY	173.30 143.54	247.97 300.00
CALVARY, BLYTHEVILLE CALVARY, OSCEOLA	469.66 1,552.29	467.08 373.17	UNION VALLEY SPRINGS	248.39 121.00	352-00
CENTRAL, DYESS	831.00	307.42	WOODLAND HEIGHTS	1,452.71	841.86
CLEAR LAKE COLE RIDGE	1,200.00 874.07	1,880.09 391.00	MARBLE FALLS MISSION WESTERN GROVE CHAPEL	The second second	
CROSSROADS	196.05 946.39	61-08 261-10	1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 -	49 440 40	27,946.71
DELL EAST SIDE, OSCEDLA	580-52	255-00	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	48,469.40	27770011
EMMANUEL, BLYTHEVILLE ETOWAH	448-01	94.90	NORTH PULASKI ASSOCIATION	9,986.00	4,010.85
GOSNELL	912.50	268-75 100-00	BARING CROSS	15,606.24 2,933.86	11,581.78
JOINER KEISER 1ST	425.32 751.85	50.00	BAYOU METO BEREA	1,701.23	828.98
LEACHVILLE IST LEACHVILLE 2ND	4,650.00 299.28	1,545.00	CALVARY, NO. LITTLE ROCK	459.00 9,198.36	119.75
LUXORA 1ST	1,575.09	350-00	CEDAR HEIGHTS	1,274.00	722-29
MANILA 1ST MARYS CHAPEL	3,862.65 247.16	602+14 50+28	CENTRAL, NO. LITTLE ROCK CHAPEL HILL	7,203.00 352.42	2 + 817 • 46 45 • 72
MEMORIAL NEW HARMONY	372.78 147.15	90.40 10.00	CRYSTAL VALLEY FORTY SEVENTH STREET, NLR	1.640.91	1,821.52
NEW LIBERTY	1.338.09	452-14	GRACE -	1,052,53	909.86
NEW PROVIDENCE NODENA	1+320+07 30+00	801.96 35.23	GRAVEL RIDGE 1ST GRAVES MEMORIAL	4,206.00 1,367.00	1,190,92 150,00
NUMBER NINE	468.42 13.120.83	324.16 2,375.92	HIGHWAY	5,286.00	4,180.00
DSCEDLA 1ST RIDGECREST	170-00	142.50	HILLTOP INDIAN HILLS	4.704.64	2,675.68
ROSA TOMATO			INDIANHEAD LAKE JACKSONVILLE 1ST	1,378.85	554.90 7.997.95
TRINITY. BLYTHEVILLE	4,451.50 275.00	1,579.38	JACKSONVILLE 2ND LEVY	3,926.24	1,619.12 5,783.78
WARDELL WELLS CHAPEL			MARSHALL RD. JACKSONVILLE	3,379.77	1+314-43
WESTSIDE, MANILA WHITTON	1,071.50 285.65	326.80 321.96	MORRISON CHAPEL NORTH LITTLE ROCK 1ST	261.56 5:400.00	73.50 4.801.44
WILSON IST WOODLAND CORNER	6,949.00 267.79	1,460.23	DAKWOOD PARK HILL	28,008.00	25,920.00
YARBRO	1,179.96	420.44	PIKE AVENUE, NLR	6,603.54	3,130.27
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	76,449.62	23.547.82	REMOUNT RUNYAN 1ST	550.62 737.44	168.00 248.58
	The state of the s		SHERWOOD IST SIXTEENTH STREET, NLR	4+031-61 532-51	3,408.35
MT. ZION ASSOCIATION ALSUP	58.69	and the same	STANFILL	200000000000000000000000000000000000000	· contract of
BAY BETHABARA	1,457.44	429.65 262.57	ZION HILLS 1ST	9,336.23 529.07	4,770.75 1,558.79
BLACK DAK	704.62	1,185.40	MILITARY RD SO BAPT MSSN		0 2000
BOND 1ST BOWMAN	563.02 1.908.89	182.62 100.77	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	168,723.74	95,068,48
BROOKLAND	538.36 419.09	156.28 30.55	DUACHITA ASSOCIATION		
BUFFALD CHAPEL CARAWAY	359.00	32.00	ACORN	210.24	220.00
CASH 1ST CENTRAL, JONESBORD	1,192,12	279.93 4,400.21	BETHEL BOARD CAMP	21.00 569.41	221-04
CHILDRESS	194.14	129.10	CALVARY. MENA	455.08 90.00	323.89
DIXIE	62.50 155.08	112*27	CHERRY HILL CONCORD	175.00	
FISHER STREET, JONESBORD FRIENDLY HOPE		1,300.97 249.11	DALLAS AVENUE, MENA	212.15 2,227.52	1,085.97
JONESBORO 1ST	15,450.00	15+286-21	DEQUEEN 1ST	4,077.96	6,385.78 406.54
LAKE CITY 1ST LUNSFORD	3,539.25 515.97	2 * 086 * 76 111 * 50	GILLHAM GRANNIS	50.00 245.22	40.38
MONETTE 1ST	3,873.21	1,254,41 124,01	HATFIELD 1ST HATTON	320-25 96-00	107.71
MT. PISGAH MT. ZION	396.79 1,339.99	1,048.83	LOWER BIG FORK	37-50	2,956,20
NEEDHAM NETTLETON	443.28 4.974.00	190.48	MENA 1ST NEW HOPE	9,132,12 95,55	13.80
NEW ANTIOCH	306.77	27.83	SALEM TWO MILE	121.70	45.61
NEW HOPE, BLACK DAK NEW HOPE, JONESBORD	118 <sub>*</sub> 59 71 <sub>*</sub> 40	37.11	VANDERVOORT 1ST	726-28	170-40
NORTH MAIN; JONESBORD PHILADELPHIA	2,235.03 3,322.39	1,117,95	WICKES 1ST YOGANA	700.00 467.05	207.32 354.87
PROVIDENCE	160.46	29.00	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	20,030.03	12,539,51
RONE'S CHAPEL	213.87		ASSOCIATION TOTALS	201030803	

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PULASKI CO. ASSOCIATION ALEXANDER 1ST	1,322,10	1,500.00	SYLAMORE 1ST WISEMAN	156.00	
ARCHVIEW	4,325.80	1,673.00	ZION HILL	263.29	92.11
BAPTIST TABERNACLE BARNETT MEMORIAL	7,084.85 250.00	4+426+61 940+61	HORSESHOE BEND MISSION	831.60	658.99
BINGHAM ROAD, LITTLE ROCK	479-08	310.57	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	7,112.78	4.550.88
BROOKWOOD 1ST CALVARY, LITTLE ROCK	1,250.00	1,370.17	SEARCY CO. ASSOCIATION		
CHICOT ROAD, MABELVILLE	1,072,78	855.00	LESLIE 1ST	869.93	495.86 50.00
CROSSROAD CRYSTAL HILL	226.08 2,414.00	253-77 704-54	MORNING STAR NEW HOPEWELL	104.76 72.33	50.00
DOUGLASVILLE 1ST	591.20	262.00	SNOWBALL	52.92	ÿ.
FOREST HIGHLANDS	2,732.31 9,108.36	1,801.54	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	1,099.94	545.86
FOREST TOWER	455.74		1		
GARDEN HOMES GEYER SPRINGS 1ST	442.23 25.110.56	310.50 16.970.40	TRI-COUNTY ASSOCIATION ANTIOCH	35.00	300 30
GREEN MEMORIAL	2,497.05	687.50	BARTON CHAPEL	505.20 633.26	164.92 200.00
HEBRON HOLLY SPRINGS	3,938.63 251.25	1,719,72	BECKSPUR BURNT CANE		
IMMANUEL, LITTLE ROCK	61,248.91	56,297.82	CALVARY, WEST MEMPHIS	6,435.72 1,549.17	2,776.82 278.00
IRONTON LAKESHORE DRIVE	1,272,76	968 ± 24 698 ± 84	CHERRY VALLEY	105.00	249.00
LIFE LINE	14,745.33	6,723.38	CRAWFORDSVILLE 1ST	1+345+72 6+322+10	410.00 3.271.33
LITTLE ROCK 1ST LITTLE ROCK 2ND	25,260,58 12,666,68	24.534.76 9.212.27	EMMANUEL FORREST CITY	968.40	156.95
MARKHAM STREET, LR	6,302,32	4+114-95	FAIR DAKS	1,110-58	225.39
MARTINDALE NALLS MEMORIAL	2.932.28 1.197.25	577.59 440.85	FAITH FITZGERALD	777.39	507.01
NATURAL STEPS	1,384.44	1.682.86	FORREST CITY 1ST	8,499.96	6 • 224 • 82 556 • 41
NORTH POINT OLIVET	156.27 11.311.36	110.00 8.510.54	FORREST CITY 2ND FORTUNE	2+084+15 45-15	550171
PINE GROVE	1,925,99	892.22	GLADDEN	180.00	107.77
PLAINVIEW PLEASANT GROVE	1,345.54 922.65	505.97 66.00	GOODWIN HARRIS CHAPEL	325.84 395.25	501-12
PULASKI HEIGHTS	37+460-52	8+669+08	HYDRICK	120.00	873.75
REYNOLDS MEMORIAL ROLAND	770.22 336.00	172.08	INGRAM BOULEVARD	2,942.03 35.00	36.03
ROSEDALE	2,997.89	2+504+75	MADISON 1ST	165.00	77.00
SHADY GROVE SHANNON HILLS 1ST	771+00 692+17	678+08 200+00	MARION MIDWAY	2,773=70 118=06	1,146,40
SHERIDAN 1ST	4+151-85	4,788.75	PALESTINE	48.00	102.00
SOUTH HIGHLAND SUNSET LANE	5,970.80 4,545.22	6,013.83 3,142.12	PARKIN 1ST PINE TREE	4+075+86 32+00	2,118.01
TYLER STREET, LITTLE ROCK	1,494.53	776.89	SHELL LAKE	458.00	68.75
WAKEFIELD 1ST	754.94 135.00	521-81 287-00	TILTON	50.00 636.17	163.00
WEST SIDE, LITTLE ROCK	383-55	1+040-97	TURRELL	659-87	262-84
WOODLAWN	3,216.63	1,379.82 95.00	VANDERBILT AVENUE	1,848.28	1,108,74
HILLDALE CHAPEL		13400	VANNDALE	712-19	· 11,749.51
MCKAY MISSION	125.00		WEST MEMPHIS 1ST WEST MEMPHIS 2ND	48,166.70 1,359.32	506.97
WHITE ROCK MISSION	123400		WHEATLEY	387.00 250.00	1,209.45
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	289+322+15	205 (061-13	WIDENER	5,317.00	6,356.88
			GATEMAY MISSION	394.73 63.64	84.27
RED RIVER ASSOCIATION ANCHOR	249.76	93+00	and the second s		20,000,000
ANTOINE	246.93 9.099.37	142.50 7.719.31	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	103,215.74	42,769,17
ARKADELPHIA 1ST ARKADELPHIA 2ND	3,106.30	2,942.27	TRINITY ASSOCIATION	30 30 00	44.50
BEECH STREET, GURDON	2+279+53 614+11	2,383.94 283.64	BETHEL	80.34 15.00	10.00 25.00
BEIRNE 1ST BETHEL	294.72	375.00	BLACK DAK	190.57	
BETHLEHEN	269.50 49.42		CALVARY, HARRISBURG CORNERS CHAPEL	1,256.25	1,309.92 Z61.43
BOUGHTON CADOD VALLEY	20.00		EASTSIDE+ TRUMANN	122-94	25.00
CEDAR GROVE CENTER POINT	331-81 100-00	120.86	FAITH FISHER 1ST	109 a 05 595 a 14	45.00 362.91
CURTIS		1.803.48	FREER	305.50	
DEGRAY EAST WHELEN	629.00	100-00	GREENFIELD HARRISBURG 1ST	517.00 1.241.39	413+25 940+00
EMMET IST			LEBANON	529.92	
FAIRVIEN HARMONY HILL	150.00	38.80	MAPLE GROVE	3+408+90 60+00	2+132-54 110+00
HEARN.			MARKED TREE 1ST	2,927.71	1,088.48
HOLLYWOOD LAKEVIEW	76.00	40.00	MCCORMICK NEAL'S CHAPEL	20.00 201.32	10.00 301.37
MARLBROOK	118.00	119.00	NEISHANDER		10-00
MT. BETHEL.	75.00 59.12		PLEASANT GROVE PLEASANT HILL	2,137.10 446.00	52.32
MT. ZION	90.00	50.23	PLEASANT VALLEY	489.77 368.83	38.00
DKOLONA PARK HILL	25±00 2±768±27	2,700.97	PROVIDENCE RED DAK	368-83 70-00	
PRESCOTT 1ST	2,491.08	1,419.50	RIVERVALE	202.14	15.00
READER 1ST RICHWOODS	39.48 900.00	385.41	TRINITY TRUMANN 1ST	27.27 3.721.64	1,684.00
SHADY GROVE			TYRONZA 1ST	3,164.31	1,050.68
SHILDH SOUTH FORK	333-63 286-87	514.65 21.30	WEINER 1ST	216.34 482.44	161-15
SYCAMORE GROVE		175.24	WEST RIDGE	100000	
THIRD STREET + ARKADELPHIA UNITY	830.21 237.48	331.06 418.00	WALDENBURG MISSION	78.09	
WHELEN SPRINGS	151.54	22.00	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	24,267.01	10,236.19
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	25,922-13	22,265.16	VAN BUREN CO. ASSOCIATIO	DN	
	227.022.2	521203410	BEE BRANCH	107.08	518.74
ROCKY BAYOU ASSOCIATION ASH FLAT			BOTK INBURG CORINTH	12.50 46.19	26.75
BELVIEW	489.05	257-33	FORMOSA	278.52	419.00
CALICO ROCK 1ST	72.00 689.39	25.00 432.75	FRIENDSHIP LEXINGTON	498.06 127.20	178.53
DOLPH	17.46		PEE DEE	330-00	95=00
EVENING SHADE 1ST FINLEY CREEK	425.48 30.00	269.08 44.00	PLANT PLEASANT VALLEY	90.54 86.17	
FRANKLIN	138-49	108.00	RUPERT	324-80	48.00 600.00
GUION HARDY 1ST	1,684.84	34.16	SCOTLAND SHADY GROVE	550.80 185.70	11.53
MELBOURNE 1ST	1,136,00	725.00	SHIRLEY	280.71	98.00 153.88
MT. PLEASANT	159-20 53-38		STANDLEY MEMORIAL ZION	50.00 130.68	23-40
DXFORD DXFORD	25.00	50.00	FAIRFIELD BAY MISSION	509.88	196.00
SAGE	342.10	332.50			2+368+83

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WASHINGTON-MADISON ASSN.			WINSLOW	1.111.30	508.70
BERRY STREET, SPRINGDALE	1,387.11	867.90	The state of the s		
BLACK DAK	210.00	600.00	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	77,878.64	64+358-79
BRUSH CREEK	773.10	353.00	The second secon		
CALVARY, HUNTSVILLE	446.80	333.20	WHITE RIVER ASSOCIATION		
CAUDLE AVENUE, SPRINGDALE	1,965.28	971.98	ANTIOCH	46.64	
COMBS	55.00	10.5012	ARKANA		
ELKINS	35.00		BRUNO	236.12	
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# International Lesson\_\_\_ The message of grace

Luke 4:16-21; Rom. 1:16-17 Gal. 2:15; 3:23-29

As we consider the subject and begin our study of these scriptures we want to reconsider the basic teaching of the gospel and make renewed commitment to the truth of salvation by faith as opposed to works.



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that works are involved in the salvation experience but this is not so. Salvation is the work of God alone. (Johan 2:9) It is from him, by him, and unto him.

In eternity past God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit decreed that the Son would take on humanity through the virgin Mary. He would become sinless man to take upon himself the penalty due sinful man. At the appointed time he lay his life down, by way of the cross, that sinful man could be saved. (John 10:18)

God has provided salvation through Jesus and individuals who experience salvation must do so by faith in him. No specific work or no amount of works will bring an individual into a right standing with God. God's grace plus the individual's faith results in the salvation experience.

God desires to save men. (II Peter 3:9) He can and will save those who have faith in his son. Then our Lord commands his followers to join him in his redemptive purpose. It is a case of one being saved by Jesus and then showing his works for Jesus.

While justifying the truth that salvation is completely a work of grace I call your attention to our scriptures for consideration.

#### The written word (Luke 4:16-21)

Synagogue practice. (vv. 16-17) The Jewish synagogues were used mainly for preaching and teaching. The one presiding would read a selection from the writings of Moses (the Pentateuch). This would be followed by a passage from the prophets. You will notice our scripture passage reveals that it was the custom of Jesus to go to the synagogue on the Sabbath. On this particular occasion, in his boyhood town of Nazareth, Jesus attended the synagogue service and read from Isaiah 58:6 and 61:1-2.

Messianic promise. (vv. 18-19) These verses as recorded by Luke have reference to "the acceptable year of the Lord," that is, the times of Jesus or the

era of salvation. The passage describes the promised Messiah as a bearer of good news, the gospel.

The scripture also shares three beautiful truths with us: first, Jesus is qualified for he said, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me." All the gifts and graces of the Spirit were conferred upon him without measure.

Secondly, he was commissioned for his task because God anointed him.

Thirdly, we see the purpose for which he came. He is to preach the gospel to the poor, heal the brokenhearted, preach deliverance to the captives, recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, and reveal that God is ready to give blessings to all who come to him.

A beautiful claim. (vv. 20-21) After reading the selections from Isaiah Jesus makes a beautiful claim. He says, "This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears." The prophecy he had just read was being fulfilled in him.

Experience of grace (Gal. 2:15-21)

Law and grace. (vv. 15-16) The Protestand Reformation had its beginning in the discovery of salvation by faith by Martin Luther. He found this truth in both Romans and Galatians, as well as throughout the New Testament. In the Galatian account we see Paul dealing with the Judaizers as they were attempting to compel Gentile converts to Christianity to submit to Jewish ritual. Paul says "that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ." Justification is by faith and is the act of God whereby he declares the believing sinner righteous in Jesus.

Dead to the past. (vv. 17-20) Paul emphasizes in these verses that he has fully given up the law as a means of salvation. He said he was "dead to the law." At the Jerusalem conference, Peter compared the law to a burdensome yoke. (Acts 15:10-11) If a man is justified by works of the law, then why did Jesus die? His death, burial, and resurrection are the key truths of the gospel. We are saved by faith in Jesus and we live by faith in him.

It was at the cross that Paul so identified himself with Jesus that he could say "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son

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A choice is necessary. (v. 21) The Judaizers wanted to mix the law and grace, but Paul tells them this is impossible. No matter what others may do Paul says that he will "not frustrate the grace of God." To go back to the law means to "set aside" the grace of God. Returning to the law nullifies the cross. "If righteousness comes by the law, then Christ is dead in vain."

#### Meaning of grace (Gal. 3:23-29)

Law's purpose. (vv. 22-26) The Bible does not teach that the law was given to save sinful humanity. As Paul shares with us in these verses the law was given to prepare man for the gospel. He says: "the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith." Grace alone, not the law, provides a perfect salvation in Jesus.

The law was given to God's covenant people at Mt. Sinai. It was not given to the unsaved people but to the saved. I will mention a threefold purpose of the law: first, it was given to reveal the true and living Lawgiver. If there is a law there must be a lawgiver. Secondly, the law was given to reveal the sinful condition of individuals of the human race. Thirdly, the law was given to guide individuals to see their need to believe in and follow Jesus.

Before Jesus came to earth the people of Old Testament days who were saved believed in the promised Messiah. While he was on earth those who believed in him knew him to be the Messiah. Since the death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus those who are saved look back to the cross. The salvation experience has always been a matter of faith on the part of the individual who is saved. The law helped Old Testament individuals to see their need to be saved and helped them to see the Saviour.

Barriers fall. (vv. 27-29) When a sinner becomes a saved sinner his destiny and daily life are changed. His destiny is changed immediately and his daily life begins to change to the ways of Jesus for the glory of God. Verse 27 reveals to us that all believers in Christ are united with him as sons of God. Only in Jesus do men become equal and spiritual seed of Abraham.

Grace is the unmerited favor of God. The salvation experience is totally a work of the grace of God. The supreme purpose of God is to be realized through the salvation of men by grace alone.

## One nation under God

Exodus 19:3-8a; 24:3-8

In any struggle for freedom, the level commitment within those who struggle is of major importance. Like the nation of Israel, our own nation's beginning was initiated by the signing of a contract which, in this case, unified a few small colonies into a



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formidable army. This agreement of the people was honored, and through a common desire to be free of the control of English rule, victory was won and the nation was established. This contract, however, was only as strong as the agreeing parties made it, and since that time our united states have learned that the agreements known as the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights have been kept strong through a constant watchfulness and periodic testing of the principles they contain.

In the passage from Exodus that we are considering in this lesson, the covenant between God and his people is the necessary contract needed to maintain Israel's position as a free nation under God. In offering this covenant to his people, God made certain provisions.

The provision to remember (Ex. 19:3-4)

With the redemption of his people from Egyptian bondage, God's plan for their subsequent position as a free nation under his leadership was begun. As Israel reached the mountain site where God was to give them the law, the next step toward their establishment was complete. It was here at Sinai that Moses went up to receive the words of God which would bring about a covenant with his people. (19:3)

The first provision that God made as he offered the covenant to Israel was to turn their attention to what he had already done for them. The deliverance from bondage in Egypt was secured in a miraculous way, and the people were brought out with the care of a parent eagle as it teaches its young to fly. Like the young eagle, Israel was trying her freedom in the midst of a difficult journey, but God was always close at hand when they began to lose heart and fall in their despair.

As the journeys of Israel clearly show, she needed constant reminders of what

God had done to meet her needs in the past. When the people began to murmur and complain about the hardships of the journey, remembering God's redemptive work was to bring a renewal of faith and courage. The importance of remembering the work of God is also seen in the instructions which he gave concerning many of Israel's special memorial feast days and rituals which have to do with the redemption of the nation. One primary example is the keeping of the Passover to commemorate the freedom from Egypt by the death of her firstborn.

The need to remember is also important in the lives of many Christians today. There are times when faith becomes weak and it seems that the difficulties of living a Christian life are too much to bear. In these times, like the people of Israel, many wish for the less "responsible" life of those who exist in a modern day bondage to the world. In this attitude of despair one must reflect back upon the interceeding work of redemption that Christ brought through his death and resurrection. Remembering the victory he claimed for us and our personal identification with it by an act of faith can help to restore a weakened heart and a failing spirit to the abundant life that Jesus promises every believer. (John 10:10)

The provision to obey (Ex. 19:5-6)

With the remembrance of God's gracious acts in their behalf, now he calls on them to be faithful to him as he has been to them in their journey. Here the emphasis on obedience indicates a call for a prompt and hearty response to the invitation of God.

For Israel, the central role to be filled was one of obedience. God had taken the initiative to call them forth as a chosen people to become his priestly kingdom, and the only avenue through which she could accomplish this exalted task was through uncompromising obedience to his instructions and the cove-

Obedience to the will of God is still the primary task of God's people today. He has taken the initiative again to provide every believer with a special priestly function. I Peter 2:9 records the fami-

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liar commission, once applied to Israel, but now to those who belong to the kingdom of Christ. "Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light." Like Israel, our special place in the work of the kingdom and our effectiveness in the work depends upon our humble obedience to the will of God.

> The covenant accepted (Ex. 19:7-8a; 24:3)

When God had finished stating what Israel must do to become his treasured people, Moses reported his words to the nation gathered below the mountain. Their response indicated a step of faith in the God of their deliverance and they were all willing to become his obedient servants. Their response of faith gave Israel a position of special privilege. As a peculiar treasure above all others, they gained the honored place in God's possessions. As a kingdom of priests, they accepted a promise of dignity and authority among other nations. And a holy nation, they were given the nature to carry out the office of priests.

Like the place of privilege acquired through Israel's acknowledgement of God's Lordship, we today are also given the opportunity to share in the blessing and responsibility of sonship.

Sealing the covenant (Ex. 24:4-8)

After all of Israel accepted the terms of God's covenant, Moses set about making preparation to seal the promise between the nation and the Lord. A dedication altar was built according to the precepts found in Exodus 20:24, and here Moses ratified the covenant with the blood of sacrificial oxen. As he sprinkled the blood upon the altar and then upon the people, a bond of unity between God and Israel was established. Now the life of Israel was hidden in God's purpose and she was a nation under God.

As we consider the application of these verses to our own covenant relationship with God today, we realize that to characterize our nation as "under God" would be a mistake. Even though our country once could make such a claim, the failure to maintain this description over the years has taken us farther away from this possibility today. It is only as the Christian population of our country will begin to follow the advice of II Chronicles 7:14 that we will once again become a nation under God.

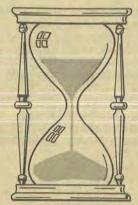
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Church	Sunday School	Ch. Trng.	Ch. Addns.	Church	Sunday School	Ch. Trng.	Ch. Addns.
Alexander, First	82	37		Kingston, First	69	39	
Alpena, First Bentonville, Central Avenue	41 97	14		Lavaca, First	414	146	3
Berryville				Little Rock			
First	143	57		Cross Road	86	84	
Freeman Heights	149	49		Crystal Hill	137	-	12
Cabot				Life Line Martindale	382 90	82 35	8
First	314	81		Woodlawn	127	57	
Mt. Carmel	235	.78	3	**************************************	144	31	
Camden		00.054		Magnolia, Central	532	184	1
Cullendale	426	105		Mulberry, First	242	117	1
First	376	91	4	Murfreesboro, First	142	55	
Cash, First	80	26		North Little Rock, Levy	346	33	
Conway, Second	292	126	-			6.000	1
Crossett, Mt. Olive	302	133		Paragould, Calvary	175	148	
Damascus, South Side	137	83	2 3	Pine Bluff			
Elkins, First	175		3	Centennial	172		2
Ft. Smith				East Side	139	68	
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Grand Avenue	931	153	8	Oppelo	18 20		
Mission	12			Sulphur Springs	161	68	
Gentry, First	158	70	1				
Grandview	54	28		Rogers, Immanuel	409	64	-3
Green Forest				Russellville, Kelley Heights	50	25	1
	189	50	1	Springdale	-		
Greenwood, First	289			Berry Street Caudle Avenue	90 152	30 51	
Harrison, Woodland Heights	107	70		First	1218	21	15
Hatfield	106				12.10		
Hope, First	435	99	1	Texarkana	100		
Marie Committee and				Arabella Heights Highland Hills	51		2
Hot Springs Leonard Street	440	44		Hickory Street	124 84		
Memorial	140 93	64 50	3	Shiloh Memorial	136		
Park Place	255	56	1	Vandervoort	88	66	
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Hughes, First	168	44		Wooster, First	78	41	

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Alexander, First	97	39	1	Jonesboro, Nettleton	241	90	
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Berryville				Lavaca, First	317	113	
First	157	63	2	Little Rock			
Freeman Heights	166	50		Crystal Hill	128	56	1
Rock Springs	58	43		Life Line	476	128	3
Booneville, South Side	75	70	1	Martindale Woodlawn	117	36	
Cabot, First	371	99	3		119	63	1
Caledonia	48	21		Magnolia			
Camden				Central	571	149	
Cullendale	506	121	2	Immanuel	121	119	-
First	414	96	1 A	Monticello, Second	284	96	6
Cash, First	103	55		Mulberry, First	175	116	
Charleston, First	163	56		Murfreesboro, First	161	45	1
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Grand Avenue	885	213	4	East Side	241	84	6
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Haven Heights	214	129		Paris, First	365	77	
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Eagle Heights	302	113	3	First	468	440	3
Woodland Heights	105	54		Kelley Heights	_ 39	18	
Helena, First	255	69	2	Second Springdale	128	71	1
Hope			-6	Berry Street	87	38	
Calvary	150	95	3	Caudle Avenue	147	76	1
First	401	93	44	Elmdale	267	66	
Hot Springs				First	1411	900	9
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## He has been here

by H. E. Williams

The only continent visited by our Lord when he was on this earth was Africa. As a baby, Jesus was taken into Egypt by Mary and Joseph to protect His life from the vicious Herod. He remained for several months until Herod died, and the angel of the Lord told his parents to return with him to Palestine.

One might well spiritualize on the significance of His sojourn in Egypt being a recapitulation of the history of

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Israel and her captivity, as indicated by the Prophet Hosea in 11:1.

However, after nearly two millenia, in the middle of AD 1976, we have seen the evidence of His being in Africa again and again. In the city of Nairobi, Kenya, where we are stationed for seven months to work with the Baptist Publishing House of the East Africa Mission, which is sponsored by the Southern Baptist Convention Foreign Mission Board, we have witnessed countless evidences of His presence on the Dark Continent.

Our first Sunday here, May 16, 1976, we attended the Shauri Moyo Baptist

Church on Jogoo Road, where some 200 Baptists met to worship God and learn about His Son. The pastor, Daniel Mathuku, an African trained in the Arusha Baptist Seminary in Tanzania, spoke with Swaheli eloquence, after spirited singing by the congregation. The service was conducted with dignity, and special music was rendered with grace and charm. The kindness of the people in welcoming American Christians made one to feel fully accepted by fellow-Christians. There was a quality and sincerity that gave evidence of Christian kinship. The old African pagan influences were totally subdued, and the spirit of Jesus Christ was easily observed.

Our second Sunday in Nairobi found us in the Nairobi Baptist Church in a comparatively large auditorium seating nearly one thousand, packed to capacity with Africans and internationals from many countries. The pastor, Roy Clements of Scotland, preached a mag-nificent sermon on "Christian Conscience and Christian Liberty." His text was taken from I Corinthians 8-10, where Paul discusses with the church there the problem of dealing with sensitive problems regarding pagan practices and the Christian ethic. He pointed out that I Corinthians 8:1-13 attempts to set forth that "Love is More Important than Knowledge." He said that I Corinthians 9:1-23 indicates that "Service is More Important than Rights." I Corinthians 10:23 sets out the fact that "Witness is More Important than Liberty." The sermon was expository in nature, well prepared and delivered with sincerity and spiritual power.

Music for the service was led by a remarkable choir of some forty voices. The congregation participated in the hymns. Quality of the music, accompanied by a beautiful organ, was equal to the best congregational singing in America. The entire service was conducted with dignity and poise.

Nairobi Baptist Church also conducts a "youth service" at 9 a.m. each Sunday. Friends who attend that service tell us that the house is packed to the walls

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every service. Hundreds of African and international youth attend.

The significance of the Nairobi Baptist Church witness is all the more noteworthy when one considers that the church is less than 20 years old. It was organized in the home of a Southern Baptist missionary in 1958. It represents the overflowing impact of the Baptist mission program in Kenya. It not only ministers to the great city of Nairobi with a positive witness, but it also supports three missionaries out in the bush of Kenya. Offerings were announced for next Sunday to provide support for one year.

Significant Christian influences are seen all over the city of Nairobi. There are many churches of different Christian denominations. Some historic churches date back to the early time of British rule of Kenya as an African colony. The depth of the roots of the Christian faith cannot be denied in Kenya. Hospitals and schools were established by missionary societies in many parts of Kenya. Their influence is quite evident in the names of the Africans. Fully twothirds of those we have met have biblical names which indicates that they chose to avoid being thought of as pagans. The Christian influence was considered so important to the African that he wanted the "badge" of a Christian name, to show the world that he was at least moving toward Christian teachings and practices.

Baptists, under the auspices of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, have been working in Kenya and East Africa only twenty years. During that time the East African Mission has established about 521 churches with some 30,000 members in Kenya and Tanzania. The mission has a modern publication house in Nairobi which handles all of the publication of the Sunday School, Church Training, and WMU literature for the two countries and part of Uganda. Thousands of pieces of liberature are produced under the direction of Virginian, Jay Stewar, Director of Publications.

The mission also operates a Baptist Center, which is an adult education school for those who wish to better their English proficiency in order to enter the labor market and raise their level of income in the burgeoning Kenya economy. Hundreds of young people

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